

## Family Fun: A Kid's St. Louis Challenge

A Kid's St. Louis: Memories are made here.

Got kids? St. Louis offers winning and illuminating escapades for all – from swaying toddlers to hard-to-impress teens. The diversity of memory-creating experiences makes St. Louis an unrivaled choice for vacations for all kinds of families. Factor in that so many of the area's attractions are free, and a visit to St. Louis is especially appealing!

*Family Fun: A Kid's St. Louis Challenge is sponsored by **The Magic House**. The Magic House is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to engaging all children with hands-on learning experiences that spark imagination, pique curiosity, enhance creativity and develop problem-solving skills within a place of beauty, wonder, joy and magic.*



**Family Fun: A Kid's St. Louis Challenge** ... Visit at least 8 sites, including The Magic House. Remember: Missouri Explorers must be registered in the program, and they are responsible for checking hours and availability of sites. Upload your verification photographs using the online submission form at <https://missouri2021.org/missouri-explorers/> to receive your merit badge button.

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### **The Magic House, St. Louis Children's Museum \$**

516 S. Kirkwood Road  
St. Louis, Missouri  
314-822-8900

*Experience a day of family fun at The Magic House! Featuring hundreds of hands-on exhibits for kids across three levels to explore, the fun and learning never ends! Climb a giant beanstalk, surround yourself in an enormous bubble, use art and technology to create a digital town, make your hair stand on end with static electricity and much more! Online reservations are necessary due to a limited capacity. Masks are required for ages 5 and older. Snap your photograph with the Circle of Peace sculpture outside The Magic House, near the parking lot.*

[www.magichouse.org](http://www.magichouse.org)

### **America's Incredible Pizza \$**

5254 South Lindbergh Blvd.  
St. Louis, Missouri  
314-282-8742

*With up to 14 attractions, 150 games, and endless prize options to pick from, you're bound to work up a big appetite. That's why endless fun is paired with a savory and sweet buffet that's terrifically tasty! Incredible Pizza Company has been voted the No. 1 Family Entertainment center in the world, twice! Be sure to check their website for current pandemic restrictions and protocols. Snap your photograph in front of an arcade game.*

<https://incrediblepizza.com/st-louis/>

### **Big Muddy Adventures \$**

St. Louis, Missouri  
314-896-4BMA (4262)

*Big Muddy Adventures paddles the great rivers and believes that paddling, as North Americans have been doing for centuries, is the best way to explore our Great Rivers. Experience the natural wonder of the two largest moving bodies of water on the continent: the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers! Big Muddy Adventures offers a wide range of options, from hour-long paddles to multi-day expeditions to private island*

dinners. Snap your photograph of your canoe adventure.

<https://www.2muddy.com/>

### **Butterfly House \$**

15050 Faust Park  
Chesterfield, Missouri  
314-577-0888

*At the Butterfly House and Education Center in Faust Park, visitors can walk through a lively butterfly habitat and thrill to the sight of hundreds of butterflies in free flight. Visitors are also able to watch the process of metamorphosis and see native butterflies in their natural environment. Masks and advance reservations required. Snap your photograph with a butterfly sculpture on the park grounds, which is free to enjoy.*

[www.butterflyhouse.org](http://www.butterflyhouse.org)

### **Citygarden**

801 Market St.  
St. Louis, Missouri

*Enjoy a fusion of sculpture and landscape architecture at Citygarden, an urban oasis featuring works of modern and contemporary art, native plants, six rain gardens and a café overlooking the beautiful scene. Fountains, water features and touchable sculptures make it fun for all ages. Download their mobile app from the website to get a self-guided tour. Masks and/or social distancing are required. Snap your photograph of the Big Suit sculpture. (Hint – it’s pink.)*

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

### **City Museum \$**

750 North 16th Street  
St. Louis, Missouri  
314-231-2489

*Be prepared to have your mind blown at one of the most unusual, imaginative, coolest places ever, City Museum. Artists repurposed pieces of old city buildings into miles of tunnels, slides, bridges, and—yes—castles in a century-old*

*warehouse. Waiting to be discovered are secret passages, a circus, a train, playgrounds, and grand galleries. There’s a 24-foot-tall metal praying mantis, a funhouse mirror, and the world’s largest pair of underwear. On the roof, there’s a Ferris wheel that is especially thrilling because it’s 10 stories off the ground. Masks are required for ages 9 and up. Other protocols and policies can be found on City Museum’s website. Snap your photograph with the colorful City Museum sign at the main entrance.*

