

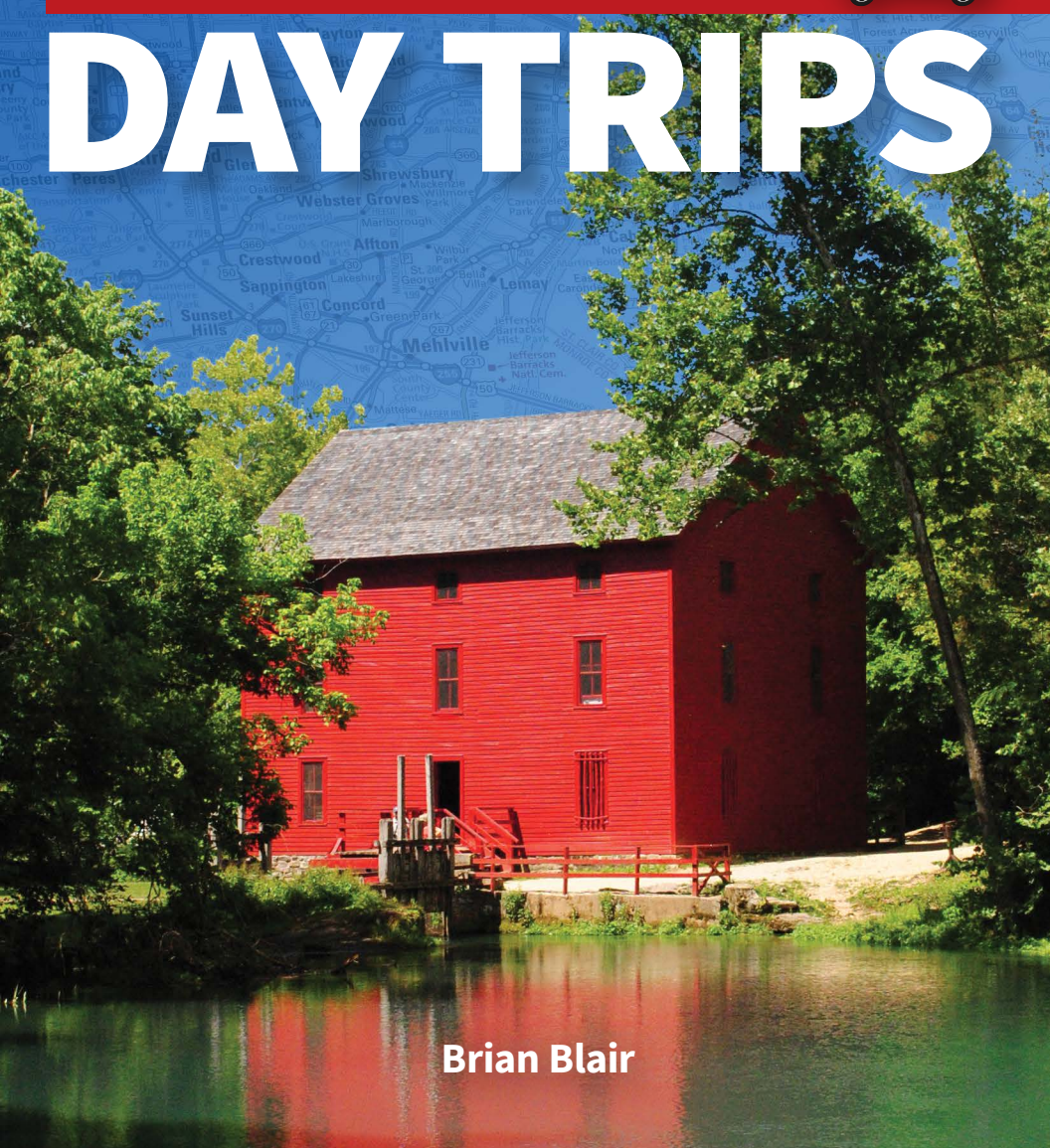
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DAY TRIPS



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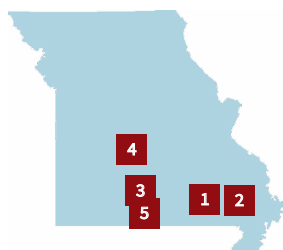
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1 Ozark National Scenic Riverways

