

## PLACES TO GO AND THINGS TO SEE

### **August A. Busch Memorial Conservation Area**

Near the intersection of Hwy. 40 and Hwy. 94 in St. Charles County  
2360 Hwy D, St. Charles, MO, 63304

Managed by the Missouri Department of Conservation, the Busch and Weldon Spring Areas provide more than 14,000 acres including forests, lakes and streams of outdoor recreation. Camping is NOT allowed. Outdoor activities include hiking (0.2 to 8 miles in length), year round fishing, seasonal hunting, picnicking, target shooting range, archery range, and self-guided nature study. Naturalist led programs for day camps and resident camps in the St. Louis Region are available at your site. (Please limit your request to one program per camp per summer.) Camp directors may request an application in February and must submit them by mail. Scouting for Badges Discovery Tables are held on a monthly basis during the school year. These tables are designed to fulfill various badge requirements for Cub Scouts and Webelos. Other special events open to scouts include Wetlands for Kids (early April) and kids Fishing Fair (mid-May). Events are advertised in the "Making Tracks" newsletter.

### **Contact Information**

636.441.4554

[www.conservation.state.mo.us](http://www.conservation.state.mo.us)

### **Bass Pro Shops Sportsman's Warehouse**

1365 South 5th St, St. Charles, MO, 63301

Bass Pro Shops Sportsman's Warehouse in St. Charles offers the most complete collection of fishing, hunting, camping and boating items ever assembled, plus outdoor apparel and footwear for the entire family. Other exciting store features include a 6,700 gallon Aquarium and indoor archery lane. Special events include a Spring Fishing Classic and Boating and Camping Classic, Kid's Day and Fall Hunting Classic. In addition, Outdoors Skill Workshops classes, a great way to earn Scout badges, are designed to help teach our customers about outdoor skills and provide valuable information about proper equipment selection and use. Classes are taught by skilled instructors and provide a hands-on experience in topics such as archery, fishing, camping, hunting and many more. Please contact the store for special events and Outdoors Skill Workshop classes for dates and times.

**Hours** Mon-Sat 9 a.m.-10 p.m., Sunday 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

### **Contact Information**

636.688.2500

[www.basspro.com](http://www.basspro.com)

### **Bollinger Mill State Historic Site**

Highway 34, on HH in Cape Girardeau County  
113 Bollinger Mill Rd, Burfordville, MO, 63739

The first mill was built in 1800 by George F. Bollinger. The present four-story mill was rebuilt after the Civil War in 1867. A water turbine, located in the basement of the mill, still supplies power to a pair of buhrstones used to demonstrate grinding corn during tours. Adjacent to the mill stands Missouri's oldest covered bridge. The Burfordville covered bridge, spanning the Whitewater River, is 140 feet long and has a clearance 14 feet high and 12 feet wide. The mill and bridge are on the National Register of Historic Places. Group rates are available with reservations made two weeks in advance.

**Hours** Monday - Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Sundays

**Contact Information**

573.243.4591

[www.dnr.state.mo.us/dsp/bollinger.htm](http://www.dnr.state.mo.us/dsp/bollinger.htm)

**Bonne Terre Mines**

Bonne Terre, MO

Tour the huge cavernous rooms that are supported by giant rock pillars where miners dug with picks and shovels in 1864. See the "Billion Gallon Lake Scuba Resort" owned and operated by West End Diving-St. Louis and watch the scuba divers. Museum, food and specialty shops. Special rates for organizations and schools by appointment. Also available are boat tours and scuba diving lessons. Tours of Mansion Hill Country Inn and 1909 Depot available. Both national historic sites are available by reservation. National geographic Top 10 adventure.

**Hours** Open all year 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Contact Information**

573.358.2148 or 314.731.5003

[www.2dive.com](http://www.2dive.com)

**Bowling Hall Of Fame And Museum**

111 Stadium Plaza, St. Louis, MO, 63102

This unique facility offers two sports museums under one roof. The Bowling Museum traces 5,000 years of bowling history from ancient Egypt to modern tenpins. The Cardinals Hall of Fame features over 100 years of St. Louis baseball history and memorabilia. Enjoy computerized games, four frames of bowling, and movies. A tour through the hall meets requirements for Cub Scout bowling badges or Boy Scouts sports badges. Also available for Scouts are educational programs that reinforce general math skills for grades 1-8. The museums are a great stop on a downtown hike or before a Cardinals game. Busch Stadium tours are also available. The museums offer special group rates for Scouts! .

**Hours** Open seven days a week. Please call for hours.

**Contact Information**

314.231.6340

[www.bowlingmuseum.com](http://www.bowlingmuseum.com)

**Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site**

Eight miles from downtown St. Louis near Collinsville, Ill., off interstate 55/70, 255 and Highway 111 on Collinsville Rd.

30 Ramey St, Collinsville, IL, 62234

Cahokia Mounds is the remains of the most sophisticated prehistoric Indian civilization north of Mexico. Within the 2,200-acre tract lie the archaeological remnants of the central section of the ancient Indian city that is today known as Cahokia. According to archaeological finds, the city of Cahokia was inhabited from about 700 A.D. to 1500 A.D. At its peak, the city covered nearly six square miles and had a population of about 20,000 in extensive residential sections. Houses were arranged in rows around open plazas, and the main agricultural fields lay outside the city.

Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site offers special events throughout the year. A calendar is available with the listing of dates. A two-week scheduled reservation for the orientation show, "City of the Sun," and exhibit gallery is required for groups. Self-guided tours have been designed for groups wishing to tour the site. .

**Hours** Open daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; grounds are open 8 a.m. to dusk.

**Admission** Free, but a donation of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children is suggested.

**Contact Information**

618.345.4999

[www.cahokiamounds.com](http://www.cahokiamounds.com)

[cahokiamounds@ezl.com](mailto:cahokiamounds@ezl.com)

**Campbell House Museum**

1508 Locust St, St. Louis, MO, 63103

**Hours** Wednesday-Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sunday 12:00 - 4 p.m.

**Contact Information**

314.421.0325

[www.stlouis.missouri.org/501c/chm](http://www.stlouis.missouri.org/501c/chm)

**Castlewood State Park**

Part of the Meramec River Recreation Area, which stretches 108 river miles from Meramec State Park to the river's confluence with the Mississippi River south of St. Louis. Fishing, canoeing, picnicking, more than 17 miles for hikers, bikers and horseback riders are available. Camping is not allowed.

**Contact Information**

314.277.4433

[www.dnr.state.mo.us/dsp/castlewood.htm](http://www.dnr.state.mo.us/dsp/castlewood.htm)

**Cathedral Basilica Of Saint Louis**

Lindell at Newstead Blvds., St. Louis, MO, 63108

The cathedral shelters 83,00 square feet of mosaics created from approximately 41,500,000 pieces of stone and glass in more than 3,000 shades of color. A mosaic museum tells the story of the construction of the church and installation of the mosaics. Visitors are welcome. There is a tour on Sunday at 1 p.m. Other tours and times can be arranged by calling .

**Hours** Museum: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Church: open until 5 p.m.

**Contact Information**

314.533.0544

[www.cathedralstl.org](http://www.cathedralstl.org)

**Dillard Mill State Historic Site**

Five miles from the intersection of Highway 49 and V, on Highway 49  
142 Dillard Mill Rd, Davisville, MO, 65456

Built in 1904, is tucked between colorful Ozark hills and pine-topped bluffs. The water-powered mill overlooks the spring-fed Huzzah Creek, makes the 132-acre historic site a very picturesque place to picnic and hike. The red mill ground grain for area farmers as late as 1960, and has been restored to operational order. Dillard Mill is one of the more than 750 local grist mills that once dotted Missouri's landscape. (Red Bluffs, a National Forest Service campground, is located nine miles from Dillard Mill at Davisville). Group discounts available with prior reservations. .

**Hours** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays; 12 noon to 6 p.m. Sundays. Winter hours differ only on Sundays, when the center opens noon to 5 p.m

**Contact Information**

573.244.3120

[www.dnr.state.mo.us/dsp/dillardmill.htm](http://www.dnr.state.mo.us/dsp/dillardmill.htm)

**Dr. Edmund A. Babler Memorial State Park**

St. Louis County, about 20 miles west of St. Louis.