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

### **Creve Coeur Lake and Park**

2348 Creve Coeur Mill Rd.  
Maryland Heights, Missouri  
314-615-4386

*Maryland Heights, in suburban St. Louis, is the backyard everyone craves. Step out your door and pick your adventure: row, golf, hike, swing from the treetops, kayak, paddle board, sail, photograph passing deer and waterfowl, or picnic. And that’s just at Creve Coeur Memorial Lake and Park, home to Go Ape Zipline Tree Top Adventure and lake rentals. Adventure anyone? Snap your photograph of Creve Coeur Lake.*

<https://www.visitmarylandheights.org/sports-recreation/>

### **Fitz’s Bottling Company \$**

6605 Delmar Blvd  
St. Louis, Missouri  
314-726-9555

*America’s original soda microbrewery located in the vibrant Delmar Loop neighborhood. Everyone is invited to watch the bottling of St. Louis’ nationally acclaimed signature soda, Fitz’s Root Beer, on vintage bottling equipment located right inside the restaurant. Besides draft root beer, Fitz’s is a local favorite for burgers, house-smoked barbecue, craft beers and famous floats. Masks and/or social distancing are required. Snap your photograph of Fitz’s logo – whether the sign, soda bottle, or imprinted on your glass.*

<https://fitsrootbeer.com/>

### **Laumeier Sculpture Park**

12580 Rott Road  
St. Louis, Missouri  
314-615-5278

*Laumeier Sculpture Park is fun for all ages. This 105-acre park features more than 60 works of large-scale outdoor sculpture. Hike one of the many trails and be dazzled by the modern sculpture you come upon. Encourage your kids to crouch or lie down, stand far away and up close, then circle around the art, and have them invent their own titles for the work. Running and skipping on the grass is encouraged! Be sure to check the park's website for current pandemic restrictions and protocols. Snap your photograph of your favorite sculpture.*

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

### **Myseum \$**

283 Lamp and Lantern Village  
Town and Country, Missouri  
636-220-7930

*Award winning discovery center for kids and families. Fun, highly interactive and unique exhibits like a dino-dig, Zoo Vet Clinic, Interactive Video Wall, radar slide, Magnetic Ball Wall, giant UFO maze, and more. Be sure to check their website for current pandemic restrictions and protocols. Snap your photograph of a fun activity.*

<https://stlmyseum.com/>

### **Riverboats at Gateway Arch \$**

50 S. Leonor K. Sullivan Blvd.  
St. Louis, Missouri  
877-982-1410

*History and fun are served in equal parts on the Gateway Arch Riverboats, so take your kids and relive the days when steamboats ruled. These 19th-century replicas offer the best views of the city. The cruises are narrated so you'll learn about St. Louis while cruising. In addition to the one-hour cruises that are especially good for the little ones, there are a variety of specialty*

*cruises to enjoy. Riverboat visitors, ages 9 and up, are required to wear face coverings with no exceptions. Snap your photograph of the riverboat from the riverfront levee.*

<https://www.gatewayarch.com/experience/riverboat-cruises/>

### **St. Louis Aquarium at Union Station \$**

201 S. 18th Street  
St. Louis, Missouri  
314-923-3900

*Located in what was one of the busiest passenger rail terminals in the world, the St. Louis Aquarium takes your family on an aquatic journey that dazzles and entertains. From alligator snapping turtles to zebra sharks, more than 13,000 animals hang out in and around 250,000 gallons of water. The behind-the-scenes tour takes a half hour, and little ones will really enjoy the personalized animal encounters. Be sure to check the website for current pandemic restrictions and protocols. Snap your photograph outside the aquarium in front of an outdoor display.*

<https://www.stlouisaquarium.com/>

### **St. Louis Cardinals/Busch Stadium \$**

700 Clark Street  
St. Louis, Missouri  
314-345-9000

*St. Louis' National League team was formed in 1892 and rebranded the Cardinals in 1900. The team has a storied history, winning 11 World Championships, the most in the National League. Opening Day at Busch Stadium is April 8, 2021, and The Cardinals Hall of Fame and Museum in Ballpark Village reopens on April 5. Capture the magic anytime outside Busch Stadium enjoying the statues of Cardinal icons. If you love hockey, stroll down Clark Street and check out Enterprise Center, home of the St. Louis Blues. Be sure to check the websites for current pandemic restrictions and protocols. Snap your photograph in front of your favorite statue.*

