

What Can We Do For Fun Around Here?

Thank you for your suggestions! Fun things are (mostly) arranged alphabetically by name of activity.

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Art classes (Ruth)	St. Louis Artists Guild, Third Degree Glass, Craft Alliance	Varies	“Indulge your creativity and learn new skills.”	https://www.stlouisartistsguild.org https://www.thirddegreeglassfactory.com https://www.craftalliance.org
Astronomical Society of Eastern Missouri (Joanne)	Broemmelsiek Park Astronomy Area on Schwede Rd in St. Charles County	Every Friday night - weather permitting - and start at the later of 7:00 pm (Winter) or at Sunset (Spring, Summer, Fall) and usually last for 2 hours or so	Volunteers set up telescopes and train them on interesting night sky objects, including planets	https://www.aseonline.org/home
Butterfly House (Jan)	Faust County Park, Chesterfield	Tues-Sun 10-4	Part of Missouri Botanical Garden.	http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/visit/family-of-attractions/butterfly-house.aspx
Boating in Forest Park	6101 Government	Varies	Choose from canoes, paddle-boats, kayaks, double kayaks, or paddle boards. “Relaxing, good exercise,	https://www.paddleforestpark.com

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(Ruth)	Drive, St. Louis		different way to experience Forest Park.”	
Circus Flora (Joanne)	Grand Center, St. Louis, MO	June	St. Louis’s own 1-ring circus!	https://circusflora.org/
City Museum (Pranali, Joanne)	750 North 16 th St., St. Louis	All year	“Fun not just for kids but everyone who is young at heart. We would often take out of town guests there who were amazed at the creativity, originality, and uniqueness of this place!”	Citymuseum.org
Eagle watching (Joanne)	Lock & Dam 24, Clarksville, MO	January/ February	Cost: free! Bring binoculars and wear warm clothing. Look for eagles perched in trees on the other side of the river.	https://www.mvs.usace.army.mil/Missions/Navigation/Locks-and-Dams/Lock-Dam-24/
Early Music Missouri (Alice)	Varies	Varies	Ensemble performs Renaissance and Baroque music on period instruments. Informal concerts in different venues. Vocal and instrumental music, religious and secular; beautiful pieces you don’t often hear, performed on instruments you don’t often see. Ever met a sackbut?	https://earlymusicmissouri.net
Edward “Ted” and Pat Jones -- Confluence Point State Park (Dana)	1000 Riverlands Way, West Alton, MO	All year	Located at junction of Missouri and Mississippi Rivers; Lewis & Clark expedition started from here.	https://mostateparks.com/park/edward-ted-and-pat-jones-confluence-point-state-park
Endangered Wolf Center (Alice)	6750 Tyson Valley Rd., Eureka, MO	Varies	Nonprofit sponsors scientific research, pup fostering, rewilding, tours, and educational programs.	Endangeredwolfcenter.org
Ferris Wheel at Union Station (Ruth)	201 South 18 th St., St. Louis	Varies	“Fun and a little scary.”	https://www.thestlouiswheel.com
Focal Point (Alice)	2720 Sutton Blvd,	Approx. 100	“St. Louis’s premiere folk and roots music listening room since 1975.” Educational nonprofit presents traditional, folk, bluegrass, Celtic, &	https://thefocalpoint.org

