

Local and Regional Things to Do

Things to Do in Columbia:

Rock Bridge Memorial State Park- Just minutes from Columbia, Rock Bridge Memorial State Park gives visitors the chance to scramble, hike and bicycle through a scenic environment – and peek into Missouri’s underworld. The park contains some of the most popular hiking trails in the state and also offers solitude while hiking in the Gans Creek Wilderness Area. Check out the natural features of the park along one of eight hiking trails. Visitors can also see a large cave system with its rock bridge, sinkholes, a spring and underground stream at the Devil’s Icebox. You can explore Connor’s Cave in the light of the opening for a taste of the underground world.



Hike or Bike the Katy Trail- The Katy Trail State Park is the nation’s longest rails-to-trails project. There’s enough variety to keep you interested with tree-shaded areas, open fields, impressive Missouri River bluffs and quaint communities along the way. With frequent trailheads and information about the areas you are visiting, the Katy has enough diversity, beauty and access for anyone.

Shop the District- The must-see cultural epicenter of Columbia featuring eclectic shops, restaurants, museums, galleries, theatres and a “bohemian” or two. Bordered on three sides by college campuses, the District is a continually evolving and vibrant hot spot for live performances, one-of-a-kind specialty shops and owner-operated retail stores. It’s the place to go for exciting nightlife or to meet friends for dinner. On the northside, visit the newly developed North Village Arts District, with new galleries and music venues.



Things to Do Near Columbia:

Arrowrock - The historic village of Arrow Rock is an ideal getaway for a day or an entire weekend. The town, a National Historic Landmark, evokes the warm spirit of the past and is full of friendly people, great restaurants and shops, and fascinating historical attractions.



Begin your journey to the past with a visit to the old-time Country Store, the town's tiny post office, and the interesting period shops on Main Street, better known to locals as "The Boardwalk." Other highlights include the J. Huston Tavern, the oldest continuously operating restaurant west of the Mississippi; the Arrow Rock Station, where diners enjoy a year-round Christmas display; the Hodgepodge, an old-fashioned ice cream shop; and, of course, the Arrow Rock Lyceum Theatre, Missouri's oldest professional regional theatre, producing popular professional theatre from June through September with limited engagements in April, October and November.

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources operates a museum and visitors center in the village that recounts the rich history of the area. The Friends of Arrow Rock, with offices on the Boardwalk, offers tram tours of village attractions, including the National Historic Landmark home of famous American painter and one-time Arrow Rock citizen George Caleb Bingham, and the home and shop of renowned gunsmith John Sites.

Bike and Wine - Explore America's Longest Rails-to-Trails Project by Bike. You will cycle in the Footsteps of Lewis & Clark on the Katy Trail. The Katy Trail follows the meandering Missouri River and passes through the world's breadbasket of agriculture. Enjoy the scenery and solitude of the Lewis & Clark Trail, and Missouri's legendary wine country. Ride just 12 miles to Rocheport, Missouri and relax with a glass of wine and a bluff top view at Les Bourgeois Vineyards.



Perched on a bluff-top 250 feet above the Missouri River and Katy Trail, the bistro offers a spectacular view. Les Bourgeois Vineyards is the third largest winery in Missouri, with more than 90,000 gallons produced and 75,000 gallons sold in 2005. Approximately 50% of this wine is sold through their own retail outlets, with the remaining sold through wholesale distribution.

Herman, Missouri - The City of Hermann was established in 1837 as a German Society settlement.

This quaint city is nestled along the banks of the Missouri River. The City is blessed with original architecture, prize-winning wineries, a variety of shops, a strong industrial community and a host of "down-home" folks.

Hermann, Missouri has been chosen several times for the title of Missouri's most beautiful town. Hermann offers the charm of old Germany and beautiful vineyards in the hills above town. The center of Missouri's wine industry, Hermann's location and beauty is one for everyone to see!



Outlet Shopping at Lake of the Ozarks-

Buying or browsing, shoppers will find stores galore at the Lake of the Ozarks. In fact, it's not unusual for people to come to the Lake strictly to shop!

