

What Can Geeks Do For Fun Around Here?

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

Fun Thing	Location	When	Description	For More Info
Academy of Science (Mary Jo, Joanne)	Living World at the Zoo or other venues	Varies	Free lectures on a variety of science topics; other events	https://www.academyofsciencetl.org/events/
Archaeology presentations (Alice)	Missouri History Museum in Forest Park	Varies	Free lectures on archaeology & history. History Museum has lots of other free programs too; see Events on their website.	http://mohistory.org/events?series=Archaeology%20Programs
Art galleries (Jan)	Various	Varies	Shows & exhibits at art galleries around town	http://alivemag.com/52-must-see-visual-and-performing-arts-destinations-in-st-louis/
Astronomical Society of Eastern Missouri (Joanne, Alice)	Based in St. Charles County. Broemmelsiek Park Observatory is on Schwede Rd at Wilson Rd in central St. Charles County.	Varies. Public telescope viewing every clear Friday night at sunset (lasts 2 hours).	“Astronomy club designed to put fun and passion into astronomy.” Offers public outreach and education programs, meetings, special interest groups, & events. Every clear Friday night, free public telescope viewing at Broemmelsiek Park Astronomy Viewing Area.	http://www.asemonline.org/
Butterfly House (Veronika)	Faust County Park, Chesterfield	Tues-Sun 10-4	“Love seeing what is hatching.” Part of MO Botanical Garden.	http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/visit/family-of-attractions/butterfly-house.aspx
Circus Flora (Joanne)	Grand Center, St. Louis, MO	April-May	“St. Louis’s own 1-ring circus”	https://circusflora.org/
Climatron at the Botanical Garden (Leslie)	4344 Shaw Boulevard, St Louis, MO 63110	All year	“Winter is my favorite. When it’s cold and gray outside, it’s warm and aromatic inside. Being surrounded by all the greenery is inspiring, especially when I see huge specimens of the much (much!) smaller tropical plants I grow at home.”	http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/ (314) 577-5100
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.	http://www.clarksvillemo.us/lockdam24.html

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Escape Room: Breakout Games (Tom)	14523 Manchester Rd.	Varies	5 rooms, including Island Escape and Hostage.	
Escape Room: Escape the Room (Lisa, Tom)	1201 Washington Ave., St. Louis 63103	Varies	“You pay for them to lock you in a room (groups of up to about 8 people), which is full of all sorts of puzzles. You have 60 minutes to solve the puzzles and find the key to get yourself out of the room. There are multiple paths to the solution, so there’s lots to try. It’s very fast-paced and a lot of fun.” (Lisa) 4 different rooms, including the Dig and Western Bank Heist (Tom)	stlouis.escapetheroom.com/
Mastermind Escape Rooms (Tom)	3900 S Old Hwy. 94 Saint Charles; 440 N. 4th St., Ste 290 St. Louis	Varies	8 rooms, including Da Vinci’s Workshop and Cardinals Quest	https://mastermindroomescape.com/escape-room-st-louis-and-st-charles/
Escape rooms: St. Louis Escape (Tom)	1517 South 8th Street – St. Louis	Varies	4 rooms, including Curse of the Mummy and Supernatural Escape.	
First Fridays (Joanne)	St. Louis Science Center	First Friday of every month	Theme nights with activities and films from 6-10 pm	https://www.slsc.org/first-fridays/
Focal Point (Alice)	2720 Sutton Blvd, Maplewood, MO.	Approx. 100 concerts per year	Educational nonprofit that presents folk, bluegrass, traditional & Americana music. Additional entertainment such as dance, storytelling, & poetry.	Thefocalpoint.org
Golden Eagle Ferry (Veronika)	Calhoun County	Hours vary	Crossing one of many rivers; driving through Calhoun County.	http://calhounferrycompany.com
Italian Film Festival (Jan)	Washington U., Meramec Community College, Southwestern Illinois College (Belleville)	3 or 4 weekends every April	As many as 5 different movies in a weekend – only a few are shown twice throughout the Festival. All in Italian, subtitled in English. All films are free.	http://www.italianfilmfests.org/st_louis.html
Jazz Sunday (Jan)	First Unitarian Church, 5007 Waterman Boulevard, St. Louis 63108	One Sunday per year	“Hosts Jazz Sunday, with a small group of live jazz musicians and a jazz-themes sermon. These are Unitarians, so it’s not really very ‘churchy.’”	http://firstuustlouis.org/engaging/music-program/special-music-sundays
Jefferson	12 Hancock	Wed-	Extensive collection of telephones,	http://www.jbtl

