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EXPERIENCE FARMING WAYS OF THE FRONTIER AT THE HISTORIC DANIEL BOONE HOME APRIL 21
Shop handmade crafts, food, pottery, jams, soaps, fur pelts, plants and more

ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO – The frontier comes to life at The Historic Daniel Boone Home in Defiance. Join the St. Charles County Parks and Recreation Department from 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Saturday, April 21, to experience Farming Ways of the Frontier as you browse through produce, plants, and crafts from local farmers and artisans who rely on many of the same methods the pioneers once did. Bring the family out to this engaging and fun event in Missouri Wine Country.



Visit with our living history interpreters and members of The Ox Bow Tavern Living History Group in various historic buildings in the village; watch fire starting and black powder demonstrations with long rifles; and try your hand at various heritage activities such as candle dipping, butter making, fire starting, or paper marbling.

In addition to the hands-on activities, participants get an up-close-and-personal look at local vintage farm equipment from both sides of the river. Members of the IL-MO Tractor and Engine Club will be on site showcasing various antique machines, including gasoline engines, tractors, and steam engines.

Local exhibitors will discuss pollination, beekeeping and medicinal plants. Join Mary Ann Fink, Missouri Master Naturalist, Confluence Chapter, for talks about the importance of pollinators: butterflies, bees and other natural causes of pollination. Local honey farmer Victor Imgarton talks about the bee hives he manages on the property. And Food Historian Ann Chandonnet demonstrates how frontiersmen turned wild plants and common garden herbs into medicine.

Vendors participating in this year's festival-like event include, AJ's Sausage Kitchen, Bob's Honey, Milo and Anna Boyce, Gigi's Aprons, Jean Hollingsworth, Pottery Creations by LRM, Memorable Creations, MO Kettle Corn, Nancy McKinley Gourd Pottery, Raspberry Meadow Farm, Sunflower Hill Far, Tallow Hill Trading, Wicked Soap Works, Works of Nature, and musicians Janis and Spike Huff.

Admission is \$5 per person; children 4 and under are free. Pre-registration is available at <http://bit.ly/2u7W5JK> or 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 Historic Daniel Boone Home. Veterans Tribute Park, our newest park development between Pitman Hill and Kisker roads is expected to open in 2018.



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For more information and specifics about each park, visit 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.

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