

Missouri Capitol

Completed in 1918, the Capitol covers three acres in downtown Jefferson City. Inside the Capitol you will find the Missouri State Museum which features exhibits of outstanding historical significance. The Capitol tour will provide you with an excellent education on the State of Missouri and the structure that represents its home. The Missouri State Capitol is open 7 days a week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (except Jan. 1, Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas). Free guided tours of the building are given Monday – Saturday, every hour on the hour, first tour at 8 a.m., last tour at 4 p.m., no tours at noon. Groups of 10 or more require reservations. Tours of the Thomas Hart Benton Murals will be given upon request on Sundays. Sorry, no individual reservations taken. Free Admission. (573) 751-2854 www.mostateparks.com

Governor's Mansion

100 Madison Street

The State's first family invites you to tour their home to see its beautiful architecture and period furniture. Public tours of the first floor are conducted each Tuesday and Thursday from 10 – noon, and 1-3:00 p.m., except during August and December. In December, Candlelight Tours are held on two evenings during the holiday season.

Free Admission. Reservations require 24 hours in advance. (573) 751-7929

www.missourimansions.org

Capital Grounds

Law Enforcement Memorial

Located on the Northwest corner of the Capitol grounds is the Missouri Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. Dedicated in 1994, the memorial honors all law enforcement officers throughout Missouri's history who have made the ultimate sacrifice of their lives in serving and protecting our citizens. Free Admission.

All Missouri Veterans Memorial

Located on the Northeast corner of the Capitol grounds, the Memorial was dedicated on Nov. 11, 1991. It features a limestone colonnade, terraced waterfall, reflecting pool and eight black marble posts forming a path called the "Veterans Walk." All aspects of the memorial are accessible to the handicapped. Free Admission.

Carnahan Memorial Garden

A striking complement to the Capitol Complex, the Garden, located next to the Governor's Mansion was constructed in the late 1930's. The site is filled with flowers, pools and walkways. After the death of Governor Carnahan, the Garden was renamed as a memorial to his work. The Garden can be reserved by calling the Department of Natural Resources at (573) 751-3330. Free Admission.

Fountain of the Centaurs – North Central Capitol Grounds

Thomas Jefferson Statue – Capitol Steps

The Missouri State Information Center
600 West Main Street

Housed at the Center are two original paintings of the Lewis and Clark exhibition. The first two originals, capturing the view seen in 1804 and 1904, hang today in the Missouri State Information Center in Jefferson City, a gift to the people of Missouri. The third painting will be completed in 2004. If you are a Lewis and Clark enthusiast, this work may seem familiar to you – as it has been seen on television’s C-Span and the History Channel, at a White House presentation, or in books such as Lewis & Clark: an illustrated history by Dayton Duncan with foreword by en Burns, and The Saga of Lewis & Clark into the Uncharted West by Thomas and Jeremy Schmidt.

Jefferson Landing State Historic Site
100 Jefferson Street

The area at the base of Jefferson Street, known as Jefferson’s Landing, was the site of the original river landing and the first area settled in the City of Jefferson. It is significant as a rare surviving Missouri River landing place. The structures in this historic site date back to 1839 making it the oldest riverfront landing on the Missouri River. As this site was later served by the railroad, several of Jefferson City’s largest businesses grew here. One such business was A. Priesmeyer Shoe Factory later known as the Tweedie Footware Corporations. (573) 751-2854

Lohman Building – Built in the late 1830’s, this three-story limestone building is believed to be the oldest structure in Jefferson City. Part of the building was used during the 1850’s – 1870’s as a combination inn, store and warehouse, serving steamboat passengers. The Lohman Building houses exhibits on transportation of the nineteenth century and an audio visual room where the videos ‘Lewis and Clark in Missouri’ and ‘Welcome to Missouri’s State Capitol’ are available. Open Tuesday – Saturday from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Free Admission.

