

Gravois Trail's "Places to Go" Activities Resource

Leaders,

This resource was designed with you and your Scouts in mind. The purpose is to provide a single place to look for activities all around the metro St. Louis area, and beyond, that your Den, Pack, Troop or Crew may want to take advantage of. There are many sources with similar information. The goal of this document is not to replace these resources. Rather, the intention is to put basic information in a single, comprehensive location to have a single source for activity ideas for your unit.

The resource is split into two parts: a spreadsheet with filters to help you easily find activities by category and this detailed PDF document with explanations of the place/activity, costs of admission and links to additional resources. To best use these two documents, it is suggested to use the spreadsheet to filter out activities based on various criteria, and then find the items in this PDF document for more details.

The hope is to continuously expand this resource to better suit your needs. To that end, if you have suggestions, please provide them to the contact listed below.

Happy Scouting!

Suggestions and Corrections:

Would you like for this resource to better suit your needs? Do you think another filterable category would be beneficial or do you see one of your favorite places/activities missing from the list? Please let us know!

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Tips for Using this Document:

- Please be aware, *the information provided is subject to change*. It was **last updated on 2/23/2014**.
- The key benefit of this information is the associated spreadsheet (in Microsoft Excel format) that can be used to filter on a variety of criteria. Details on how to use filters are in the spreadsheet.
- Places/activities are listed in alphabetical order in this document.
- Click on the place/activity in the Table of Contents to be taken directly to the details.

- The places listed are primarily in-council activities. Remember, out of council activities require a tour permit to be completed, submitted to Council and approved.
- For more information on conducting safe events, refer to the Guide to Safe Scouting:
<http://www.scouting.org/Home/HealthandSafety/GSS.aspx>
- Special rules apply to for shooting sports at each program level (Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturing). See the shooting sports site for more details:
<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/outdoorprogram/shootingsports.aspx>

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1904 World's Fair Trail

5700 Grand Dr., St. Louis, MO 63112

Trailhead begins near the Missouri History Museum (directions on hike map/materials)

Greater St. Louis Area Council Camping Department – 314.361.0600 or 800.392.0895

<http://www.stlbsa.org/>

“This 10-mile trail goes all around [Forest Park](#) and part of the Washington University campus. This trail helps tell the story of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition held in St. Louis in 1904. There are many places to visit in addition to hiking the trail, such as the [St. Louis Zoo](#), [Missouri History Museum](#), [St. Louis Art Museum](#) and the World's Fair Pavilion.” ~ GSLAC Hiking Trail Webpage

Reservations should be made to hike the trail with the Greater St. Louis Area Council Camping Department.

Cost: The trail can be hiked at no cost, though a reservation must be made. An emblem/patch is available through the Greater St. Louis Area Council for a fee.

Resources:

GSLAC Hiking Webpage - <http://www.stlbsa.org/camping/outdoor-programs/Pages/Hiking-Trails.aspx>

Hike Details - <http://www.stlbsa.org/camping/outdoor-programs/Documents/1904%20Worlds%20Fair%20Historical%20Trail.pdf>

Anpetu-We Trail

HC1 Box 1955, Silva, MO 63964

On Highway K, 2 miles west of Highway 67

Greater St. Louis Area Council Camping Department – 314.361.0600 or 800.392.0895

<http://www.stlbsa.org/>

“This is a 10-mile trail (5 miles up and 5 miles back) that winds up Mount Logan at [Camp Lewallen](#). Anpetu-We Trail is a perfect backpack trail to get ready for Philmont because it offers a chance to do a hike with a dry campsite -- meaning you have to carry your own water in. The one and only campsite is located near the top of Mount Logan. It is also possible to do this hike in one day.” ~ GSLAC Hiking Trail Webpage

Reservations should be made to hike the trail with the Greater St. Louis Area Council Camping Department.

Cost: The trail can be hiked at no cost, though a reservation must be made. An emblem/patch is available through the Greater St. Louis Area Council for a fee.

Resources:

GSLAC Hiking Webpage - <http://www.stlbsa.org/camping/outdoor-programs/Pages/Hiking-Trails.aspx>

Babler Memorial State Park

800 Guy Park Drive, Wildwood, MO 63005
636.458.3813

<http://mostateparks.com/park/dr-edmund-babler-memorial-state-park>

This 88-acre park, named in memory of Dr. Edmund A. Babler, features camping, hiking and cycling opportunities. The park is also home to the [Jacob L. Babler Outdoor Education Center](#), which is operated by the Rockwood School District. In addition to traditional campsites, group camping is available. The group camping facilities include cabins, a dining hall, a recreation area and meeting rooms.

Cost: Access to the park is free. Reservations of camping areas, picnic areas and shelters may have an associated cost. Contact the park for more information.

Resources:

Park Map - <http://mostateparks.com/sites/default/files/Babler.pdf>

Beaumont Trail Rides

6480 Beaumont Reservation Dr., High Ridge, MO 63049
Greater St. Louis Area Council Camping Department – 314.361.0600 or 800.392.0895
<http://www.stlbsa.org/>

Horseback trail rides offered at [Beaumont](#) for Boy Scouts, Venturers and Explorers (3-hour and 6-hour rides). “The trail rides begin and end at NAGEL BASE located on the Beaumont Scout Reservation. There are generally 20 horses available from September through June. The horses are able to handle all levels of riding experience whether it is beginner or advanced. The trail ride program is available Saturday and/or Sunday year round weather permitting.” ~ GSLAC Horsemanship Webpage

Reservations should be made with the Greater St. Louis Area Council Camping Department. A picnic area is available at Nagle Base free of charge as a place to meet or to have a picnic with your trail ride. The Nagle Recreation Hall is also available by reservation for a fee of \$50.

Cost: Current costs are reflected on the Horsemanship webpage of the GSLAC site. As of 2014, the costs were \$25/horse for the 3-hour trail ride and \$35/horse for the 6-hour trail ride.

Resources:

GSLAC Hiking Webpage - <http://www.stlbsa.org/camping/outdoor-programs/Pages/Horsemanship.aspx>

Beaumont Haywagon Rides

6480 Beaumont Reservation Dr., High Ridge, MO 63049

Greater St. Louis Area Council Camping Department – 314.361.0600 or 800.392.0895

<http://www.stlbsa.org/>

Wagon hayrides offered at [Beaumont](#) for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers and Explorers. “Come out to Nagle Base and step back into time riding a horse-drawn hayride. This is a great outdoor activity for Tiger Cubs, Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops and Venture crews. The cost for hayrides is \$75 per wagon. The wagon with lots of hay will hold a maximum of 20 people. Hayrides are offered from March 1 through May 30 and mid-August (after the close of summer camp) through Nov. 30 on Saturdays and Sundays.” ~ GSLAC Horsemanship Webpage

Reservations should be made with the Greater St. Louis Area Council Camping Department. A picnic area is available at Nagle Base free of charge as a place to meet or to have a picnic with your trail ride. The Nagle Recreation Hall is also available by reservation for a fee of \$50.

Cost: Current costs are reflected on the Horsemanship webpage of the GSLAC site. As of 2014, the costs were \$75/wagon.

Resources:

GSLAC Hiking Webpage - <http://www.stlbsa.org/camping/outdoor-programs/Pages/Horsemanship.aspx>

Beaumont Scout Reservation

6480 Beaumont Scout Reservation Dr., High Ridge, MO 63049

Ranger Station – 636.938.5444

Greater St. Louis Area Council Camping Department – 314.361.0600 or 800.392.0895

<http://www.stlbsa.org/>

Beaumont is the Greater St. Louis Area Council’s multi-use, 2,400 acre property in the St. Louis suburbs. Within this reservation are [Camp Grizzly Cub World](#), Camp May, Nagle Explorer Base and Emerson Center. Multiple cabins, camping areas and Adirondacks are available for year-round use. Beaumont also offers a number of activities, including hiking, backpacking, a climbing and rappelling tower, a ropes/challenge course, [Haywagon Rides](#), [Horseback Trail Rides](#), the always fun Mud Cave, and much more. Some activities are seasonal.

All use of the facilities is by reservation only. Reservations should be made with the Greater St. Louis Area Council Camping Department. Some activities require an adult to be trained for the activity (such as the challenge courses and climbing/rappelling tower).

Cost: Facility use and activity costs vary by facility or activity. A current fee schedule can be found on the [Camping Department’s web page](#).

Resources:

Beaumont Details/Information - www.stlbsa.org/camping/properties/beaumont-scout-reservation/Pages/Beaumont-Scout-Reservation.aspx

Council Camping Department - <http://www.stlbsa.org/camping/Pages/Camping.aspx>

Council Online Reservation System - <https://campreservation.com/crs.php?OrgKey=BSA312>

Bee Tree Park

2701 Finestown Rd., St. Louis, MO 63129

314.615.4386 (Central Park's & Recreation Dept.)

<http://www.stlouisco.com/ParksandRecreation/ParkPages>

Bee Tree Park is located in the southern tip of St. Louis County along the Mississippi River. The 199-acre park contains the mansion built by Eugene Nims, the founder of Southwestern Bell Telephone. In addition to the mansion, the park features a Missouri River overlook, fishing lake, hiking trails, a playground and picnic shelters.

Cost: Access to the park is free and open to the public. Reservations of shelters have an associated fee.

Resources:

Direct Link to Park Information - <http://www.stlouisco.com/ParksandRecreation/ParkPages/BeeTree>
Park Map -

<http://www.stlouisco.com/Portals/8/docs/Document%20Library/parks/PDFs/fishingmaps/beetree-fishing.pdf>

Hiking Trails - <http://www.stlouisco.com/ParksandRecreation/Trails/BeeTreeTrails>

Busch Memorial Conservation Area

2360 Hwy D, St. Charles, MO 63304

636.441.4554

<http://mdc.mo.gov/>

Formally known as the August A. Busch Memorial Conservation Area, this site contains 6,987 acres of forest, lakes, prairies and wetlands. The 28 lakes in the conservation area are great for fishing. There are also hiking trails, a staffed firearms range and an archery range.

Cost: Access to the conservation area is free. A small fee required for use of the firearms range.

