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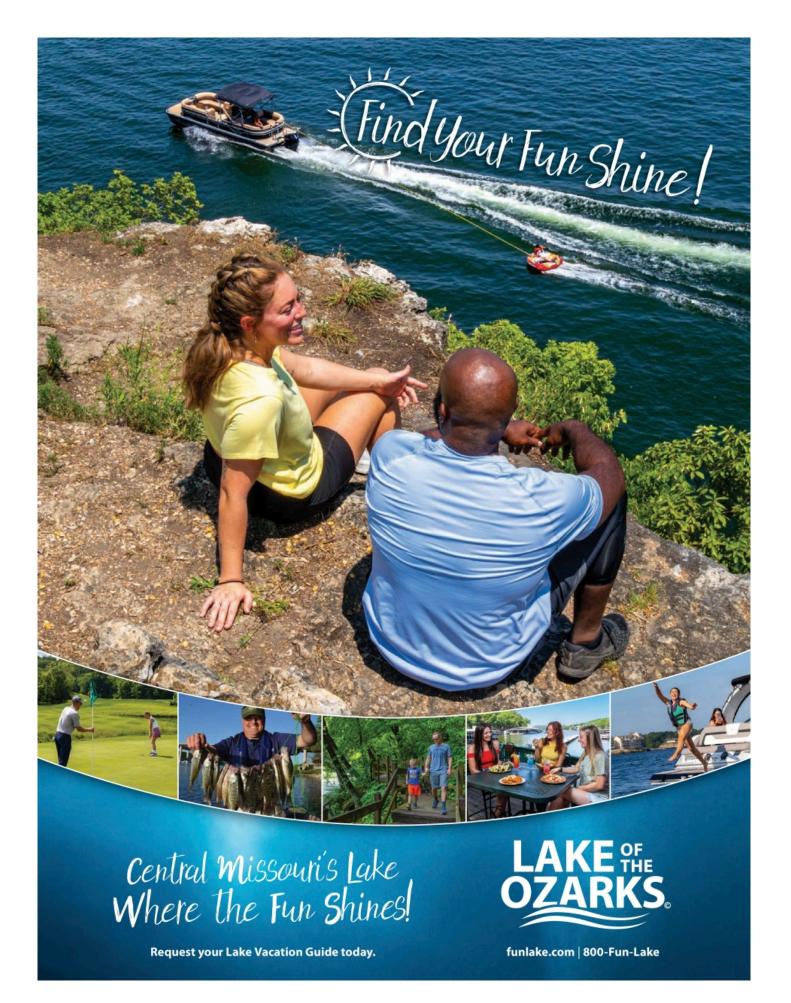


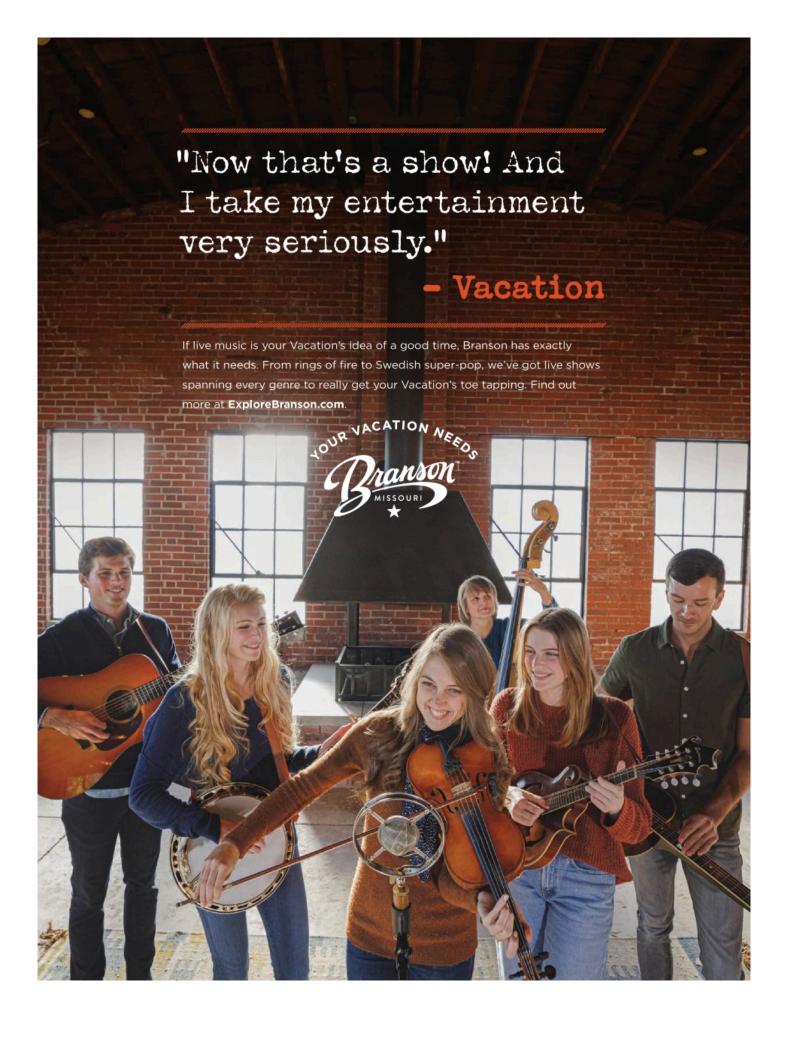
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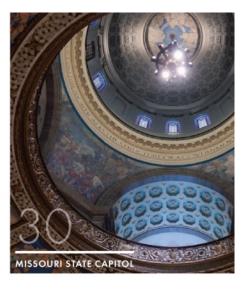
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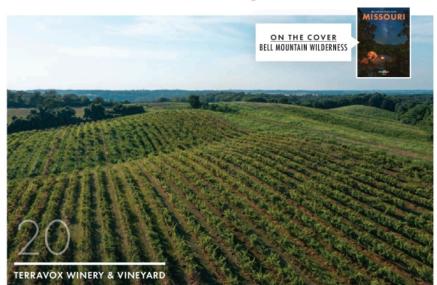
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rom our bustling cities and charming small towns to the rugged Ozarks and rolling farmland, the Show-Me State is a special place filled with scenic views, rich history, family fun and plenty of adventure.

Road trips are a popular way to see our state, but they aren't the only way to experience all we have to offer. We encourage you to bike through historic wine country and into trailside towns on the 240-mile Katy Trail, the longest developed rail-trail in the country; travel by train on Amtrak's Missouri River Runner, connecting St. Louis and Kansas City — with eight stops along the way; or climb aboard a boat, canoe, kayak or raft to navigate our beautiful lakes and streams. Additionally, more than 1,000 miles of hiking trails provide pathways for exploring state parks, conservation areas and national forest land throughout the state.

Missouri is teeming with family-friendly destinations – caves, zoos, aquariums and every kind of park you can imagine: theme parks, water parks, nature parks and more. Museums focused on historic events, prominent residents and life long ago share stories from the past. Outstanding art museums, theaters and concert halls showcase creativity in many forms. And sports fans can see the world-class teams that have put Missouri on the map.

You'll definitely want to treat yourself to our famous barbecue, homestyle cooking or gourmet cuisine.

We invite you to come enjoy all this and more here in the Show-Me State.

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olling hills, yawning caves and rugged bluffs are key features of Missouri's remarkable topography. The latter is ideal for climbers looking for the adrenaline rush of navigating a new path up sheer rock formations or trying out an established climb.

Beginner: Far older than the Appalachians and the Rockies, the limestone-based St. François Mountains in southeast Missouri are just challenging enough for novice rock climbers. St. Francois State Park requires all climbers to obtain a permit before climbing or rappelling at the designated area along Big River.

Challenging: About 13 miles northwest of Bonne Terre, near the small town of Tiff, Robinson Bluff has 226 limestone sport routes and bouldering problems that are some of the toughest in the state. Remember to bring a helmet to protect against loose rocks.

Best Time to Go: Since many rock formations are in the woods or near water, plan to go during mild fall and winter days to avoid high humidity and most insects.





ell over 1,000 miles of hiking trails crisscross Missouri and showcase the state's gorgeous scenery and native flora and fauna. Since no special equipment is needed for most trails, hiking is a popular outdoor activity that almost everyone can enjoy.



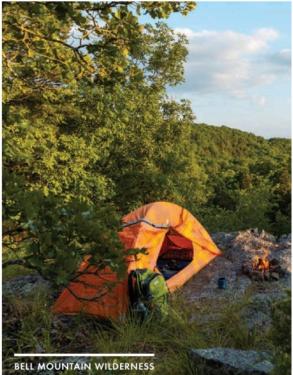
Beginner: Many state parks and conservation areas have trails suited to casual hikers. Burr Oak Woods Nature Center in Blue Springs has two paved trails, the Missouri Tree Trail and the J. Ernest Dunn Jr. Discovery Trail, both of which are wheelchair accessible. Along the trails, you'll see a forest, prairie, glade and pond. Many of the trees are labeled and interpretive signs help hikers build tree identification skills.



Challenging: Pack some camping gear and hiking boots for an adventure on the Ozark Trail. Spanning more than 390 miles, the trail cuts through the diverse landscape of the Ozarks. See stunning views of the Ozark Mountains, crystal-clear streams and dense forest during the day. At night, look up to gaze at the millions of glittering stars revealed by the area's remote



Best Time to Go: Spring and fall offer beautiful foliage and mild weather perfect for a day outdoors.



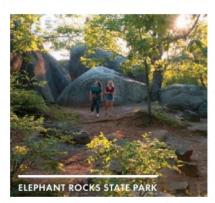






























eel the wind in your hair and the sun on your face while biking in Missouri. Many of the state's trails allow for bicycles, so you can take in the view on two wheels. Don't have a bike? Many bike shops near trails will allow you to rent one for the day.

Beginner: Katy Trail State Park is the longest developed rail-trail in the country. It's an ideal biking trail because of the long, flat stretches that run along the Missouri River, adorable small towns and quiet rural settings. Electric bikes that do not exceed 20 miles per hour are allowed on the trail.

Challenging: Take your mountain bike for a thrilling ride at Blue River Parkway near Kansas City. More than 25 miles of trails with varying degrees of difficulty are available for mountain biking. Additionally, numerous trails at Shepherd Mountain Bike Park near Ironton feature steep drops that require skill and agility to navigate.

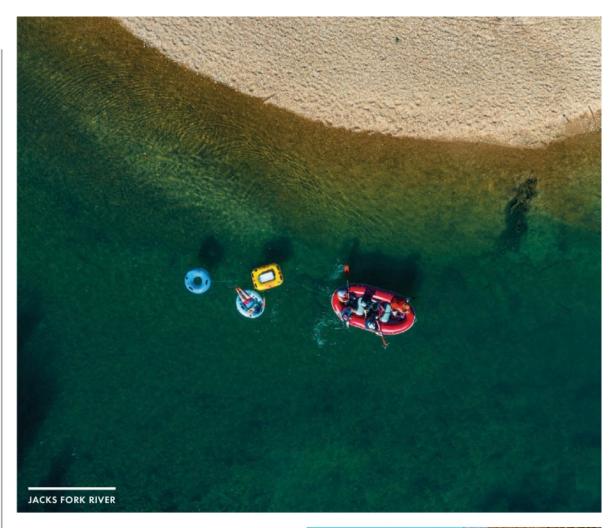


Best Time to Go: Casual biking is a fantastic activity year-round, but mountain biking is best in the fall when the weather is not too hot or cold and the ground isn't soggy from rain.







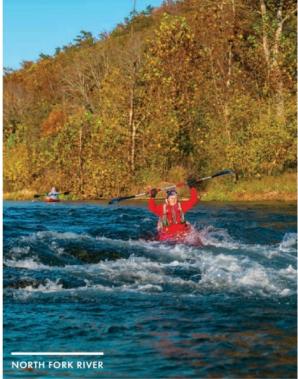


anoe, kayak, raft or tube – the choice is yours. No matter which one you choose, you're sure to enjoy Missouri's sparkling rivers on a float trip. Go solo for a relaxing day of fishing and soaking in the sun, or bring a group of friends for a splashing good time.

Beginner: An hour from St. Louis, Meramec River is a popular spot for groups to kick back and have fun on the water. Nearby outfitters will supply you with all the gear you need and a route to follow. Most floats can be completed in two to six hours, making it a great beginner option.

Challenging: Deep in the Ozarks, the Current and Jacks Fork rivers make up the Ozark National Scenic Riverways, which flows for more than 220 miles - most of which is floatable. The rivers' picturesque beauty and freshwater springs make them a top destination for a multiday excursion. Bonus: The Current River is excellent for trout fishing.

Best Time to Go: Float trips are a quintessential summertime activity in the Show-Me State, but fall also offers fantastic fishing opportunities.

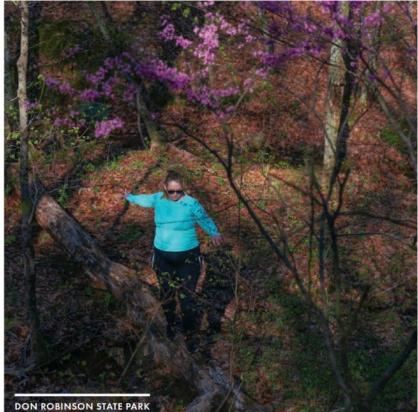
















mmerse yourself in nature and set out on a treasure hunt. Granted, the treasure you're seeking won't be gold coins or jewels. Instead, keep an eye out for tasty morsels and useful plants. Do your research before you go to make sure what you're picking is safe to eat, especially when it comes to mushrooms. Check regulations on public lands to ensure foraging is allowed.

Beginner: An abundance of edible plants can easily be collected on public land. Dandelions, pawpaws, persimmons and elderberries are just a few plants to keep an eye out for while foraging.

Challenging: Morel mushrooms are notoriously difficult to find. Look for the pitted, cone-shaped caps near dead trees, on slopes and in areas impacted by flooding. You'll have the best luck when the weather starts to reach 70 degrees during the day with temperatures close to 50 degrees at night.

Best Time to Go: Every season brings something new to forage, but morel season is a bit more limited - it runs from late March to early May.





# MISSOURI WINE REGIONS

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# From classic varietals to native grapes, great sips start here

issouri may not be the first place that comes to mind when you think of American wine, but the state's viticultural history dates back to the early 19th century. German immigrants who settled in the region brought with them their winemaking traditions and quickly realized the potential for growing grapes in the area's fertile soil and moderate climate. By the mid-1800s, Missouri was the second-largest wine-producing state in the country, behind only New York.

In the late 1800s, Missouri's wine industry gained international attention. An aphid native to North America called phylloxera ravaged French vineyards until a Missourian named Charles Valentine Riley offered his expertise as an entomologist. He shipped Missouri's phylloxera-resistant rootstock to France where workers grafted French

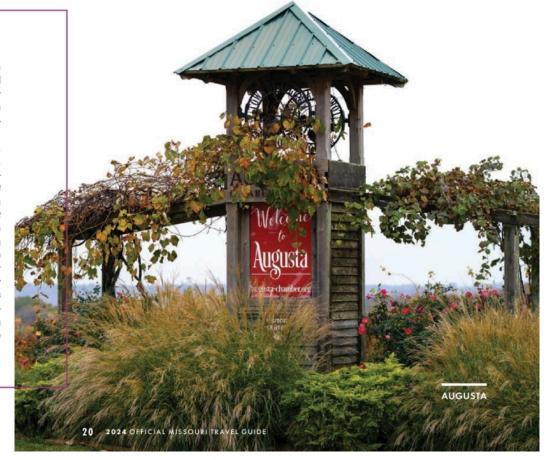
vines onto the Missouri rootstock, which saved the plants. Missouri grapevines helped revive the French wine industry, but they met their demise several decades later. When Prohibition took effect in 1920, the state's vineyards were uprooted and wineries closed, and the wine industry all but disappeared.

