# A St. Louisan's Guide to the **Perfect Weekend Getaway**



The perfect guide for the St. Louis urbanite looking to escape for a weekend getaway, with details on discovering, planning for, and visiting the right destination.



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St. Louis is a great city filled with weekend activities for all ages, like the Gateway Arch, the Missouri Botanical Gardens, the Zoo, the City Museum and many more. But what's an urbanite to do when they've expired temporary interest in the above?

There are more than 52 weekends in a year, that's over four-dozen opportunities to pack a suitcase, load the car and take a mini-vacation. Just outside county limits, there lies endless enjoyment at area wineries, bed and breakfasts, small towns, lakes and the list goes on.

The St. Louisan's Guide to the Perfect Weekend Getaway provides a reference for ideas and information on planning weekend getaways. In this guide, you will find detailed information on over 15 destinations, including directions, travel times, things to do, seasonal information and more.

# Start planning your next trip today!



# Weekend Getaway Destinations: Wineries



BEST FOR: HISTORY BUFFS • LODGING FOR COUPLES • VINE TO WINE

# About Hermannhof Vineyards

Hermannhof Vineyards was one of the first 100 early Hermann buildings to be placed on the National Register of Historic places by the federal government. Its ten stone cellars and amazing brick structure were completed as a brewery/winery in 1852. In just 50 years after its completion, the Hermann area produced 3 million gallons of wine, made in part by small grape growers that utilized the facilities at Hermannhof. Today, all of the cellars are used for premium wine production, upward of 15,000 cases. Casks made from French and American oak line the cellars where wine continues to improve with age.

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#### Things to Do



**Taste Wine:** The new Three California Vineyards Tasting Room is a great place to experience The Dierberg Family of wines, consisting of Award Winning Dierberg, Star Lane and Three Saints wines.



Hermannhof's Hofgarten: Guests of the Hofgarten enjoy the view of scenic Frene Creek, historic stone farmhouses, hillside vineyards, and all of the natural beauty and charm of Historic Hermann. Enjoy these views while surrounded by iron gates with brick piers, old-world brick, stone and timber detailing and copper roofs.



The Deli at Hermannhof Winery: The Deli at Hermannhof Winery offers a variety of sandwiches, including their popular Reuben and Bratwurst with Kraut that is great when enjoyed with German potato salad. There's also a wide selection of locally made sausages and specially imported cheeses.

#### Seasonal Information



**Summer:** Live music at Hermannhof's Hofgarten with food, wine, beer, and soft drinks available.

**Fall:** Octoberfest with live music, award-winning artists, great food and drinks, handcrafted items for sale and more.

Winter: The historic Festhalle, open-air Hofgarten and newlyrestored Mill evoke the ambience of European Christmas markets. Sponsored by Hermannhof Winery. Adults \$3, children 15 and under free.



DIRECTIONS FROM DOWNTOWN 1-44W - 38 MI. MO-100W - 38 MI.



**BEST FOR:** HISTORY BUFFS • VINE TO WINE • GREAT VIEWS

#### About Stone Hill

Stone Hill winery is nestled along the hillsides of the Missouri River, an area reminiscent of Germany's Rhine Valley. Established in the mid-1800s, this winery located in Hermann, Missouri was once the second largest winery in the United States. At the time, the wines won gold medals in eight world's fairs. At the time of the 1904 world's fair in St. Louis, this establishment was pumping out 1.25 million gallons of wine a year. Stone Hill makes sophisticated wines using French-American hybrid grapes such as Vidal, Chardonel, Vignoles, and their most popular varietal, Norton. Today, this winery is set to prove that Missouri is capable of producing big, full-bodied reds that can compete with prominent wine regions across the world. Stone Hill is also listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

# Things to Do



**Tour the Winery:** Tours and tasting occur daily, running every half hour with the last tour happening one hour before closing. Tours cost less than \$3 for all ages. Each tour ends with a tasting among Stone Hill's 30 awardwinning wines and grape juices.



Tour the Winery as a VIP: Great for aspiring sommeliers, this tour is lead by a winemaking staff member from the Norton vineyard to the tasting room. Learn winemaking secrets behind SH's success. Reservations are required with a cost of \$25 per person.



Vintage Restaurant: In 1979, the Held family restored the winery's former carriage house and horse barn. The Vintage Restaurant now sits in this very spot, serving contemporary world cuisine and specializing in German specialties.

# Seasonal Information



**Summer:** Events include Cajun Concert on the Hill, He Said Food, She Said Wine, Berries & BarBQ Wine Trail, Summer Scavenger Hunt, Grapes to Glass, and Wolf, Wag and Wine.

**Fall:** Four weekends of fall fun that is Oktoberfest, including live music, wine & beer, traditional German food and special Oktoberfest menu at the Vintage Restaurant. Also, experience Loehnig German Band at no charge.





