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MISSOURI MASTER NATURALIST CHAPTERS

Below is a map of the 13 chapters distributed throughout the state of Missouri.

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(Springfield)

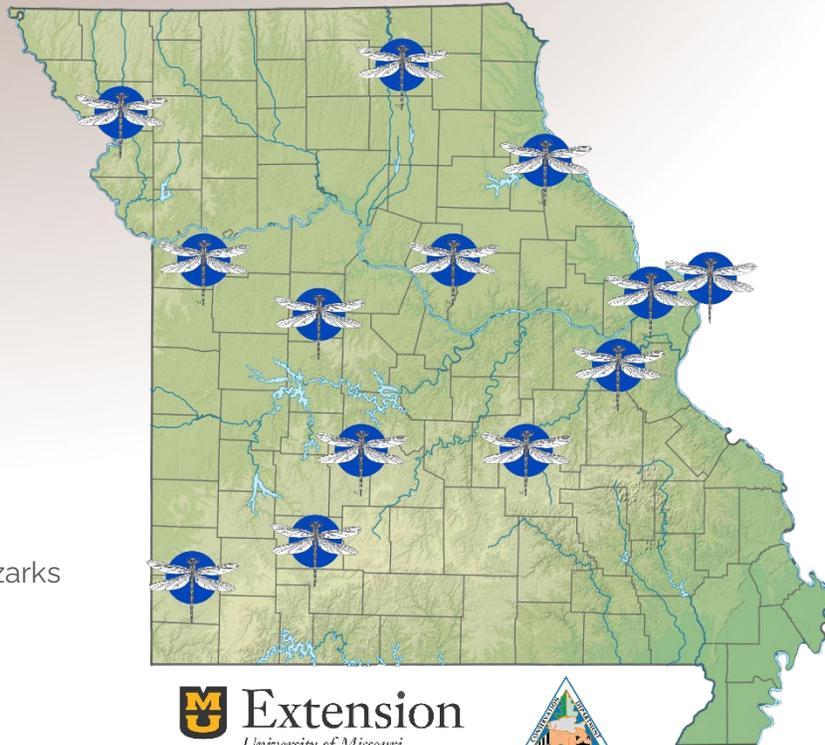


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Introduction

The Missouri Master Naturalist Program results from a partnership created in 2004 between the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) and University of Missouri Extension (MU Extension). These two organizations are the sponsors of the Program at the state level. Within MU Extension, the Missouri Master Naturalist Program has the distinction of being recognized as a named and branded educational program. The MU School of Natural Resources serves as the academic home for the Program.

Partnerships created at the community level are an integral part of the Master Naturalist Program and organization of a Chapter. These partnerships serve to provide volunteers with learning experiences and opportunities for community service. Local partners may include a variety of entities such as municipal agencies, non-profit organizations, businesses, schools, and others that value the educational and service objectives that are within the scope of the Program.

Program Mission & Objectives

The **mission** of the Missouri Master Naturalist Program is to engage Missourians in the stewardship of the state's natural resources through science-based education and community service.

1. Improve public understanding of natural resource ecology and management by developing a pool of local knowledge that can be used to enhance and expand educational efforts within local communities.
2. Enhance existing natural resources education and outreach activities by providing natural resources training at the local level, thereby developing a team of dedicated and informed volunteers.
3. Develop a self-sufficient Missouri Master Naturalist volunteer network through the Chapter-based program.

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Snapshot of 2025 Program Impacts

During 2025, the Missouri Master Naturalist Program celebrated its 21st year of programming. One of the most significant highlights during the year (and there were many) was the organization of a Core-Training Course that was conducted in the Kirksville area, with 11 graduates which ultimately resulted in the creation of the 13th Chapter of the Missouri Master Naturalist Program, the North Star Chapter. This is certainly a milestone as a new Chapter had not been organized since 2018.

There were many other highlights which resulted in significant Program impacts during the year. Here are a few examples:

During 2025, **188 volunteers** participated in the Core Training Course conducted by these 7 Chapters: Miramiguo, Great Rivers, Confluence (St. Louis regional training), Osage Trails, Boone's Lick, North Star and Meramec Hills. The St. Louis region hosted both a Spring and Fall training for the fourth year in a row.

Through December 2025, with combined efforts of 13 recognized Chapters, **3,534 volunteers** have been trained as Missouri Master Naturalist volunteers since the program was first organized in 2004.

During 2025, volunteers provided **over 82,000 hours of volunteer service** with local partners in their respective communities. This volunteer activity is equivalent to over **39 FTEs* of professional time** and provides an important metric for measuring the impact of the Missouri Master Naturalist Program.