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	Maplewood, MO.	concerts per year	Americana music. Additional entertainment such as dancing, storytelling, & poetry.	
Gateway Arch National Park (Ruth, Alice)	St. Louis Riverfront	Varies	Includes Arch, Museum Under the Arch, riverfront, Old Courthouse. Take a tram ride to the top of the Arch, visit the Museum underneath it, or take a ride on a riverboat.	https://www.gatewayarch.com
Half Price Books (Leslie)	630 N. McKnight Rd. or 1664 Clarkson Rd.	Mon-Sat 10-8, Sun 11-7	“Browsing the stacks at a leisurely pace with only a few customers in the store is a pleasure...The staff is always helpful.”	https://www.hpb.com
Jefferson Barracks Telephone Museum (Alice)	12 Hancock Ave., St. Louis 63125 (in Jefferson Barracks Park)	Wed-Sun 9am-2pm	Fun collection of telephones, telephone-related equipment and memorabilia. Displays created to inspire an interest in engineering and history.	http://www.jbtel museum.org/
Kirkwood Theatre Guild (Alice)	Robert Reim Theatre, 111 So. Geyer Rd., Kirkwood	4 shows per season, Fall thru Spring	This fun community theater organization has been presenting shows since 1931.	https://ktg-onstage.org
Missouri Civil War Museum (Alice)	222 Worth Ave., St. Louis 63125 (in Jefferson Barracks Historic Site)	Th-Sat 10 am-4 pm; Sun 11 am-4 pm	“One of the largest Civil War Museums in the nation.” Focuses on Missouri’s role in Civil War, which was more important than you might think. Located in 1905 Post-Exchange Building.	https://mcwm.org/
Missouri Historical Society (Alice)	Missouri Historical Society in Forest Park	Varies	Events, exhibits, storytelling, lectures related to local history. Tours of local landmarks and attractions.	https://mohistory.org/society
Municipal Library Consortium (Alice)	Kirkwood, Ferguson, Valley Park, U. City libraries and others	Varies	Network of public libraries, separate from county and city library systems. Resources, events, programs. Offers cooperative privileges with St. Louis County Library.	https://www.mlc-stl.org
Municipal Opera (Muny)	Forest Park	Summer	107 years old and going strong! “The nation’s oldest and largest outdoor musical theatre.” Musicals and other	Muny.org

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(Jan, Lisa)			events. "Free seats; go early and take a picnic" (Lisa).	
Musical Nights (Joanne)	Oak Knoll Park at 1 Oak Knoll Park, Clayton, MO	June- Sept, 4th Sunday of the month; 5-7 pm	Cost: free!; kid-friendly; bring lawn chairs and pack a picnic dinner	https://www.claytonmo.gov/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/5539/1501?toggle=allpast&npage=7
Opera Theatre of St. Louis (Alice)	Loretto-Hilton Center, 130 Edgar Rd., Webster Groves 63119	May- June	Annual season presents 4 operas including classics and world premieres. Sung in English with English subtitles projected on theater wall. Accompanied by St. Louis Symphony musicians. Optional picnic lunches/dinners available in garden outside theater.	https://opera-stl.org
Pick your own Apples (Joanne, Ginger)	Thierbach Orchards apple picking, 18427 State Hwy 47 Marthasville, MO.	Septemb er	Priced by the pound; bring a cooler and buy some of their homemade cider	http://www.thierbachorchards.com/index.html
Pick your own Blackberries and blueberries (Joanne, Ginger)	Thierbach Orchards & Berry Farm, 85 Town Branch Rd. Marthasville, MO	July	Priced by the pound. (Joanne) Our go-to place for blueberry picking, and we try to time our visit to get both blueberries and peaches. \$3 per person picking fee, payable when you check out. (Ginger)	http://www.thierbachorchards.com/index.html
Pick your own cherries (Joanne, Ginger)	Thierbach Orchards & Berry Farm, 85 Town Branch	June	Priced by the pound; these are sour (Montmorency) cherries, good for baking (pies!	http://www.thierbachorchards.com/index.html