#### **BEST FOR:** EXTRAORDINARY VIEWS • VINE TO WINE • SINGLE DAY OUTINGS

## About Montelle

Montelle Vineyards was founded in 1970 by Clayton Byers, which was sold in 1998 to Tony Kooyumjian, present owner and wine maker. The winery sits at the top of a hill in Augusta, Missouri - an area that was chosen as the first viticulture area in the United States because of its unique soils, microclimate and history. Wines at Montelle are described as fresh, fragrant, focused and well balanced. Montelle is also the first winery in the state of Missouri with a distillery, allowing them to produce unique flavors of brandy: apple, peach, cherry and grape. Not only does their distillery set them apart from the rest, but they also have one of the most magnificent views of the Missouri River valley. Many in the area refer to them as "Missouri's most scenic winery."

# Things to Do



**Taste Wine:** Enjoy all of Montelle's wines in the lobby, where you can purchase flights that best suit your taste. They have over 20 wines that have earned medals in local, state and regional competitions. For example, their peach brandy won best-distilled product & gold every year since 2008.



Klondike Cafe: Montelle not only produces some of the best wines in the region, but they also have the pleasure of pairing fine wine and food. Their Klondike Cafe offers fresh, high quality cuisine to complement their wines. Choose from a wide selection of wraps, salads, sandwiches and pizzas to be enjoyed on their expansive outdoor deck.



**Sunset Dinners:** Enjoy an exquisite meal with a breathtaking view from 400 Feet above the Missouri River Valley atop the Osage Ridge! Sunset Dinners provide the feel of a gourmet restaurant with crisp linens, china, and waiting service. Just show up, relax, and enjoy the sunset while your dinner is served! Call 1-888-595-WINE for more information or to place reservations.

#### Seasonal Information



**Summer:** Tables on the outside deck tend to fill up fast during this time, so we recommend showing up near opening time, or during the late afternoon hours - after 3pm. Montelle usually has live music every weekend during the summer.

**Fall:** The last two weeks in October are the best for viewing fall colors at their peak. Paired with the magnificent view that already exists, this is one of the best times to have glass in one hand and camera in the other.





#### BEST FOR: WALKING THE VINEYARD • FINE DINING • INDOOR AND OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE

## About Chandler Hill

In the early 1870s, a freed slave named Joseph Chandler traveled north on the Mississippi River to settle where Chandler Hill sits today. Chandler died in 1952 at the age of 98, but his legacy lives on in the name of this popular vineyard. During excavation on the property, many artifacts over one hundred years old were found, including a shotgun, rifle, tools, china and more. Today, these artifacts are displayed at the vineyard. Outsiders best describe Chandler Hill as understated elegance, from the tasting room to its 5,000 square foot deck overlooking the vineyard. Signature details include celestial skylights, candle lighting over the tasting bar and magnificent fireplace in the tasting room. Also, visitors are welcome to step off the deck for a walk in the vineyard.

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# Things to Do



**Taste Wine:** Chandler Hill offers three different types of tastings: reserve flight, proprietor tasting and legacy tasting. The first is for connoisseurs that want to experience the best wines Chandler Hill has to offer. The proprietor tasting is the most popular tasting and gives visitors the chance to try any 5 non-reserve wines and receive a Chandler Hill crystal glass for \$10. The legacy tasting lets you choose 5 non-reserve wines for only \$10.



**Take the Vintage Vineyard Tour:** Get the full experience of Chandler Hill with the private winery and vineyard tour. The 2-hour tour takes you through the rich history of the property and winery. You'll learn several things, from growing grapes to wine making. You will also be invited to taste multiple wines during the tour. Contact 1-636-798-CORK for more information or to book reservations.



**Restaurant:** The on-site restaurant offers everything from light appetizers to complete entrees. They also offer custom catering to provide you with complete staffing, set up, and of course, the food to pair.

# Seasonal Information



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Weekend Getaway Destinations: Bed & Breakfasts





BEST FOR: COUPLES • RELAXATION • PAMPERING

## About Hermann Hill

Hermann Hill is one of the best locations for Missouri weekend getaways, especially if you're looking for over-the-top service. Choose between two lodging options: Village or Inn. Both offer spectacular views with exceptional amenities from upscale bed and breakfast experiences to luxury spa atmosphere. The village is perfect for couples seeking total-away-from-it-all privacy, groups of friends who want to share a cottage, or couples traveling with children. The Inn & Spa is perfect for those who like to mingle with other guests, yet still enjoy privacy and spa amenities of their own. In one sentence, Hermann Hill is a multi-faceted property overlooking Norton vineyards with upscale bluff-top cottages overlooking the Missouri River.

