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Bothwell Lodge State Historic Site preserves and interprets the history of Bothwell Lodge, the larger property called Stoneyridge Farm, and John Homer Bothwell, the Lodge’s creator, and the era in which he lived. This is accomplished through the care and use of various resources including historic buildings, structures, artifacts, documents, and the surrounding environment.

The 250-acre site also provides outdoor recreation for all visitors in the form of picnicking, hiking, biking, and nature-watching.
Bothwell Lodge SHS Staff

• 3 full-time staff
  – Park Superintendent
  – Historian/Resource Interpreter
  – Senior Maintenance Worker
  – 3 part time staff members-Maintenance Laborer, Tour Guide
  – 1 Volunteer
Staff Functions

• Park Superintendent
  • Customer service
  • “Guides the ship”
  • Provides employee resources
  • Helps with tours
  • Performs clerical duties
    • Bills, hiring, banking, shelter reservations, tour reservations etc.
  • Other duties as necessary-filling in during the absence of other staff members
  • All duties are performed while maintaining a high degree of historic standards and customer service
Staff Functions

• Senior Maintenance Worker
  • Customer service
  • Performs routine and non-routine maintenance on all of the grounds and structures
  • Performs construction and landscaping work
  • Equipment operation and maintenance
  • Performs managerial duties in the absence of the manager
  • Other duties as necessary
  • All duties are performed while maintaining a high degree of historic standards and customer service
Staff Functions

• Historian/Resource Interpreter
  • Customer service
  • Artifact management
  • Seasonal tour guide interviewing and training
  • Performs managerial duties in the absence of the manager
  • Performs some clerical duties that include the monthly souvenir sales reporting
  • Other duties as necessary
  • *All duties are performed while maintaining a high degree of historic standards and customer service*
Work Since September 2021

Air conditioning work on the park van
Andrea clearing a tree that dropped on Radiant Trail.
Work Since September 2021

Andrea clearing a tree that dropped on Radiant Trail.
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Andrea performing artifact cleaning.
Work Since September 2021

Plaster and paint repairs in the third phase dining room.
Work Since September 2021

Original color of the dining room identified.
Work Since September 2021

Plaster and paint repairs in the third phase dining room.
Jeff performing plaster and paint repairs in the third phase dining room.
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Jeff performing plaster and paint repairs in the third phase dining room.
Terry performing plaster and paint repairs in the third phase dining room.
Work Since September 2021

Plaster and paint repairs in the third phase dining room.
Work Since September 2021

East wing porch window rehabilitation
Work Since September 2021

East wing porch windows before rehabilitation
Work Since September 2021

East wing porch window during rehabilitation
Work Since September 2021

East wing porch windows after rehabilitation
Work Jeff Since September 2021
Work Since September 2021

Terry painting in the upper hall of the lodge third phase
Work Since September 2021

Plaster repairs in the lodge third phase upper hall
Work Since September 2021

Terry painting in the upper hall of the lodge third phase
Progress on the replica well shed thus far. The original is pictured on the left.
Early work on the replica well shed
Work Since September 2021

Early work on the replica well shed
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Snow from February, 2022
Work Since September 2021

Snow from February, 2022
Work Since September 2021

Removing snow from February, 2022
Work Since September 2021

Bulk material storage area cleanup
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Tour guide Amanda in period correct clothing
Day use area shelter

Site staff manage this along with the rest of the site.
Day Use Area

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Check Out a Fun Upcoming Event at Bothwell Lodge SHS!

Dark Sky Wonders

Oct. 21, 2022, 6-10 p.m. (Rain Date: Oct. 22, 6-10 p.m.)

Program location: Bothwell Lodge State Historic Site day-use area (Once in the park on Bothwell Lodge State Park Road, take the first left.)

This event is free and open to the public.

Contact us at 660-827-0510 or email andrea.goldstrom@dnr.mo.gov.

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Looking at the night sky, gazing up at the endless stars and amazing planets, evokes a feeling of pure awe and wonder, but it is possible that in a few decades we may not be able to experience this feeling due to light pollution. But there is something we can all do!

