

# 2025 St. Louis Summer Fun List

## All About Animals

**Aikman Wildlife Adventure** – Arcola, IL  
 ★ **Audubon Center at Riverlands** – West Alton, MO  
**Big Joel's Safari** – Wright City, MO  
**Critter Lane Petting Zoo** – Bonne Terre, MO  
**Crown Ridge Tiger Sanctuary** – Ste. Genevieve, MO  
**Endangered Wolf Center** – Eureka, MO  
 ★ **Grant's Farm** – STL (*Free admission, Parking fee*)  
 ★ **Lone Elk Park** – Valley Park, MO  
 ★ **Marcoot Jersey Creamery** – Greenville, IL  
 ★ **Powder Valley Nature Center** – Kirkwood, MO  
**Rainbow Ranch Petting Zoo** – Nashville, IL  
**Sophia Sachs Butterfly House** – Chesterfield, MO  
**St. Louis Aquarium** – St. Louis Union Station  
 ★ **St Louis Zoo** – St. Louis (*Parking fee in lots*)  
 ★ **Suson Farm** – St. Louis  
**The Gentle Barn** – Dittmer, MO  
 ★ **Treehouse Wildlife Center** – Dow, IL  
**Warm Springs Ranch** – Boonville, MO  
**Wild Animal Adventures** – Staunton, MO  
 ★ **Willoughby Farm** – Collinsville, IL  
 ★ **World Bird Sanctuary** – Valley Park, MO  
*(Free admission, but parking fee per car)*

## Historical Sites

★ **Battle of Pilot Knob State Historic Site** – Pilot Knob, MO  
 ★ **Cahokia Mounds** – Collinsville, IL  
 ★ **Daniel Boone Home & Village** – Defiance, MO  
*(fee for home tour)*  
 ★ **Fort de Chartres** – Prairie Du Rocher, IL (*donation*)  
**Jefferson Barracks & MO Civil War Museum** – St. Louis  
 ★ **Lewis & Clark State Historic Site** – Hartford, IL  
 ★ **Lincoln Home National Historic Site** – Springfield, IL  
 ★ **Mastodon State Historic Site** – Imperial, MO (*museum fee*)  
 ★ **Missouri's 1<sup>st</sup> State Capitol** – St. Charles, MO (*fee for tour*)  
**Missouri Mines State Historic Site** – Park Hills, MO  
 ★ **Sandy Creek Covered Bridge** – Hillsboro, MO  
 ★ **Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site** – St. Louis

★ **Denotes FREE!**

## Magnificent Museums

**City Museum** – St. Louis  
**Edwardsville Children's Museum** – Edwardsville, IL  
 ★ **Great Rivers Museum** – Alton, IL  
**Lincoln Presidential Museum** – Springfield, IL  
**Magic House Children's Museum** – Kirkwood, MO  
**Magic House MADE (Art & STEM)** – St. Louis, MO  
*\*temporarily closed from storm damage, check for updates*  
 ★ **Missouri History Museum (Kid's Area)** – St. Louis  
**Museum of Transportation** – St. Louis  
**Myseum** – Town & Country, MO  
 ★ **St. Louis Arch & Museum** (*museum free, fee for tram*)  
 ★ **St. Louis Art Museum** – St. Louis  
 ★ **St. Louis Science Center** – St. Louis (*parking fee*)  
**Ste. Genevieve Museum Learning Center** – Ste. Gen., MO

## Indoor Fun

**Altitude Trampoline Park** – Glen Carbon, IL  
**Amp Up Action Park** – Town & Country, MO  
**Back to Play** – DeSoto, MO  
**B&B Theaters** – Creve Coeur, MO  
**Blossom Play Café** – O'Fallon, IL  
 C **City Foundry** – Museum of Illusions, Big Game Show, golf  
**Defy** – Ballwin  
**Edison's Entertainment** – Edwardsville, IL  
**Escape the Room** – St. Louis  
**Enchanted Playroom** - O'Fallon, MO  
 F **Go Play** – Chesterfield, MO  
**Grandma's Playroom** – St. Louis  
**Kids Bowl Free** (Register online, multiple locations)  
**Kids Empire** – Ballwin, MO  
**Kokomo Joes** – St. Peter's  
**Mac's Family Fun Time** – Highland, IL  
**Magic Mini Golf** – St. Louis  
**Marcus Theaters** (Tuesday deals and Kids \$3 movies)  
**Playtime Arcade Party Center** – Wentzville, MO  
**Play Street Museum** – St. Charles, MO  
**Silly Putter Blacklight Mini Golf** – St. Louis  
**Sky Zone** – Fairview Heights, IL & Fenton, MO  
**Slick City** – Chesterfield, MO  
**St. Louis Carousel** – Chesterfield, MO  
**The Edge** – Belleville, IL  
**The Minifig Shop** – Kirkwood, MO  
**Urban Air** – Fairview Heights, Fenton, Cottleville  
**We Rock the Spectrum Gym** – Edwardsville & Fenton

