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**WANTED: CITIZEN SCIENTISTS TO ASSIST WITH ST. CHARLES COUNTY BUTTERFLY MONITORING**  
*First-ever volunteer training session offered at Broemmelsiek Park in Wentzville on May 18*

**ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO** – The Missouri Butterfly Monitoring Network (MBMN) is looking for citizen scientists who want to help create an accurate count of the butterfly population in St. Charles County. Join Tad Yankoski, Director of the MBMN and Entomologist at the Butterfly House in Chesterfield, for a short training session from 6:30–8:30 p.m., on Friday, May 18, at the Broemmelsiek Visitors Center in Broemmelsiek Park near Wentzville. No prior knowledge of butterflies is required; beginners welcome!



It's easy! As a butterfly monitoring volunteer, you will be trained on how to identify the 25 most commonly encountered butterfly species; how to select, create and monitor a route; and how to upload the data to the North American Butterfly Monitoring Network. Collecting this vital data will assist the network understanding what changes are occurring to the native butterfly population across the continent.

St. Charles County parks are the perfect locations for MBMN volunteers to monitor butterflies this summer! Many of our parks feature restored habitats, such as prairies, wetlands and savannas, which are known to attract a variety of butterfly species.

You can attend the training and then decide if monitoring is a good fit for you. Either way, this is the perfect opportunity for those 14 and up to learn about native butterflies and how the monitoring network works. Teens ages 14–17 must be accompanied by an adult. All MBMN monitors become Missouri Botanical Garden volunteers and receive all Botanical Garden volunteer benefits! Visit <https://www.monarchnet.org/missouri-butterfly-monitoring-network> for more information, or contact Yankoski at [tad.yankoski@mobot.org](mailto:tad.yankoski@mobot.org) or call 314-577-0817.

The butterfly monitoring training session is free, but pre-registration is requested. Call the St. Charles County Parks and Recreation Department at 636-949-7535 or go online at <http://bit.ly/2HosMVC> to register. Broemmelsiek Park is located at 1795 Highway DD near Defiance.

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**About St. Charles County Parks & Recreation**

The St. Charles County Parks & Recreation Department offers unique parks, diverse facilities and a broad range of programs and special events for all ages. The County currently operates 12 parks, including a Youth Activity Park and The Historic Daniel Boone Home. Veterans Tribute Park, our newest park development between Pitman Hill and Kisker roads is expected to open in 2018.

For more information and specifics about each park, visit [www.stccparks.org](http://www.stccparks.org).

**About St. Charles County**

Founded in 1812, St. Charles County is one of the fastest growing counties in Missouri, and the state's third largest county in both population and economic share. [St. Charles County consistently ranks one of the healthiest places to live in Missouri in the County](#)



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Health Rankings report published by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute. It is home to 12 scenic county parks encompassing more than 2,800 acres with additional land under development and more in reserve for future development.

With a population of 385,840, St Charles County is home to large employers including Citi, MasterCard Worldwide, Boeing and General Motors. It is ranked among the top 25 counties in the nation in high-tech job growth by the Progressive Policy Institute and consistently has the lowest unemployment rate in the Metropolitan St. Louis area.

St. Charles County employs nearly 1,100 in more than 30 departments and offices, who work to make the county an excellent place to live, work and shop.

For more information, please visit [www.sccmo.org](http://www.sccmo.org).