Resources:

Direct Link for this Conservation Area -

<http://mdc4.mdc.mo.gov/applications/moatlas/AreaSummaryPage.aspx?txtAreaID=4901&txtAreaNm=&txtCounty=&txtRegion=St. Louis&txtUserID=guest&txtDivision=>

Shooting Range Information -

<http://mdc4.mdc.mo.gov/applications/moatlas/AreaShootingRangeDetail.aspx?txtAreaID=4901&txtAreaNm=&txtCounty=&txtRegion=St. Louis&txtUserID=guest&txtDivision=&txtDoveMap=>

Area Map - http://extra.mdc.mo.gov/documents/area_brochures/4901map.pdf

Area Brochure - http://extra.mdc.mo.gov/documents/area_brochures/4901.pdf

Butterfly House

15193 Olive Blvd., Chesterfield, MO 63017 (in Faust Park)

314.338.3501

<http://www.butterflyhouse.org>

Officially named the Sophia M. Sachs Butterfly House, this St. Louis attraction was built to educate visitors on the natural habitat of butterflies. The butterflies are housed in the Faust Family greenhouse at the park. In 2001 the Butterfly House became a part of the [Missouri Botanical Gardens](#). The Tropical Conservatory is home to over 60 species of butterflies and 150 tropical plants.

The Butterfly House offers a self-guided "Patch Program" for scouts. At an added cost, the scout will receive a booklet to complete during their tour and a patch will be awarded in the end.

Cost: Admission is \$6 for general admission (ages 13 to 64), \$5 for seniors (65 and up) and \$4 for children (ages 3 to 12). Children 2 and under are free. Missouri Botanical Garden Members are also free. Group rates are available for 10 or more. A "Patch Program" is offered for an additional \$3.50 per Scout, and includes a booklet and patch.

Resources:

Scout Programs - <http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/learn-discover/youth-families/scout-programs.aspx>

Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site

30 Ramey St., Collinsville, IL 62234

618.346.5160

<http://www.cahokiamounds.org/>

Cahokia Mounds tells the story of the people who lived in this river valley from about A.D. 700 to 1400. The site includes an interpretive center with a museum and theater, where an orientation video is run every 30 minutes. After watching the video, take a guided and self-guided tour of the park, which highlights the 100 foot tall Monk's Mound and Woodhenge.

Cost: There is no admission fee; however there is a suggested donation (\$2 for children, \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors, and \$15 for families). Some events and special offerings have an associated fee. Suggested donations for groups are lower (\$2 for children, \$4 for adults, and \$10 for families).

Resources:

Tours - <http://www.cahokiamounds.org/visit/guided-tours>

Group Visits - <http://www.cahokiamounds.org/visit/scheduling-groups>

Trail Map - <http://www.cahokiamounds.org/img/Trail-Map-Master.jpg>

Camp Grizzly Cub World

6480 Beaumont Scout Reservation Dr., High Ridge, MO 63049

Ranger Station – 636.938.5444

Greater St. Louis Area Council Camping Department – 314.361.0600 or 800.392.0895

<http://www.stlbsa.org/>

A part of the [Beaumont Scout Reservation](#), Camp Grizzly Cub World (more commonly referred to as Cub World) is an oversized playground designed with Cub Scouts in mind. Young scouts will have fun playing in Sea Wolf Pirate Ship and the Lost Beaumont Mine, before climbing the hill to Castle Blackhawk and Eagle's Nest Tower. And that's just a taste of the activities available. Cub World also has an activity building, council ring and family camping area.

All use of the facilities is by reservation only. Reservations should be made with the Greater St. Louis Area Council Camping Department.

Cost: Facility use and activity costs vary by facility or activity. A current fee schedule can be found on the [Camping Department's web page](#).

Resources:

Cub World Details/Information - <http://www.stlbsa.org/camping/properties/beaumont-scout-reservation/Pages/Camp-Grizzly-Cub-World.aspx>

Cub World Map -

<http://www.stlbsa.org/SiteCollectionDocuments/BSA%20Site%20Resources/Camping/Resources/Map%20of%20Cub%20World.pdf>

Beaumont Details/Information - www.stlbsa.org/camping/properties/beaumont-scout-reservation/Pages/Beaumont-Scout-Reservation.aspx

Council Camping Department - <http://www.stlbsa.org/camping/Pages/Camping.aspx>

Council Online Reservation System - <https://campreservation.com/crs.php?OrgKey=BSA312>

Camp Lewallen

Highway K, Silva, MO 63964

Ranger – 573.224.5591

Greater St. Louis Area Council Camping Department – 314.361.0600 or 800.392.0895

<http://www.stlbsa.org/>

Camp Lewallen is one of the Greater St. Louis Area Council's properties in Southeast Missouri, near Silva. This 580 acre scouting facility offers tent and cabin camping, a climbing and rappelling tower, hiking, fishing and summer camp.

All use of the facilities is by reservation only. Reservations should be made with the Greater St. Louis Area Council Camping Department. Some activities require an adult to be trained for the activity (such as the climbing/rappelling tower).

Cost: Facility use and activity costs vary by facility or activity. A current fee schedule can be found on the [Camping Department's web page](#).

Resources:

Camp Lewallen Details/Information - www.stlbsa.org/camping/properties/camp-lewallen/Pages/Camp-Lewallen.aspx

Council Camping Department - <http://www.stlbsa.org/camping/Pages/Camping.aspx>

Council Online Reservation System - <https://campreservation.com/crs.php?OrgKey=BSA312>

Carondelet-Jefferson Barracks Trail

Defiance Rd., Defiance, MO

Trailhead begins at the intersection of Defiance Rd. and Highway 94 (directions on hike map/materials)

Greater St. Louis Area Council Camping Department – 314.361.0600 or 800.392.0895

<http://www.stlbsa.org/>

“This 12-mile closed-loop city hike is located in the Carondelet-Jefferson Barracks area of south St. Louis and south St. Louis County. This trail covers many historic buildings and sites, along with two scenic overlooks of the Mississippi River. Bring a camera, as this trail can offer the Scout a chance to work on the Photography merit badge.” ~ GSLAC Hiking Trail Webpage

Reservations should be made to hike the trail with the Greater St. Louis Area Council Camping Department.

Cost: The trail can be hiked at no cost, though a reservation must be made. An emblem/patch is available through the Greater St. Louis Area Council for a fee.

Resources:

GSLAC Hiking Webpage - <http://www.stlbsa.org/camping/outdoor-programs/Pages/Hiking-Trails.aspx>

Hike Details -

<http://www.stlbsa.org/SiteCollectionDocuments/BSA%20Site%20Resources/Camping/Resources/Jefferson%20Barracks-Carondelet.pdf>

Chocolate Chocolate Chocolate Company

5025 Pattison Ave., St. Louis, MO 63129

314.338.3501

<http://www.chocolatechocolate.com/>

Chocolate Chocolate Chocolate Company has multiple locations around the St. Louis area, but the factory outlet near Hampton Ave. and I-44 offers factory tours to individuals or groups. They have a regular schedule of tours listed on their site. Saturdays are by reservation only and groups of 6 or more are also asked to make reservations.

Cost: Factory tours are offered for free.

Resources:

Tour Details - <http://www.chocolatechocolate.com/product/were-expanding/latest-news>

City Museum

750 North 16th St., St. Louis, MO 63103

314.231.2489

<http://www.citymuseum.org/>

In a word, this is a playground. A large, indoor playground for kids filled with fun and discovery. And the fun doesn't end indoors. The fun continues onto the roof of the building, which is the former home of the International Shoe Company. The museum's "Badge City" offers opportunities for all levels of Cub Scouts. Scouts of any age – including Boy Scouts – will enjoy the museum's "SLUMBERCITY" overnights.

Cost: General admission is \$12 per person (ages 3 and up; under age 3 are free). Tax-exempt groups of 15 or more can receive reduced admission of \$8 per person (by reservation only). The Roof and the World Aquarium are each offered at an additional cost.

Resources:

Scouting at City Museum - <http://citymuseum.org/site/?p=244>

Badge City Details - <http://citymuseum.org/pdfs/groupspdfs/6-BadgeCityBSLeaders.pdf>

Overnights - <http://citymuseum.org/site/?p=242>

Cliff Cave Park

806 Cliff Cave Rd., St. Louis, MO 63129

314.615.4386 (Central Park's & Recreation Dept.)

<http://www.stlouisco.com/ParksandRecreation/ParkPages>

The primary feature of Cliff Cave Park is the 4,723 foot cave, which was gated in 2009 to protect the endangered Indiana Bats that live within. The park also offers several miles of hiking trail and Mississippi River fishing.

Cost: Access to the park is free and open to the public. Reservations of shelters have an associated fee.

Resources:

Direct Link to Park Information - <http://www.stlouisco.com/ParksandRecreation/ParkPages/CliffCave>
Park Map -

<http://www.stlouisco.com/Portals/8/docs/Document%20Library/parks/PDFs/fishingmaps/cliffcave-fishing.pdf>

Hiking Trails - <http://www.stlouisco.com/ParksandRecreation/Trails/CliffCaveTrails>

Daniel Boone Trail

Defiance Rd., Defiance, MO 63341

Trailhead begins at the intersection of Defiance Rd. and Highway 94 (directions on hike map/materials)

Greater St. Louis Area Council Camping Department – 314.361.0600 or 800.392.0895

<http://www.stlbsa.org/>

“This one-way 20-mile trail in St. Charles and Warren Counties follows the Katy Trail for 15 miles of its length. It starts in Defiance and takes scenic back roads to Matson, where it joins the Katy Trail. Augusta is a good halfway point. The Boone Trail leaves the Katy Trail a little past Dutzow to end at the Daniel Boone Monument. Troops can use the trail for the one-day, 20-mile requirement of Hiking Merit Badge, or they can bike the Katy Trail straight from Defiance to Dutzow and then the Boone Monument for the 15-mile requirement of Cycling Merit Badge.” ~ GSLAC Hiking Trail Webpage

Reservations should be made to hike the trail with the Greater St. Louis Area Council Camping Department.

Cost: The trail can be hiked at no cost, though a reservation must be made. An emblem/patch is available through the Greater St. Louis Area Council for a fee.

