Summer 2021
Park Activity Guide
May–August
About St. Charles County Parks
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 operates 17 parks, including a Youth Activity Park and The Historic Daniel Boone Home. For more information about each park or to register for a program, visit stccparks.org or call our administrative office at 636-949-7535. Visit the Rainout Line app online or call 636-707-0011 to learn about park closures. Follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/StCharlesCountyParks. Contact the Ranger Duty Phone at 314-713-4394.

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BI Bangert Island
1704 South River Road, St. Charles

BR Broemmelsiek Park
1795 Highway DD, Defiance

CM College Meadows Park
4601 Mid Rivers Mall Drive, Cottleville

FW Flatwoods Park
2420 Highway Y, O'Fallon

HM Heritage Museum
1630 Heritage Landing, St. Peters
636-255-6000

HH Hideaway Harbor Park
1550 Hideaway Harbor Drive, Portage des Sioux

DB The Historic Daniel Boone Home
1868 Highway F, Defiance
636-798-2005

IC Indian Camp Creek Park
2679 Dietrich Road, Foristell

KL Klondike Park
4600 Highway 94 S., Augusta

MH Matson Hill Park
3576 Stub Road, Defiance

MB Missouri Bluffs Park
18 Research Park Circle, St. Charles

NM The Park at New Melle Lakes
400 Foristell Road, New Melle

QR Quail Ridge Park
560 Interstate Drive, Wentzville

RL Riverside Landing
101 Riverport Lane, St. Charles

TW Towne Park
100 Towne Park Drive, Foristell

VT Veterans Tribute Park
1031 Kisker Road, Weldon Spring

YA Youth Activity Park
7801 Town Square Avenue, Dardenne Prairie
636-561-4964
Ongoing Programs

SCOOTER, SKATEBOARD, AND BMX LESSONS
Private and semi-private lessons are available at the Youth Activity Park throughout the year for children ages 4-17. Cost: $80 for private and $60 for semi-private. Call the park at 636-561-4964 for more information. Group Classes are scheduled in May, July and September.

RANGER-GUIDED HIKES
Our park rangers are ready to take your group on a hiking experience through any St. Charles County park you'll not soon forget! Hear about park history, plant and animal life, and learn fun nature facts that will impress your friends! These group hikes are great for meeting merit badge requirements for scouts or just getting in the outdoors to explore what the St. Charles County Parks system has to offer. Hikes are available year-round on a first come, first serve basis, and are $1 per person. Specific requests are considered for an additional nominal fee. Hikes are best if limited to groups of 24. Call our administrative office to make a reservation today!

EMBARK ON THE PARK
Calling all adults and youth ages 9 and older! Join Ranger Ashley Maue from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., for a day of fun and brunch in Broemmelsiek Park! You choose the date and we’ll bring the food and fun! Participants will experience a variety of exciting activities, including archery, stand-up paddleboarding, and hiking. This event is perfect for groups of friends, families, Scout Troops, youth and adult groups, and other organizations, and is available upon request and Ranger availability. The cost is $20 per person. Space is limited to 20 guests with a minimum of five and must be scheduled in advance. Call us to book your exclusive event in the park today!

FRIDAY NIGHT PUBLIC STARGAZING
Discover the stars and constellations on clear Friday nights through the largest public-viewing telescope in Missouri and other complex scopes in the park! Join the Astronomical Society of Eastern Missouri (ASEM) at the Broemmelsiek Park Astronomy Viewing Area for free educational programs for the entire family. Programs begin 30 minutes past sunset and can last into the night. Advanced registration is requested for groups of 10 or more. Email outreach@asemonline.org or visit asemonline.org for more information.

OUTREACH PROGRAMS
Schools, scouts, and homeschool and church groups with children ages 4 -12 can find unique educational experiences in St. Charles County parks! One of the most popular destinations is the 3-acre Certified Nature Explorer Classroom at Towne Park. These exciting nature and history-based programs in the park can include a nature hike, park history, plant and animal life exploration, fishing and aquatic life, forest ecology, and more! You pack your lunch and pick your favorite park and activities, and then we’ll do the rest! Cost is nominal per child, per hour. Unique school field trips also are available at The Historic Daniel Boone Home in Defiance. Children ages 9 and up have the opportunity to engage in educational demonstrations and interactive hands-on activities focusing on frontiersmen and women survived on the frontier in the 1800s. These two-hour educational sessions in the park can include fire starting, animal signs, black powder, trade and bartering, historic construction, carpentry, and a craft. Cost is $8 per child. To schedule an outreach program in any park, call our administrative office.

Most programs require registration. Please visit stccparks.org or call the administrative office at 636-949-7535.
YOUTH FISHING CAMPS
Join park staff for several days of morning fishing fun in the parks! These single-day camps take place at a different habitat at each park and are perfect for beginners as well as intermediate anglers ages 8–15. Everyone gets extensive fishing guidance and tips and a camp T-shirt and at each event. Space is limited at each half-day session. The cost of the program is $20, per camp; pre-registration is required.

