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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ST. CHARLES COUNTY PARKS' BUSH HONEYSUCKLE ROUNDUP MAY 31**



**ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO** – Grab the family, a pair of gloves and a hand saw or set of pruning tools, the St. Charles County Parks and Recreation Department needs help cutting down invasive bush honeysuckle! The removal process is from 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., Sunday, May 31 at Missouri Bluffs Park, the department's newest 286-acre property, located at 18 Research Park Circle in St. Charles.

This eradication project is suitable for all ages and is needed to curb the spread of these undesirable plants before the Parks Department can install a new trail system on the property. Volunteers will receive on-site training with Park Ranger Abigail Chambers, and will be divided into separate work areas throughout the undeveloped park property. Participants are encouraged to bring a sturdy set of shoes or work boots, wear a long-sleeved shirt and pants, and be prepared to follow social distancing guidelines.

Those interested in assisting with the volunteer project must pre-register by Friday, May 29. To register, visit <https://bit.ly/May31HoneysuckleRoundup> or call the Parks Department at 636-949-7535.

Participants will need to follow program directional signs placed along Research Park Circle to access the area where the volunteer project is taking place in the park. If unfavorable weather conditions exist on the day of the event, registered participants should check the Rainout Line app on our website at [stccparks.org](http://stccparks.org) or call 636-707-0011 for the program status.

St. Charles County Parks purchased the 286 acres of Missouri Bluffs property from the University of Missouri System in October 2019. The property includes 86 acres to be developed for County park trails, as well as 200 acres that the County will continue to lease to the Missouri Bluffs Golf Course.

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**About St. Charles County Parks & Recreation**

The St. Charles County Parks & Recreation Department was created in 1997 after voters approved a local use tax with the sole purpose of park land acquisition, development, operations and maintenance. The department's mission is to preserve natural and historic features in areas throughout the county for the use of future generations. Today, the department operates 16 parks that total 3,645 acres of acquired park land. From historic homesteads to a youth skate park; from camping, hiking, biking, and fishing to weddings and educational classrooms, there's something for everyone in St. Charles County Parks.

For more information and specifics about each park, amenities, trails, and more, visit [stccparks.org](http://stccparks.org).