

GREENSFELDER PARK



Many people think that Greensfelder Park has more rustic beauty than any other St. Louis County park. Located in the foothills of the Missouri Ozarks, Greensfelder has lush, rolling hills and spectacular views. Come on out and explore! Wear your hiking shoes and bring water with you.

1. Find Scenic Loop Road and take it to Beulah Shelter. Who was Beulah? _____ Several things that belonged to Beulah are imbedded in the fireplace hearth and shelter floor. What are they? _____



#2. As you continue along Scenic Loop Road, watch for the glade restoration site on your left. About halfway around the loop, you'll see a sign with information about the glade. What does the park staff periodically do to maintain the characteristics of the glade? _____



#3. Find the entrance to Mud Cave. When you exit the Scenic Loop, turn right and park at the Glassberg Shelter. Along the walkway, just past the "Park Service Vehicles Only" sign, you'll see a dirt/rock path going down the hill on your left. Follow it for 450 feet to the cave. The cave is just one small room, but they call it Mud Cave for a reason! Don't go in without Mom or Dad, and old clothes and flashlights are a must!! Use your Junior Park Ranger observation skills and look around the area... why do you think this cave is so muddy? _____

#4. Find the Visitor Center. Go inside and you will find displays telling you about all sorts of interesting things including, caves, animals, insects, rocks and geocaching. Find the one with the rocks in it. What is the Missouri state rock? _____ State mineral? _____ State fossil? _____



#5. Find the Greensfelder Round House Memorial parking lot. From there, hike to the memorial. Technically, the memorial is on state property (Rockwoods Range), but it is still public land. The Round House was the Greensfelder's summer cottage. What year was it built? _____ What year was the memorial dedicated? _____