Jackson County Parks + Rec is all about FUN when you take the challenge and spend a day or two in our parks. For the land lover, we have one of the largest park systems of any county in America. For the water enthusiast, Jackson County is home to fantastic beaches and lakes, with the finest public marinas in Missouri. We offer our residents and regional neighbors 21,000 acres of premier outdoor enjoyment for get-away-from-it-all weekends and memorable vacations. From boating and biking to hiking and horseback riding, get on the go! From softball and golf, get into the game! From beaches and campgrounds to picnics and fishing, just sit back and relax. Our mission is to provide fun-filled opportunities in beautiful outdoor settings so people can make their day in Jackson County Parks!

Make Your Day at Jackson County Parks + Rec Challenge is sponsored by 
Jackson County Parks + Rec. Jackson County Parks + Rec is the third largest 
county parks system in America. At 21,000 acres, our parks system features 
outstanding lakes, campgrounds, one of Kansas City’s finest public golf courses 
and historic sites that date back to 1808 when Missouri was considered to be “way out West.”

Make Your Day at Jackson County Parks + Rec Challenge ... Visit at least 5 
sites. 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.

Tag your photos with @JacksonCountyMO on social media.

Remember, Missouri Explorers, you are responsible for checking hours and availability of sites before arriving.

Blue Springs Marina $ 
1700 NE. Bowlin Road 
Lee’s Summit, Missouri 
816-795-1112

Step back in time and experience the lives of the men and women who secured the American frontier at Fort Osage National Historic Landmark. Built in 1808 under the direction of William Clark of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, Fort Osage served a dual role as both a military garrison and trace center. Snap your photograph in front of the historic fort.

https://www.makeyourdayhere.com/205/Fort-Osage

Kemper Outdoor Education Center 
8201 Jasper Bell 
Blue Springs, Missouri 
816-229-8980

Nestled in the Fleming Park Nature Preserve on the east side of Lake Jacomo, the Kemper Outdoor Education Center is a haven for nature

lovers and educators. The area features a butterfly garden and habitat trail. Snap your photograph at the wetlands on the Habitat Trail outside of Kemper Outdoor Education Center.

https://www.makeyourdayhere.com/228/Kemper-Outdoor-Education-Center

Lake Jacomo Marina $
7401 W. Park Road
Blue Springs, Missouri
816-795-8888

With more than 60 watercraft available, Lake Jacomo Marina is the largest boat rental facility in the Kansas City metro area. Boat rentals are due back one hour prior to closing. Snap your photograph on one of the duck or swan pedal boats.


Longview Lake Beach $
61101 Raytown Road
Kansas City, Missouri
816-867-0008 ext. 24

Take a swim, have a ball. Build a sand castle, catch some rays at Longview Lake beach. Certified lifeguards, covered picnic shelters, sand volleyball and showers and restrooms. Snap your photograph on the beach.

https://www.makeyourdayhere.com/Facilities/Facility/Details/Longview-Lake-Beach-39

Longview Lake Marina
9898 Longview Road
Kansas City, Missouri
816-966-0131

Just minutes from south Kansas City, Longview Lake offers 930 acres of water entertainment and 14 picturesque shelters. Get away with the whole family for an exciting day of power boating, water skiing, jet skiing or a relaxing pontoon boat ride. You can also get a tan and go for a swim at the beach. Snap your photograph in front of the lake.


Sail Boat Cove
22807 SW. Woods Chapel Road
Blue Springs, Missouri
816-503-4805

Set sail on Jackson County Parks+ Rec's Lake


Missouri Town 1855 $
8010 E. Park Road
Lee’s Summit, Missouri
816-246-1752

Experience the sights, sounds, and smells of a small Missouri town on the eve of the Civil War. Missouri Town 1855 is a living history museum with more than 25 buildings dating from 1820-1860 spread across nearly 30 picturesque acres. Original structures from seven western Missouri counties are filled with historic tools and furnishings, setting the stage for life in the mid-1800s. Snap your photograph at one of the 25 living history buildings.

https://www.makeyourdayhere.com/213/Missouri-Town-1855

Rock Island Trail
Trailhead 12600 E. 98th Street
Kansas City, Missouri
816-503-4000

The 17.7-mile corridor stretches from Arrowhead and Kauffman Stadiums south through Raytown and into Lee’s Summit. Transforming a portion of the Rock Island Corridor into a shared use path will commence immediately. Corridor planning and design will focus on preservation of the national rail network corridor’s integrity, most notably the railroad corridor’s unencumbered continuity, and on multi-modal transportation options as the corridor remains available for freight service. Snap your photograph in front of the Vale Tunnel, close to the 98th Street trailhead.

Jacomo where windsurfers and sailors abound. This breathtaking 970-acre lake is located in the heart of Fleming Park, one of Jackson County Parks + Rec's premier recreational areas. Enjoy colorful sailboat regattas, while pontoon boaters take a leisurely cruise across the lake! Lake Jacomo's limited-horsepower regulation affords a relaxing outing for the water enthusiast. Snap your photograph in front of your favorite sailboat on the lake.

https://www.makeyourdayhere.com/Facilities/Lake-Jacomosail-Boat-Cove