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# Things to Do



**Breakfast:** Overnight guests staying in the Vineyard Inn Suites have the opportunity to customize their own breakfast each morning. Options include cheese strata, waffles, French toast, seafood frittata, scrambled egg casserole, mushroom crusted quiche and omelets. Cottage breakfasts options allow guests to choose from four breakfast options each morning, personally delivered each morning.



**Spa:** Enjoy a relaxing massage in the luxury spa room or overlooking the Missouri River from your private Riverbluff Cottage deck. Your spa experience will be tailored to fit your body's needs using natural Aveda products and aromatherapy. The ideal spa setting overlooking their Norton Vineyard offers a peaceful setting to reconnect, balance, revitalize and purify the soul.



**Relax:** Each Hermann Hill Vineyard Inn and Spa Suite includes large private bath with Jacuzzi- style tub for two and separate steam showers, fireplaces, private balconies with views of both east and west Hermann, the vineyard, and the Missouri River.

# Seasonal Information



**Winter:** Typically bears the lowest rates you'll find out of any of the seasons. Perfect for rooms with deck spas and indoor fireplaces.

**Fall:** Hermann's Oktoberfest occurs every weekend in October so expect occupancy to be up during this time. Keeping that in mind, the last two weeks in October are the best for viewing fall colors at their peak.



DIRECTIONS FROM DOWNTOWN I-64W - 39 MI. I-70W - 22 MI. LT. ON STATE HWY. B - 12 MI. RT. ON MO-94W - 6 MI. LT. ON MO-19S - 2 MI.



BEST FOR: COUPLES • RELAXATION • PAMPERING

# About Brick Inn Bed & Breakfast

A Washington, Missouri couple combined their love for old houses and eachother into a bed and breakfast business. Art and Kathy Winters decided to open the Brick Inn in October of 2006, shortly after getting married in the backyard of the inn in August 2005. This quaint bed and breakfast got it's name from the beautiful brick work on the outside of this two-story house in Historic Downtown Washington. Just three blocks from restaurants, shops and the Missouri River, there's no reason not to experience a relaxing and romantic night in one of their four rooms with private baths and kind size beds. During your stay, enjoy the hot tub, fire pit, classic car display, 200 year old pecan trees, off-street parking, and the spacious patio of this 1911 ancestral home. A full, hot breakfast is served to start your day in their sun room or patio that overlooks two massive pecan trees and their antique cars. Many guests take the Amtrak from other cities or ride the Katy Trail from nearby towns to experience this historic area.

#### Things to Do



Katy Trail: The town of Washington isn't right on the Katy Trail, but its close location attracts riders from many neighboring towns - Dutzow and Marthasville to name a couple. Just four miles from downtown, the trail can be reached by crossing a narrow bridge across the Missouri River, which has no shoulder or bike lane.



**Tour the City:** Take a guided tour of historic downtown Washington and learn about the surrounding community and rich history. Tours include lunch, a stroll through Washington's historic downtown shopping district, a visit to fabulous antique shops, and a day cap at some of the areas best wineries.



Fort Charrette Historic Village: In 1790, French settlers and Native Americans used this historically restored trading post. Today, the trading post has an expansive collection of artifacts and furnishings from the 18th and 19th centuries, including a trade room, a blacksmith's shop, and living quarters.

#### Seasonal Information



**Winter:** The Chamber and the Washington Parks Department to host the free family event, Old Fashioned Christmas each year on the Sunday after Thanksgiving.

**Summer:** The annual Washington Town & Country Fair is held during the first week in August.

Fall: Citizens celebrate fall and Halloween at Pumpkin Palooza. This family friendly will have tons of activities for kids and adults.

> DIRECTIONS FROM DOWNTOWN I-44W - 38 MI. RT. ON MO-100W - 10 MI. RT. ON MO-47N - 1 MI.



BEST FOR: COUPLES • RELAXATION • PAMPERING

#### About The Beall Mansion

The Beall Mansion was designed by one of the most well-known architects of the day, Lucas Pfeiffenberger. It was conveniently built right before the St. Louis World's Fair that took place in 1904. Railroad baron and entrepreneur Z. B. Job built this home as a gift for his son and son's bride, Mary Drummond. In 1908, Mary had her husband declared insane and committed to an asylum. He was the first of Mary's five millionaire husbands, each of which either died or declared insane after marrying her. In 1909, Mary sold the home to Edmond Beall for the sum of \$20,000. It has been known as The Beall Mansion since. Mr. Beall was a successful businessman and politician that eventually became a four-term mayor of Alton. His good friend, Theodore Roosevelt, also offered him a cabinet position in the Roosevelt administration. The home is widely recognized for its architectural significance.

#### Things to Do



Tour the Beall Mansion: The Beall Mansion is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and their tour covers the connection between Z. B. Job, the one time Sheriff of this area and Jessie James; the story of Mrs. Job and her 5 millionaire husbands and much more.