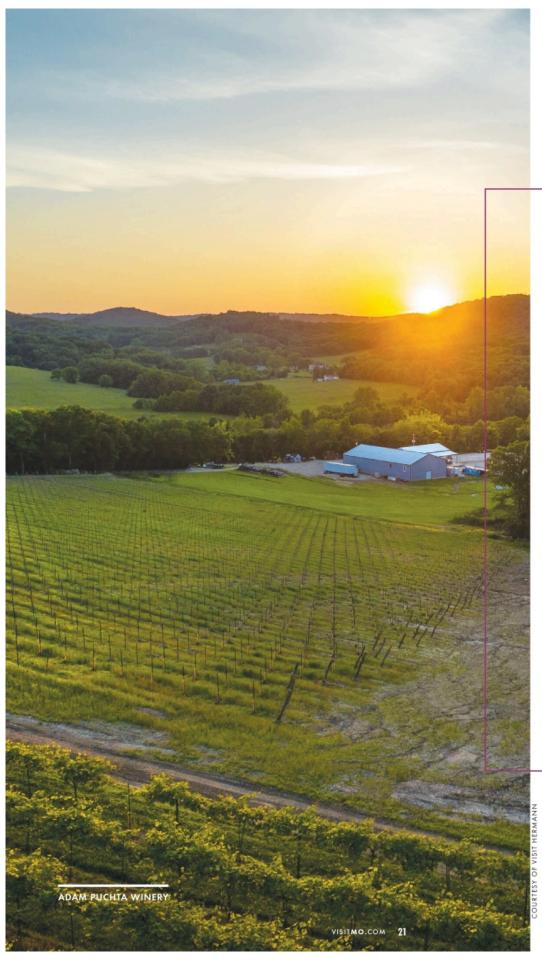
It wasn't until the 1960s and '70s that the Missouri wine industry began to make a comeback, thanks to the efforts of dedicated wine-makers who saw the potential for high-quality wine production in the state. Today, Missouri is home to more than 120 wineries, producing a wide variety of wines from classic varietals and native grapes, like Norton, Chamborcin, Chardonel and Vignoles. With a rich viticultural history and a renewed commitment to quality winemaking, Missouri is proving to be a significant player in the American wine industry.

# **AUGUSTA REGION**

In 1980, Augusta became the country's first American Viticultural Area (AVA). However, like other parts of the state, Augusta's wine traditions preceded that designation by more than 100 years.

The town's first winery, Mount Pleasant Estates, opened in 1859. Today, visitors can sip award-winning port in the 4,000-square-foot tasting room or take in the magnificent view from the terrace. The region has nine more wineries, including Noboleis Vineyards, where you can try a flight of wines under the tented pavilion. After a day of sampling, board the Miss Augusta for a cruise on the Mississippi River - dinner, sightseeing and wine-tasting cruises are the most popular.





### **HERMANN REGION**

Hermann is another small town steeped in Missouri wine history. Founded by German settlers, the area quickly became a hub of winemaking activity. It is now home to several wineries, including Adam Puchta Winery - the oldest continuously owned family winery in the country. Another must-see is G. Husmann Wine Co., which is named for the father of the Missouri grape industry, viticulturist George Husmann. After his extensive work in Missouri, Husmann moved to Napa in 1881 to help establish the grape industry there. To honor his work in both places, G. Husmann Wine Co. blends wine from its Missouri vineyards with wine from its sister vineyards in California. Additionally, each wine is named after a person in Husmann's life, so you can get a quick history lesson with your tasting.

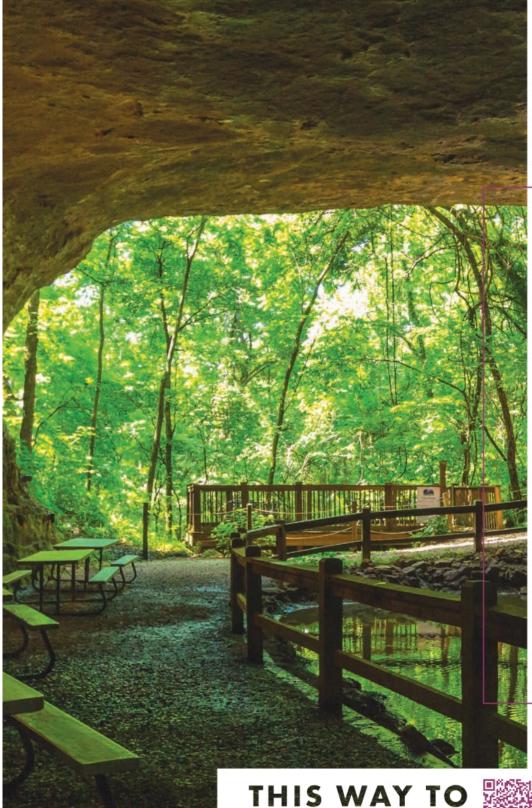
Diversify your sampling experience by visiting a distillery. **Black Shire Distillery** makes handcrafted spirits using locally grown grain and Missouri white oak barrels. The result? Smooth, flavorful drinks that capture the spirit of Missouri. Tours of the distillery include a look inside Black Shire's historic aging barn, brandy cellar and still room, plus a tasting.



# KANSAS CITY REGION

Experience the best of both worlds: urban sightseeing and peaceful escapes to beautiful vineyards. Stonehaus Farms, a womenowned vineyard and winery in Lee's Summit, serves a variety of classic and non-traditional wines, like apple-cranberry wine, from its scenic location. Just north of Kansas City in Weston you'll find the TerraVox Tasting Room, which shares a space with Green Dirt Farm Creamery. Green Dirt Farm's sheep milk cheese is the perfect complement to Terra-Vox's wines that are thoughtfully crafted from native North American grapes.

Not wanting to leave the city? Visit Fountain City Winery in Kansas City's historic West Bottoms neighborhood. Pick your drink of choice by reading through the characteristics of the different wines on the menu: "crisp, uplifting and effortless" or "bold, regal and timeless," to describe a few.



# STE. GENEVIEVE REGION

Route du Vin wine trail, featuring six wineries in southeast Missouri, will take you through communities rich with interesting history and beautiful countryside views. The most unusual stop on the trail is Cave Vineyard. As the name would suggest, you can sip wine inside a cave – tastings aren't offered in the cave, but you can bring bottles purchased from the shop. While you're there, don't miss the Biscotti Bar featuring homemade biscotti in more than a dozen flavors. Chaumette Vineyards and Winery is known not only for its award-winning wine, but also for the Grapevine Grill, which was voted the best winery restaurant in the nation. After a delicious meal and excellent wine, spend the night in one of the on-site villas.

Between stops on the Route du Vin, check out the Ste. Genevieve National Historical Park to see rare examples of French colonial architecture and learn more about Missouri's first European settlers.

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he secret to an amazing vacation? Start with a stunning place to stay.

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# 4633 4633 Food, fun and history abound in these eight towns along the Missouri River Runner route 30 2024 OFFICIAL MISSOURI TRAVEL GUIDE





# KIIRKWOOD

This suburb of St. Louis stands out with an identity all its own. Kirkwood's railway roots run deep - the town was named after the chief engineer for the Pacific Railroad. Filled with historic buildings, the pedestrian-friendly community spans 16 square blocks that are home to more than 100 specialty shops and restaurants.

TOTE EAT At Billy G's Kirkwood, an open kitchen with a brick pizza oven complements the industrial feel inside while the patio features cabanas and twinkle lights. Savor St. Louis-area favorites like toasted ravioli and thin-crust pizza.

STAY The Lodge at Grant's Trail, a short drive from Kirkwood, offers three suites and six themed rooms - each with its own design. The great room's three-story wall of windows overlooks a wooded hillside and Grant's Trail, a 10-mile rail-trail.

**EXPLORE The Magic House** children's museum is packed with hundreds of hands-on exhibits and activities for visitors of all ages. At the National Museum of Transportation, more than 70 locomotives as well as automobiles, buses, streetcars, aircraft and horse-drawn vehicles will take you on a trip through transportation

# WASHIINGTON

A riverfront park and vibrant downtown play host to a busy schedule of festivals and art-inspired events in Washington. The community is touted as the Corn Cob Pipe Capital of the World thanks to the Missouri Meershaum Company, maker of corn cob pipes for more than 150 years.

YOY EAT Pair a glass of wine, a craft beer or a cocktail with a charcuterie board or flatbread at Oak & Front. Finish with a delectable dessert - flourless chocolate cake, French macarons or brioche bread pudding.

STAY Washington's downtown has more than two dozen guest houses and inns. The Old Dutch Hotel & Tavern offers 14 rooms within walking distance to the Amtrak station, riverfront area and shops.

**EXPLORE** With more than 40 wineries within an hour's drive, Washington makes a great base for sampling your way through Missouri's historic wine region. Visit nearby Augusta, the country's first American Viticultural Area. There are also antique shops and art galleries waiting to be discovered.



## A RAIL-TRAIL CONNECTION

For a multimodal adventure, reserve a spot on the train for your bicycle. The Missouri River Runner route, on the south side of the river, parallels a portion of the 240-mile Katy Trail, on the north side of the river. Cycle to one of the Amtrak stations along the way and ride the train back to your starting point. Or travel by train to your destination and bike back to where you began. Either way, it's an unforgettable trip teeming with scenic views and trailside towns to explore.

# JEFFERSON CITY

Be prepared for a history lesson in Jefferson City, where the state Capitol sits on the bank of the Missouri River. Inside, the Hall of Famous Missourians honors accomplished individuals who have called Missouri home — including Mark Twain, Walt Disney and Laura Ingalls Wilder.

**FONT** Choose from a variety of dry-rubbed meats smoked to perfection at **Sweet Smoke BBQ**. Add a side or two from more than a dozen choices – pit beans, mac and cheese, and jalapeño cheddar grits are a few local favorites.

Fig. 5TAY Claim a spot by the fire pit and admire the view of the state Capitol from the patio of the Courtyard Marriott, located near Jefferson City's tree-lined downtown. If your trip includes a ride on the Katy Trail, you can stow your bicycle in your room.

**EXPLORE** By day, take a history tour of the **Missouri State Penitentiary**, once the oldest continuously operating prison west of the Mississippi River. The massive facility housed inmates for 168 years until it was decommissioned in 2004. At night, see another side of the prison during a ghost tour or overnight paranormal investigation.





# HERMANN

Settled by German immigrants in 1837, Hermann – a picturesque town overlooking the Missouri River – proudly shares its heritage, from the sturdy brick buildings that line the downtown to the sausage and schnitzel served in its restaurants. Popular festivals include Wurstfest, Maifest and Oktoberfest.

**\*\*Of EAT** Sample award-winning bratwurst, smoked pork chops, pulled pork and more at **Hermann Wurst Haus**. On the weekend, come for breakfast and a bacon Bloody Mary.

STAY Dozens of bed-and-breakfasts and guest cottages provide cozy and comfortable lodging. A short walk from the Amtrak station, The Inn at Hermannhof – with eight suites named for Missouri steamboats – combines old world charm with modern luxury.

includes Stone Hill Winery, the second-largest in the country until Prohibition stopped it in its tracks. The family-owned winery has staged an impressive comeback over the past 50 years. Go underground for a tour of the arched stone cellars, the largest in the United States.



# SEDALIA

The Trail's End Monument celebrates Sedalia's past as one of the earliest railheads for cattle-drive trails and highlights the railroad's role in the founding of the town. Four decades later, in 1901, Sedalia hosted the first Missouri State Fair, showcasing the prominent role agriculture plays in the state.

The tin ceiling and exposed brick at No. 5 Bistro & Bar are reminders of the building's former life as a manufacturing facility, established in 1866. Order a cocktail and head to the patio or take it with you to Josey Records next door to sip while you search for an album to add to your collection.

Experience the elegance of a bygone era at **Hotel Bothwell**, located a few blocks from the Amtrak station in downtown Sedalia. First opened in 1927, the fully restored hotel includes a spa and restaurant.

EXPLORE The historic Katy Depot is a popular stopover for cyclists riding the Katy Trail. Opened as a train station in 1869, the building now houses a full-service cycling depot, several gallery spaces and a permanent exhibit about Sedalia's history and the railroad.

# INDEPENDENCE

From the pioneer trails that took settlers west to one of America's most storied presidents, Independence overflows with history that changed the world. Mansions, museums and nostalgic shops preserve the town's intriguing past.

**EAT Vivalore** offers a one-of-a-kind dining experience with a menu focused on modern American cuisine. If the weather's nice, request a table in the flower-filled courtyard. Inside, peruse the art gallery's paintings, antiques and home decor.

STAY Woodstock Inn Bed & Breakfast, built in 1894, is an easy walk from the Amtrak station. European-themed rooms include the Italian Suite, French Chateau Spa Suite and English Spa Room. Breakfast is served from the Old English kitchen.

EXPLORE Discover the spirit of Independence's hometown hero at the Harry S. Truman Presidential Library & Museum. Suddenly thrust into the office of the presidency following the death of Franklin D. Roosevelt, Truman helped bring World War II to an end and desegregated the U.S. Armed Forces. The library and museum are part of the U.S. Civil Rights Trail.



# LEE'S SUMMIT

Big-city vibes combine with small-town appeal in Lee's Summit, where the historic downtown is a popular gathering spot. Summit Theater group, Lee's Summit Symphony and multiple music venues provide an array of entertainment for every taste.

YOY EAT Get pizza by the slice or go all in for a whole pie at Main Slice, a classic pizzeria that occupies a storefront on Main Street. Calzones, handmade pretzels and mouthwatering desserts fill out the menu.

STAY The Historic Browning bed-andbreakfast, located two blocks from the Amtrak station, dates back to 1889. A farm-to-table gourmet breakfast and made-from-scratch baked goods are served each morning.

EXPLORE Spend time downtown where you'll find dozens of boutiques and restaurants. Check the calendar for special events throughout the year, including a farmers market, art walks, music in the park, Oktoberfest and the Flights of Fancy Kite Festival.





# DEPOTS FROM THE PAST

A handful of Amtrak stations along this stretch of rail are housed in historic train depots dating back more than a century:

- Warrensburg Station, 1890
- Kirkwood Station, 1893
- Independence Station, 1913
- Washington Station, 1923

# WARRENSBURG

More than 150 years ago, a court case in Warrensburg inspired the famous phrase, "A dog is a man's best friend." The community pays tribute to Old Drum - the dog at the center of the case with a statue on the courthouse lawn. The famous canine shares the spotlight with two live mule mascots at the University of Central Missouri, a hub of activity in the college town.

YON EAT At Heroes Restaurant & Pub, memorabilia featuring political, sports and movie heroes will keep you amused while you wait for your hand-cut steak or juicy cheeseburger. Try the Unknown Hero cocktail, a local favorite.

STAY Choose from one of four spacious rooms at Gelbach Manor, a historic bed-andbreakfast just one block from the Amtrak station. The grounds include fountain-filled gardens, a fire pit and a heated pool.

EXPLORE Tour the Old Courthouse, where the Old Drum trial took place. The building, constructed in 1838, has been carefully restored on the Old Court House Square. The complex also includes a museum and old schoolhouse.

# IN THE LAND OF CHAMPIONS Show-Me State Sports: Game Day and Beyond

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# FOOTBALL

After the Kansas City Chiefs won their first Super Bowl trophy in 1970, fans waited 50 years for a second championship victory. The team followed up with a third win just three years later - in 2023. Experience the electric atmosphere of Chiefs Kingdom during a game at GEHA Field Arrowhead Stadium - known as the loudest stadium in the NFL. Tailgating at a Chiefs game is an event unlike any other as the smell of smoked meat fills the air in a city famous for its top-tier barbecue.

