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TRIP IDEA:  
**DAD'S  
DREAM  
WEEKEND**

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# MISSOURI TOURISM

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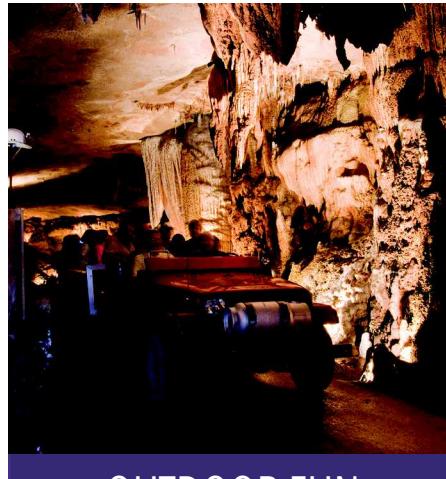
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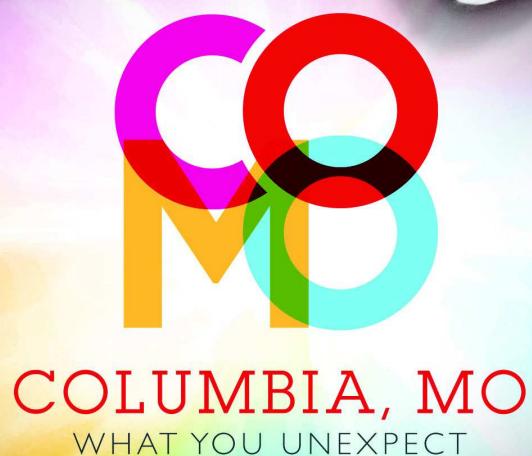
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We're Columbia...What You Unexpect!



# Dad's Dream Weekend

WITH FATHER'S DAY AROUND THE CORNER, USE THIS GUIDE FOR A PERFECT DAD DAY ROADTRIP

COURTESY OF THE MISSOURI DIVISION OF TOURISM

## ROAD TRIP DAY 1

### 1 ARTHUR BRYANT'S BBQ RESTAURANT 1727 Brooklyn Ave., Kansas City MO

Arthur Bryant's traces its roots to a barbecue stand run by Henry Perry, known to many as "the father of Kansas City Barbecue." Today, Arthur Bryant's is one of the most renowned barbecue restaurants in the world. Dining here is a great way to start your Father's Day weekend in Missouri.

### 2 HAIL RIDGE GOLF COURSE 17511 Route 87, Boonville MO

From Kansas City, it's about a two-hour drive to the beautiful Hail Ridge golf course in Boonville. Find out if 7 really is your lucky number here: Hail Ridge's No. 7, a 168-yard par three, is rated as the course's most challenging hole, thanks to a small lake that guards the green.

### 3 RIVER HILLS SPORTING CLAYS 22701 Rocheport Road, Boonville MO

If Dad would rather shoot trap than shoot par, River Hills is the place to go. This facility includes skeet, trap, sporting clays and five-stand. The sporting clays course sits among the hills of the Missouri River; some stations are situated on the bluffs.

### 4 FLAT BRANCH PUB AND BREWING 115 S. 5th St., Columbia MO

It's just a 20-minute drive west from Boonville to Columbia and Dad is likely hungry (and thirsty) from his busy day. Flat Branch is a great choice for dinner and a drink. Opened in 1994, Flat Branch was the first brewery in Columbia since 1841. The menu, ranging from sandwiches to wood-fired pizza, barbecued ribs to steaks, salmon to pasta, includes dishes prepared from numerous local farms. There is an ever-changing array of hand-crafted beers brewed on-site, many using hops grown in Missouri; a minimum of 10 are on tap any given day. Besides brewing great beer, Flat Branch makes its own root beer, cream soda and ginger ale. A nice selection of single malt scotches and small batch bourbons are available.

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- Berries & BarBQ ..... July 25-26
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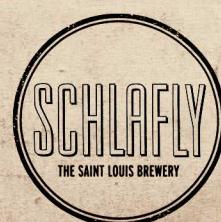
If you're interested in learning more about how great beer is made, join us on Fridays for Schlafly Beer School or one of our free hourly brewery tours on Saturdays and Sundays. Both experiences offer a unique view into the world of making Schlafly Beer, in a location that is also ideal for grabbing a tasty meal and a pint of freshly made ale.

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## CONTINUED – ROAD TRIP DAY 2

### 1 BROADWAY DINER 225 4th St., Columbia MO

After a good night's sleep, start the second day of this Dad-centric adventure with breakfast at Broadway Diner. The diner's most popular dish, The Stretch, is a mound of hash browns smothered in chili, covered with eggs, topped with cheese, onions and green peppers. It's more than enough to help power you through a busy day.

### 2 ST. LOUIS BALLPARK VILLAGE 601 Clark Ave., St. Louis MO

From Columbia, it's about a two-hour drive to downtown St. Louis, home of the Ballpark Village entertainment complex, adjacent to Busch Stadium. This is a great place to relax and mingle with like-minded sports fans while enjoying artifacts of American baseball history.

### 3 ST. LOUIS CARDINALS BASEBALL 700 Clark Ave., St. Louis MO

See the St. Louis Cardinals in action at Busch Stadium in downtown St. Louis. The stadium, which opened in 2006, offers a view of the St. Louis skyline, including the iconic Gateway Arch.

### 4 MIKE SHANNON'S STEAKS & SEAFOOD 620 Market St., St. Louis MO

A short walk from Busch Stadium, Mike Shannon's is one of downtown St. Louis' most popular pre- and post-game spots. Enjoy fine dining in a sophisticated sports atmosphere. Reservations recommended.

# Scott Joplin Ragtime Festival

June 3 - 6, 2015 • Sedalia, MO

## FREE VENUES

### **Wednesday Only**

9 a.m. - 4 p.m. - State Fair Community College  
Various performers throughout the day

### **Thursday - Friday - Saturday**

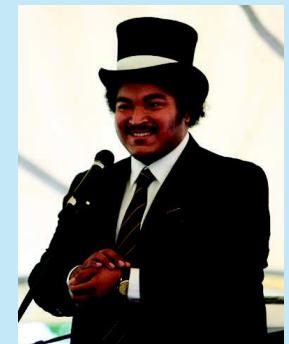
Maple Leaf Club Site- 9 a.m. - 4 p. m.  
Various performers throughout the day  
John Stark Pavilion- 9 a.m. - 5 p. m.  
Various performers throughout the day  
Cakewalk Hall- Fox Theater  
2 sessions of Dance Lessons , daily  
2 Tea Dances, daily

Gazebo Park- 10 a.m. - 3 p. m.