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	Rd. Marthasville, MO			
Pick your own Peaches (Joanne, Ginger)	Thierbach Orchards & Berry Farm, 85 Town Branch Rd. Marthasville, MO	July/August	Priced by the pound	http://www.thierbachorchards.com/index.html
Pick your own Strawberries (Joanne)	Thies Farm, 14101 Creve Coeur Airport Rd, Maryland Heights, MO	May	Priced by the pound	https://thiesfarmandmarket.com/
Prison tours, including history and “ghost tours” (Ginger)	Missouri State Penitentiary, 115 Lafayette St., Jefferson City, MO	Varies	“The prison, open 1836 to 2004, offers a variety of tours. It’s an infamous part of Missouri history, but I thought it was interesting and fun to see...Check the website re age requirements and comments on accessibility.”	https://www.missouripentours.com
Purina Farms (Alice)	500 William Danforth Way, Gray Summit, MO	Varies; currently closed due to storm damage	Nonprofit center owned by Purina: dog and cat shows, agility trials, animal-themed training and events.	https://www.purina.com/purina-farms
Restaurants (Sunali)	Varies	Varies	Indo—“My favorite restaurant so far.” (1641D Tower Grove Ave.) Bellwether—“Great place to dine.” (1419 Carroll St.)	

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			<p>Turmeric—"Fun spinoffs from traditional Indian dishes." (6679 Delmar Blvd.)</p> <p>Katie's Pizza and Osteria—"Also wonderful." (Clayton, Rock Hill, Ballpark Village)</p>	
Shakespeare Festival (Joanne)	Shakespeare Glen, Forest Park, St. Louis	May-June	Cost: free! One of St. Louis's summer gems; pack a picnic dinner and enjoy a wonderful evening	https://stlshakes.org/
Soda Museum (Alice)	126 N. Main St., St. Charles, MO	Varies	Soda-themed vending machines, coolers, promotional items, collectibles from 1880s to today – "the largest soft drink collection on display in the world." Also play vintage games from the 1930s-1990s.	636-724-7632
St. Charles City-County Library (Alice)	Multiple branches in St. Charles County	Varies	Separate library system that offers cooperative privileges with St. Louis County library. Programs, events, book clubs.	https://www.stchlibrary.org
St. Charles Historic District (Alice)	Main Street in downtown St. Charles, MO	Varies	Founded in 1769 by a French Canadian fur trader, St. Charles has a fun downtown historic district with shops, restaurants, walking tours, concerts, festivals, and other events.	https://www.discoverstcharles.com
St. Louis Art Museum (Alice, Jan)	Saint Louis Art Museum in Forest Park, St. Louis, MO	Tu-Sun 10 am-5 pm; Fri 10 am-9 pm	\Ancient medieval, modern, Native American, African, Asian, Oceanic. Free admission to museum; special exhibits are free on Fridays. Also hosts events, lectures, concerts.	https://www.slam.org
St. Louis International Film Festival (Joanne)	Various theaters around the St. Louis area	November	10-day film festival featuring films from around the world; sometimes directors attend the screenings. DM me if you would like to meet up for a film screening!	https://cinemastlouis.org/
St. Louis County Library (Alice, Lisa)	Various branches in St. Louis county	Hours vary by location	Programs for adults & children. Book clubs, author events, technical help, computer clubs, small business, movies, classes. Different branches offer different programs, in person and	https://www.slcl.org/

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			online. Most are free. And you can even check out books!	
St. Louis Public Library (Alice)	Various locations in St. Louis city	Hours vary by location	Programs for adults & children. Book clubs, gaming, “creative experiences,” community forum, author events, concerts, technical help, computer clubs, classes. Different branches offer different programs, in person and online. Most are free.	https://www.slpl.org/
St. Louis Science Center (Alice)	St. Louis Science Center, Forest Park	Th-Sat and Mon 9:30-4:30, Sun 11-4:30. Extended summer hours.	Programs, events, planetarium, IMAX films, storytelling, exhibits. Yoga Under the Stars on Friday nights.	https://www.slsc.org
St. Louis Zoo (Lisa)	Forest Park	Varies	One of largest zoos in the U.S. Lots of displays, programs, behind-the-scenes tours, activities for kids and adults.	https://stlzoo.org
Weldon Spring Site Interpretive Center (Alice)	7295 Highway 94 South, St. Charles, MO	Varies	Ordnance works during World War 2, uranium feed materials plant during Cold War. Now interpretive and conservation center	Energy.gov
World Bird Sanctuary (Alice)	125 Bald Eagle Rd., Valley Park, MO	Varies	Nonprofit. “We protect and preserve birds and their habitats through conservation, rehabilitation, and education.” Displays and events.	Worldbirdsanctuary.org
Everything Else! (Jan)	<p>Saint Louis Book Fair – at Queeney Park every year in May</p> <p>Annual Loop Ice Carnival on Delmar in University City</p> <p>Audubon Center at Riverlands in West Alton, MO</p> <p>Taste of Maplewood in May</p>			