## Transportation Fun

**Frisco Trail Store** – Valley Park (shop or donate)  
**Grafton Sky Tour Gondola** – Grafton, IL  
**Iron Spike Model Train Museum**-Washington, MO  
**Little Toot Railroad** - Flora, IL  
**Loop Trolley** – St. Louis  
**Monticello Railway Museum** – Monticello, IL  
**Museum of Transportation** – St. Louis  
**Wabash, Frisco, & Pacific Railroad**-Wildwood, MO  
**Ride the ferry** at Grafton, Brussels, St. Genevieve, IL  
**St. Louis Ironton Railway** – Jackson, MO  
**St. Louis Wheel** – STL Union Station

## Take a Tour

**Busch Stadium** – St. Louis  
**Chocolate, Chocolate, Chocolate Co.** – St. Louis  
**Hakuna Matata Cruise** – Grafton, IL  
★**Melvin Price Lock & Dam** – Alton, IL  
**Meramec Caverns**- Sullivan, MO  
**Onondaga Cave State Park** – Leasburg, MO  
**St. Louis Riverboat Tour** – St. Louis

## Water Parks, Creeks, & Beaches

**Aquaport** – Maryland Heights, MO  
**Bridgeton Crossing Aqua Park** – Bridgeton, MO  
**Carlyle Lake** – Carlyle, IL  
**Chesterfield Family Aquatic Park** – Chesterfield, MO  
**Collinsville Aqua Park** – Collinsville, IL  
**Crestwood Aquatic Center** – Crestwood, MO  
**Fairview Heights Rec Center** – Fairview Heights, IL  
★**Hawn State Park** – Ste. Genevieve, MO  
**Heights Aquatic Center** – Richmond Heights  
★**Indian Camp Creek Park** – Foristell, MO  
★**Johnson's Shut-ins State Park** – Middle Brook, MO  
**Knight's Action Park** – Springfield, IL  
**Korte Rec Center** – Highland, IL  
★**Mastodon State Park** – Kimmswick, MO  
**Manchester Aquatic Center** – Manchester MO  
**Northpointe Aquatic Center** - Ballwin, MO  
**O'Fallon Aquatic Center** – O'Fallon, IL  
**Raging Rivers Aqua Park** – Grafton, IL  
**River Rapids Waterpark** – Ste. Genevieve, MO  
**St. Ann Aquatic Center** – St. Ann, MO  
**Timbers of Eureka Waterpark** – Eureka, MO  
**Wapelhorst Aquatic Center** – St. Charles, MO  
**Webster Groves Aquatic Center** – Webster Groves, MO  
**White Bridge Aquatic Center** – Hazelwood, MO

★ **Denotes FREE!**

## Kid-Friendly Restaurants

**Crown Candy Kitchen** – St. Louis  
**Dairy King** – Breese  
**Fitz's Bottling Co** – St. Louis (2 locations)  
**Fountain on Locust** – St. Louis  
**Hacienda** – St. Louis (playground!)  
**Hi-Pointe Drive-in** – Various locations  
**Gus's Pretzels** – St. Louis  
**Mission Taco** - Kirkwood  
**Old Spaghetti Factory** – Chesterfield & St. Louis  
**St. Louis Incredible Pizza Company** – St. Louis  
**Ted Drewes** – St. Louis  
**Union Station Soda Fountain** – St. Louis

## Outdoor Fun

**Aloha Mini Golf & Shaved Ice** – Valley Park  
★**Braeutigam Orchards** – Belleville, IL  
**Desert Falls Mini Golf** – St. Louis  
**Eckert's Farms** – Belleville, Grafton, Millstadt  
**Falls Rec. Center Mini Golf** – O'Fallon, MO  
**Gateway Grizzlies Game** – Sauget, IL  
**Go Ape Treetop & Zipline Course** – Creve Coeur, MO  
**Kayak Rental** – Simpson Lake, Klondike Park, Silver Lake  
★**Laumeier Sculpture Park** – St. Louis  
**Lewis & Clark Confluence Tower** – Hartford, IL  
**Missouri Botanical Garden** – St. Louis  
**Boat rentals at the Boathouse** – Forest Park  
**Ryze Adventure Park** – Maryland Heights, MO  
**Skyview Drive-in** – Belleville, IL  
**St. Louis Cardinals** – St. Louis  
**Swing Around Fun Town** – St. Charles & Fenton