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(following parade)  
Master Class- TBA Maple Leaf Club Site  
Silver Swan Tea Dance- 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.  
Cake Walk Hall



## PAID VENUES

### **Wednesday June 3**

Kickoff Concert- 2 p.m. @ SFCC-\$20  
The Entertainer Concert - 8 p.m. @ SFCC \$30

### **Thursday June 4**

#### Ragtime Revelations Concert

2:00 p.m. First United Methodist Church- \$20

Donor's Only Party- 5 p.m. @ Katy Depot  
Min. donation of \$30/person

Easy Winners Concert - 8 p.m. @ SFCC \$30

### **Friday June 5**

#### Pleasant Moments Concert - 2 p.m.

@ First United Methodist Church

Cradle of Ragtime Concert - 8 p.m.  
@ Heckart Performing Arts Center- \$30

### **Saturday, June 6**

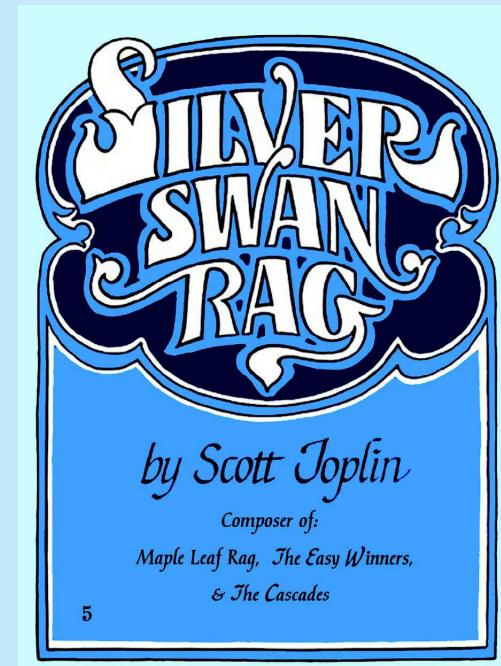
#### Legacy of Scott Joplin Concert- 2 p.m.

@ First United Methodist  
Church- \$20

#### Ragtime Music Hall Concert- 8 p.m.

@ Heckart Performing Arts  
Center- \$32

Symposiums- Three one-hour sessions  
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## CRITTER CRAWL DAY 1

### 1 WORLD AQUARIUM

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### 2 ANTHONINO'S TAVERNA ON THE HILL

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Take a 5 mile drive west and treat yourself to lunch. Their house-made toasted ravioli was featured on Food Network's "Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives" and was voted best in St. Louis in 2012. Their menu also includes fresh fish, lamb, beef, chicken, other house-made pasta, sandwiches, plus one-of-a-kind hand-tossed pizza.

### 3 POWDER VALLEY CONSERVATION NATURE CENTER

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### 4 AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB MUSEUM OF THE DOG

*1721 S. Mason Road, St. Louis MO*

The museum is home to one of the largest collections of dog art in the country. Permanent exhibits include paintings, drawings and sculptures by well known 19th- and 20th-century artists and an All-Star Dogs Hall of Fame.

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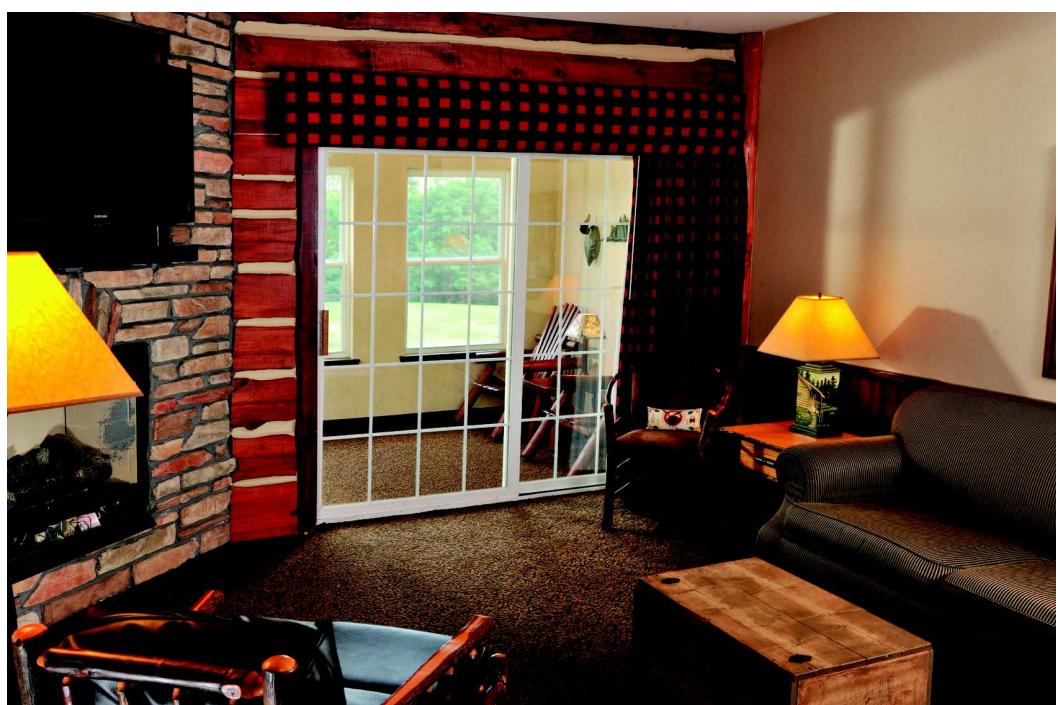
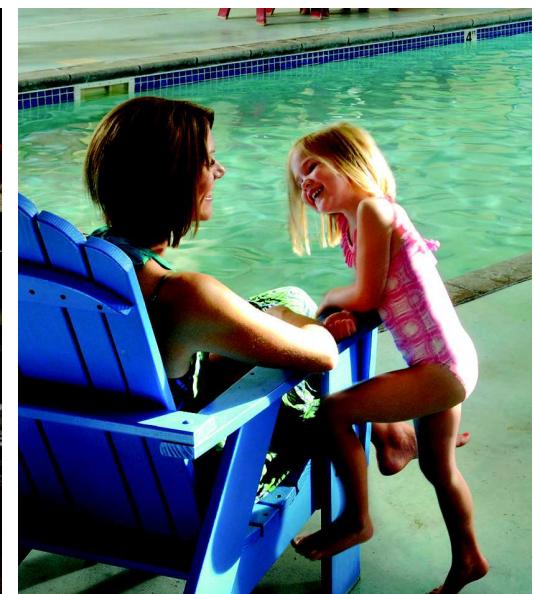
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PHOTO COURTESY OF THE MISSOURI DIVISION OF TOURISM: [Left] Grant's Farm is fun for the whole family. [Top Middle] A family enjoys the giraffes at the St. Louis Zoo. [Top Right] The American Kennel Club Museum Of The Dog. [Bottom Middle] Blueberry Hill on The Loop. [Bottom Right] Rock & roll legend Chuck Berry playing live at Blueberry Hill.