Resources:

GSLAC Hiking Webpage - <http://www.stlbsa.org/camping/outdoor-programs/Pages/Hiking-Trails.aspx>

Hike Details -

<http://www.stlbsa.org/SiteCollectionDocuments/BSA%20Site%20Resources/Camping/Resources/Daniel%20Boone%20Trail%20Map.pdf>

Eckert's

Belleville Farm
951 S. Green Mount Rd.
Belleville, IL 62220
618.233.0513

Grafton Farm
2719 Eckert Orchard Ln.
Millstadt, IL 62260

Millstadt Farm
20995 Eckert Orchard Rd.
Grafton, IL 62037

<http://www.eckerts.com/>

Eckert's farms embody family fun. With three farms (not all open year round), there are plenty of opportunities for fun. All farms offer fruit picking at all locations (available fruits vary by location and time of year – apples, pumpkins, peaches, strawberries, blueberries and blackberries). The Belleville Farm is open year-round and is home to the Eckert's Country Store and Restaurant. Both the Belleville and Millstadt locations each offer a variety of fun for children during weekend in the fall.

Cost: Prices vary by activity. Fruit picking costs by the pound. Admission to the Fun Farm is \$10 per person. Some activities, such as camel and horse rides, cost extra (\$6 each).

Resources:

Ripening Schedule - <http://www.eckerts.com/pyo.htm>

Millstadt Fun Farm Details - <http://www.eckerts.com/millstadt.htm>

Elephant Rocks State Park

7406 Hwy. 21, Belleview, MO 63623
573.546.3454

<http://mostateparks.com/park/elephant-rocks-state-park>

The key features of this park are the giant granite boulders whose elephant-like shape are the namesake of the park. Activities available include hiking and rock climbing. The park is a great geological education opportunity.

Cost: Access to the park is free. Reservations of picnic areas and shelters may have an associated cost. Contact the park for more information.

Resources:

Park Map - http://mostateparks.com/sites/default/files/Elephant%20Rocks_0.pdf

Teacher's Guide - http://mostateparks.com/sites/default/files/ERock_TeacherGuide_03132012.pdf

The Endangered Wolf Center

6750 Tyson Valley Rd., Eureka, MO 63025
636.938.6490

<http://www.endangeredwolfcenter.org/>

More commonly known around St. Louis as the Wolf Sanctuary, this center is dedicated to the recovery of endangered wolf species. It is also a great facility on the education of wolves, offering multiple tours, day camps and Scout programs. One of the more popular events for groups is the evening Campfire Wolf Howl.

Cost: Tour and program prices begin at \$10 (members) and \$12 (non-members) per person. Scout programs are \$8 to \$12 per Scout.

Resources:

Cub Scout Programs - <http://www.endangeredwolfcenter.org/take-a-tour/scout-programs/cub-scout/>
Boy Scout Programs - <http://www.endangeredwolfcenter.org/take-a-tour/scout-programs/boy-scouts/>
Campfire Wolf Howl - <http://www.endangeredwolfcenter.org/take-a-tour/evening-programs/campfire-wolf-howl/>

Forest 44 Conservation Area

699 Hillsboro Rd., High Ridge, MO 63049 (Approximate address; area not staffed.)
636.458.2236

Shooting Range: Antire Rd. (on South side of I-44 at Antire Rd., Exit 269); 636.938.9548
<http://mdc.mo.gov/>

This Conservation Area is a neighbor to Beaumont Scout Ranch and its 998 acres are split into two portions: the Jay Henges Shooting Range and Outdoor Education Center, and hiking and horseback riding area. Several miles of intertwining hiking trails available and are shared with horses. The firearms and archery ranges are staffed. It should be noted the separate portions of this property are accessed from different entrances.

Cost: Access to the conservation area is free. A small fee required for use of the firearms range.

Resources:

Direct Link for this Conservation Area -

<http://mdc4.mdc.mo.gov/applications/moatlas/AreaSummaryPage.aspx?txtAreaID=9023&txtAreaNm=&txtCounty=&txtRegion=St. Louis&txtUserID=guest&txtDivision=>

Jay Henges Shooting Range and Outdoor Education Center -

<http://mdc4.mdc.mo.gov/applications/moatlas/AreaSummaryPage.aspx?txtAreaID=3605&txtAreaNm=&txtCounty=&txtRegion=St. Louis&txtUserID=guest&txtDivision=>

Shooting Range Information -

<http://mdc4.mdc.mo.gov/applications/moatlas/AreaShootingRangeDetail.aspx?txtAreaID=3605&txtAreaNm=&txtCounty=&txtRegion=St. Louis&txtUserID=guest&txtDivision=&txtDoveMap=>

Area Map - http://extra.mdc.mo.gov/documents/area_brochures/9023map.pdf

Area Brochure - http://extra.mdc.mo.gov/documents/area_brochures/4901.pdf

Forest Park

5600 Clayton Ave., St. Louis, MO 63110 (Parks Department address, located in Forest Park.)
314.535.3901

<https://stlouis-mo.gov/government/departments/parks/parks/Forest-Park.cfm>

Forest Park is a historic St. Louis gem. The 1,293 acre city park is 500 acres larger than New York City's Central Park. It was home to the 1904 World's Fair, and as a result has many historic structures. The park is home to some of St. Louis's biggest attractions, including the [St. Louis Zoo](#), [Art Museum](#), [Science Center](#) and [The Muny](#). The Greater St. Louis Area Council offers the [1904 World's Fair Trail](#) as a way to teach scouts the history of this park.

Cost: Access to the park is free and open to the public. Many attractions within the park are also free, but some have fees.

Resources:

Park Map - <https://www.stlouis-mo.gov/government/departments/parks/documents/upload/Forest-Park-Map-01.pdf>

Fort Davidson State Historic Site

118 East Maple, Pilot Knob, MO 63663
573.546.3454

<http://mostateparks.com/park/fort-davidson-state-historic-site>

This historic Civil War site has an interesting story to share. The site still holds the remains of the original fort's earth walls and the pit that remains as a result of the North's escape from the fort. Plan a visit on the weekend of a reenactment to see Civil War history recreated live.

Cost: Access to the park is free. Reservations of picnic areas and shelters may have an associated cost. Contact the park for more information.

Resources:

Historic Site Video - http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=9jp6mMsmDJU

Gateway Arch (Jefferson National Expansion Memorial)

707 North 1st Street, St. Louis, MO 63102
314.655.1600 or 877.982.1410

<http://www.gatewayarch.com/>

The infamous St. Louis Gateway Arch, part of the National Parks Service's Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, is a 630ft. monument that Thomas Jefferson who made Westward expansion a reality by completing the Louisiana Purchase. The monument offers the Museum of Westward Expansion, two theaters featuring documentary films on the building of the Arch and Lewis and Clark, and rides to the top of the Arch. Also nearby (and part of the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial) are the Gateway Arch Riverboats and the Old Courthouse (see [below](#)).

The Arch also offers year-round Tiger and Cub Scout programs in history and Native American lore. There are also Boy Scout merit badge programs available on specific dates (some offerings are Law, Railroading, American Heritage and Indian Lore).

Cost: Museum entrance is free. The "Journey to the Top" is \$10 for adults (ages 16 and up) and \$5 for youth (ages 3 to 15). Movies are \$7 for adults (ages 16 and up) and \$2.50 for youth (ages 3 to 15). Most Scout workshops are free.

Resources:

<http://www.nps.gov/jeff/index.htm>

Gateway Grizzlies

2301 Grizzlie Bear Blvd., Sauget, IL 62206

618.337.3000

<http://www.gatewaygrizzlies.com>

Minor league baseball at its best. Want to see baseball played up close and personal? Visit a minor league ballpark. The Grizzlies' GCS Ballpark in Sauget, Illinois, is the home of this Frontier League team. Special ticket prices available on designated Scout nights.

Cost: Single game tickets are available from \$5 to \$11. Group rates are also available, as are special rates for Scouts on designated nights.

Resources:

Scout Nights - http://www.gatewaygrizzlies.com/grizzlies/Scout_Nights

Group Tickets - <http://www.gatewaygrizzlies.com/ticket/group/index>

Gateway West Historical Trail

Leonor K. Sullivan Blvd. at Eads Bridge, St. Louis, MO 63102

Trailhead begins on Leonor K. Sullivan Blvd. at Eads Bridge (directions on hike map/materials)

Greater St. Louis Area Council Camping Department – 314.361.0600 or 800.392.0895

<http://www.stlbsa.org/>

"This is a circular 10-mile city hike that begins and ends at Eads Bridge in downtown St. Louis. It is a question-and-answer trail over many of the historical sites in downtown and south St. Louis. Many of

the historical sites also offer tours of their facilities, so plan ahead and visit some of these sites while you hike and learn about the city of St. Louis.” ~ GSLAC Hiking Trail Webpage

Reservations should be made to hike the trail with the Greater St. Louis Area Council Camping Department.

Cost: The trail can be hiked at no cost, though a reservation must be made. An emblem/patch is available through the Greater St. Louis Area Council for a fee.

Resources:

GSLAC Hiking Webpage - <http://www.stlbsa.org/camping/outdoor-programs/Pages/Hiking-Trails.aspx>
Hike Details -

<http://www.stlbsa.org/SiteCollectionDocuments/BSA%20Site%20Resources/Camping/Resources/GatewayWestHistoricalMap.pdf>

Grant's Farm

10501 Gravois Rd., St. Louis, MO 63123 (Entrance on Grant Rd.)

314.843.1700

<http://anheuser-busch.com/index.php/our-heritage/grants-farm/>

The farm is part of the property owned by the Busch Family, of Anheuser-Busch fame. A trip to this popular St. Louis destination starts out with a tram ride past the historic Grant's cabin and through the Deer Park. The tram brings you to the Tier Garden where you will find educational and entertaining animal shows, animal encounters, an elephant education show and an opportunity to feed goats. Visit the stables of the Bauernhof to meet horses and eat lunch. After another short tram ride back to the parking lot, visits the Clydesdale stables on the far end of the lot.

If the aforementioned activities haven't worn you out, consider visiting the nearby [Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site](#) and [Grant's Trail](#).

Cost: Grant's Farm is free to enter, but costs for parking – \$12 per car and \$30 per bus. Activities such as feeding the goats and riding the carousel are available for an additional cost.