**Fast Eddies Bon-Air:** Eddie Sholar (known as Fast Eddie) bought this joint from Anheuser Busch and increased its size by 400 percent. Over 4,000 half barrels of beer and thousands of cases of beer and liquor quench the thirst of patrons each year. Plus, a food bar serves an assortment of bar food at the extremely low prices that were set over 30 years ago.



**Tour Bluff City:** Founded in 1986 by a mother/son team from Godfrey, Illinois, this tour company offers over 15 tours of St. Louis' most historical places. We recommend their flagship tour - Best of Bluff City, The Treasures of Historic Alton.

#### Seasonal Information



**Summer:** Catch the fireworks at one of our communities all around Alton. The fireworks are a perfect way to start off a fun getaway in the region. Mark your calendar now.

**Fall:** Alton is home to several haunted houses, making it a perfect destination for Halloween related activities. The McPike Mansion is the most well-known haunted location in the small town.



DIRECTIONS FROM DOWNTOWN I-70W TO N. BROADWAY – 4 MI. STRAIGHT ON N. BROADWAY – 3 MI. MO-367N – 14 MI. STRAIGHT ON HENRY ST. – 1 MI. RT. ON HENRY ST. – .7 MI.



COUPLES • RELAXATION • PAMPERING

# About Reagan's Queen Anne Bed & Breakfast

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Distance 117 Miles - Time: 1 h 56 min

EAGAN'S QUEEN ANN

Located in Hannibal, Missouri, the Reagan's Queen Anne Bed & Breakfast was built more than 115 years ago by a man named Wilson B Pettibone. The wealthy lumber baron, banker and philanthropist built the Victorian-style home for his wife Laura, unique with fine woods that you'll find in the foyer, parlors, dining room, library and staircase. A step into the home will bring you back to the Victorian era, with numerous antiques, period furnishings, heirlooms, gas/electric light fixtures and stained glass windows. There are a total of six bed chambers that can accommodate 12 guests. Looking for a view of the river on your stay? The second floor Riverview Suite is perfect for two couples or families with children. Also, enjoy the 75ft. long verandah that's perfect for relaxing, socializing, reading, sleeping and enjoying a glass of wine while watching dozens of entertaining hummingbirds May-September.

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#### Things to Do



Mark Twain's Famous Light House: At the top of Cardiff Hill sits the Mark Twain Memorial Lighthouse, the famous play spot of notable names such as Tom Sawyer, Huckleberry Finn and the gang. The lighthouse was built in 1935 as a memorial to Mark Twain's 100th birthday the second to be built at the site. After climbing the 244 steps to get to the top of the lighthouse, you'll see the panoramic view of Hannibal and the Mississippi River.



Mark Twain Boyhood Home & Museum: At the top of Cardiff Hill sits the Mark Twain Memorial Lighthouse, the famous play spot of notable names such as Tom Sawyer, Huckleberry Finn and the gang. The lighthouse was built in 1935 as a memorial to Mark Twain's 100th birthday - the second to be built at the site. After climbing the 244 steps to get to the top of the lighthouse, you'll see the panoramic view of Hannibal and the Mississippi River.

#### Seasonal Information



**Summer:** Come join Hannibal for it's famed 4th of July celebrations! A tradition for nearly 60 years and fun for all ages. Activities include the National Fence Painting Contest, Tom & Becky Contest, fireworks and more.

**Fall:** Check out Hannibal's 39th Annual Autumn Historic Festival and stroll the streets among artisans demonstrating lifestyles and folk arts of the mid-1800s.



DIRECTIONS FROM DOWNTOWN I-64W - 39 MI. US-61N - 73 MI. RT. ON WARREN BARRETT DR. - 4 MI. Weekend Getaway Destinations: **State Parks** 



**BEST FOR:** FAMILIES • GROUPS • ALONE TIME

## About Pere Marquette State Park

If you love to be outside, this 8,000-acre park is the perfect place for you. Located in Jersey County, Illinois, Pere Marquette State Park is best known for its exceptional fall colors and bald eagle watching in the winter. Visitors enjoy a variety of year-round activities, including horseback riding, camping, hiking, fishing, boating and more. The history of Pere Marquette is heavily influenced by the forces the formed the Illinois River. Ancient glaciers melted into what's now a rich network of streams and rivers, resulting in layers of wind-blown soil that can be seen along the many trails of the park.

# Things to Do



**Explore:** Head to Pere Marquette Stables and enjoy more than 2½ miles of scenic trails on horseback. Rides with treat you to the sites and sounds that nature offers, including friendly encounters with deer, turkey and red tail hawk that call the area home. Rides leave on the hour starting at 10am and running through 4pm and are offered to guests eight and older. Cost is \$35/person.