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### CRITTER CRAWL DAY 2

#### 1 BLUEBERRY HILL 22 S 4th St., Columbia MO

A St. Louis landmark located in The Loop district, along the St. Louis Walk of Fame. A restaurant and music club filled with pop culture memorabilia, including items depicting Chuck Berry, the Simpsons, the Beatles and Star Wars, as well as jukeboxes, lunch boxes, toys, darts, pinball, video games and a photo booth. Live music several nights a week featuring touring groups as well as St. Louis bands, including rock & roll legend Chuck Berry.

#### 2 THE ST. LOUIS ZOO 1 Government Drive, St. Louis MO

When it comes to critters, you can't beat the St. Louis Zoo: home to more than 18,000 exotic animals; many are rare and endangered. You're in for a full day of fun and adventure, less than a mile from your hotel! For the first time anywhere in North America, you can walk through an underwater tunnel into sea lion habitat to see the animals swimming all around you. The Penguin and Puffin Coast exhibit also offers an underwater view of these oceanic birds. General admission is free. There are fees for some special attractions.

### DAY 3

#### 1 GRANT'S FARM 10501 Gravois Road, St. Louis MO

The whole family will enjoy exploring Grant's Farm, operated by Anheuser-Busch, Inc. As home to more than 900 animals representing more than 100 species, it's a living symbol of the Busch family's love for animals and commitment to wildlife conservation and preservation.

#### 2 WORLD BIRD SANCTUARY 125 Bald Eagle Ridge Road, Valley Park MO

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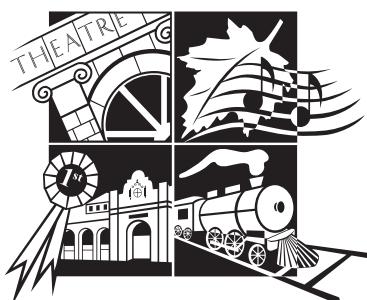


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## 2015 EVENT DATES

- Scott Joplin Ragtime Festival - June 3-6
- Backyard BBQ Bash - June 6
- Red Power Roundup - June 10-13
- R. Woolery Memorial Pow-Wow - July 17-19
- Chamber 4th of July Celebration, MO State Fairgrounds - July 4
- Missouri State Fair - August 13 - 23
- Chamber Piccadilly Gala - September 17
- Queen of the Prairies Festival of the Arts - September 26
- Show-Me Crafters Craft Show - November 13-14
- Thanksgiving Lighting & Fireworks Extravaganza - November 26
- Chamber Hometown Christmas Parade - December 5

# Missouri Caves

HAVE A COOL ADVENTURE IN ONE OF THE THOUSANDS OF MISSOURI CAVES

COURTESY OF THE MISSOURI DIVISION OF TOURISM – Absolute darkness! That's what you find in a cave. No matter how long you stare into the void, your eyes can never adjust to cave darkness; it will always be, well—dark. Exploring a cave sound exciting? Make no mistake; caves can be exhilarating, entertaining and educational.

The Show-Me State is home to thousands of recorded caves. Although the majority are not open to the general public, there are quite a few

"show caves" you can visit in Missouri. Marvel Cave, a Registered Natural Landmark, is deep beneath the Silver Dollar City theme park in Branson. It is the deepest show cave in Missouri and has the largest tour-cave entrance room (the Cathedral Room – where five hot air balloons were flown simultaneously) in the U.S. – fifth largest in the world. The cave's entry room is 204 feet high, 225 feet wide and 411 feet long.

The most unusual cave tour in Missouri can be taken at Fantastic

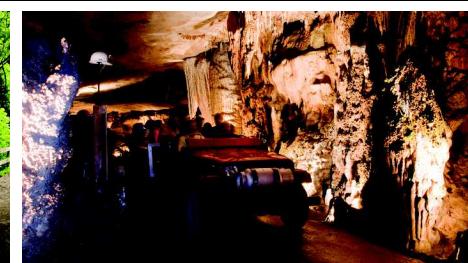
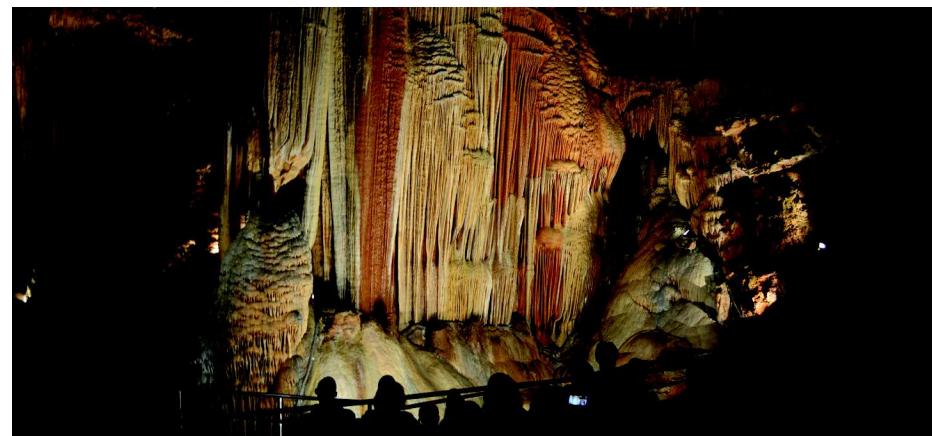


PHOTO COURTESY OF THE MISSOURI DIVISION OF TOURISM: [Top] One of the amazing displays at Meramec Caverns. [Bottom Left] Enjoy a drink at Cave Vineyard. [Bottom Right] America's only ride-through cave.

Caverns in Springfield. This is America's only ride-through cave – visitors take the mile-long, 55-minute tour in a Jeep-drawn tram which follows the path of an ancient

underground river. Enjoy the beauty of a natural cave without the long walks and steep climbs.

