

Local ATTRACTIONS

Explore the history of Lewis & Clark and America's westward expansion, relax in Missouri Wine Country, enjoy water sports in the Alton Pool, or test lady luck at the roulette wheel. Discovering the local attractions of St Charles County is a diverse experience, so get ready for excitement and come enjoy all the community has to offer.

KATY Trail State Park

One scenic and healthy method for touring St. Charles County is to travel on the KATY Trail. Beginning at the St. Charles riverfront, the KATY Trail State Park offers a 225-mile cycling and hiking path that wanders through picturesque countryside of mid-Missouri. The gravel pathway is level and traverses every type of landscape in the state. In St. Charles County, cyclists will ride along the river bluffs, and pass through beautiful Missouri Wine Country and the towns of Defiance and Augusta, home to wineries, bed and breakfasts, and unique shopping. The trail is just minutes away from anywhere in St. Charles County and perfect for an afternoon ride or trek of several days touring Missouri. Visit mostateparks.com/katytrail

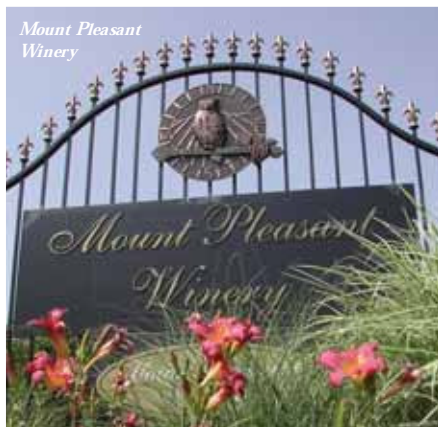
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Mount Pleasant Winery



Daniel Boone Home

Missouri Wine Country

Pack a picnic basket and prepare to relax among the beautiful rolling hills of Missouri's Wine Country. The meandering path of South Highway 94 leads through the popular and picturesque Defiance on its way to Augusta, America's first designated wine district. It's a region rich in award-winning wines and breathtaking scenery along the Katy Trail and overlooking the Missouri River.

The standard-bearer in St. Charles County's Wine Country is Mount Pleasant Winery in Augusta. Their "estate bottled" wines and Ports continue to win numerous national and international awards and are served around the globe. Come tour their limestone cellars and enjoy your favorite wine and delicious picnic fare from the Mount Pleasant gro-

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cery and grill. Their grand patios and party rooms are ideal for special events, and along with a monthly calendar of live music, Mount Pleasant is famous for hosting winemaker dinners and murder mystery dinner theatre.

One of the newest wineries in the district is Chandler Hill Vineyards near the Daniel Boone Home in Defiance. Billed as "Missouri's Most Exquisite Winery," Chandler Hill also offers a refined experience in dining. From their magnificent tasting room to their gourmet menu and gorgeous outside patio, this establishment will not disappoint. Chandler Hill is perfect for a romantic outing, time with friends, private parties or corporate events.

Wine Country Gardens in Defiance is a must-visit destination for those who love gracious dining in a quiet setting. A "Better Homes and Gardens" features for its 42 acre farm and nursery, the Gardens offer over 80,000 perennials and garden shrubs during growing seasons. Their patio and wine garden are open daily and their huge front porch overlooks the beautiful Missouri River valley.

Other first-rate wineries to visit in Augusta and Defiance include Augusta Winery, Balducci, Bethlehem Valley, Blumenhof, Montelle, Sugar Creek and Yellow Farmhouse. For local beer, try the selection at the Augusta Brewing Company, and a popular spot for cyclists and bikers in Defiance is Terry & Kathy's Inn.

Many of these award-winning establishments also offer delicious menus, delightful gift shops and host a variety of live entertainment.

Visit missouriwinecountry.com

Daniel Boone Home and Boonesfield Village

The Daniel Boone Home and Boonesfield Village, owned and operated by Lindenwood University, is just south

of Defiance and takes visitors back to the time of this American legend and life on the Missouri frontier. The four-story limestone Boone home and adjoining collection of historic buildings in Boonesfield Village recreate a glimpse of life in the early 19th century. Period dress and craft demonstrations enhance this experience during special events. Visit VisitLindenwood.edu/boone for more information.

Foundry Art Centre

This 36,000-square-foot modern and contemporary art center is a renovated 1940s train car factory that has become the area's flagship for modern and contemporary art. The center hosts national exhibitions, special touring exhibitions, and juried competitions in its Smithsonian-caliber galleries. Studio space on the second floor houses local artists and allows visitors to observe art in the making. Pottery, painting, glass bead making, and sculpture are all created while you watch and are available to purchase. The Grand Hall offers space for performances, concerts and private banquets. For more information, visit foundryartcentre.com.

