Can’t miss MISSOURI Sporting Events

Warm, sunny days provide the perfect opportunity to get outside and enjoy a sporting event. Fortunately, in Missouri, we have many events from which to choose. Game on.

BY: H|L-SM; COURTESY OF THE MISSOURI DIVISION OF TOURISM

Celebrate “America’s pastime” by cheering on the 2011 World Series Champion St. Louis Cardinals at Busch Stadium. From your seat at Busch, catch a glimpse of the downtown St. Louis skyline and the marvelous Gateway Arch.

And be sure to follow the St. Louis Blues hockey team next season, when they return in hot pursuit of Lord Stanley’s Cup. The Blues take on all comers at the Scottrade Center, just six short blocks from Busch Stadium.

On the western side of the state, the 2015 World Series Champion Kansas City Royals take on opponents at Kauffman Stadium. Kids love all the fun activities available inside the stadium, including a carousel and a batting challenge. Don’t forget to sample some world-famous Kansas City barbecue while you’re at the stadium.

In Springfield, watch tomorrow’s baseball legends take the field when you root for the Springfield Cardinals, the Double-A Texas League affiliate of the St. Louis Cardinals. Home
games at Hammons Field make for a perfect family outing. Visit on Thursday nights for the “Buck a Brat” special, and Tuesdays for “$1 Dog Days.”

In O’Fallon, the Independent Frontier League’s River City Rascals play minor league baseball. Their games at T. R. Hughes Ballpark are fun and affordable for the entire family.

For more information and a list of Missouri stadiums, visit www.visitmo.com/mo...
Missouri’s Little Dixie Heritage Foundation invites you to tour three plantations in the Little Dixie region: Crestmead (7400 Hwy A), Burwood (6879 Hwy 135) and Pleasant Green (7045 Hwy 135). The highlight of this event is the rare opportunity to enter former slave dwellings, and hear the stories of the people who resided in these remarkable spaces. Due to the historic nature of the sites, they are not wheelchair accessible.

**SPRING 2016 LITTLE DIXIE PLANTATION TOURS**
**Saturday, May 28, 1-5 PM, Pilot Grove, MO**

Missouri’s Little Dixie Heritage Foundation invites you to tour three plantations in the Little Dixie region: Crestmead (7400 Hwy A), Burwood (6879 Hwy 135) and Pleasant Green (7045 Hwy 135). The highlight of this event is the rare opportunity to enter former slave dwellings, and hear the stories of the people who resided in these remarkable spaces. Due to the historic nature of the sites, they are not wheelchair accessible.

**TICKETS**
- Adult Tickets: $20 (includes all plantations)
- Youth Tickets (11-17): $13 (includes all plantations)
- Free admission for children under 10.

Tickets available at: [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) (search for “Spring 2016 Little Dixie Plantation Tours”), the Boonville Tourism Office (302 First Street, Boonville), Citizens Community Bank (100 Roe St., Pilot Grove) and Alliant Bank (301 Prospect, Pilot Grove). Tickets will also be sold at each plantation on May 28 (cash or check only).

All sales are final. A small service fee will be charged for online ticket purchases. Please make checks payable to Missouri’s Little Dixie Heritage Foundation.

For information on future home tours contact 660-834-3406

---

**HAVE A Spirited Year in Missouri**

Sample and savor the taste of these made-in-Missouri drinks

**BY: VISITMO STAFF**
**COURTESY OF THE MISSOURI DIVISION OF TOURISM**

---

**MUSEUM OF ART AND ARCHAEOLOGY**
**Come visit us in our new location!**

Mizzou North
115 Business Loop 70 West

**HOURS:**
Tuesday-Friday, 9am-4pm
Saturday-Sunday, Noon-4pm
Closed on Mondays
and University holidays

[http://maa.missouri.edu](http://maa.missouri.edu)
(573) 882-3591

---

[**TOP**] Mother’s Brewery in Springfield. [LEFT] Check out a tour at Anheuser-Busch Brewery in St. Louis. [RIGHT] Missouri is home to more than 130 wineries. PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE MISSOURI DIVISION OF TOURISM
What’s going to be in your glass when you raise a toast in 2016?

It’s a tough question, but the answer is easy: a drink made in Missouri! The Show-Me State is home to more than 130 wineries and an ever-growing number of breweries and distilleries, so you’re never far from a unique taste of Missouri.