**Hike:** It's hard for a hiker to get bored with the ten trails that span over 12 miles of Pere Marquette. Trail index ranges anywhere from easy to difficult and cover a variety of habitats. Nine scenic overlooks can be found throughout the park's trails, giving hikers panoramic views along the way. All trails are color-coded and marked with paint either on trees or signposts.



**Boat & Fish:** Gone fishing? You're in luck! Head down to the many bodies of water surrounding the park for your chance to catch bluegill, carp, catfish, crappie, largemouth and white bass. There are several launching ramps throughout the park with access to parking.

#### Seasonal Information



**Spring:** The Grafton Ferry opens on May 1, which is a great way for both vehicles and pedestrians to travel to Grafton while saving nearly 30 minutes on travel time.

**Summer:** Eckert's Grafton Farm is the perfect early summer destination for apple, blackberry and peach picking. Other guest favorites include apple cider, apple and pumpkin butter, honey, jams and jellies and more.



DIRECTIONS FROM DOWNTOWN I-70W TO HALLS FERRY RD TO MO-367N - 13 MI. US-67N - 7 MI. FOLLOW SIGNS FOR IL-100N - 17 MI. RT. ON GRAHAM HOLLOW RD., CONTINUE ON ARMY RD. - 2.5 MI.



BEST FOR: OUTDOORSMAN • CAMPING • LARGE GROUPS

#### About Cuivre River State Park

Cuivre River State Park is often characterized as the Ozarks away from the Ozarks. The over 6,300-acre park was established in 1946 and offers camping, fishing, swimming and hiking. In the 1930s, the Civilian Conservation Corps and the Works Project Administration developed the land as a federal demonstration area. Within the park are the three natural areas of Big Sugar Creek, North Woods and Lincoln Hills. These natural areas are noted for their high-quality ecosystems that feature native prairies, sinkhole ponds, woodlands and a clear, rock-bottomed stream. Also, Big Sugar Creek is if the few undisturbed streams left in northeastern Missouri.

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# Things to Do



**Camp:** Cuivre River offers some of the best camping just outside of St. Louis, offering basic, electric, full (electric, water and sewer), equestrian, and special-use campsites. From April 15th through the end of October, services include campsites through reservation, dump stations, showers, water, laundry, firewood and ice.



**Hike:** Hikers of all experience levels can enjoy up to nine trails of varying lengths, totaling over 31 miles. Many of these trails are open for both walkers and equestrians. Head up Frenchman's Bluff for a scenic view atop the climb, or wind through the forested hills and steep valleys of tall oaks and hickories.



**Picnic:** Cuivre River can accommodate both large and small groups with six picnic areas and two shelters. The stone shelter can hold up to 50 guests - perfect for family reunions, birthday celebrations or other special occasions.

#### Seasonal Information



**April 15 - October 31:** On-season services include a dump station, showers, water, laundry, firewood and ice. Firewood and ice can be purchased daily during check station hours.

**November 1 - April 14:** Off-season services include potable water that is available from the frost-free spigot at campsite 69 and firewood can be purchased through the campground host or at the park office.





BEST FOR: FAMILIES • GROUPS • OUTDOORSMAN

## About Johnson's Shut-Ins State Park

This 8,550 acre state park is located near Mark Twain National Forest in Reynolds County on the East Fork of the Black River. The park is partly administered by Taum Sauk Mountain State Park. So, where does the term "shut-in" come from? It refers to the river's breadth that is limited by non-eroding hard rock. It's here that the river cascades in many rivulets around rocks that have smoothed over several years. Johnson's Shut-Ins is a jewel of the Missouri State Park system - a place with something for everyone to enjoy. Take your horses along a mountain trail with stunning views, take your kids to play in the shallows of the Black River and take your spouse on a hike through a piece of geologic history over one billion years old.

# Things to Do



**Fish:** Missouri statewide regulations allow fishing anywhere along the Black River, so long as you have a fishing license. Try your luck at hooking some bluegill, large and smallmouth bass, all of which you can find in the Black River.



Swim: The shut-ins are home to a natural water playground, so swimming is one of the park's most popular activities. Swimming spots can be found in the East Fork of the Black River only. You can make it to the swimming area by walking the quarter-mile paved trail extending from the park office. Bathhouses and restrooms can also be found here.



**Hike:** There's a relatively new 10-mile hiking and equestrian trail that is located in the Goggins Mountain Wild Area just west of the main park area. The trail climbs the ridges of the mountain down through the side slopes as it returns to the trailhead. Along the trail, you're bound to find heavily wooded areas, rocky glades and extraordinary mountain views.

#### Seasonal Information



**April - October:** On-season services include a dump station, restroom and shower facilities, laundry, water and a woodlot. The campground store is conveniently located near the center of the campground.