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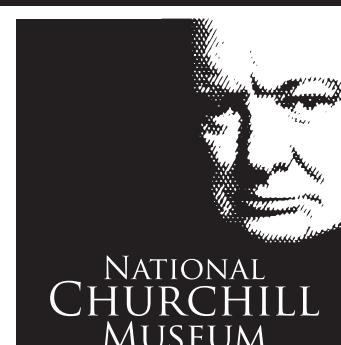


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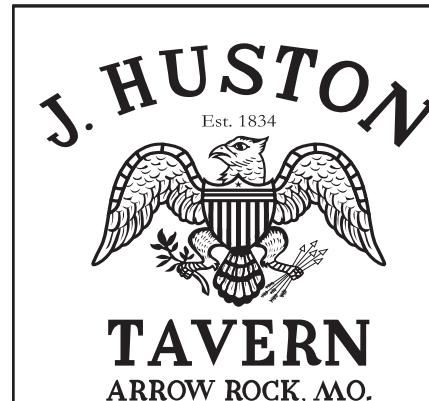
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| <b>Les Misérables</b><br>JUNE 3 - 13  | <b>SOUTH PACIFIC</b><br>JUNE 20 - 28 | <b>DRIVING Miss Daisy</b><br>AUGUST 22 - 30 | <b>Will Rogers FOLLIES</b><br>A LIFE IN REVIEW<br>JULY 8 - 18           | <b>STAND BY YOUR MAN</b><br>The TAMMY WYNETTE Story<br>SEPTEMBER 9 - 20 | <b>Agatha Christie's A Christmas Carol</b><br>DECEMBER 11 - 20 |
| <b>RUMPS &amp; HAMMERTONS</b><br><b>RUMPS &amp; HAMMERTONS</b><br>AUGUST 8 - 15 | <b>Lyceum THEATRE</b>                | <b>LammTech</b><br>Simply Better Technology | <b>CHARLES DICKENS' A CHRISTMAS CAROL</b><br>JULY 25 - AUGUST 1         | <b>ORSCHELIN FARMHOME</b><br>A Family & Farm Since 1834                 | <b>KBLA-TV</b><br>Local Connection                             |
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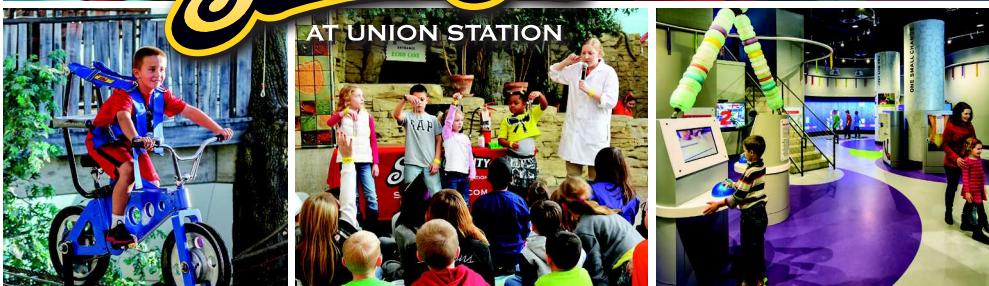
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- **Onondaga Cave** is a National Natural Landmark located in Onondaga Cave State Park, five miles south of Leasburg. The cave has been a tourist attraction since 1897. Trained guides lead you over electrically lighted, paved walkways and provide information about geologic wonders.
- **Cathedral Cave**, also in Onondaga Cave State Park, offers slightly strenuous, lantern-light tours. After a one-third mile walk to the cave's entrance, the tour inside the cave lasts an hour and a half. Deep inside Cathedral Cave, you encounter a seismic station monitoring Missouri's earthquake activity.
- **Fisher Cave** is one of more than 40 caves found in Meramec State Park, 10 minutes south of Sullivan.

On these lantern-light tours, well-preserved bear claw marks, cave wildlife and massive columns 30 feet tall are highlights. Situated beside the Meramec River, the park is a favorite with canoeists and fishermen.

• **Ozark Caverns** conducts tours by hand-held lanterns. In addition to the unique and breathtaking "Angel Showers," bats, salamanders and interesting cave formations are features of this cave in Lake of the Ozarks State Park. Established in the mid-1930s, Missouri's largest state park includes 80 miles of shoreline, two swimming beaches, boat-launching areas, marinas, campgrounds and camper-cabins.

The largest commercial show cave in Missouri, Meramec Caverns, is reputed to have been used as a hideout by Jesse James and his gang. Regularly scheduled guided tours

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The Mark Twain Cave Complex, two miles south of Hannibal, is the cave author Mark Twain described in five of his books. Facilities include a winery, camping and two very

different caves, Mark Twain Cave and Cameron Cave.

Another unique experience is found in extreme southwest Missouri at Bluff Dwellers Cavern and Browning Museum, two miles south of Noel. Discovered in 1925, the cave has been open for tours every day since 1927. Substantial artifacts were discovered, including arrowheads, grinding stones, tools made of bone and skeletal remains of the early inhabitants, including American Indians; some items date to 5,000 B.C.

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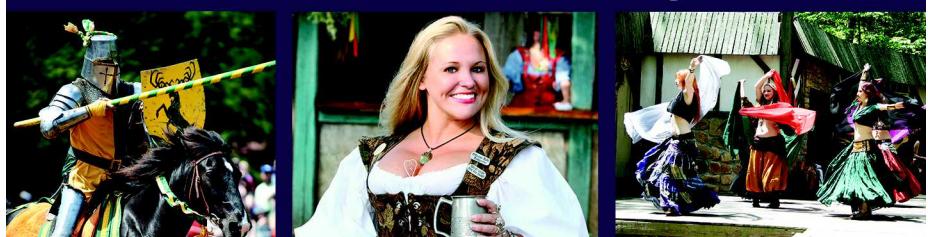
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## THE MISSOURI RIVER



The river that defined the American frontier in the 19th century winds its way across the state, from the Iowa border north of Kansas City, merging with the mighty Mississippi River in St. Louis. The Katy Trail State Park (the longest rail-to-trail walking/bicycling trail in the U.S.) parallels scenic stretches of the Missouri River. Along the way, venture back to the Wild West in St. Joseph, at the Pony Express National Museum and the Jesse James Home; relax and enjoy the spectacular river views at Les Bourgeois Winery in Rocheport, Canterbury Hill Winery in Holts Summit, OakGlenn Winery in Hermann and Montelle Winery in Augusta.

## HARRY S TRUMAN RESERVOIR

Missouri's largest lake (55,600-acre surface area), Truman Reservoir is an angler's paradise, and particularly popular for groups in pontoon boats. Surrounded by more than 100,000 acres of land, the neighboring area offers horseback riding, hiking and camping. Get a bird's-eye view of the lake, and its waterfowl, from the bluff-top Harry S. Truman Dam Visitor Center, outside of Warsaw. Marinas on the lake have boat rentals, launch ramps and general supplies.

## TABLE ROCK LAKE

Nestled in the striking Ozark Mountains, Table Rock Lake is one of the prettiest lakes in the country. With nearly 800 miles of shoreline and deep clear water, it is ideal for fishing, pleasure boating and scuba diving. Spend some time at Dogwood Canyon Nature Park, a 10,000-acre reserve with waterfalls, caves, bison and fantastic scenery, where you can hike, ride a horse, and take guided tram tours. Be sure to visit the Titanic Museum Attraction, Experience life aboard Titanic, just as it was on her maiden (and only) voyage, April 1912. Oh, and don't forget all of the sights, sounds, activities, shopping, shows and activities of Branson, the "Live Music Show Capital of the World."

