

Make Your Day at Jackson County Parks + Rec Challenge

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

Blue Springs Lake Marina is located one mile east of 291 Highway on Bowlin Road. Conveniences include boat rentals from April 15 thru October 15 (weather permitting), lakeside gasoline pumps and overnight slip rental. Boat rentals are due in one hour prior to closing. Snap your photograph feeding the carp at the marina.

<https://www.makeyourdayhere.com/Facilities/Facility/Details/Blue-Springs-Lake-Marina-1>

Fort Osage National Historic Landmark \$

105 Osage Street Sibley
Sibley, Missouri
816-650-3278

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.

<https://www.makeyourdayhere.com/Facilities/Facility/Details/Lake-Jacomo-Marina-2>

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.

<https://www.makeyourdayhere.com/Facilities/Facility/Details/Longview-Lake-Marina-5>

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.

<https://www.makeyourdayhere.com/DocumentCenter/View/1363/Rock-Island-Info-Map>

Sail Boat Cove

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

Set sail on Jackson County Parks+ Rec's Lake

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-Jacomo-Sail-Boat-Cove>