8 a.m. - 12 p.m., Wednesday, June 9
7 - 11 a.m., Wednesday, July 28
8 a.m. - 12 p.m., Wednesday, July 14, and Aug. 11

CAMP YAP
This traditional, full-day camp for children ages 6–12 is at the Youth Activity Park — home of the nation’s largest outdoor asphalt pump track and the state’s largest outdoor skate and bike course. Campers get exclusive use of the park before it opens to the public, and can participate in sports activities, arts and crafts, indoor and outdoor games, enjoy special guests, snacks, music, and an age-appropriate movie at the Town Square Movie Theatre next door. Campers need to bring their own lunch each day; the program fee of $120 includes a T-shirt, water bottle, movie admission, and an ice cream sundae party on Friday. Pre-registration is required.

8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday - Friday, June 7 - 11
8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday - Friday, June 21 - 25
8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday - Friday, July 12 - 16
8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday - Friday, July 26 - 30

CAMP QUAIL AND CAMP BROEMMELSIEK
Explore the outdoors during week-long nature camps at Quail Ridge and Broemmelsiek parks! These half-day camps are designed for youth ages 7-11 and allow day campers to discover and observe nature using hands-on experimental activities in a safe and friendly environment. Campers will use sensory awareness as well as science to interact with their environment. Hiking, map reading, plant and animal identification, water ecology, and fort building are just some of the topics that will be covered during this adventure! Participants should wear closed-toed shoes every day and be prepared to get wet and dirty. The camp is held outdoors, rain or shine. The cost of each weekly program is $50 per child; pre-registration is required. Register for one or all three sessions!

8 a.m. - 12 p.m., Monday - Friday, June 7 - 11
8 a.m. - 12 p.m., Monday - Friday, Aug. 2 - 6
8 a.m. - 12 p.m., Monday - Friday, June 21 - 25

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HISTORY EXPLORER KIDS CAMP
Discover history in fun and exciting ways at the Heritage Museum in St. Peters! This week-long camp engages children ages 6-15 with local history experiences by using history-themed activities, challenges and crafts. This year’s “theme” is St. Charles County History: Traveling through time! Discover the past while exploring the prehistoric age of the American Indians to the Victorian Era and through the 1960s Civil Rights Movement. Through various activities, campers will learn about music of the past, jobs, and the traditions of various cultures that built this community. Cost is $40 per child, which covers all material costs, prepackaged snacks, and a camp T-shirt. Pre-registration is required. Call the museum at 636-255-6000 for more information.
9 a.m. - 12 p.m., Monday - Friday, July 12 - 16

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE SCHOOL
This new, week-long summer course for teens ages 14–17 offers an outdoor experience like no other! Under the guidance of experienced Park Rangers, students will discover paddling, hiking, climbing, and riding in a different park each day during this full-day program. They will receive classroom instruction for hands-on experiences in archery, ecology, first-aid, and navigation, and then participate in each activity. Daily activities are subject to change depending on the weather. Wear close-toed shoes, and bring a backpack, water bottle, notebook, and change of clothes each day. Drop-off and pick-up location change daily. The cost of the program is $120 and pre-registration is required.
9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Monday - Friday, July 19 - 23

DANIEL BOONE HOME SUMMER CAMP
Travel back in time to 1830s Missouri and discover frontier life at this exciting week-long camp! Campers ages 10-17 will try their hand at pioneer woodworking, journal making, work with fiber materials, experience a 19th century schoolhouse lesson on the historic park grounds, and much more! The cost of the program is $150 per child which includes all materials and a camp T-shirt. Pre-registration is required. Lunch is not included, please bring a sack lunch.
9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Monday - Friday, July 26 - 30
GEOQUEST 2021

The hunt is back and better than ever! Guests of all ages have a chance to win a prize when they play this exciting game in the parks. Hidden within 14 St. Charles County Parks is a small, round, metal canister that contains a secret code. The object of this fun outdoor game is to pinpoint each container with your smartphone or global positioning system (GPS) device. After you find them all, decipher the hidden message and then let us know! All registered finalists who figure out the code or secret message will be eligible for the grand prize drawing at the end of the event. Want to play? Send an email to geoquest@sccmo.org and details about the rules and how to play will follow. All ages are welcome to play the game during regular park hours. Happy hunting!
7 a.m. - 30 minutes past sunset, daily; available through Nov. 30

MOTHER’S DAY TEA

Celebrate Mother's Day with a special Tea Tasting under The Grand Pavilion at The Historic Daniel Boone Home in Defiance! Treat mom, grandma, and other special women in your life to an assortment of historic and modern teas, prepackaged finger sandwiches, and a selection of yummy cookies, as well as their very own teacup with saucer to take home, and a coupon for a half-priced tour of the Boone Home. Teapot raffles take place throughout the event and living history demonstrations are held in buildings throughout the village grounds. Choose from a morning or an afternoon session; tickets are limited to 50 participants at each session. Cost of the event is $8 per person; pre-registration is required. Children 4 and under must be registered to receive a meal ticket. Paid tours of the Boone Home also are available at the top of the hour from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.; admission is $8 - adult, $6 - senior (60+), $5 - child (age 5–12). Active/retired military and children 4 and under are free. Social distancing and other safety guidelines will be followed; masks must be worn inside the gift shop and the Boone Home.

