

Dr. Edmund A. Babler Memorial State Park

Spring 2010 Notes

NEW PARK HOURS!!!

- From April 1 until Nov. 1, Dr. Edmund A. Babler Memorial State Park is open daily from 7 a.m. - 9 p.m. The visitor center is open Wed. - Sun. from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- During the months of March and Nov., the park is open from 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. The visitor center is open Sat. and Sun. from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- During the winter months, Dec., Jan. and Feb., the park is open from 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. The visitor center is closed during the winter months.

Dr. Edmund A. Babler Memorial State Park visitor center presents free nature films during regular business hours in the Owl's Eye Theater. Stop by the visitor center between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to see the feature film of the week.

Campground Amphitheater programs are offered every Sat. at 7 p.m. from Memorial Day until Labor Day. Contact the visitor center to find out this week's topic. You don't have to be a camper to enjoy these awesome programs!

Are you interested in a nature or history program for your school field trip or your scout group? Park interpreters do programs on a wide variety of topics. Schedules are filling up, so contact park interpreters to schedule a program for your group today!

Not sure what to do in the St. Louis area? Check out the Gateway Children's Nature Connection website for information about events throughout the St. Louis area at www.gatewaycnc.org

Enjoy nature overnight! Dr. Edmund A. Babler Memorial State Park has 75 campsites, 31 basic sites and 44 electric sites. Reservations can be made on-line at www.mostateparks.com or by calling the reservation system at (877) 422-6766.

Leave No Trace isn't just for the backcountry! Make sure you pack out what you pack in - it can make a huge difference to the health and beauty of a forest! Want to do a little extra? Take a trash bag with you when you hike and help keep the trails clean.

Dr. Edmund A. Babler Memorial State Park has two shelters available for daily rental from April 1 until Oct. 31. These shelters provide a perfect setting for family picnics or friendly get-togethers. Shelter reservations can be made during regular business hours at the visitor center.

Earn your explorer patch during Explorer Hours at the visitor center every Sat. from 1-4 p.m. and every Sun. at 10 a.m. and at 2 p.m. from Memorial Day until Labor Day. For details about the Explorer program contact the visitor center or check out our website at <http://www.mostateparks.com/explorer.htm>.

Visitor Center Hours

March and Nov.	April - Oct.
8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.	8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Sat. - Sun.	Wed. - Sun.
Closed Mon. - Fri.	Closed Mon. - Tues.

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For more information: www.mostateparks.com

800-334-6946 (voice)

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Dr. Edmund A. Babler Memorial State Park Spring Special Events

Night Sky Over Babler - April 17, 8-10 p.m.: The St. Louis Astronomy Society will assist park visitors with viewing the night sky. The planets Mars and Saturn will be visible along with The Big Dipper, Leo and Gemini. This event will take place in the field near the Edmund Babler Statue.

Memorial for Frederick T. Frog - May 29, 7 p.m.: A dear friend of Babler State Park, Mr. Frederick T. Frog, passed away after jumping into a polluted pond. Celebrate his wonderful life and discover what you can do to make a difference and keep this from happening to his amphibian relatives at this memorial service. This activity will take place in the campground amphitheater.

Get Out and Play Day - May 30, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.: *Get Out and Play in Missouri State Parks!* A variety of different activities will be available for parents to participate in to "get out and play" with their children of all ages at Babler State Park. Activities include exploring a micro-habitat, an explorer hike and more! Participants will also learn about the Explorer Program and begin earning their state park Explorer Patch.

Explorer Patch Programs - Earn your explorer patch during Explorer Hours at the visitor center every Saturday from 1-4 p.m. and every Sunday at 10 a.m. and at 2 p.m. from Memorial Day until Labor Day. For details about the Explorer program contact the visitor center or check out our website at <http://www.mostateparks.com/explorer.htm>.

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Recent Happenings

Feb. 25, 2010 - Governor Jay Nixon was at Babler to promote the Youth Corps program. For more information about the Youth Corps program, visit <https://thinkoutside.mo.gov/>. Left: from left to right, Bill Bryan, Director of State Parks, Jeff Robinson, park superintendent, and Governor Jay Nixon examine the Alta Shelter. Cleaning up the debris from the Nov. 2007 fire at the Alta shelter will be one of the Youth Corps projects and is the first step in restoring the historic building. Right: Governor Jay Nixon promotes the Youth Corps program at a press conference at Babler State Park.



Feb. 10, 2010 - Participants in the Show-Me Quilt Program show off their favorite state symbol blocks - for more information about upcoming events, contact the Babler State Park visitor center.

