

Hiking

- Riverlands Migratory Bird Sanctuary. Visitors will experience accessible paved and unpaved trails. **EASY**
- Chouteau Island Levee Trail. This 7-mile lightly traveled out-and-back trail features a number of activity options and is accessible year-round. **MODERATE**
- Calumet Creek. Hiking and off-road bicycling enthusiasts will enjoy this trail through the forest, and everyone will appreciate the quiet serenity of Clarksville, Missouri. **DIFFICULT**

Fishing

The low water dam is accessible for all types of bank fishing. Maple Island is a fishing hotspot on the downstream side of the dam. Calumet Creek is a great spot for catching catfish. Other great fishing spots are Ellis Bay located within the Riverlands Migratory Bird Sanctuary, the Illinois Esplanade area adjacent to the National Great Rivers Museum, and Piasa Creek.

Regulations require the person to have either a valid Illinois or Missouri fishing license to fish in the Mississippi River.

Explore Riverlands

Riverlands offers an abundance of recreational opportunities for visitors. The Riverlands Migratory Bird Sanctuary offers hiking and biking trails and great locations for wildlife viewing and photography. Spanning 121 miles and designated as a National Water Trail in 2012, the Mississippi River Water Trail offers paddling adventures along the river from Saverton, Missouri, to the Gateway Arch in downtown St. Louis. The Mississippi River Water Trail Association partners with Project staff to offer special events and programs throughout the year for visitors. Calumet Creek Natural Area near Clarksville, Missouri, offers hiking and off-road cycling for visitors where they can be immersed in nature.

Bird Watching

Bird watching hotspots abound throughout the Riverlands area. The US Army Corps of Engineers has worked to restore habitat throughout its 3,700-acre prairie restoration area. Public lands connect with refuges along the river managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Bring your binoculars and camera. The best place to get started bird watching is the Audubon Center at Riverlands.

Photography

Chouteau Island is a place to get some great photographs while walking the historic Route 66 Bridge or hiking the levee trails, or snap a photo of your catch while fishing this area.

Paddling

- Riverlands Migratory Bird Sanctuary. Get away from it all by paddling in Ellis Bay next to the Audubon Center at Riverlands. **EASY**
- Piasa Creek. This lazy, slow-flowing creek gives paddlers a workout and experience navigating the current. **MODERATE**
- Pere Marquette State Park. Put in at this well-maintained boat launch; take out 7 miles downstream at Grafton, Illinois. **DIFFICULT**

National Great Rivers Museum at Melvin Price Locks and Dam

The National Great Rivers Museum invites you to explore the natural and cultural heritage of the Mississippi River, hear stories of the river, and discover the many hidden treasures of the river. Offering public tours of Melvin Price Locks and Dam, the museum tells the story of our navigation mission and how that mission is intertwined with the natural resources mission. The museum is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Public tours of the locks and dam are offered at 10 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m. To learn more about the museum, visit the Meeting of the Rivers Foundation website, www.meetingoftherivers.org.