## TERRIFIC TROUT FISHING STREAMS

Three Missouri State Parks are outstanding spots for trout fishing in cool, spring-fed streams. In addition to fishing, Bennett Spring State Park, Roaring River State Park and Montauk State Park feature swimming pools, nature centers, playgrounds, dining options, lodging and camping. In addition to these parks, the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) stocks rainbow trout in 18 Missouri lakes; one trout-park, privately owned by a philanthropic foundation (Maramec Spring Park); and more than 120 miles of non-commercial, spring-fed streams. Annually, MDC releases more than two million Missouri raised rainbow trout, ranging from 3/4 of a pound to four-pounders ... but much larger lunkers are out there.

## THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER

Mark Twain knew it well: there are adventures aplenty on the Mighty Mississippi. Take a paddle-boat ride aboard the Mark Twain Riverboat (Memorial Day-Labor Day) in Hannibal; take home a handmade treasure from the artist/artisan colony of Clarksville; visit the site where the Missouri and Mississippi merge, at the Confluence Point State Park in St. Louis; visit the Gateway Arch in St. Louis and ride the tram to the top for breathtaking views; tour the French village of Ste. Genevieve, the oldest European settlement west of the Mississippi; visit the mural-filled city of Cape Girardeau, guardian of the river during the Civil War; walk "onto the river," on the Observation Deck in New Madrid.

## MARK TWAIN LAKE

The standing timber on the bottom of the 18,000-acre Mark Twain Lake provides a perfect habitat for fish. The unspoiled shoreline serves as a great destination for people who have a passion for fishing, boating, swimming and lakeside camping. Step into the life and times of Samuel Clemens (better known as Mark Twain) at Mark Twain State Park and the Mark Twain Birthplace State Historic Site, in the small Missouri town of Florida (38 miles west of Hannibal).

## LAKE OF THE OZARKS

With a 54,000-acre surface, hundreds of winding coves, a length of 92 miles end-to-end and more than 1,100 miles of shoreline, the Lake of the Ozarks has more miles of shoreline than the Pacific coast of California. The upper arm of the lake is serene, while the bustling lower sections offer everything from quiet camping to upscale resorts at water's edge. Wide open, with deep channels, this lake is great for boating, water-skiing and personal watercraft. Explore the castle ruins at Ha Ha Tonka State Park; try your skills at a mind boggling abundance of golf courses; eat everything from tacos to batter fried lobster; zoom through the air on a zipline; and shop till you drop. "The Lake" has it all.

## GASCONADE RIVER

One of the most crooked rivers in the world, the Gasconade is the longest river completely within the boundary of Missouri, winding 265+ water-miles from its source before emptying into the Missouri River near the town of Gasconade – in a straight line, it is only 120 miles. In an area near Waynesville, you can float for 15 water-miles and be only two miles overland from where you started. There are caves and an abundance of wildlife along the waterway; the river is popular for its bass fishing.

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# A Romantic Wine Getaway

## MAKE SOME TIME FOR JUST YOU TWO

COURTESY OF THE MISSOURI DIVISION OF TOURISM – Okay, they're over: all of the gift giving, feasting and parties. It's time to unwind and rejuvenate. Run away with your significant other and be pampered in a quiet bed and breakfast inn. Say it slowly: bed ... and ... breakfast. A peaceful night's sleep (ahhh), topped-off with food you don't have to cook (yummo). There are hundreds, if not thousands, of B&Bs scattered across Missouri;

but let's concentrate on two old-world villages along the iconic Katy Trail, beside the mighty Missouri River.

Rocheport and Augusta offer bed and breakfast inns, excellent dining, attractive shops and top-notch wineries. Take your bicycle and walking shoes to enjoy invigorating outdoor activities (yes, even in winter) ... and don't forget the camera. These areas are havens for American bald eagles and other birds.

### Rocheport

The quaint little river town of Rocheport is an easygoing village, 15 miles west of Columbia. Filled with early-1800s architecture and charming ambiance, this is a perfect place to, as they say, kick back.

In Rocheport you can take a deep breath, sleep late, ride or walk the Katy Trail, hike the many hillside paths, share a bottle of wine and watch the sunset from a bluff-top restaurant. There is no rush. Remember, this trip is just for you. First stop? Your comfy B&B.

- The Katy Trail Bed and Breakfast sits right beside the Katy Trail. The three guestrooms, plus a cottage and a carriage house, have private baths. Enjoy a deluxe continental breakfast.
- Two blocks from the Katy Trail, Amber House Bed and Breakfast offers four guestrooms with private baths. A trained chef prepares

breakfast to start your day; a superb made-to-order dinner can be arranged. Also, they offer gourmet cooking classes by reservation and a professional massage studio.

- Built in 1914, School House Bed and Breakfast is a wonderfully restored, three-story brick building, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It includes 11 guestrooms with private baths. A hearty, multi-course breakfast is served.
- The Yates House Bed and Breakfast offers six guestrooms in two adjacent buildings: one is a reproduction of an 1850 roadside inn; the other was built in 1840. Savor a full, hot breakfast.

Although breakfast is well taken care of, you need lunch and dinner. There are several dining options in Rocheport.

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**CONTINUED –** Among the Rocheport dining options are:

- Abigail's is unique, with rough brick walls, uneven wooden floors and diverse decor. The menu, hand-lettered daily on a dry-erase board, outlines the day's selection of exceptionally good food for lunch and dinner. Housing only nine tables, with seating for approximately 35, reservations are highly recommended for dinner.
- Les Bourgeois Winery's Blufftop Bistro restaurant and tasting room commands sweeping views of the Missouri River and offers spectacular sunsets. This is fine dining, but in a very relaxed atmosphere. The lunch and dinner menus change with the seasons, based on the availability of fresh ingredients. The winery is a multi-award-winning example of top-shelf Missouri wines. Reservations are recommended.

### Augusta

Augusta is an unpretentious community founded in 1836. This area is loaded with more than a dozen bed and breakfast inns, a microbrewery, restaurants, shops and interesting attractions – you can't go wrong spending some time in Augusta.

Augusta is at the center of The Augusta AVA, the first federally designated wine-grape district in the U.S. Wineries offer wines by the glass and bottle, so after an exhilarating outdoor excursion along the Katy Trail, stop in for a sample of world-class wine and Missouri hospitality. The B&B selections range from simple to elegant, large facilities to one- and two-bedroom houses and cottages. Here are some prime Augusta examples:

- The three guestrooms of the circa 1865 Apple Gate Inn Bed and Breakfast each have a private

bath and a private entrance; one is complete with a kitchenette. A full-service, three-course breakfast gets you ready to explore the countryside.