Since 2004 Master Naturalist volunteers have provided **over 1,047,000 hours of service** to local communities.

Master Naturalist Program volunteers participated in **over 14,400 hours of Advanced Training** during 2025.

During 2025, **926 volunteers** became Certified Missouri Master Naturalists, maintained certification, or were active members.

Approximately **200 organizations** have partnered with Master Naturalist chapters at the local level to accomplish natural resource education efforts and service projects within the community.

The economic impact of Missouri Master Naturalist volunteer service during 2025 is valued at **\$3,308,273**.

The cumulative economic impact of Missouri Master Naturalist volunteer service is valued at **\$32,672,385****.

*The number of FTEs was calculated by dividing the total number of volunteer service hours by 2,080 hours (260 workdays) per year.

**The value of volunteer service is calculated using Independent Sector's \$34.79 per hour for 2025. Learn more about how this statistic is calculated [here](#).

Statewide Program Highlights



Graduates of North Star Chapter's inaugural Core Training class featured to the left.

The most significant Program highlight for 2025 is the formation of a new 13th chapter, the North Star Chapter in Kirksville. Eleven new members joined the Missouri Master Naturalist mission after completing the chapter's inaugural Core Training course. North Star's first chapter meeting took place in December of 2025, and its first officers have been elected.

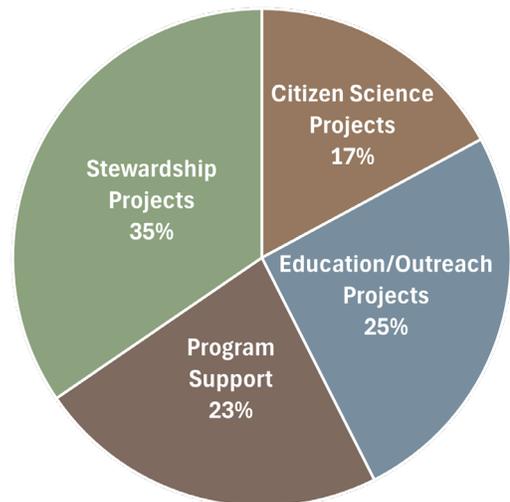
Since the Program began in 2004, members of the Missouri Master Naturalist and their Chapter Advisors have given their passion and dedication to the Program mission: to

engage Missourians in the stewardship of our state's natural resources through science-based education and volunteer community service. The collective success of the Program in achieving this mission is reflected in our data over the past 21 years.

This dedication was on full display during 2025, with members donating more time than ever in the history of the Program. During 2025, members provided **82,189 hours** of service, a **9% increase** compared to 2024. Members enhanced fish, forest, and wildlife management on public and private lands by dedicating **35%** of this community service to natural resource stewardship projects.

Twenty-five percent of service hours were dedicated to educating other Missourians outside of the Program, expanding the reach of Missouri Department of Conservation's and the University of Missouri-Extension's conservation education efforts.

Members spent **23%** of their service time supporting their chapters through fundraising, facilitating chapter meetings, organizing Core Training, and other administrative activities. **Seventeen percent** of service time was dedicated to citizen science projects for Missouri Department of Conservation and non-profit partners.



Chapter Highlights

Boone's Lick Chapter (Columbia)

In 2025, Chapter volunteers conducted 7,457 hours of volunteer service and participated in 1,698 hours of Advanced Training. Nineteen volunteers completed the initial Core Training during the year. There are 100 active volunteers (71 Certified) in the Chapter and 35 local partners that provide opportunities for volunteer service.

Depending on the time of year, and weather concerns, the Boone's Lick Chapter meets on the second Thursday of each month, via Zoom, in person, or a combination of both. The Chapter generally offers an Advanced Training program lasting about an hour prior to their regular Chapter business meeting.

Nineteen people completed the Boone's Lick Chapter's 2025 Core Training Class held from March 6th through May 15th. Training consisted of six sessions via Zoom, three sessions in-person, and five field trips. Currently, 11 have completed their initial certification.

Although the Boone's Lick Chapter supports many partners, Rock Bridge Memorial State Park, with an abundance of opportunities, is by far the biggest benefactor of the Chapter's stewardship. For instance, the annual Water Festival provides members with a great way to teach young people the importance of protecting the watershed.

The Boone's Lick Chapter partners with the City of Columbia on a beautification project called "Adopt-A-Spot" where members maintain a native planting at the recycling drop-off location. After a tornado destroyed the Columbia Materials Recovery Facility, the drop-off spot was permanently closed. Working with the City and other partners, plans are underway to create a new native garden at Columbia Fire Station #8.