Resources:

Attractions - <http://anheuser-busch.com/index.php/our-heritage/grants-farm/attractions/>

Grant's Trail

Trail runs from Orlando Gardens (4300 Hoffmeister Ave, Saint Louis, MO 63125) to the intersection of S. Holmes Ave. and Leffingwell Ave. (Kirkwood, MO 63122).

314.615.4386 (Central Park's & Recreation Dept.)

<http://www.stlouisco.com/ParksandRecreation/ParkPages>

Grant's Trail is an 8 mile paved trail following path of the former Missouri Pacific Railroad spur through South St. Louis County. The trail is relatively flat, making it an attraction for walkers, hikers, joggers, cyclists and roller bladers.

Cost: Access to the park is free and open to the public.

Resources:

Direct Link to Trail Information - <http://www.stlouisco.com/ParksandRecreation/Trails/GrantsTrail>
Map - <http://www.stlouisco.com/Portals/8/docs/Document%20Library/parks/PDFs/trailmaps/trail-Grants.pdf>

Trail Guide -

<http://www.stlouisco.com/Portals/8/docs/Document%20Library/parks/PDFs/Trail%20Guides/Grants%20Trail%20Guide.pdf>

Green-Rock Trail

Fox Creek Rd., Eureka, MO 63025

Trailhead begins on Fox Creek Rd., 1.3mi west of the Allenton, I-44 Exit (directions on hike map/materials)

Greater St. Louis Area Council Camping Department – 314.361.0600 or 800.392.0895

<http://www.stlbsa.org/>

“The hike starts at the Rockwood Range Tract, travels through the Greensfelder County Park, and finishes its one way 14-mile hike at [Rockwoods Reservation](#) where the museum and wildlife displays are available for nature and wildlife education. This trail can also be hiked backwards to complete the trail as a 20-mile hike and fulfill one of the requirements for the Hiking merit badge. This trail is 99 percent in the woods, and it is also a perfect opportunity to work on individual advancement with the use of map and compass.” ~ GSLAC Hiking Trail Webpage

Reservations should be made to hike the trail with the Greater St. Louis Area Council Camping Department.

Cost: The trail can be hiked at no cost, though a reservation must be made. An emblem/patch is available through the Greater St. Louis Area Council for a fee.

Resources:

GSLAC Hiking Webpage - <http://www.stlbsa.org/camping/outdoor-programs/Pages/Hiking-Trails.aspx>
Hike Details -

<http://www.stlbsa.org/SiteCollectionDocuments/BSA%20Site%20Resources/Camping/Resources/Green-Rock%20Trail.pdf>

Henry Schoolcraft Trail

FS 2397, Potosi, MO 63664

Trailhead begins on FS 2397, 0.2mi from Route P (directions on hike map/materials)

Greater St. Louis Area Council Camping Department – 314.361.0600 or 800.392.0895

<http://www.stlbsa.org/>

“This map and compass trail can be divided into north and south loops located in the Mark Twain National Forest southwest of Potosi, Mo. The south loop is approximately 9 miles long, while the north loop is approximately 5 miles. Many hiking options are available, such as individual day hikes of the two loops, combinations of the two loops and backpacking. This trail also can be used with GPS navigation equipment.” ~ GSLAC Hiking Trail Webpage

Reservations should be made to hike the trail with the Greater St. Louis Area Council Camping Department.

Cost: The trail can be hiked at no cost, though a reservation must be made. An emblem/patch is available through the Greater St. Louis Area Council for a fee.

Resources:

GSLAC Hiking Webpage - <http://www.stlbsa.org/camping/outdoor-programs/Pages/Hiking-Trails.aspx>

Hike Details -

<http://www.stlbsa.org/SiteCollectionDocuments/BSA%20Site%20Resources/Camping/Resources/Schoolcraft.pdf>

Hidden Valley

17409 Hidden Valley Dr., Wildwood, MO 63025

636.938.5373; Snow Report Hotline: 636.938.6999

<http://www.hiddenvalleyski.com/>

Looking for some outdoor winter fun in the St. Louis area? Hidden Valley has it. Head out to ski or tube on these Wildwood slopes. No experience needed as slopes catering to first timers are available. Larger slopes are available for more experienced skiers. A great adventure for Venture Crews!

Cost: Skiing prices vary widely based on age, and ski or snowboard rental. Polar Plunge tubing is \$26 per person for 3 hour session. Group rates available for all activities with groups of 15 or more.

Resources:

Ski and Snowboard Rates - http://www.hiddenvalleyski.com/lift_ticket.html

Group Rates - http://www.hiddenvalleyski.com/group_rates.html

What to Expect - <http://www.hiddenvalleyski.com/expect.html>

Trail Map - http://www.hiddenvalleyski.com/UserFiles/File/HV_trailmap_NEW_Final.pdf

Jay Henges Shooting Range and Outdoor Education Center

Antire Rd. (on South side of I-44 at Antire Rd., Exit 269), High Ridge, MO 63049
636.938.9548

<http://mdc.mo.gov/>

For more details and resources, see [Forest 44 Conservation Area](#).

Jefferson Barracks Park and Historic Site

345 North Rd., St. Louis, MO 63125

314.544.5714

<http://www.stlouisco.com/ParksandRecreation/ParkPages>

Jefferson Barracks served as a U.S. Army post for over a century. Now a portion of that post is a county park and historic site. The park contains museums, an amphitheater, hiking/cycling trails, a cross country course, disc golf course and multiple picnic shelters.

Cost: Access to the park is free and open to the public. Reservations of shelters have an associated fee. The Visitor's Center and Old Ordnance Room are free admission, though donations are accepted. There may be admission fees for special events.

Resources:

Direct Link to Park Information -

<http://www.stlouisco.com/ParksandRecreation/ParkPages/JeffersonBarracks>

Park Map - <http://www.stlouisco.com/Portals/8/docs/Document%20Library/parks/PDFs/trailmaps/trail-jb.pdf>

Hiking Trails - <http://www.stlouisco.com/ParksandRecreation/Trails/JeffersonBarracksTrails>

Museums -

<http://www.stlouisco.com/ParksandRecreation/ParkPages/JeffersonBarracks/JeffersonBarracksMuseums>

John J. Audubon Trail

Bidwell Creek Rd., Womack, MO 63645

Trailhead along Bidwell Creek Rd. (directions on hike map/materials)

Greater St. Louis Area Council Camping Department – 314.361.0600 or 800.392.0895

<http://www.stlbsa.org/>

“Located in the Mark Twain National Forest just west of Ste. Genevieve, this 12-mile trail is a wonderful trail hike to do as a one- or two-day trek. This trail is currently the only council-sponsored trail that has a GPS geo-cache located on a section of the trail (this would be a good trail to teach with GPS). Hikers will encounter approximately 3,000 vertical feet of ups and downs, so consider this terrain as rugged.” ~

GSLAC Hiking Trail Webpage

Reservations should be made to hike the trail with the Greater St. Louis Area Council Camping Department.

Cost: The trail can be hiked at no cost, though a reservation must be made. An emblem/patch is available through the Greater St. Louis Area Council for a fee.

Resources:

GSLAC Hiking Webpage - <http://www.stlbsa.org/camping/outdoor-programs/Pages/Hiking-Trails.aspx>
Hike Details -

<http://www.stlbsa.org/SiteCollectionDocuments/BSA%20Site%20Resources/Camping/Resources/Audubon%20Trail.pdf>

Johnson's Shut-Ins State Park

148 Taum Sauk Trail, Middlebrook, MO 63656

573.546.2450

<http://mostateparks.com/park/johnsons-shut-ins-state-park>

Johnson's Shut-Ins is an 8,550 acre park along the East Fork of the Black River that adjoins Taum Sauk Mountain State Park. The park is best known for its waterways filled with rocks that make for a fun place to swim and play. Take your pick of activities at this park from fishing, cycling, camping, hiking, backpacking and rock climbing (permit required).

Cost: Access to the park is free. Reservations of picnic areas, shelters and campsites may have an associated cost. Contact the park for more information.

Katy Trail State Park

Park office located in Rock Bridge Memorial State Park (5901 South Highway 163, Columbia, MO 65203)

573.449.7402

<http://mostateparks.com/park/katy-trail-state-park>

Named for the railroad that used to run on what is now the trail (the Missouri-Kansas-Texas, or MKT; dubbed the "Katy"), the Katy Trail provides 237.7 miles of hiking and cycling path. The trail runs from Machens, MO, (east of St. Charles) to Clinton, MO (west of Sedalia). Choose from among multiple trailheads to begin a trip along the trail. Sections of the trail are both in and out of council. Be aware that travel to an out of council section requires a Tour Permit to be submitted and approved by the council office.

Cost: Access to the park is free.

Resources:

Park Map - <http://mostateparks.com/page/57750/entire-trail>

Mileage Chart - <http://mostateparks.com/page/57946/mileage-chart>

Lake Wappapello – Baker Lodge

Lake Wappapello, Wayne County, MO (contact council for address)

Camp Lewallen Ranger – 573.224.5591

Greater St. Louis Area Council Camping Department – 314.361.0600 or 800.392.0895

<http://www.stlbsa.org/>

“Our Council is blessed to have Baker Lodge on Lake Wappapello in southeast Missouri. It's available to Scout troops, Venture crews, and Explorer posts. Webelos dens may rent this cabin from April through September. This is a beautiful lodge that houses 30 Scouts. It has a furnace, a beautiful fireplace, refrigerator, stove, and sink. Bathrooms and showers are inside. You provide your own cooking gear and firewood.” ~ GSLAC Camping Webpage

All use of the facilities is by reservation only. Reservations should be made with the Greater St. Louis Area Council Camping Department.

Cost: Facility use is \$155 for a weekend, plus \$25 refundable deposit. A current fee schedule can be found on the [Camping Department's web page](#).

Resources:

Lake Wappapello – Baker Lodge Details/Information - www.stlbsa.org/camping/properties/wappapello-lake/Pages/Wappapello-Lake.aspx

Council Camping Department - <http://www.stlbsa.org/camping/Pages/Camping.aspx>

Council Online Reservation System - <https://campreservation.com/crs.php?OrgKey=BSA312>

Laumeier Sculpture Park

12580 Rott Rd., St. Louis, MO 63127

314.615.5278

<http://www.laumeiersculpturepark.org/>

Laumeier Park is a 105-acre outdoor museum filled with large sculptures. There is also an indoor gallery on the property. The park is operated as an accredited, non-profit museum, with the support of the St. Louis County Parks Department.