Lewis & Clark Boat House and Nature Center

The Lewis & Clark Boat House and Nature Center is the Discovery Expedition's permanent home. Situated beside the Missouri River at Bishop's Landing in historic St. Charles, the educational facility features exhibits relating to the famous expedition as well as the Missouri River ecosystem. The display features a full-sized 55-foot-long reproduction of the explorer's keel boat, dioramas highlighting stages of the trip and a National Geographic film on the expedition. The center is located in Frontier Park which hosts special events year-round such as Riverfest and Festival of the Little Hills. Visit lewisandclarkcenter.org



Foundry Art Centre



Girls having fun at an area winery



Ameristar Casino

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Historic Main Street & Frenchtown

Cobblestone streets, horse drawn carriages, and refurbished brick row houses are all part of the charm of historic Main Street in St. Charles, the oldest city on the Missouri River. Today visitors can explore the rich history as well as enjoy shopping, restaurants and entertainment in Missouri's first and largest historic district. Just north of Main Street is Frenchtown, a National Trust Historic District. Photos and memorabilia of this historic neighborhood, including a model railroad and original 1850 hand-drawn hook and ladder wagon, are displayed at the Frenchtown Heritage Museum. For more details, visit historicstcharles.com and historicfrenchtown.com

Show Me the Mississippi

With the confluence of the renowned Mississippi and Missouri Rivers on St. Charles County's borders, it's not sur-

prising that water recreation is a popular local pastime. Boaters, campers, fishermen, hikers, and eagle watchers frequent Pool No 26, or the Alton Pool, a 40-mile stretch of the Mississippi. Come explore a cottage industry of marinas and harbors, riverside restaurants, and water sport businesses. Or take a scenic ride across the river in your vehicle, courtesy of the Golden Eagle Ferry which connects St. Charles County with Calhoun County in Illinois. To discover more, visit showmethemississippi.org

The Family Arena

A favorite destination for visitors from all over the metro area, The St. Charles County Family Arena is in its 10th year of operation. The Arena features minor league indoor sports, national concert tours, and lots of family-oriented events throughout the year. A wide variety of shows - including nationally televised sport and music events - have been hosted here.

Every seat in the house gives of great view of the action in this 10,000-seat venue. This impressive facility also hosts

business conventions, seminars and private events. For more information, visit familyarena.com.

Saint Charles Convention Center

Near the Missouri River and decorated in Lewis and Clark themes, the Saint Charles Convention Center hosts numerous events including the Working Women's Survival Show, the Annual Small Business Expo, and special interest exhibitions for golfing, boating, scrap-booking, bridal to name a few. The Convention Center is also used for weddings, banquets, and private events. The adjoining 12-story Embassy Suites hotel provides a luxurious and convenient experience for out-of-town guests. Find more information at stcharlesconventioncenter.com

Ameristar Casino Resort Spa

The number one tourist attraction in metro St. Louis with more than 10 million visitors a year, the Ameristar Casino Resort Spa in St. Charles offers excitement for risk-takers and those who enjoy a thrilling atmosphere. With 3,300 slot machines, 100 gaming tables, seven themed restaurants, and top-notch live entertainment at the Bottleneck Blues Bar and HOME nightclub, the Ameristar offers action around the clock.

A 22,000-square-foot conference and meeting area and an attached 400-room, all-suite luxury hotel and spa are impressive draws to the area. The hotel complex boasts a 7000 square-foot full-service spa, an indoor/outdoor pool with cabanas and firepits- all available via the Casino's 2300 space parking garage.

With seven restaurant/food venues, four clubs, a family video arcade area and an upscale gift shop, the Ameristar Casino Resort Spa is a choice destination for St. Charles County residents and visitors. Learn more at ameristar.com

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J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts

The J. The Scheidegger Center for the Arts at Lindenwood University opened in August 2008. Located off West Clay Street and First Capitol Drive in St. Charles, this \$32 million dollar, 138,000 square-foot arts facility is home for Lindenwood theatre, music and dance events and art exhibits.

The Bezemes Family Theater's main stage, within the Center, is among the largest theater stages in the United States. The Centre's theater schedule regularly has big-name entertainment, national and Broadway tours, concerts, world renowned dance, celebrity appearances, and Lindenwood University productions.

The Boyle Gallery is a beautiful, spacious art gallery located off the main lobby of The J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts. Designed to display a variety of artistic works ranging from fine paintings, to sculpture, this state of the art gallery

delights all who visit with works of art from local, national and international artists.

Seating between 150 and 250 audience members, The Emerson Black Box Theater, also within the Center, provides for more intimate gatherings in music, dance, drama and experimental theater.

The Lindenwood Center for Fine and Performing Arts was specially engineered for superb and dynamic acoustics. Visit their site for news of upcoming activities: lindenwood.edu/center

Alton Pool and Marinas

Running along the northern boundary of St. Charles County, the Alton Pool is a 40-mile stretch of the Mississippi River bordered by both Missouri and Illinois. More than 2,500 watercraft are kept at St. Charles County slips at the Pool every year.

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St Charles County is home to a thriving boating community, and with dozens of marinas, restaurants, and sand bars to utilize at Alton Pool, it may be one of the most popular water recreational destinations in the area.

"The growing success of the Alton Pool is beginning to draw comparisons to the popularity and impact of Missouri Wine Country in the southern portion of St. Charles County," states EDC President and CEO Greg Prestemon. For more information on the Alton Pool, visit www.showmethemississippi.org

Find out more about local attractions by calling the Greater Saint Charles Convention and Visitors Bureau at 800-366-2427 or visit historicstcharles.com



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