Boone's Lick volunteers help with seed collection at Boonie View Nature Sanctuary.



Boone's Lick volunteers teach water quality and aquatic invertebrates at the Water Festival in Rock Bridge Memorial State Park.

Chapter Highlights

Chert Glades Chapter (Joplin)

In 2025, Chapter volunteers conducted 6,323 hours of volunteer service and participated in 945 hours of Advanced Training. There are 44 active volunteers (33 Certified) in the Chapter and 12 local partners that provide opportunities for volunteer service.

Monthly meetings for the Chert Glades Chapter were in-person, with an average of 15 participants per meeting. These featured a business meeting portion along with a variety of advanced training presentations that were either in-person or via Zoom.

The second year of the National Seed Swap Day at Joplin Empire Market went quite smoothly. The chapter handed out 2,529 packets of native plant seeds and shared native landscaping information with the local community.

This year, members partnered with the Carthage Public Library through the Vision Carthage program to give an introduction to native plant landscaping in the spring. The presentation was so popular that the chapter was called back to give the same talk again in the fall.



Chert Glades volunteer Scott Butler helps light a prescribed burn at one of the remnant prairies on Missouri Prairie Foundation's property.



Chert Glades volunteers help educate visitors about bear awareness at George Washington Carver National Monument.

Chapter Highlights

Confluence Chapter (Saint Charles)

In 2025, Chapter volunteers conducted 6,723 hours of volunteer service and participated in 852 hours of Advanced Training. Twenty-one volunteers completed the initial Core Training during the year. There are 68 active volunteers (43 Certified) in the Chapter and 28 local partners that provide opportunities for volunteer service.

The Confluence Chapter began hosting hybrid meetings this year to better accommodate the needs of our membership. Approximately 50 members attended each meeting in person each month.

Confluence Chapter, the first Missouri Master Naturalist Chapter in the St. Louis metro area, marked its 20th anniversary at its June picnic in Broemmelsiek Park and continued its outreach throughout the year. Members helped educate more than 700 people at September's Pollinator Palooza and reached over 1,000 K-3 students through the Nature Explore Classroom with St. Charles County Park Rangers.

In March 2025, the chapter formed an Outreach and Community Education Committee to expand community engagement through presentations, tabling, and educational events across schools, municipalities, and community groups. Two new interns launched the popular Confluence Chapter Book Club, meeting monthly to discuss nature and conservation topics. The Plant Propagation Program also supported native gardening efforts by growing and distributing and planting over 500 plants across the St. Louis metro area.



Confluence volunteers gather for a monthly book club at Weldon Spring Site Interpretive Center.



Confluence volunteers separate over 500 seedlings into pots for native garden projects across Saint Louis.

Chapter Highlights

Great Rivers Chapter (Saint Louis)

In 2025, Chapter volunteers conducted 18,365 hours of volunteer service and participated in 3,168 hours of Advanced Training. Fifty-eight volunteers completed the initial Core Training course during the year. There are 190 active volunteers (143 Certified) in the Chapter and 25 local partners that provide opportunities for volunteer service.

Chapter Meetings were held in a hybrid format with an average participation of 120 participants in total. The Chapter's in-person meetings were held in a beautiful auditorium at Webster University, with topics that ranged from Feral Pigs, Galls and Edible Insects to Urban Biodiversity and Design. The Chapter's June meeting included a picnic and tour with their partner at Little Creek Nature Area.

The Chapter held several capstone events that brought new members together with certified members to conduct bioblitzes, remove invasive plants and test waters in area streams. Great Rivers members joined thousands of other volunteers to clean up neighborhoods and parks after the May 16 tornado.

The Great Rivers chapter is the proud recipient of the Partner of the Year award from St. Louis Audubon Society. Great Rivers members were also recognized - Don Ficken won the Outstanding Bird Protector Award and Mark Glenshaw won the Outstanding Educator Award. The Chapter is expanding their stewardship of Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center, the education division of Forest Park and monitoring of various conservation areas. We have begun working with the Woodlands Committee of a local retirement community to help restore a natural area of their campus.



Great Rivers volunteer Gerry Spitznagel celebrates the seeding of the native prairie garden at a local Saint Louis elementary school.



Great Rivers volunteers Matt Barton and Mary Deuren led Bird Walks during each season throughout Saint Louis.

Chapter Highlights

Hi Lonesome Chapter (Cole Camp)

In 2025, Chapter volunteers conducted 902 hours of volunteer service and participated in 241 hours of Advanced Training. There are 17 active volunteers (6 Certified) in the Chapter and 6 local partners that provide opportunities for volunteer service.

