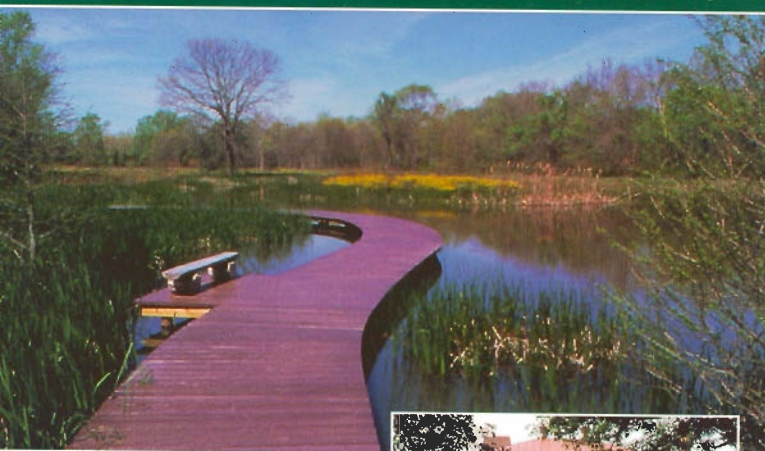




Shaw Nature Reserve

Missouri Botanical Garden



A Natural Escape

The 2400-acre **Shaw Nature Reserve** is located in the rolling terrain of the northern Ozarks, 30 miles west of St. Louis. It was established by the Missouri Botanical Garden in 1925.

- The **Visitor Center** offers seasonal displays of natural events, interpretive programs and classes.
- The **Pinetum** is a showcase for pines, spruces, and other conifers in its spacious meadows, plus daffodils and flowering trees in spring.
- The **Whitmire Wildflower Garden** displays hundreds of labeled Missouri native wildflowers and other plants in natural habitats.
- The historic **Bascom House** features an exhibit on the history of land use in the lower Meramec River valley.
- Fourteen miles of **hiking trails** loop through the Reserve's diverse natural habitats.
- **Ecological restoration** efforts have re-established extensive tracts of the tallgrass prairie, glades, wetlands, savannas, and woodlands.
- An observation deck offers a panoramic view of acres of the **tallgrass prairie** and distant hills.
- **Twenty acres of wetland** with a 300-foot **boardwalk** provide an opportunity to observe a diversity of wetland plants and animals.
- **Educational programs and tours** offer a wealth of opportunities for learning about nature.

The grounds are open daily from 7 a.m. until 1/2 hour past sunset. The Visitor Center is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekends. All visitors are required to stop and register at the Visitor Center.

General admission: \$3 for adults; \$2 for age 65 and over; children 12 and under, members, and passholders are free.

For more information write or call: Shaw Nature Reserve, P.O. Box 38, Gray Summit, MO 63039.

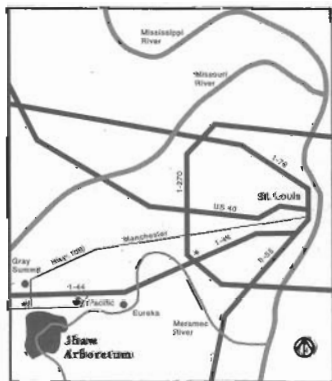
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Parts of the Shaw Nature Reserve are accessible to people with disabilities. Please call ahead for special accommodations.

Please help us maintain this natural area by leaving your pets at home, picnicking only in designated areas, and by not picking flowers or collecting living or geological materials.



Shaw Nature Reserve is 30 miles west of St. Louis at Exit 253 off I-44.



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