**November - March:** Off-season services include potable water that is available from the frost-free spigot by the Loop 3 showerhouse. The restroom showerhouse in Loop 3 remains open year-round.



DIRECTIONS FROM DOWNTOWN I-55S AND US-67S TO MO-221W - 70 MI. STATE HWY. NN TO MO-21N - 17 MI. RT. ON MO-21N - .5 MI. FOLLOW STATE HWY. N TO STATE HWY. MM - 14 MI.

# Weekend Getaway Destinations: Lakes



#### BEST FOR: NIGHTLIFE • SHOPPING • WATER SPORTS

# About Lake of the Ozarks

If you're from Missouri, you've most likely spent a couple (if not several) weekends at the Lake of the Ozarks in the central part of the state. The lake is technically a large reservoir created by impounding the Osage River. The main channel of the Osage Arm stretches 92 miles from end to end, totaling in over 55,000 acres of surface area. The Lake of the Ozarks is the Midwest's premier lake resort destination for boating, golfing, shopping, fishing, lodging and several other recreational activities perfect for any budget or group. Whether you're in the mood for lively entertainment or relaxing on the dock, this lake's for you.

# Things to Do



**Golf:** Osage Beach is home to some of the best golf courses around the lake. One of the most popular golf courses is Osage National Golf Resort, which is the only course in Missouri designed by Arnold Palmer himself. Here they have 27 holes at five different sets of tees that fit a wide range of skill levels.



**Shop:** The Osage Beach Premium Outlets are your one stop shop to an impressive collection of over 110 designer and name brand stores. Since these are outlet stores you can expect savings ranging from 25 to 65 percent every day.



**Explore:** Your own watercraft is always welcome at the Lake of the Ozarks. Launch it off one of the area's nine public access ramps, most of which offer gas and convenience items on location. Don't have your own boat? Take a leisurely lake cruise on several vessels that operate from early spring through late fall. Choose from scenic tours, dinner and dancing on the water and other special excursions.

#### Seasonal Information



**Summer:** The Lake of the Ozarks is home to family activities for year-round fun, but most visit this location during the summer season, due to events taking place on the lake itself. The best summer activities at the Lake of the Ozarks include Independence Day Fireworks, Aquapalooza, Lake of the Ozarks Air Show, Lake of the Ozarks Shootout and more.



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#### BEST FOR: OUTDOORSMAN · WATER SPORTS · FAMILIES

## About Mark Twain Lake

The Clarence Cannon Dam that impounded the Salt River created Mark Twain Lake. It's located about twenty miles to the southwest of Hannibal and was named after famous Missouri author Mark Twain. The lake makes up more than 18,000 acres of water and 54,000 acres including land. Clarence Cannon Dam and Mark Twain Lake provide several outdoor recreational activities including boating, swimming, fishing, picnicking, hiking and hunting. The most popular of these activities involves the water, where all boaters are encouraged to use the numerous boat ramps located conveniently around the lake. There are also two full service marinas around the lake.

# Things to Do



**Fish:** This lake is great for fishing a variety of fish including crappie, catfish, bluegill largemouth bass, carp and walleye. It's great because there are plenty of quiet coves that provide uninterrupted assurance. Take advantage of these fishing opportunities 24-hours a day, year-round when lake conditions permit.



**Boat:** There are no horsepower or length limits for boats on Mark Twain Lake, which makes it a great opportunity for all boat owners. Gain access to the lake at two fourlane, concrete boat ramps located in the park. There is no charge for using these ramps.



**Camp:** Mark Twain offers several camping options within three different campgrounds: Badger, Coyote and Puma. All three campgrounds are open for reservations yeararound. For weekend reservations, there is a required two-night minimum stay of Friday and Saturday.

#### Seasonal Information



All three campgrounds are open and available for year-round reservations. For weekend reservations, there is a required two-night minimum stay of Friday/Saturday.

**April - October:** On-season services include modern restrooms, a dump station, showers, water, laundry and firewood.

**November - March:** Off-season services include potable water is available at the frost-free spigot near campsite 1.



DIRECTIONS FROM DOWNTOWN I-64W. TAKE US-61N TO MO-154W – 98 MI. CONTINUE ON MO-154W. TAKE MO-19N, MO-154W AND MO-107N TO CO. RD. 567 – 39 MI.

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# **STOCKTON LAKE** Distance 226 Miles - Time: 3 <u>h 53 min</u>

BEST FOR: FAMILIES • OUTDOORSMAN

# About Stockton Lake

Most locals consider this lake to be the most pristine in the area. It offers over 300 miles of non-developed shoreline and over 25,000 acres of crystal clear water. Here you can experience an abundant amount of wildlife depending on the time of year in which you visit. Most commonly sited animals include deer, turkey, geese and bald eagles. Stockton is the perfect lake for families of any size. This is mostly due to the fact that it's far from being crowded and overpopulated. Stockton was also voted one of the best sailing lakes in the United States - a place where you can find steady breezes and open water.