Monthly meetings are offered in-person and through zoom with anywhere from 8 to 12 members present.

Three members and one honorary member were happy to assist again this year with seed mixing at the seed barn at Wah-kon-tah Prairie which is near El Dorado Springs.

Members tried something new at Eagle Day in Warsaw this year by dissecting owl pellets. Later, during the live eagle show, an attendee recognized a regurgitated pellet and shared that they knew what it was thanks to our earlier activity.



Hi Lonesome volunteers help mix and bag seed at Wah-koh-tah Prairie.



Hi Lonesome volunteers assist with a prescribed burn at Turkey Foot Prairie in Warrensburg as part of the management of a native planting.

Chapter Highlights

Lake of the Ozarks Chapter (Camdenton)

In 2025, Chapter volunteers conducted 2,550 hours of volunteer service and participated in 439 hours of Advanced Training. Thirteen volunteers completed the initial Core Training during the year. There are 38 active volunteers (24 Certified) in the Chapter and 21 local partners that provide opportunities for volunteer service.

A classroom format with three field trips was utilized for the Lake of the Ozarks Chapter core training, with 13 participants completing the course. One of the capstone project opportunities was replacing/relocating/upgrading the informational Kiosk at a local park. During the replacement, the Kiosk was relocated to make it more visible and was made double sided.

In May, Lake of the Ozarks Chapter honored ten members, one of which was posthumous, earned 1,000 or more Volunteer Service hours, as the first group of Distinguished Honorary Members. Each person received a Copper Dragonfly, Certificate and new name badge that identified their status.

In 2025, Lake of the Ozarks Chapter partnered with the newly formed Climax Springs City Park. The plan is to bring the spring back to the forefront for the community and add a walking trail and picnic area. Although the park area is currently small, the plans are big!



Pictured are several of the Lake of the Ozarks Chapter's new distinguished Honorary Members.



Lake of the Ozark core class members on a field trip to Fiery Fork Conservation Area in Camden County.

Chapter Highlights

Loess Hills Chapter (Saint Joseph)

In 2025, Chapter volunteers conducted 2,587 hours of volunteer service and participated in 437 hours of Advanced Training. There are 29 active volunteers (23 Certified) in the Chapter and 14 local partners that provide opportunities for volunteer service.

The Loess Hills Chapter conducts monthly in-person meetings but also offers a virtual option (using Webex) for those who are unable to attend. The Chapter is fortunate to enjoy a close relationship with professors from the biology department at Missouri Western University and they are able to provide a broad range of Advanced Training subjects. A business meeting is conducted each month as well.

Sixteen members of the Missouri Master Naturalist Loess Hills Chapter spent a fun filled weekend volunteering at the 46th Annual Eagle Days at Loess Bluffs National Wildlife Refuge, near Mound City, MO. Collectively, these Master Naturalists donated nearly 200 hours of their time serving as hosts for an estimated 3,036 visitors.

Volunteers hosted a total of 472 individuals during 8 field trips to Smithville Lake, Kelsey Short Group Camp. Guests participated in hikes, archery and fishing lessons. Additionally, volunteers continued an on-going project for the past 10 years: Establishing 10,000 milkweed plants at Loess Bluffs National Wildlife Refuge. A total of 1,204 various milkweed species were planted have been planted.



Loess Hills volunteers helping with Eagle Days at Loess Bluffs National Wildlife Refuge.



Loess Hills volunteers collecting seed at Dunn Ranch for native prairie propagation.

Chapter Highlights

Meramec Hills Chapter (Phelps County)

In 2025, Chapter volunteers conducted 4,618 hours of volunteer service and participated in 956 hours of Advanced Training. Seventeen volunteers completed the initial Core Training during the year. There are 77 active volunteers (51 Certified) in the Chapter and 17 local partners that provide opportunities for volunteer service.

Monthly meetings are held in person with an average of 29 members attending. Meetings provide a diverse range of Advanced Training topics from nature photography, updates from MDC staff on various studies or management plans, to a PhD student's presentation on their research results.

Core Training was conducted through the fall in 2025 with 20 students enrolled and 17 graduating. Six members completed their initial certification this calendar year with another two already re-certifying.

The bluebird nest box monitoring project, which began in 2005 at Little Prairie Conservation Area, continues in 2025.

The Chapter held a Spring native plants sale and a Fall Nature Festival, which featured native plants for sale. Approximately 350 visitors attended the Fall Nature Festival, which even included hummingbird banding.

