

2023 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
- ★Purina Farms – Gray Summit, 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 1st 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
- Healthworks Kid Museum – St. Louis
- Lincoln Presidential Museum – Springfield, IL
- Magic House Children's Museum – Kirkwood, MO
- Magic House MADE (Art & STEM) – St. Louis, MO
- ★Missouri History Museum (Kid's Area) – St. Louis
- Museum of Transportation – St. Louis
- Myseum – Town & Country, MO
- Play Street Museum – St. Charles, 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
- Busy Einstein Play Center – Arnold, MO
- Defy – Ballwin
- Edison's Entertainment – Edwardsville, IL
- Enchanted Playroom - O'Fallon, MO
- Grandma's Playroom – St. Louis
- Kids Bowl Free (Register online, multiple locations)
- Kokomo Joes – St. Peter's
- Mac's Family Fun Time – Highland, IL
- Marcus Theaters (Tuesday deals and Kids \$3 movies)
- Monkey Joe's – St. Louis
- Playtime Arcade Party Center – Wentzville, MO
- Rock & Play – St. Louis
- 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
- Urban Fort Play Café – St. Louis
- We Rock the Spectrum Gym – Edwardsville & Fenton

Transportation Fun

Frisco Trail Store – Valley Par (shop or donate)
Grafton Sky Tour Gondola – Grafton, IL
Iron Spike Model Train Museum-Washington, MO
Little Toot Railroad - Flora, IL
Monticello Railway Museum – Monticello, IL
Museum of Transportation
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

Bonne Terre Mine – Bonne Terre, MO
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
St. Louis Trolley 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
Raging Rivers Aqua Park – Grafton, IL
River Rapids Waterpark – Ste. Genevieve, 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
Gather – St. Louis
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
Centerfield Fun Park – Fairview Heights, IL
★**Creve Coeur Lake Park** – Creve Coeur, MO
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
Kayak Rental – Simpson Lake, Klondike Park
★**Laumeier Sculpture Park** – St. Louis
Lewis & Clark Confluence Tower – Hartford, IL
Missouri Botanical Garden – St. Louis
Paddle Boats 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
★**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)
★**Chester, IL** (Popeye Trail, Fort Kaskaskia, Covered Bridge)

* Visit Midwestnomads.com for more daytrips & details

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 (\$1 residents, \$2 non-res.)
- 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
- Citygarden & Kiener Plaza - St. Louis
- City Hall Park - Dardenne Prairie
- Creve Coeur Park - Creve Coeur
- Eise Park - Maryland Heights
- Edmundson Park - Edmundson
- Fogerty Park - U. City
- Fox Park -St. Louis
- Indian Camp Creek - Foristell
- Jaycee Park - St. Charles
- Kade’s Playground -Herculaneum (Closed for repair)
- 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 (Litzinger 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

- Babler State Park - Wildwood, MO
- Bee Tree Park – St. Louis
- Cahokia Mounds – Collinsville, IL
- Castlewood State Park – Ballwin, MO
- Cliff Cave Park – St. Louis
- Cuivre River State Park – Troy, MO
- Elephant Rocks State Park – Belleview, MO
- Emmenger Nature Par – Kirkwood, MO
- Ferne Clyffe State Park – Goreville, IL
- Garden of the Gods – Herod, IL
- Giant City State park – Makanda, IL
- Glassberg Conservation Area – Eureka, MO
- Klondike Park – Augusta, MO
- Kress Farm Garden Preserve – Hillsboro, MO
- Mastodon State Park – Kimmswick, MO
- Meramec Spring Park – St. James, MO
- Olin Nature Preserve – Godfrey, IL
- Pickle Springs – Ste. Genevieve, MO
- Powder Valley Nature Center – Kirkwood, MO
- Rockwoods Reservation – Wildwood, MO
- Salt Lick Point – Valmeyer, IL
- Shaw Nature Reserve – Gray Summit, MO
- Silver Lake Trail – Highland, IL
- St. Francois State Park – Bonne Terre, MO
- Watershed Nature Center – Edwardsville, IL
- Willoughby Farm – Collinsville, IL

*** 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 and inclusive playground with a flower theme

Boo Memorial Playground – Carbondale, IL

Must see HUGE castle and dungeons & dragons themed playground, picnic area, gardens, fenced, no restrooms

Brendan's Playground – O'Fallon, MO

Cute inclusive bug themed playground. Fenced with a splash pad, restrooms.

Broemmelsiek Park – Defiance, MO

Large newer playground, trails

Bryan Memorial Park – Salem, IL

Newer inclusive playground, fenced, restrooms

Central Park – Chesterfield, MO

Huge playground with some shade, walking trails, creek, sculptures, restrooms.

Deer Creek Park – STL

Rocket themed playground, bike trail, sand play area

Faust Park – Chesterfield, MO

Fun play area near historical village, carousel, restrooms, and Butterfly House.

Forest Park Nature Playscape – Forest Park, STL

Newer nature play area near the zoo. Has 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

Super cute farm themed inclusive playground. Fenced with restrooms adjacent.

Hawk Ridge (Zachary's Playground) – STL

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

Jake's Field of Dreams – Wentzville, MO

One of the biggest & best playgrounds with a sports theme & a kid-sized Busch Stadium, Fenced with spray pole & 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.

McAuley Playground – Cottleville, MO

Cute Irish themed playground that is inclusive and fenced.

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. No shade on play area.

O'Fallon Family Sports Park – O'Fallon, IL

Great playground plus the best splash pad in the whole area.

Queeny Park – STL

Unique play area with Mario Bros. looking pyramids and tubes to explore.

Rinderer Park – Highland, IL

Fenced inclusive playground with zipline, restrooms.

Schranz Memorial Park – Swansea, IL

A great castle themed playground that is fenced and also has a splash pad and restrooms.

Shaw Park – Clayton, MO

A large nature themed inclusive playground with a small splash pad.

The Heights Playground – Richmond Heights, MO

Fenced fun play area plus a nature play area

Tilles Park – STL

Large playground and splash fountain.

Veterans Tribute Park – Weldon Spring, MO

Unique and spacious playground with a great splash play area.

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, STL

Inclusive playground tucked away next to the Forest Park Visitor Center