# Things to Do



**Vacation:** Stockton Lake has over 20 motels and resorts that are family-owned and operated under the Stockton Lake Association. The lake currently offers a total of 347 motel rooms including 171 in Stockton, 124 in Bolivar, 18 in Greenfield and 34 in El Dorado Springs. A variety of amenities are available, including in-room telephones, barbeque grills and patio areas, on-premise restaurants, marinas and golf courses.



**Fish:** Stockton Lake is on of the best places to fish for Walleye in Missouri. The lake holds a mature Largemouth and Smallmouth bass population, as well as an established population of catfish and crappie. In March 2014, a 10-pound bass was caught using a bleeding spinner bait.



Hunt: Hunters from all around Missouri and surrounding areas come to Stockton Lake to hunt game of several kinds. For instance, Deer, Quail and other waterfowl have fair population during hunting season; Dove, Rabbit, Squirrel and Turkey have a good population during hunting season.

### Seasonal Information



Both East and West campgrounds are open and available for year-round reservations.

**April - October:** On-season services include a dump station, showers, water and laundry.

**November - March:** Off-season services include potable water is available at the frost-free spigot near the park office.



DIRECTIONS FROM DOWNTOWN I-44W TO MO-32W/MO-5N/MO-64W/S JEFFERSON AVE. IN LEBANON – 160 MI. CONTINUE ON MO-32W TO MADISON, MO – 64 MI.

# Weekend Getaway Destinations: Small Towns

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## About Washington, Missouri

Washington was one of the first cities established west of the Mississippi River. Named after George Washington, family and followers of well-known explorer Daniel Boone settled in the area around 1799. A large number of anti-slavery German families started moving into the area around 1830, ultimately overwhelming the existing population of slave-owners. The city of Washington is slowing expanding, both in terms of real-estate projects and its population in general. It's a center for shopping and medical services for the surrounding area, with many wonderful parks, churches, taverns and schools for families and tourists to enjoy.

# Things to Do



John G's Bier Deck: A great place to spend an afternoon enjoying good weather, great views of the river and amazing craft brews. Not to mention, the food here is something special, too. While you're here, we encourage you to check out the tap room where you can see the fermentation process at work while getting a birds eye view of the Augusta Brewing Company.



James W. Rennick Riverfront Park: Take a ride downtown and stop by this little gem of a park. A walking trail will lead you along the path of the river, which is jogger, cyclist and dog friendly. The park itself offers riverfront parking, a pavilion for a picnic and plenty of benches for relaxation.



**Old Dutch Tavern:** The "new" Old Dutch Tavern combines the best of old and new, classy and casual. Its newly restored dining room boasts original details such as a tin ceiling and sprawling oak bar alongside modern touches like flatscreen TVs and a no-smoking environment.

#### Seasonal Information



**Spring/Summer:** Check out the Main Street BBQ and Bluesfest in April and the Fine Art Fair and Winefest in May.

**Fall:** In the fall, grab some friends and head out to the Brewfest, Chili Cook-Off, Festival of the Arts and Crafts, Music at the Market, Sunset on the Riverfront and the Pumpkin Palooza.



DIRECTIONS FROM DOWNTOWN I-44W TO MO-100W IN BOLES. TAKE EXIT 251 FROM I-44W – 38 MI.

CONTINUE ON MO-100W. DRIVE TO E 3RD ST. IN WASHINGTON – 12 MI.



BEST FOR: COUPLES • WINE TASTING • DAY TRIPS

#### About Hermann, Missouri

The German Settlement Society of Philadelphia founded Hermann in 1837 with the goal of establishing a self-sustaining, traditional German culture built around farming, commerce and industry. In the 1960s, people began to rebuild the wine industry in the Hermann area. Today, the vineyards and wineries contribute to the agricultural and heritage tourism economies, with winery tours and wine tastings. The Katy Trail, a 225 mile-long bike path passes through McKittrick, a town on the northern side of the Missouri River across from Hermann.

# Things to Do



**Sugar Momma's:** Sugar Momma's is the go-to spot to satisfy your sweet tooth in Hermann. Inside the store you will find all kinds of candies including old-fashioned, retro, bulk wrapped, Amish, over 25 flavors of salt water taffy and much more. In the mood for pie? Sugar Momma's invites you inside for their signature coconut cream pie and a cup of Joe.



**Deutschheim State Historic Site:** Visit a significant part of German-American history - and early Missouri settlement - at Deutschheim State Historic Site. Scroll through the restored 1840s and 1850s buildings and explore how German-Americans settled the Hermann area and developed the basis for a Missouri wine industry. Grapevines planted in the 1850s can still be seen on the property.