In June, 6 members participated in the first-ever Bioblitz at Meramec Spring Park. Despite having only 6 participants, the group logged 427 observations and identified 191 different species. Chapter members also contributed nearly 1,000 volunteer hours in 2025 through wildlife surveys and data collection efforts.



Meramec Hills volunteers hosted hummingbird banding as part of the Fall Nature Festival, and it was very popular!



Meramec Hills volunteers hosted monthly workdays at Meramec Spring Park to help maintain native plants that the last core training class planted.

Chapter Highlights

Miramiguo Chapter (Franklin County)

In 2025, Chapter volunteers conducted 6,666 hours of volunteer service and participated in 1,392 hours of Advanced Training. Seventeen volunteers completed the initial Core Training during the year. There are 79 active volunteers (56 Certified) in the Chapter and 21 local partners that provide opportunities for volunteer service.

Miramiguo Chapter monthly meetings are conducted in person at Jay Henges shooting range with an average attendance of 40 volunteers. Meetings begin with a social hour and potluck supper followed by presentations which provide Advanced Training hours.

The Miramiguo Chapter participates in the Tri-Chapter St. Louis Region Core-Training, conducted during the Spring and Fall. Graduates then choose the Chapter with which they wish to affiliate and be a member. Seventeen graduates chose to join the Miramiguo chapter of the overall 102 graduates participating in the Tri-Chapter Core-Trainings.

The Miramiguo Chapter offered its members two CPR/AED training classes this Fall. Thirteen members became certified and 7 members went on to complete the 2-day intensive Wilderness First-aid Class.

Educational and Outreach programs are the highlight of the Chapter. Rick Hays (Master Naturalist volunteer) and his team have grown our program tremendously with their dedication. They touched the lives of over 1,700 youth at more than 11 different schools in several counties where we volunteer. The Chapter recorded 10,167 volunteer hours for educational outreach this year. Because of his tireless commitment to educating our young people, Rick Hays was unanimously nominated as "Miramiguoan of the Year" by our members.



Miramiguo volunteers help with an annual yellow lady slipper orchid survey at Meramec State Park.



Miramiguo volunteers conduct a herpetological survey at Don Robinson State Park.

Chapter Highlights

Mississippi Hills Chapter (Hannibal)

In 2025, Chapter volunteers conducted 5,104 hours of volunteer service and participated in 663 hours of Advanced Training. There are 62 active volunteers (42 Certified) in the Chapter and 26 local partners that provide opportunities for volunteer service.

The Mississippi Hills Chapter meets every 4th Tuesday of the month (in person) at either the Hannibal LaGrange University campus or the Boudreaux Visitor Center at Mark Twain Lake with an average of 40 members attending. A variety of speakers participate by conducting Advanced Training at each Chapter meeting throughout the year on a variety of pertinent topics that relate to our mission statement, such as "Monitoring Lake Sturgeon", "History of Sodalis Nature Preserve", and "Plant Management in Missouri Ponds".

This year marked the 2nd year for the Hannibal Eagle Day which was attended by over 650 visitors. Live raptor demonstrations, educational booths, children/adult crafts, educational games, nature story time, free nature books for children, and educational booths from other conservation organizations were all on display. Over 20 members participated in the event, which was funded with a grant that was received from the Riedel Foundation. This grant has also been received for Hannibal Eagle Day 2026.

The new Honeysuckle Hack committee, averaging five participants each month, has been removing invasive Japanese honeysuckle in Historic Riverview Park to open the area for native plant growth ahead of major renovations. Volunteers also cleared trailer loads of silver maple and other invasives during the Annual Fall Field Day in Canton, working with the city and Culver-Stockton College to restore the riverfront wetlands.



Mississippi Hills volunteers help the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers with bat monitoring at Mark Twain Lake.



Mississippi Hills volunteers hack honeysuckle at Riverview Park.

Chapter Highlights

North Star Chapter (Kirksville)

The North Star Chapter was organized during the Fall of 2025 after 11 volunteers completed the Core-Training.

The first monthly meeting of the Chapter occurred in December, and a slate of Officers were elected. Monthly meeting dates have been planned for the second Wednesday of each month throughout the next year. Volunteers are looking forward to participating in Capstone Projects and upcoming volunteer opportunities with local partners.



Pictured above is the newly graduated first core training class of North Star Chapter in Kirksville, Missouri.

Chapter Highlights

Osage Trails Chapter (Kansas City)

In 2025, Chapter volunteers conducted 13,557 hours of volunteer service and participated in 2,713 hours of Advanced Training. Thirty-two volunteers completed the initial Core Training during the year. There are 151 active volunteers (90 Certified) in the Chapter and 23 local partners that provide opportunities for volunteer service.