Of course, Missouri is well known as one of the best wine-producing states in the U.S. In fact - and you can count this as your dose of history for today - in 1890, Missouri was the largest wine producing state in America, with 100 wineries in the Hermann area alone!

Of those original wineries, three remain: Hermannhof Winery opened as a brewery and winery in 1852; Adam Puchta Winery, established in 1855, is the oldest continuously owned and operated (by the same family) winery in the United States; Stone Hill Winery, the third largest winery in the world in 1900, now has satellite locations in New Florence and Branson.

Several Missouri wineries, including Pirtle Winery in Weston, produce mead (wine made from honey) in addition to grape wines. Leaky Roof Meadery in Buffalo makes meads ranging from very dry to quite sweet. In the Springfield area, OOVVDA Winery provides several fruit wines, along with standard grape varieties (try their blueberry wine - you’ll thank us later!).

Missouri’s largest and most award-winning wine producer, St. James Winery in St. James, is one of the top five gold medal winning wineries in the country. You must try their Pineapple Mango wine. In 2014, St. James Winery was in the top 15 on the World Association of Wine and Spirits Writers and Journalists annual list of the 100 Top Wineries in the World.

Visit any or all of these locations for an authentic Missouri winery experience, then be sure to take a bottle home for family and friends to enjoy on New Year’s Day - or any other day ending in Y.

If wine doesn’t suit your palate, you may prefer to visit one of Missouri’s distilleries.

Copper Run Distillery in Walnut Shade (10 miles north of Branson) features hand-crafted moonshine, aged whiskey and rum, created using techniques dating back 5,000 years. Pinckney Bend Distillery in New Haven produces gin, whiskey, vodka and their special tonic syrup. One mile south of downtown St. Louis, Square One Brewery & Distillery offers hand-crafted beers and spirits ranging from whiskey and rum, to vodka and liqueurs; for a different treat, try their cucumber vodka and jalapeno vodka.

www.visitDEXTER.com

Dining
Unique Shopping
Duck Hunting
Education
Train Depot

Dexter’s Grille it Up
July 9, 2016

Stoddard County Fair
September 20-24, 2016

Cruisin For Kids Car Show
September 30, 2016

Fall Fest
October 8, 2016

St. Patty’s Day Event
March 17, 2017
Montelle Winery in Augusta is the first winery in Missouri with a distillery. They produce four brandies: apple, peach, cherry and grape. A multi-faceted operation known as Crown Country in Ste. Genevieve includes Crown Valley Winery, and Crown Valley Brewing and Distilling, where they craft a variety of spirits.

The VisitMO team visited the Crown Valley distillery to learn more about the operation; you can watch the video at https://youtu.be/FX2DaQiw5lc.

Beer drinkers know the Show-Me State has an outstanding selection of places to grab a frosty mug of Missouri-made brews.

Columbia is home to one of the most successful brewpubs in the Midwest. Flat Branch Pub and Brewing was voted Best Brewpub in Missouri by Rural Missouri Magazine and has long been a popular stop for beer drinkers (the food there is top-notch, too).

Kansas City’s 75th Street Brewery follows the brewing traditions of England, Germany, Ireland and the Czech Republic. The pub features live music and a menu of made-from-scratch selections. When the weather’s right, enjoy an evening under the trellis in the outdoor beer garden.

Located adjacent to the Katy Trail in Augusta, Augusta Brew Haus & Bier Garden serves hand-crafted beers, rotating seasonal brews and freshly made Rocket Root Beer. Park your bicycle and pull up a chair indoors, on the covered patio or on the large outdoor terrace.

In Jefferson City, located about three blocks from the old 1836 Missouri State Penitentiary (tours are offered of this historic facility that is 100 years older than Alcatraz), get the feeling of “doin’ time” in the big house at a unique brewpub called Prison Brews. Two bocce courts provide a great way to enjoy a beautiful Missouri day.

Springfield, Missouri’s third largest city, is home to Springfield Brewing Company. They feature pool tables, a cigar lounge and an open-air patio, plus live music. Tours of the brewery are offered. Also in Springfield, Mother’s Brewery has developed a following among locals and visitors alike, one of the reasons its products are available at a variety of locations across the Show-Me State.