Union Hotel – The building is open to the public for viewings of the art exhibits at the Elizabeth Rozier Gallery. Open Tuesday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Closed in December. The Amtrak Station is located on the first floor. Free Admission. (573) 751-2854. www.mostateparks.com

Downtown Attractions

Cole County Historical Museum
109 Madison Street

Within the walls of this museum the romantic history of Missouri unfolds. The building is filled with treasures of historical significance dating from the era of the Louisiana Territory. Spacious rooms are filled with antique chandeliers, rosewood and mahogany chests and settees, French mirrors and fine paintings. This is the only county museum in the country to display inaugural gowns of its state’s First Ladies. The museum is closed December 15 – February 1. Admission for Adults is \$2; Grades 6 – 12, \$1; Grades K – 5, \$0.50; Children under five, free. Call for tour times. Groups of 10 or more require reservations. (573) 635-1850.

Missouri Supreme Court Building
297 West High Street

The Supreme Court is the state's highest court. Many of the day's most important and often controversial legal issues affecting Missourians and involving the state's Constitution and laws come before this court. The Supreme Court, by the state Constitution, supervises courts in Missouri. It also prescribes the procedures and practices followed by judges and lawyers in trying cases in the state's courts. The Supreme Court Building in Jefferson City became a permanent home for the Court at its completion in 1907 using funds from the 1904 World's Fair in St. Louis. Look for the glass floors in the library. Because the building did not have lights when it was built, the glass floors allowed light from the windows to filter down to the main floor. Tours of the Supreme Court are given Monday through Friday on the half from 9 – 11:30 a.m. & 1 – 3:30 p.m. Free Admission. (573) 751-4144 www.osca.state.mo.us

Harry S. Truman State Office Building
301 West High Street

This attractive building occupies a full city block and houses many government offices. A Missouri Division of Tourism Welcome Center is located on the second floor. The Truman Building features an 8-story atrium and has main entrances on West High and West McCarty. (573) 751-2624

Lincoln University/Inman E. Page Library
820 Chestnut Street

The first university west of the Mississippi built specifically for the education of African-Americans and established by the 62nd and 65th Colored Infantries from the Civil War. In 1954, Lincoln University expanded its original mission to embrace the needs of a much broader population. Today, it is one of the most diverse University campuses in the nation. This campus has eight buildings on the National Register of Historic Buildings. The Inman E. Page Library contains a Thomas Hart Benton Mural as well as traveling African – American Historic exhibits. Campus tours are available by calling in advance. (573) 681-5599 www.lincolnu.edu

Missouri State Highway Patrol Safety Education Center
1510 East Elm Street

This comprehensive display of information concerning traffic safety, law enforcement, drug abuse and many items relating to the history of the Missouri Highway Patrol was opened to the public in 1982. Items on display include patrol cars, uniforms, weapons and other equipment dating to the department inception. The museum provides a good glimpse into law enforcement techniques from 1931 to the present day. Don't forget to look for 'Otto – The Talking Car.' Open Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Groups of 10 or more require reservations. Free Admission. (573) 526-6149 www.mshp.state.mo.us

Runge Nature Center – Mo. Dept. of Conservation
303 Commerce Drive

Enjoy the natural wonders of Missouri and the fish, forests, and wildlife found here by strolling through exhibits or hiking nature center trails. Inside the center you will find an indoor wildlife viewing area, a nature library, and a small gift shop. You can also explore more than 3,000 square feet of exhibits that lead you through a myriad of Missouri's natural habitats. Featured in the exhibit area 3,580 – gallon fish aquariums, live amphibians and reptiles, hands – on activities for children and much more. Venture outside to explore over two miles of hiking trails. You can also climb a 60 ft. fire tower for a panoramic view of the city and the area's dramatically rolling landscape. The Naturescape Trail is accessible to people with disabilities. Self – guided tours available; advance notice is required for naturalist – led programs. The center is open year round, Monday – Saturday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Free Admission. (573) 526-5544.

www.conservation.state.mo.us/areas/cnc/runge

Museum of Missouri Military History

2007 Retention Drive

Located on the Ike Skelton Training Center, this museum houses exhibits beginning from 1808, the activation date of the Missouri Militia. Exhibits continue from the War of 1812 to Desert Storm. The building housing the collection was built in the 1920's and used as a self contained dormitory for prisoners working the dairy farm. Open to the public

Monday – Friday 8 a.m. – 3 p.m., closed all major holidays. Free Admission.

(573) 638-9603 www.moguard.com/museum/MONG.museum.htm