The Chapter meets at a variety of partner locations across the Kansas City metro area, as well as virtually. Having meetings at local partner locations has been a great benefit for the Chapter.

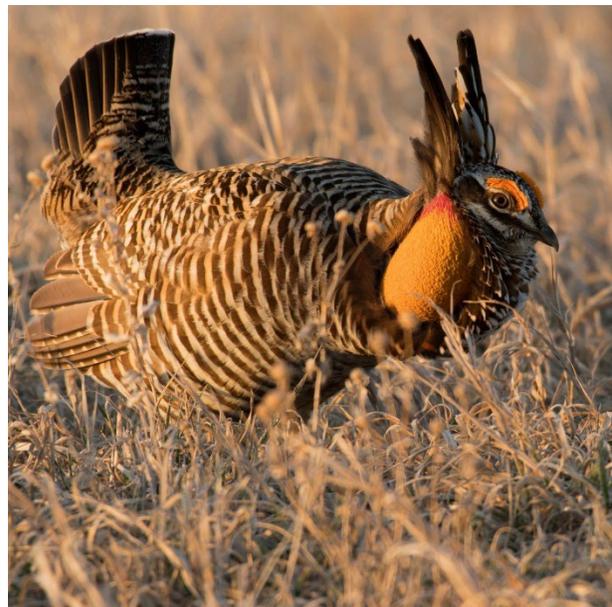
The Chapter held a majority of the Core-Training Course in-person with over 30 highly motivated and promising interns graduating. Many of the interns have already certified and a few even achieved the difficult certification and recertification combo over the last quarter of the year.

In 2025, the Chapter hosted other Master Naturalist groups for virtual winter Advanced Training sessions and added statewide field trips and workshops alongside its regular monthly meetings. Chapter delegates also represented the group at MDC's Partners Roundtable, Kansas City Conservation Partners, and numerous other partner meetings.

The Chapter is pleased to announce that they formed the first Cornell Lab of Ornithology Project NestWatch team in Missouri. NestWatch is a nationwide nest-monitoring program that collects information focused on the current condition of breeding bird populations and how these populations may be changing over time as a result of many factors that have been documented to impact populations across their range.



Osage Trails volunteers constructed an Eagle Enclosure for WildSouls for their capstone project.



Osage Trails volunteers participate in the Prairie Chicken Lek Survey at Dunn Ranch.

Chapter Highlights

Springfield Plateau Chapter (Springfield)

In 2025, Chapter volunteers conducted 7,338 hours of volunteer service and participated in 937 hours of Advanced Training. There are 71 active volunteers (57 Certified) in the Chapter and 25 local partners that provide opportunities for volunteer service.

Advanced Training was the focus for each Chapter meeting with a broad range of speakers presenting information. A business meeting is conducted after these presentations and during the winter months there is a virtual option (using Zoom).

The Boathouse Project at Springfield Lake Park has positively impacted the landscape in that area as native plants have been established throughout the area.

The City Utilities Solar Farm has enabled native plants to reduce mowing and enhance the demonstration site's visual appeal.

Numerous outreach events including a Cedar County Library outreach, a Homeschool Outreach Event, and a National Hunting and Fishing Day event were conducted reaching over 1,500 people.

Mark Bower has been mentoring new Master Naturalists Elise Bowsher and Vania Revel on projects involving mushrooms. They have identified 194 species at Busiek State Forest, Fellows Lake and Valley Water Mill and collected, dehydrated, and shipped samples for DNA sequencing as part of the MycoMap project, a national effort to identify and catalogue as many fungal species as possible.

The Butterfly House at Nathaniel Greene Park has reached several thousand citizens and has focused on butterfly awareness as well as propagation of a number of butterfly species.



Springfield Plateau volunteers helped host a booth at the National Hunting and Fishing Day in partnership with Wonders of Wildlife Aquarium and Museum.



Springfield Plateau volunteers helped Tallgrass Prairie Center distribute native plants.