Take a stadium tour to learn more about the team's legacy. Legend has it that the name "Super Bowl" was coined by Chiefs founder and owner Lamar Hunt. Tour highlights include the field, locker room, press box, Founders Club and Hall of Honor.

For more gridiron excitement, watch the St. Louis Battlehawks compete in the XFL. First established in 2018, the team plays home games at The Dome at America's Center.

issouri sports teams have given

their fans a lot to celebrate in

recent years. During the past

decade, they've been rewarded with

World Series, Stanley Cup and Super

Bowl wins. Whether you're a die-hard

Show-Me State fan or your home team

hails from another state, make sports a part

of your Missouri getaway with a game-day

matchup, stadium tour or memorabilia-

filled museum.

Baseball is big in Missouri, where two major league teams bookend the state.

The St. Louis Cardinals is one of the oldest and most successful professional baseball clubs in the country. With roots dating back to the 1880s, the team was christened the Cardinals in 1900. Fans from throughout the Midwest and beyond – often called the best fans in baseball - have collectively referred to themselves as Cardinal Nation for more than 90 years. The team has won 11 World Series championships, the most of any National League team and second in all of Major League Baseball.

Explore the team's storied past on a tour of Busch Stadium and the St. Louis Cardinals Hall of Fame and Museum located nearby in Ballpark Village, a buzzing entertainment district. The stadium tour will take you to the field, broadcast booth and Redbird Club. The museum – with 15,000 artifacts and 80,000 photos - boasts the second-largest collection of baseball memorabilia in the United States. Interactive exhibits offer a chance to call a classic play or hold a bat once used by a Cardinals great.

Springfield is home to the franchise's Double-A affiliate team where more than 100 St. Louis Cardinals players got their start. Catch a Springfield Cardinals game at Hammons Field - you might spot a major league star in the making.

Head to Kansas City to watch the Royals play. Founded as an expansion team in 1969, the Boys in Blue have competed in four World Series, capturing the trophy in 1985 and 2015. Arrive early at a Royals game to give yourself plenty of time to tailgate - it's a popular pastime on game day.

Tour Kauffman Stadium, known as "The K." for a behind-the-scenes look at the home of the Royals. See the dugout, interview room, press box, Royals Hall of Fame and more during an All Star Tour.

# HOCKEY

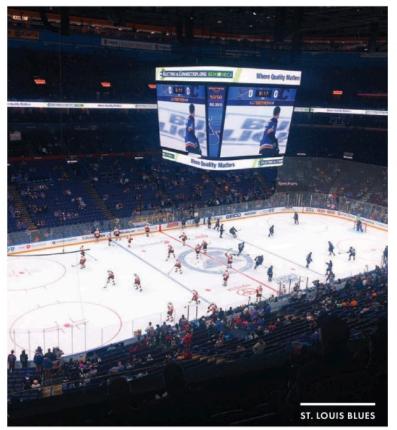
For more than 50 years, Missouri hockey fans have thrown their support behind the St. Louis Blues. Their dedication finally paid off when the team won its first Stanley Cup in 2019. The Blues were one of six expansion teams added to the NHL in 1967. Join the fans who proudly "bleed blue" for a fast-paced game at the Enterprise Center.

# SOCCER

St. Louis CITY SC made a splash in Missouri when the organization joined MLS as an expansion team in 2023. Founded in 2019, the soccer club plays its home matches at CITYPARK, a new stadium located next to St. Louis Union Station.

Cheer on the Kansas City Current professional women's soccer team at a new stadium opening in 2024 at the Richard L. Berkley Riverfront Park. The Current joined the NWSL as an expansion team in 2021. The club's new facility is the first stadium in North America built specifically for professional women's soccer.

Kansas City will welcome soccer fans from across the globe in 2026 for the FIFA World Cup games. The city is one of 16 locations in North America where 48 men's soccer teams will compete for the title of World Champion.



Get caught up in the excitement of college sports in Columbia where the University of Missouri Tigers compete in the Southeastern Conference (SEC). On football Saturdays, tailgating starts early before fans fill the stands at Faurot Field, affectionately called "The Zou."

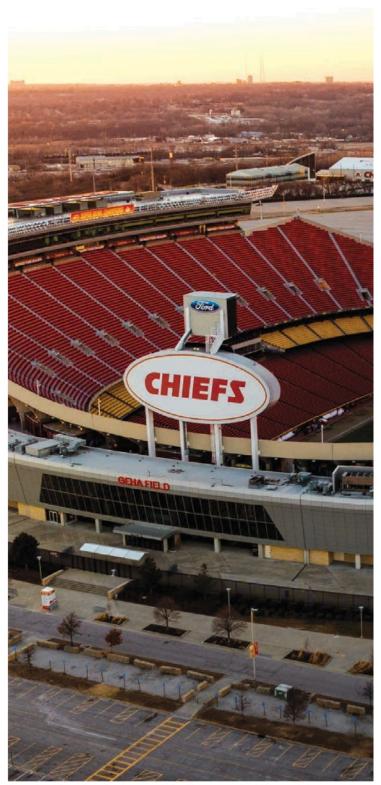
If roundball is more your style, you can find the Missouri Tigers men's and women's basketball teams in action at Mizzou Arena. The men's

teams in action at Mizzou Arena. The men's team has advanced to the NCAA tournament 28 times, while the women have seen post-season play during 13 seasons.

# **FUN FACT:**

The University of Missouri is often credited with starting the tradition of college homecoming. In 1911, the Tiger's football coach invited alumni to "come home" for a game against one of the school's biggest rivals. Today, MU's homecoming features a spirited parade and elaborate campus decorations.







# T Mobile GEHA FIELD AT ARROWHEAD STADIUM

# NEGRO LEAGUES BASEBALL MUSEUM

Delve into an often-overlooked chapter in sports history at the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum in Kansas City. When Jim Crow laws forced the segregation of baseball in the early 1900s, Black players formed their own baseball leagues and traveled the country to play. The Negro National League was founded in Kansas City in 1920 and included the Kansas City Monarchs.

Some of the leagues' greatest players, including Jackie Robinson, Satchel Paige and Buck O'Neil, were instrumental in breaking the color barrier in baseball — and advancing civil rights across the country. Located in the historic 18th & Vine Jazz District, the museum is part of the U.S. Civil Rights Trail.

# **COLLEGE BASKETBALL EXPERIENCE**

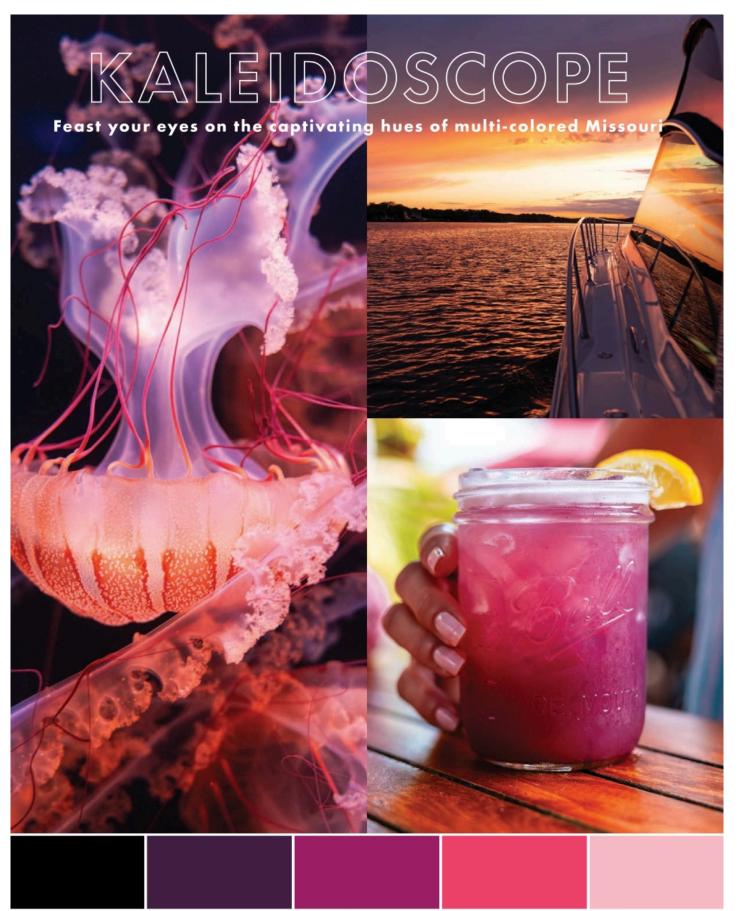
Take your best shot from center court or behind the ESPN-style sports desk at the College Basketball Experience in Kansas City. Hone your basketball skills at the dribble, pass and shoot stations and join in a pick-up game on a regulation-size court or street ball area. Try out your broadcasting skills by calling the play-by-play for some of the most memorable games in college basketball history.

The facility, owned and operated by the National Association of Basketball Coaches, includes the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame. Interactive exhibits offer a glimpse into the lives of the country's greatest basketball players.

# MISSOURI SPORTS HALL OF FAME

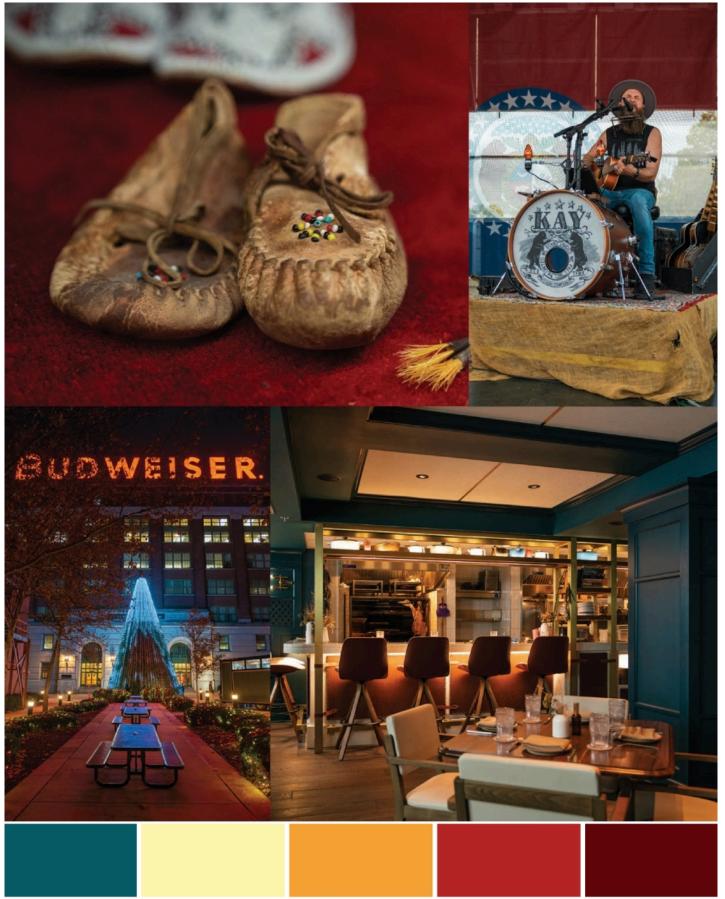
Celebrate the careers of world-class athletes and the greatest moments in Show-Me State sports at the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame in Springfield. The museum features more than 4,000 sports memorabilia items. Interactive exhibits invite you to feel the thrill of hitting a home run, throwing a game-winning touchdown and speeding down the straightaway in a NASCAR race.







CLOCKWISE
Enchanted Fevest Treehouse, Union; Angod Arts Hotel, St. Louis; Konses City Zee & Aquanium; City Market, Konses City; Finley Forms, Ozark





# GETTING

Everything you need to know about traveling



# BY AIR

Missouri's central location allows travelers to fly to the state's largest metro areas from most major U.S. cities in four hours or less. The state is home to two international airports, one national airport and dozens of regional and municipal airports.

# BY RAIL

Amtrak offers several routes with stops in Missouri as well as a route across the midsection of the state.

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# BY ROAD

With more than 33,000 miles of state highways and a vast network of county and city roads, Missouri is a perfect place for a road trip. Major roadways include:

# TIME TO DRIVE

Approximate drive times to four Show-Me State destinations.

# KANSAS CITY

- O Chicago » 7.5 hours
- \* Nashville » 8 hours
- Tulsa » 4 hours
- Des Moines » 3 hours

# ST. LOUIS

- O Chicago » 4.5 hours
- O Dallas » 10 hours
- Nashville » 5 hours \* Tulsa » 5.75 hours

# LAKE OF THE OZARKS

- Chicago » 7 hours
- O Dallas » 8 hours
- Nashville » 7 hours
- Tulsa » 3.75 hours
- O Des Moines » 5.25 hours

# SPRINGFIELD/BRANSON

- O Chicago » 8 hours
- O Dallas » 7 hours
- Nashville » 7 hours
- ₫ Tulsa » 2.75 hours
- Des Moines » 5.5 hours Des Moines » 6 hours

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# WHAT'S NEW IN MO?

Discover the latest attractions in the Show-Me State.



# Kansas City International Airport (MCI)

Eleven airlines provide service at the new 40-gate terminal, which opened in 2023. The airport is located 19 miles northwest of downtown Kansas City.

# St. Louis Lambert International Airport (STL)

The 86-gate airport, located 12 miles from downtown St. Louis, is served by 11 major airlines.

# Springfield-Branson National Airport (SGF)

Four airlines provide service at the 10-gate airport, located about five miles northwest of Springfield.

# Columbia Regional Airport (COU)

Located 12 miles southeast of Columbia, the airport opened a new terminal in 2022.

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# Missouri River Runner

Provides daily service between St. Louis and Kansas City, with eight stops in between in Kirkwood, Washington, Hermann, Jefferson City, Sedalia, Warrensburg, Lee's Summit and Independence.

### The Lincoln Service

Travels daily between Chicago and St. Louis.

### The Texas Eagle

Runs from Chicago to Los Angeles, making stops in Missouri in St. Louis, Arcadia and Poolar Bluff.

# **The Southwest Chief**

Travels from Chicago to Los Angeles, making a stop in Kansas City.

# Interstate 70

Extending east-west across the middle of Missouri, Interstate 70 connects the state's two largest cities, St. Louis and Kansas City, passing through St. Charles, Columbia and Independence.

# Interstate 44

Mostly following the path of historic Route 66 — one of America's most famous highways — Interstate 44 starts in St. Louis and runs southwest across the state, passing through Rolla, Lebanon, Springfield and Joplin.

# Interstate 55

Extending south from St. Louis, Interstate 55 passes just west of Ste. Genevieve and through Cape Girardeau.

# LEARN MORE

Find more information about traveling to and through Missouri at VisitMo.com/travel-resources.

# U.S. Route 65

Running north-south, U.S. Route 65 travels through Sedalia, the Truman Lake area, Springfield, Branson and the Table Rock Lake area.

# U.S. Route 60

Stretching east-west across the southern tier of Missouri, U.S. Route 60 runs through the Ozarks, Poplar Bluff, West Plains and Springfield.

