

# Natural Resource Connections



Across Generations and Disciplines

## 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Natural Areas Conference

October 26-29, 2010

Tan-Tar-A Resort, Osage Beach, MO

*(located on the Lake of the Ozarks)*

- Network with Natural Resource Professionals from Around the World
- Participate in the Natural Resources Connections Symposium
- Attend Training Workshops, Symposia, Paper Sessions and Field Trips
- Earn Professional Continuing Education Credits



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Caretakers...  
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**The Natural Areas Association** is a membership-based, non-profit organization whose mission is to advance the preservation of natural diversity. The Association works to inform, unite and support persons engaged in the identification, protection, management and study of natural lands. In addition to hosting an annual conference, this organization publishes the Natural Areas Journal and a newsletter, and serves as an information portal through its website.

Go to [www.naturalarea.org](http://www.naturalarea.org) for more information.

## The 2010 Natural Areas Conference

will be held in the Ozark Highlands of Missouri. The conference will continue its tradition of providing practical, land management focused information through symposia, workshops, paper sessions, posters, roundtables and opportunities for social networking. This year's conference will host a Natural Resources Connections Symposium, offer continuing education credits for training workshops and field trips, sponsor student mentoring activities, and host a Nature Art exhibit and contest.

## Training Workshops and Field Trips Offer Professional Continuing Education Credits

This year, more than ever, workshops, symposia and field trips are being designed and linked to provide continuing education credits through traditional professional societies (SAF, TWS, AFS, SWCS).

### Topics include:

- Big Rivers Ecology and Management
- Prescribed Fire
- Monitoring Plants and Animals
- Glade/Woodland Restoration
- Cave Ecology and Management



Spectacular Ozark Autumn Scenery



Practical Workshops and Field Trips



Networking Opportunities

## Natural Resource Connections Across Generations and Disciplines...A Symposium

Traditional forest, fish and wildlife professionals, as well as natural areas managers are increasingly asked to take a more holistic, ecosystem based approach to management. Integration of traditional values is growing, and the lines between the various disciplines are blurring. Consequently, the skill sets necessary to be an effective resource manager are changing.

- Hear perspectives from professionals, educators, and students on today's challenges.
- Discuss how we can better connect across generations and disciplines.
- Participate in a world café conversation and contribute to a position paper on resource management and education challenges.

## Student Mentoring

Mentoring of future natural resource professionals will be pursued through:

- Conference Scholarships
- Participation in the Symposium
- Student Research Paper & Poster Sessions
- Student Research Awards
- Topic Based Mentoring Socials

## Exhibitor/Vendor Fair

- Network with hundreds of natural resource professionals.
- Display products and information during social events and poster session.
- Contribute items to silent and live auctions to raise funds for the Natural Areas Association.

Contact [Info@naturalarea.org](mailto:Info@naturalarea.org) for more information.

## Conference Hosts



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