Chapter Partners

Boone's Lick

Big Muddy National Fish & Wildlife Refuge
Boone County Nature School
City of Columbia
Clark's Hill/Norton State Historic Site
Columbia Audubon Society
Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture
Community Garden Coalition
COMO Trail Association
Discover Nature Schools
Downtown Native Plant Garden
Eagle Bluffs Conservation Area
Forest ReLeaf of Missouri
Greenbelt Land Trust of Missouri
Lick Creek Conservation Area
Mid MO Prescribed Burn Association
Missouri Bumblebee Atlas
Missouri Conservation Corps
Missouri Eagle Watch Program
Missouri Native Plant Society
Missouri Prairie Foundation
Missouri River Bird Observatory
Missouri River Relief
Missouri Stream Team
Ozark Trail Association
Prairie Fork Conservation Area
Prairie Garden Trust
Rock Bridge Memorial State Park
Runge Conservation Nature Center
School Outdoor Classrooms
The Nature Conservancy in Missouri
University of Missouri Botanic Garden
University of Missouri Community Collaborative
Rain Hail and Snow Network
University of Missouri Jefferson Farm & Garden
University of Missouri Raptor Rehabilitation Project
Wild Ones

Chert Glades

Atwoods Ranch & Homegoods
Cardinal Valley Habitat Restoration Project
Carthage Public Library
Dark Sky Missouri
George Washington Carver National Monument
Joplin Empire Market
Joplin Parks
Missouri Prairie Foundation
Missouri Stream Team
Prairie State Park
Webb City Public Library

Wildcat Glades Nature Group

Confluence

Cornell Lab of Ornithology
Dark Sky Missouri
Forest ReLeaf of Missouri
Great Rivers Greenway
Litzinger Road Ecology Center
Mississippi River Water Trail Association
Missouri Bluebird Society
Missouri Botanical Garden
Missouri Pollinator Network
Missouri Prairie Foundation
Missouri Schools and Districts (John Weldon Elementary, Lincoln County, Parkway, Rockwood R-VI, Wentzville R-IV)
Missouri State Parks and Conservation Areas (Babler, Cuivre River, Don Robinson, Powder Valley, Robertsville, Rockwoods Reservation)
Missouri Stream Team
O'Fallon Public Works
Shaw Nature Reserve
St. Charles City (Main Street)
St. Charles County Master Gardeners
St. Charles County Parks (Broemmelsiek, Historic Daniel Boone Home, Klondike, Matson Hill, Oglesby, Quail Ridge, Spring Bend, Towne)
St. Louis Audubon Society
St. Louis City (Forest Park, St. Louis Zoo)
St. Louis County Parks (Bellevue Farm, Faust, Ferris)
Weldon Spring Site Interpretive Center
Wentzville Dept. of Parks and Rec
Wild Bird Rehabilitation, Overland
World Bird Sanctuary
Wild Ones St. Louis/St. Charles
Wildlife Rescue Center, Ballwin
Wildwood YMCA

Great Rivers

Audubon Center at Riverlands
Biodiverse City STL
Brightside STL
Deer Creek Alliance
Endangered Wolf Center
Forest Park Forever
Forest ReLeaf of Missouri
Great Rivers Greenway
Greenway Network
Little Creek Nature Area
Litzinger Road Ecology Center

Mississippi River Water Trail Association
Missouri Botanical Garden
Missouri Prairie Foundation
Missouri Stream Team
National Museum of Transportation
Open Space St. Louis
River des Peres Watershed Coalition
Shaw Nature Reserve
Sophia M. Sachs Butterfly House
St. Louis Audubon Society
St. Louis City Parks, Recreation, and Forestry
St. Louis County Parks and Recreation
World Bird Sanctuary

Hi Lonesome

Audubon Society of Missouri
City of Cole Camp
Missouri State Parks
Missouri Prairie Foundation
Missouri River Bird Observatory
Missouri Stream Team

Lake of the Ozarks

4-H
Association of Missouri Interpreters
Climax Springs City Park
Dickerson Park Zoo
Eagle Watch
Great Backyard Bird Count
Hurricane Deck Elementary School
Lake Area Chamber of Commerce
Lake Area Visitor and Convention Bureau
Lake of the Ozarks Watershed Alliance
Lost Valley Fish Hatchery
Missouri Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit
Missouri Department of Agriculture
Missouri Department of Natural Resources
Missouri Master Gardeners
Missouri Prairie Foundation
Missouri River Bird Observatory
Missouri State Parks
Missouri Stream Team
Monarch Network
Osage Beach Schools

Loess Hills

City of St. Joseph Stormwater and Green Infrastructure Agency
John Rushin Education and Research Prairie
Lewis and Clark State Park
Loess Bluffs National Wildlife Refuge
Missouri Mycelium Society

Missouri River Relief
MWSU Wildlife Society
Nature Conservancy Dunn Ranch
Parkville Land Trust
Remington Nature Center
Smithville Lake
St. Joseph Midland Audubon Society
St. Joseph Parks and Recreation
St. Joseph Region D Waste Management and Recycling
Weston Bend State Park