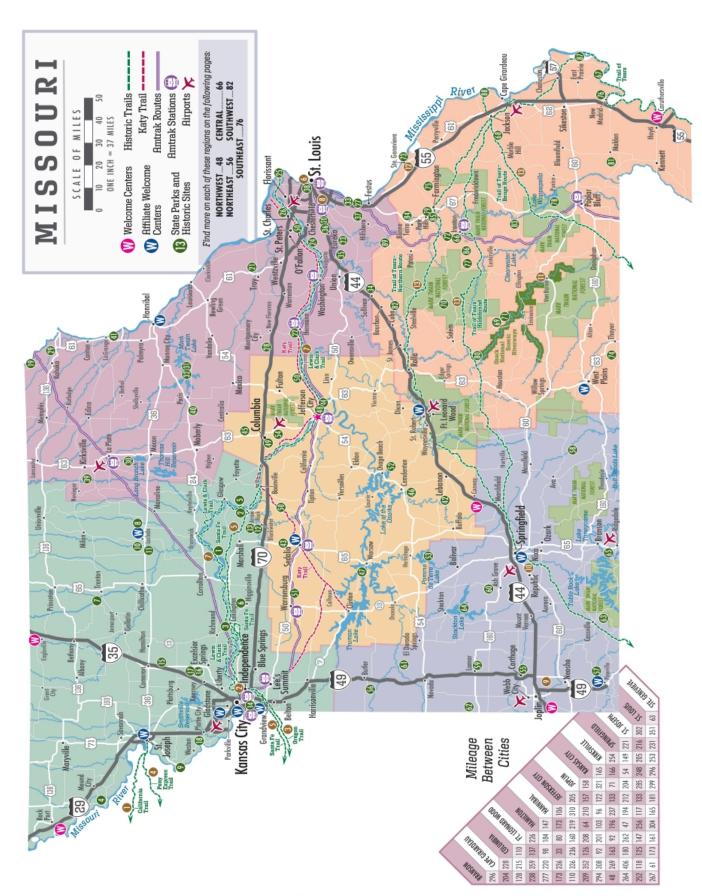
# U.S. Route 54

Running southwest-northeast, U.S. Route 54 travels through the Pomme de Terre Lake area, the Lake of the Ozarks region, Jefferson City and Fulton.

# U.S. Route 36

Known as the Way of American Genius, U.S. Route 36 spans northern Missouri, connecting Hannibal and St. Joseph and running through Marceline and Chillicothe.





# MAPPING MISSOUR



Welcome Centers

fourism.ConwayW@ded.mo.gov Conway 1-44, mile marker 110 417-630-6060

Eagleville 1-35, mile marker 112 fourism.Eagleville@ded.mo.gov 660-357-5252

Hayti 1-55, mile marker 20 573-359-0330

Joplin 1-44, mile marker 2 fourism.Hayti@ded.mo.gov ourism.Joplin@ded.mo.gov 417-629-3030

Rock Port 1-29, mile marker 109

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# NORTHWEST

Kansas City Platte County Convention 7870 NW 100th St. and Visitors Bureau

7901 Holmes Road, 816-942-3581 Kansas City Trailside Center

388-875-2883

Laclede Gen. John J. Pershing Boyhood 1111 Main St., 816-691-3800 Kansas City Visit KC

St. Joseph St. Joseph Visitors Center 1100 Pershing Drive, 660-963-2525 502 N. Woodbine Road, Ste. B Home State Historic Site

# NORTHEAST 816-232-1839

Hannibal Hannibal Convention 725 Grand Ave., 573-221-2477

# CENTRAL

600 E. Third St., 660-826-2932 Sedalia Katy Depot

St. Robert Pulaski County Visitors Center 37 St. Robert Blvd., Ste. A,

# SOUTHWEST

573-336-6355

2 Arrow Rock State Historic Site

Battle of Lexington State

Annie and Abel Van Meter State Park

NORTHWEST

Pineville City Hall

815 E. St. Louis St., 800-678-8767 503 Main St., 417-223-4368 Springfield Visitor Center

# SOUTHEAST

West Plains Ozark Heritage 2999 Porter Wagoner Blvd. Welcome Center 417-256-8835

# Missouri National Parks

# NORTHWEST

California National Historic Trail
 Harry S Truman National

Historic Site

- Pony Express National Historic Trail 3 Oregon National Historic Trail
  - Santa Fe National Historic Trail

(6) Thomas Hart Benton Home and Studio State Historic Site

# NORTHEAST

- Gateway Arch National Park
   Lewis and Clark National
- 8 Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site

# SOUTHWEST

George Washington Carver

Wilson's Creek National Battlefield National Monument

# SOUTHEAST

W Ozark National Scenic Riverways
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(B) Trail of Tears National Historic Trail

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Missouri State Parks

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  Sp. Sandy Creek Covered Bridge
  State Historic Site

Boone's Lick State Historic Site

Big Lake State Park

Confederate Memorial State

Historic Site

- Scott Joplin House State Historic Site

Gen. John J. Pershing Boyhood
Home State Historic Site

Crowder State Park

Locust Creek Covered Bridge

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State Historic Site

9 Lewis and Clark State Park

- Washing Thousand Hills State Park
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  Historic Site
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# CENTRAL

- Bennett Spring State Park
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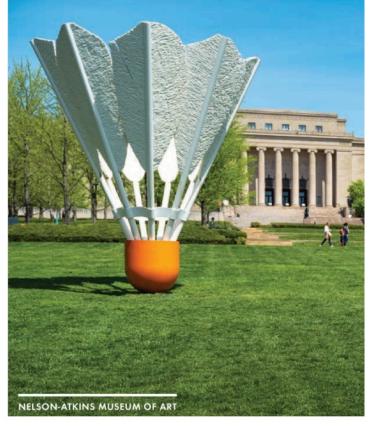
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  - Harry S Truman Birthplace State Historic Site
- Homestead State Historic Site Dathan and Olive Boone
- Osage Village State Historic Site
   Prairie State Park
   Roaring River State Park
   Stockton State Park
   Table Rock State Park
  - - SOUTHEAST

# Battle of Pilot Knob State

- Historic Site
- Bollinger Mill State Historic Site Big Oak Tree State Park
  - G Current River State Park
    - Dillard Mill State Historic Site
- (7) Echo Bluff State Park
  (7) Elephant Rocks State Park
  (8) Felix Vallé House State Historic Site
  (2) Grand Gulf State Park
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laims to fame in Missouri's Northwest Region span a wide range – from the best barbecue in the country to the home of the only president to hail from the Show-Me State.

Kansas City may be most famous for its delectable ribs and burnt ends, but the city is also a thriving center for art and entertainment. View a collection of nearly 40,000 works at the acclaimed Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art. The Power & Light District attracts some of the biggest names in entertainment while intimate clubs pay tribute to the city's contributions to jazz. The stunning Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts is home to the Kansas City Symphony and Kansas City Ballet.

World-class museums – including the National WWI Museum & Memorial, The Arabia Steamboat Museum and the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum – share some of the country's most intriguing stories.

In Independence, explore the life of the country's 33rd president at the Harry S. Truman Presidential Library & Museum and the Truman Home. The Wild West has deep roots here as a major departure point for thousands of settlers setting out on the Santa Fe, California and Oregon trails — learn more about this chapter of history at the National Frontier Trails Museum.

At the Pony Express National Museum in St. Joseph, imagine riding a horse thousands of miles through the wilderness to deliver the mail. Experience the grandeur of historic homes built during the Victorian Era when the city was a center for western commerce and trade.







Online information is available at MoStateParks.com, unless otherwise noted. Map codes (1) correspond to the map on page 46.

# MISSOURI NATIONAL PARKS

(2) Harry S Truman National Historic Site INDEPENDENCE 816-254-9920, 219 N. Delaware St. Learn about the life of Harry S. Truman, the only Missourian to serve as president of the United States. Tour the home he shared with his wife, Bess, in Independence and the Truman Family Farm in Grandview. \$ nps.gov/hstr &

# MISSOURI STATE PARKS AND HISTORIC SITES

- 1 Annie and Abel Van Meter State Park MIAMI 660-886-7537, 32146 N. Highway 122, The park's cultural center interprets the nine indigenous tribes that once inhabited Missouri. Camping, hiking and fishing are available. FREE MoStateParks.com/park/ annie-and-abel-van-meter-state-park &
- 2 Arrow Rock State Historic Site ARROW ROCK 660-837-3330, 39521 Visitor Center Drive. Activities offered here range from tours of various historic buildings and dining at an 1830s tavern to camping, hiking and fishing. FREE MoStateParks.com/park/ arrow-rock-state-historic-site &

- 3 Battle of Lexington State Historic Site LEXINGTON 660-259-4654, 1101 Delaware. The Missouri State Guard defeated Union troops here during an 1861 battle. Tours are given of the battlefield and the Anderson House. \$ MoStateParks.com/park/battlelexington-state-historic-site &
- 4) Big Lake State Park CRAIG 660-771-6341, 204 Lake Shore Drive. This park lies along a major migratory flyway and offers campsites, camper cabins, picnic areas and a boat ramp on its large oxbow lake, FREE MoStateParks.com/park/big-lakestate-park &
- 5 Boone's Lick State Historic Site BOONESBORO 660-837-3330, Highway 187. This was once the site of a saltmanufacturing business operated by Daniel Boone's sons. An interpretive trail leads to the salt springs. FREE MoStateParks.com/ park/boones-lick-state-historic-site
- 6 Confederate Memorial State Historic Site HIGGINSVILLE 660-584-2853, 211 W. First St. Once the grounds of the Confederate Veterans Home of Missouri, this site now features a historic chapel, a cemetery and small fishing lakes. FREE MoStateParks.com/ park/confederate-memorial-statehistoric-site &

- (7) Crowder State Park TRENTON 660-359-6473, 76 NW Highway 128. Located in the rolling hills of northern Missouri, this park offers a lake; camping; and hiking, mountain biking and equestrian trails. FREE MoStateParks.com/park/crowderstate-park &
- 8 General John J. Pershing Boyhood Home State Historic Site LACLEDE 660-963-2525, 1100 Pershing Drive. Tour the boyhood home of American war hero Gen. John J. Pershing, as well as Prairie Mound School, which features exhibits on his life. \$ MoStateParks.com/park/gen-john-jpershing-boyhood-home-statehistoric-site &
- 9 Lewis and Clark State Park RUSHVILLE 816-579-5564, 801 Lake Crest Blvd. Lewis and Clark visited this area during their expedition. Bordering a lake, the park offers camping, fishing, a trail and a boat ramp. FREE MoStateParks.com/park/lewis-andclark-state-park &

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- 10 Locust Creek Covered Bridge State Historic Site MEADVILLE 660-963-2525, 16597 Dart Road. This covered bridge was built in 1868 and housed America's first transcontinental road. Due to channelization, it now spans a dry creek bed. FREE MoStateParks.com/ park/locust-creek-covered-bridgestate-historic-site
- 11 Pershing State Park LACLEDE 660-963-2299, 29277 Highway 130. This park is home to forested bottomlands, marshes and a wet prairie. It offers small fishing lakes, hiking trails, camping and picnicking. FREE MoStateParks.com/park/pershingstate-park &
- 12 Sappington African American Cemetery State Historic Site ARROW ROCK 660-837-3330, Route AA. This 1856 cemetery contains the graves of several generations of Black Americans from the area and helps commemorate their contributions. FREE MoStateParks.com/park/ sappington-african-american-cemeterystate-historic-site
- (13) Sappington Cemetery State Historic Site ARROW ROCK 660-837-3330, Route AA. Buried here are Govs. Meredith Miles Marmaduke and Claiborne F. Jackson, as well as Dr. John Sappington, a pioneer in treating malaria. FREE MoStateParks.com/park/ sappington-cemetery-state-historic-site

- (14) Thomas Hart Benton Home and Studio State Historic Site KANSAS CITY 816-931-5722, 3616 Belleview. Missouri's most noted 20th century artist lived in this eclectic-style house from 1939-1975. Tours are given of Benton's home and studio. \$ MoStateParks. com/park/thomas-hart-benton-home-and-studiostate-historic-site
- 15 Wallace State Park CAMERON 816-632-3745, 10621 NE Highway 121. Hiking trails meander through wooded hills at this tranquil park. Additional features include camparounds, picnic shelters and a small lake. FREE MoStateParks.com/park/ wallace-state-park &
- (16) Watkins Mill State Park LAWSON 816-580-3387, 26600 Park Road N. Enjoy a campground, trails, and a lake for fishing, swimming and boating at this park adjacent to Watkins Woolen Mill State Historic Site. FREE MoStateParks.com/park/watkins-millstate-park &
- 17 Watkins Woolen Mill State Historic Site LAWSON 816-580-3387, 26600 Park Road N. This site interprets the landholdings of Waltus Watkins, offering tours of his house and woolen mill and exhibits explaining them. \$ MoStateParks.com/park/watkinswoolen-mill-state-historic-site &









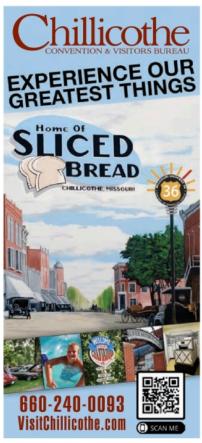
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(18) Weston Bend State Park WESTON 816-640-5443, 16600 Highway 45 N. This park features picnic areas, a campground, a dog park, and hiking and biking trails, as well as a scenic overlook of the Missouri River, FREE MoStateParks.com/park/weston-bendstate-park &

# MISSOURI CONSERVATION AREAS

Anita B. Gorman Conservation Discovery Center KANSAS CITY 816-759-7300, 4750 Troost Ave. The Discovery Center offers nature exhibits and programs, a children's natural play area, and short paved and natural trails through eight acres of forest, woodland, wetland and prairie habitats, FREE &

**Blind Pony Lake Conservation Area SWEET SPRINGS** 573-884-6861, RR 2 Box 17. Located in a prime agricultural region, this 2,246-acre conservation area provides a lake-oriented multiuse area and has a warm-water fish hatchery. FREE

Bluffwoods Conservation Area ST. JOSEPH 816-271-3100, Route 59. A variety of trees and woodland plants fill this 2,281-acre area. Service roads and trails provide access to scenic views. The area offers the paved Forest Nature Trail, restrooms and a picnic pavilion, FREE &

Burr Oak Woods Nature Center and Conservation Area BLUE SPRINGS 816-228-3766, 1401 NW Park Road. This 1,071-acre area includes forested hillsides along Burr Oak Creek, limestone outcrops, restored prairies, trails and a nature center with native wildlife exhibits, including a large aquarium filled with fish EREE &

Guy B. Park Conservation Area PLATTE CITY 816-858-5718, Route 371. Birding, fishing, hiking, hunting, outdoor photography and wildlife watching are popular at this 380-acre conservation area. A 16-acre lake has a covered fishing dock and concrete boat ramp. FREE

# James A. Reed Memorial Wildlife Area

LEE'S SUMMIT 816-622-0900, 13101 SE Ranson Road. Twelve lakes ranging in size from one to 42 acres are located on 3,084 acres. Most of the lakes contain largemouth bass, channel catfish, crappie, bluegill and redear sunfish. Rainbow trout are stocked for the winter fishing season, FREE

Mark Youngdahl Urban Conservation Area ST. JOSEPH 816-271-3100, 102 S. 36th St. A two-mile trail system takes hikers throughout this 85-acre conservation area, which includes the paved Ridge Trail and Pond Trail, two picnic shelters, and restrooms, FREE &

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Parma Woods Conservation Area and Shooting Range PARKVILLE 816-891-9941, 15900 NW River Road. The area includes 200 acres of rugged bluff land with a variety of native trees, a hiking trail, a shooting range and an outdoor education center, FREE

Platte Falls Conservation Area PLATTE CITY 816-858-5718, Settle Station Road, This 2.366-acre area includes timber, grassland. wetland and a nine-mile stretch of the Platte River for hunting, fishing, hiking, canoeing and birding. The area also has two boat ramps and archery and shotgun

ranges. FREE

Rebel's Cover Conservation Area LIVONIA 660-785-2420, 1107 N. Route N. This 4.225-acre area contains various habitats. including forest, cropland, grassland, ponds, marshes, oxbow lakes and a river. There is also a heron rookery and a shelter house, FREE

Sunbridge Hills Conservation Area ST. JOSEPH 816-271-3100, 4600 NE Huntoon Road. This 145-acre area overlooks the Missouri River and contains redbud trees that bloom in the spring and maple and oak trees that display brilliant fall color. Eagles soar over the river during their spring migration, FREE

Union Ridge Conservation Area GREEN CASTLE 660-785-2420, Highway D north of Green Castle. Bisected by Spring Creek, this 8,262-acre area is a mosaic of woodland, grassland, prairie and savanna. A portion of the property is being managed to restore prairie and savanna communities, FREE





# AMUSEMENT PERKS

Worlds of Fun and Oceans of Fun, Kansas City - Find 235 acres of fun, featuring seven roller coasters, family rides, live entertainment, a wave pool, a lazy river and the largest mat-racing water slide in the world.