- A European-trained chef serves a full breakfast at the H. S. Clay House and Guest Cottage. All guestrooms in the 1867 cottage and 1885 house include a fireplace. Appetizers are served in the evening; port and chocolates are provided with turndown service.
- Magnificent views await at the Stoneridge Vineyard Bed and Breakfast, on a hilltop four miles north of town. Resembling a Bavarian country estate, each suite includes a fireplace and a private bath with a two-person jetted tub; most rooms have a private balcony.
- The Halcyon Bed and Breakfast & Spa occupies a renovated circa 1900 mill. The one guestroom is modern, cozy, private and quiet. It includes
- Founded in 1859, Mount Pleasant Estates Winery is among Missouri's most-established wineries. Picnic foods can be purchased at the winery to be enjoyed on the huge patios. The winery features an indoor restaurant with a serene atmosphere and spectacular views of the Missouri River Valley.
- Walk three blocks to Augusta Winery to enjoy wines produced in small quantities to assure the utmost quality. The winery offers custom-labeled wine and a variety of wine classes.
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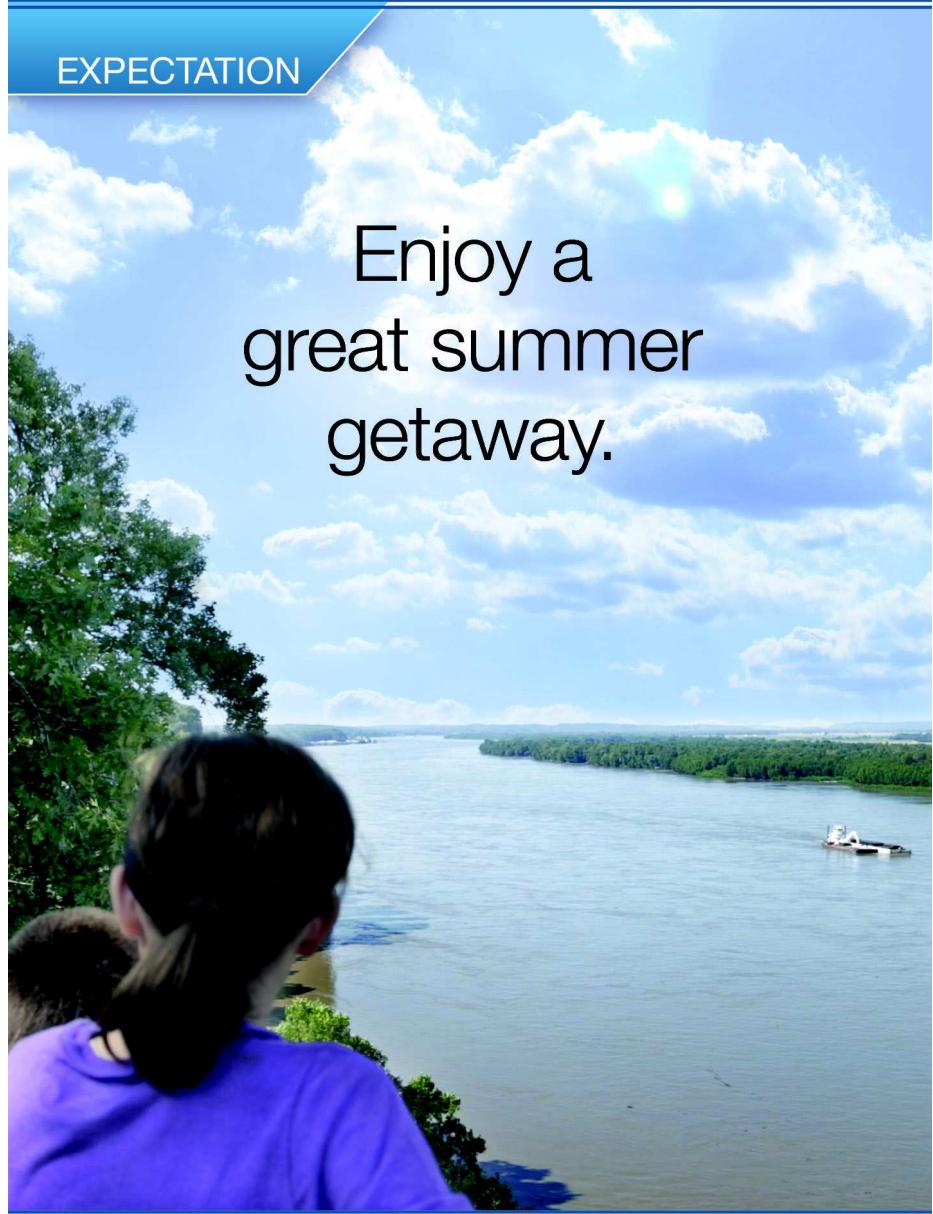


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COURTESY OF THE MISSOURI DIVISION OF TOURISM, BY SCOTT MCCULLOUGH – Traveling to Missouri's wineries and sampling their product is a very popular activity. A lot of folks wonder, what's the process? What should I do and not do? To help, here are some guidelines to make your wine tasting excursion enjoyable.

Important point: There aren't many absolute "must dos" – it's your experience, so you decide. That said, here are some standard procedures and hints.

Start with the light whites and progress to the heavy reds; leave

the sweeter 'dessert' wines to the end. Don't forget the ports and fruit wines (blueberry wine is a particular favorite of mine); and mead – wine made from honey (no, it is not as sweet as it sounds). Mead is the oldest known fermented beverage on earth.

Always hold the glass by the stem or bottom, not the actual bowl of the glass, so the heat from your hand doesn't affect the temperature of the wine. The exceptions are port and brandy, which should be cradled in the hand to warm the liquid. Here are the normal practices for the actual tasting.

1. **Look at the wine** against a close white surface to experience its color and clarity; whites and reds come in a variety of hues. You'll soon learn which 'shades' you prefer.

2. **Swirl the wine** in the glass to aerate (incorporate air into) the wine and release the aromas and flavor nuances.

3. **Sniff the wine** to detect the abundance of fragrances that lead to the wine's flavor. This is an important step, because half of your sense of taste is controlled by smell. So get your nose right down into that glass and breathe in slowly.

This is where you really start to taste the wine.

4. **Slurp.** Let the wine mingle with your taste buds, tongue and roof of the mouth; each area has different sensors (That's okay – slurping at a winery is perfect etiquette.) Take a small amount into your mouth and simply breathe through the wine, like sucking up a spaghetti noodle. This aerates the wine in your mouth and brings your nasal senses to the game.

