Southeast MO Nature Trails

If you are a nature lover, you'll find no shortage of sites to visit in Sikeston and Southeast Missouri. Enjoy hiking trails, bird watching, boardwalks (through cypress-tupelo swamps) and interpretative centers at locations listed below. Bird species are seen at several sites including the snowy egrets, yellow-crowned night herons, sand hill cranes, and 17 birds of prey, including bald eagles. For help planning your trip contact the Sikeston Tourism office at 573-471-2498 or tourism@sikeston.net..



Sikeston Parks

Sikeston has 16 parks featuring walking/bike trails, fishing lakes, play-grounds and pavilions. For more information go to www.sikeston.org, or call (573) 475-3725. Handicap accessible. Restrooms available.

Crowleys Ridge Conservation Area

County Road 237, Stoddard County, MO. (573) 290-5730 Facilities/Activities: Primitive Camping, Bird Watching, Hunting and fishing. This area contains old fields, forest and cropland.

Otter Slough Conservation Area

County Rd 675, Stoddard County, MO. (573) 290-5730 Facilities/Activities: Fishing, Hiking, Hunting, Primitive Camping, Bird Watching & Boat Ramp. Handicap accessible. Restrooms available.



Mississippi River Walk & Observation Deck Levee Rd, New Madrid MO, (573) 748-5300

The Mississippi River Walk & Observation Deck offer panoramic views of the greatest waterway in North America. See 8 miles of the river as it winds around the New Madrid Bend. Handicap accessible.

10-Mile Pond Conservation Area

Hwy 102 in Mississippi County, MO. (573) 290-5730. Facilities/Activities: Fishing, Hunting, Bird Watching, & Boat Ramp. Handicap accessible.



General Watkins Conservation Area

Hwy 77, Oran MO, (573) 290-5730 Facilities/Activities: Hiking, Hunting, Primitive Camping, Picnicking, and Fishing (nine fishable lakes and ponds).

Lake Tywappity Conservation Area

State Rte RA, Chaffee MO (573) 290-5730 Facilities/Activities: Fishing, Boating, Hiking, Hunting & Picnicking. Handicap accessible. Restrooms available.



Big Oak Tree State Park

13640 State Hwy 102, East Prairie MO (573) 649-3149 Facilities/Activities: Fishing, Hunting, Boardwalk, Hiking, Bird Watching, Picnicking & Playground. Handicap accessible. Restrooms available.



Mingo National Wildlife Refuge

24279 State Hwy 51, Puxico MO. (573) 222-3162, min-go@fws.gov. Features: Fishing, Hunting, Hiking, Bird Watching & Picnicking. Restrooms available. Handicap Accessible.

Go to Sikeston.net/tourism for a list of restaurants, hotels and attractions or call 888-309-6591.