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Wilderness Day and Wilderness Walk In Celebration of the 50th Birthday of the Wilderness Act

WHAT: There will be eight family activities highlighting the eight Wilderness Areas in Missouri: Bell Mountain, Devil's Backbone, Hercules Glades, Piney Creek, Rockpile Mountain, Paddy Creek, Irish Wilderness and Mingo Wilderness. See a tarantula, backpacking gear, fishing tackle, fire starting tools and more. On an urban walk learn the *Ten Essentials for Hiking and Leave No Trace Guidelines* as you walk past a beautiful garden, pond and creek.

Afterwards enjoy birthday cake and dulcimer music while viewing the photo exhibit *50 Years of Wilderness Through the Lens of Missouri's 8 Wilderness Areas*.

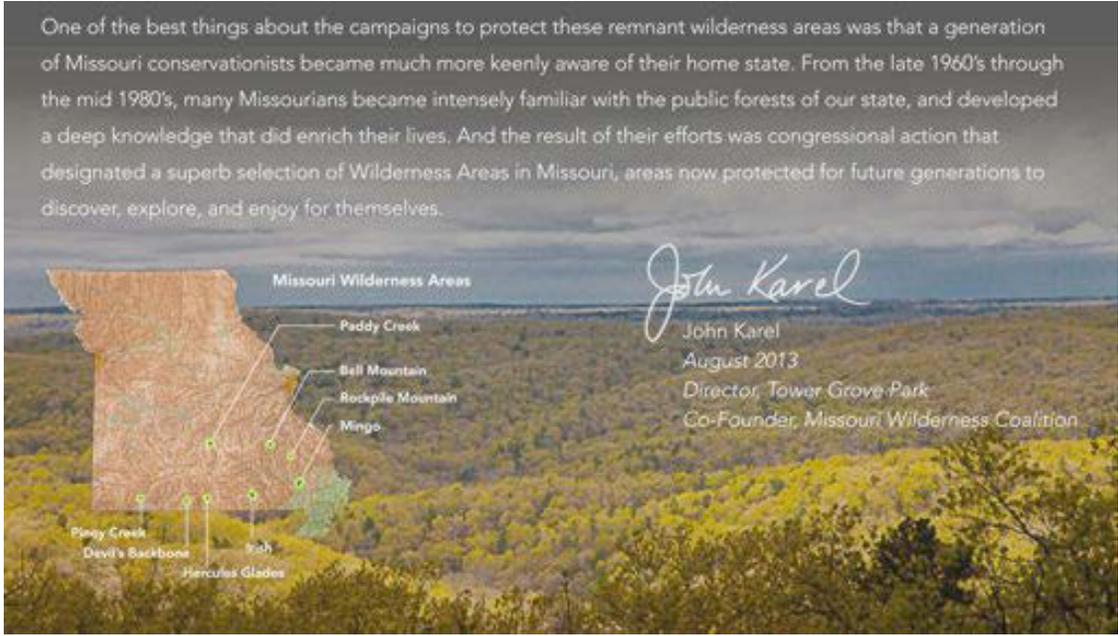
All events are free and open to the public.

WHEN: The Wilderness Day will be held on June 7th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Wilderness Walk starts at noon and ends at 3 p.m. Walks will depart every half hour with leaders from the Sierra Club and Kansas City Outdoor Club.

WHO: The Wilderness Day is hosted by the Anita B. Gorman Conservation Discovery Center and the Sierra Club,

WHERE: Anita B. Gorman Conservation Discovery Center, 4750 Troost Ave., Kansas City, MO

Wilderness50 is a coalition of more than 25 non-profit organizations, academic institutions, and government agencies that are planning and implementing local, regional, and national events and projects. Visit <http://www.wilderness50th.org> and <http://www.wilderness.net> to find more information on your favorite wilderness areas in Missouri and around the United States.



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