5. **Swallow** (not too much) as you exhale through your nose. Note the finish (aftertaste) and length of

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time the flavors linger. Remember, you are tasting, not drinking.

6. **Use the crackers.** The crackers and pieces of bread are there to refresh your palate so each wine does not blend into the next. Don't eat the whole bowl; just take a bite between wine tastes so your palate is set up and ready for the next wine.

Every once in a while you will see someone swirl their glass of wine, raise it towards the light and watch with bated breath for the wine's "legs" to appear (the pattern the wine makes as it clings to the side of the glass).

They think the legs are an indicator of the wine's quality and/or sugar content. Not so. The legs have more to do with physics than they do with the wine's content. The legs are affected by temperature, barometric pressure and even the surface texture of the glass. I am happy to dispel that myth.

The samples are small, but they add up throughout the day. You don't have to sample every wine; if you don't like dry reds, skip them. However, this is a good place to experiment with a variety you may not usually buy. You might be surprised.

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**CONTINUED –** Also, you don't have to finish a sample you don't like. If you try one that is not to your liking, pour it or spit it out and grab a cracker. (Again, spitting is good etiquette at a wine tasting.) Every tasting bar has a dump bucket for that reason; if you don't see one, ask for it.

Contrary to popular belief, you do not have to rinse your glass between tastes. (Another myth dispelled.) Water will ruin the PH balance left in the glass and can negatively affect the next wine sample. The only time to rinse is when switching from whites to reds to sweets – better yet, ask for a clean glass.

A minor point, but a key one: don't wear perfume or cologne to a wine event. It interferes with the tasting experience (for you and others around you) and can cause confusion when trying to pick up the various aromas of the wine – remember, your sense of

taste is often controlled by smell.

Drink water. A good rule of thumb is one 12oz bottle of water per winery. Wine (and beer for that matter) is dehydrating. Water keeps your fluid level up and keeps you from becoming dehydrated and more intoxicated by the wine.

Don't visit too many wineries in a single day; after a while, your palate won't be able to tell the difference. Four or five should be the limit. Take your time. Wine tasting is more than just the wine; it's the atmosphere, the conservation and the camaraderie. Rushing because you want to visit a lot of wineries in one day takes away from the experience and adds to your alcohol level. Besides, there are probably other attractions you want to visit between vineyards; a zipline for example.

Eat. Food is a great palate cleanser and it helps dilute the alcohol in you. Many wineries have beautiful patios

and decks where you can spread an afternoon with a nice lunch or snack. Many have in-house food service, even a full menu restaurant, while others allow you to bring your own picnic (no fast-food please) – best to check first. NOTE: it is against Missouri law to carry any off-site beverages (even soda) onto a winery's property.

Ask questions, but don't try to impress the server with your vast knowledge. A winery visit is about the full experience, not just the wines. You never know, the servers may pour you a wine that is not on the menu, or better yet, do some barrel tasting. Connect with the servers and they will likely remember you the next time you visit. Leave a nice tip.

It's a nice gesture to buy a bottle or two at each stop, but don't feel pressured to do so. You can always go back or have a larger quantity shipped to you. We tend to get carried away at

wineries and buy more bottles than we intended. If you do purchase, here's a good tip: a wine that is chilled won't be harmed if you let it come to room temperature and re-chill it later (same with beer); likewise, a red can be cooled and returned to room temp without harm.

Finally: The wines you bought at the winery might not taste as good at home as they did at the winery. Sorry to end this list with a downer, but it's true. That's not to say it won't be wonderful. When you're at the winery, surrounded by the ambiance and sounds of a tasting room, hearing comments from other shoppers, the wine tastes special. You simply can't replicate those conditions at home. But, that is exactly why you should go taste wine at a winery more often.

So, hopefully that will help. Now get out and visit some Missouri wineries. To find some, search Winery on VisitMO.com.

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Word of mouth goes a long

way when it comes to good food. When you're at the Lake of the Ozarks, you'll always hear a buzz about T. J. Bruner's. This Osage Beach steakhouse has been serving legendary porterhouse steaks and Kansas City strips for more than 35 years. If you prefer fish to beef, try the decadent lobster macaroni and cheese or the deservedly famous batter-fried lobster tail. Leave plenty



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of room for something sweet from the dessert tray and a dessert concoction from the bar – ice cream drinks like The Grasshopper and the Brandy Alexander cap off any meal in a satisfying way.

The sense of history adds to the appeal at Oscar's Classic Diner in Jefferson City. Oscar's is a redo of a famous 1950s Jefferson City roadhouse, serving plenty of home-

style dishes for breakfast, lunch and supper. Stop at Oscar's for a freshly prepared omelet or hearty chicken fried steak, served with a heaping side of nostalgia. While in town, tour the Missouri Capitol and the 1836 Missouri State Penitentiary,

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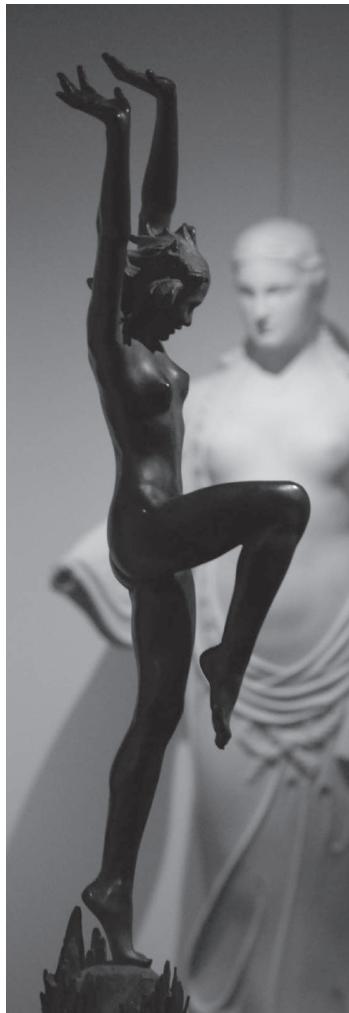
In St. Louis, a premium cafe called Bixby's gives new meaning to "historic lunch," thanks to its location inside the Missouri History Museum. Peruse the museum's latest exhibits, and enjoy lunch at this fine cafe. Take in great views of Forest Park as you nosh on expertly prepared cuisine like a trio of mini crab cakes or smoked chicken crepes. If you happen to be in St. Louis on a Sunday, treat yourself to Bixby's Champagne Brunch.

Speaking of treats, foodies flock to Bluestem Progressive American Restaurant, a Kansas City bistro with a reputation for seriously good food using locally sourced ingredients. Starters might include a "crudo of hamachi" and a poached-pear salad; the entree course presents such choices as hen piccata with roasted

garlic gnocchi. Diners who want to sample the full range of dishes can order a three-, five-, seven- or 12-course "tasting dinner."

