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RING IN THE HOLIDAYS WITH HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS AND EVENTS IN ST. CHARLES COUNTY PARKS

ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO – 'Tis the season to visit a St. Charles County Park for family fun and an extra dose of holiday cheer! Enjoy the FREE holiday toy train display at the Heritage Museum near St. Charles, take a festive Christmas Candlelight Walk at The Historic Daniel Boone Home near Defiance and search for Santa's elves along the trails at Indian Camp Creek Park near Wentzville! Join the parks department for this exciting lineup of holiday events and happenings in the park:



Holiday Toy Train Display:

Open Saturday, Dec. 1 through Thursday, Jan. 31 at the Heritage Museum, 1630 Heritage Landing.

Bring the family out to marvel over the museum's popular Holiday Toy Train Display from December through January. This year's display features extended tracks, a new train and scenes that highlight landmark buildings in St. Charles County along with the Polar Express and Frosty's Winter Wonderland. Join us on Dec. 1 with a free hot chocolate and cookie decorating reception to kick things off. The museum will also serve as a donation site for the Toys for Tots, a program created by the United States Marine Corps Reserve, which collects new unwrapped toys and distributes those toys to less fortunate children at Christmas. If

you'd like to spread some holiday cheer by donating, please bring new unwrapped toys to the museum Dec. 1–21. Admission is free! The museum is open 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday and noon –5 p.m., Sunday and will be closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Call the museum at 636-255-6000 for more information.

Christmas Candlelight Walks:

Held at 6, 7 and 8 p.m., on Dec. 7-8 and 14-15 at The Historic Daniel Boone Home, 1868 Highway F.

Experience a night of warmth and beauty this holiday season at The Boone Home. Step back in time to observe Christmas traditions of the past, while strolling through the enchanting village illuminated with thousands of candles. Along the way, visit with "Daniel Boone" as he reminisces about winters past, and enjoy holiday cookies, apple cider, and traditional carols. This year's musical performances will be held inside the Old Peace Chapel and include selections by Duchesne High School Royal Impressions, Timberland High School Choir, Holt High School Choir, the Greenleaf Singers, the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Choir,

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Winfield High School Choir, the Nicole Jonas group and soloist Bethany Coad. Tickets are limited; admission is \$10 in advance and \$15 at the park. Call or visit us online to pre-register.

Santa's Search Party:

From 9:30-11:30 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 15 at Indian Camp Creek Park, 2679 Dietrich Road.

Join Santa's Search Party in the park! The object of this game is to find as many elves, presents and other characters hidden along the trails as you can. We provide a park map with clues, but you will need your cell phone or camera to take a picture of each character when found. Cost is \$1 per person. Pre-registration is required. Children 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information about St. Charles County Parks holiday happenings, call 636-949-7535 or visit stccparks.org.

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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 15 parks, including a Youth Activity Park and The Historic Daniel Boone Home.

For more information and specifics about each park, visit 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. It is home to 15 scenic county parks encompassing more than 3,643 acres with additional land under development and more in reserve for future development.

With a population of 395,504, St Charles County is home to large employers including General Motors, Citi, MasterCard Worldwide and Boeing. 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 Government 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 sccmo.org.