



Earth Fair 4

Saturday, April 10, 9-2
Shawnee Mission East Gym,
75th Street and Mission Rd

Free, and fun for all ages! Activities for every age! Cars of the future will be on display (including hybrid cars, electric cars, and a solar race car). There will be a huge used book sale. Learn about the state of the environment – local, regional and national. Native perennials and vegetables and eco products will be available for sale!

Five hours of award-winning environmental films will be shown. A local band will play. Organic lunches will be served. Live performers! Solar and wind energy alternatives! Awesome live animals! Walk through a Kansas prairie! Over 25 special displays! Terrific baskets of door prizes every hour! You won't want to miss this event! Informative talks are scheduled:

9:30 Xeriscaping: Low-Water Landscaping

10:30 Gardening for Butterflies

11:30 Roundtable: Building a Green Sanctuary

12:30 Briarwood 3rd Grade Singers

1:00 Protecting Your Family from Household Hazardous Waste

This annual event is presented by the Prairie Village Environment and Recycling Committee, and Shawnee Mission East High School Environmental Club. Contact Jill DeWitt (816) 333-3293 or (jdewitt1@kc.rr.com) to sign up for an hour or two at the Burroughs Audubon table.

Visit the Burroughs Audubon Nature Center and Library at Lake Jacomo.

Prairie Chicken Viewing at Dunn Ranch

This is the season to view the spring courtship of prairie chickens from a viewing blind with a guide at Dunn Ranch, west of Eagleville, from March 12 to May 1, 2005. The Missouri Department of Conservation has a staff guide. Registration is free, but reservations are required. About 8 viewing spots are available each day (depending on the mix of adults and children) and guests must register in advance. It is a one-half mile walk uphill to the viewing blind. There is a vertical rise of about 100 feet over this half-mile distance.

Participants should expect to be in the viewing blind a minimum of two hours. There are no restroom facilities at Dunn Ranch. The closest facility is at the service stations at I-35 in Eagleville.

Dunn Ranch is owned and managed by The Nature Conservancy. Use of the viewing blind is by reservation only. To minimize disturbance to the prairie chickens, visiting the booming grounds/blind without a guide is not allowed. Late arrivals may not come to the viewing blind on their own. Departure from the parking lot to the viewing blind will be approximately 1 hour and 20 minutes before sunrise. Lightning will prohibit viewing. This may be an on site call by the guide on the day you arrive.

For more information e-mail Thomas.Nagel@mdc.mo.gov and copy Yvonne.Heerlein@mdc.mo.gov However, registration for viewing is best handled by phone (in case your preferred viewing date is filled and an alternative date needs to be chosen) - call the Missouri Dept. of Conservation Northwest Regional Office at 816-271-3100 Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to register.

Please contact us at least one week (preferably sooner) before your

planned viewing date. Additional details will be supplied.

Sponsored by the Missouri Department of Conservation and The Nature Conservancy.

Viewing Location:

To reach Dunn Ranch from Interstate 35 at Eagleville, Mo. (near the Iowa line), go west on Hwy. N about ½ mile to Hwy. 69 in Eagleville. Turn right (north) on Hwy. 69 and go about 1/4 mile to Hwy. M. Turn left (west) on Hwy. M and go about 5.75 miles to the Dunn Ranch parking lot on the right (north) side of Hwy. M, directly across from the intersection of 170th Ave. and Hwy. M.

For information on Earth Day Celebrations in Missouri, contact Marty Kraft: Martyk@allspecies.org



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Answers to Birding Challenges:

1. The peregrine falcon is the fastest bird on Earth.
2. Grassland birds have shown the most consistent declines of any group of birds monitored.