In Springfield, get a table at Touch Restaurant for some fine American cuisine with Mediterranean influences. In addition to the regular menu, they have tapas and a late-night menus. The bar serves cocktails, beer and wine. Favorites include Mediterranean macaroni and cheese, and Persian lamb skewers.

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# A Treasure Trove of Food

## COLUMBIA IS THE TOWN OF FOODIES

COURTESY OF THE MISSOURI DIVISION OF TOURISM, BY MISSOURI LIFE MAGAZINE – Columbia is the perfect destination for foodies, says Linda Kissam, a board member for the International Food, Wine, and Travel Writers Association. “Trendy, urban, flavorful and innovative come to mind when I think about Columbia,” she says. “It’s definitely the type of place foodies

love. This hip city has a strong sense of self, emphasizing ‘local matters,’ especially when it comes to culinary offerings. It’s worthy of your time.”

### Visit the Producers

The friendly farmers at Chert Hollow Farm, an organic vegetable farm just north of Columbia, and Pierpont Farms, a small family farm, pride themselves on growing

food people love. Both farms, which are happy to host visitors, produce quality ingredients for Columbia’s restaurants, and Pierpont Farms even has a successful partnership with Boone Hospital. Patchwork Family Farms, a group of 15 hog farmers, raises hogs the traditional way, without antibiotics or growth hormones and with plenty of access to fresh air and sunshine. Their pork products are sold in locally owned natural food stores. Columbia’s best chefs create delightful dishes with Patchwork Pork.

But that’s not all. Columbia offers scrumptious, locally produced goods. Patric Chocolate, a craft chocolate company, has been churning out wonderful batches of handmade chocolate-bars since 2006. Patric makes chocolate from scratch – directly from the cocoa bean. In 2010, Food & Wine magazine recognized Patric Chocolate as the “Best New American Chocolate.”

Patric is considered one of the top artisan chocolate makers in America. Another chocolate contender is The Candy Factory, a Columbia favorite since 1974. The Candy Factory makes small-batch confections such as chocolate-covered strawberries and gourmet truffles.

Columbia even has its own coffee roaster. Lakota Coffee Company hand roasts small batches of coffee beans every day, offering the freshest coffee possible.

Also, the Columbia area has gourmet cheese and honey.

Goatsbeard Farm crafts several artisan cheeses from its herd of 50 goats. Try the fresh, creamy goat cheese; also, the Walloon—an aged, hard cheese with a nutty flavor. Walk-About Acres is a small farm that produces and sells honey and honey ice cream.

### Visit the Markets

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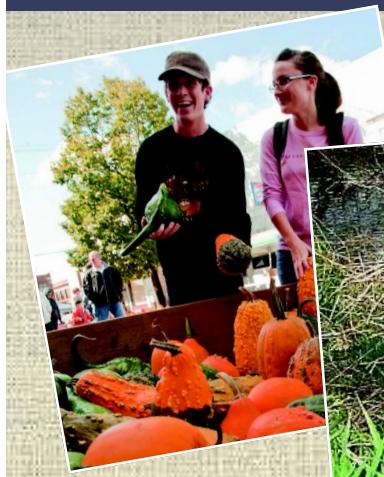
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locally grown and produced items at farmers markets and local natural food and specialty stores.

The Columbia Farmers Market has more than 90 vendors selling meats, vegetables, fruit, canned goods, and other items Saturday mornings, April thru November, and Monday and Wednesday evenings, May thru October.

Clovers Natural Market sells organic produce and gourmet goods. In the North Village Arts District, the Root Cellar provides a diverse selection of Missouri products.

Also, Columbia has a selection of ethnic food stores such as Chong's Oriental Market (701 Locust Street), which sells specialty Asian ingredients, from meat and seafood to produce and dried goods. For Mediterranean and Middle Eastern fare, check out the Olive Café and Food Store (21 N. Providence Road). This charming market & café serves freshly prepared meals

and sells packaged goods from the Mediterranean and Middle East.

#### Visit the Restaurants

But the best way to discover Columbia's food treasures is by tasting them. In Columbia, it's not just our high-end restaurants that use fresh, local ingredients; it's also found in our cafes, diners, and brewpubs.

Café Berlin is a favorite breakfast spot known for its locally sourced organic menu. Try the "Butch" Jones, a small pancake-burrito stuffed with sausage made with apples, garlic, red onion, Patchwork andouille sausage, cinnamon, and maple syrup. Head to Lucy's Corner Café (522 E. Broadway), which serves Patchwork pork alongside pancakes the size of a dinner plate. Fresh bread and pastries are baked daily at Uprise Bakery, plus they serve soups, salads, and sandwiches worthy of your attention.

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At Murry's Restaurant and Jazz Club, the extensive menu includes delicious sandwiches, such as the Philly Cheese Steak, and juicy hamburgers made with Show-Me Farms beef.

If it's beer you are looking for, you're in luck. Columbia has two brewpubs. Broadway Brewery is a local favorite, and it's no surprise why. The brewpub has a rotating seasonal

menu that uses ingredients from local farmers to craft dishes such as pulled pork made with slow-smoke Patchwork pork, Goatsbeard cheese, and house barbecue sauce. Plus, you'll find a variety of house-brewed beer from the Pale Ale and Wheat Beer to the Extra Special Bitter and Porter. Flat Branch Pub & Brewing brews an ever changing array of craft beers such as Katy Trail Pale Ale, Honey Wheat, and Oil Change Stout—there are always at least 10 on tap. The beer is always fresh, and the food is always good.

Though Sycamore Restaurant doesn't brew its own beer, its beer

menu is refined and extensive, and the restaurant offers multi-course beer dinners. Sycamore prides itself on serving seasonal, market-driven foods, providing local produce, cheese, meat, and other products from the Columbia area. Also, 44 Stone Public House, an English-style gastropub, hosts beer dinners; its beer list offers a plethora of domestic and imported craft beers. The menu is inspired by the food one might find in an English, Irish, Scottish or Welsh public house.

For wine lovers, enjoy a candle-lit dinner at the Wine Cellar & Bistro, a wine-inspired gem with more than

1,000 bottles of wine in-house. The Wine Cellar & Bistro serves a market-inspired menu using local ingredients whenever possible.

You are sure to enjoy Bleu Restaurant & Wine Bar any day, or night, of the week. Though Bleu has an inventive, upscale menu that is sophisticated and the atmosphere is big city, you'll find the restaurant to be approachable and casual as well. The large patio is very inviting.

Columbia is a tasty place, that's for sure! Discover your own food treasures...in Columbia.

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