Meramec Hills

Audubon Trails Nature Center
Bonebrake Center for Nature & History
Bray Conservation Area
Camp Brim Shire
Cave Research Foundation
City of Owensville
City of Rolla
City of Salem
City of St. James
City of Steelville
Maramec Spring Park
Missouri Prairie Foundation
Missouri State Parks
Missouri Stream Team Program
MODOT Adopt-A-Highway
Newburg Children's Museum
Owensville schools

Miramiguo

Bring Conservation Home
Caldwell Memorial Wildlife Area
Dark Sky Missouri
Don Robinson State Park
Eastern Missouri Sierra Club
Forest ReLeaf
Great Rivers Greenway
Jay Henges Shooting Range
Kress Farm Garden Preserve
Lower Meramec Park (St. Louis County Park)
Meramec State Park
Missouri Prairie Foundation
Onondaga Cave State Park
Open Space St. Louis
Ozark Trail Association
Robertsville State Park
Schulze Nature Preserve/Ozark Land Trust
St. Francois State Park
Stream Teams United
Wild Ones
World Bird Sanctuary

Mississippi Hills

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Audubon Society
City of Canton
Cornell University
Dark Sky International
FOREST Council
Hannibal Art Council
Hannibal Parks & Rec
Hannibal Regional Airport
Hannibal Tree Board
Hannibal-LaGrange University
Knox County
Missouri Bat Census
Missouri Stream Team
Missouri Prairie Foundation
Missouri State Parks
Missouri Department of Transportation
Monroe City
National Deer Association
Pike County Farmers and Ranchers
Pike County Schools
Ralls County
Shelby County
U. S. Army Corp of Engineers
Xerces Society

North Star

To be determined!

Osage Trails

Anita B. Gorman Conservation Discovery Center
Bridging the Gap
Burr Oak Woods Conservation Nature Center
Burroughs Audubon Society
Deeps Roots KC
Dunn Ranch
George Owens Nature Park
Heartland Conservation Alliance
Heartland Tree Alliance

Kansas City WildLands
Kemper Outdoor Education Center
Lakeside Nature Center
Lincoln University Extension
Loess Bluffs National Wildlife Refuge
Martha Lafite Thompson Nature Sanctuary
Missouri River Bird Observatory
Missouri River Relief
Osage Trails Chapter Stream Team
Powell Gardens
Wild Souls

Springfield Plateau

Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World
Bat Conservation International Organization
Bennett Spring State Park
Branson for Monarchs
Bull Shoals Field Station
City of Republic – Parks Department
Dept. of Environmental Services Greene County
Dept. of Public Works
Friends of the Garden
Greater Ozarks Audubon Society
James River Basin Partnership
LAD Fair
Lakes of Missouri Volunteer Program
Leave No Trace National Organization
Missouri Institute of Natural Science
Missouri Prairie Foundation
Missouri State University -- Biology Department –
Bat Studies
National Speleological Society Organization
Safe Kids Coalition
Springfield City Utilities
Springfield Plateau Grotto
Springfield R-12 School District
Springfield-Greene County Park Board
The Watershed Center
White Nose Syndrome Working Group of Missouri

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Missouri Master Naturalist Chapter Advisors, representing MU Extension and the Missouri Department of Conservation, provide leadership and facilitate educational programs and activities to ensure the success of the Missouri Master Naturalist Program and each respective Chapter.

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2025 Chapter Statistics

Chapter & Year Established	Completed Core Training	Volunteer Service Hours	Advanced Training Hours	Active Members
Boone's Lick (2004)	19	7,457	1,698	100
Chert Glades (2005)	0	6,323	945	44
Confluence* (2005)	21	6,723	852	68
Great Rivers* (2007)	58	18,365	3,168	190
Hi Lonesome (2008)	0	902	241	17
Lake of the Ozarks (2009)	13	2,550	439	38
Loess Hills (2011)	0	2,587	437	29
Meramec Hills (2005)	17	4,618	956	77
Miramiguo* (2009)	17	6,666	1,392	79
Mississippi Hills (2018)	0	5,104	663	62
North Star (2025)	11	0	0	11
Osage Trails (2006)	32	13,557	2,713	151
Springfield Plateau (2006)	0	7,338	937	71
Total	188	82,189	14,440	937

Cumulative statewide volunteer service hours since 2004: **1,047,229**

Cumulative statewide advanced training hours since 2004: **261,307**

**Chapters within the St. Louis Region conduct a joint regional core training. Participants in the course affiliate with one of the three area Chapters: Confluence, Great Rivers, or Miramiguo.*

Chapter Advisors and Chapter leadership have the discretion to decide when the core training course is conducted. Chapters are not required to host a core training course on an annual basis.

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