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Jefferson City, Missouri — The public is invited to enjoy the entertaining sounds of bluegrass music on May 25 at Sam A. Baker State Park near Patterson. Sponsored by Missouri State Parks, the program will be held at 7 p.m. in the park's amphitheater.

Whitewater is an upbeat bluegrass band that plays old traditional and new bluegrass music. The concert, which is free and open to the public, will feature great music, fun company and a little comedy just for grins. Seating is limited so lawn chairs or blankets are encouraged.

Sam A. Baker State Park is located four miles north of Patterson on Highway 143 in Wayne County. For more information on the event or to register, call the park at 573-856-4411. For more information about Missouri state parks and historic sites, visit mostateparks.com. Missouri State Parks is a division of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

Aside from the new and upcoming Whitewater Bluegrass concert next Saturday, the park is now offering a variety of nature hikes. This event also takes place on next Saturday, where visitors will be able to join a park naturalist on May 25 for a two-mile hike to the fire tower on Mudlick Mountain at Sam A. Baker State Park near Patterson. Sponsored by Missouri State Parks, the hike will begin at 9 a.m. It is free and open to the public.

Participants will have the opportunity to enjoy spring with this with a relaxing hike to the fire tower. Built in the 1930s by the Civilian Conservation Corp, the tower sits at the top of Mudlick Mountain, at 1,313 feet elevation. The hike is moderate and steep in some places so hikers should wear sturdy, closed-toed shoes and bring plenty of water and snacks. Participants should meet in front of the park's Visitor Center.

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