Swimming pool, horseback riding, multipurpose court for sports, camping and picnicking, more than 13 miles of hiking and equestrian trails. Facilities include a shower house, riding stables, three picnic shelters, and a primitive Scout camping area available by advance reservation by calling the number below. The Jacob L. Babler Outdoor Education Center is designed to accommodate campers with special handicaps. Organizations wishing to use the center must make reservations in advance by contacting the director of the center at (314) 458-3048. Due to campground renovation, contact a park naturalist for a program schedule. Special programs for groups of 30 or more can be scheduled by contacting the naturalist staff. .

**Contact Information**

636.458.3813

[www.dnr.state.mo.us/dsp/babler.htm](http://www.dnr.state.mo.us/dsp/babler.htm)

**Eckert's Country Store & Farms**

The Belleville Country Store complex is open virtually year-round and includes a bakery, country restaurant, gift shop, custard shop and kids' Fun Corral. Wagon rides are offered to pick your own fruit that includes: strawberries, blackberries, peaches, apples, pumpkins and u-cut Christmas trees. Special events start with Easter Egg-Citement and continue through Breakfast with Santa & Make-Your-Own Gingerbread House. Eckerts has two other farm locations in Millstadt and Grafton open in the fall season for apple and pumpkin picking and weekend festivals. The Millstadt farm has now been converted to a "premier" entertainment complex with a daily admission of \$4.00. Activities at the Millstadt Fun Farm include: Uncle Aubrey's Barn of Tricks, the Mine Shaft Slide, Corn Maze and pig races. Please call for a brochure. Eckerts provides wholesome family fun and a unique and memorable country experience for all.

**Contact Information**

618.233.0513

[www.eckerts.com](http://www.eckerts.com)

[agordon@eckerts.com](mailto:agordon@eckerts.com)

**Elephant Rocks State Park**

Four miles north of Pilot Knob, MO off Highway 21.

Elephant Rocks State Park is a small mountainside park. Some of the most curious rock formations in Missouri can be found here. Billion year-old granite rock outcroppings have weathered to rounded oblong "elephant" shapes. There has never been an official census of the "herd" of elephants, but it covers the side of a hill and has a mile long trail so that visitors can see them all. The trail is notable, too, because it has Braille signs for visually handicapped. Elephant Rocks State Park is a day park. No camping overnight, but there are picnic tables, water fountains and a convenient parking area.

**Operating Schedule** Open year-round

**Hours** 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. (Apr 1-Sep 30) 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Oct 1-Mar 31)

**Contact Information**

573.546.3454

[www.mostateparks.com/elephantrock.htm](http://www.mostateparks.com/elephantrock.htm)

[dspftdv@mail.dnr.state.mo.us](mailto:dspftdv@mail.dnr.state.mo.us)

**Felix Valle Home State Historic Site**

On the corner of Merchant and Second Streets

Ste. Genevieve, MO, 63670

Unlike the other homes in the French-settled river town of Ste. Genevieve, the Felix Valle house, built in 1818, is an example of the American Federal style of architecture. The house was purchased in 1824 by Jean B. Valle, the settlement's most prominent citizen. The occupancy of the home by his son, Felix, serves as an indication of the willingness by the French to accept the American influence on their lifestyles. The house was used as headquarters and storage for Menard and Valle, a company that controlled Indian trade throughout Missouri and Arkansas. Group rates available with advance reservations. Group rates are available with two weeks advance reservations. The Amoureux House, located on St. Mary's Road in Ste. Genevieve is also available for tour. It was built in 1792 with vertical logs set into the ground in a style known as "poteaux-en-terre". It is one of five such buildings, which survive in the United States. A scale model of Ste. Genevieve as it appeared in 1832 is also featured.

**Hours** Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday 12:00 - 5 p.m.

**Contact Information**

573.883.7102

[www.dnr.state.mo.us/dsp/felixvalle.htm](http://www.dnr.state.mo.us/dsp/felixvalle.htm)

[dspvalle@mail.dnr.state.mo.us](mailto:dspvalle@mail.dnr.state.mo.us)

**First Missouri State Capitol**

200-216 S. Main, St. Charles, MO, 63301

This site was the first home of the state legislature before the Capitol in Jefferson City was built. Eleven rooms have been restored to their original state, and nine rooms are complete with furnishings from the 1821-1826 period. The site is located in the heart of the St. Charles historic district..

**Hours** Guided Tours Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Admission** Adults (13 & up) \$2.50, children (6-12) \$1.50, children under 6 free. Families \$12 maximum. Groups of 15 or more discounted if scheduled two weeks in advance.

**Contact Information**

636.940.3322

### **Fort Davidson State Historic Site**

Pilot Knob, Iron Country, on Hwy. V, a short distance from Hwy. 21

One can visit the battlefield of the Battle of Pilot Knob and the earthwork remnants of Fort Davidson at this state historic site. The Battle of Pilot Knob began when the Confederate General, Sterling Price, led his force of 12,000 into the Arcadia Valley and put the fort under siege. The Confederate's final assault on the walls failed and more than 1,000 men were wounded or killed. A visitor's center contains artifacts from the battle and exhibits about the the Civil War in Missouri. There is a 15-minute slide show and a three-dimensional lighted battle map presentation. Tours of the battlefield available upon arrangement. Some research materials also available but no checkouts from the small library.

**Hours** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Saturday; 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays.

**Operating Schedule** Open all year every day except state holidays

### **Contact Information**

573.546.3454

[www.mostateparks.com/ftdavidson.htm](http://www.mostateparks.com/ftdavidson.htm)

[dspfthdv@mail.dnr.state.mo.us](mailto:dspfthdv@mail.dnr.state.mo.us)

### **General Daniel Bissell House**

10225 Bellefontaine Rd., Bellefontaine Neighbors, MO, 63137

Daniel Bissell, who served in the U.S. Infantry from 1788-1821, first came to St. Louis in 1809 to take command of Ft. Belle Fontaine, the first U.S. military post west of the Mississippi River. The house was built upon his return from active duty in the War of 1812 and was finished in 1818. Scout tours are available Wednesday through Sunday from Noon to 4 p.m. Advance registration is required. The tours are \$1 per person. Admission to the special exhibits is FREE with a paid tour of \$1 per person for the exhibit alone. We also offer other activities for the Scouts. Museum hours are Saturday and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. Tours are \$2 for adults and \$1 for children 5-12 (those under 4 are free). Call for current information.

### **Contact Information**

314.868.0973 (314) 868-0973, Fax: (314) 868-8435.

[www.st-louiscountyparks.com/bissell.html](http://www.st-louiscountyparks.com/bissell.html)

### **Grant's Farm**

10501 Gravois Rd, east of Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, MO, 63123

A visit to the 281-acre ancestral estate of the Busch Family includes a tram ride past Grant's home (built by Ulysses S. Grant in 1856) and through the 160-acre animal preserve where more than 30 exotic species roam freely. The estate also includes the L. Bauernhof Courtyard where refreshments are available, an animal display area, shows and the Tier Garden animal feeding and petting area. Also, visit the General's Store, Label Stable and Bud World gift shops for a wide selection of distinctive merchandise. Visits are free and no reservations are required for groups of less than 40.

**Hours** Open April - October

**Admission** Free! (Parking: \$5 cars/vans, \$19 season parking pass, busses free)

**Contact Information**

314.843.1700

[www.grantsfarm.com](http://www.grantsfarm.com)

**Greater St. Louis Area Council, B.S.A. Facilities**

4568 West Pine Blvd, St. Louis, MO, 63108

Permits are required for entrance and use of all Council properties. Cub Scout: Beaumont Scout Reservation: Cub World, Cub family camping, Cub Scout picnic area, hiking trails, hayrides, Webelos overnight area, swimming pool, Webelos week-long camp and Webelos mini-camp. S-F Scout Ranch - short hikes, Webelos camping, fishing, picnic area (Nim's Lake Overlook), and Castle Rock. Boy Scouts: Beaumont Scout Reservation: Camping, extended hiking, mud cave, horseback riding, hayrides, chapel, council ring. Sverdrup Lodge and Wright Lodge rental, winterized troop cabins, rifle range, swimming pool, ropes and spars challenge, and orienteering course. S-F Scout Ranch: hiking, backpacking, canoeing, fishing, camping, ropes course, rappelling, Castle Rock, Scout Lodge, picnic area (Nim's Lake Overlook), rock climbing, Huck's Cove, and week-long Scout camp. Explorers/Venturers: Beaumont Scout Reservation - Nagel Explorer Base, recreation hall, horseback riding, hayrides. Adirondack cabins, weekend camping, and swimming pool. S-F Scout Ranch - Swift Explorer Base, winterized lodge, camping, canoeing, hiking, backpacking, fishing, ropes course, rock climbing, rappelling, Castle Rock, Huck's Cove, and week-long summer camp. Camp Lewallen: 560 acres in southeast Missouri, two miles west on Highway K from Highway 67 (four miles north of Highway 34). Hiking, weekend camping, climbing tower, and week-long Scout camp. Pine Ridge Scout Camp: A beautifully wooded area in Southern Illinois with year-round camping and fishing.