“Missouri is well known as one of the best wine-producing states in the U.S. in fact—and you can count this as your dose of history for today—in 1890, Missouri was the largest wine producing state in America, with 100 wineries in the Hermann area alone!”
WASHINGTON TOWN & COUNTRY FAIR
in Washington, Missouri

ADMISSION INCLUDES:
Concerts, Motorsports Events, Midway Rides, Shows, and Exhibits

WEDNESDAY
AUGUST 3
Finding Favour

THURSDAY
AUGUST 4
Frankie Ballard

FRIDAY
AUGUST 5
ALABAMA
PPL Western Series Truck & Tractor Pull

SATURDAY
AUGUST 6
Bret Michaels
ITPA Truck & Tractor Pull

SUNDAY
AUGUST 7
Thompson Square
Stadium
Motocross

Tickets on sale now at
WASHMOfair.com

Speaking of tours, Missouri’s two largest breweries, Anheuser-Busch in St. Louis and Boulevard in Kansas City offer great tours and an outstanding selection of brews from which to choose. Tours end with free samples (for those ages 21 and older, of course) and can help you make the right choice of which brews to take home!

For more information and a map of locations, go to visitmo.com/mo-travel/have-a-spirited-new-year
Come
Shake Your Thing
in Sedalia, Missouri
at the
Scott Joplin
International
Ragtime Festival
June 1 - 4, 2016

Featuring all your favorite performers as well as a Reunion of Ragtime Legends!

Scott Joplin International Ragtime Foundation
P.O. Box 1244 | Sedalia MO 65302
660-826-2271 | www.scottjoplin.org

Like us on Facebook

Student Tickets Half Price with Student ID

A Place Where America’s Music Began
Something for everyone...

Houlihan’s offers a vast wine selection and features a scratch kitchen!

Proud Partner with

RE CORK

dedicated to recycling cork and giving it new life in sustainable footwear + other upcycled product

HOU LI HAN’S
2541 Broadway Bluffs Drive | (573) 815-7210
Sunday: 11am-10pm
Monday-Thursday: 11am-11pm
Friday-Saturday: 11am-12am

We have the resources. Want more Missouri travel information? Head to visitmo.com/2/travel-resources

- ORDER A TRAVEL GUIDE
- SIGN UP FOR E-NEWSLETTERS
- DOWNLOAD A DIGITAL GUIDE
- USEFUL TRAVEL INFORMATION LIKE:
  AIRPORTS
  PASSENGER TRAIN SERVICES
  ROAD CONDITIONS
  EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER
Enjoy some
FREE ACTIVITIES
For the Family

There are many choices for family-friendly activities in Missouri, but we made this list with your dime in mind. They’re free. What’s not to love?

BY: C. W. SPRING
COURTESY OF THE MISSOURI DIVISION OF TOURISM

Free activities in St. Louis

It’s more and more difficult to stretch a dollar these days, and there’s nothing harder to deal with than bored kids who just want “something to do.” Well, there are lots of things to do in Missouri that don’t cost a dime and will keep the kids happy and occupied. You just need to know where to find them.

The St. Louis Art Museum, is one of the nation’s leading museums, with exceptional works from virtually every culture and time, including Oceanic art, ancient Chinese bronzes, and 20th Century German art. Classes on different topics are held for those who want to delve more deeply into a certain type of art.

The St. Louis Zoo, offers kids the chance to pet guinea pigs and goats and see other small animals up-close and personal. There’s a large colony of meerkats – which kids may recognize from the TV show “Meerkat Manor” and the animated movie, “The Lion King.” Also, kids love watching the penguins and puffins dive and swim in really cold water. At Caribbean Cove, watch, touch and occasionally feed the unique and fascinating stingrays as they glide through a warm saltwater pool. The sharks (small, shy, docile fish that pose no danger to humans) and horseshoe crabs are a little too shy for petting, but you may be lucky enough to touch one as it swims past.
CONTINUED FROM PAGE 24 — The Whittle Shortline Railroad, in Valley Park, is a train store that has a 15-foot-long train table where little engineers can try out the merchandise. Parents hang out on benches while the kids play with the trains.

Free activities in Branson

In Branson, the rolling Ozark Mountains provide a beautiful backdrop for an outdoor wonderland that is available free of charge, year-round. Table Rock Lake Dam is an engineering marvel that attracts crowds of people; the Shepherd of the Hills Fish Hatchery is one of Branson’s most popular tourist sites. Branson Landing features a $7.5 million water fountain spectacular in town square. Several of the Branson theaters open their doors to the public at no charge on Sunday mornings.

