

# Summer Fun in St. Louis

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## ~ Fun Places ~

### St. Louis Zoo

The Saint Louis Zoo's summer hours (May 24-September 2, 2013) are Friday-Sunday 8am to 7pm and Monday-Thursday 8am-5pm. Admission is free. The Zoo also offers Jungle Boogie – a Friday Night Concert Series. For more information and to view [events online](#), call 314-781-0900 or visit [www.stlzoo.org](http://www.stlzoo.org)

### St. Louis Art Museum

Grand Opening of new addition June 29-30, 2013 - Please note: Open Tuesday – Sunday 10am – 5pm. Admission to all special exhibits is FREE on Fridays, and the museum stays open until 9pm. **Sunday Family Programs**, 1 pm until 4 pm every Sunday: free family-oriented, art-inspired programs featuring hands-on activities gallery games, and performances designed to engage visitors of all ages. All materials are free, registration is not needed. [www.slam.org](http://www.slam.org)

### The Contemporary Art Museum of St. Louis

Open Wednesday – Sunday, 11am – 6pm on Wednesday, 11am - 9pm on Thursdays and Friday, 10am – 5pm Saturday and Sunday. Free for all visitors every Wednesday and Saturday. A nominal fee is charged at other times. College students may get in free with a school ID. Please check the calendar of upcoming events. Lectures, music and films are either free or charge a nominal fee to attend. <http://www.camstl.org/>.

### The Jewel Box

The Jewel Box is open: 9am to 4pm Monday through Friday; 9 to 11 am Saturday and 9 am to 2 pm Sunday. Admission is \$1 but it is free from 9 am to noon on Monday and Tuesday. 314-535-0080.

<https://stlouis-mo.gov/government/departments/parks/parks/Jewel-Box.cfm>

### Missouri Botanical Garden

The Missouri Botanical Garden features flower shows, live music, and education and fitness activities throughout the year. From the Orchid Show in February, to the languid Wednesday nights of the [Whitaker Music Festival](#) all summer long (June - August), to the three-day celebration of Japanese Festival on Labor-Day weekend, to the sentimental favorite Gardenland Express holiday flower and train show, there's something for everyone at any time of year. [www.mobot.org](http://www.mobot.org) **Please note - Free general admission to the Garden- Wednesdays and Saturdays before noon for residents of St. Louis City and County (with proof of residency).**

### Meramec Caverns

Meramec Caverns is the largest commercial cave in the state of Missouri. Lantern Tours Fridays and Saturdays in June, 573-468-2283, [www.americascave.com](http://www.americascave.com)

### Missouri History Museum

The Missouri Historical Society offers programs and outreach services, including traveling exhibitions, tours, theatrical and musical presentations, programs for school classes and youth groups, family festivals, special events, workshops, and lectures. Open Daily, 10am to 5pm, Tuesday, 10am to 8pm. General admission to the Museum is free, but there is a fee for special exhibits. Visit the website for full calendar listing <http://www.mohistory.org>. The popular outdoor concert series Twilight Tuesdays returns with a spectacular spring line-up <http://www.mohistory.org/twilight-tuesdays>.

### The Magic House

The Magic House, St. Louis Children's Museum, is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing children with hands-on learning experiences in a creative and stimulating environment. With extended hours until 9pm, *Free Family Nights* sponsored by Target allow families to be admitted to The Magic House free of charge from 5:30 pm – 9pm on the third Friday of every month (through December). Families (no more than two adults and four of their own children) can enjoy the more than 100 hands-on exhibits in the museum, as well as special exhibits like *Poet Tree Hall*. Reservations are not required. Visitors will be admitted to the museum until capacity is reached. 314-822-8900, [www.magichouse.org](http://www.magichouse.org)

### Anheuser-Busch Brewery

See how they brew it! St. Louis has long been famous for its beer, and you can see how it's made with a free tour of the Anheuser-Busch Brewery. The tour includes the historic Brewhouse, the Budweiser Clydesdale stables, the lager cellar and the packaging plant. Also included is a stop at the Hospitality Room for a free sample. [www.budweisertours.com](http://www.budweisertours.com)