Cost: Access to the park and museum are free and open to the public, with the exception of special events.

Resources:

Park Map -

http://www.laumeiersculpturepark.org/sites/default/files/ckfinder/files/LSP_Final_SiteMap_web.pdf

Les Petites Cotes Trail

Boonslick Dr. and S. Riverside Dr., St. Charles, MO 63301

Trailhead begins at north end of the Katy Trail Parking Lot (directions on hike map/materials)

Greater St. Louis Area Council Camping Department – 314.361.0600 or 800.392.0895

<http://www.stlbsa.org/>

“A circular 10-mile urban hike located in historic St. Charles, the first capitol of Missouri. This is a question-and-answer trail over many of the historical sites in downtown St. Charles. Many of the historical sites offer tours of their facilities, so plan ahead and visit some of these sites while you hike and learn about the city of St. Charles.” ~ GSLAC Hiking Trail Webpage

Reservations should be made to hike the trail with the Greater St. Louis Area Council Camping Department.

Cost: The trail can be hiked at no cost, though a reservation must be made. An emblem/patch is available through the Greater St. Louis Area Council for a fee.

Resources:

GSLAC Hiking Webpage - <http://www.stlbsa.org/camping/outdoor-programs/Pages/Hiking-Trails.aspx>

Hike Details -

<http://www.stlbsa.org/SiteCollectionDocuments/BSA%20Site%20Resources/Camping/Resources/LesPetitesCotesTrail.pdf>

Lone Elk Park

1 Lone Elk Park Rd., St. Louis, MO 63088

314.615.4386 (Central Park's & Recreation Dept.)

<http://www.stlouisco.com/ParksandRecreation/ParkPages>

Located across the street from the [World Bird Sanctuary](#), this 546-acre park serves as home to bison, elk and deer. The park is an enclosed wildlife management area. Fishing and hiking are available. Motorcycles and domestic animals (even those confined to a vehicle) are prohibited.

Cost: Access to the park is free and open to the public. Reservations of shelters have an associated fee. Donations accepted at the entrance to support feeding the animals.

Resources:

Direct Link to Park Information - <http://www.stlouisco.com/ParksandRecreation/ParkPages/LoneElk>

Map - <http://www.stlouisco.com/Portals/8/docs/Document%20Library/parks/PDFs/trailmaps/trail-LoneElk.pdf>

Hiking Trails - <http://www.stlouisco.com/ParksandRecreation/Trails/LoneElkTrails>

Lost Creek Trail

Highway B at Kelling Ln., Pendleton, MO 63383

Trailhead begins near the intersection of Highway B and Kelling Ln. (directions on hike map/materials)

Greater St. Louis Area Council Camping Department – 314.361.0600 or 800.392.0895

<http://www.stlbsa.org/>

“This is a 20-mile circular hiking and bicycling trail located in Warren County, Mo. The entire trail is over county and state roads. The trail starts in Pendleton. The trail can be used to cover some of the requirements for the Hiking and Cycling merit badges.” ~ GSLAC Hiking Trail Webpage

Reservations should be made to hike the trail with the Greater St. Louis Area Council Camping Department.

Cost: The trail can be hiked at no cost, though a reservation must be made. An emblem/patch is available through the Greater St. Louis Area Council for a fee.

Resources:

GSLAC Hiking Webpage - <http://www.stlbsa.org/camping/outdoor-programs/Pages/Hiking-Trails.aspx>

Hike Details -

<http://www.stlbsa.org/SiteCollectionDocuments/BSA%20Site%20Resources/Camping/Resources/LostCreekTrail.pdf>

Magic House

516 S. Kirkwood Rd., Kirkwood, MO 63122

314.822.8900

<http://magichouse.org/>

This 55,000 square foot museum based around a Victorian mansion located in Kirkwood, Missouri, is a spectacular children’s museum. The museum offers an endless number of hands-on learning opportunities in science, art and every-day living. It also offers loads of fun. Multiple Cub Scout requirements can be fulfilled with a visit to the Magic House ([Scout page](#) of the website lists the requirements that can be completed), along with Scout “Camp-ins” (overnights at the museum).

Cost: Admission is \$9.50 for ages 1 and up. Camp-ins are \$32 per person.

Resources:

Scouts - <http://www.magichouse.org/events-scouts.php>

Mastodon State Historic Site

1050 Charles J. Becker Dr., Imperial, MO 63052

636.464.2976

<http://mostateparks.com/park/mastodon-state-historic-site>

This historic site is the home to a large deposit of fossils that are 10,000 to 14,000 years old, and include the bones of several mastodons. The park offers a museum and theater (with shows running every 30 minutes), which interpret the historic site. There is also a special use area available for camping by organized youth groups, such as Scouts.

Cost: Museum access is free for children (12 and under) and \$4 for adults (13 and up). Group rates (\$3.50 for adults) and tax-exempt rates (\$3 for adults) are available.

Resources:

Park Map - <http://mostateparks.com/sites/default/files/Mastodon.pdf>

History - <http://mostateparks.com/page/54983/general-information>

Missouri Botanical Garden

4344 Shaw Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63110

314.577.5100

<http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/>

Founded by Henry Shaw in 1859, the Missouri Botanical Garden is premier botanical garden and a “center for science, conservation, education and horticultural display.” The Garden offers a number educational opportunities, including numerous programs catered to Cub Scouts and Plant Science Merit Badge for Boy Scouts. It also offers overnight camping programs.

Cost: Free for children (12 and under), \$8 for adults (13 and over). St. Louis City/County residents are \$4 for adults (13 to 64) and \$3 for seniors (ages 65 and over). Scout program pricing varies. See web site for details.

Resources:

Scout Programs - <https://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/learn-discover/youth-families/scout-programs.aspx>

Overnights - <https://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/learn-discover/youth-families/scout-programs/scout-overnights.aspx>

Educational Opportunities - <http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/learn-discover.aspx>

Missouri Civil War Museum

222 Worth Rd., St. Louis, MO 63125

314.845.1861

<http://mcwm.org/>

This new museum, located in former facilities of the historic Jefferson Barracks Military Base, opened in June of 2013. According to the museum's web site, "The Mission of the Missouri Civil War Museum, is to perpetuate the memory of the citizens and soldiers of the United States of America who endured the great hardships and sacrifices of our nation's most turbulent and defining moment in history, the American Civil War ... The mission of the museum is not to debate nor to interpret the political ideologies of the causes of the war, but rather to pay homage to the historical figures of the era, without bias to either side." The exhibits are designed for 4th grade students and older due to the sometimes graphic nature of some exhibits.

Cost: Admission is \$5 for children (ages 5 to 12), \$7 for adults, \$6 for seniors (65+), and free to children under 5.

Missouri History Museum

5700 Grand Dr., St. Louis, MO 63112 (at Lindell and DeBaliviere in [Forest Park](#))

314.746.4599

<http://mohistory.org/>

The Missouri History museum provides regular exhibits on Missouri and St. Louis history, as well as history beyond the border of Missouri. It also offers specific Cub Scout programs for Tigers (Making My Family Special Go See It Activity), Wolves, Bears (American Indian Life Arrow Point) and Webelos (Citizen Badge).

Cost: Museum admission is free. Special exhibits may have a fee. Scout programs are free, as well.

Resources:

Scout Programs - <http://mohistory.org/node/3127>

Moses Austin Trail

H Smith Rd., Potosi, MO 63664

Trailhead begins about 1.5 miles from Highway AA down H Smith Rd. (directions on hike map/materials)

Greater St. Louis Area Council Camping Department – 314.361.0600 or 800.392.0895

<http://www.stlbsa.org/>

"The 14.5-mile wilderness trail is in a rugged section of the Clark National Forest in Washington County, northwest of Potosi, Mo. This is a wonderful trail to work on the Backpacking merit badge." ~ GSLAC Hiking Trail Webpage

Reservations should be made to hike the trail with the Greater St. Louis Area Council Camping Department.

Cost: The trail can be hiked at no cost, though a reservation must be made. An emblem/patch is available through the Greater St. Louis Area Council for a fee.

Resources:

GSLAC Hiking Webpage - <http://www.stlbsa.org/camping/outdoor-programs/Pages/Hiking-Trails.aspx>

Hike Details -

<http://www.stlbsa.org/SiteCollectionDocuments/BSA%20Site%20Resources/Camping/Resources/Moses%20Austin%20Trail.pdf>

The Muny

1 Theater Dr., St. Louis, MO 63112 (in [Forest Park](#))

314.361.1900

<http://muny.org/>

Built in 1917, the Municipal Theater (or Muny), fulfilled the dream of many to have an outdoor theater in [Forest Park](#). Today the 11,000 seat theater is lit up for seven weeks every summer as some of the best actors and actresses performs musical theater. Complimentary backstage tours are available for groups by reservation. The theater also offers Cub Scout programs for Wolves ("Be an Actor" elective) and Webelos (Showman Activity Badge).

Cost: Ticket prices range from \$14 to \$85 for individual seats. Group pricing and season tickets are available. 1500 free seats are also available on a first come basis in the last nine rows of the theater. Scout programs are \$9 per Scout.

Resources:

Scout Programs - http://muny.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=611&Itemid=293

Museum of Transportation

2967 Barrett Station Rd., St. Louis, MO 63122

314.965.6885

<http://transportmuseumassociation.org/>

The St. Louis Museum of Transportation has an extensive collection of rail cars, automobiles, buses, streetcars, horse-drawn vehicles, and a full size riverboat, among many other collection pieces. Nestled in west St. Louis County, this museum provides a unique experience for both adults and children. As part of their children's programs, the museum offers Scout specific program for all levels from the Railroading Merit Badge to Cub Scout badge requirements.

Cost: Museum admission is \$8 for adults (13 and older) and \$5 for children (3-12). Scout program prices vary from \$5 to \$25 per participant (most are \$8 for the scout and \$5 for parent or sibling participation).