**Contact Information**

314.361.0600 or 800.392.0895

[www.stlbsa.org](http://www.stlbsa.org)

**Harrison House**

One-half mile west of Herrin, Ill

The home of David Ruffin Harrison, one of the founders of Herrin, Ill. The house was built in 1868 and was the first brick house in Herrin. Furniture made from that period, including a grand piano made in 1874, is displayed in the two-story home.

**Contact Information**

618.988.8460.

**Hawken House**

1155 S Rock Hill Rd, Webster Groves, MO, 63119

The home was built in 1857 by Christopher Miller Hawken and is now maintained and operated by the Webster Groves Historical Society. The Hawken family is well known in western lore for the Hawken rifle, the "gun that won the West." The Hawken rifle was carried by many famous frontiersmen such as Daniel Boone, Davy Crockett, Kit Carson, Jim Bridger and Robert Campbell, just to name a few. Hawken House is located in Webster Groves Southwest Park. In nice weather, the park affords an ideal spot for school picnic lunches, as well as having a playground area and ball field.

**Hours** Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Sundays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Special tours can be arranged by calling.

**Admission** \$2.50 for adults, \$1 for children under 12.

**Contact Information**

314.968.1857

hawkenhouse@primary.net

**J. N. Spanel Wetland Restoration, Interpretive Site**

From downtown Harrisburg, go east on Illinois Route 13/34 to U.S. 45 (Commercial Street). Turn left and drive about .7 miles to Small Street. Park in Arrowhead Shopping Center parking lot.

This small wetland was created by a 13-year-old Eagle Scout. The wetland is home for the copper red iris, once threatened in Illinois, blue iris, swamp milkweed, bulrush, sedges and a young bottom land hardwood forest. Two small native prairies located near the wetland contain black-eyed Susan, hairy and New England asters, pale purple coneflower, tall gayfeather, wild bergamot, Indian grass, big bluestem, little bluestem and switchgrass.

**Jefferson Barracks Historic Site**

533 Grant Rd, St. Louis, MO, 63125

Jefferson Barracks Historic site provides information about the history of the past experiences and activities of the men and women who served in the United States Military at Jefferson Barracks from 1826 to 1946, and of their families and community. The Jefferson Barracks staff presents educational programs for schools and like organizations to introduce youth to history during the Jefferson Barracks era. Jefferson Barracks was deactivated as a federal military site in June of 1946. In 1950, 135 acres of the Ordinance section was given to St. Louis County to operate as a historical park. Subsequently 12 additional acres were purchased from the County Housing Authority in 1958 and 232.45 acres were purchased from the United States Government in 1960. The historic area is open to individual visitors and group tours. The park also houses a CCC museum. The area not occupied by the historic site hold recreational facilities including a walking path, corkball field, and an archery range, ball fields, picnic areas, camping sites and an amphitheater. Tours are available. The fee for guided tours and programs for groups is \$15. Please call for reservations.

**Hours** Museum hours: Tuesday-Friday: 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday: noon to 4:30 p.m.

**Contact Information**

314.544.5714

[www.st-louiscountyparks.com/j-b.html](http://www.st-louiscountyparks.com/j-b.html)

**Jefferson National Expansion Memorial**

11 North 4th Street, St. Louis, MO, 63102

The 630-foot Gateway Arch was built between 1963-1965, and is a memorial to the people who settled the American West. Beneath the Arch, the Museum of Westward Expansion uses photos, quotes and artifacts to present the story of the nineteenth century westward expansion movement. The Old Courthouse was the scene of the first two trials of Dred Scott's struggle for freedom in 1847 and 1850. Today the building houses two restored courtrooms and a series of galleries charting the history of St. Louis. The park helps to promote Scouting in America by offering a variety of free 45-minute programs for Cub, Webelo and Boy Scouts. These programs are designed to correlate with activities, badges and projects outlined in Scouting handbooks. Special Scouting patches can be purchased after the completion of a Scout program. While participating in a one-hour educational voyage along the St. Louis Riverfront, aboard the Gateway

Arch Riverboats, Boy Scouts can earn an American Heritage Badge. The program invites scouts to learn about and experience the important role that St. Louis a river city played in the growth of our nation. The program is free but the cost of the riverboat ride is \$3 per person. For more information on Scouting programs, a free brochure is available upon request. Reservations for Scout program must be made at least one month in advance. The Gateway Arch offers special scout ticket prices for tram rides to the top of the Arch, Gateway Arch Riverboat cruises, a documentary on the construction of the Arch, "Lewis & Clark, The Journey West," opening Memorial Day weekend, 2002 in giant screen format. Groups of 20 or more can make reservations at least one week in advance.

**Operating Schedule** Open year-round except Christmas, Thanksgiving and New Years

**Hours** 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Admission** Free!

**Contact Information**

314.655.1700

[www.nps.gov/jeff](http://www.nps.gov/jeff)

**Johnson's Shut-ins State Park**

8 miles north of Lesterville on Reynolds County N  
Middlebrook, MO, 63656

Limited access park. May have to wait in line to get in. Swift waters of the Black River flowing around some of the oldest exposed rocks in the nation have formed a series of canyon-like gorges or "shut-ins" found in this 8,469-acre park. The park, which for the most part has been left in its wilderness state, contains more than 900 species of plants and wildflowers. The park is a major trailhead for the eastern loop of the 500-mile-long Ozark Trail, which is under development. Full-time Naturalist on staff. Scout Area available. No pets, food or drinks allowed at Shut-Ins area. Please call for reservations. (See Taum Sauk Mountain. State Park).

**Contact Information**

573.546.2450

[www.mostateparks.com/jshutins.htm](http://www.mostateparks.com/jshutins.htm)

**Kenrick-Glennon Seminary**

5200 Glennon Dr, St. Louis, MO, 63119

Kenrick had its inception in the founding of St. Mary's Seminary in Perryville, Missouri in 1818. Moved to St. Louis in 1842. Located at 7800 Kenrick Rd. until September 1987. The building at 5200 Glennon Drive was built in 1929 and was known as Cardinal Glennon College until 1987. Since 1987, the Kenrick School of Theology and the Cardinal Glennon College program are both housed in this building. Both programs are operated by the Archdiocese of St. Louis for students preparing for the diocesan or religious priesthood. Visits by special arrangement only.

**Contact Information**

314.792.6100

[www.kenrick.edu](http://www.kenrick.edu)

**Lewis And Clark Center**

701 Riverside Drive, St. Charles, MO, 63301

A hands-on museum featuring the Indians and animals encountered by Lewis and Clark during their expedition. Our Scout program includes a tour of the museum, an activity and a slide show dealing with nature topics and/or Indian cultures. Group size 15-50.

**Admission** A fee is charged.

**Contact Information**

636.947.3199

**Lincoln Memorial Garden And Nature Center**

2301 East Lake Dr, Springfield, MO, 62707

A 100-acre native plant Garden designed by world famous landscape architect Jens Jensen. The Garden reflects the landscape Lincoln would have known with plants native to Illinois, Kentucky and Indiana. Restored prairies, oak-hickory woodlands, maple groves and cypress swamps can all be found at the Garden. Guided walks along the five miles of trails are available with advance reservations. Scout service projects can also be arranged. Close to Lake Springfield beach, Henson Robinson Zoo and many lake parks. .

**Hours** The Nature Center and gift shop are open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday and Sunday 1 to 4 p.m. The Garden is open daily from sunrise to sunset.

**Contact Information**

217.529.1111

[www.lmgnc.com](http://www.lmgnc.com)

[lmg2301@inw.net](mailto:lmg2301@inw.net)

**Lincoln Tomb**

Oak Ridge Cemetery

Springfield, IL, 62702

Self-guided tours with tomb history presentations. Flag-raising ceremonies may be conducted any day at 9 a.m. by Scout groups with prior notice by calling Nan Wynn, (217) 782-2717 or writing Nan Wynn, Site Manager, The Lincoln Tomb, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, IL 62702.