### Cahokia Mounds

The remains of the most sophisticated prehistoric native civilization north of Mexico are preserved at Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site within a 2,200-acre tract. According to archaeological finds, the city of Cahokia was inhabited from about A.D. 700 to 1400. At its peak, from A.D. 1100 to 1200, the city covered nearly six square miles. In 1982, UNESCO designated Cahokia Mounds a World Heritage Site for its importance to our understanding of the prehistory of North America. Cahokia Mounds is located eight miles east of St. Louis in Collinsville, Illinois. The Interpretive Center is open every day from 9am to 5pm through October (9am – 5pm Wednesday – Sunday after October); grounds are open seven days a week from 8am until dusk. 618 346-5160, [www.cahokiamounds.com](http://www.cahokiamounds.com)

### Grant's Farm

Grant's Farm, the former homestead of President Ulysses S. Grant, is now a 281-acre wildlife preserve with more than a 1,000 animals from six continents. It is also home to one of the Budweiser Clydesdale breeding and training facilities. Visitors can have an up-close view of Grant's cabin "Hardscrabble," and take a tram ride through the Deer Park. There is also a petting zoo and an area where you can feed the goats. Grant's Farm is the ancestral home of the Busch family of Anheuser-Busch brewery fame. Hours through September 2nd: Closed Mondays (except May 28 and September 2), Tuesday – Friday: 9am - 3:30pm, Saturday: 9am - 4pm, Sunday: 9:30am - 4pm. [www.grantsfarm.com](http://www.grantsfarm.com)

## ~ Special Events ~

**Maplewood Summer Concert Series**, fourth Wednesday of the month in Ryan Hummert Park from 6 - 8pm. Visit <http://mcbfstl.org/events.php> **May 22:** Bob Kuban; **June 26:** Johnny Cash-One More Round; **July 24:** Kevin Bilchik Band; **August 28:** The Blue Devils Rhythm & Blues Band; **September 25:** Javier Mendoza

**Twilight Tuesdays**, Tuesdays through 6/4, from 6:30pm – 8:30pm, Missouri History Museum Front Lawn. Grab your blankets and lawn chairs, pack your picnic basket and hear some terrific music under a beautiful Forest Park sunset <http://www.mohistory.org/twilight-tuesdays>. **5/28:** A Tribute to Earth, Wind, & Fire; **6/4:** The Blues Is Alright: A Tribute to the Blues

**Shakespeare Festival of St. Louis "Twelfth Night"** through 6/16, East side of Art Hill in Forest Park– early Green show 6:30 pm; Performance 8pm (closed Tuesdays); Admission is free 314 531-9800, [www.shakespearefestivalstlouis.org](http://www.shakespearefestivalstlouis.org). Great for a picnic!

**Jungle Boogie St. Louis Zoo Friday Night Concert Series**, Fridays through 8/30 from 5pm – 8pm, Located at Schnuck Family Plaza in the center of the Zoo <http://www.stlzoo.org/events/calendarofevents/jungleboogie/>.

#### Artist Line-up

**May 24** – Whiskey Morning (Country)

**May 31** – Fat Pocket (Funk)

**June 7** – American Idle (Top 40)

**June 14** – Groove Thang ('70s to today)

**June 21** – NO CONCERT – Zoo closes at 12 noon

**June 28** – Bottoms Up Blues Gang (Blues)

**July 5** – Dirty Muggs (Pop, rock, funk, soul & more!)

**July 12** – 3 Handsome Guys (Rock and pop)

**July 19** – Push the Limit (Show band/variety)

**July 26** – Johnny Henry Band (Country/Southern rock)

**August 2** – Miss Jubilee & the Humdingers (Jump blues, swing & hot jazz)

**August 9** – Hudson & the Hoo Doo Cats (Jump blues & swing)

**August 16** – Griffin & the Gargoyles (Variety and top 40)

**August 23** – Funky Butt Brass Band (New Orleans)

**August 30** – GalaxyRed (Dance/variety)

**STL Bluesweek Festival**, May 24 4:30-11pm, May 25 11-11pm & May 26 11-11pm, Soldiers Memorial, free, More info [stlbluesweek.com](http://stlbluesweek.com)

