



2 Capitol Fossils

by *Patrick Mulvany*

Paleontologists say there are two places to find a fossil – in the field and in a museum. Missouri’s State Capitol is clearly both the seat of government *and* a museum. The walls and floors made of Missouri limestone are filled with fossils, embedded and polished for your viewing pleasure.

8 Winter Fun in Missouri State Parks

by *Tom Uhlenbrock*

Missing are the spring peepers, summer whip-poor-wills and crunching fall leaves. The sensory extravaganza that awaits you during winter activities in a Missouri state park is breathtaking. The crisp silence seems to beckon sounds from miles away.

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25 years – Missouri Stream Teams

by *Susan J. Higgins*

Founded in 1989, the first Stream Team hauled 14 tons of trash out of Roubidoux Creek in Pulaski County. Today Missourians join the 96,000 volunteers and 4,800 Stream Teams in celebrating their service and success.

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Above: Missouri limestone provides a permanent monument to a variety of extinct marine animals. *DNR photo by Scott Myers.*

Front Cover: A grazing bison at Prairie State Park, near Lamar. *DNR photo by Scott Myers.*

Back Cover: A bluff-top trail at Castlewood State Park offers a birds-eye view of the Meramec River. *DNR photo by Tom Uhlenbrock.*