

Stewardship 2022

From October 1 to September 2022 a total of 1,529 hours have been dedicated to the trapping and removal of feral hogs within the all three, adjoining parks. A noticeable decline in the feral hog population has been noted due to these efforts, however work will continue, with the goal of complete eradication on state park properties.



Prescribed Fire is a necessary and proven way to maintain and enhance the health of ecosystems with state parks. Within October 2021 and September 2022, staff have contributed 1,788.5 hours to the preparation and burning of identified burn units with the Johnson’s Shut-Ins/Taum Sauk complex. State parks will continue to burn selected areas on 3 – 5 years cycles.

Additional Stewardship Work 2022			
Invasive Species Removal/Treatment	Biological ID/Field Surveys	Eco-Restoration	Workshops/Training
220.75 Hours	225.5 Hours	456 Hours	45.75 Hours
			



Missouri Feral Hog Elimination Partnership – Southeast Missouri

Missouri Department of Natural Resources – Division of State Parks

Missouri State Parks are participating within the Missouri Feral Hog Elimination Partnership alongside agencies including Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services (APHIS) and the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC). A state park strike team has been established with a goal to increase **trapping/baiting operations on state park land** helping to effect and maintain a decline in the regional hog population until the Feral Hog Elimination Partnership eradicates feral hogs across the state.

For more information concerning feral hog elimination efforts on Missouri State Park property please call the State Park Statewide Feral Hog Operations Coordinator, Harlee Scherrer, at 636-208-2446.

US Department of Agriculture – Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services (APHIS)

APHIS, the dominating agency concerning feral hog removal, traps/baits and uses aerial gunning for feral hog removal within public and private lands. They are the leaders of the Missouri Feral Hog Elimination Partnership.

The Missouri Feral Hog Elimination Partnership includes the following organizations:

- USDA APHIS Wildlife Services
- Missouri Department of Conservation
- US Forest Service – Mark Twain National Forest
- Missouri Department of Natural Resources
- Fort Leonard Wood Department of Parks and Wildlife Natural Resources Branch
- Missouri Department of Agriculture
- US Army Corp of Engineers – Kansas City and Little Rock Districts
- Ozark Scenic Riverways of the National Park Service
- Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services
- US Fish and Wildlife Service – Mingo National Wildlife Refuge
- USDA APHIS Veterinary Services

For more information about APHIS' national feral swine damage management program, please contact the APHIS Wildlife Services Program at 1-866-4USDA-WS (866-487-3297)

Missouri Department of Conservation – MDC

MDC is a participating member of the Missouri Feral Hog Elimination Partnership. MDC traps/baits feral hogs on public and national forest lands. They also assist private land owners who are experiencing damage due to feral hogs. MDC monitors the illegal release of feral hogs in Missouri.

To report feral hog sightings and/or damage please call 573-522-4115, Ext. 3296