**Operating Schedule** Open year-round except for federal holidays

**Hours** March - October 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., November - February 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Contact Information**

217.782.2717

[www.state.il.us/hpa/Sites/lincolntomb01.htm](http://www.state.il.us/hpa/Sites/lincolntomb01.htm)

**Magic House, St. Louis Children's Museum**

One mile north of I-44 and four miles south of Highway 40.

516 South Kirkwood Rd., St. Louis, MO, 63122

The Magic House, St. Louis Children's Museum is a not-for-profit four story museum filled with over 100 hands-on exhibits that spark the imagination of children and adults of all ages. The

museum, which welcomes close to 400,000 visitors a year, is one of the most recognized children's museums in the nation. Four levels of interactive exhibits will spark children's curiosity about science, math, art and more! For the youngest museum visitor, a special area called A little Bit of Magic is designed for children ages 1-7 and For Baby and Me, a special area for children under 24 months. New exhibits include Fitness Safari, The Children's Village, Water Works and the Math Path. Nationally traveling exhibits visit the museum on a regular basis. Scout Camp-ins are offered on select weekends during the school year where Webelos can sleep amongst the many exhibits, enjoy camp activities, a bedtime snack and breakfast. For more information, contact the Camp-In Coordinator. Scout Month, held the entire month of February, offers reduced admission to all scouts in uniform and offers many special scout activities. After school workshops are held Tuesdays-Thursdays during the school year and meet badge requirements for Bears and Webelos. Reservations are required. Call for reservations and cost. Parking is free. Approximate length of visit 2-3 hours. No reservations are required.

**Admission** \$6.00 per person and children under 2 are free. Group rates available. Price is subject to change without notice.

**Hours** Hours: School Year Hours: Tuesday through Thursday, noon to 5:30 p.m.; Friday, noon to 9 p.m.; Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Summer Hours: (Memorial Day - Labor Day): Monday through Thursday: 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Friday: 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday: 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Sunday: 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Summer Hours: (Memorial Day through Labor Day) Monday through Thursday, 9:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m., Friday 9:30 a.m. until 9:00 p.m., Saturday 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and Sunday 11:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

**Contact Information**

314.822.8900  
www.magichouse.org

**Maramec Spring Park**

Highway 8 South of St. James, MO  
, St. James, MO, 65559

Maramec Spring Park is an 1,856 acre Wildlife Refuge and Trout Management Area which originated at the Maramec Iron Works in 1826. The park is open year round from sunrise to sunset. Facilities include the Maramec (historical) Museum, Ozark Agriculture Museum, nature trails, trout rearing pools, playground, picnic facilities, camping, and trout fishing. Special programs are available for Scout groups staying overnight in the campground or coming out for the day. Programs range from specific badge requirements to general nature activities. Reservations must be made in advance for programs and camping. For more information on museum hours and programs for Scout groups, contact the James Foundation Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 573-265-7124. Campground reservations must be received four weeks in advance.

**Operating Schedule** Museums open on weekends in April and October, Wednesday through Sunday in May and September and 7 days a week from May through Labor Day

**Admission** \$3 per car, \$10 per bus

**Contact Information**

573.265.7387

**Mark Twain Cave**

1 mile south of historic district on State Highway 79

Registered by the National Park Service as a U.S. Natural Landmark. Guided tour takes 55

minutes and features points of interest Mark Twain wrote about in his stories of Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn. Snack bar and gift shop in the park. Picnic at no charge. Cameron Cave nearby available for lantern tours. For further information write Box 913, Hannibal, Mo. 63401

**Hours** Open Memorial Day to Labor Day, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., April, May, September and October 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and November to March, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day

**Admission** Adult - \$12; child (5-12) \$6. Discounts to groups of 10 or more. Camping facilities available at nominal charge

**Contact Information**

573.221.1656

[www.marktwaincave.com](http://www.marktwaincave.com)

**Mastodon State Historic Site**

3/4 miles northwest of the intersection of I-55 and the Imperial/Kimmswick exit (No. 186), on West Outer Rd..

Imperial, MO, 63052

Mastodon State Historic Site contains the remains of Ice Age animals such as elephant-like Mastodon and evidence of their hunting by early Indians about 12,000 years ago. A program involving a slide show, demonstration, museum tour and hike to the bone bed (which takes about 1-1/2 hours) is offered on weekdays and must be scheduled in advance. Walk-in museum visitation is encouraged. .

**Hours** The park is open from 8 a.m. until dark year-round. Museum hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Saturday and 12 Noon - 4:30 p.m., Sunday, except certain holidays.

**Admission** Admission fee to the Museum is: Adults 15 and over \$2, children under 15 free. A group rate of \$1 per adult is available to groups of 15 or more that reserve a date and time at least two weeks in advance. Families with six or more adults pay no more than \$10 per family

**Contact Information**

[www.dnr.state.mo.us/dsp/mastodon.htm](http://www.dnr.state.mo.us/dsp/mastodon.htm)

**McDonnell Prologue Room, The Boeing Company**

Building 100

McDonnell Blvd. and Airport Rd, St. Louis, , 63134

Visit the world of air and space this summer at the Boeing Company by browsing through the James S. McDonnell Prologue Room. The exhibit displays the company's history and achievements in aerospace and technology. Reservations are required.

**Admission** Free

**Hours** The Prologue Room is open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday, June through August.

**Contact Information**

314.232.5421

[www.boeing.com/prologueroom](http://www.boeing.com/prologueroom)

**Meramec Caverns**

One hour west of St. Louis on I-44, exit 230

Stanton, MO, 63079

Meramec Caverns introduces specialized workshops to specifically fulfill the Webelos Geologist Activity Pin and the Boy Scout Geology Merit Badge requirements! The mission of these workshops is for Scouts to explore the many aspects that characterize Missouri Geology and to receive a deeper understanding and respect for their surroundings. Programs include "An Introduction to Speleology" slide presentation, a guided tour of Meramec Caverns and hands-on activities instructed in an underground classroom! Scouts will be guided through the five-story natural wonder, seeing the largest single cave formation in the world along with visual aids and actual artifacts about the exploration of the Missouri Territory, early mining settlements, and Missouri during the Civil War. Hands-on activities cover the areas of rocks and minerals, surface geology, soil and groundwater, and fossils. Additional activities located on the premises include a sluicing operation, Mining Store, gift shop, restaurant, Riverboat ride, LaJolla Park and Campground, and canoe rental. Meramec Caverns provides a very fun and unique educational experience for Scouts of all ages! Open every day except Thanksgiving and Christmas. Accessible to disabled. Group rates are available. Workshops are limited to availability. .

**Hours** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week, with extended hours in the summer

**Contact Information**

573.468.3166

[www.americascave.com](http://www.americascave.com)

[scouts@americascave.com](mailto:scouts@americascave.com)

**Meramec State Park**

Sullivan, MO,

Several miles of the picturesque Meramec River flow past towering bluffs, gaping cave entrances and heavily forested riverbanks in this 6,896-acre park. The park's rugged Ozark landscape and the alluring spring-fed waters of the river provide a haven for camping, backpacking, picnicking, canoeing, rafting, fishing, river swimming, and hiking. Six trails with a combined length of over 16 miles provide access to a great diversity of habitats and outdoor experiences. A 10-mile backpacking trail was completed in 1996. This trail meanders through the heart of the 460 acres Meramec Upland Forest Natural area, which is recognized statewide for being rugged, remote, and of superior natural integrity. Shower houses, picnic shelters, cabins, motel, restaurant and general store add the contrast of convenience to the wildness of the landscape. Canoe and raft rental is available by calling 468-6519. .

**Hours** Hours modified during winter months.

**Contact Information**

573.468.6072

[www.mostateparks.com/meramec.htm](http://www.mostateparks.com/meramec.htm)

**Mid-America Aqua Center, St. Louis Children's Aquarium**

416 Hanley Industrial Court, Brentwood, MO, 63144

Have you ever wanted to pet a shark or see a living coral reef? We provide these opportunities and more at our amazing indoor aquarium. This is different than your ordinary aquarium. The aquarium not only appeals to the visitor's eyes, but also allows for HANDS-ON experiences with the animals. Come and discover myriads of animals and take a glimpse into the Amazon Rainforest, the Mississippi River, the ocean depths and many other fascinating exhibits. Your group can take a 90-minute Seafari tour that provides an in-depth look at each exhibit. Eagle Scout projects are also available. "Sleep With Sharks" is also a fantastic activity for scout groups desiring a more intensive study. This experience begins at 7 p.m. and lasts until 8 a.m. The price

of \$350 (up to 25 people) includes a midnight snack and a continental breakfast. (Pizza snack, add \$40/25 people).