## Day Trips

★**Abraham Lincoln Sites** – Springfield, IL (some are free)  
★**See the World's Largest Items in Casey, IL**  
(Largest rocking chair, mailbox, golf club, & more)  
★**Explore River City of Cape Girardeau, MO**  
(Conservation area, playgrounds, river murals, history)  
★**Arcadia Valley of Missouri** - (Elephant Rocks, Johnson's Shut-ins, Battle of Pilot Knob in Ironton, MO)  
**Drive River Road to Grafton, IL** (Skytour, Alpine Coaster, Loading Dock, Pere Marquette State Park)  
★**Shawnee National Forest in southern Illinois** (Giant City State Park, Ferne Clyffe, Cave-in-Rock, Garden of the Gods)  
★**Ste. Genevieve, MO** (Museums, waterpark, playground)

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## Splash Pads (All FREE except where noted)

### Splash Pads in Illinois

- Alton Splash Pad** – Alton, IL
- Bethalto City Park** – Bethalto, IL
- Bicentennial Park** – Belleville, IL
- Dupo Community Park** – Dupo, IL
- Glazebrook Park** – Godfrey, IL
- Hartford Park** – Hartford, IL
- Leon Corlew Park** – Edwardsville, IL
- O’Fallon Sports Park** - O’Fallon, IL
- Our Lady of the Snows** – Belleville, IL
- Schranz Park** – Swansea, IL

### Splash Pads in Missouri

- Brendan’s Playground** - O’Fallon, MO
- Brentwood Park** – Brentwood, MO
- Citygarden & Kiener Plaza** - St. Louis
- City Hall Park** - Dardenne Prairie
- Creve Coeur Park** - Creve Coeur
- De Soto Athletic Complex** – De Soto, MO
- Eise Park** - Maryland Heights
- Edmundson Park** - Edmundson
- Fogerty Park** - U. City
- Fox Park** -St. Louis
- Gateway Arch** – St. Louis
- Indian Camp Creek** - Foristell
- Jaycee Park** - St. Charles
- Kade’s Playground** -Herculaneum
- Koch Park** - Florissant
- Millennium Park** - Creve Coeur
- McDonald Park** - St. Louis
- MO Botanical Garden** - St. Louis (admission required)
- Musick Park** - Hazelwood
- Nature Playscape** - Forest Park
- 370 Lakeside Park** - St. Peters
- O’Day Park** - O’Fallon, MO
- Route 66 Splash Park** - Sullivan
- Shaw Park** - Clayton
- Sylvan Springs Park** - St. Louis
- Tilles Park** - St. Louis (Litzsinger Rd.)
- Tower Grove Park** - St. Louis
- Trojan Park** - Wellston
- Vago Park** - Maryland Heights
- Veteran’s Memorial Park** - Union
- Veteran’s Tribute** - Weldon Spring
- Wilmore Park** - St. Louis
- Zachary’s Playground** - Lake St. Louis

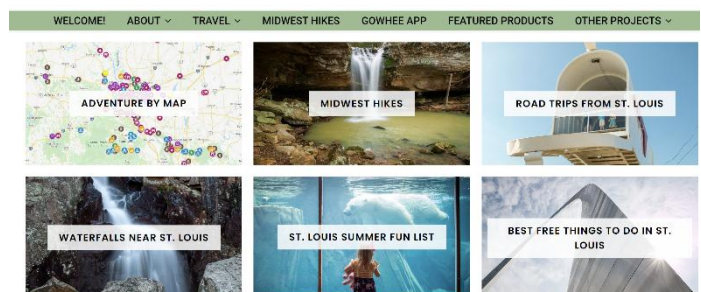
## Take a Kid-Friendly Hike

- Al Foster Trail** – Wildwood, MO (Easy)
- Babler State Park** - Wildwood, MO (Easy)
- Bee Tree Park** – St. Louis (Easy)
- Bluff View Trail** – Wildwood (Easy)
- Cahokia Mounds** – Collinsville, IL (Easy)
- Castlewood State Park** – Ballwin, MO (Moderate/difficult,cliffs)
- Cliff Cave Park** – St. Louis (Easy/moderate)
- Cuivre River State Park** – Troy, MO (Moderate)
- Elephant Rocks State Park** – Belleview, MO (Easy)
- Emmenegger Nature Par** – Kirkwood, MO (Easy/moderate)
- Ferne Clyffe State Park** – Goreville, IL (Easy/moderate)
- Garden of the Gods** – Herod, IL (Easy/moderate, cliffs)
- Giant City State park** – Makanda, IL (Easy/moderate)
- Glassberg Conservation Area** – Eureka, MO (Moderate)
- Hickory Canyons** – Farmington, MO (Easy/moderate)
- Klondike Park** – Augusta, MO (Easy/moderate)
- Kress Farm Garden Preserve** – Hillsboro, MO (Easy/moderate)
- La Barque Conservation Area** – Pacific, MO (Moderate)
- Mastodon State Park** – Kimmswick, MO (Easy/moderate)
- Meramec Spring Park** – St. James, MO
- Olin Nature Preserve** – Godfrey, IL (Easy/moderate)
- Pickle Springs** – Ste. Genevieve, MO (Moderate)
- Powder Valley Nature Center** – Kirkwood, MO (Easy/moderate)
- Rock Hollow Trail** – Wildwood, MO (Easy)
- Rockwoods Reservation** – Wildwood, MO (Moderate)
- Salt Lick Point** – Valmeyer, IL (Moderate/difficult, cliffs)
- Shaw Nature Reserve** – Gray Summit, MO (Easy/moderate)
- Silver Lake Trail** – Highland, IL (Easy)
- St. Francois State Park** – Bonne Terre, MO (Moderate)
- Valley View Glades** – Hillsboro, MO (Moderate)
- Watershed Nature Center** – Edwardsville, IL (Easy)
- Willoughby Farm** – Collinsville, IL (Moderate, hilly)

