**CAMPERS**

Make sure you are properly prepared for your camping trip.

— Apply insect repellent when enjoying the outdoors.
— Wearing pants and long sleeves decreases your chances of ticks and mosquito bites.
— Wearing light-colored clothing makes ticks easier to spot and deters mosquitoes.
— Make sure to do a thorough tick check of your body and clothes daily.

**CAMPSITE**

Staying on park trails and mowed areas is one of the best ways to avoid ticks, poison ivy and other unpleasant encounters with nature.

**WILDLIFE**

Help Missouri keep wildlife wild and yourself safe.

— “Leave Them Be.” Trying to touch, pick up or kill wildlife is seen as a threat by animals and their first line of defense is to bite and/or claw to get away.
— Feeding wildlife, intentionally or not, decreases their fear of humans but not their wild instincts. This can make encounters with humans more dangerous for the person and the animal.
— Store food properly. Keep food inside secure locations, such as your vehicle. Raccoons and bears can easily open coolers.
— Keep a clean camp. To deter unwelcome nighttime visitors to your campsite, clean up all food debris and do not burn trash in fire rings.