**St. Louis Greek Fest**, 5/24 – 5/27, 11am – 9pm (11am – 8pm on Monday), Assumption Greek Orthodox Church. Activities include authentic Greek food and pastries, live music, Greek folk dancing, Agora marketplace, church tours, kids' corner and more, 314-966-2255, [www.stlgreekfest.com](http://www.stlgreekfest.com)

**St. Louis African Arts Festival**, 5/25 – 5/27, 10am – 8pm on 5/25; 11am – 8pm on 5/26 and 10am – 6pm on 5/27, World's Fair Pavilion in Forest Park. Festival includes an African marketplace, hands-on activities, performing artists, ceramics and textiles, guided art tours and more, 314-935-9676, [www.stlafricanartsfest.org](http://www.stlafricanartsfest.org)

**Starlight Concert Series**, Mondays 6/11 through 7/23 at 6:30pm, Heman Park in University City, The 90-member (give or take) UCity Summer Band is... Light Classics, Marches, Patriotic Music, Show Tunes, Transcriptions, Popular Music, Jazz, and Original Music for Band. 314-505-8612, <http://www.ucsummerband.org/>

**Whitaker Music Festival**, Wednesdays through August, 7:30pm, Missouri Botanical Gardens – Cohen Amphitheater, [www.mobot.org/events/Whitaker/default.asp](http://www.mobot.org/events/Whitaker/default.asp)

*Artist Line-up*

**June 5:** Funky Butt Brass Band / **June 12:** Terence Blanchard / **June 19:** Kim Massie / **June 26:** Ransom Note

**July 3:** Beth Bombara / **July 10:** Victor & Penny / **July 17:** Montez Coleman/Willie Akins Project

**July 24:** Sarah Jane and the Blue Notes/ **July 31:** Big George Brock / **August 7:** The Scandaleros

**Circus Flora**, 5/30-6/23, Grand Center Arts & Entertainment District. St. Louis's own one ring circus located under the Big Top on the parking lot adjacent to Powell Symphony Hall, tickets range from \$10.00 - \$44.00, <http://www.circusflora.org>

**Lafayette Square Home & Garden Tour**, 6/1-6/2 from 10-5pm. Tour beautiful Victorian-era homes. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 day of the tour. Visit [www.lafayettesquare.org](http://www.lafayettesquare.org) for more info.

**Art & Air**, 6/7-9, Webster Groves Outdoor Art Fair on the grounds of Eden Theological Seminary. Free. Fri 6-10pm, Sat 11-10pm and Sun 12-5pm. Visit [www.artandair.com](http://www.artandair.com) for more info.

**First Friday Art Walks**, First Friday of the month, 5:00 to 9:00 pm Grand Center's art organizations have collaborated to open their galleries free of charge to guests <http://www.grandcenter.org/calendar/event/2013/05/03/first-fridays-in-grand-center>

**St. Louis Uncorked – A Wine and Music Festival**, 6/8, from 3-11 pm Soldiers Memorial Plaza in Downtown St. Louis. Festival includes live music, over 50 wines to sample and delicious food. <http://fresh1025.cbslocal.com/2013/05/09/join-us-at-st-louis-uncorked-2013/>

**Clayton Parties in the Park**, 2nd Wednesday of the month: 6/12, 7/10, 8/14 & 9/11. Downtown Clayton on Central Avenue, 5pm – 8:30pm, [www.partiesinthepark.org](http://www.partiesinthepark.org)

**Food Truck Fridays**, 6/14, 7/2, 8/9, 9/13 & 10/4. Tower Grove park from 5-8pm. The best area food trucks in a comfortable community based environment <http://www.saucemagazine.com/foodtruckfriday.php>

**St. Louis Brewers Heritage Festival**, 6/14 – 6/15 Forest Park. Check website for current ticket price. Enjoy live music, gourmet food and have a chance to sample more than 60 beer styles from local brewers including Schlafly, O'Fallon Brewery Six Row Brewing Company, Morgan Street Brewery, Anheuser-Busch, and Square One <http://www.stlbrewfest.com/>