**Admission** Group admission (min. 10) must be prescheduled: \$5.00 per person with a minimum of \$50.00 for groups of less than 10.

**Hours** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., 7 days a week

**Contact Information**

314.647.9594

[www.childrensaquarium.com](http://www.childrensaquarium.com)

[lsquaman@aol.com](mailto:lsquaman@aol.com)

**Mingo National Wildlife Refuge**

25 miles northeast of Poplar Bluff.

24279 State Hwy. 51, Puxico, MO,

This 22,000 acre area contains the largest bottomland hardwood swamp left in the state. A visitor's center with educational exhibits is open weekdays throughout the year and weekends during the spring and fall. Hiking, canoeing, fishing, and wildlife viewing opportunities are available. A 13-mile boardwalk nature trail is located adjacent to the visitor center. Camping is permitted at nearby Lake Wappapello or at Duck Creek State Wildlife Area. A \$3 daily entrance fee, annual refuge pass or Federal Duck Stamp is required for each vehicle entering the refuge from March 15 through September 30.

Contact Information

573.222.3589

**Missouri Highway Patrol, Troop C Headquarters**

US Highway 40 at Mason Rd, St. Louis, MO, 63101

We invite you to learn about our aircraft, investigative and enforcement sections as well as the Driver Examination Motor Vehicle inspection and Commercial Motor Vehicle Enforcement Divisions. Groups will be limited to a maximum of 20 people and must be chaperoned. Arrangements should be made two weeks in advance. Only one tour scheduled per day between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

**Operating Schedule** No tours on Saturday, Sunday or holidays.

**Hours** 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

**Contact Information**

314.340.4055

[www.mshp.state.mo.us](http://www.mshp.state.mo.us)

**Missouri Historical Society**

Lindell and DeBaliviere in Forest Park, St. Louis, MO,

The Missouri Historical Society has been active in the St. Louis community since 1866. Founding members organized the historical society "for the purpose of saving from oblivion the early history of the city and state." Today, the Missouri Historical Society operates the Missouri History Museum in Forest Park and the Library and Research Center at 225 South Skinker Blvd. There is a fee for special museum exhibitions, but weekly free admission times are available. The Missouri History Museum at Lindell and DeBaliviere is a short walk from the Forest Park Metro Link

station. The Missouri Historical Society offers programs and outreach services, including traveling exhibitions, tours, theatrical and musical presentations, programs for school classes and youth groups, family festivals, special events, workshops, and lectures. Permanent exhibitions currently on view include Seeking St. Louis, an exciting, state-of-the-art, interactive, three-gallery exhibition which tells the history of the region from earliest times to the present. The Missouri Historical Society also presents a full schedule of changing special exhibitions. Current special exhibitions include Can You Tell Me How to Get to Sesame Street? And Many Voices: Reflecting on American Indian Objects. Of particular interest to Boy Scouts is Lindbergh, a new special exhibition marking the 75th anniversary of Charles A. Lindbergh's historic transatlantic flight. Lindbergh features a certificate (dated June 18, 1927) bestowing an honorary St. Louis Boy Scout Troop 2 lifetime membership to Lindbergh and a statue presented to Lindbergh from the Boy Scout Council of Boston. Upcoming special exhibitions in 2002-2003 include Memory, an exhibition that uses science and art to guide visitors through the labyrinth of memory from personal, social, cultural, psychological and neurological perspectives. The exhibition uses interactives and multimedia to stimulate memory through the five senses. Visitors will also explore why we preserve memories through objects and how world and national events can become the shared memory of a generation. Also, Through the Eyes of a Child: Growing Up Black in St. Louis, 1940-1990, will view the segregated world of African American St. Louis from a clearly defined perspective of children. The exhibition will examine how and why segregated neighborhoods were established, and how they persisted and thrived, emphasizing the memories of childhood life in four St. Louis neighborhoods: the Ville, Carr Square, and Kinloch in Missouri, and the south end of East St. Louis in Illinois. Other upcoming special exhibitions in 2002-2003 include an early photography exhibition, The Sidewalks of St. Louis: Selections from the Swecosky Collection, and Our World in Miniature: Trains, Dollhouses and Other Miniatures.

**Hours** Daily, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Tuesdays: 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

**Admission** Free

**Contact Information**

314.746.4599

[www.mohistory.org](http://www.mohistory.org)

**Missouri Mines State Historic Site**

On Highway 32 in St. Francois County  
Park Hills, MO, 63601

For 60 years, the Old Lead Belt of Missouri was the premier lead mining district of the U.S., often producing 80 percent or more of the nation's mined lead metal. When St. Joe Minerals Corp. ceased operation, the 25 buildings of the Federal Mine-Mill complex were donated to the state. The giant powerhouse has been renovated and developed into a museum featuring Missouri mining history, old underground mining machinery, Missouri geology exhibits, and a large collection of mineral specimens from all over the world.

**Hours** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Saturday; noon to 5 p.m. on winter Sundays; and noon to 6 p.m. on summer Sundays

**Admission** adult - \$2.50, youth 6-12 - \$1.50, under 6 - free. Group rates: (15 or more people with advance reservations) adult - \$1.50, youth 6-12 - \$.75

**Contact Information**

573.431.6226

[www.mostatoparks.com](http://www.mostatoparks.com)

### **Museum of the Western Jesuit Missions**

Adjoining Gateway College of Evangelism  
700 Howdershell Rd, Florissant, MO, 63031

Formerly St. Stanislaus Museum. Available for tour groups of 10 or more on other days by appointment and will be very flexible with Scout groups. The museum features maps from the travels of Pere Marquette and Father DeSmet; tools from the pioneer days, organized and catalogued by members of Troop 613; and native American art work; calumets, Pueblo black pottery, Navajo sandpainting and rugs, Arapahoe and Shoshone beadwork; Sioux painting and Tarahumara needlework. An historic cemetery adjoins the museum. The collection of Native America art is one of the best and largest in the region. Contact person: Bill Caine, 1027 Gifford Ct., Florissant, MO 63031

**Hours** Open House: Sunday 1-4 p.m. except in winter

### **Contact Information**

314.837.3525  
archives@jesuits-mis.org

### **Museum of Transport**

3015 Barrett Station Rd., St. Louis, MO, 63122

See a most comprehensive collection of locomotives, railway cars, automobiles, streetcars, buses, trucks, horse-drawn vehicles and aircraft. Traveler badge for Webelos can be done, in part, along with a tour of the Museum. Railroad Merit Badge can be earned at the Museum. OPERATION LIFESAVER, a program of railroad safety can be presented at the Museum or at your troop or pack meeting. For badges, ask for Richard when you call for a reservation. . Group tours are guided walking tours. Please schedule reservations at least two weeks in advance. Cancellation notice required. .

**Hours** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week throughout the year. Closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day

**Admission** \$4 - age 13 thru 64. \$1.50 - age 65 and over. \$1.50 - age 5 thru 12. Discounted fees for groups scheduled in advance with reservations for more than 20 are: \$3 - age 13 thru 64. \$1.25 - thru age 12, and age 65 or over

### **Contact Information**

314.965.7998

### **National Shrine Of Our Lady Of The Snows**

442 S. DeMazenod, Belleville, IL, 62223

Spanning some 200 beautifully landscaped acres, the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows welcomes people of all faiths and ages. It has the unique distinction of being one of the largest outdoor shrines in North America and is visited by over one million people each year. Ten devotional sites are placed throughout the rolling hills, with the main shrine nestled in a valley at the Outdoor Amphitheatre that seats 2500 people. Guest services are comfortable and affordable for today's visitor and include a triple A-rated restaurant and motel. The Gift Shop offers an extensive selection of special remembrances. The Shrine has its own nature trail that Scouts can walk and earn a badge. Youth retreats are offered year round and tours are available upon request. .

