MISSOURI STATEHOOD DAY
August 10, 2021

Missouri Statehood Day begins at the State Capitol with the formal recognition of the Missouri Bicentennial; reveal of the Missouri Bicentennial stamp; bicentennial-themed exhibits in the Capitol, including the Bicentennial Quilt and the My Missouri 2021 photograph display. In addition, there will be U.S. Naturalization Ceremony in the morning and a statewide ice cream social is planned in the afternoon at Central Dairy in Jefferson City and in communities across the state.

Schedule of Events

Monday, August 9

Events

2:00 p.m.

Dedication of the Bicentennial Bridge/Bicentennial Chess Board – Veterans Memorial, Missouri State Capitol grounds

Join us for the dedication of the Bicentennial Bridge and Bicentennial Chess Board! The Bicentennial Bridge to Adrian’s Island will provide a pedestrian and bike linkage between Jefferson City and Adrian Island, reconnecting and restoring Jefferson City’s historic relationship to the Missouri River. The Bicentennial Chess Board, a project of the Missouri Bicentennial Commission with support from the World Chess Hall of Fame, will be located on Adrian’s Island and provide a lasting reminder of the bicentennial commemoration.

Exhibitions

Missouri Bicentennial Timeline – First Floor, Missouri State Museum, Missouri State Capitol
Visitors can follow a river of time that flows through thousands of years of Missouri history. Illustrated by St. Louis-based artist Dan Zettwoch and stretching 80 feet, the timeline highlights the triumphs and tragedies of Missouri history. Missouri’s state symbols and fun references to Missouri’s culture and folklore are scattered along the timeline. Visit to see what you find hidden in the illustrations.

**Missouri Trailblazers** – First Floor, Missouri State Museum, Missouri State Capitol

*Missouri Trailblazers* highlights the people, places and organizations that blazed a trail in leadership, innovation and creativity. Explore the exhibit to find Missourians who made a difference, even if you’ve never heard of them before. Connect with these trailblazers through artifacts, interpretive panels and games. Artifacts and panels in this exhibit will rotate every few months, so keep coming back to learn more!

**Show Me Hooked Rugs** – Missouri State Museum, Missouri State Capitol

In commemoration of the upcoming Missouri and Santa Fe Trail bicentennials, Big Muddy Rug Hookers/Association of Traditional Hooking Artists are hosting an exhibition of over three dozen traditional hooked rugs by Missouri artists, past and present, at Missouri State Museum.

*Tours*

**Supreme Court of Missouri**

Scheduled and walk-in tours of the Supreme Court of Missouri are available on Monday, August 9, and Tuesday, August 10. Individuals who would like to schedule tours of the Court should contact Becky Leathers, Interpretive Resource Specialist, via phone at 573-751-7331 or email at becky.leathers@courts.mo.gov. Tours are led at 9:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 11:00 a.m. in the morning and 2:00 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 3:00 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. Tours of the Court are 30 minutes in length. When scheduling a tour, please indicate how many individuals will be with the group, the name of the contact, phone number, and email address. Tours accommodate no more than 65 people. Tours at the Court consist of the 1st floor, viewing a courtroom (either Division I or Division II), the Old Drum statue, and the law library. Tour participants (and other visitors to the building) will be required to wear a mask.

**Tuesday, August 10**

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**9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

**Formal Ceremony Recognizing the Missouri Bicentennial** – Front steps of the Missouri State Capitol Building
Join us on the front steps of the Missouri State Capitol for a formal ceremony marking the two hundredth anniversary of Missouri statehood!

- Presentation of the Missouri Bicentennial Stamp

10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

**United States Naturalization Ceremony** – First Floor Rotunda of the Missouri State Capitol Building

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Missouri 2021 Ice Cream Social** – Central Dairy

Tuesday afternoon, Missourians throughout the state will participate in ice cream socials to celebrate Missouri's bicentennial. In Jefferson City, Central Dairy will provide the first 200 customers in line at the parking lot ice cream trailer a free Birthday Cake flavored Sundae. There will also be $1 dollar ice cream cones available for everyone and sampling of Prairie Farms' new Premium Small Batch Ice Cream pints. Runs from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. or until the handouts are gone!

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**Bicentennial posters** – First Floor, Missouri State Capitol

In 2020, Missouri students helped the Missouri Bicentennial Commission commemorate the state’s 200th anniversary by submitting design concepts for a Missouri Bicentennial poster. The exhibit showcases the four winning posters from the elementary and secondary grade levels.

**Bicentennial Time Capsule** – First Floor, Missouri State Capitol

Come add your “note to future Missourians” to the Bicentennial Time Capsule!

**Missouri Bicentennial Mural** – First Floor, Missouri State Capitol

In commemoration of the Missouri Bicentennial, juried Best of Missouri Hands artists, Aaron Horrell and Barb Bailey assisted thousands of Missourians across the state in painting a large composite aluminum panel mural featuring Missouri state symbols, including but not limited to the State Capitol building, State flag, and St. Louis Gateway Arch.

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**My Missouri 2021 exhibition** – First Floor, Missouri State Capitol

Between May 2018 and November 2019, Missouri 2021 invited professional and amateur photographers to capture unique and meaningful aspects of Missouri. The exhibition, oriented around the four seasons, features selected images from this project and reflects the geographic and cultural landscape of the state.

**Quilt exhibition** – First Floor, Missouri State Capitol

Since the pioneer days of the American Midwest, quilts have been a cornerstone of Missouri culture, fashion, and tradition. The quilt exhibition will feature quilts made across the state in honor of the bicentennial year. The following quilts will be on display:

- Missouri Bicentennial Quilt by SHSMO/Missouri Star Quilt Co.
- Missouri 4-H Bicentennial Quilt by Missouri 4-H

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