

# How to Get Involved with Wild Waterway Rescue

Let this guide help you understand how you can get involved locally or statewide with Wild Waterway Rescue, our once a year special event, partnered with the accredited zoos and aquariums of Missouri.

## What is Wild Waterway Rescue?

Wild Waterway Rescue is a partnership event between Missouri Stream Team, the accredited zoos and aquariums of Missouri, and you, the volunteer. Wild Waterway Rescue aims to get volunteers out picking up trash in our beloved Missouri waterways during the first two weeks of November. This is an annual, statewide event that anyone can participate in.

## Why should I participate?

You should participate:

1. If you want to support your favorite zoo or aquarium! You can go out individually and donate your time and tonnage (tons of trash picked up) to your favorite zoo or aquarium by volunteering with family or friends, and then submitting an Activity Report under your registered Missouri Stream Team. You can also participate in one of the large pickup events planned statewide, found [here](#) on our calendar.
  - a. Not registered? Registration is easy and free! Register [here](#).
2. If you care about water resources in the state of Missouri and want to get litter out of streams during the month of November!
3. If you want a super cool, limited-edition Wild Waterway Rescue x Missouri Stream Team t-shirt, that you can only get by participating in this event. *You must be a registered Missouri Stream Team to receive a shirt, so make sure you sign up.*

## How do I participate?

- Go out on your own or go to one of our public events from November 1st - 10th:
  - If going out on your own:
    - Make sure you are part of a registered Missouri Stream Team.
      - Not registered? Registration is easy and free! Register [here](#).
    - Submit a PLN (plan, before your event) or a LPU (litter pick-up, after your event), which are types of activities in our Activity Report. You can submit that Activity Report [here](#). *Try to get your Activity Report in before December 1st, when the total numbers for the event are tallied.*
    - When submitting your report, put **"Wild Waterway Rescue"** in the comments, and specify **which zoo you would like to donate your hours to**. *You must specify that you were participating in Wild Waterway Rescue, or you will not receive a limited-edition t-shirt.*
      - *Make sure you tell us how many people came, and their t-shirt sizes, when you fill out the form.*
    - Send us pictures of you out on the water or in the watershed! We love to feature Teams out and about caring for our resource.
  - If participating as part of a large, planned event:
    - Find an event near you by going [here](#).
    - When you attend, see if you can get a limited-edition t-shirt from the staff of

the event. If they are all out, message us at [streamteam@mdc.mo.gov](mailto:streamteam@mdc.mo.gov) and we will make sure to send you a shirt.

### When will I receive my limited-edition t-shirt?

If you attend one of the large events, you may receive your shirt while in attendance. However, if walk-ins are larger than expected, the events may run out of shirts. If that is the case, please let us know and we will add you to the list to ship out.

Final numbers from the event will be calculated the week of December 1st. Limited-edition shirts that are shipped out may take 8 weeks to reach you. If you have not received a shirt by February 15th please let us know and we will check your order for you.