Free activities in Kansas City

In Kansas City, at the Charles Evans Whitaker U.S. District Court, kids can sit in a jury box, on the witness stand, and be handcuffed. The court offers free tours, with presentations by several law enforcement agencies. Tours must be scheduled in advance: 816-512-5016.
Stop by the Money Museum, at the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, and peek into vaults where money and valuables are stored; learn the history of U.S. currency; watch a high-speed sorter count, sort or destroy 100,000 bills in an hour; lift a gold bar worth more than $400,000.

To find more, free, family fun ideas, continue exploring VisitMO.com. You can order a free copy of the Official Missouri Travel Guide on the home page, also at (800) 519-4800.

For more information and details on each location visit visitmo.com/missouri-travel/family-friendly-activities-free

"the rolling Ozark Mountains provide a beautiful backdrop for an outdoor wonderland that is available free of charge, year-round"
Here in MISSOURI
We Make History

Historic events, innovators and innovations helped shape Missouri

BY: STEPHEN FOUTES
COURTESY OF THE MISSOURI DIVISION OF TOURISM

Lewis and Clark officially started the Corps of Discovery Expedition together in Missouri. Many significant Civil War battles were fought here. Some of the greatest innovations of all time have Missouri ties.

Yes, Missouri truly is a history-rich state. The next time you need a history fix, come to Missouri, where a variety of locales offer great information about the people and events that helped shape Missouri and the nation.

The Journeys Started Here

Missouri served as a natural jumping-off point for many trails leading to the west. Lewis and Clark’s Corps of Discovery journey got started in earnest in St. Charles, when Lewis joined the group. In St. Charles, you find a 15-foot-tall statue of the explorers near the banks of the Missouri River and the Lewis and Clark Boat House, Museum and Nature Center. Other cities along the river also commemorate the journey, including Jefferson City, home to the Lewis and Clark Trailhead Plaza.

The western side of Missouri also was a popular starting point for westward journeys. At the National Frontier Trails Museum in Independence, you find information and exhibits about five national historic trails, including the Santa Fe Trail and The Oregon Trail. — CONTINUED ON PAGE 30
#1 RATED ZIPLINE IN MID-MISSOURI

OVER A MILE OF ZIPLINES AT HEIGHTS OF 225 FEET

www.EcoZiplineTours.com
487 South Highway 19 | New Florence MO, 63363 | 314-456-1444
CONTINUED FROM PAGE 28 — A little more than an hour north of Independence, in St. Joseph, journeys of another kind began. It was from the Pikes Peak Stables in St. Joseph that the first Pony Express riders began carrying mail to the west. Today, the Pony Express National Museum provides a wealth of information about the route, riders and the dangers they faced.

Civil War Sites

Missouri saw a significant number of Civil War battles from 1861-65. Some 1,000 battles and skirmishes are said to have taken place in Missouri, and the national Civil War Sites Advisory Commission reports that only Virginia and Tennessee saw more “principal battles” than Missouri during this chapter of American history.

In Republic, just south of Springfield, Wilson’s Creek National Battlefield marks the site of the war’s first major battle west of the Mississippi River. More than 2,500 soldiers died during fighting on Aug. 10, 1861. Among them was Nathaniel Lyon, the first Union general to be killed in action. A trip to the battlefield includes a five-mile driving tour (self-guided) and walking trails that access various sites, including an area dubbed “Bloody Hill.”

In Pilot Knob, the visitor center at Battle of Pilot Knob State Historic Site offers details on the Sept. 26-27, 1864, battle that claimed the lives of about 1,000 soldiers. The leading players were Confederate Maj. Gen. Sterling Price, who led 12,000 men in the attack against Union-held Fort Davidson, and Union Gen. Thomas Ewing, who commanded a force of about 1,500 men.

Other Civil War sites to visit in Missouri include the Battle of Westport Visitor Center and Museum in Kansas City, the Bloomfield Civil War Cemetery in Bloomfield, the Bushwhacker Museum and Jail in Nevada, and Lincoln University’s Soldiers Memorial Plaza in Jefferson City.

Innovators and Innovations

When the latest and great version of the iPhone is unveiled, it no doubt will be lauded as the greatest thing since sliced bread. But did you know that sliced bread – the invention against which all subsequent inventions are judged – got its start in Missouri?