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Barracks Telephone Museum (Alice)	Ave., St. Louis 63125 (in Jefferson Barracks Park)	Sun 9am-2pm	telephone-related equipment and memorabilia. Displays created to inspire an interest in engineering and history.	museum.org/
Mad Art Gallery (Jan Niehaus)	2727 S. 12th St. St. Louis, MO	Wed-Sun 11am-3pm. Best to call before visiting.	Occupies space in Soulard that was once a police squad car garage. Also contains the restaurant Capitalist Pig. "Guests can even sit in the jail cells."	Gallery: http://www.madart.com/ Capitalist Pig: https://www.capitalistpigbbq.com/
Missouri Civil War Museum (Alice)	222 Worth Ave., St. Louis 63125 (in Jefferson Barracks Park)	Daily 9am-5 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/
Musical Nights (Joanne)	Oak Knoll Park, 1 Oak Knoll Park, Clayton, MO 63105	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/669/6
Pere Marquette (Veronika)	Pere Marquette State Park, IL	All year	Welcome center has great exhibit on native birds and wildlife. Spring wildflowers and fall colors; eagle watching in winter.	http://www.pmlodge.net/pere-marquette-state-park/
Pick your own apples (Joanne)	Thierbach Orchards apple picking, 18427 State Hwy 47 Marthasville, MO 63357	September	Priced by the pound; bring a cooler and buy some of their homemade cider	http://www.thierbachorchards.com/index.html
Pick your own blackberries (Joanne)	Thierbach Orchards & Berry Farm, 85 Town Branch Rd. Marthasville, MO 63357	July	Priced by the pound	http://www.thierbachorchards.com/index.html
Pick your own blueberries (Joanne)	Hart Apiaries, 3738 State Hwy 47, Lonedell, MO 63060	June	Priced by the pound	http://www.hartapiaries.com/Blueberries.htm
Pick your own	Thierbach	June	Priced by the pound; these are sour	http://www.thier

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cherries (Joanne)	Orchards & Berry Farm, 85 Town Branch Rd. Marthasville, MO 63357		(Montmorency) cherries, good for baking (pies!)	bachorchards.com/index.html
Pick your own peaches (Joanne)	Thierbach Orchards & Berry Farm, 85 Town Branch Rd. Marthasville, MO 63357	July/August	Priced by the pound	http://www.thierbachorchards.com/index.html
Pick your own raspberries (Joanne)	Lakeview Farms, 8265 Mexico Road St. Peters, MO 63376	June	Priced by the pound	http://www.lakeview-farms.com/
Pick your own strawberries (Joanne)	Thies Farm, 14101 Creve Coeur Airport Rd, St. Louis, MO 63146	May	Priced by the pound	https://www.thiesfarm.com/strawberry-picking
Regional Art Council Art Shows (Dana)	6128 Delmar Blvd., St. Louis 63112	Varies	Arts-based community development events, community art training institute.	https://racstl.org/
River Styx poetry series (Dana)	Contemporary Art Museum, 3750 Washington Blvd 63108	3 rd Monday of the month	Several events throughout the year, including workshops and a reading series on the third Monday of the month.	http://www.riverstyx.org/
St. Louis Art Museum exhibit " <i>Sunken Cities: Egypt's Lost Worlds</i> " (Mary Jo)	Saint Louis Art Museum in Forest Park, St. Louis, MO	March 25- Sept 9, 2018	First time in U.S. Exhibit on two lost cities of ancient Egypt submerged under Mediterranean for over 1000 years. World-renowned underwater archaeologist <u>Franck Goddio</u> and his team discovered these submerged worlds uncovering stunning ancient religious, ceremonial, and commercial artifacts, which has led to a greater understanding of life during the age of pharaohs.	http://www.slam.org/exhibitions/upcoming.php
St. Louis County Library (Alice)	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. Most are free.	https://www.slcl.org/

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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. Most are free.	https://www.spl.org/
Science on Tap (Alice)	Kirkwood Station Restaurant & Brewing Co., 105 East Jefferson, Kirkwood 63122	7-8:30 pm, last Wed. of month in academic year (except Nov-Dec)	Informal presentations on range of science topics. “For the price of a beverage, anyone can come explore the latest ideas in science and technology.” Presentations are free; buy your own food/drink.	http://scienceontap.wustl.edu
Shakespeare Festival of St. Louis (Joanne)	Shakespeare Glen, Forest Park, St. Louis	June	Cost: free! One of St. Louis’s summer gems; pack a picnic dinner and enjoy a wonderful evening	https://www.sfstl.com/
Shaw Nature Preserve (Veronika)	Gray Summit, MO	7am-sunset. Visitor Ctr 8:30-4:30, 9-5 weekends	“Wonderful science and history books in their little shop.” Part of MO Botanical Garden.	http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/visit/family-of-attractions/shaw-nature-reserve.aspx
Third Degree Glass Factory (Anne)	5200 Delmar Blvd, St. Louis 63108	3 rd Friday of month	Demonstrations of glass-blowing, fire spinning, live music, etc. Free.	thirddegreeglassfactory.com
Winter Wonderland holiday lights (Joanne)	Tilles Park, 9551 Litzinger Rd., St. Louis, MO 63124	Thanksgiving-December 30	You can drive your own vehicle or take a horse-drawn carriage ride	https://www.stloisisco.com/parksandrecreation/thingstodo/winterwonderland