

St. Charles Ecopark

WHAT THE ECOPARK IS

Before the 1993 Missouri River flood a small neighborhood occupied the St. Charles Ecopark site. After the flood this area was removed from development. The park is now gradually returning to nature. Gravel trails connect wetlands, woods, and river shoreline. "Sand trails" provide more access to the river. Because the Ecopark could flood again, new construction is simple and sturdy.

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Use the St. Charles Ecopark as a getaway. Use it to learn about nature and the environment. Use it for exercise. Visit to see spring wildflowers and sycamores turning yellow in fall. Watch swallows catch insects over the Missouri River. Ride your bicycle and connect to the Katy Trail. Explore a sand trail. Go fishing or birding. See the seasons change. Sit on a bench and sketch. For the sake of other visitors, leave no trace.



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GLIMPSE FROM WABASH R. R. BRIDGE, LOOKING NORTH—High Water Jan 7, 8, 9, 1903
St. Charles, Mo.



Clockwise from top left: Common yellowthroat, seen and heard in the Ecopark. Missouri River from a scenic viewpoint. A major flood in 1903 struck St. Charles, including this area. Looking west to St. Charles in the 1870s. Wabash bridge at right. White-tailed deer fawn browsing. The 1973 flood covered the Ecopark site. **Image credits:** Missouri Department of Conservation (1,5). St. Charles County Historical Society (3,4,6).