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			<p>St. Louis Mineral & Gem Society Show – every November</p> <p>Gem, Mineral, Fossil, & Jewelry Show – every March at the Machinists Hall in Bridgeton</p> <p>Home & Garden Tours, e.g., Lafayette Square</p> <p>Summer outdoor concerts in area parks, including Lafayette Park, Maplewood, Richmond Heights, Compton Heights, Faust Park, and others</p> <p>https://www.stlmag.com/culture/music/st-louis-free-summer-concert-series-every-day-of-the-week/?utm_campaign=Weekend&utm_medium=email&_hsmi=363890626&utm_content=363890626&utm_source=hs_email</p> <p>Saint Louis Art Fair in Clayton every September</p> <p>Art Outside Festival at Schlafly Bottleworks in Maplewood every September (a not-so-high-brow response to the Saint Louis Art Fair in Clayton)</p> <p>Art on the Square – Belleville, IL in May every year</p> <p>Eagle Days at Pere Marquette State Park in Grafton, IL</p> <p>Musical events at 560 Music Center - off Delmar in University City, operated by Wash U</p> <p>Third Degree Glass Factory on Delmar in Saint Louis City – any time for gallery + shop but especially for their parties on the third Friday every month 6-10 PM</p> <p>Craft Alliance – Delmar in City of Saint Louis, any time but especially</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student + Faculty sale (ceramics, jewelry, textiles) in May • Party on the third Friday every month 6-9 PM 	

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free, hands-on craft workshop for kids ages 5 + up, third Saturday every month <p>MADE – Delmar in City of St. Louis, many classes + open house third Friday of every month 6-8 PM</p> <p>Ted Drewes on Chippewa Street, City of Saint Louis</p> <p>Lectures hosted by the Women’s Voices Raised for Social Justice (maybe not fun, but highly informative and important)</p> <p>Lectures by faculty in Physics Department at Wash U on Saturday mornings</p> <p>African Film Festival at Wash U every year</p> <p>Italian Film Festival in April every year (https://ItalianFilmFests.org)</p> <p>International Film Festival mid-November every year, hosted by Cinema Saint Louis</p> <p>Classic films at the Hi-Pointe theatre – @ Skinker/cCausland Avenue & Clayton Road, hosted by Cinema Saint Louis</p> <p>Theater Companies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprehensive list of area theater companies here: https://www.theatrestl.com/theaters/ • Prism Theatre Company • Metro Theater Company – plays targeted to children and adolescents • The Black Rep • New Line Theatre • Stray Dog Theatre • Upstream Theater • Stages St. Louis <p>Tennessee Williams Festival</p>	

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			<p>St. Louis Basilica tours of mosaics</p> <p>Farmers Markets in Tower Grove Park (Saturday + Tuesday), University City (Saturday), Maplewood (Wednesday), Ferguson, Richmond Heights (Sunday), Kirkwood, Barnes-Jewish Hospital</p> <p>STLFringe FEST – in August every year</p> <p>Missouri Botanical Garden (mobot.org) (Jan and Dana)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Festival of Lights in December • Japanese Festival in August + September • Whitaker Music Festival in May + June + July • Best of Missouri Market in October • Orchid Show • Christmas Show • African Violet Show • Rose Society of Greater Saint Louis Show • Carnivorous Society Show • Fungi Fair • Climatron • Many different classes • Walk any time` <p>Shaw Nature Reserve in Gray Summit, MO (previously called The Arboretum)</p> <p>Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra (slso.org)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classical series, of course • Educational concerts (you don't have to be a teacher or student) • Youth Orchestra 	