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**\* Visit the blog for more great kid hikes!**

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★ **Perfect Playgrounds - ALL ARE FREE!** ★

**Airplane/Township Park** – Edwardsville, IL

Two playgrounds, bike trail, restrooms, picnic areas

**Angie's Playground** – Florissant, MO

Huge, fenced inclusive playground with a flower theme

**Boo Memorial Playground** – Carbondale, IL

Must see HUGE castle and dungeons & dragons themed playground, picnic area, gardens, fenced, great day trip!

**Brendan's Playground** – O'Fallon, MO

Bug themed playground. Fenced with a splash pad

**Brentwood Park** – Brentwood, MO

Huge new destination playground, splash pad

**Broemmelsiek Park** – Defiance, MO

Large newer playground, trails

**Central Park** – Chesterfield, MO

New playground summer 2025

**Crestwood Park** – Crestwood, MO

New playground for kids big and little

**Deer Creek Park** – St. Louis

Rocket themed playground, bike trail, sand play area

**Faust Park** – Chesterfield, MO

Fun play area near, carousel, and Butterfly House.

**Forest Park Nature Playscape** – Forest Park, STL

Nature play area with water, logs, and more.

**Gordon Moore Park** – Alton, IL

Newer fenced inclusive playground plus several other playgrounds, walking trails, restrooms, and gardens.

**Hannah's Playground** – Breese, IL

Farm themed inclusive playground, fenced, restrooms

**Hawk Ridge (Zachary's Playground)** – Lake St. Louis

Inclusive fenced playground with a castle theme, restrooms, and splash pad.

**Highland Park** – Richmond Heights, MO

Unique ninja like climbers and slides, no restrooms

**Kinetic Park** – Dardenne Prairie, MO

Huge new playground plus pump track & indoor climbing

**Jake's Field of Dreams** – Wentzville, MO

One of the best playgrounds with a sports theme & a kid-sized Busch Stadium, fenced & restrooms

**Jaycee Park** – St. Charles, MO

Nature themed inclusive and fenced play area with splash play area and restrooms.

**Kade's Playground** – Herculaneum, MO

Amazing Pompeii themed playground with volcano slide and large splash pad. Restrooms and fence.

**Longview Farm Park** – Town & County, MO

Cute farm themed play area, trails, restrooms, horses

**McAuley Playground** – Cottleville, MO

Irish themed playground that is inclusive and fenced.

**Millennium Park** – Creve Coeur, MO

New and large inclusive playground & splash pad

**Moody (Longacre) Park** – Fairview Heights, IL

Partially fenced nature themed play area with restrooms.

**O'Day Park** – O'Fallon, MO

Unique ninja style play area. Use caution on the splash pad due to sharp concrete blocks.

**Oglesby Park** – Foristell, Mo

Huge destination playground, lake, trails, restrooms.

**Ollie's Fun Forest** – St. Peters, MO

New fenced, inclusive playground with a nature theme

**O'Fallon Community Park** – O'Fallon, IL

New accessible playground with a train theme

**Rinderer Park** – Highland, IL

Fenced inclusive playground with zipline, restrooms.

**Schranz Memorial Park** – Swansea, IL

A great castle themed playground & small splash pad

**Shaw Park** – Clayton, MO

Two fun playgrounds & splash pad

**The Heights Playground** – Richmond Heights, MO

Fenced fun play area plus a nature play area

**Tilles Park** – St. Louis

Large playground and splash fountain.

**Veterans Tribute Park** – Weldon Spring, MO

Unique and huge playground with a splash play area.

**Vlasis Park** - Ballwin, MO

Large new playground with fun features

**Watson Trail Park** – Sunset Hills, MO

Multiple fun playgrounds plus trails and a lake

**Wildwood Community Park** – Wildwood, MO

One of the best nature themed playgrounds with unique features, a creek, and clean restrooms.

**Wonderland Playground** – Forest Park, St. Louis

Inclusive playground next to the Forest Park Visitor Center