

GET CONNECTED



VOLUNTEER

Events

1st Saturdays, Fall Festival, Earth Day

Gardening

Native Plant Landscaping

Citizen Science Projects

Turtle Tracking or Birding

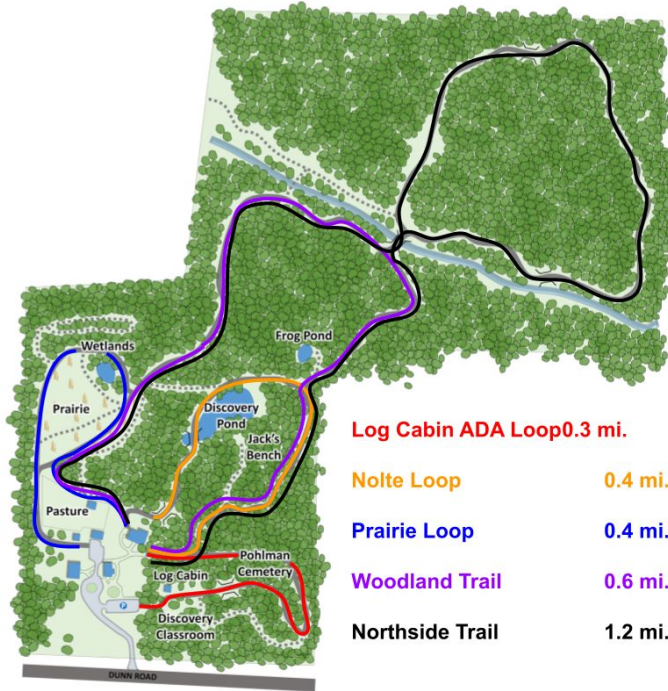
Habitat Restoration

Invasives and Prairie Burn



Scan the QR Code to join our volunteer list. We will email you with opportunities!

Little Creek Nature Area is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday



- Log Cabin ADA Loop 0.3 mi.
- Nolte Loop 0.4 mi.
- Prairie Loop 0.4 mi.
- Woodland Trail 0.6 mi.
- Northside Trail 1.2 mi.



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Our Mission: To ensure ALL students and community are exposed to and positively experience nature and the outdoors.

ABOUT LITTLE CREEK

Little Creek Nature Area is a 97-acre outdoor education facility owned and operated by the Ferguson-Florissant School District. Since 1874, students in our district have received lessons in ecology, environmental science, field biology, and living history at Little Creek.

Little Creek Nature Area supports approximately eighteen acres of developed facilities. Included are a residence converted to a museum, a high school classroom, and an elementary building with two classrooms. A small farm is comprised of a barn, chicken coop, apiary, vegetable garden, and pastures. There is a nineteenth century log cabin, a butterfly garden, a reconstructed prairie, and a conservation windbreak on the property as well. The remaining acreage is largely wooded and preserved as natural areas. It includes five designated trails, two woodland ponds, a field pond, and several tributary streams that drain into the Maline Creek watershed.

The instructional programs offered support and enhance the pre-K to 12 curricula in a variety of ways. The elementary programs allow students and teachers to meet state and local science, social studies, communication arts, and physical education standards. Hands-on inquiry-based activities provide students with experiences to cultivate a life-long interest in the natural world.

Our trails are not open to the public on weekends or after normal business hours, except by reservation. Little Creek hosts annual events that are open to the public each fall and spring.

ELEMENTARY



6th Grade - Team Time

Early Education - Animals Big and Small

1st Grade - Plants and Pollinators

2nd Grade - The Way Seeds Travel

3rd Grade - Exploring the Habitats



Kindergarten - Our Senses at Little Creek

5th Grade - Fun with the sun

3rd Grade - The Journey of Lewis and Clark

4th Grade - Animal Adaptations



1st Grade - Down on the Farm

2nd Grade - Wonderful Wool

Kindergarten - Celebrate Spring

Early Education - An Introduction to Spring



The Audubon Center at Riverlands has partnered with us to provide a free week long summer camp at Little Creek. It is open to students finishing grades 3-5 that are living in the FFSD boundaries.

Little Creek is also hosted some other camps during the summer sponsored by the American Journal and St. Louis Chess Club.

HIGH SCHOOL

At the secondary level, Field Biology is offered to students from district high schools. Students enrolled in these courses are transported daily to the Nature Area, where they have the unique opportunity to study the natural world in a field-based setting. Short-term and long-term field studies can be accomplished, and students also participate in the stewardship work required to meet the challenges of maintaining a nature area in an urban setting. "In the end, we will conserve only what we love; we will love only what we understand and we will understand only what we are taught." — Baba Dioum

Field Biology Overview

Field Biology requires students to spend most of the time outdoors in various types of weather conditions. Students will become skilled in the proper care and use of various types of field study equipment, and learn a variety of field study techniques and procedures used in investigating both land and aquatic environments. Activities include fishing, prescribed burns, bird watching, and cutting bush honeysuckle. Proper conservation and land management practices will be included as an important part of course work, and students will participate in a variety of conservation improvement projects such as prairie restoration and reforestation. Students will work frequently on independent projects requiring both small and large group participation.