Kansas City Zoo & Aquariam, Kansas City - More than 1,700 animals inhabit the 200-acre zoo and brand-new aquarium in Swope Park. At the Helzberg Penguin Plaza, ice flake machines produce three inches of snow per day, perfect for penguin play.

Union Station Kansas City, Kansas City - Explore Science City, the Arvin Gottlieb Planetarium, traveling exhibits, restaurants and shops at one of the city's most iconic and historic destinations.

Pioneer Trails Adventures, Independence - Take a trip back in time as you board a covered wagon and travel the same roads as early pioneers, Frank and Jesse James, Wild Bill Hickok, and other personalities

Powell Gardens, Kingsville - Discover colorful blooms, a children's garden, a fountain garden and a three-mile nature trail in the rolling hills southeast of Kansas City.













# FESTIVALS & EVENTS

Plaza Art Fair, Kansas City - More than 240 juried artists converge at the Country Club Plaza to put their creativity on display. The historic shopping and entertainment district has been hosting the iconic event for more than 90 years.

**Boulevardia**, Kansas City – The city's biggest urban street festival fills Grand Boulevard with live music, costumed performers, food sampling and craft beer.

SantaCaliGon Days, Independence -Celebrate the rich history of Independence as the starting point of the Santa Fe, California and Oregon trails. Explore Main Street 1849, shop 500 craft and vendor booths, and enjoy a lineup of live music.

Applefest, Weston - Treat yourself to an apple dumpling or slice of pie while the parade - filled with antique tractors, classic cars and marching bands - rolls down Main Street.

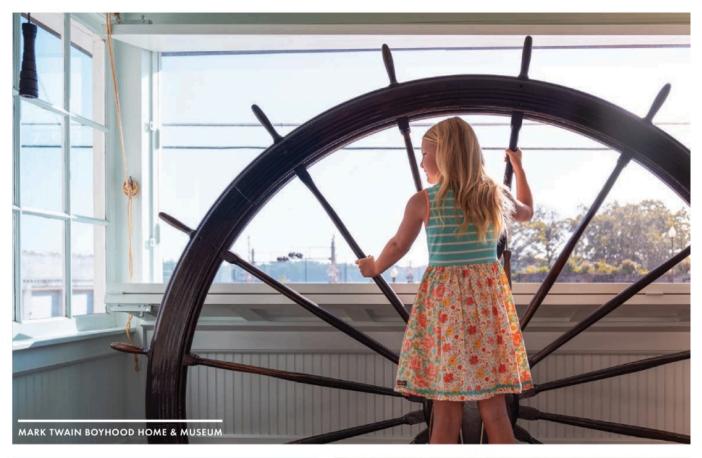
Pony Express PumpkinFest, St. Joseph – Hundreds of hand-carved jack-o'-lanterns come to life with the lighting of Great Pumpkin Mountain in the town where the Pony Express began. Festival highlights include a costume parade, rides, games, crafts and food trucks.



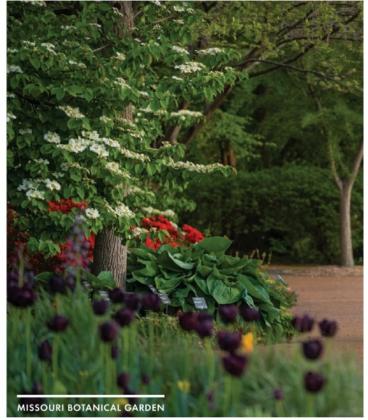


















rban energy and small-town charm thrive in Missouri's Northeast Region – from the Gateway City to Mark Twain's hometown.

In St. Louis, explore Gateway Arch National Park and take a tram ride to the top of the largest man-made arch in the world for an awe-inspiring view of the Mississippi River. Venture to Forest Park where you'll find the city's award-winning zoo and The Muny, the largest outdoor musical theater in the United States. St. Louis is also home to one of the top botanical gardens in the country and museums focused on art, history, music and sports. Sample innovative cuisine and experience a lively craft brew scene. Entertainment venues throughout the city guarantee an abundance of nightlife.

Lewis and Clark set out on their famous expedition from St. Charles where, today, the picturesque downtown boasts dozens of shops and restaurants. It's also a popular launching spot for trips on the Katy Trail, the longest developed rail-trail in the country, running 240 miles across the state.

The Missouri River flows through the state's historic wine country, including Augusta, the nation's first designated American Viticultural Area, and Hermann, known for its award-winning wineries and authentic German festivals and fare.

In Hannibal, follow the footsteps of Mark Twain in the place that inspired his most famous novels: "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" and "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn."









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# MISSOURI NATIONAL PARKS

6 Gateway Arch National Park ST. LOUIS 314-655-1700, 11 N. Fourth St. Ride a tram to the top of the Gateway Arch. Tour the museum focused on Westward Expansion and the stories of American Indians, explorers and pioneers, and visit the Old Courthouse where Dred Scott sued for his freedom. \$ GatewayArch.com &

(8) Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site st. Louis 314-842-1867, 7400 Grant Road. See the home where Ulvsses S. Grant lived with his family prior to leading Union troops to victory in the Civil War and later serving as the 18th president of the United States. Five historic structures remain on the property. FREE nps.gov/ulsg &

# MISSOURI STATE PARKS AND HISTORIC SITES

19 Battle of Athens State Historic Site REVERE 660-877-3871, 12378 Athens State Park Road. During the battle, a cannonball pierced the site's Thome-Benning House. Visitors can enjoy camping, hiking, boating, fishing and free tours. FREE MoStateParks. com/park/battle-athens-state-historic-site

- 20 Castlewood State Park BALLWIN 636-227-4433, 401 Kiefer Creek Road, This park is great for activities like picnicking, hiking, mountain biking and horseback riding, as well as fishing in the Meramec River. FREE MoStateParks.com/park/castlewoodstate-park &
- (21) Cuivre River State Park TROY 636-528-7247, 678 State Route 147. This diverse park features a variety of trails, a scenic creek, watercraft rentals, regular and equestrian campgrounds, and group camps. FREE MoStateParks.com/park/cuivre-riverstate-park &
- 22 Deutschheim State Historic Site HERMANN 573-486-2200, 101 W. Second St. This site interprets German American history and culture and offers tours of two buildings dating to the 1840s, each with a period garden. \$ MoStateParks.com/park/ deutschheim-state-historic-site
- 23 Don Robinson State Park CEDAR HILL 636-257-3788, 9275 Byrnesville Road. Visitors here can hike and picnic among sandstone box canyons, shelter caves, cliffs, glades, and upland and bottomland forests. FREE MoStateParks.com/park/don-robinsonstate-park &

- 24 Dr. Edmund A. Babler Memorial State Park WILDWOOD 636-458-3813, 800 Guy Park Drive. Located near St. Louis, this park features camping, hiking and equestrian trails, picnic areas, interpretive programs and a visitor center. FREE MoStateParks.com/ park/dr-edmund-babler-memorialstate-park &
- 25 Edward "Ted" and Pat Jones—Confluence Point State Park WEST ALTON 636-899-1135. 1000 Riverlands Way. A trail leads to the meeting point of the Mississippi and Missouri rivers. Panels focus on the rivers and the Lewis and Clark Expedition. FREE MoStateParks.com/park/ edward-ted-and-pat-jones-confluence-pointstate-park
- 26 First Missouri State Capitol State Historic Site ST. CHARLES 636-940-3322, 200 S. Main St. Missouri's first legislators met here in the 1820s to reorganize Missouri's territorial government. Take a tour of the restored building. \$ MoStateParks.com/park/ first-missouri-state-capitol-state-historic-site
- Governor Daniel Dunklin's Grave State Historic Site HERCULANEUM 636-464-2976, 104 Dunklin Drive. Daniel Dunklin, Missouri's fifth governor (1832-36), and members of his

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family are buried at this site overlooking the Mississippi River, FREE MoStateParks.com/ park/gov-daniel-dunklins-grave-state-historic-

28 Graham Cave State Park DANVILLE 573-564-3476, 217 Highway TT. Featuring a shelter cave that was inhabited more than 10,000 years ago, this park offers camping, hiking, a visitor center and river access. FREE

MoStateParks.com/park/graham-cave-

state-park &

- 29 Iliniwek Village State Historic Site WAYLAND 660-877-3871, Highway 27, This was once the site of a village inhabited by American Indians of the Iliniwek Confederacy. Outdoor exhibits explain the site's history. FREE MoStateParks.com/park/ iliniwek-village-state-historic-site &
- 30 Long Branch State Park MACON 660-773-5229, 28615 Visitor Center Road. This lake park features both woodlands and prairies, and offers a fishing dock, boat ramps and slips, trails, a beach and a campground. FREE MoStateParks.com/park/long-branchstate-park &
- (31) Mark Twain Birthplace State Historic Site FLORIDA 573-248-9980, 37352 Shrine Road. A modern museum surrounds the two-room 1830s cabin where author-humorist Mark Twain was born. Exhibits interpret Twain's life. FREE MoStateParks.com/park/ mark-twain-birthplace-state-historic-site

- 32 Mark Twain State Park FLORIDA 573-248-9980, 37352 Shrine Road, Located on Mark Twain Lake, this park offers boat ramps, camper cabins, campsites, hiking trails, a beach, picnic areas and great fishing. FREE MoStateParks.com/park/mark-twainstate-park &
- (33) Mastodon State Historic Site IMPERIAL 636-464-2976, 1050 Charles J. Becker Drive. Excavations found that humans hunted the American mastodon here during the ice age. The site has a museum, picnic areas and hiking trails. \$ MoStateParks.com/ park/mastodon-state-historic-site &
- 34 Meramec State Park SULLIVAN 573-468-6072, 115 Meramec Park Drive. This park borders the Meramec River and features a store and grill; canoe, kayak and raft rentals; lodging; trails; camping; and cave tours. \$ MoStateParks.com/park/meramecstate-park &
- 35 Robertsville State Park ROBERTSVILLE 636-257-3788, 902 State Park Drive. Bordered by Calvey Creek and the Meramec River, this wooded park offers hiking trails, a picnic area, a campground and a boat launch. FREE MoStateParks.com/ park/robertsville-state-park &

- 36 Route 66 State Park EUREKA 636-938-7198. 97 N. Outer Road. Located along Route 66 and the Meramec River, this park has trails, picnic sites, a boat ramp and displays from Route 66 and Times Beach, FREE MoStateParks.com/park/route-66state-park &
- 37) Sandy Creek Covered Bridge State Historic Site HILLSBORO 636-464-2976, 9090 Old Lemay Ferry Road. Originally built in 1872, this red barnlike bridge creates a scenic setting for picnics and photos. An outdoor exhibit explains the history. FREE MoStateParks.com/park/sandy-creek-coveredbridge-state-historic-site
- 38 Scott Joplin House State Historic Site st. Louis 314-340-5790, 2658 Delmar Blvd. In 1902, this was the home of renowned ragtime composer Scott Joplin. Today, it features a player piano and exhibits on Joplin's life, \$ MoStateParks.com/park/ scott-joplin-house-state-historic-site
- 39 Thousand Hills State Park KIRKSVILLE 660-665-6995, 20431 State Highway 157. This lake-centered park features cabins, a marina, dining, a beach, camping, hiking and biking trails, and American Indian petroglyphs. FREE MoStateParks.com/park/ thousand-hills-state-park &













40 Union Covered Bridge State Historic Site PARIS 573-248-9980, 20700 Monroe County Road 962. This bridge is the only surviving example in Missouri of the Burr arch truss system. Built in 1871, it served travelers for 99 years. FREE MoStateParks.com/park/ union-covered-bridge-state-historic-site

41) Wakonda State Park LA GRANGE 573-655-2280, 32836 State Park Road. A great place for birding, this park has six lakes, a beach, hiking and mountain biking trails, watercraft rentals and two campgrounds. FREE MoStateParks.com/park/wakondastate-park &

# CONSERVATION AREAS

August A. Busch Conservation Area and Nature Center ST. CHARLES 636-441-4554, 2360 Route D. In the early 1940s, this 6,951-acre area was used by the Department of Army as a dynamite munitions plant to support the World War II effort. The area offers an auto tour, hiking, fishing and hunting. The nature center has programs and exhibits. FREE

Big Creek Conservation Area KIRKSVILLE 660-785-2420, Rainbow Basin Trail. This 1.064-acre conservation area borders Thousand Hills State Park and includes forest, savanna and native grassland. The area offers birding, camping, fishing, hunting, biking and hiking, FREE

### Columbia Bottom Conservation Area

st. Louis 314-877-6014, 801 Strodman Road. This 4,316-acre area offers wide, open spaces at the confluence of the Mississippi and Missouri rivers, the two largest rivers in North America. The area includes a paved hiking and biking trail, a boat ramp on the Missouri River, and a kayak launch on the Mississippi River, FREE

# Daniel Boone Conservation Area HERMANN

636-441-4554, Route Y. Daniel Boone lived near this 3,523-acre conservation area in his later years. A 6.8-mile multiuse trail invites hikers, mountain bikers and equestrians to explore rugged wooded hills and deep valleys. Primitive campsites are available. FREE

# Deer Ridge Conservation Area LEWISTOWN

573-248-2530, Route Y West. This 7,155-acre area offers nearly 20 miles of multiuse trails, a campground for horseback riders, a 48-acre lake for fishing and a shooting range. Wetlands and marsh areas attract a variety of waterfowl and amphibious wildlife. FREE

Department of Conservation Northeast Regional Office KIRKSVILLE 660-785-2420, 3500 S. Baltimore. More than 1,500 square feet of exhibit space focuses on northern Missouri's fish and wildlife and includes a 1,300-gallon aquarium. Located on 26 acres, the site also has a pond, a marsh and an interpretive hiking trail. FREE

# Forest 44 Conservation Area HIGH RIDGE

636-458-2236, 1100 Antire Road. Several springs feed Williams Creek, which flows along the eastern portion of this 958-acre conservation area. Hiking, wildlife viewing and horseback riding are popular activities. FREE

### Fox Valley Lake Conservation Area KAHOKA

660-785-2420, State Highway NN. More than a mile of the Fox River borders this 2,158-acre area, which includes a 108-acre lake with a concrete boat ramp and a fishing area, and a rifle and archery range. FREE &

**Hunnewell Lake Conservation Area and Fish** Hatchery HUNNEWELL 573-983-2201, 6503 Highway Z. A 228-acre lake and a fish hatchery for stocking public lakes in Missouri are located at this 1,998-acre conservation area. The hatchery raises a variety of fish, including channel catfish, largemouth bass and walleye. FREE

Montgomery Woods Conservation Area KIRKSVILLE 660-785-2420, Route 11. Hikers will find a challenge on the rough terrain of this 348-acre area. Oak-hickory forest covers the steep hills and ridgetops. Bottomland includes silver maple, cottonwood and sycamore trees. Whitetailed deer, wild turkey and songbirds are abundant. FREE