Join the Camdenton Astronomy Club and staff at Bothwell Lodge State Historic Site for a fascinating and informative presentation on light pollution and telescopes from 6:30-8 p.m. in the day-use area. Afterward, stick around to view the stars and planets from 8-10 p.m.

Free refreshments will be available while supplies last. Please dress warmly and bring bug spray, chairs and flashlights.

To register for this program, go to mostateparks.com/event/dark-sky-wonders. The program may be canceled due to inclement weather.
We constantly monitor the integrity of the lodge and implement proper cleaning and maintenance measures to the following issues:

- Damage to interior and exterior of lodge from natural elements
- Study the underground caves for structural strength
- Damage made by insects and other pests
We handle artifacts, loans and donations with care:

- Wear protective gloves when handling artifacts.
- Clean artifacts and lodge with minimal chemicals.
- Monitor conditions on artifacts.
- Measure conditions of the lodge using the HOBO data monitors.
- Work with Past Perfect, an archival system that keeps track of all the artifacts.
- Take pictures, measurements, and descriptions about artifacts that will be entered into Past Perfect.
How do the gardens at Bothwell Lodge SHS stay so beautiful and bright?
Lots of weed pulling, thinning, planting, mulching, and maintaining is what it takes to make Lucy Bothwell’s gardens beautiful!
We use the NRID program to enter any flora and fauna that we observe. This helps to observe how our wild, beautiful and diverse natural community is doing.
We welcome organized groups from schools, scout troops and more for tours of the lodge and outdoor educational programs. Here is Girl Scout Troop 71902 enjoying a tour of the lodge and a nature hike on historic Stonyridge Trail!
We enjoy having visitors of all ages from all over coming to tour the lodge and learn about Mr. John Homer Bothwell, his friends and family, and their life up on Stonyridge Farm. Sometimes, we surprise guests by dressing in period clothing to give tours!
Our visitors enjoy picnics, hikes, walks about the grounds, and so much more!
Be sure to check out “These Artifacts” and “Stonyridge Nature Adventures” on Facebook: Bothwell Lodge State Historic Site

Stonyridge Nature Adventures: To Bee or Not to Bee?

At first glance, both insects look like bees. Both are fuzzy, with yellow and black coloration, both have antenna, six legs, and wings. But one of these flying insects is an impostor! Look and compare below, and see why this insect is a master of mimicry.

A Bee (Eastern Rumblebee)
- Antennae is “allowed” with a joint that bends.
- Eyes are small, long, and narrow.

Not a Bee (Robber Fly)
- Antennae is short and stubby.
- Eyes are large, round, and meet in the middle.
- Simple set of wings (Pollinator team, 2018).

What also makes the robber fly a master of mimicry is their ability to look like a bee to other insects that may harm them or benefit them. Predators will not approach a bee that could sting. Prey could be confused thinking it is just a bee looking for nectar or pollen. But to their demise the robber flies are predators, smart hunters that will catch flying insects in the air. When the prey is seized, the robber fly will inject its paralyzing salivary through its hypopharynx (tongue). They will suck up the liquefied contents of the prey through their proososis. Robber flies normally hunt in open, well lit areas and are most active in the warmest part of the day (Scotting, 2017). This robber fly was found in the shaded woods of the flavidant trail resting on a leaf. mimicry in nature is important for the survival of a species, and it’s fascinating how insects are not only able to mimic their surroundings, but of other insects.

References

Stonyridge Nature Adventures: Red-Eared Slider

Scientific Name: Trachemys scripta elegans
Family: Emydidae in the order of Testudines
The red-eared slider (pictured above) is one of the most common semiaquatic turtles in Missouri. The striking red behind their eyes is what gives this turtle its name. They can live in many different types of aquatic habitats from rivers, sloughs, osbowlakes, constructed lakes and ponds.

Red-eared sliders love spending most of their time basking in the sun on logs or rocks. Their name “slider” comes from their habit of sliding quickly into the water from their basking spots.