# Weekend Trip: Touch Of Nature Trail – Volunteer Vacations 2024

April 11th - April 14th

1206 Touch of Nature Rd, Makanda, IL 62958

## **Quick Facts:**

• Project Rating: Moderate

• Group Size: 5-15

Project Type: Day Hiking

Accommodations: Cabin

• Temperature:

Average High: 68°

Average Low: 44°





### **Project Description:**

• Nestled amidst the breathtaking beauty of the Shawnee National Forest in southern Illinois, join this project to support trail accessibility at Touch of Nature Environmental Center! Touch of Nature Environmental Center hosts experiential education programs that utilize the many natural resources on and around its 3,400 acres located in beautiful Southern Illinois. These programs offer opportunities for all people and focus on traditional outdoor activities, environmental education, and adventure pursuits.

## **Offsite Activity Description:**

• Host will organize a visit to an undeveloped rock ruin called "Spanish Fort", and volunteers will have the opportunity to hike the nearby City Creek Trail.



#### **Area and Attractions:**

• Touch of Nature Outdoor Education Center lies on 3200 acres of privately owned property, and is adjacent to Crab Orchard Wildlife Refuge, Giant City State Park, and the Shawnee National Forest. There are ample opportunities for hiking, mountain biking, rock climbing, and paddling all within a 10 minute drive.

#### **Travel Details:**

• St Louis International Airport, St Louis, Missouri is the closest major airport. Airport pick up and drop off is not available for volunteers, however carpooling and rideshare can be arranged upon confirmation of the trip.



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