

# ELI Weekly

## Time to Get Outside!

Now that Spring is officially here, it's time to get outside and enjoy nature! The perfect place in Springfield to do just that is the Springfield Conservation Nature Center. If you have never been there, it is located within Springfield's city limits near the intersection of Highway 65 and Highway 60 (James River Expressway). It is easy to find!



The Nature Center, which borders Lake Springfield, includes 80-acres of beautiful land such as forest, glade, savannah, prairie plantings, and creeks. It is a haven for wildlife in the ever-growing city of Springfield. At the Nature Center, you might spot a white-tailed deer, a wandering turkey, or even see an eagle snatch a fish from the lake. Overall, more than 170 different species inhabit the area at the Nature Center. (You might also see foxes, mink, muskrat, turtles, frogs, and insects.) The unpredictable encounters with local wildlife will make each visit to the Nature Center a different adventure.

While at the center, you can enjoy the fresh scent of the Ozark woods as you hike the trail(s) of your choice. In total, there are six trails with varying lengths from as short as one-fifth of a mile, to as long as two miles. Some trails are even paved and stroller-friendly. In addition to the beautiful outdoor area, the Nature Center has an indoor exhibition building. There, you can learn about the natural world in a self-guided tour. You can also enjoy the indoor wildlife viewing area, where you can watch birds and other wildlife as they visit the pond and bird feeders. The indoor facility also includes a 150-seat auditorium, where videos and presentations are often featured. There are no fees to enjoy the Nature Center. The Nature Center even has a small gift shop.



Want more nature? Another great place to enjoy Springfield is through the trails of Ozark Greenways, a non-profit organization of private citizens, who are dedicated to maintaining natural Springfield. These trails, also called greenways, are intended to preserve natural habitats, all the while providing family-oriented recreation and fitness opportunities. The different trails throughout Springfield are the Galloway Creek Greenway, the James River Greenway, the James River Water Trail (which is actually for canoeing!), the South Creek Greenway, the Ward Branch Greenway, the Frisco High-line Trail, and the Sac River Trail. The closest trail to campus is the South Creek Greenway. It begins at McDaniel Park, located at National and Sunset, and winds west for more than 8 miles, passing by Nathanael Green Park/Close Memorial Park, Horton Smith Golf Course, Carver Middle School, and a variety of neighborhoods. If you are worried about crossing busy streets, don't be--there is an underpass at Campbell Ave. and an overpass at Kansas Expressway. For more information on the different trails and their locations, visit: [www.ozarkgreenways.org](http://www.ozarkgreenways.org). It's spring! Get out there and enjoy the weather! As long as it's not raining, anyway...



## Activities This Week

**Tuesday, April 8**

**SAC Comedy Presents: Daniel Tosh**

Enjoy the nationally popular comedian's show!  
7:00-9:00 PM; PSU Theater; FREE with ZipCard



**Saturday, April 12**

**Harlem Globetrotters**

7:00 PM at Hammons Student Center; Tickets: \$27.00-69.00



For more events and activities, visit: <http://calendar.missouristate.edu/>

**Also, ALWAYS check the Student Activities Board across from the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Computer Lab**

## Announcements



• **Academic Lectures THIS week:**

**Tues. (4/8): Levels 4 & 5; room 401**  
*Psychology--Humor & Mental Health*

**Wed. (4/9): Level 5; room 401**  
*Astronomy--Cathedral*

## Did You Know....

**A few interesting facts about Uruguay:**



The country's full name is the República Oriental del Uruguay.

The capital city, Montevideo, contains over half of the country's population.

Spanish is the official language in Uruguay, but Portunol or Brazilerero, a Portuguese-Spanish language is spoken on the Brazilian border.



Uruguay won the first Football World Cup in 1930.



## What's Showing at The Moxie?

The Moxie is downtown's independent cinema located near the corner of Walnut and Campbell.

**This week:**

- In Bruges
- The Band's Visit
- George A. Romero's Diary of the Dead
- Chicago 10
- Bearded Child Film Festival



**See Schedule on the Student Activities Board**

## Weather Forecast

**Degrees: High/Low**

**Forecast for April 7-13**

	<u>Fahrenheit</u>	<u>Celsius</u>
Monday:	66/53	19/12
Tuesday:	61/37	16/03—chance of rain
Wednesday:	62/46	17/08
Thursday:	63/43	17/06—chance of rain
Friday:	52/34	11/01
Saturday:	53/36	12/02
Sunday:	60/39	16/04



Weather forecasts are *always* changing, so for the most up-to-date forecast, go to: [www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com), or watch the local news or weather channel.