Resources:

Scout Programs – <http://transportmuseumassociation.org/scouts.htm>

Cub/Boy Scout Programs – http://transportmuseumassociation.org/scouting_boy_scouts.htm

Old Courthouse (Jefferson National Expansion Memorial)

11 North 4th Street, St. Louis, MO 63102

314.655.1600 or 877.982.1410

<http://www.gatewayarch.com/>

The Old Courthouse, part of the National Parks Service's Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, is famous for its historic role in the Dred Scott case. Scott and his wife, Harriet, who were both slaves, were suing for their freedom. They were granted their freedom, which led to many appeals and a Supreme Court Decision. Also nearby (and part of the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial) is the Gateway Arch (see [above](#)).

The Old Courthouse also offers year-round Tiger and Cub Scout programs in history and Native American lore. There are also Boy Scout merit badge programs available on specific dates (some offerings are Law, Railroading, American Heritage and Indian Lore).

Cost: Museum entrance is free.

Resources:

<http://www.gatewayarch.com/experience/old-courthouse/>

<http://www.nps.gov/jeff/index.htm>

Ozark Trail

406 W. High St., Potosi, MO 63664 (Ozark Trail Association Headquarters)

573.436.0540

<http://ozarktrail.com/>

The Ozark Trail is a 392-mile hiking, biking and equestrian trail that traverses Missouri's Ozarks in the southeast corner of the state that offers hikes in a variety of lengths. Camping is available along the trail at parks, such as Taum Sauk State Park and [Johnson's Shut-Ins State Park](#). The Ozark Trail Association offers a number of tools for planning a trip on the trail.

Cost: Trail use is free.

Resources:

Trail Maps - <http://ozarktrail.com/maps.php?mtid=4>

Order Maps - <http://ozarktrail.com/ordermaps.php>
Trip Planner - <http://ozarktrail.com/planner/index.php>

Pine Ridge Scout Camp

1139 Pine Ridge Ln., Makanda, IL 62958

Ranger – 618.549.0673

Greater St. Louis Area Council Camping Department – 314.361.0600 or 800.392.0895

<http://www.stlbsa.org/>

Greater St. Louis Area Council's property in southern Illinois is in the heart of the Shawnee National Forest and on the northwest shore of Little Grassy Lake. A former Boy Scout camp, this now serves as a Cub Scout Day Camp and Webelos Mini-camp. Tent and cabin camping are available year-round. Canoes are available for rental, as is rock climbing equipment for use at the nearby Giant City State Park (trained leaders required).

All use of the facilities is by reservation only. Reservations should be made with the Greater St. Louis Area Council Camping Department.

Cost: Facility use and activity costs vary by facility or activity. A current fee schedule can be found on the [Camping Department's web page](#).

Resources:

Pine Ridge Details/Information - www.stlbsa.org/camping/properties/pine-ridge-scout-camp/Pages/Pine-Ridge-Scout-Camp.aspx

Council Camping Department - <http://www.stlbsa.org/camping/Pages/Camping.aspx>

Council Online Reservation System - <https://campreservation.com/crs.php?OrgKey=BSA312>

Pioneer Trace Trail

6480 Beaumont Reservation Dr., High Ridge, MO 63049

Greater St. Louis Area Council Camping Department – 314.361.0600 or 800.392.0895

<http://www.stlbsa.org/>

"This rugged 17-mile circular trail around the perimeter of the Beaumont Scout Reservation is ideal for overnight backpacking programs. Groups planning high-adventure treks will find the trail to be a challenging shake down. It is a great trail to work on the Backpacking merit badge." ~ GSLAC Hiking Trail Webpage

Reservations should be made to hike the trail with the Greater St. Louis Area Council Camping Department.

Cost: The trail can be hiked at no cost, though a reservation must be made. An emblem/patch is available through the Greater St. Louis Area Council for a fee.

Resources:

GSLAC Hiking Webpage - <http://www.stlbsa.org/camping/outdoor-programs/Pages/Hiking-Trails.aspx>

Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center

11715 Cragwold Rd., Kirkwood, MO 63122

314.301.1500

<http://mdc.mo.gov/>

Powder Valley is a 112-acre park located in Kirkwood at the intersection of I-270 and I-44. This is a great place to take Cub Scouts to make use of the area's three short, paved hiking trail loops (from ½ mile to 1.2 mile in length) and the Conservation Center. The Conservation Center contains exhibits on backyard wildlife and urban conservation practices. Among the exhibits are a 3,000 gallon aquarium, living beehive, and live-snake exhibit.

Cost: Access to the conservation center is free.

Resources:

Direct Link for this Conservation Area -

<http://mdc4.mdc.mo.gov/applications/moatlas/AreaSummaryPage.aspx?txtAreaID=9023&txtAreaNm=&txtCounty=&txtRegion=St. Louis&txtUserID=guest&txtDivision=>

Area Map - http://extra.mdc.mo.gov/documents/area_brochures/8709map.pdf

Area Brochure - http://extra.mdc.mo.gov/documents/area_brochures/8709_card.pdf

Purina Farms

200 Checkerboard Loop, Gray Summit, MO 63039

314.982.3232

<http://www.purinafarms.com/>

Purina Farms is a division of the pet foods company, Purina, and focuses on pet care and pet ownership education. Purina Farms offers educational exhibits, an animal barn, hayloft play area, cow-milking demonstrations, and tractor-drawn wagon rides. Closed mid-November to mid-March.

Cost: Admission is free, as is parking, except during special events.

Resources:

Purina Farms Map -

<http://www.purinafarms.com/media/329858/64550%20PURINA%20FARMS%20MAP.pdf>

Field Trip Flyer - <http://www.flickr.com/photos/purinafarms/8392444641/in/set-72157629368207352>

River City Rascals

900 T.R. Hughes Blvd., O'Fallon, MO 63366
636.240.2287

<http://www.rivercityrascals.com/>

Want to see baseball played up close and personal? Visit a minor league ballpark. The River City Rascals' TR Hughes Ballpark in O'Fallon, Missouri, is the home of this Frontier League team.

Cost: Single game tickets are available from \$6 to \$12. Group rates and outings are also available.

Resources:

Group Tickets - <http://rivercityrascals.com/tickets/groupoutings/>

Rockwoods Reservation

2751 Glencoe Rd., Wildwood, MO 63038
636.458.2236

<http://mdc.mo.gov/>

This 1,880-acre conservation area in West St. Louis County consists of picnic areas, hiking trails and a Conservation Education Center (with exhibits on Missouri forests, fish and wildlife). It also has a rich history dating back to the 1700s when trappers would travel through the area to sell their furs to traders in St. Louis. The property has an abundance of plant and wildlife, natural springs, and caves and rock formations (caving is prohibited). Camping, rock climbing and rappelling are also available by special permit.

Cost: Access to the conservation center is free.

Resources:

Direct Link for this Conservation Area -

<http://mdc4.mdc.mo.gov/applications/moatlas/AreaSummaryPage.aspx?txtAreaID=5405&txtAreaNm=&txtCounty=&txtRegion=St.Louis&txtUserID=guest&txtDivision=>

Area Map - http://extra.mdc.mo.gov/documents/area_brochures/5405map.pdf

Area Brochure - http://extra.mdc.mo.gov/documents/area_brochures/5405.pdf

Rockwood Schools Babler Outdoor Education Center

200 Lake Rd., Wildwood, MO 63005
636.458.3048

<http://www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/bableroec/>

The Babler Outdoor Education Center offers nature- and/or science-based programs for students and groups of various age levels. The programs are held at the Outdoor Education Center (OEC) in [Babler](#)

[Memorial State Park](#), and include full- and half-day summer camps, family programs and group programs. The OEC also offers opportunities for Cub Scouts (all levels) to work on specific elective requirements.

Cost: Programs vary in price. Scout programs offered cost between \$4 and \$8.

Resources:

Scout Programs -

<http://www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/bableroec/programs/Pages/WiLDScoutAdventures.aspx>

Route 66 State Park

97 North Outer Road, Suite 1, Eureka, MO 63025

636.938.7198

<http://mostateparks.com/park/route-66-state-park>

Route 66 State Park sits on the site of the former town, Times Beach, and along the historic Route 66. The visitor's center for the park serves as a small museum of Route 66 memorabilia and a history of Times Beach. Across the Meramec River from the visitor's center is the park, filled with hiking/biking trails, picnic areas and an abundance of wildlife. For a good environmental lesson, share with Scouts the history of Time Beach and the reasons it is no longer a community.

Please note the bridge that used to connect the visitor's center with the park is no longer functional. Access to the visitor's center from Interstate 44 is available from Exit 266 (Lewis Rd.). To access the park, you must be on the East-bound side of Interstate 44 and exit at Exit 265 (Williams Rd.). Those trying to reach the park from St. Louis can U-turn at Exit 264 (Highway 109).

Cost: Access to the park is free. Reservations of picnic areas and shelters may have an associated cost. Contact the park for more information.

Resources:

Park Map - <http://mostateparks.com/sites/default/files/Route%2066.pdf>

S-F Scout Ranch

Highway 67, Knob Lick, MO 63651

Ranger Station – 573.756.5738

Greater St. Louis Area Council Camping Department – 314.361.0600 or 800.392.0895

<http://www.stlbsa.org/>

The S-F Scout Ranch (said "S-bar-F") is the Greater St. Louis Area Council's premier camping facility and a standout among scout facilities across the nation. The Ranch has 5,200 acres of scouting fun, including the 270-acre Nims Lake. Facilities include three scout camps (Gamble, Famous Eagle and Sakima), a Venturing base (Swift Base), multiple cabins, Adirondacks, a Camporee field and tree houses. Available

activities include camping, hiking, backpacking, rock climbing and rappelling, fishing, canoeing, ropes courses and much more. And that's just the off-season! During summer camp the available activities seem endless.

All use of the facilities is by reservation only. Reservations should be made with the Greater St. Louis Area Council Camping Department. Some activities require an adult to be trained for the activity (such as the challenge courses and climbing/rappelling tower).

Cost: Facility use and activity costs vary by facility or activity. A current fee schedule can be found on the [Camping Department's web page](#).

