



Missouri State Parks and Historic Sites  
**EXPLORER PROGRAM**

To become a Missouri State Parks and Historic Sites Explorer, you must complete the following four requirements.

**PART I: Interpretive Study**

**With assistance from interpretive staff, do at least two of these five activities or similar activities:**

- Draw a map of the park or site during an important time period in the past, how it looks today or how it might look in the future.
- Tell about a plant or animal important to the park or site. What does it eat? What eats it? What happens to it after it dies? How would the world change if it became extinct? Make a poster of your plant or animal out of natural material.
- Tell about a building, artifact or past resident of the park or site. Why was it important? How was it made? How was it used? What did they do? How did they improve their world? Make a poster of your building, artifact or person.
- Learn about a period craft and explain its significance or build something using a reproduction of a historical or ancient tool.
- Tell about a special feature found at the park or site. What makes it special? How was it used? When was it used? How is it being preserved? What can you learn from it?



**PART II: Interpretive Programs**

Attend at least three interpretive programs led by staff. These may include guided tours, hikes, evening programs, etc. Please note that there may be a fee for some programs.

**PART III: Identification**



Identify 10 important things (objects, people or living things). Give the name of each and the importance to the park or site. Consider a wide range of subjects – plants, animals, rocks, fossils, minerals, historic events or people. The interpretive staff may quiz you.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

*To be filled out by state park or state historic site staff.*

Date	Site	Verified by
<b>PART I: Interpretive Study</b>		
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<b>PART II: Interpretive Programs</b>		
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<b>PART III: Identification</b>		
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This program can be completed by an individual, a family or as a group project. The requirements can be completed in any order at any of the participating state parks and historic sites. Staff at each park and site may have specific guidelines for you to follow. There is no time limit to complete the program. Keep this record card with you until you complete the requirements. Upon completion, turn your card in at any participating park or historic site to receive your patch. You may participate in the program more than once.



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