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CLIMB TO NEW HEIGHTS WITH ST. CHARLES COUNTY PARKS ON MAY 6, JUNE 30 AND JULY 1
Recreational Tree Climbing program boasts scenic views of Indian Camp Creek Park

ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO – Experience the forest from an extremely unique and rare perspective when you participate in an emerging adventurous sport—recreational tree climbing. Join the St. Charles County Parks and Recreation Department and Vertical Voyages for a two-hour Recreational Tree Climbing course on May 6, June 30 and July 1 at Indian Camp Creek Park in Foristell. This must-do adventure is designed for novices ages 8 and up.



Using the same specialized equipment that arborists and scientists use when they ascend into the treetops, expert instructors will teach climbers how to ascend into the certified, mature tree with broad canopies using special ropes and other safety equipment.

The adventure begins with an orientation and ground school where climbers are fitted with personal safety equipment consisting of a tree climb saddle and climbing helmet. After participants are geared up and trained, they use the remaining time to practice climbing and exploring the tree.

Cost of the program is \$35 per climber for a two-hour session. Pre-registration is required. For more information or to register online, visit www.stccparks.org 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.

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.



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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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