Resources:

S-F Details/Information - www.stlbsa.org/camping/properties/s-bar-f-scout-ranch/Pages/default.aspx

Council Camping Department - <http://www.stlbsa.org/camping/Pages/Camping.aspx>

Council Online Reservation System - <https://campreservation.com/crs.php?OrgKey=BSA312>

Shaw Nature Reserve

Hwy 100 and I-44, Gray Summit, MO 63039

636.451.3512

<http://www.shawnature.org>

A part of the [Missouri Botanical Garden](#), this 2,441-acre reserve serves as an education and research center. It also serves as a park, offering Hiking, biking, picnicking, geocaching and bird watching, among other activities. Guided Wilderness Wagon Tours provided by a naturalist are available for groups (reservations required). There are also a number of Cub Scout programs available at the Reserve and the Botanical Gardens.

Cost: Admission is \$3 for students and seniors (65 and older), \$5 for adults (13 to 64) and free for children (12 and younger). The Wilderness Wagon Tour is \$8, and includes admission.

Resources:

Cub Scout Programs - <https://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/learn-discover/youth-families/scout-programs/cub-scout-programs.aspx>

Reserve Map - <http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/visit/family-of-attractions/shaw-nature-reserve.aspx>

Shawnee Trail

6480 Beaumont Reservation Dr., High Ridge, MO 63049

Greater St. Louis Area Council Camping Department – 314.361.0600 or 800.392.0895

<http://www.stlbsa.org/>

“The Shawnee Trail, named after one of the Greater St. Louis Area Council’s Order of the Arrow lodges, was developed to be a 20-mile hiking trail in the woods at Beaumont Scout Reservation. The trail follows a number of the other hiking trails located at [Beaumont](#). It is all 10 percent or less in slope.” ~ GSLAC Hiking Trail Webpage

Reservations should be made to hike the trail with the Greater St. Louis Area Council Camping Department.

Cost: The trail can be hiked at no cost, though a reservation must be made. An emblem/patch is available through the Greater St. Louis Area Council for a fee.

Resources:

GSLAC Hiking Webpage - <http://www.stlbsa.org/camping/outdoor-programs/Pages/Hiking-Trails.aspx>

Simpson Park

1234 Marshall Rd., St. Louis, MO 63088
314.615.4386 (Central Park's & Recreation Dept.)
<http://www.stlouisco.com/ParksandRecreation/ParkPages>

The primary feature of this 175-acre park is the 72-acre lake equipped with fishing dock and boat ramp (electric motors only). The park also has two biking and hiking trails, one of which travels along the Meramec River.

Cost: Access to the park is free and open to the public. Reservations of shelters have an associated fee.

Resources:

Direct Link to Park Information - <http://www.stlouisco.com/ParksandRecreation/ParkPages/Simpson>
Map - <http://www.stlouisco.com/Portals/8/docs/Document%20Library/parks/PDFs/trailmaps/trail-Simpson.pdf>
Hiking Trails - <http://www.stlouisco.com/ParksandRecreation/Trails/SimpsonTrails>

Shippey Color Trail System

6480 Beaumont Reservation Dr., High Ridge, MO 63049
Greater St. Louis Area Council Camping Department – 314.361.0600 or 800.392.0895
<http://www.stlbsa.org/>

“There are four different short trails at [Beaumont Scout Reservation](#). The Red Trail is 5.2 miles long, the Green Trail is 4.4 miles long, the Yellow Trail is 2.5 miles long and the Blue Trail is 9 miles long. Each color trail goes into a different part of Beaumont and offers a different view of what Beaumont has to offer.” ~ GSLAC Hiking Trail Webpage

Reservations should be made to hike the trail with the Greater St. Louis Area Council Camping Department.

Cost: The trail can be hiked at no cost, though a reservation must be made. An emblem/patch is available through the Greater St. Louis Area Council for a fee.

Resources:

GSLAC Hiking Webpage - <http://www.stlbsa.org/camping/outdoor-programs/Pages/Hiking-Trails.aspx>

Shiloh National Military Park

1055 Pittsburg Landing Rd., Shiloh, TN 38376

731.689.5696

<http://www.nps.gov/shil/>

For decades troops from the St. Louis area have made annual or bi-annual trips to Shiloh National Military Park to hike the “Shiloh Military Trails.” Although the trails are not sponsored by the National Parks Service (they are sponsored by a scout organization in Memphis, TN - Shiloh Military Trails), scouts are welcome with open arms to this battlefield. Whether visiting to complete the hikes or for a learning expedition, scouts who visit will learn about the two days of battle that started on April 6, 1862.

Cost: Entry to the park is free, however the Park Service requests that scout groups inform the park of their plans to visit four weeks in advance (see details: <http://www.nps.gov/shil/visit.htm>).

Resources:

Boy Scout Hiking - <http://www.nps.gov/shil/scouts.htm>

Scout Guidelines - <http://www.nps.gov/shil/upload/scout-guidelines-2.pdf>

Shiloh Military Hiking Trails - www.shilohmilitarytrails.org

St. Louis Art Museum

1 Fine Arts Dr., St. Louis, MO 63110 (in [Forest Park](#))

314.721.0072

<http://slam.org/>

This [Forest Park](#) staple is a world-class museum with artwork from across six continents and five millennia. In addition to the regular collection, the museum has a number of exhibitions that greet its galleries throughout the year. Public tours are available daily, and groups of 10 or more can schedule a group tour.

Cost: Museum admission is free. Special exhibits may charge an admission fee.

Resources:

Tours - <http://www.slam.org/Education/tours.php>

Gallery Map - <http://www.slam.org/Visit/gallerymap.php>

St. Louis Blues Hockey

1401 Clark Ave., St. Louis, MO 63103 (Scottrade Center)

314.622.2500 (General Information)

<http://www.stlouisblues.com>

Do you bleed Blue? Enjoy professional hockey in St. Louis as you watch the Blues take on the competition on the ice at Scottrade Center. A couple of games each season are designated as Scout nights, with special priced tickets and giveaways for participants. Watch the [Duffle Bag](#) for advertised dates, or visit the Blues website and look under [Group Theme Nights](#).

Cost: Single game ticket prices start at \$30. Group tickets start at \$22.

Resources:

Group Theme Nights (including Scout nights) - <http://blues.nhl.com/club/page.htm?id=82904>

Group Tickets - <http://blues.nhl.com/club/page.htm?id=80789>

St. Louis Cardinals

700 Clark St., St. Louis, MO 63102

314.345.9600

<http://www.stlcardinals.com>

In addition to offering a wonderful time at the ballpark from April through September (dare we say through October?), the St. Louis Cardinals offer many programs that may interest Scouting units year round. Among the offerings available are the Cardinals Hall of Fame and Busch Stadium tours. They also offer a special tour program focused on education called the Cardinals Academics Program (CAP). CAP offers programs in character education, history, science, language arts, social studies and math.

The Greater St. Louis Area Council with the support of the St. Louis Cardinals will occasionally offer incentive programs for Scout units that include tickets to baseball games. Watch for advertisements in the Duffle Bag to take advantage of these opportunities.

Cost:

CAP – \$6 per student or \$10 for CAP with the Stadium Tour

Stadium Tours – \$10 for adults, \$6 for children (15 and under), \$8 for seniors (60+) and active military and free for children 3 and under. Group rates are available.

Resources:

Busch Stadium Tours - <http://stlouis.cardinals.mlb.com/stl/ballpark/tours/index.jsp>

Cardinals Academics Program - http://stlouis.cardinals.mlb.com/stl/community/cap_program.jsp

Cardinals Hall of Fame - <http://stlouis.cardinals.mlb.com/stl/hof/index.jsp>

St. Louis Children's Hospital

1 Children's Place, St. Louis, MO 63110

314.454.6000

<http://www.stlouischildrens.org>

The Community Education programs at Children's Hospital (or at your Pack or Troop meeting) are just one way the hospital cares for the children of our community. From classes on CPR, basic first-aid and babysitting, to activities like helmet safety checks and building first-aid kits, Children's Hospital offers something for all age groups. The activities may also be brought to your pack or troop meeting. In addition, they also offer presentations for parents and community service opportunities.

Cost: Some classes have fees associated. Activities are offered for free and can be scheduled at Pack or Troop meetings.

Resources:

Community Education - <http://www.stlouischildrens.org/resources/community-education>

Classes - <http://www.stlouischildrens.org/health-resources/community-education/classes>

Activities - <http://www.stlouischildrens.org/health-resources/community-education/activities>

Presentations - <http://www.stlouischildrens.org/health-resources/community-education/presentations>

Community Service - <https://www.stlouischildrens.org/ways-give/giving-opportunities/our-wish-list-gifts-in-kind>

St. Louis Science Center

5050 Oakland Ave., St. Louis, MO 63110

314.289.4400

<http://www.slsc.org/>

The St. Louis Science Center offers hands-on, educational exhibits in many areas of science including aviation, biology, chemistry, energy, earth science, engineering, health, space and technology. Regular exhibits, events and scout programs make this a great place to visit any time of year. Visit their website for a wealth of information to help you plan a trip for your den, pack or troop, and review upcoming event and program information.

The Science Center also offers periodic programs for all levels of Scouting, including weekend workshops, private workshops, Scout Days and overnight "Camp-in" events. Workshops include "badge" workshops where Webelos can earn activity pins and Boy Scouts can earn merit badges. They can also bring their program to your Pack meeting or Day Camp through their Science OFF Center program (<http://www.scienceoffcenter.org/>).

Cost: General admission is free to all visitors. Fees will apply for parking, OMNIMAX® Theater shows, the James S. McDonnell Planetarium, among other special exhibits. Free parking may be available outside the James S. McDonnell Planetarium, on the streets surrounding the Science Center and within Forest Park.

Resources:

Onsite Scouting Programs – <http://www.slsc.org/scouting-programs>

Offsite Scouting Programs – <http://www.scienceoffcenter.org/programs/scouts> or 314.289.4439

St. Louis Zoo

1 Government Dr., St. Louis, MO 63110

314.781.0900

<http://www.stlzoo.org/>

The St. Louis Zoo is a great place to visit for a day trip or a special program. Located in the historic [Forest Park](#), this zoo features over 19,000 wild animals on 90 acres, and is one of the few free zoos in the country. Dens, Packs and Troops can take advantage of the free admission to visit and have a self-guided tour (materials available for a [fun scavenger hunt](#)), or participate in classes appropriate for different age groups. The Zoo also offers the popular “Snooze at the Zoo” overnight program for scout groups on select weekend nights.

