

ABOUT US

Experience the wild world of nature in the heart of Kansas City, Missouri. Lakeside Nature Center, located in Swope Park, features live native wildlife, offers educational programs, participates in community conservation projects, and is one of Missouri's largest wildlife rehabilitation facilities.

Hours of Operation:

Tuesday thru Saturday 9-4

Sunday 11-3

Closed Mondays & Holidays

Admission to the Center is
FREE!

Trails are open every day sunrise
to sunset



Lakeside Nature Center is
operated by Kansas City,
Missouri's Parks and
Recreation Department.

Friends of Lakeside Nature
Center helps with financial
support and many volunteers.

LAKE SIDE NATURE CENTER

4701 East Gregory Blvd
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www.lakesidenaturecenter.org
www.kcmo.org/parks



"Let the Wild Be Free"

LAKESIDE NATURE CENTER

Your Visit

Everyone enjoys free admission to our nature center featuring live animal displays, and hands-on activities. See hawks and owls up close. Learn to identify Missouri's venomous snakes. Watch native song birds and butterflies visit the feeders in our wildflower gardens. Hike our nature trails and discover the wonders of local habitats. Come enjoy the natural world in the heart of Kansas City.

Rental Opportunities

Reserve our classroom which seats 65-70 people for your child's next birthday party and get a private program featuring live animals. Rent the entire facility with its live animals, unique architecture and large windows yielding a view of the nearby woodlands for an after-hours event. Close to the center there are various sites available for organized groups to rent for the day or overnight, including the Lake Lodge available for receptions, and retreats.

Our Programs

Lakeside Nature Center offers a variety of programs for groups of all ages. Naturalists present hour long classes on-site or travel to your school or organization. Students can come to Swope Park for an all day outdoor learning lab designed specifically to meet Missouri GLE's. Homeschool students can sign up for our science labs, and scouts can earn badges or help with service projects. To find out more about programs call 816-513-8960 or check our website .

Get Involved

Friends of Lakeside Nature Center (FOLNC) was formed in 1983 as a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit volunteer organization that helps with financial as well as hands-on support. Volunteers help with wildlife rehabilitation, educational presentations, conservation, and special events. Members also receive newsletter updates and have the opportunity to take classes on caring for wildlife. Visit our website for more information or to find out how to begin volunteering.

Wildlife Rehabilitation

Lakeside Nature Center accepts native Missouri wildlife in need of care during our hours of operation and Mondays 9-4. If you find wildlife in need please call (816)513-8960.

Swope Park

Lakeside Nature Center is located in Swope Park, which covers 1,805 acres. The park includes the Kansas City Zoo, Starlight Theatre, two golf courses, a swimming pool, a disc golf course, and numerous picnic areas and shelter houses. For more information about Swope Park call 513-7500.

Located on East Gregory Boulevard
between 71 Hwy and I-435