Southeast Missouri; Visitor Center: 404 Watercress Road, Van Buren, MO 63965; 573-323-4236
nps.gov/ozar

Only a few generations ago, the land surrounding the Current and Jacks Fork Rivers was a hardscrabble yet bustling agricultural community. This proud past has left behind several architectural remnants, all of which can be seen in a single day. Alley Mill is a wonderfully preserved multistory grist mill open for self-guided tours. Nichols Cabin is the remains of several buildings of a working farm from nearly 100 years ago. Klepzig Mill sits deep in the countryside and is a ruin surrounded by magnificent natural beauty. All three of these sites are free to visit; have short, beautiful trails; and are easily accessible from parking. Be sure to stop by the visitor center for an area map and to discover so much more.

2 Mingo National Wildlife Refuge

24279 MO 51, Puxico, MO 63960; 573-222-3589
fws.gov/refuge/mingo

The Ozarks once contained extensive wetlands hidden in the deep forests. But logging and draining them for agriculture irreversibly transformed nearly all of those acres. Today, the Mingo Refuge represents one of the state's few remaining ancient swamps. Take a stroll on the Boardwalk Trail, which takes you deep into the swamp ecosystem, and stop by the visitor center to learn more. But be sure to save time for the Ozark Auto Tour before you go. It's a 17-mile drive down a one-way gravel road that takes you through the backcountry of this extensive 21,500-acre preserve. The best stop along the way is the trail to the Sweet Family Cabin, just after you cross Stanley Creek. It's a short, easy hike to a restored homestead dating back to frontier times.

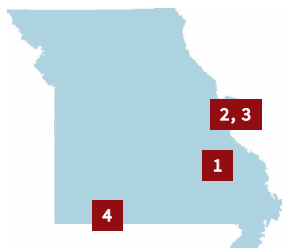
3 Laura Ingalls Wilder Historic Home & Museum

3060 State Highway A, Mansfield, MO 65704; 877-924-7126
lauraingallswilderhome.com



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1 Elephant Rocks State Park

7406 MO 21, Belleview, MO 63623; 573-546-3454
mostateparks.com/park/elephant-rocks-state-park

Want to feel like a kid again or get your own youngsters to forget about “screen time” for a while? Then take a trip to Elephant Rocks, one of Missouri’s most stunning outdoor playgrounds and an absolute must-see-to-believe in the Show-Me State. Massive granite boulders, some weighing several hundred tons, formed approximately one billion years ago and still dominate the landscape today. Wear your grippiest shoes and join in the fun of climbing, leaping, and squeezing through natural tunnels and over acres of mini mountains. Don’t miss climbing to the top and getting an unspoiled view of Ozark hills for miles around or exploring tadpole pools carved into the rock. There’s also a paved path around the main area for those who simply wish to marvel at this awesome geologic anomaly.

2 City Museum

750 N. 16th St., St. Louis, MO 63103; 314-231-2489
citymuseum.org

You’ve never been to a museum like this. Housed in the industrial husk of an old shoe factory, the City Museum is a gorgeous 10-story playground in the heart of St. Louis where exhibits take the form of massive slides, multistory sculptures that hide labyrinthine tunnels, and an entire underground cave system. Nearly everything you’ll see and climb—**NO DO NOT TOUCH** signs here—is made from industrial salvage and the artistic eye of an army of sculptors, welders, and artisans from every conceivable background. Some don’t miss exhibits include the rooftop Ferris wheel and the 10-story slide. Bring an appetite for adventure, an appreciation for the surreal, and comfortable clothes for exploring the unknown. You’ll definitely get lost more than once, and you’ll love every surprising minute of it.



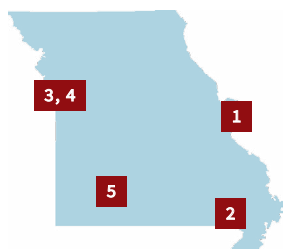
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Waterfall at the Missouri Botanical Gardens in St. Louis



1 Saint Louis Art Museum

1 Fine Arts Drive, St. Louis, MO 63110; 314-721-0072
slam.org

Inside expansive Forest Park, you'll find one of the USA's premier art museums. However, unlike many across the country, the Saint Louis Art Museum is absolutely free, so you can come back as often as you like. Enter between the imposing columns, and prepare to be spoiled for choice with three full floors of paintings, sculpture, artifacts, and more from every corner of the globe. Permanent collections are dedicated to Asian, European, African, and Native American cultures, just to name a few, as well as robust temporary installations that cycle in and out over the year. There are works of ancient masters, masterpieces of fine art, boundary-pushing modern installations, and everything in between, including a unique offering: the Arms & Armor exhibit, a favorite of all ages.