Myron and Sonya Glassberg Family Conservation Area EUREKA 636-458-2236, Route FF South. Trails guide hikers through this 634-acre area dominated by oak, hickory, maple and cedar trees with an understory of redbud and dogwood trees. A platform provides a sprawling view of the Meramec River, FREE

**Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center** KIRKWOOD 314-301-1500, 11715 Cragwold Road. This 112-acre forested area is located in the middle of Kirkwood, providing a quiet retreat in a busy urban region. Three paved trails include one that has interpretive signage. The nature center offers educational programs and exhibits, including an aquarium and beehive. FREE &

Rockwoods Reservation WILDWOOD 636-458-2236, 2751 Glencoe Road. Explore a rich diversity of plant and animal life as well as springs, caves and rock formations at this 1.881-acre conservation area. Approximately 13 miles of trails take hikers to scenic overlooks and a large historic lime kiln. FREE

# Rudolf Bennitt Conservation Area HIGBEE

573-884-6861, County Road 2910. This 3,575-acre area has mostly gentle, rolling terrain. A 48-acre lake has a fishing dock and a boat ramp. A trail offers hiking, biking and horseback riding. FREE &

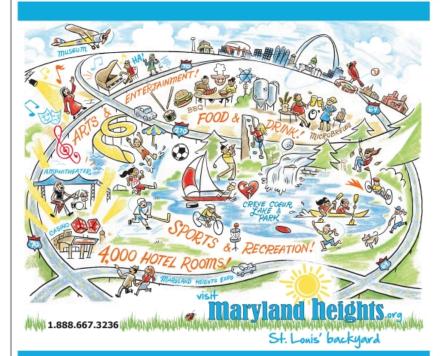
Sugar Creek Conservation Area KIRKSVILLE

660-785-2420, Route N. Sugar Creek and Elm Creek run through this 2,602-acre tract where white-tailed deer, wild turkey and songbirds are abundant. The area offers hiking, biking, horseback riding, camping, fishing, hunting and a shooting range. FREE &

Ted Shanks Conservation Area ASHBURN

573-248-2530, 3643 Pike 145. This 6,705-acre area includes bottomland hardwood timber, open marsh, wetlands, oxbow lakes, sloughs and upland woods. A concrete boat ramp provides access to the Salt River, FREE





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# AMUSEMENT PERKS

**St. Louis Aquarium at Union Station**, *St. Louis* — Housed in St. Louis' historic train station, the aquarium's six galleries and 13,000 animals will take you on an aquatic trip down the Mississippi River to the depths of the ocean. Just outside, go for a spin on The St. Louis Wheel, a 200-foot observation wheel with 42 fully enclosed, climate-controlled gondolas.

**Saint Louis Zoo**, St. Louis – Enter a world of more than 16,000 animals – many of them endangered. The mission of the zoo is to save species and bring people and wildlife together. Book a behind-the-scenes tour to learn what life as a zookeeper is like.

City Museum, St. Louis – More whimsical playground than traditional museum, this 600,000-square-foot attraction appeals to the kid in everyone. The 100-year-old warehouse contains eclectic collections and art objects plus a network of tunnels and secret passages and a 10-story spiral slide – much of it created with reclaimed materials.

Mark Twain Riverboat, Hannibal – Choose from a history-filled sight-seeing cruise or evening dinner cruise with live music and dancing for a journey on the Mississippi River.

Meramec Caverns, Stanton – See some of the rarest and largest cave formations in the world on a tour beneath the rolling hills of Missouri's Meramec Valley. Above ground, soar among the tree tops on a zipline, pan for gold and conquer the climbing wall.

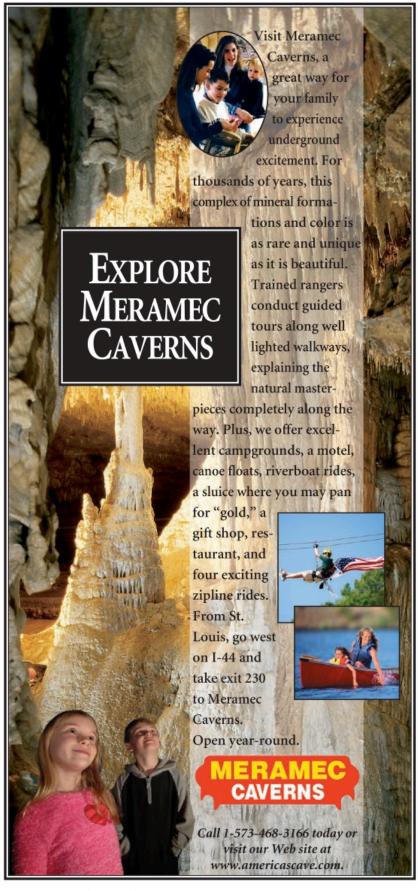
















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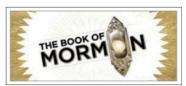
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# FESTIVALS & EVENTS



**Wurstfest**, Hermann – For more than 40 years, Hermann has been celebrating the art of German sausage making with sausage-making competitions, sausage sampling, German music, dancing and a wiener dog derby.

**WASHMO BBQ & Bluesfest**, Washington – Savor live blues and delicious food and drink – including a BBQ, Bacon and Bourbon Tasting – in the historic downtown.

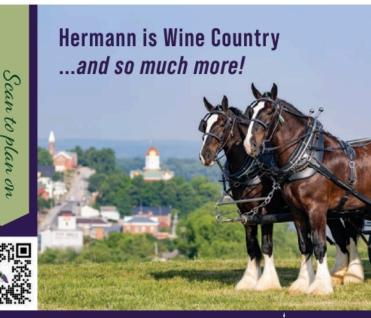
**Great Forest Park Balloon Race**, St. Louis – Bask in the light from the brightly colored hot air balloons at the evening balloon glow. During the day, pack a picnic and enjoy live music as the balloon race begins.

Legends and Lanterns, St. Charles – Follow a group of "paranormal poltergeists" on a spirited journey through Halloween history in historic downtown St. Charles. Witches, phantoms and villains from the past offer more treats than tricks during the family-friendly event.

National Tom Sawyer Days, Hannibal – Celebrate Mark Twain's hometown with fence painting, frog jumping and characters straight out of his most famous stories – topped off by a spectacular Fourth of July fireworks display over the Mississippi River.







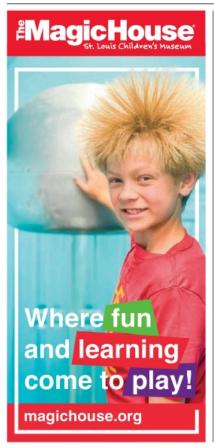
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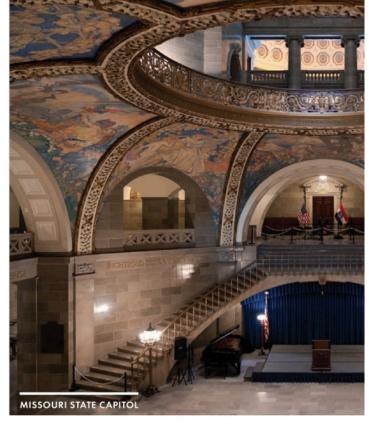












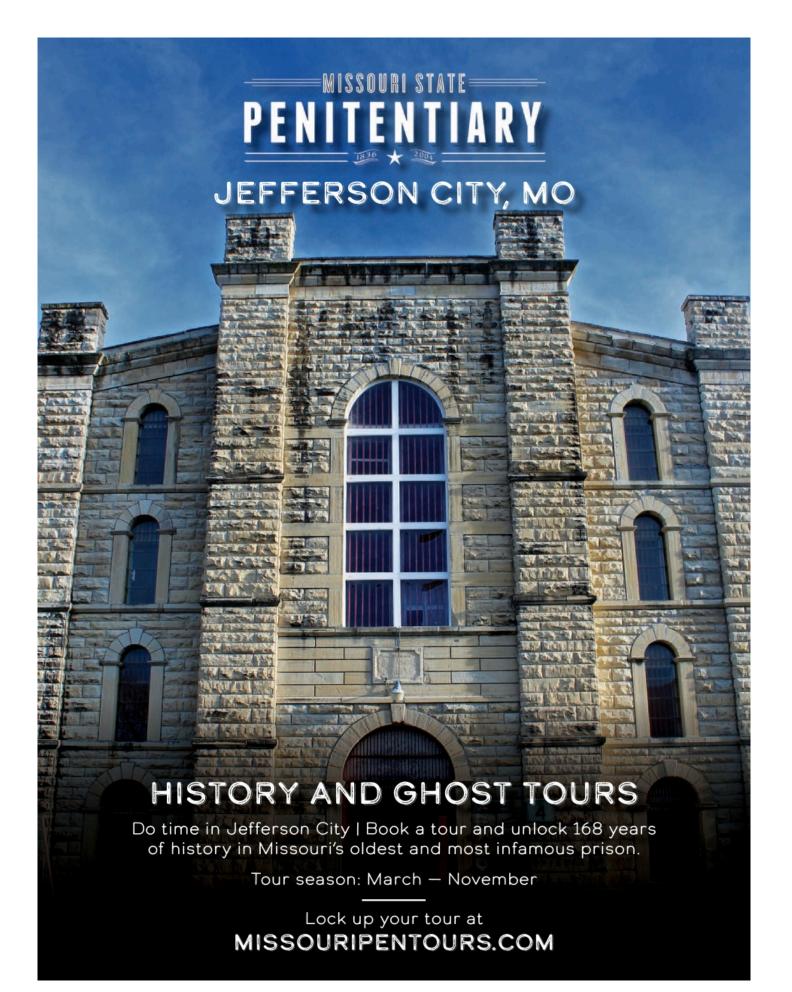












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# MISSOURI STATE PARKS AND HISTORIC SITES

(42) Bennett Spring State Park LEBANON 417-532-4338, 26250 Highway 64A. This trout fishing park has a stocked, spring-fed stream; a nature center; dining; lodging; campsites; a store; and Niangua River access. FREE MoStateParks.com/park/ bennett-spring-state-park &

(43) Bothwell Lodge State Historic Site SEDALIA 660-827-0510, 19349 Bothwell State Park Road. The site's 31-room lodge was the focal point of attorney John Bothwell's Stonyridge Farm. The site offers tours, hiking and mountain biking. \$ MoStateParks.com/ park/bothwell-lodge-state-historic-site

(4) Clark's Hill/Norton State Historic Site OSAGE CITY 573-449-7402, Osage Hickory Street. Visitors here can hike past American Indian burial mounds to an overlook atop the hill William Clark climbed in 1804 during his expedition. FREE MoStateParks.com/ park/clarks-hillnorton-state-historic-site

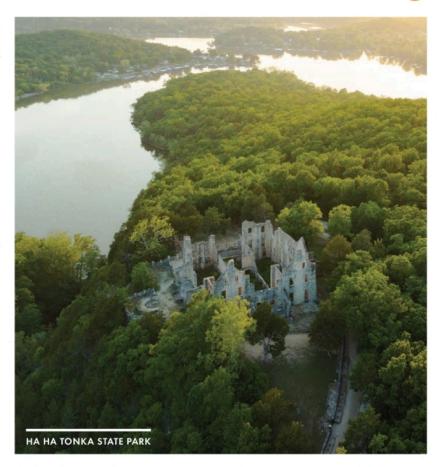
45 Finger Lakes State Park COLUMBIA 573-443-5315, 1505 E. Peabody Road. Features include hiking, mountain biking and off-road vehicle trails; a motocross track; fishing lakes; a beach; watercraft rentals; and a campground. FREE MoStateParks.com/park/finger-lakesstate-park &

(46) Ha Ha Tonka State Park CAMDENTON 573-346-2986, 1491 State Road D. Explore springs, natural bridges and the ruins of a stone castle on many trails. Water activities are available on the Lake of the Ozarks. FREE MoStateParks.com/park/ha-ha-tonkastate-park &

(47) Harry S Truman State Park WARSAW 660-438-7711, 28761 State Park Road. Swimming, boating and fishing are available at this park on Truman Lake. Features include a marina, boat ramps, trails and campgrounds. FREE MoStateParks.com/park/ harry-s-truman-state-park &

(48) Jefferson Landing State Historic Site JEFFERSON CITY 573-751-2854, 100 Jefferson St. The site's historic Lohman Building depicts an 1850s general store and warehouse and serves as a support facility for the State Museum. FREE MoStateParks. com/park/missouri-state-museum &

49 Jewell Cemetery State Historic Site COLUMBIA 573-449-7402, South Providence Road. Educator William Jewell and Gov. Charles Hardin are buried here. Unlettered stones are likely the markers of enslaved people's graves. FREE MoStateParks.com/ park/jewell-cemetery-state-historic-site



(50) Katy Trail State Park - Statewide JEFFERSON CITY 573-449-7402, Clinton to Machens. The flat, 240-mile Katy Trail stretches across the state and is open to hikers and bicyclists, as well as equestrian users in some sections. FREE KatyTrailStatePark.com &

(51) Knob Noster State Park KNOB NOSTER 660-563-2463, 873 SE 10. This park features fishing lakes; kayak rentals; a campground; group camps; and hiking, backpacking, mountain biking and equestrian trails. FREE MoStateParks.com/park/knob-nosterstate-park &

52 Lake of the Ozarks State Park KAISER 573-348-2694, 403 Highway 134. This park offers camping; cabins; yurts; marinas; beaches; group camps; equestrian, mountain biking and hiking trails; and an aquatic trail. \$ MoStateParks.com/park/ lake-ozarks-state-park &

53 Pomme de Terre State Park PITTSBURG 417-852-4291, 23451 Park Entrance Road. Located on Pomme de Terre Lake, the park has a marina, beaches and ample fishing opportunities, as well as trails, campgrounds and lodging. FREE MoStateParks.com/park/ pomme-de-terre-state-park &

(54) Rock Bridge Memorial State Park социны 573-449-7402, 5901 S. Highway 163. Features include nature programs; picnic areas; an orienteering course; and trails leading to sinkholes, springs and a natural rock bridge. FREE MoStateParks.com/ park/rock-bridge-memorial-state-park &

# CONSERVATION AREAS

Big Buffalo Creek Conservation Area warsaw 660-530-5500, Big Buffalo Road. This 3,612-acre area has a 6-acre fishing pond, three springs, and 3 miles of Big Buffalo Creek. The area offers birding, camping, fishing, hunting, biking, hiking and horseback riding, FREE

warsaw 660-530-5500, Fire Road 401-2. Wildflowers are plentiful at this 186-acre

**Brickley Hollow Conservation Area** 

conservation area with small expanses of woodland, savanna and native grassland and a dolomite glade. The area offers birding, fishing, hunting and trapping. FREE

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### Eagle Bluffs Conservation Area COLUMBIA

573-445-3882, 6700 W. Route K. The Missouri River and Perche Creek provide more than 10 miles of stream frontage at this 4,429-acre conservation area. The Katy Trail rail trail passes through a portion of the area, FREE

### Granny's Acres Conservation Area WARSAW

660-530-5500, Day Road. A well-marked trail system guides hikers through a hilly forest at this 351-acre conservation area. The steep, rocky terrain has some long climbs along glades and through old-growth woodlands. FREE

# Hi Lonesome Prairie Conservation Area

COLE CAMP 660-530-5500, Hi Lonesome Road. This 655-acre native prairie provides habitat for a diverse group of plants and animals. It has been designated an Important Bird Area by Audubon Missouri. FREE

Lead Mine Conservation Area UNAS 417-532-7612, 191 Coatney Road. Two miles of Niangua River frontage and a 3.5-mile stretch of Jakes Creek run through this

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7,760-acre tract. The area has a campground and trails for hiking, blking and horseback riding. FREE

### Little Dixie Lake Conservation Area FULTON

573-815-7900, 1821 Route RA, Forest habitat and small ponds offer birding, fishing, hunting, biking, hiking and trapping at this 733-acre conservation area. Twenty-two ponds are used for fisheries research, FREE &

Lost Valley Fish Hatchery WARSAW 660-438-4465, 28232 Hatchery Ave. This 969-acre tract features glades, prairies and wooded areas for birding, fishing and some hunting in certain areas. Warm-water and cool-water fish species are raised in 77 ponds. FREE &

### Paint Brush Prairie Conservation Area

SEDALIA 660-530-5500, Manilla Road. This 314-acre conservation area protects a diverse community of more than 200 tallgrass prairie plants. It has been designated an Important Bird Area by Audubon Missouri, FREE

# Painted Rock Conservation Area

WESTPHALIA 573-815-7900, Route 133. The Osage River intersects this 1,480-acre conservation area on its western border. The area was once occupied by Native Americans as early as 9,000 years ago. An Indian burial cairn can be found along the Osage Scenic Bluff trail. FREE

# Rocky Fork Lakes Conservation Area

COLUMBIA 573-445-3882, Peabody Road. More than 60 lakes and ponds and a firearms shooting range are located at this 2,200-acre conservation area. A large lake has a boat ramp and a fishing dock designed for wheelchair access. FREE

# **Runge Conservation Nature Center**

JEFFERSON CITY 573-526-5544, 330 Commerce Drive. Five hiking trails, totaling 2.4 miles, loop through woodlands, prairies and glades and run along ponds and a wet-weather stream at this nature center. Exhibits include live animals, a large fish aquarium and a wildlife viewing area. FREE &

# Three Creeks Conservation Area COLUMBIA

573-884-6861, East Deer Park Road. This 1,600-acre area is named for the three creeks that run through it: Turkey, Bass and Bonne Femme creeks. The area offers birding, camping, fishing, hunting, biking, hiking and horseback riding. FREE



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# AMUSEMENT PERKS

Big Surf Water Park, Linn Creek - A lazy river, wave pool, waterfalls and flumes, plus sand volleyball, shuffleboard, pool and basketball promise plenty of fun in the water and on land.