The Osage Beach Premium Outlet Mall at the Lake of the Ozarks has 110 different outlet stores that include clothing, collectibles & crafts, shoes, jewelry, home & yard & other amusements you are sure to find whatever you are looking for. Get the perfect keepsake or gift for a friend or family member and get great exercise at the same time. If you work up an appetite while shopping there are many different places to snack or get a meal.

The St. Louis Zoo- No visit to St. Louis is complete without a trip to the world-famous Saint Louis Zoo. With more than 800 species represented located on 90 beautifully landscaped acres in historic Forest Park. Attractions include: *River's Edge*: Take a walk in the wild through this thrilling exhibit where elephants are at play, cheetahs dart across a dry plain and hyenas watch warily by! *The Wild*: From the sub-Antarctic to tropical rain forests, see penguins, bears and great apes. *Discovery Corner*: Pet friendly bunnies and goats. Follow a butterfly's wandering flight. See awesome amphibians. *Historic Hill*: A lovely stroll through this area, with architecture of the 1920s, you'll see primates, birds and reptiles in modern habitats. *Red Rocks*: See lions, tigers and other big cats keep watch on nearby zebras, giraffes and antelope in natural settings. *Lakeside Crossing*: From refreshments to souvenirs, you'll find everything you need to make your Zoo experience complete.



Kansas City Museums- Art Museums include the Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art and The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art. History and Culture Museums include The Negro Leagues Baseball Museum, American Jazz Museum and The Liberty Memorial Museum of World War I.



Kansas City Royals Baseball- the Kansas City Royals will celebrate their 39th season at *Kauffman Stadium* in 2011. Kauffman has always been one of the crown jewel ballparks of Major League Baseball. Having hosted 67,174,278 fans since 1973, "The K", with its signature look, has proudly stood the test of time.



Participants will enjoy a baseball game in the \$250 million renovated Kansas City landmark. Visitors enjoy an improved Kauffman Stadium experience with unsurpassed amenities and state-of-the-art technology that will touch each and every fan entering the park.

After debuting the spectacular 84' x 104' Crown Vision HD scoreboard for the 2008 season, the Royals put the finishing touches on one of the most majestic and visually exciting scoreboards in the world with a brand-new interactive crown rising about 40 feet above Crown Vision.

St. Louis Cardinals Baseball – take in a tour or a game at *St. Louis Busch Stadium*. As fans roam the large open concourses and take their seat to watch the Cardinals, they have one of the best views found in any ballpark. Beyond the outfield area, is the skyline of downtown St. Louis and the Gateway Arch. All the concourses are open including the upper level to allow fans views of the field while getting concessions. The main scoreboard is located above the seating area in right-centerfield with an out of town scoreboard to the right of the main scoreboard. The bullpens are found in left and right centerfield. From nearly anywhere in the ballpark fans have magnificent views of downtown St. Louis and the Gateway Arch.



St. Louis Arch and Downtown- Gateway to the West

The Gateway Arch reflects St. Louis' role in the Westward Expansion of the United States during the nineteenth century. The park is a memorial to Thomas Jefferson's role in opening the West, to the



pioneers who helped shape its history, and to Dred Scott who sued for his freedom in the Old Courthouse.

Experience the best in cultural arts, outdoor recreation, children's attractions, unique restaurants, shopping, sports, and nightlife! With over 130 new restaurants, retail stores and service establishments, you owe it to yourself to come see what all the fun is about. Come have fun in downtown St. Louis.

Lake of the Ozarks - Conveniently located in the heart of Missouri, The Lake of the Ozarks is the Midwest's premier lake resort destination, offering world-class boating, golfing, shopping and fishing. Lake of the Ozarks vacations are defined by the Lake and its many waterfront accommodations, restaurants, and recreational and entertainment venues. Take a tour of the Lake shores and see lavish million dollar homes, breathtaking scenery and other points of interest.



Tourism Sites

State of Missouri www.visitmo.com/	Missouri public lands and parks mdc.mo.gov/areas/
Kansas City tourism www.visitkc.com	Show Me Lakes www.showmelakes.com
St. Louis tourism www.explorestlouis.com	Branson tourism www.explorebranson.com
Lake of the Ozarks tourism www.funlake.com/	Columbia Visitors Bureau http://visitcolumbiamo.com