

Explore the Western Greenway: Rockwoods Reservation to Meramec Greenway



Meander between
rocky limestone bluffs
along Route 109.



SHORT TRIP

- 3 miles from **B** to **C** and back
- 1 hour 45 minute walk/30 minute bike

MEDIUM TRIP

- 5 miles from **B** to Turkey Ridge Trail loop and back
- 2.5 hour walk/1 hour bike

TRAIL SURFACE

Greenway is asphalt trail separated from the road. Rockwoods Reservation trail is natural surface separated from the road.



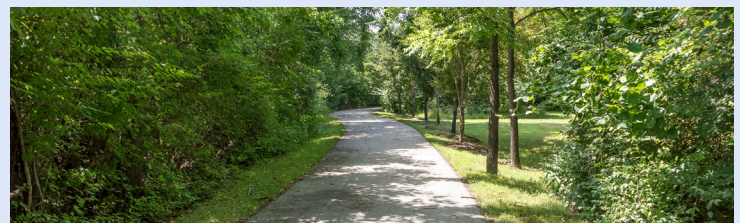
EXPLORE & ENJOY

Trailheads

- A** **Al Foster Memorial Trailhead:** 225 Grand Avenue, Wildwood, MO
- B** **Glencoe City Park Trailhead:** 505 Washington Ave., Glencoe, MO
- C** **Turkey Ridge Trailhead:** 3197 Woods Road, Wildwood, MO

Point of Interest

- Miniature Railroad**



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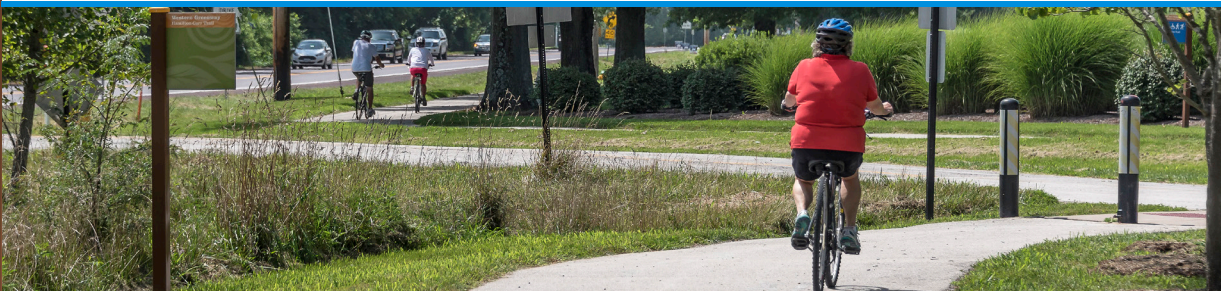
WHILE YOU'RE EXPLORING

- » Look for white-tailed deer, songbirds, birds of prey, and other wildlife along the greenway
- » Grill out or play on the playground in Glencoe City Park
- » Look up to see an abundant variety of birds in this Audubon Society-designated Important Bird Area along the Western Greenway
- » Continue on the Turkey Ridge Trail in Rockwoods Reservation

NATURE: The Western Greenway connects to Rockwoods Reservation which features a rich diversity of plant and animal life as well as springs, caves, and rock formations. Most of the original forest was cut down in the early 1900s to burn in lime kilns for the limestone extracted from the area, and the area is covered today by a dense second growth hardwood forest. The Western Greenway parallels the path that wagons used to haul the quarried stone to the railroad station in Glencoe from the area that is known today as Rockwoods Reservation.

CULTURE: The Western Greenway passes by the La Salle Institute which was built in 1872 as a Catholic orphanage for the children of St. Louis who lost their parents and guardians in the cholera epidemic. The campus later became a school for boys, a religious institute, and now a retreat center.

HISTORY: Over eons, Hamilton Creek has eroded a break in the limestone bluffs near where the Meramec and Western Greenways meet. For many generations of Native American people, this was one of the few natural pathways through the bluffs to get to and from the Meramec River.



Greenways are outdoor spaces connecting people and places. Each greenway is unique, reflecting the character of the communities it connects. Greenways can include **trails, conservation projects** such as rain gardens and restored prairies, **amenities** like restrooms and drinking fountains, and **connections** to businesses, neighborhoods, parks, schools, waterways and transit. There are over 120 miles of greenways throughout St. Louis City, St. Louis County and St. Charles County for you to explore and enjoy.