**PrideFest St. Louis**, June 29-30, 11am-9:30pm, Soldiers' Memorial, Free. Working to raise understanding and acceptance of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender individuals in our community. Commitment Ceremony at 3:00pm on Saturday Official Pride Parade at 12:00pm on Sunday. <http://pridestl.org>

**Fair St. Louis**, July 4, 5 & 6, Gateway Arch Grounds and Riverfront. Dazzling air shows, great concerts, spectacular fireworks, Kids Zone and much more. Admission is Free. Purchase fair tickets for food, drink and rides on site. <http://fairsaintlouis.org>  
Concerts: **July 4** – Trace Adkins; **July 5** – Bret Michaels; **July 6** – Counting Crows

**Annual Veiled Prophet (VP) Parade**, **July 4**, Downtown St. Louis, 10am, (314) 436-6500, [www.vpparade.org](http://www.vpparade.org). (From the corner of 4th and Washington, to Market and then Union Station)

**Saint Louis Art Museum's Outdoor Film Series**. Fridays in July, throughout the month, we are fighting the summer heat with four film classics. Before the films, enjoy festive music, entertainment, and refreshments on the Museum's front plaza. Movie starts at 9pm. Films include: **Casablanca** (7/5), **West Side Story** (7/12), **The Princess Bride** (7/19) and **Roman Holiday** (7/26) <http://www.slam.org/calendar.php?#anchor2>

**Celebrate St. Louis Summer Concerts**, Soldier's Memorial, free, food & beverage available for. <http://fairsaintlouis.org>  
**July 12** – John Turner; **July 13** – The Urge; **July 19** – K'Naan; **July 20** – Needtobreathe

**Let Them Eat Art**, July 12th, 6-11pm, Historic Downtown Maplewood. [www.cityofmaplewood.com/index.aspx?nid=147](http://www.cityofmaplewood.com/index.aspx?nid=147)

**Annual Contemporary Indian Art Show**, 7/13-14, 9am – 5pm, Cahokia Mounds. Exhibition and sale of fine art (painting, sculpture, textiles, jewelry, metalwork, etc) by more than 25 Indian artists from across the Nation.

**Festival of Nations**, 8/24- 8/25, Tower Grove Park (corner of Arsenal and Grand), 10am-7pm on 8/24 and 10am – 6pm on 8/25. An outdoor multi-ethnic celebration featuring traditional dance and music, ethnic food, cultural and educational exhibits, folk art demonstrations, and an international market. 314-773-9090, <http://www.festivalofnationsstl.org/index.html>

**The Art Fair at Queeny Park**, 8/30 – 9/1, Greensfelder Recreation Center in Queeny Park, 314-889-0433, <http://artfairatqueenyark.com/>

**Big Muddy Blues Festival, Labor Day Weekend**, 8/31 – 9/1, Historic Laclede's Landing entertainment district 12:00 – 11:00pm, 314-241-5875, [bigmuddybluesfestival.com](http://bigmuddybluesfestival.com)

**Annual Japanese Festival**, 8/31 – 9/2, Missouri Botanical Garden. Japanese Festival includes sumo wrestling, taiko drumming, traditional tea ceremonies, food court, and candlelight walks in the Japanese garden. 10am to 8pm 8/31 and 9/1 and 10am to 5pm 9/2 (Labor Day), \$15 adults, \$5 Garden members, \$5 children ages 3 to 12, 314-577-5100, [www.mobot.org](http://www.mobot.org) or <http://www.mobot.org/events/japanesefestival/>

**St. Nicholas Greek Festival**, 8/31 - 9/2, St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, authentic Greek food and pastries, bazaar, dance demonstrations and live music. 11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. on 8/31 and 9/1; 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. on 9/2, 314-361-6924, [www.sngoc.org](http://www.sngoc.org)

