

Nature Notes



Winter—Early Spring 2017

Family Programs at George Owens Nature Park

Binoculars are perfect for gazing at the Man in the Moon.



Full Moon Hikes

***Jan 13, Fri, 7 pm** **Wolf Moon rises at 7:01 pm**
Jan 14, Sat, 8 pm Wolf Moon rises at 8:06 pm

***Feb 10, Fri, 6 pm** **Snow Moon rises at 5:46 pm**
Feb 11, Sat, 7 pm Snow Moon rises at 6:50 pm

***Mar 10, Fri, 7 pm** **Crow Moon rises at 4:35 pm**
Mar 11, Sat, 7 pm Crow Moon rises at 5:38 pm

***Apr 8, Sat, 8 pm** **Pink Moon rises at 5:30 pm**

All hikes take place at George Owens Nature Park. Reserve your place by 5 pm on the day before the hike at (816) 325 - 7115. Each hike is limited to 15 participants.

***Hikes in red type are for those who prefer even terrain. They will be on paved trails and are stroller and wheelchair accessible.**

For hikes in black type, you must be able to hike off-trail. No baby strollers or light-up shoes, please.

An After School Program on Groundhog Day

Winter Bird Banding



by the Missouri River Bird Observatory

February 2, Thursday, 3-5 pm

While the scientists net and band our familiar winter birds, we'll have a rare chance to learn about and experience them closely. Banding is done outside, so please dress for the weather.

Hike the Rock Creek Trail

Signs of Spring Hike

March 18, Saturday 1-2:30 pm

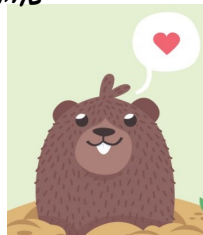
Signs that winter is leaving are abundant on the Rock Creek Trail. Hike from Country Club Park to Rotary Park and then back, a little less than 3 miles. The trail is easy, level and gravel-paved.



Meet at the Country Club Park entrance, 2930 S. Norton.

A Special Nature Story Time

Valentines for Groundhogs



February 11, Saturday 11 am - Noon

Listen to stories around the fire, make groundhog valentines, give a Happy Valentine's Day present to the groundhog in the backyard and warm up with hot chocolate.

Hike Fairmount Park

Wildflower Hikes

April 8 Saturday
11 am - Noon

April 15 Saturday
11 am - Noon



In spring, wildflowers of all kinds blanket the park. The hikes will follow the sidewalk but also go into the woods. This is not a strenuous hike, but the park is hilly and some trails might be muddy.

Meet at the Fairmount Park playground at N. Home and Norledge. Take Sterling north to Norledge in Sugar Creek. Go west to Home: 300 N. Home in north Independence.

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A free event for kids, pets and parents from the Independence Kiwanis Club and Independence Parks and Recreation

Pets in the Park

Saturday, May 13, 10 am - 1 pm

Waterfall Park

4501 S. Bass Pro Drive

Pet Judging, Pet Parade, Low-cost Vaccinations & Microchipping, Pet Products & Snacks



Coming

This Summer

Nature Story Time

Every Thursday in June, July + August

Ecofest

Saturday, June 3 at Waterfall Park

Kids Fishing Derby

Saturday, June 10

Dragonfly Daze

Saturday, July 22

Total Solar

Eclipse 2017

Celebration

Monday, August 21



Robert E. Tindall Scholarship

Art Show + Sale

March 3-26

Reception March 18, Saturday, 1:30-3:30 pm

Robert Tindall, a native of Independence, was a widely-respected artist. Several of his paintings will be displayed at the show and commemorative giclee prints of many will be available for purchase. All proceeds support the Robert E. Tindall Scholarship that is awarded annually to an outstanding Independence high school senior who wishes to pursue a post-secondary art education. **Artists over 18 are encouraged to exhibit.**

For more information on Art in the Park:

www.independenceartassociation.org or call (816) 325 -7115

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www.georgeowensnaturepark.org

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Park Hours Dec 1 -Apr 30

Tues - Sat: 8:30 am - 5 pm
Closed Sun & Mon

Park Hours May 1-Sept 30

Tues - Fri: 8:30 am - 8 pm
Sat: 8:30 am - 5 pm Sun: Noon - 5 pm

Closed Mondays year-round.

George Owens Nature Park is located at 1601 S. Speck Rd. in Independence. From the intersection of M291 and 23rd St., go east on 23rd. Turn left (north) at the 3rd stop-light/Speck Rd. The park is on your right.

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