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ST. CHARLES COUNTY'S RIVERSIDE LANDING BOAT RAMP OPENS AUG. 18
Access the Mississippi River in St. Charles is FREE!

ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO – St. Charles County's newest recreation area opens Saturday, Aug. 18, just in time for the popular Blessing of the Fleet along the Mississippi River! Riverside Landing, the former privately-owned pay dock located between Kampville Drive and Huster Road in St. Charles, is now County Parks property and access to the river is free to the public.



The 7.73-acre park was purchased in March 2018 by the St. Charles County Parks and Recreation Department and will be developed into a unique outdoor recreational attraction. A boat ramp and dock, boat slips and kayak launch area will be available from Aug. 18 through the rest of the boating season. The park will close this winter to undergo major renovations including the installation of several small and large campsites that will accommodate recreational vehicles (RV), day-use picnic areas, a walking trail, a spacious fire pit area, and a play area for children. Restroom facilities, water and electric will be available on site. It is anticipated that Riverside Landing will reopen to the public in the summer of 2019.

“Riverside Landing is going to be the place to go for kayaking, canoeing, boating and other water sports, as well as camping, fishing and hunting along the Mississippi River and Dardenne Creek,” said St. Charles County Parks Director Ryan Graham. “This popular ‘blueway’ area of the river, known as Alton Lake, is 40,000 acres and 38 miles long. It will be the perfect summer destination close to home.”

The St. Charles County Parks and Recreation Department has added three new parks this year alone. In addition to the Riverside Landing, The Park at New Melle Lakes opens on Saturday, Sept. 29 and Veterans Tribute Park in Weldon Spring opens this fall. This increases the total number of County parks open to the public from 12 to 15 and the total amount of acquired park land to 3,643 acres.

For more information about our parks, visit stccparks.org or call the St. Charles County Parks and Recreation 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



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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.

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.