**Hours** Open daily, 6 a.m. until 10 p.m.

**Admission** Free

**Contact Information**

618.397.6700

[www.snows.org](http://www.snows.org)

**Onondaga Cave State Park**

6 miles southeast of the I-44 Leasburg exit, on Highway H in Crawford County  
Leasburg, MO, 65535

Onondaga Cave is recognized as one of the most spectacular caves in the nation because of the quality and quantity of its formations. The clear waters of the Meramec River wind along the boundary of Onondaga Cave State Park, providing excellent opportunities for swimming, fishing and trail hiking on over six miles of scenic, wooded trails. The Scout camping area can be reserved in advance by phone. The 1,317-acre park also offers camping and picnicking. Park Naturalists provide a variety of regularly scheduled programs including, Jr. Naturalist programs, evening nature programs, and tours of Cathedral Cave. There is a Visitor Center that offers a nature museum, history and biology exhibits, information center, and a gift/snack shop. In addition, there are guided tours of Onondaga Cave. . .

**Hours** Tours provided daily from March through October

**Contact Information**

573.245.6576

[www.dnr.state.mo.us/dsp/onondaga.htm](http://www.dnr.state.mo.us/dsp/onondaga.htm)

[nrononp@mail.dnr.state.mo.us](mailto:nrononp@mail.dnr.state.mo.us)

**Pickle Springs**

Off AA, east of Farmington  
Farmington, MO, 63640

Missouri Conservation natural area. Known as the trail through time; geologically significant, unusual rock formation. Improved walking trails for two miles with signs pointing out geological history.

**Contact Information**

573.756.6488

[www.conservation.state.mo.us/areas/natareas/p120-1.htm](http://www.conservation.state.mo.us/areas/natareas/p120-1.htm)

**Rockwoods Reservation**

2751 Glencoe Rd., Glencoe, MO, 63038

Rockwoods Reservation is a State Forest and Wildlife Refuge located in western St. Louis County and managed by the Missouri Department of Conservation. Area includes six hiking trails ranging in length from 300 yards to 3-1/4 miles, picnic areas, a small natural cave, bird viewing station, demonstration prairie, butterfly garden and an Education Center. The Education Center contains nature exhibits and is open 7 days a week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (closed on all state holidays). Naturalist lead-on site programs are not available, however, leaders can check out scout packs to use while exploring the area. The Webelos pack contains materials that scouts may use along the trails to complete activities for scouts to compete for Outdoor Adventure, your

Living World and Birds. Leader packets are available when packs are returned. These packets provide additional information to assist with related activities that can be done at home. Leaders may call in advance to receive information and descriptions of activities provided in each pack. No reservations are taken for use of packs. A naturalist is available for off-site programs, by application only. There is a primitive Scout campsite on the area that is available with two weeks advanced reservations for overnight camping. All programs are free of charge.

**Operating Schedule** Open year-round  
**Hours** Sunrise to one hour after sunset

### **Contact Information**

636.458.2236  
www.conservation.state.mo.us  
meistt@mail.conservation.state.mo.us

### **Saint Louis Art Museum**

Within Forest Park

The Saint Louis Art Museum is a comprehensive global museum with collections ranging from ancient to contemporary. The building itself is an historic landmark designed by famed architect Cass Gilbert as the only permanent structure for the 1904 World's Fair. The Saint Louis Art Museum consistently ranks among the top ten nationwide in attendance and ranks first in per capita educational services. The oldest publicly funded museum in the country, The Saint Louis Art Museum remains true to the inscription over its north entrance: "Dedicated to Art and Free to All." The Museum's comprehensive collection includes European old masters; ancient Greek, Roman and Egyptian and medieval art; 20th-century art; decorative arts and design; prints, drawings and photographs; the arts of Africa, Oceania and the Americas; and Asian art. The Museum holds preeminent collection concentrations in several areas, including oceanic art, with works from every oceanic culture; pre-Columbian art, spanning every area from Peru to the Rio Grande before 1492; rare Chinese bronzes dating from the 16th century B.C. through the 13th century A.D.; 20th-century German art, built around the largest collection of Max Beckmann paintings in the world; and contemporary European and American paintings and sculpture. Throughout its history the Museum has been committed to acquiring and exhibiting the works of living artists. Special traveling exhibitions, many of which are organized by the Museum, complement the permanent collection. Popular favorites include the Impressionism collection, the medieval gallery, the period rooms and the Egyptian mummy, which is on view with a full-size X-ray for a "look inside." Visitors also are attracted to the American and European collections and particularly to works by Rembrandt, Monet, van Gogh, Picasso, Matisse, Gauguin, Cassatt, Cézanne, Degas, Gainsborough, Bingham, O'Keeffe and Homer. The Saint Louis Art Museum's education programs benefit more than 450,000 children and adults each year and include extensive outreach to schools, Museum classes, workshops and lectures, slide kits and touchable art kits, teacher training, and special education events. The Museum's Arts in the Basic Curriculum program is nationally recognized, and the Museum's Resource Center offers slides and interpretive materials about the collection and the Museum also houses a 80,000-volume public access art library. Special programs include lectures, films, performances, and family programs. General Museum tours are available Wednesday through Sunday at 1:30, weekday tours are 30 minutes, weekend tours are sixty minutes. Special docent-led tours are available for groups of 15 or more with advance scheduling. The Museum is closed Monday, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.

**Hours** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday & Sunday. 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday. Café: 11 a.m.-3 p.m. (lunch) Tuesday-Saturday 5-9 p.m. (dinner) Friday 11 a.m.-2 p.m. (brunch) Sunday.

**Contact Information**

314.721.0072, ext. 204  
www.slam.org

**Saint Louis Zoo**

Within Forest Park in St. Louis  
St. Louis, MO,

The Zoo offers many opportunities for scouts, including a large and diverse animal collection, seasonal attractions and new exhibits. Don't miss the new River's Edge and Monsanto Insectarium. The Zoo's Education Department offers a variety of programs, including Introduction to Missouri Wildlife, a 20-minute program on native wildlife, designed for scouts and other groups. Included, is a self-guided scavenger hunt which can be completed at any time. Scavenger hunts are available on other topics as well. Animal Adaptations, Tropical Rainforests and Endangered Species are among the titles. Webelos can come Snooze At the Zoo, one of our overnight programs, offered November through March. Educational tours are offered October through April. Topics include Mammals, Web of Life and more. To register for an education program or tour, call 314-768-5466. Contact Group Sales for general tours and purchasing discounted group-rate tickets for the Zooline Railroad, Sea Lion Show, Children's Zoo or Insectarium, 314-768-5411.

**Hours** Open daily from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Friday, Saturday and Tuesday evenings June-August. Closed Christmas and New Year's Day.

**Contact Information**

314.781.0900  
www.stlzoo.org

**Sandy Creek Covered Bridge Historic Site**

Five miles north of Hillsboro, east off Highway 21, take Sandy Rd. to the end of Old Lemay Ferry Rd.  
Goldman, MO

Administered by Mastodon State Historic Site. This covered bridge is one of only four still standing in Missouri. Originally erected in 1872 in a post Civil War Jefferson County building program, it was destroyed by flood waters in 1886, and rebuilt to the original Howe truss plan with salvaged and new timber. The 206 acre site includes a picnic area and an interpretive kiosk with exhibits on all of Missouri's covered bridge.

**Contact Information**

314.464.2976  
www.dnr.state.mo.us/dsp/sandybridge.htm

**Sappington International Farmers Market**

8400 Watson Road - one mile east of Crestwood Plaza, St. Louis, MO,

Grocery shopping with kids CAN be fun! Sound impossible? Not at Sappington International Farmers Market - a store designed with children in mind. From the colorful electric train that travels around the interior of the store to Farmer Fred and Henrietta the talking chicken, kids are never bored. And that's not all. In the dairy department reigns Nellie the Cow, a definite must-see attraction. There's also a life-sized bull presiding over the meat department, and a 20-foot long

animated mural depicting how produce grows. No young visitor ever leaves Sappington without a balloon and other gifts, and no parent leaves without some of the best tasting bargains in town.

**Hours** Monday-Saturday: 7 a.m.-10 p.m., Sunday: 7 a.m.-8 p.m.

**Contact Information**

314.843.7848

[www.sappingtonfarmersmkt.com](http://www.sappingtonfarmersmkt.com)

**Shaw Nature Reserve Of The Missouri Botanical Garden**

At the intersection of Hwy. 100 and Interstate 44  
Gray Summit, MO, 63039

Thirteen miles of trails available for hiking. Trails cover areas including the Pinetum, featuring conifers from around the world, oak-hickory and oak-maple forests, wetlands, glades, limestone bluffs and the Meramec River. The Arboretum has established a 120-acre tall-grass prairie. This project began in 1980 and now includes over 200 species of plants including the prairie grasses, which grow as high as 8 feet. A 2/3 mile trail traverses the prairie. Picnicking allowed in designated areas (no bar-b-ques). Self-Guided Interpretive Trail: Wise Man of the Forest, available March - November. Reservations required for use of this trail only. The forest trail activity is easily led by a leader with up to 25 children. Through hands-on activities, the trail focuses on developing an understanding of and an appreciation for the earth and its life. Concepts include communities, seed dispersal, soil formation, plant growth, and decomposition. There is a \$.50 charge for each child for this activity. .

