Southeast MO Nature Trails

If you are a nature lover, you'll find no shortage of nature sites to visit in Sikeston and Southeast Missouri. Enjoy hiking trails, bird watching, boardwalks (through cypress-tupelo swamps) and interpretative centers at many of the locations listed below. Numerous bird species are seen at several sites including the snowy egrets, yellow-crowned night herons, tundra and trumpeter swans, sand hill cranes, and 17 birds of prey, including bald and golden eagles, ospreys, goshawks, marlins and several species of owls. For help planning your trip contact the Sikeston Convention & Visitors Bureau at (888) 309-6591.



Sikeston Parks

Sikeston has 16 parks featuring walking/bike trails, fishing lakes, play-grounds and pavilions. For more information go to www.sikeston.org, or call (573) 475-3725. Handicap accessible. Restrooms available.

Crowleys Ridge Conservation Area

County Road 237, Stoddard County, MO. (573) 290-5730 Facilities/Activities: Primitive Camping, Bird Watching, Hunting and Fishing. This area contains old fields, forest and cropland.

Otter Slough Conservation Area

County Rd 675, Stoddard County, MO. (573) 290-5730 Facilities/Activities: Fishing, Hiking, Hunting, Primitive Camping, Bird Watching & Boat Ramp. Handicap accessible. Restrooms available.

Mississippi River Walk & Observation Deck

Levee Rd, New Madrid MO, (573) 748-5300

The Mississippi River Walk & Observation Deck offer panoramic views of the greatest waterway in North America. See 8 miles of the river as it winds around the New Madrid Bend. Handicap accessible.

10-Mile Pond Conservation Area

Hwy 102 in Mississippi County, MO. (573) 290-5730. Facilities/Activities: Fishing, Hunting, Bird Watching, & Boat Ramp. Handicap accessible.



General Watkins Conservation Area

Hwy 77, Oran MO, (573) 290-5730

Facilities/Activities: Hiking, Hunting, Primitive Camping, Picnicking, and Fishing (nine fishable lakes and ponds).

Lake Tywappity Conservation Area

State Rte RA, Chaffee MO (573) 290-5730

Facilities/Activities: Fishing, Boating, Hiking, Hunting & Picnicking. Handicap accessible. Restrooms available.



Big Oak Tree State Park

13640 State Hwy 102, East Prairie MO (573) 649-3149 Facilities/Activities: Fishing, Hunting, Boardwalk, Hiking, Bird Watching, Picnicking & Playground. Handicap accessible. Restrooms available.



Mingo National Wildlife Refuge

24279 State Hwy 51, Puxico MO. (573) 222-3162, mingo@fws.gov. Features: Fishing, Hunting, Hiking, Bird Watching & Picnicking. Restrooms available. Handicap Accessible.