GREEN-ROCK TRAIL

The Rockwoods Range Tract, Greensfelder County Park and Rockwoods Reservation provide the setting for the beautiful Green-Rock Nature and Conservation Trail.

Hikers will be traveling generally north by northeast through some of the most beautiful country in the State of Missouri, preserved by our state and county governments for your enjoyment. All are encouraged to use and preserve this outstanding woodland environment. Please stay on the foot trail and with your leaders.

TRAIL OPPORTUNITIES

WOODLAND HIKING: 99% of trail is in the woods.

USE OF THE COMPASS: Opportunity for individual advancement.

MAP ORIENTEERING: a "topo" map, Eureka Quadrant U.A.G.S. is helpful

GOOD TURNS: Removing dead limbs from the trail makes it better for those who follow you.

OVERNIGHT SCOUT CAMPING

Scout camping sites can be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis if made in advance by calling Saint Louis Regional Conservation Headquarters, 636-441-4554, attention Recreational Use Coordinator. You must call 30 days in advance and a copy of the permit will be sent to you.

GENERAL DIRECTIONS

Transportation: "Shuttles" to meeting or pick-up points will need to be made as Green-Rock is not a circular trail. Greensfelder County Park, in the center, has several parking areas along Allenton Road for halfway parking. Near the end of the trail, Glencoe Road and the Rockwoods Education Center provide parking and picnic areas.

Trail Markers: Follow the Appalachian Trailblazers that identify much of the 14 mile trail(vertical white strip 6" x 1"). Posts with metal Green-Rock Trail signs also mark many of the major road crossings.

The Green-Rock Trail consists of three segments: A) Rockwoods Range, B) Greensfelder County Park, and C) Rockwoods Reservation.

THE ROCKWOODS RANGE

The Green-Rock Trail begins at the parking lot on the south side of Fox Creek Road found 1.3 miles west of the Allenton, I-44 Exit. The trail head begins at the Green-Rock Trail sign across the road. Start using your compass and orient your map. Take bearings at intervals along the way and have a great hike!

GREENSFELDER COUNTY PARK

The middle segment of the trail crosses Greensfelder County Park and is administered by the St. Louis County Parks and Recreation Department.

The Albert P. Greensfelder Memorial site is the location of the former Round House providing a scenic overlook of the valleys to the south. Toilets are available. The Radio Towers above the Allenton Road mark one of the high points of the trail. The Dry Lake Bed and Dam Site mark the lowest level of the Green-Rock Trail in Greensfelder County Park. Stay in a generally northern direction by your compass and follow the Appalachian Trailblazers from this point to the south boundary of the Rockwoods Reservation where the trail parallels Melrose Road briefly eastward before crossing.

ROCKWOODS RESERVATION

The final segment of the Green-Rock Trail winds through hilly country to the Rockwoods Education Center with animals and birds native to Missouri on display. The Rockwoods Reservation and Range are administered by the Forestry Division, Missouri Department of Conservation.

Cottonwoods Picnic Area on Glencoe Road provides parking and an excellent rest spot(if the creek is dry) near the crossing at the rustic trail bridge on Hamilton Creek that brings you to the end of the trail. Toilets are available.

Rockwoods Education Center has inside and outside exhibits with personnel on duty to help you. The Green-Rock Trail and its 14 miles of beauty ends here. The Green-Rock Trail, dedicated May11, 1968, is sponsored by the Greater St. Louis Area Council, Boy Scouts of America. It was developed by Troop 594 at St. Louis Country Day School and is maintained under the auspices of the St. Louis Area Council of Hiking Trails.