As the story goes, the Chillicothe Baking Company was facing difficulties and needed something to entice customers. So, the folks there looked north, to an Iowa inventor named
Otto Rohwedder, who created a bread-slicing machine.

It was purchased and put into use in 1928 by Frank Bench and the Chillicothe Baking Company, which sold the country’s first loaves of already-sliced bread! Chillicothe embraces its status as “The Home of Sliced Bread” at the Grand River Historical Society Museum, where you can see the legendary bread slicer (on loan from the Smithsonian). Also in Chillicothe, take time to enjoy a variety of murals, including one that toasts the city’s bread-slicing status.

Chillicothe is a short drive from two other cities that celebrate noted innovators. The J.C. Penney Museum has exhibits and information about the retail magnate and is just 30 minutes west of Chillicothe, while the Walt Disney Hometown Museum in Marceline – where Walt lived as a child – has an impressive collection of Disney family memorabilia about 40 minutes east of Chillicothe. Each is a designated stop along The Way of American Genius, Highway 36.

Several noted musicians also called Missouri home. Among them was Scott Joplin, widely credited for creating the ragtime genre, noted for its syncopated rhythms. Joplin was living...
in Sedalia when he composed what became his most famous work, the “Maple Leaf Rag.” Sheet music for the work became somewhat of a national sensation and Joplin became a household name.

He moved to St. Louis in 1900 and continued to have success with works such as “The Entertainer” (which in 1973 was used as the musical score to the film “The Sting”). Today, you can visit Joplin’s home in St. Louis – now an official Missouri State Historic Site – where a player piano cranks out tunes of the ragtime era.

Visit visitmo.com/missouri-travel/where-missouri-made-history to learn more about the following historic sites:

LEWIS AND CLARK BOAT HOUSE, MUSEUM AND NATURE CENTER – St. Charles
LEWIS AND CLARK TRAILHEAD PLAZA – Jefferson City
PONY EXPRESS NATIONAL MUSEUM – St. Joseph
WILSON’S CREEK NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD – Republic

BATTLE OF PILOT KNOB STATE HISTORIC SITE – Pilot Knob
BATTLE OF WESTPORT VISITOR CENTER AND MUSEUM – Kansas City
BLOOMFIELD CIVIL WAR CEMETERY – Bloomfield
BUSHWHACKER MUSEUM AND JAIL – Nevada
LINCOLN UNIVERSITY AND THE SOLDIERS MEMORIAL PLAZA – Jefferson City
GRAND RIVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM – Chillicothe
WALT DISNEY HOMETOWN MUSEUM – Marceline
MISSOURI HIGHWAY 36 - THE WAY OF AMERICAN GENIUS (NE)
SCOTT JOPLIN HOUSE STATE HISTORIC SITE – St. Louis
PICTURE YOURSELF
in CUBA, MO.
...where art meets history

CUBA
ROUTE 66
MURAL
CITY

12 OUTDOOR MURALS • HISTORY MUSEUM • VETERANS MEMORIAL
HISTORIC UPTOWN BUSINESS DISTRICT ALONG ROUTE 66
GUINNESS WORLD RECORD LARGEST ROCKING CHAIR
SHOPS/DINING/ANTIQUE MALLS
VISITOR CENTER AT I-44 OVERPASS (EXIT 208)
www.cubamomurals.com • www.cubamochamber.com
visitcubamo.com
Camping and canoeing go Hand in Hand IN MISSOURI

Enjoy these Missouri campgrounds with convenient access to amazing rivers and streams that allow for fun float trips and adventurous canoeing

BY: STEPHEN FOUTES
COURTESY OF THE MISSOURI DIVISION OF TOURISM

Enjoy these Missouri campgrounds with convenient access to rivers and streams

There are many things that work well when paired together. In Missouri, a few of the obvious ones are Lewis and Clark, barbecue and wet wipes, and Route 66 and road trips.

You might add camping and canoeing to that list, too.

With dozens of crystal-clear rivers and streams ideal for float trips (whether that’s a canoe, kayak, raft or tube) and abundant campsites near those bodies of water, pairing the two is a great way to enjoy a Missouri adventure.

We’ve gathered a list of some of the Missouri campgrounds that offer convenient river/stream access and shops where you can rent everything you need for a fun day, weekend or week on the water.