

Ozark National Scenic Riverways

National Park Service



Called "Spring of the Summer Sky" by Native Americans, Blue Spring is one of Missouri's most beautiful. At 310 feet deep, it is also the deepest, and is usually a vivid blue color. The color is caused by the depth of the water and by dissolved minerals. The color may change depending on factors such as the amount of storm run-off and even the time of day.

Blue Spring is a short half mile walk along this trail. Stay to the left at the trail junction just ahead. It is a Missouri Natural Area, a special designation given to areas of outstanding beauty or scientific interest. The 17 acre area around the spring is managed by the Missouri Department of Conservation, while the Current River and the surrounding area are administered by the National Park Service as part of the Ozark National Scenic Riverways.

Enjoy your walk to Blue Spring. You can help keep the area one of Missouri and the nation's treasures by remembering that swimming, wading and fishing are prohibited in the spring for its protection.

Blue Spring Natural Area

Missouri Department of Conservation