Lake of the Ozarks State Park - Enjoy miles of hiking trails, sunny days on the sandy beach and a variety of water sports at one of the largest lakes in the state.

Stark Caverns, Eldon - Descend below the earth's surface to view geological formations, fossils, fluorescent minerals and Native American artifacts. See the cave in a different way during a black-light tour.

Katy Trail, Rocheport - Rent a bike or bring your own for a ride along one of the most scenic sections of the longest developed rail trail in the country. Pedal alongside the Missouri River and through a historic train tunnel.

Warm Springs Ranch, Boonville - Tour the majestic red barns and bucolic pastures where the worldfamous Budweiser Clydesdales are born and trained. You're likely to meet some of the newest additions to the ranch's equine community.







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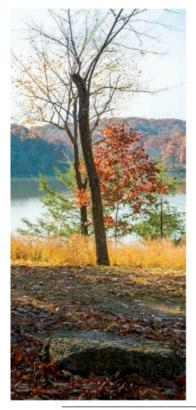




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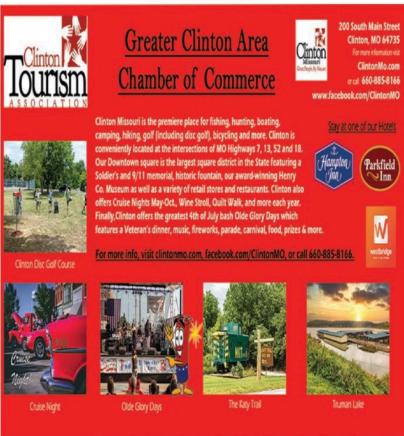








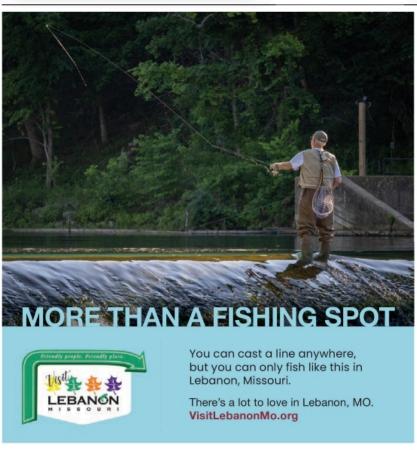


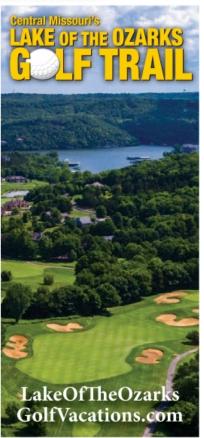
















# FESTIVALS & EVENTS

Ford Enthusiast Nationals and Shelbyfest Rally, Jefferson City – Follow the roar of the engines to downtown Jefferson City where car enthusiasts from across the country gather to admire hundreds of vintage and latemodel Mustangs lining the streets.

**True/False Film Festival**, Columbia – Immerse yourself in the creative and spirited atmosphere that forms the backdrop for one of the top documentary film festivals in the country.

Morels & Microbrews, Fulton - The prized morel mushroom and craft beer take center stage in the town's historic Brick District. Food trucks and live music add to the festivities.

Missouri State Fair, Sedalia – Showcasing the Show-Me State since 1901, the annual fair combines classic agricultural exhibits and competitions with grandstand concerts and a midway full of rides and amusements.

Ozark Cigar Box Guitar Music Festival, Warsaw - Making music doesn't get much more creative than this. Musicians playing guitars made from cigar boxes perform at the Drake Harbor amphitheater overlooking the upper reaches of the Lake of the Ozarks.













he Ozark Mountains meet the Mississippi River east Region. You'll find forests as far as the eye can see, crystal-clear rivers, sparkling springs, towering bluffs and rugged rock formations.

souri's oldest European settlement. St. Genevieve National Historical Park preserves some of the rarest French colonial architecture in the country.







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# MISSOURI NATIONAL PARKS

(1) Ozark National Scenic Riverways VAN BUREN 573-323-4236, 404 Watercress Dr. Experience the beauty of two of America's clearest spring-fed rivers, the Current and Jacks Fork, the first river system to be protected by the National Park Service. The area also includes springs, caves, hiking trails and historic sites. FREE nps.gov/ozar

12 Ste. Genevieve National Historical Park STE. GENEVIEVE 573-880-7189, 99 S. Main St. Explore the French Colonial history and rare architecture of Missouri's oldest European settlement, including a 1792 "post-inground" house - one of only five such structures remaining in the United States. FREE nps.gov/stge/index.htm &

# MISSOURI STATE PARKS AND HISTORIC SITES

66 Battle of Pilot Knob State Historic Site PILOT KNOB 573-546-3454, 118 E. Maple. This site preserves an earthen fortification used by Union forces during the Battle of Pilot Knob. Exhibits illustrate the 1864 battle. FREE MoStateParks.com/park/battle-pilot-knobstate-historic-site &

67 Big Oak Tree State Park EAST PRAIRIE 573-649-3149, 13640 S. Highway 102, A boardwalk and overlook give a close-up view of the park's swamp forest and towering trees. Picnicking and fishing are available. FREE MoStateParks.com/park/

big-oak-tree-state-park &

68 Bollinger Mill State Historic Site BURFORDVILLE 573-243-4591, 113 Bollinger Mill Road. This site features a stone-and-brick gristmill and Missouri's oldest covered bridge - both completed circa 1867 - plus a small picnic area. \$ MoStateParks.com/park/ bollinger-mill-state-historic-site

69 Current River State Park SALEM 573-858-3015, 11053 County Road 19D. The park offers hiking trails, picnic areas and lakes for fishing, as well as tours of the property, which was once a corporate retreat. FREE MoStateParks.com/park/ current-river-state-park

70 Dillard Mill State Historic Site DAVISVILLE 573-244-3120, 142 Dillard Mill Road. Visitors can tour the water-powered gristmill, take a hike, fish in Huzzah Creek or enjoy a picnic lunch in this picturesque setting. \$ MoStateParks.com/park/ dillard-mill-state-historic-site



Elephant Rocks State Park BELLEVIEW 573-546-3454, 7406 Highway 21. Huge granite rocks stand end to end like a train of elephants. A paved Braille trail winds through the rocks. Picnic sites are available. FREE MoStateParks.com/park/elephantrocks-state-park &

3 Felix Vallé House State Historic Site STE. GENEVIEVE 573-883-7102, 198 Merchant St. This site contains two of the finest examples of French colonial architecture. including the 1818 Felix Vallé House and the 1819 Shaw House. \$ MoStateParks.com/ park/felix-valle-house-state-historic-site

(74) Grand Gulf State Park THAYER 417-264-7600, Highway W. Here, visitors can use boardwalks to descend partway into a vertical-walled canyon and view one of the largest natural bridges in Missouri. FREE MoStateParks.com/park/grand-gulfstate-park &

(75) Hawn State Park STE, GENEVIEVE 573-883-3603, 12096 Park Drive. This park features a scenic creek and native pines with an understory of dogwood, redbud and wild azalea. Camping and trails are available. FREE MoStateParks.com/park/hawnstate-park &

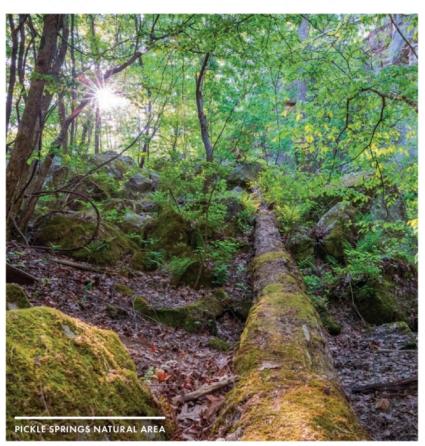
76 Hunter-Dawson State Historic Site NEW MADRID 573-748-5340, 312 Dawson Road. The site's Hunter-Dawson house is a 15-room Bootheel mansion built in 1859-60. Visitors can tour the home and see its original furniture. \$ MoStateParks.com/park/ hunter-dawson-state-historic-site

(7) Johnson's Shut-Ins State Park MIDDLE BROOK 573-546-2450, 148 Taum Sauk Trail. Park features include a campground, cabins, stores, trails and "shut-ins" - natural swimming holes created by rocks closing in river water. FREE MoStateParks.com/park/ johnsons-shut-ins-state-park &

78 Lake Wappapello State Park WILLIAMSVILLE 573-297-3232, 8005 State Highway 172. The park's coves make great camping, fishing and picnicking spots. There are also cabins, boat ramps, a beach and a variety of trails. FREE MoStateParks.com/ park/lake-wappapello-state-park &

(79) Missouri Mines State Historic Site PARK HILLS 573-431-6226, 4000 State Highway 32. This site contains a former lead





into a museum featuring mining exhibits and mineral displays. \$ MoStateParks.com/park/missouri-mines-state-historic-site &

- 80 Montauk State Park SALEM 573-548-2201, 345 County Road 6670. This park features a spring-fed stream stocked with trout, as well as an old gristmill, camping, lodging, trails, a store and a restaurant. FREE MoStateParks. com/park/montauk-state-park &
- (81) Morris State Park CAMPBELL 573-297-3232, Highway WW. Lying in a range of low hills in the Mississippi River flood plain, this park features a hiking trail, an overlook and many rare plants. FREE MoStateParks.com/park/ morris-state-park
- Onondaga Cave State Park LEASBURG
  573-245-6576, 7556 Highway H. Tours are given of both Onondaga and Cathedral caves. The park also offers Meramec River access, a store, a campground and hiking trails. \$ MoStateParks.com/park/onondaga-cave-state-park &
- 83 Sam A. Baker State Park PATTERSON 573-856-4411, 5580 State Highway 143. Set in the St. Francois Mountains, this park has campsites (including equestrian), trails, cabins, float trips, dining and a nature center. FREE MOStateParks.com/park/sam-baker-state-park &
- M St. Francois State Park BONNE TERRE 573-358-2173, 8920 U.S. Highway 67 North. A popular put-in spot for float trips on the Big River, this park also features hiking, backpacking and equestrian trails and a campground. FREE MoStateParks.com/park/st-francois-state-park &
- (8) St. Joe State Park Park HILLS 573-431-1069, 2800 Pimville Road. Features include off-road vehicle, equestrian, biking and hiking trails; campgrounds; fishing lakes; beaches; watercraft rentals; and a shooting range. FREE MoStateParks.com/park/st-joe-state-park &
- (8) Taum Sauk Mountain State Park IRONTON 573-546-2450, Highway CC. Missouri's highest point and its highest wet-weather waterfall are located in this park, which also has hiking trails and basic campsites. FREE MoStateParks.com/park/taum-sauk-mountain-state-park
- Towosahgy State Historic Site
  EAST PRAIRIE 573-748-5340, County Road
  502. This site preserves the remains of a
  once-fortified Mississippian American Indian
  village, inhabited between A.D. 1000 and
  A.D. 1400. FREE MoStateParks.com/park/
  towosahgy-state-historic-site
- (8) Trail of Tears State Park JACKSON 573-290-5268, 429 Moccasin Springs. A portion of this park was part of the Trail of Tears. Campgrounds, a lake, river access, a visitor center, and trails are offered. FREE MoStateParks.com/park/trail-tearsstate-park &

(8) Washington State Park DE SOTO 636-586-5768, 13041 State Highway 104. Features include a pool, watercraft rentals, cabins, hiking and backpacking trails, a store, campsites, and American Indian rock carvings. FREE MoStateParks.com/park/washington-state-park &

### **CONSERVATION AREAS**

Amidon Memorial Conservation Area
FREDERICKTOWN 573-290-5730, County Road
208. This 1,630-acre conservation area
features granite shut-ins on the Castor River.
The area offers birding, camping, fishing,
hunting, trails, hiking and trapping. FREE

Apple Creek Conservation Area ALTENBURG 573-290-5730, Route CC. Find steep hills, narrow valleys and 2.5 miles of Apple Creek at this 2,100-acre conservation area, offering birding, camping, fishing, hunting, trapping, biking, hiking, horseback riding and a shooting range. FREE

Cape Girardeau Conservation Nature Center
CAPE GIRARDEAU 573-290-5218, 2289 County
Park Drive. Highlighting the cultural history
and natural resources of southeastern
Missouri, this nature center includes two
miles of nature trails, wildlife exhibits and
viewing areas, a children's area, and Native
American artifacts. FREE &

# Castor River Conservation Area

MARBLE HILL 573-290-5730, Route 34. Blue Pond - the deepest natural pond in Missouri - is located at this 9,688-acre conservation area. The area offers primitive camping, hiking, biking, horseback riding, birding, fishing, hunting and a shooting range. FREE &

Current River Conservation Area ELLINGTON 573-290-5730, Route 106. This area encompasses 29,000 acres of forested land, bordered by the Current River. Popular activities include elk viewing, hunting, fishing, birding and sightseeing. Places of interest include Blue Spring, Paint Rock Bluff and Fort Barnesville. FREE

Elk Driving Tours at Peck Ranch Conservation
Area ELLINGTON 855-263-2355, 2929 County
Road 618. Forested hills, hollows and creeks
fill this 23,763-acre conservation area. Peck
Ranch is home to Missouri's wild elk herd.
The area offers a driving tour to view elk
and other wildlife, hiking, birding, camping,
hunting and a shooting range. FREE &

Holly Ridge Conservation Area BLOOMFIELD 573-290-5730, Route E. This 991-acre area protects endangered plant species and a bog. The area offers a shooting range, hiking, biking, horseback riding, birding, camping, fishing, hunting and trapping. FREE &