**Hours** Open daily from 7 a.m. to 1/2 hour past sunset

**Admission** 12 years of age or under - free; adults - \$3; seniors - \$2

**Contact Information**

636.451.3512

[www.mobot.org/mobot/naturereserve](http://www.mobot.org/mobot/naturereserve)

**Shawnee National Forest**

Harrisburg, IL, 62946

Explore more than 270,000 acres of National Forest in the rough, unglaciated areas of Southern Illinois known as the Ozark and Shawnee Hills. The area is in stark contrast to the rolling farm lands to the north of the forest. Go birding, horseback riding, fishing, hiking, bicycling and swimming.

**Contact Information**

800.699.6637 or 618.253.7114

[www.fs.fed.us/r9/shawnee/](http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/shawnee/)

**Silver Mines National Forest Campground**

Nine miles southwest of Fredericktown on Highway D

Silver Mines Campground is a unique recreation area is adjacent to the St. Francis River, which offers perhaps the best whitewater canoeing in the midwest. The whitewater is formed as the water rushes through the "shut-ins." This is the site of the annual Whitewater Canoe Races held in March. Entrants from six states participated in this year's race. The campground is located at

the site of a silver mining operation that began in 1877 and continued intermittently until 1946. There is a mile-long interpretive trail that winds through interesting rock formations along the river. Family camping and picnicking are available on a first-come first-serve basis. Group camping is by reservation. Some single/double campsites can be reserved by calling the National Recreation Reservation Service at 1-877-444-6777 or at web site [www.reserveusa.com](http://www.reserveusa.com) .

**Operating Schedule** Campground opens 3/15 closes 10/30

**Contact Information**

573.783.7225

[www.fs.fed.us/r9/marktwain](http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/marktwain)

**Southern Illinois State Parks**

Many places in Southern Illinois with their bald cypress swamps and heron rookeries, are reminiscent of the bayous of the Deep South. The Cache River State Natural Area, Heron Pond Nature Preserve, and Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge are examples of the rich wetland ecosystems found in this region. A well-marked canoe trail at Cache River State Natural Area is a popular activity. Some of the most invigorating and peaceful times of your life can be spent hiking the trails of Southern Illinois. From the rugged trails at Giant City State Park and Ferne Clyffe State Park to the relaxing views at Wayne Fitzgerald State Park - Southern Illinois offers you a boundless variety of hiking experiences. Fishing in Southern Illinois is extremely popular. The ponds and lakes at Pyramid State Park, Dolan Lake at Hamilton county, Glen O. Jones Lake at Saline County, and Lake Murphysboro offer the weekend fisherman countless hours of enjoyment. The vast waters of Rend Lake often host National fishing tournaments for the professional as well as amateur fishermen. Two bike trails are now open: Rend Lake Bike Trail provides guests with 10 miles of scenic trails surrounding one of Illinois' largest man-made lakes. Each and every mile is packed with memories waiting to happen. Tunnel Hill State Trail stretches for 45 miles from Harrisburg to Karnak. The name derives from the 543 feet long tunnel. The 21 picturesque trestles, which range in length from 34 to 430 feet, feature decking and side rails which entice trail users to stop. For more information, contact the Region 5 office, Department of Natural Resources, 11731 State Highway 37, Benton, IL 62812;

**Contact Information**

618.435.8138

[www.dnr.state.il.us](http://www.dnr.state.il.us)

**St. Francois State Park**

On U.S. 67 in St. Francois County  
Bonne Terre, MO, 63628

Consisting of the rugged Pike Run Hills surrounding Coonville Creek and along Big River is the 2,734-acre park. Big River offers swimming, fishing, and boating. The park is a popular put-in for Big River float trips to Washington State Park, 24 miles away. The Coonville Creek Wild Area, a special portion of the park, can be explored by horseback or on foot. Hiking, camping, and picnicking are all available.

**Contact Information**

573.358.2173

[www.dnr.state.mo.us/dsp/stfrancois.htm](http://www.dnr.state.mo.us/dsp/stfrancois.htm)

**St. Joe State Park**

Near Park Hills on U.S. 32 in St. Francois County  
Park Hills, MO, 63601

St. Joe State Park, with 8,237 acres, is Missouri's third largest state park. St. Joe is located in the heart of the Old Lead Belt in southeast Missouri, where much of the nation's lead ore was extracted from deep shaft mines beneath the park for nearly half a century. In 1972, St. Joe Minerals Corp. ceased operations here and subsequently donated the land to the state. The wooded, rugged portions of the park provide opportunities for hiking, picnicking, and camping. Approximately 2,000 acres of the mined area of the park has been set aside for off-road vehicle use. Monsanto Lake, located in the center of the park, has an excellent swimming beach. Other areas of the park contain an 11 mile paved bicycle trail and 15 miles of equestrian trails with an Equestrian Camping Area. (Also see Missouri Mines State Historic Site.)

**Contact Information**

573.431.1069  
[www.dnr.state.mo.us/dsp/stjoe.htm](http://www.dnr.state.mo.us/dsp/stjoe.htm)

**St. Louis Cardinals Hall Of Fame Museum**

Within the International Bowling Museum, across the street from the Busch Stadium ticket lobby  
111 Stadium Plaza, St. Louia, MO, 63102

Covering over a century of St. Louis baseball history, the Cardinals Hall of Fame Museum is the official repository of Cardinals memorabilia and artifacts. If you love baseball, this collection is sure to bring back great moments in Cardinals history. In addition to legendary Redbirds like Rogers Hornsby, Dizzy Dean, Stan Musial, Bob Gibson, Lou Brock and Ozzie Smith, the museum also features displays on Mark McGwire's record setting 70 HR in 1998 including his show-stopping 1962 Cardinal red corvette. The car was given to Mark on September 8, 1998 when he hit the 62nd home run that shattered the previously held record by Roger Maris. Learn about the other St. Louis major league clubs - the American League Browns and the Negro National League Stars. New memorabilia on display in many cases. See two sports museums with one admission. Group rates for 25 or more. Tour historic Busch Stadium as part of your event. Call ahead for reservations and scheduling.

**Hours** During baseball season: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Sunday Cardinals home evening games, until 6:30 p.m. Winter hours (October through March) 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. Last admissions sold 30 minutes before closing.

**Contact Information**

314.231.6340  
[www.stlcardinals.com](http://www.stlcardinals.com)

**St. Louis County Police Skywarn (Severe Weather Observation Training)**

Various locations

SKYWARN training teaches severe weather observation skills, reporting techniques, and prepares the observer to function as a severe weather "spotter". Through study of cloud formations, developing states of tornadoes, and related weather phenomena, students are prepared to determine which clouds are dangerous and which are not. Lecture, audiovisual resources, and descriptive handout material are used in the instructional

process. Severe weather safety is discussed as is proper reaction to severe weather. Basic and advanced classes are offered and each is three hours in length. Attendance at public training sessions is encouraged, and these are held at locations throughout St. Louis County in March and April. Special "basic" training programs can be scheduled for groups of 35 or more. Minimum age 10-12. Training certification and spotter "ID" numbers are provided. Spring training schedules are available by December.

**Admission** No cost

**Contact Information**

314.615.5362.

[www.bengalhome.com/skywarn](http://www.bengalhome.com/skywarn)

[Michael\\_Redman@stlouisco.com](mailto:Michael_Redman@stlouisco.com)

**St. Louis Embroidery**

Off Highway 94 South

1759 Scherer Parkway, St. Charles, MO,

Go through the actual process in which the patches are designed and manufactured. You will see how what started out as just an idea can be produced into an actual patch by use of the Schiffli looms (the only ones found in the Midwest). See the many Boy Scout patches that were produced by St. Louis Embroidery in over our 100 years in business.