**Greater St. Louis Hispanic Festival**, 9/6-9/8, Kiener Plaza in Downtown St. Louis. Fair activities include authentic Hispanic foods, Hispanic arts and crafts, live Latino bands, folkloric dancers, children's pavilion, giveaways, information booths and more. 314-837-6100, [www.hispanicfestivalstl.com](http://www.hispanicfestivalstl.com)

**Annual Saint Louis Art Fair**, 9/6 - 9/8, Downtown Clayton, Art Fair is known for its extensive, nation-wide exhibits and fun! 314-863-0278, <http://www.culturalfestivals.com>

**Schlafly Art Outside**, 9/6 - 9/8, Schlafly Bottleworks in Maplewood. This is a three-day-long juried alternative art fair featuring affordable art from over 50 artists based here in the St. Louis area. Fri 5-10pm; Sat 10-10pm; Sun 12-4pm <http://schlafly.com/events/calendar/2013/09/07/art-outside/>

**LouFest**, 9/7 - 9/8 Forest Park; A sustainable music festival for all-ages featuring national and local bands on three stages, food and retail and for the youngest fans there is Area K, a special area filled with music, magic, kid-friendly food and more. <http://www.loufest.com/>

**Annual Kirkwood Greentree Festival**, 9/13 - 9/15, Kirkwood Park, Enjoy more than 200 arts and crafts booths, fine food, live entertainment, and specialty events. 5pm to 10pm, Friday night, 9am to 7pm, Saturday, 10am to 5pm, Sunday 314-822-5855, <http://www.greentreefestival.com>

**Great Forest Park Balloon Glow and Balloon Race**

9/20: Glow 9/21: Race & Prep, Central Field in Forest Park (between the Jewel Box and Steinberg Rink), 314-993-2468, [www.greatforestparkballoonrace.com](http://www.greatforestparkballoonrace.com)

**Old Webster Jazz Festival**, 9/21, Old Webster Historic District, Gore & Lockwood. A free jazz festival featuring live bands, 314-961-4656, [www.oldwebsterjazzfestival.com](http://www.oldwebsterjazzfestival.com)

**Pioneer Days**, 9/21 - 9/22, Historic Daniel Boone Home and Boonesfield Village (Defiance). 9am – 5pm. A pre-1840s Folkways Festival and Encampment. Artisans, music, historic encampment, and good food make this a glorious day in the beautiful Femme Osage Valley. Step into the past to experience life on the early Missouri frontier and learn about the Boone legacy, 636-798-2005, [http://www.lindenwood.edu/boone/special\\_events.asp](http://www.lindenwood.edu/boone/special_events.asp)

**Folk and Fine Arts Festival**, 9/21 - 9/22, Faust Park Historic Village, 10am – 5pm Cost: \$5.00; 4 and under free. Faust Historic Village comes alive with period re-enactors and artisans demonstrating their craft such as blacksmithing, metalwork, rail splitting, wheat weaving, corn husk doll making, wood carving, silhouette cutting and more. Live music and food will be nearby and free carousel rides will be available with the entrance fee. Unique handmade items will be for sale, along with food and refreshments. 314-615-8328, [www.stlouisco.com/parks](http://www.stlouisco.com/parks)

**Dancing in the Street Festival**, 9/21, annual fall festival that showcases the beauty, art, athleticism and energy of dance. Free, outdoor stages located throughout the Grand Center District

<http://www.grandcenter.org/directory/festivals-events/dancing-in-the-street-festival/>

**Taste of St. Louis**, 9/27 – 9/29, Soldier's Memorial in Downtown St. Louis, free admission; tastes for a small charge. St. Louis' top restaurants will serve "tastes" from their menus, plus national music acts, the Taste of St. Louis Culinary competition, Artist Village, Marketplace, Kids Zone, and much more. 314-853-6257, [www.tastestl.com](http://www.tastestl.com)

**You may also visit the following websites for more fun St. Louis activities:**

<http://www.explorestlouis.com/>  
<http://www.keepersthappening.org/>  
<http://www.alivemag.com/>  
<http://stlouis.metromix.com/>

<http://www.riverfronttimes.com/>  
<http://www.townplannerstl.com/>

<http://www.stlouisattractions.com/>  
<http://familyattractionscard.com/>