Huzzah Conservation Area STEELVILLE 636-441-4554, Route H. Rugged forest, the Meramec River, and the Huzzah and Courtois creeks are part of this 6,225-acre area. The Ozark Trail transects the area, which offers a variety of outdoor activities. FREE &

Little River Conservation Area KENNETT 573-290-5730, Route 412. Reforested bottomland, marshes and upland habitat are part of this 1,013-acre conservation area. A 150-acre lake has fishing jetties, a boat ramp, a fishing platform and a covered fishing dock. FREE &

Magnolia Hollow Conservation Area BLOOMSDALE 573-290-5730, Route V. Eagles are commonly seen along the Mississippi River at this rugged 1,740-acre conservation area. The area offers hiking, birding, camping, fishing and hunting, and a shooting range. FREE &

Millstream Gardens Conservation Area FREDERICKTOWN 573-290-5730, Route 72. The St. Francis River borders this 916-acre tract, which includes the Tiemann Shut-Ins. The area offers a shooting range, trails, hiking, birding, fishing and hunting. FREE &

Otter Slough Conservation Area DEXTER
573-290-5730, 7001 County Road 675. This
4,859-acre area is one of only a few
examples of a cypress/tupelo swamp left in
Missouri. The swamp and marsh attract
thousands of waterfowl. The area offers
hiking, birding, hunting, camping, fishing and
trapping. FREE &

Pickle Springs Natural Area FARMINGTON 573-290-5730, Dorlac Road. Scenic waterfalls and box canyons that harbor unusual plants and animals are part of this 256-acre tract. The area has trails for hiking and wildlife watching. Rose azalea bloom along the sandstone valley in the spring. FREE

Rocky Creek Conservation Area EMINENCE 417-256-7161, Highway 19, Routes H and E. Forest and woodland cover much of this 39,546-acre area, offering birding, hiking, primitive camping, hunting and fishing. The area contains many springs and caves and provides access to the Current River. An auto driving tour explores a 1,300-acre pine-oak woodland restoration project. FREE

Ten Mile Pond Conservation Area
EAST PRAIRIE 573-290-5730, Route W. Explore
more than 1,000 acres of wetland habitat at
this 3,755-acre area that provides food for
waterfowl, shorebirds and other wetland
wildlife species. Duck and goose hunting
and waterfowl viewing are the most popular
activities at the area. FREE

Twin Pines Conservation Education Center WINONA 573-325-1381, Route 60 East. This education center explores the natural features of the Ozarks, the area's logging history and the importance of forests. It includes indoor wildlife exhibits, a fishing pond, an archery range and trails. FREE

# AMUSEMENT PERKS

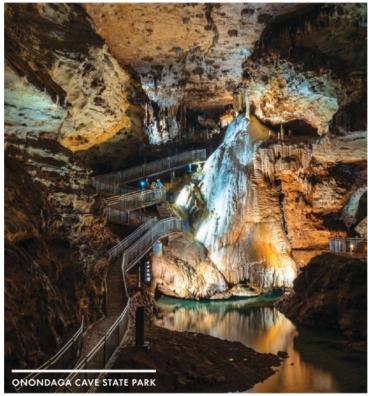
Bonne Terre Mine, Bonne Terre - Follow an old mule path once travelled by miners uncovering lead deposits with picks and shovels. Then board a pontoon boat for a tour of the 1-billion-gallon underground lake - the largest fresh-water scuba diving venue on earth.

Sainte Genevieve Museum Learning Center, Ste. Genevieve - Enter the Hall of Giants, inhabited by life-size models of dinosaurs that ruled the earth 65 million years ago, and learn about one of the latest prehistoric discoveries - the Missouri Dinosaur.

Onondaga Cave State Park, Leasburg - Head underground and see why Missouri is called the Cave State. View towering stalagmites, dripping stalactites and active flowstone.

The Space Museum, Bonne Terre - A world-class collection of aerospace artifacts will transport you from the dawn of space travel to the spacecraft of today.

Johnson's Shut-Ins State Park, Middle Brook -Splash the day away in the pools and chutes at a "waterpark" made by Mother Nature. Extend your stay at the campground where you can pitch a tent or reserve one of the park's camper cabins.











# FESTIVALS & EVENTS

**Dogwood-Azalea Festival**, Charleston – Surround yourself with beauty along a six-mile trail showcasing two springtime favorites – dogwood and azalea blooms. At dusk, luminaries line the walking route for a candlelight tour.

**French Heritage Festival**, Ste. Genevieve - Celebrate more than 300 years of French culture in North America with music, dance, storytelling, reenactments and French cuisine.

East Prairie Sweet Corn Festival, East Prairie - A week-long lineup of activities leads up to the Tour de Corn. More than 1,000 cyclists come for the charity bike ride that offers varying distances for riders of all ages and abilities.

**Sikeston Jaycee Bootheel Rodeo**, *Sikeston* – Pull on your cowboy boots for this summer staple that features four days of bull riding, barrel racing and more. Evening concerts boast some of the biggest names in country music.

Christmas Country Church Tour, Perry, Cape Girardeau and Bollinger counties – Visit more than 30 churches – from simple one-room wooden structures to brick-and-mortar masterpieces, some more than a century old – draped in holiday decor that reflects each community's heritage.

















rom the bright lights of Branson to breathtaking □ views of the Ozarks, the Southwest Region of Missouri specializes in family fun and outdoor pursuits.

Branson bustles with theme and adventure parks, an aquarium, a towering Ferris wheel, and a variety of live shows - from music and dance to magic and comedy.

Anglers flock to Table Rock Lake, Lake Taneycomo and Roaring River State Park in hopes of reeling in a trophy fish, while golfers test their skills on acclaimed courses designed by some of the sport's top players.

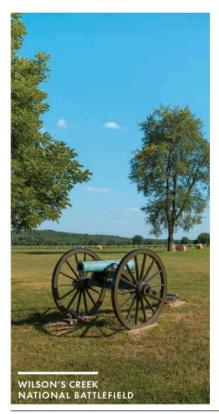
In Springfield, stock up on all the outdoor gear you need at the original and largest Bass Pro Shop location. The History Museum on the Square will take you on a journey through time, including a nostalgic look at Route 66 in the city where the highway received its famous name.

The southwest corner of the state pays tribute to the Mother Road in numerous places. The Route 66 Mural Park is a popular stop in Joplin. The Route 66 Drive-In Theatre in Carthage offers a retro experience under the stars.









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# MISSOURI NATIONAL PARKS

George Washington Carver National
Monument DIAMOND 417-325-4151, 5646
Carver Road. Visit the childhood home of
George Washington Carver, scientist,
educator and humanitarian whose work
helped revolutionize agriculture. The
monument is the first National Park property
dedicated to a Black American. FREE nps.
gov/gwca &

(ii) Wilson's Creek National Battlefield
REPUBLIC 417-861-9905, 6424 W. Farm Road.
Tour the site of the first major Civil War battle
west of the Mississippi River and the second
major battle of the war. The visitor center
includes a museum displaying Civil War
artifacts and a research library. \$ nps.gov/
wicr/index.htm &

# MISSOURI STATE PARKS AND HISTORIC SITES

(5) Battle of Carthage State Historic Site CARTHAGE 417-682-2279, 1111 E. Chestnut St. The earliest battle of the Civil War ended here when 6,000 Southerners forced 1,000

Union men to retreat. A kiosk explains the battle. FREE MoStateParks.com/park/battle-carthage-state-historic-site

S Battle of Island Mound State Historic Site
BUTLER 417-276-4259, 4837 NW County Road
1002. This site contains Fort Africa, where
the first Black soldiers to ever engage in
Civil War combat camped prior to the
history-making battle. FREE MoStateParks.
com/park/battle-island-mound-statehistoric-site δ

ig Sugar Creek State Park PINEVILLE
417-847-2539, 6727 Big Sugar Creek Road.
This rugged park contains outstanding savannas, glades, woodlands and bluffs along Big Sugar Creek. A hiking trail traverses these features. FREE
MoStateParks.com/park/
big-sugar-creek-state-park

SB Bryant Creek State Park ava 417-334-4704, 1228 County Road 337 D. This park is home to towering oaks and pines, scenic sandstone outcrops, and a pristine creek, and offers picnic tables and hiking trails. FREE MoStateParks.com/park/ bryant-creek-state-park

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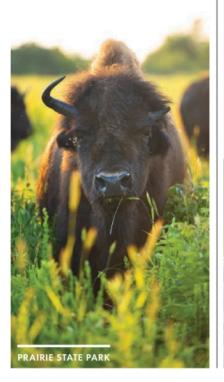
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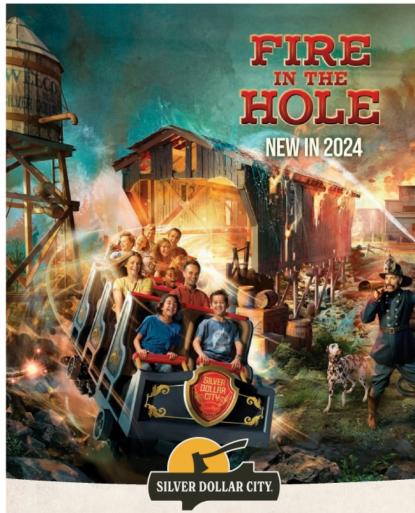
59 Harry S Truman Birthplace State Historic Site LAMAR 417-682-2279, 1009 Truman St. Harry S. Truman, the only Missourian ever elected U.S. president, was born in this six-room home in 1884. Free tours are given of the house, FREE MoStateParks.com/park/ harry-s-truman-birthplace-state-historic-site

60 Nathan and Olive Boone Homestead State Historic Site ASH GROVE 417-751-3266, 7850 N. State Highway V. Tour the 1837 log home of Nathan Boone - a military officer and the son of Daniel Boone - and his wife, Olive, who maintained the homestead. \$ MoStateParks.com/park/nathan-and-olive-boonehomestead-state-historic-site

61) Osage Village State Historic Site WALKER 417-682-2279, Highway C. This site was once a Big Osage American Indian village occupied from 1700-1775. Outdoor exhibits interpret Osage history and life. FREE MoStateParks.com/park/ osage-village-state-historic-site

62 Prairie State Park MINDENMINES 417-843-6711, 128 NW 150th Lane. Featuring Missouri's largest public native prairie, this park offers a nature center, hiking trails, campsites and guided bison walks. FREE MoStateParks.com/park/prairie-state-park &





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# 63 Roaring River State Park CASSVILLE

417-847-2539, 12716 Farm Road 2239. Features of this park include hiking trails, campgrounds, lodging, dining, a store, a nature center and a trout-stocked stream for anglers. FREE MoStateParks.com/park/ roaring-river-state-park &

64 Stockton State Park DADEVILLE 417-276-4259, 19100 S. Highway 215. This park overlooks Stockton Lake and features a marina, a beach, lodging, campsites, hiking and mountain biking trails, and a water trail. FREE MoStateParks.com/park/stocktonstate-park &

65 Table Rock State Park BRANSON 417-334-4704, 5272 Highway 165. Located on Table Rock Lake, this park features a marina; a boat ramp; campgrounds; a premium yurt; and trails for hiking and bicycling. FREE MoStateParks.com/park/table-rockstate-park &

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# **CONSERVATION AREAS**

Andy Dalton Shooting Range BOIS D'ARC 417-742-4361, N. Farm Road 61. This shooting range offers a fee-based rifle/pistol range, trap/skeet and 5-stand sporting clays,

shotgun patterning, and 3-D/static archery. \$ &

## **Bushwhacker Lake Conservation Area**

BRONAUGH 417-629-3423, 527 E. Sixth St. More than 1,400 acres of prairie at this 4,790-acre conservation area are being restored. Lakes, including the 157-acre Bushwhacker Lake, are stocked with bass, bluegill and channel catfish. The area offers hunting, fishing, multiuse trails, campsites and a concrete boat ramp. FREE &

Busiek State Forest and Wildlife Area HIGHLANDVILLE 417-895-6880, 5 U.S. Route 65. A well-marked trail system provides approximately 18 miles of trails for hiking, biking and horseback riding at this 2,700acre conservation area. The area also offers primitive, tent-only campsites and an unstaffed firearms shooting range. FREE

### Canev Mountain Conservation Area

GAINESVILLE 417-256-7161, Route 1818. This 7,900-acre area is characterized by unusual geology, including remnants of an old, elevated plateau dissected by numerous streams. The area offers hiking, biking, horseback riding, birding, camping, hunting and a shooting range. FREE

# Robert E. Talbot Conservation Area

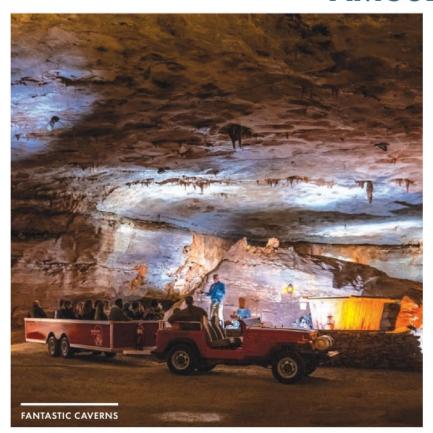
LARUSSELL 417-451-4158, 7031 Route 96. The land at this 4,361-acre area varies from rich bottomlands along Spring River to rocky uplands. A four-acre lake and a seven-acre lake offer fishing. Several miles of trails are open to hiking, biking and horseback riding. The campground is best suited for tents and small RVs. FREE

Ruth and Paul Henning Conservation Area BRANSON 417-895-6880, Shepherd of the Hills Expwy. This 1,534-acre area includes forest, glades, a half-mile stretch of Roark Creek, 5.6 miles of hiking trails, a scenic overlook and a lookout tower. The 3.4-mile Homesteaders Trail has 14 stops that showcase natural features and places of historical interest. FREE





# AMUSEMENT PERKS



Silver Dollar City, Branson – Life in the 1880s inspires the top-rated theme park's rides, restaurants, shops and shows. Artisans demonstrate their skills in glassblowing, woodcarving, blacksmithing, candy making, bread baking and more

**Dogwood Canyon Nature Park**, Lampe – Savor a scenic slice of the Ozarks aboard a tram or on horseback, bicycle or foot at this 10,000-acre nature park known for its sparkling streams, waterfalls and wildlife.

Wonders of Wildlife National Museum & Aquarium, Springfield - The massive museum and 1.5-million-gallon aquarium showcase 35,000 fish, mammals, reptiles and birds. Immersive wildlife galleries lead you to habitats around the world.

Fantastic Caverns, Springfield – Board a tram for a subterranean trip to admire stalagmites, stalactites, soda straws, flowstones and other impressive rock formations in the country's only ride-through cave.

Copperhead Mountain Coaster, Branson - The fastest and longest downhill ride in Branson will get your adrenaline pumping with riveting loops, drops and curves. Located at Shepherd's Adventure Park, the coaster is illuminated with thousands of colorful lights at night.



# FESTIVALS & EVENTS

Ozark Empire Fair, Springfield - Billed as summer's biggest party, the fair is one of the largest events in southwest Missouri. Dating back to the early 1900s, it's packed with concerts, livestock shows, art exhibits and vendors.

# Birthplace of Route 66 Festival,

Springfield - Celebrate the place where the Mother Road was named. Highlights include live music and car and motorcycle shows.

Carver Day, Diamond - Storytelling, music and activities for kids take a close look at George Washington Carver's contributions as a scientist, educator and humanitarian at the first national monument to honor a Black American.

Maple Leaf Festival, Carthage - A week filled with events features the city's brilliantly colored maple trees. Booths offering arts and crafts, food, and more surround the historic Jasper County Courthouse with its turrets, towers and arches.

# Old Time Christmas, Silver Dollar City,

Branson - Stroll through the magical glow of more than 6 million lights and enjoy special holiday shows, music and tasty treats.







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