

# Nature Notes

Winter-Early Spring 2019

Family programs at George Owens Nature Park



## Full Moon Hikes



Snow Moon Feb 16 Sat 6:00 pm Moonrise 2:37 pm

Egg Moon Apr 19 Fri 8:30 pm Moonrise 8:25 pm

Hikes will be on paved trails that are stroller and wheelchair accessible. Reserve your place by 5 pm the day before the hike at (816) 325-7115. Each hike is limited to 15 participants.



## Signs of Spring Hike

March 16, Saturday 1-2:30 pm

Hike from Country Club Park to Rotary Park on the Rock Creek Trail, a little less than 2 miles. The trail is easy, level and gravel-paved. The pace is casual so we can explore.

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

## Valentines for Groundhogs



February 9, Saturday  
11 am-Noon

We love groundhogs so this may be our best day in February — stories around the fire, apple cider and making the groundhog in the backyard a special valentine.

## Save the Wildflowers



April 6, Saturday April 13, Saturday

Fairmount Park is the best place in Independence to see spring wildflowers in bloom, but the park needs our help. We'll pick up trash, remove foreign plants, and enjoy the spring flowers.

*All individuals and groups are needed, including children ages 8 and older. We provide all equipment.*

Wear outside work clothes along with insect repellent and work gloves. No open toe shoes please.

For more information, contact Melanie Haney, Independence Parks Naturalist: 826 325 6254 or [mhaney@indepmo.org](mailto:mhaney@indepmo.org).

*Fairmount Park, 3000 N. Home Ave.*

Take Sterling north to Norledge in Sugar Creek. Go west on Norledge to Home. Meet at the parking area on Norledge at the bottom of the hill.

## Snake Days

Thursday Afternoons 4:00—4:30 pm

February 7, 14, 21, 28



Get to know our two mild-mannered corn snakes and a large but shy Great Plains rat snake. You'll learn how to feed them, handle them, and how snakes live their lives. All ages welcome.

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## Robert E. Tindall Scholarship

### Art Show + Sale

March 6 - 30

Tue - Sat 8:30 am - 5 pm

### Open House

March 16, Saturday 1-4 pm



*Tindall Self-portrait*

Works of the respected artist and Independence native Robert E. Tindall will be on exhibit and prints will be for sale. Also being sold to benefit the Tindall Scholarship fund are original works by Independence Art Association members.

At the March 16 Open House, Independence artists will be available to discuss their work and that of Tindall.

To exhibit, contact the Independence Art Association: [www.independenceartassociation.org](http://www.independenceartassociation.org)

## George Owens Nature Park

[www.georgeowensnaturepark.org](http://www.georgeowensnaturepark.org)

816 325 7115

### Summer Hours May 1 - Sep 30

Tue - Fri: 8:30 am-8 pm

Sat: 8:30 am-5 pm

Sun: Noon-5 pm

*Closed Monday*

### Winter Hours Oct 1 - Apr 30

Tue - Sat: 8:30 am-5 pm

*Closed Sunday & Monday*

### *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 stoplight/Speck Rd.

The park is directly east of Pioneer Ridge Middle School.



## Coming This Summer

### Nature Story Time

Every Thursday morning in June, July and August at 10 + 11 am

### Crawdad Derby

Saturday, June 8

### Dragonfly Daze

Saturday, July 20

### Hummingbird Festival

Saturday, September 7



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