**Hours** Tours conducted by appointment only; Tuesday through Thursday, 2 p.m.

**Contact Information**

314.946.5231

[stlemb@aol.com](mailto:stlemb@aol.com)

**St. Louis Fire Department**

1421 N Jefferson, St. Louis, MO, 63106

Tours are offered for children 10 years and older in groups of 20 or less. Children under 10 years of age must have one adult for every sixth child.

**Contact Information**

314.289.1933

[stlouis.missouri.org/government/firdep.html](http://stlouis.missouri.org/government/firdep.html)

**St. Louis Mercantile Library Association at UMSL - Thomas Jefferson Library**

8001 Natural Bridge Rd, St. Louis, MO, 63121

St. Louis Mercantile Library Association At The University Of Missouri-St. Louis - Thomas Jefferson Library Founded in 1846, it is the oldest, circulating library west of the Mississippi River. In addition to a large collection of rare books, specializing in general Americana, the American West, railroading, and river transportation, the Library holds a large photo print collection of national significance. The 19th century Main Reading Room contains fine neo-classical American Marble statuary, colorful prints, and the artwork of George Catlin, George Caleb Bingham, and others. Open for public visitation. Tours for groups of 10 to 15. Ages: 11 years on. Contact person: Laura L. Diel, Events Coordinator.

**Contact Information**

314.516.7242

[www.umsl.edu/mercantile](http://www.umsl.edu/mercantile)

**St. Louis Science Center**

5050 Oakland Avenue, St. Louis, MO

Science comes alive with 650+ free hands-on exhibits dealing with aviation, technology, ecology and environment, human biology, genetics and more. Also gallery demonstrations, life-size robotic dinosaurs, underground tunnel exhibit. James S. McDonnell Planetarium offers a space station experience and night sky demos. Ticketed areas are: Planetarium's space station, OMNIMAX Theater, Discovery Room. Other programs: overnight camping, Boy Scout weather badge workshops. Also, 3 indoor places to eat, two gift shops.

**Hours** Call for current information.

**Operating Schedule** Closed Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Extended hours in summer.

**Contact Information**

800.456.SLSC or 314.289.4444

[www.slsc.org](http://www.slsc.org)

**Taum Sauk Mountain State Park**

8 miles south of Ironton on Highway CC

Ironton, MO, 63650

Taum Sauk Mountain State Park encompasses the highest point in Missouri (1,772 feet), as well as the tallest wet-weather waterfall (132 feet). A portion of the 500-mile Ozark Trail passes near the high point. Valued for both wilderness qualities and natural biological and geologic treasures, the 6,888-acre park makes up much of the St. Francois Mountains Natural Area. Picnic area. Twelve basic campsites. Scout area fee \$1/person/night. For reservations, call Johnson's Shut-Ins State Park at 573-546-2450. Water available April 1 - October 31.

**Contact Information**

573.546.2450

[www.mostateparks.com/taumsauk.htm](http://www.mostateparks.com/taumsauk.htm)

**Temple Israel**

Ladue and Spoede Rds

#1 Rabbi Alvan D. Rubin Drive, St. Louis, MO, 63141

A modern complex housing one of the country's outstanding reform Jewish congregations. Tours of the Temple, including an excellent display of art and artifacts, may be arranged through the Associate Rabbi. Arrangements also may be made for small groups to attend a regular Sabbath service on Friday evening.

**Contact Information**

314.432.8050

**Trail of the Tears State Park**

Located in Cape Girardeau County 10 miles east of Fruitland, off I-55 and Mo. 177  
Jackson, MO, 63755

Limestone bluffs towering more than 600 feet above the Mississippi River and mixed hardwood forests covering the extremely rugged hills are characteristic of this 3,416 acre park. A portion of this wilderness was once part of the route known as the "Trail of Tears," a trail taken by Cherokee Indians in their forced march to the west. Camping, lake swimming, hiking, and horseback riding trails on the 10-mile Peewah backpacking trail are offered at Trail of Tears.

**Contact Information**

573.334.1711

[www.dnr.state.mo.us/dsp/trailoftears.htm](http://www.dnr.state.mo.us/dsp/trailoftears.htm)

**Turner Katy Trail Shelter**

Corner of Front and Wheeler in Tebbetts, MO (12 miles east of Jefferson City on Hwy. 94.)  
Tebbetts, MO

The main purpose of the shelter is to provide low cost, comfortable lodging for chaperoned youth groups that are hiking or bicycling on the KATY Trail.

**Contact Information**

800.575.2322

**United Nations Assoc./Unicef Materials For Scouts**

Resource for Badge Requirements: I. THE WORLD OF PEOPLE - Reference Library provides materials about foreign countries and their people. Books, videos, flags, and culture kits are available on such topics as music, art, festivals, geography, government and languages of a variety of countries. II. WORLD UNDERSTANDING - UNA/UNICEF LIBRARY contains information about international organizations. The UN, its member nations, its agencies and work are highlighted. Books, films, and posters on world issues and special days of celebration (UN Day, and Human Rights Day) are available. Resources may be used by troop leaders and Scouts. Resource assistance: UNA/UNICEF LIBRARY is available by appointment to Scouts in specialized research about the United Nations, UNICEF, other countries and customs.

**Contact Information**

314.721.1961

[www.unastl.org](http://www.unastl.org)

[unastl@aol.com](mailto:unastl@aol.com)

**Washington State Park**

10 miles south of DeSoto on Hwy. 21  
DeSoto, MO, 63020

Located in the forest lands of the eastern Ozarks, the 1,800 acres, now known as Washington State Park, once were ceremonial grounds for prehistoric Indians. Today, the petroglyphs (or rock carvings), remnants of the unique Indian culture, are a special attraction in the park. The park has a modern swimming pool, and the Big River, which borders the park, provides opportunities for canoeing and fishing. The Thunderbird Lodge Store, kitchen-equipped cabins, shaded camping sites, backpacking and hiking trails are located in the park.

**Contact Information**

314.586.0322

[www.dnr.state.mo.us/dsp/washington.htm](http://www.dnr.state.mo.us/dsp/washington.htm)

**Wild Canid Center**

At Washington University's Tyson Research Center, Beaumont/Antire Road (exit 269) on Interstate 44, Across Interstate 44 from Beaumont Scout Reservation.  
P. O. Nox 760, Eureka, MO, 63025

Nestled amidst 2,500 acres of Tyson Research Center, the Wild Canid Center, known locally as the Wolf Sanctuary, is the premier in wolf conservation, education and research. The educational focus of our tours and programs is the biology, ecology, status, and recovery of endangered species of wolves and other wild canids worldwide. Education programs and tours are tailored to the age and grade levels of the audience. Advanced reservation is required for all visits and outreach programs. Day trips to the Wild Canid Center can be arranged. The two-hour program/tour combines classroom time with an outdoor tour. The program incorporates a "Discovery Box" (pelts, skulls, radio collars and other artifacts) and audio-visual aids. The tour can also be scheduled without the introductory program. We offer Outreach Programs for Scouts who would like a wolf program at their meetings. Fees are based on the distance the program site is from the Wild Canid Center. A summer day camp, Camp Rendezvous is offered for young Scouts, ages 6 through 10, who would like to learn more about wolves and other endangered species. A Junior Keeper Program is also offered as a summer day camp for Scouts ages 10 through 13, extending the material taught at Camp Rendezvous. For more information about these programs call the Wild Canid Center Education Department. Campfires and Wolf programs: The Wild Canid Center's evening programs are very popular with Scouts of all ages and offered on selected dates from January through April and September through December (listed in the council newsletter, the Duffle Bag.) Service projects are available and encouraged for Eagle Scout projects.

**Hours** The Wild Canid Center is open year round by appointment, except for the month of May. The first Sunday in October is the annual Open House. No reservations needed for this day.

**Contact Information**

636.938.5900

[www.wolfsanctuary.org](http://www.wolfsanctuary.org)

[edu@wolfsanctuary.org](mailto:edu@wolfsanctuary.org)

**Williamson (Ill.) County Museum**

The museum features indian artifacts, antiques, and authentic jail cells, a record of bygone days. The "Old Jail" was built in 1913 and contains seventeen rooms of exhibits, including an old-fashioned schoolroom, military room and doctor's office. The genealogical library is well stocked and open to anyone who wishes to research their family roots. A book store is also on the premises filled with research material and history of Williamson County. Donations for tours are accepted. Group tours are available after hours or when the Museum is open. Please call ahead if more than ten in a group.

**Admission** \$2.00 for adults, \$1.00 for children under 12

**Hours** March - November, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. every third Thursday)

**Contact Information**

618.997.5863

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