2 Margaret Harwell Art Museum

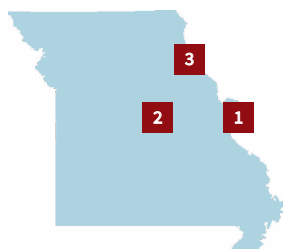
421 N. Main St., Poplar Bluff, MO 63901; 573-686-8002
mham.org

Located inside a beautiful 19th-century home on the National Register of Historic Places, the Margaret Harwell Art Museum is an art lover's oasis in the Ozarks. The museum is named for a local business leader who left a portion of her estate to establish a center for the arts and to support the arts community in and around Poplar Bluff. It's a modestly sized museum, focused mainly on community-based art classes, juried competitions, and exhibitions, but is worth a look even if you're not a local to see the wonderfully preserved historic home, experience local art and artists, and check out the revolving special exhibitions featuring contemporary artists from all over the world. Free admission and a vibrant arts community await in this small country town.



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1 The Lemp Mansion

3322 DeMenil Place, St. Louis, MO 63118; 314-664-8024
lempmansion.com

The Lemp Mansion has been included in top-10 lists such as America's Most Haunted Houses and World's Spookiest Buildings and has been featured on *Ghost Hunters*, where it was declared "definitely haunted." Such a paranormal pedigree makes this a must-visit destination for any supernatural enthusiast. Once the site of one of America's biggest breweries, the mansion and caves beneath are said to be haunted by generations of the aristocratic Lemp family, whose scandals and suicides have created unearthly attachments that manifest themselves to visitors in a variety of unnerving ways. The current caretakers offer Haunted History Tours, the Lemp Mansion Experience (a dark tour with infrared cameras), and even overnight stays at the on-site bed-and-breakfast. Reservations are required, so be sure to call ahead.

2 Missouri State Penitentiary

115 Lafayette St., Jefferson City, MO 65101; 866-998-6998
missouripentours.com

Opened in 1836 and in continuous operation until 2004, the grounds of the Missouri State Penitentiary have witnessed human tragedy on a massive scale for nearly two centuries. Inside its sprawling Gothic architecture, visitors can enjoy tours focused on history and photography. But for those looking for something more spine-tingling, choose one of a wide variety of paranormal tours, including ghost tours, ghost hunts, ghost-hunting classes, and even extensive overnight investigations that will test the stamina of even the nerviest supernatural sleuth. Knowledgeable guides lead tour groups through the cold stone and damp tunnels of what *Time* magazine once dubbed "the 47 bloodiest acres in America." Reservations are required, so book ahead. Also, due to the violent subject matter and overall fright factor, all ghost tours have firm minimum age requirements of 14 or even 18 to participate.

3 Haunted Hannibal Ghost Tours

200 N. Main St., Hannibal, MO 63401; 573-248-1819
hauntedhannibal.com



ANTIQUES & FLEA MARKETS

ANTIQUES

Annie Laurie's

536 Broadway, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701; 573-339-1301
annielauries.net

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1830 W. 76 Country Blvd., Branson, MO 65616; 417-335-2133
tiny.one/appletreemall

