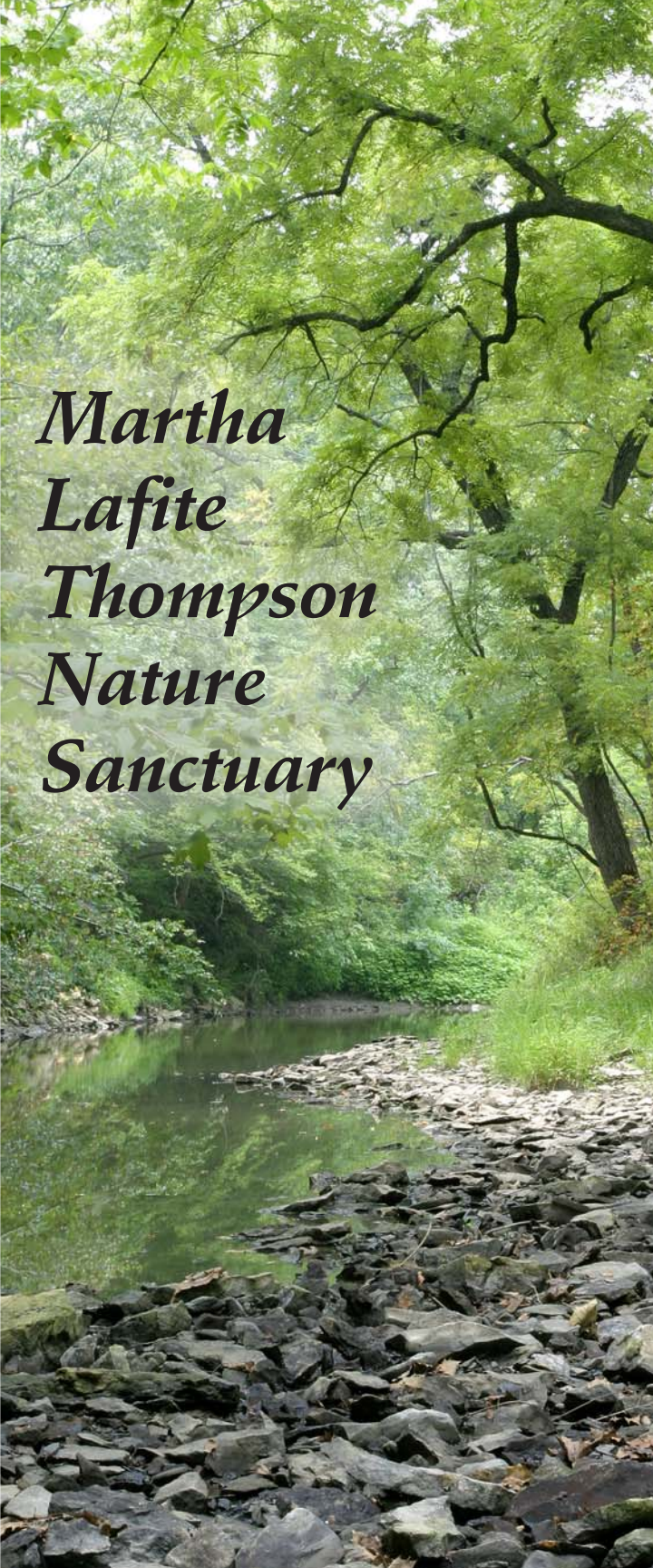




Martha Lafite Thompson Nature Sanctuary  
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Liberty, Missouri 64068-8417



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*Martha Lafite Thompson Nature Sanctuary* began with a dream to provide a natural area that would be the home to a great diversity of native plants and animals...

...where people of all ages could enjoy and learn about the natural world. Today, the dedicated staff and volunteers continue that effort through engaging, hands-on programs and thoughtful land management.

Martha Lafite Thompson enjoyed observing the natural world and dreamed of leaving behind a place for others to share in her love of nature. In 1964 she designated her 53-acre estate as a sanctuary. In 1976, a year after her passing, the Martha Lafite Thompson Nature Sanctuary was created as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. The Nature Sanctuary is supported solely through membership fees, program fees, donations, grants, and investment income.

As the only fully functional nature center in the Northland, Martha Lafite Thompson Nature Sanctuary provides Liberty and the surrounding communities with diverse opportunities to learn about the natural world. As it moves into its second 30 years, the Sanctuary is committed to continuing to be a destination for those who already enjoy nature and for those who want to reconnect with it. We hope you will consider becoming a member and supporter of the Sanctuary and help ensure our continued efforts to inspire people to take personal responsibility in preserving our natural resources.

## *The Interpretive Center*

Two classrooms, a library, an exhibit hall, and the Chrysalis Nature Shop are housed within the Center. The exhibit hall provides hands-on opportunities to learn about the natural world, view up-close native reptiles and amphibians, and enjoy the happenings at the bird feeding station. Just outside, the Butterfly and Hummingbird Garden, Sensory Adventure Garden, and Outdoor Educational Water Garden burst with a world of activity.

Bird seed, feeders, birdhouses, natural history books, field guides, nature-themed gifts, souvenirs, and nature-focused t-shirts, toys, and games can be purchased through the Chrysalis Nature Shop.

