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Hiking Series Explores History Of St. Charles County Parks

St. Charles County, Missouri – Get outdoors and uncover St. Charles County Parks history, by participating in the St. Charles County Parks and Recreation Department’s annual Hiking Series. Beginning at 10 a.m., on Saturday, Feb. 22, at Towne Park, 100 Towne Park Dr., Foristell, 63348, join park staff on a guided tour of the 1830s restored homestead in the park. Guests will have an adventure exploring the vast natural-surface trails, while learning about the rich history of the parkland. These fun hikes are suitable for families, organized groups, Scouts or anyone looking to explore the outdoors and St. Charles County history.

“These guided hikes give park guests a chance to get out and dig into the County’s past, while learning about the families who once owned our rich parkland,” said St. Charles County Parks Director Bettie Yahn-Kramer.

The parks department will host six different hikes through six parks in February, April, May, September, October and December. Registration for each hike is suggested. To sign up for a hike, please visit us on the web at www.stccparks.org to enroll in the hiking activity or contact our reservationist at 636.949.7535. All six hiking adventures are free.

Additional hikes are scheduled on Saturday, April 5, at Matson Hill Park, 670 Matson Hill Rd., Defiance 63348, beginning at 10 a.m. This six-mile hike has moderate elevation changes and may be challenging for small children. During the course of the hike, guests will tour the historic 1830s homestead that’s situated in the Daniel Boone Region of the park.

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On Saturday, May 17, at Indian Camp Creek Park, 2679 Dietrich Rd., Foristell, 63348, guests begin the hike by touring the historical family cemetery at 10 a.m., learning about the families who previously owned the 603-acre parkland before the County preserved it. After the tour, guests will be led on a two to three-mile hike through the park.

On Saturday, Sept. 13, at Broemmelsiek Park, 1615 Schwede Rd., Wentzville, 63385, guests begin the hike by touring the newly renovated day use Visitors Center at 10 a.m., learning about the family who once lived there and owned this 494-acre parkland. After the tour, guests will be led on a two-mile guided hike through the park.

On Saturday, Oct. 19, at Klondike Park, 4600 Highway 94 South, Augusta, 63332, guests begin the hike at 5 p.m. by touring historic landmarks in the park, learning about the silica sand in the park and its past. After the tour, guests engage in a two-mile sunset hike throughout areas of the 250-acre park.

And the final hike will take place on Saturday, Dec. 13, at Louis H. Bangert Memorial Wildlife Area (Bangert Island), 1701 South River Rd., St. Charles, 63303. Guests meet at the trailhead at 10 a.m. and begin the two-mile hike, exploring this unique 160-acre riverside park on the Missouri River.

For more information about the Hiking Series or St. Charles County Parks, visit www.stccparks.org or contact the parks department at 636.949.7535.

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