

# Stormy Day Review



## Missouri Explorer Campaign

***Parks and Public Spaces Across Missouri Participate in a Campaign to Engage Kids in Free Outdoor Learning Experiences on Their Phones or Tablets  
Turning Screen Time into Green Time***

In response to the growing desire for free, fun, and active outdoor experiences, partners have united to spark exploration, learning, and unforgettable family moments. These partners include Wonders of Wildlife, the U.S. Forest Service – Mark Twain National Forest, the Missouri Department of Conservation, Boone County, the Ancient Ozarks Natural History Museum, Dogwood Canyon, Lost Canyon Cave and Nature Trail, Kansas City, the McDonald County Historical Society, and the Lee’s Summit Parks and Recreation.

The Campaign introduces Agents of Discovery, an innovative educational technology platform that empowers educators to craft their own augmented reality games—imagine a Pokémon Go adventure, but with a focus on parks and education. The Missouri Explorer initiative invites you to embark on an exciting journey until May 11, 2025. Join in by downloading the free Agents of Discovery mobile app and engaging in “Missions” at participating locations. Each Mission presents educational “Challenges” that illuminate local history, culture, ecosystems, and safety.

In Boone County, immerse yourself in the stories of the courthouse plaza or the garden surrounding the Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture. This campaign also rewards your adventures with amazing prizes for our dedicated players—known as “Agents.” Upon completing a Mission, you’ll earn a lanyard and a player card, and by completing three Missions, you’ll receive a Missouri Explorer Patch and gain entry into a raffle for exciting prizes. To claim your lanyard and Missouri Explorer Patch, simply reach out to Boone County Stormwater. Embrace the adventure!

Email Boone County Stormwater to receive your lanyard and Missouri Explorer Patch





# Play in Boone County



## Boone County Courthouse Plaza



The mission is to explore the Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture Park and discover everything about the food grown here and the water that supports these plants!

Join the game to discover Boone County Courthouse Plaza. Explore the area to uncover and answer questions that highlight Boone County's history, monuments, stormwater management, and ways we can be responsible stewards of our natural resources.



## Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture



# Where to play in the State



## Callery (Bradford) Pear “buyback” program!

The Missouri Invasive Plant Council (MoIP), in partnership with Forest ReLeaf of Missouri, Forrest Keeling Nursery, and the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC), will host a Callery (Bradford) Pear “buyback” program in locations around the state on April 22. Homeowners are invited to cut down one or more Callery Pear trees and receive one free, non-invasive tree at this event.

<https://moip.org/.../01/31/2025-callery-pear-buyback/>



## Stormwater Educator Intern

Boone County Stormwater is seeking a Stormwater Education Intern to join our team. In this role, the intern will collaborate closely with Boone County stormwater staff on various ongoing projects aimed at enhancing community understanding of stormwater management practices. Responsibilities will include assisting with the planning and execution of educational programs, attending meetings to help coordinate efforts, and participating in community events to promote awareness and engagement around stormwater issues. This internship provides a valuable opportunity to gain hands-on experience in environmental education and contribute to the preservation of our local waterways.

Learn about the position.

## Stormwater Programs

The STEM Alliance and Boone County stormwater team have teamed up to engage students in sessions, connect students who shared about the importance of sustainable practices, and connect them to local waterways.



To learn more about programming, contact Boone County Stormwater.

## Upcoming Events

### ***Stream Critters and Health Stream Monitoring Blitz***

April 5, 2025  
9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

### ***Missouri Conservation Corps Spring Volunteer Events***

April 3, 2025

### ***Cleanup Columbia***

April 12, 2025

### ***Home Show***

April 11-12, 2025

### ***Earth Day Festival***

April 27, 2025  
12:00 - 7:00 PM

### ***Greater Bonne Femme Watershed Creek Week***

June 8-14, 2025

### ***Water Festival***

June 14, 2025

## Quick Quiz

Take this quick quiz at <https://forms.gle/k4qR27Tb5pQB33TW9> or send it to Michele Woolbright in Resource Management, or email them to [Stormwater@boonecountymo.org](mailto:Stormwater@boonecountymo.org) with your answers by April 1st. Participants can win a travel mug!

1. Where can you play an Agent of Discovery Mission in Boone County?
2. What invasive tree can you cut down as part of the buyback program?
3. What event is on April 5, 2025?