Cost: General admission to the zoo is free. Scout programs range from \$15 to \$35 per person. Snooze at the Zoo programs are \$35 per participant.

Resources:

Community Education - <http://www.stlzoo.org/education/>

Scout Programs - <http://www.stlzoo.org/education/programsforscoutsoryouthgr/> (links by age group at top of page)

Educational Tours - <http://www.stlzoo.org/education/programsforschoolgroups/educationaltours/>

Self-guided Scavenger Hunts -

<http://www.stlzoo.org/education/programsforschoolgroups/scavengerhunts/>

Suson Park

6073 Wells Rd., St. Louis, MO 63128

314.615.4386 (Central Park's & Recreation Dept.)

<http://www.stlouisco.com/ParksandRecreation/ParkPages>

Suson Park features two fishing lakes and a working farm. The farm is open daily with volunteer-led tours available. Animals include horses, cows, pigs, goats, chickens and more. Lakes are stocked by the Missouri Department of Conservation.

Cost: Access to the park is free and open to the public. Reservations of shelters have an associated fee.

Resources:

Direct Link to Park Information - <http://www.stlouisco.com/ParksandRecreation/ParkPages/Suson>

Map - <http://www.stlouisco.com/Portals/8/docs/Document%20Library/parks/PDFs/fishingmaps/suson-fishing.pdf>

Tandy Leather

13078 Tesson Ferry Rd., St. Louis, MO 63128

314.842.2540

<http://www.tandyleatherfactory.com>

Many may not think of Tandy Leather as a destination, but a store. While it is a store that offers many leathercraft supplies, including some specific to Scouts, Tandy Leather offers in-store programs and on-site programs. Tandy Leather will work with Scouts to complete merit badge and activity badge requirements, as well as provide programs at pack meetings. When shopping in the store, show your Scout membership card and get wholesale pricing on some products (generally 15% to 20% off).

Cost: Costs are specific to items purchased and will vary.

Resources:

<http://www.tandyleatherfactory.com/>

Taum Sauk Trail

Highway 21, Arcadia, MO 63621

Trailhead begins on Highway 21, south of Arcadia (directions on hike map/materials)

Greater St. Louis Area Council Camping Department – 314.361.0600 or 800.392.0895

<http://www.stlbsa.org/>

“The Taum Sauk Trail is now part of the [Ozark Trail](http://www.ozarktrail.com/). Please go to <http://www.ozarktrail.com/> to get map and information about hiking the Taum Sauk Trail portion of the Ozark Trail. Scout camping is available at Taum Sauk Mountain State Park.” ~ GSLAC Hiking Trail Webpage

“The section is 35 miles in length, but lends itself to two different hikes: one from Highway A to Shut-Ins (15 miles), and the other to Shut-Ins to Taum Sauk (12.5 miles, although you can continue to Highway 21 for a total of 18 miles).” ~ The Ozark Trail Association Webpage

Reservations should be made to hike the trail with the Greater St. Louis Area Council Camping Department.

Cost: The trail can be hiked at no cost, though a reservation must be made. An emblem/patch is available through the Greater St. Louis Area Council for a fee.

Resources:

GSLAC Hiking Webpage - <http://www.stlbsa.org/camping/outdoor-programs/Pages/Hiking-Trails.aspx>

Ozark Trails Webpage - <http://www.ozarktrail.com/>

Hike Details - <http://www.ozarktrail.com/taumsauk.php>

Three Notch Trail

Highway 67, Knob Lick, MO 63651

Greater St. Louis Area Council Camping Department – 314.361.0600 or 800.392.0895

<http://www.stlbsa.org/>

“This trail is a 21-mile, two 10-mile loops joined by a 1-mile connector, at the [S bar F Scout Ranch](#). You will hike through many of the wilderness areas not normally seen by Scouts at summer camp. The hike can be done in separate loops and it is great for backpacking with the West Loop rated at moderate and the East Loop rated difficult.” ~ GSLAC Hiking Trail Webpage

Reservations should be made to hike the trail with the Greater St. Louis Area Council Camping Department.

Cost: The trail can be hiked at no cost, though a reservation must be made. An emblem/patch is available through the Greater St. Louis Area Council for a fee.

Resources:

GSLAC Hiking Webpage - <http://www.stlbsa.org/camping/outdoor-programs/Pages/Hiking-Trails.aspx>

Tomahawk Trail

6480 Beaumont Reservation Dr., High Ridge, MO 63049

Greater St. Louis Area Council Camping Department – 314.361.0600 or 800.392.0895

<http://www.stlbsa.org/>

“The 12-mile circular forest trail lies entirely within [Beaumont Scout Reservation](#). Much of this trail follows scenic ridge tops and up or down at 10 percent or less grade in most places. This trail qualifies as one of the five 10-mile trails required for the Hiking merit badge. There are several places to camp on the trail, which makes this a great backpacking hike also.” ~ GSLAC Hiking Trail Webpage

Reservations should be made to hike the trail with the Greater St. Louis Area Council Camping Department.

Cost: The trail can be hiked at no cost, though a reservation must be made. An emblem/patch is available through the Greater St. Louis Area Council for a fee.

Resources:

GSLAC Hiking Webpage - <http://www.stlbsa.org/camping/outdoor-programs/Pages/Hiking-Trails.aspx>

TreeHouse Wildlife Center

23956 Green Acres Rd., Dow, IL 62022

618.466.2990

<http://treehousewildlifecenter.com/>

The TreeHouse Wildlife Center was born out of the absence of veterinary medicine available for injured wildlife in the late 1970s. Over 30 years after its inception, this facility now takes in and rehabilitates injured and orphaned animals. They also offer education programs on site (group tours and fieldtrip programs) as well as programs that come to your group. Self-guided and volunteer-guided tours are available. Be aware the Wildlife Center is outside of the Greater St. Louis Area Council and a visit will require a tour permit.

Cost: Group tours are \$2 per person; education programs (fieldtrips) are \$4 per person; programs at your organization range from \$100 to \$150.

Resources:

Site Map - <http://treehousewildlifecenter.com/sitemap.html>

Education - <http://treehousewildlifecenter.com/education.html>

Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site

7400 Grant Rd., St. Louis, MO 63123

314.842.1867

<http://www.nps.gov/ulsg/>

Located across from the popular [Grant's Farm](#), this historic site is the former home of Civil War general and 18th US President Ulysses S. Grant. The property, known as White Haven, has five historic structures from the original estate. Visitors will have the opportunity to take a guided tour through the main house, learn about the history of the property and learn about U.S. Grant.

Cost: Entry to the site is free, however the Park Service requires you obtain a ticket with is for a specified entrance time. Reservations for groups of 10 or more are strongly recommended.

Upper Limits Indoor Rock Gym

326 S. 21st St.

St. Louis, MO 63103

314.241.7625

<http://www.upperlimits.com/>

1874 Lackland Hill Parkway

St. Louis, MO 63146

314.991.2516

This indoor rock climbing gym has two locations serving the Greater St. Louis Area Council, one in downtown St. Louis and one in West St. Louis County. The gyms offer two large climbing arches and a

top-out bolder. They also offer a weekly discounted Scout night and merit badge counselors to earn the Rock Climbing and Rappelling Merit Badge.

Cost: Daily passes are \$12 per person, plus costs for rental gear. On Monday nights after 4:00pm, Scouts in uniform climb for \$7.50 per person. The Rock Climbing and Rappelling Merit Badge class is \$40 per person.

Resources:

Merit Badge Class - <http://www.upperlimits.com/west-county/page.php?page=program&id=51>

Group Adventure - <http://www.upperlimits.com/west-county/page.php?page=program&id=57>

Wolf Sanctuary

6750 Tyson Valley Rd., Eureka, MO 63025

636.938.6490

<http://www.endangeredwolfcenter.org/>

See [The Endangered Wolf Center](#).

World Bird Sanctuary

125 Bald Eagle Ridge Rd., Valley Park, MO 63088

636.225.4390

<http://www.worldbirdsantuary.org/>

The World Bird Sanctuary is a 305-acre sanctuary for over 200 birds and other wildlife. The facility provides both guided and self-guided educational opportunities, and features a wildlife hospital. Most exhibits are outdoors, but there are several indoor exhibits. Programs are available, for a fee, for all levels of Cub Scouting, including the Naturalist and Forester activity pins for Webelos. Also available are programs for classrooms, school assemblies and Pack/Troop meetings. All programs must be arranged in advance.

Cost: The facility is open to the public at no cost (though donations are welcome at donation boxes around the facility). Cub Scout programs cost \$6 per scout (minimum of 10 scouts or \$60 per program).

Resources:

WBS Programs - <http://www.worldbirdsantuary.org/index.php/programs/enviroed>

Appendix of Additional Resources

The following are additional sources of information that were used to compile information for this document, beyond those resources listed for each place/activity.

Greater St. Louis Area Council “Places to Go” document:

<http://www.stlbsa.org/SiteCollectionDocuments/BSA%20Site%20Resources/Camping/Resources/Places%20to%20Go.pdf>

Greater St. Louis Area Council Hiking Trails:

<http://www.stlbsa.org/camping/outdoor-programs/Pages/Hiking-Trails.aspx>

Greater St. Louis Area Council Camping Locations and Outdoor Program:

<http://www.stlbsa.org/camping/outdoor-programs/Pages/Outdoor-Programs.aspx>

Greater St. Louis Area Council “Places to Go” webpage:

<http://www.stlbsa.org/programs/share-your-ideas/pages/places-to-go.aspx>

“Share Your Ideas” Pages:

<http://www.stlbsa.org/programs/share-your-ideas/pages/cub-scout-ideas.aspx>

<http://www.stlbsa.org/programs/share-your-ideas/pages/boy-scout-ideas.aspx>

<http://www.stlbsa.org/programs/share-your-ideas/Pages/Venturing-Ideas.aspx>

Explore St. Louis

<http://explorestlouis.com/>

Guide to Safe Scouting:

<http://www.scouting.org/Home/HealthandSafety/GSS.aspx>

Shooting Sports Information:

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/outdoorprogram/shootingsports.aspx>