<https://www.mlb.com/cardinals/>

**St. Louis Science Center**

700 Clark Street  
St. Louis, Missouri  
314-289-4400

*For kids of all ages, science has never been so fun. Explore 700-plus exhibits, the OMNIMAX Theater with its four-story screen, James S. McDonnell Planetarium, and special traveling exhibitions. Learn about space, dinosaurs, physics, aviation, chemistry, earth and environmental science, and more. The Center has been named one of the “10 Best Science Centers for Families” by Parents magazine. Entrance is free, but fees apply for the OMNIMAX Theater, Planetarium shows and special exhibitions. Be sure to check the Center’s website for current pandemic restrictions and protocols. Snap your photograph in front of the life-size Tyrannosaurus rex.*

<https://www.spsc.org/>

**St. Louis Wheel at Union Station \$**

201 S. 18th Street  
St. Louis, Missouri  
314-923-3960

*Take your kids for a 15-minute ride on the 200-foot-high St. Louis Wheel for the perfect skyline view. The enclosed, climate-controlled gondolas make it fun year-round. While at St. Louis Union Station, there’s plenty of fun for kids of all ages: a classic old school carousel, mini golf, a mirror maze, and a rope course. Oh, and there’s the Aquarium and a Build-A-Bear, among other fun shops. Be sure to check their website for current pandemic restrictions and protocols. Snap your photograph of the St. Louis Wheel.*

<https://www.thestlouiswheel.com/>

**Saint Louis Zoo**

1 Government Drive  
St. Louis, Missouri  
314-923-3960

*Home to more than 18,000 exotic animals, many of them rare and endangered. These 700 species represent the major continents and biomes of the world. Set in the rolling hills, lakes and glades of Forest Park, the Saint Louis Zoo is always a great place to be. It’s considered among the Top Ten Zoos in the nation and is noted for its naturalistic animal habitats. Admission is free, however, there are fees for some attractions ranging from \$3 to \$8 per person. Masks are required for everyone age 9 and older. Reservations required. Snap your photograph with your favorite Zoo animal.*

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

**Six Flags St. Louis \$**

4900 Six Flags Rd  
Eureka, Missouri  
636-938-5300

*Visit this exciting Midwest theme park that’s fun for the whole family! Visitors can loop the loop on Batman the Ride, soar at speeds of up to 62 mph on the Screaming Eagle wooden coaster and get soaked on the whitewater rapids adventure of Thunder River. Guests can also meet their favorite cartoon characters and have tons of fun in the sun at Hurricane Harbor Water Park. Reservations are required for all pass and ticket holders. Masks required for anyone over the age of two with the exception of pools and waterpark. Temperature will be scanned before entry. Snap your photograph of your favorite ride.*

<https://www.sixflags.com/stLouis>

**Suson Park Animal Farm**

6073 Wells Road  
St. Louis, Missouri  
314-615-8822

*Country living is just around the corner for urban dwellers who can see farm animals at this charming, small farm. This working animal farm also has a Barn House to explore, a pond for fishing and a playground. Masks are required in indoor spaces and outside if 6 feet social distancing cannot be maintained. Snap your photograph playing in the park.*

<https://stlouiscountymo.gov/st-louis-county-departments/parks/places/suson-park/>

### **Topgolf \$**

16851 N Outer 40 Rd.  
Chesterfield, Missouri  
636-898-8044

*Topgolf is a sports entertainment complex that features an inclusive, high-tech golf game that everyone can enjoy. Paired with an outstanding food and beverage menu, climate-controlled hitting bays and music, every Topgolf has an energetic hum that you can feel right when you walk through the door. Masks are required. Due to applicable guidelines, groups of 3 or more people sharing a table or hitting bay must be from the same household or support bubble. Snap your photograph of you in action.*

<https://topgolf.com/us/st-louis/>

### **Transportation Museum \$**

2933 Barrett Station Road  
St Louis, Missouri  
314-965-6212

*We've got planes, trains, and automobiles ... and trolleys, too! The National Museum of Transportation has "one of the largest and best collection of transportation vehicles in the world," according to The Smithsonian Institution. Masks are required for age 5 and older in buildings/train cars, and outside if less than 6 feet apart. Snap your photograph onboard one of the many train cars on display.*

<https://tnmot.org/>

### **Victory Raceway Indoor Karting \$**

8800 Watson Road  
St Louis, Missouri  
314-925-7545

*Come drive the 45-mph electric powered go-karts on a 1/4-mile road course inside a 56,000 sq ft air-conditioned facility. Great for groups, parties, birthdays and walk-in arrive and drive customers. Karts and helmets are provided, but riders must be 48" tall to drive and have closed-*

*toed shoes. Masks are required. Snap your photograph of a race underway.*

<https://www.victoryraceway.com/>