

# Southeast MO Nature Trails & Attractions

If you are a nature lover, you'll find no shortage of nature sites to visit in Sikeston and Southeast Missouri. You can enjoy hiking trails, bird watching, boardwalks (through cypress-tupelo swamps) and interpretative centers at many of the listed locations. Numerous bird species are seen at several sites including the snowy egrets, yellow-crowned night herons, tundra and trumpeter swans, sand hill cranes, and 17 birds of prey, including bald and golden eagles, ospreys, goshawks, marlins and several species of owls. Below is a list of attractions and locations to enjoy at your leisure. For help planning your trip contact the Sikeston Convention & Visitors Bureau at (888) 309-6591 or (573) 471-2498.



## **City of Sikeston Park System**

Sikeston has numerous parks featuring walking/bike trails & fishing lakes. For more information go to [www.sikeston.org](http://www.sikeston.org), or call (573) 475-3725. Sikeston parks are 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.

## **Points of Interest**

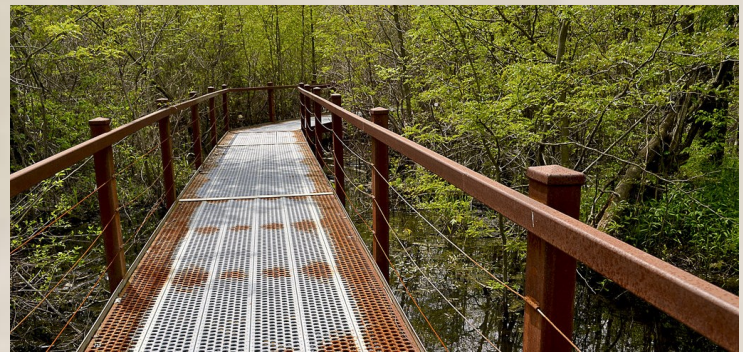
*Malone Park*, Scott at Center Street, Sikeston  
*American Legion Park*, W. Malone at New Madrid St., Sikeston  
*Sikeston Depot Museum*, 116 W. Malone, Sikeston, MO (573) 481-9967, [www.sikestondepot.org](http://www.sikestondepot.org).

## **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](mailto:min-go@fws.gov). Facilities/Activities: Fishing, Hunting, Hiking, Bird Watching & Picnicking. Restrooms available. Handicap Accessi-

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