Looking for a special place to host a staff meeting or office retreat? Consider the Nature Sanctuary! For a very reasonable fee, rent the library or one of the classrooms. Call for more information and availability.



*The mission of Martha Lafite Thompson Nature Sanctuary is to provide:*

- *engaging, hands-on environmental and natural science education for all ages*
- *biodiversity of native plants and animals through wise management of our natural resources*
- *understanding that all Earth's inhabitants are part of complex interdependent ecosystems*
- *opportunities for quiet reflection and reconnection with the natural world*

# Educational Opportunities

The Nature Sanctuary offers a wide range of nature-focused educational programs for members and visitors. From the program areas listed below to special events such as the Garden Tour, Nature Fest, Monarch Mania, Bluegrass in the Tallgrass, Fairy Tale Forest, and Elves' Workshop, there are a multitude of opportunities to enjoy the wonders of nature.

- Program areas include:
- School Field Trip Programs
- Preschool Programs
- Home School Programs
- Senior Programs
- E.G.A.D.S. Summer Camps

- Scout Programs
- Themed Birthday Parties
- Adult Lectures & Workshops
- Adult Field Trips



## Take a Hike in a Fine Mix of Habitats

The Nature Sanctuary is comprised of nearly 100 acres of land, including the Missouri Department of Conservation's Rush Creek Conservation Area.

Nearly four miles of hiking trails provide the opportunity to explore diverse habitats that include woodlands, re-created prairie, a frog pond, and the beautiful Rush Creek. Two paved trails, including one that is accessible to everyone, give visitors a taste of the natural world near the Interpretive Center. A picnic shelter with seating for 100 is available for reservation.

More than 160 species of birds, 50 species of butterflies, white-tailed deer, bobcats, skinks, frogs, snakes, and a host of other species provide excellent wildlife viewing throughout the year.

A plethora of spring woodland wildflowers decorate the forest floor while prairie grasses and wildflowers, some eight feet tall, adorn the grasslands in late summer.

No fees are collected to tour the Interpretive Center and explore the grounds. A suggested donation of \$2.00 per person or \$5.00 per family is welcome.

# Volunteer Opportunities

The Nature Sanctuary relies heavily upon many talented and dedicated volunteers. Volunteers assist with programs, special events, reception, animal care, newsletter folding, land management, and a host of other duties.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer at MLTNS, please contact us at 816-781-8598.



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# Your Membership...

Assures the continuation of our efforts to provide meaningful nature experiences for children and adults.

Allows us to continue our efforts to protect, repair, and enhance the biological integrity of the Sanctuary.

Provides essential funding that helps ensure the financial stability and continued existence of the Sanctuary as an integral part of our community.

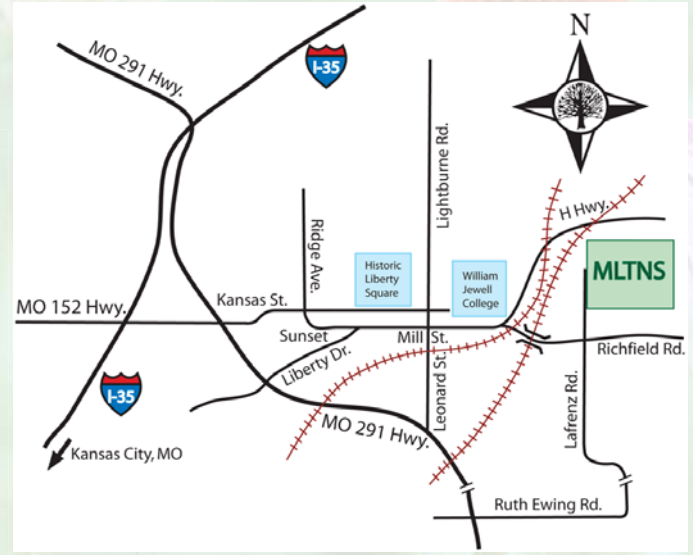
## Membership Privileges Include:

- Bimonthly newsletter
- Members-only events
- Reduced rates for most programs
- 10% discount on purchases in the Chrysalis Nature Shop
- Access to trails before and after hours

**Nature Sanctuary Trails Open Daily:**  
 (Human foot traffic only, please)  
 Winter Trail Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
 Daylight Savings Time Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Interpretive Center Open:**  
 Winter Hours: Tuesday - Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
 Daylight Savings Time Hours: Monday - Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., excluding holidays

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<b>Membership Levels</b>	
<b>Individual Privileges:</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ladybug	\$20-34
<input type="checkbox"/> Coneflower	\$35-49
<b>Family Privileges:</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bluebird	\$50-74
<input type="checkbox"/> Bluestem	\$75-124
<input type="checkbox"/> Monarch*	\$125-249
<input type="checkbox"/> Kingfisher	\$250-499
<input type="checkbox"/> Sycamore	\$500-749
<input type="checkbox"/> Bobcat	\$750-999
<input type="checkbox"/> Martha's Circle (Lifetime)	\$1,000 +

\* To optimize your donation and assistance to the Sanctuary, please consider membership at this level.



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# Become a Member of the Nature Sanctuary

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip+4 \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Check Enclosed - Make check payable to MLTNS

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