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### CAMPFIRES AND GRILLING TEMPORARILY PROHIBITED IN ST. CHARLES COUNTY PARKS

**ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO** – Effective immediately, the St. Charles County Parks and Recreation Department has issued a fire ban at all parks until further notice. The ban is in response to extremely dry conditions which present the high possibility of uncontrollable fires.

Guests cannot use the park grills or have camp fires in any area of any of the 12 County parks during the ban.

“Open fires are not permitted in our regional parks at this time,” says St. Charles County Parks Director Ryan Graham. “These fire restrictions are in place to ensure the safety of all park guests. Notifications have been posted in the parks, on the website, and on social media. You can help us by spreading the word.”

For more information about the fire ban, call the parks department at 636-949-7535.

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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. 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.

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).