Aunt Polly's Treasures

213 Hill St., Hannibal, MO 63401; 573-221-1496
auntpollystreasures.com

The Brass Armadillo

1450 Golfview Drive, Grain Valley, MO 64029; 888-847-5260
brassarmadillo.com/kansascity

Camp Flea Antique Mall

1900 W. Elm St., Ozark, MO 65721; 417-581-2575
campflea.com

Downtown Antiques

1 Court Square, West Plains, MO 65775; 417-256-6487
dtantiques.com

Fox and Hound Antiques

625 S. Main St., St. Charles, MO 63301; 314-660-2847 (call before visiting)
facebook.com/foxandhoundantiques625

Good Time Antiques

121 W. Davis St., Mound City, MO 64470; 660-442-3337
facebook.com/rasnicsgoodtimeantiques

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A bustling flea market

Hermann's Attic Antique Mall

220 E. First St., Hermann, MO 65041; 573-486-9121
hermannsattic.com

Old Village Mercantile

219 S. MO 21, Caledonia, MO 63631; 573-779-3907
oldvillagemercantile.com

Pastimes Antiques

45 Main St., Cape Girardeau, MO 63701; 573-332-8882
pastimesantiques.com

Patricia's Victorian House

101 W. Main St., Branson, MO 65616; 417-335-8000
facebook.com/victorianhousebranson

Rangeline Antique Mall

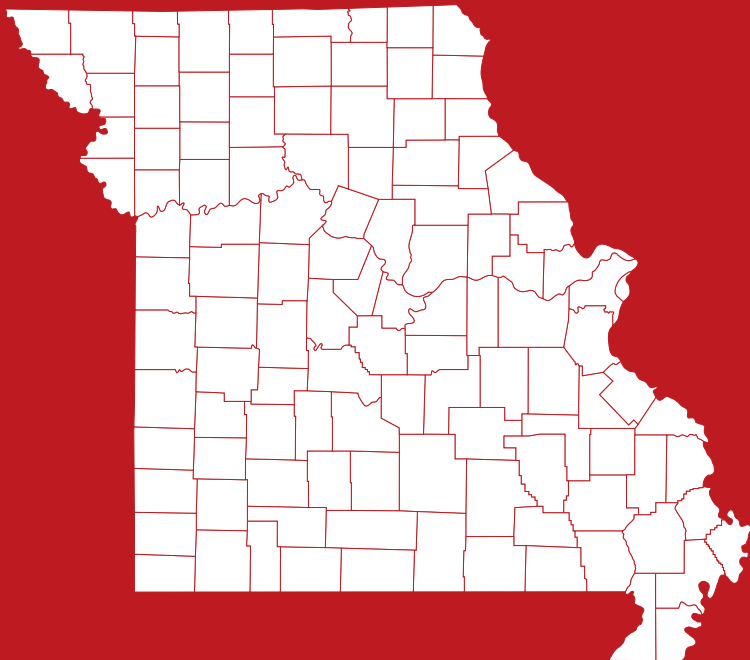
3421 N. Rangeline Road, Joplin, MO 64801; 417-782-7505
rangelineantiquemall.com

Relics Antique Mall

2015 Battlefield Road, Springfield, MO 65807; 417-885-0007
relicsantiquemall.com

River Market Antiques

115 W. Fifth St., Kansas City, MO 64105; 816-221-0220
rivermarketantiquemall.com



MISSOURI STATE

Symbols, Emblems, & Trivia

COUNTIES: 114* *Note: St. Louis is an independent city and doesn't belong to a county.*

POPULATION, PER THE US CENSUS: 6,137,428

FOUNDING AS US STATE: August 10, 1821 (*24th state to enter the Union*)

STATE FLAG

Missouri joined the Union in 1821, relatively early in the country's history, but it didn't have an official flag until 1913, when a flag was proposed by Mrs. Marie Elizabeth Oliver. The state coat of arms is at the center of the flag. It features 24 stars, one for

each state of the Union, a pair of grizzly bears, symbolizing Missouri's size and strength, and two mottos: "United We Stand, Divided We Fall" and *Salus Populi Suprema Lex Esto*, a Latin saying made famous by Cicero, which translates to "Let the good of the people be the supreme law." Oddly, grizzly bears, unlike black bears, aren't native to the state.

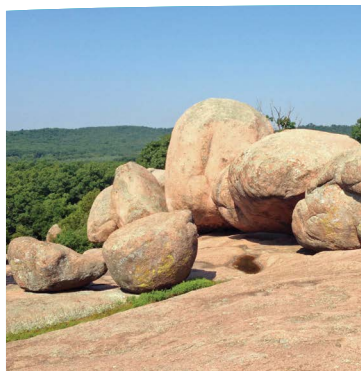


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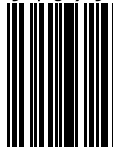
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