Hermann's Attic Antique Mall: Come peruse attic treasures from the heart of the Midwest. Hermann's Attic Antique Mall has over 25 vendors all under one roof, so you're sure to find something to add to your collection.

# Seasonal Information



**Spring:** The German festival of Maifest has been a tradition of Hermann Missouri for many years. During this festival, expect the streets to be filled with dancers, music and food as visitors from all over come to enjoy this small town.

Fall: We couldn't include Hermann in this guide without mentioning quite possibly the largest Oktoberfest celebration near St. Louis. During the first four weekends in October, Hermann is the place to be for great music, vibrant fall colors and the smells and tastes of authentic German brats and beer.



DIRECTIONS FROM DOWNTOWN I-64W AND I-70W/US-40W TO STATE HWY B – 61 MI. FOLLOW STATE HWY B AND MO-94W TO E 4TH ST. IN HERMANN – 19 MI.



BEST FOR: SMALL GROUPS • WINE TASTING • DAY TRIPS

#### About Augusta, Missouri

August is located on the bluffs about the Missouri River Valley, a scenic drive that follows the Missouri River along the path that Daniel Boone once traveled. Augusta is a community where folks still work and live, hang clothes to dry, gather at the local tavern, and play in the town square. You can find several excellent wineries where visitors can sip the vintner's special wines enjoy picnic lunches and soak in the spectacular views of the rolling hillside vineyards. Walk through the town to uncover unique specialty shops, B&Bs, restaurants and bakeries.

#### Things to Do



**Contennial Farms and Orchard:** In operation since 1821, Contennial Farms and Orchard was established by Leonard Harold, a settler from Virginia, who purchased over 300 acres of government land along the Missouri River in St. Charles country. President James Monroe signed the document granting him the land.

Bob Knoernschild represents the fourth generation to operate the farm. Bob and his wife, Ellen, planted the first orchards in 1967 and today there are over 1500 apple trees, 300 peach trees and berry and vegetable plantings on the 65-acre farm.

## Seasonal Information



**Spring:** Come experience the Annual Plein Air Festival that takes place in late April - early March. Artists from all over will come to Augusta to complete their pieces in the tradition of Plein Art, capturing nuances of natural light in their work.

**Fall:** Capture over 150 years of culture and tradition at the Harvest Festival in the later half of September. Here you'll enjoy lively music, great food and local area wines.



DIRECTIONS FROM DOWNTOWN I-64W TO MO-94W IN WELDON SPRING - 29 MI. FOLLOW MO-94W TO CHESTNUT ST. IN AUGUSTA - 17 MI. Weekend Getaway Destinations: Cedar Creek

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BEST FOR: CORPORATE RETREATS • DESTINATION WEDDINGS • FAMILIES

# About Cedar Creek

In 1953, Charles and Patricia Vatterott bought Cedar Creek as a place where their family, which included 17 children, could retreat from city life and entertain friends and the large extended Vatterott family. As members of this prominent St. Louis family, Charles and Patricia had the resources needed to expand and renovate the property during their ownership. Cedar Creek provides the ideal destination to escape, relax, and create memories with those who mean the most to you. As a family-owned business, we make it our priority to welcome our guests with unparalleled hospitality. Whether you're visiting us for a family vacation, a romantic getaway or a corporate retreat, our staff will greet you with a genuine smile and a helpful spirit you won't find anywhere but Cedar Creek.

# Things to Do



**Meet:** Cedar Creek offers an inspiring environment for corporate meetings and retreats. We welcome your group with unparalleled hospitality and an experience that is handcrafted for your groups. Whether you're looking for a private meeting space or team building facilities, Cedar Creek has the accommodations and staff to make it your best event yet.



**Stay:** Cedar Creek offers a variety lodging options for groups large and small. Stay in our rooms at Cedar Lodge, or rent a house for your entire group. Whatever you choose, you're assured a comfortable night's rest in preparation for the next day's activities.



**Play:** Cedar Creek is as fun as it is relaxing. You can cast your line in our seven-acre lake, stroll through our western town, play our 9-hole golf course or strengthen your organization with our team building activities. Or, simply relax and enjoy the natural beauty and serenity all around you.

## Seasonal Information



**Summer:** The annual balloon glow during the last week in September offers breathtaking views of inflated balloons lighted by their burners.

**Fall:** The annual FireFest in Downtown New Haven is perfect for families looking to get out of the house right before winter starts. Enjoy this one-day event with several activities including artist demos, music, children's activities and war reenactments.



DIRECTIONS FROM DOWNTOWN I-44W TO MO-100W IN BOLES - 38 MI. FOLLOW MO-100W TO OLIVE RD. IN BOEUF - 26 MI.



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