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**RIDE THE RIVER WITH A RANGER**  
*Learn how to float with the experts*



**ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO** – Join the St. Charles County Parks and Recreation Department for two exciting river adventures this year; one on the mighty Mississippi River and another on the Missouri River.

*Ride the River with a Ranger*, a new program led by St. Charles County Park Rangers, teaches guests ages 12 and older how to safely canoe down the river. These guided river excursions are perfect for individuals, groups, scouts and organizations.

Register for one float trip or sign-up for both! On Saturday, April 29, ride the Mississippi River from Hideaway Harbor Park near Portage de Sioux to West Alton, and on Saturday, May 13, float the Missouri River from Klondike Park near Augusta to St. Charles. All floats begin at 10 a.m. and last into the afternoon. Lunch and transportation back to the park is provided with each reservation. Prior to floating, participants must attend a mandatory training seminar from 10 a.m. – noon on April 15 at Broemmelsiek Park near Defiance.

Pre-registration is required and the program cost is \$100 per person for each adventure. To reserve a seat, call the Parks Department at 636-795-1137 or visit [www.stccparks.org](http://www.stccparks.org). Participants will be assigned a seat in a two man canoe or a group canoe that holds 10 guests.

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**About St. Charles County Parks & Recreation**

The St. Charles County Parks & Recreation Department offers unique parks, diverse facilities and a broad range of programs and special events for all ages. The County currently operates 12 parks, including a Youth Activity Park and the recently acquired Historic Daniel Boone Home at Lindenwood Park. Plans for a new park at Kisker Road and Highway 94 are underway.

For more information and specifics about each park, visit [www.stccparks.org](http://www.stccparks.org).

**About St. Charles County**

Founded in 1812, St. Charles County is one of the fastest growing counties in Missouri, and the state's third largest county in both population and economic share. St. Charles County consistently ranks one of the healthiest places to live in Missouri in the County Health Rankings report published by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute. It is home to 12 scenic county parks encompassing more than 2,800 acres with additional land under development and more in reserve for future development.

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With a population of 385,840, St Charles County is home to large employers including Citi, MasterCard Worldwide, Boeing and General Motors. It is ranked among the top 25 counties in the nation in high-tech job growth by the Progressive Policy Institute and consistently has the lowest unemployment rate in the Metropolitan St. Louis area.

St. Charles County employs nearly 1,100 in more than 30 departments and offices, who work to make the county an excellent place to live, work and shop.

For more information, please visit [www.sccmo.org](http://www.sccmo.org).