11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Saturday, May 8
1 - 2:30 p.m., Saturday, May 8
HOME BREW FEST
Back by popular demand, beer lovers from across the region will gather in the heart of Missouri’s scenic wine country at the 4th annual Daniel Boone Home Brew Fest at The Historic Daniel Boone Home in Defiance. Guests 21 years and older will get the perfect pour of more than 30 different Missouri beers brewed by homebrewers from across the state. During this socially-distanced event, brewers will be spread throughout the scenic village grounds, and beer will be served from pitchers into disposable cups to limit contact. Hand sanitizer will be available. Along with an afternoon of unlimited beer sampling, tickets include a souvenir tasting glass and tour of the Boone Home. Participants will cast their vote for the “People’s Choice” Best Homebrew. The brewers vote for “Brewer’s Choice” and the winner of the “Judge’s Choice” will get to brew and serve their winning recipe at Good News Brewing in O’Fallon. The beer festival also features live entertainment with The Silver Creek Bluegrass Band from 12 - 2 p.m., and Skylark Brothers Band from 2 - 5 p.m. as well as tasty eats for purchase from the Savor the Southwest food truck. The Home Brew Fest is limited to 500 attendees. Tickets are $30 in advance or $35 at the door and can be purchased online or by calling The Historic Daniel Boone Home at 636-798-2005. Designated driver tickets are free and include a ticket to tour the Boone Home. Brewers interested in serving their beer at the event should contact the park.

12 - 5 p.m., Saturday, May 15

LADIES IN THE PARK
Calling all ladies ages 9 and older! Join Ranger Ashley Maue for a day of fun and brunch in the park! Participants will experience a variety of exciting activities, including archery, stand-up paddleboarding, and hiking. This girls-only event is perfect for mothers and daughters, sisters, friends, individuals, Girl Scouts and other organizations. The cost is $15 per person; space is limited to 25 guests and pre-registration is required.

10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Sunday, May 23

POKÉMON PARK PATROL
Calling all Pokémon fans! Want to catch some elusive Pokémon characters and maybe spot real-life creatures in St. Charles County Parks? Pokémon Park Patrol is back for another season of fun with Ranger Jake Dean leading the way through open fields, forested areas, and along trails to find these rare Pokémon, Pokéstops and gyms hidden in the parks. Grab your fully charged smartphone and put on some comfortable shoes – you’re about to become the PokéMaster you’ve always longed to be! We’re hosting four interactive mobile experiences for guests of all ages to enjoy in 2021. Before playing, each participant needs to download the Pokémon GO app on their iOS or Android device. Pokémon Park Patrol is a free program, but pre-registration is required to participate.

7 - 8 p.m., Friday, May 28
7 - 8 p.m., Friday, June 25
10 - 11 a.m., Friday, July 9
8 - 9 p.m., Friday, Aug. 20
FATHER’S DAY GRILL OUT
To honor dad, the Parks Department is hosting a special Father’s Day Grill Out under The Grand Pavilion at The Historic Daniel Boone Home in Defiance. Guests will enjoy prepackaged pulled pork sandwiches, root beer floats in souvenir glass mugs and receive a coupon for a half-priced tour of the Boone Home. Various frontier activities will take place throughout the village grounds. Choose from a morning or an afternoon session; tickets are limited to 50 participants at each session. Cost of the event is $8 per person; pre-registration is required. Children 4 and under must be registered to receive a meal ticket. Paid tours of the Boone Home also are available at the top of the hour between 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.; admission is $8/adult, $6/senior (60+), $5/child (age 5–12). Active/retired military and children 4 and under are free. Masks must be worn inside the gift shop and the Boone Home.
11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Saturday, June 19
1 - 2:30 p.m., Saturday, June 19

NATIONAL GO SKATEBOARDING DAY
Get out your skateboard, roller blades, BMX bike or scooter and celebrate national Go Skateboarding Day at the Youth Activity Park, home of the nation’s largest asphalt pump track and state’s largest outdoor skate and bike course! Guests of all ages are invited to show off their best moves for a chance to win a variety of prizes. The day includes tons of outdoor fun, demonstrations, contests, and giveaways. A helmet and parent-signed waiver are required to participate; admission is free! Got questions? Call 636-561-4964.
12 - 5 p.m., Saturday, June 19

TRAPPERS OF STARVED ROCK TRADE SHOW
If you are interested in history and learning about historical memorabilia, you won’t want to miss this new family-friendly trade show in the park! Guests of all ages will enjoy visiting with members of the Trappers of Starved Rock under The Grand Pavilion while browsing through a wide variety of antiques and historical reproductions for sale. Trappers started as a club in 1974, and actively works to promote the sport of muzzleloading, the way of life in the 1700’s to 1840, and the interest in history of our great country. The sale of firearms is not allowed at the show, per St. Charles County Park Ordinance. For more information, visit trappersofstarvedrock.com.
10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sunday, June 27

EMBARK ON THE PARK
Adults and children ages 9 and up are invited to join Ranger Ashley Maue for a day of fun and food and drink in the park! Participants will experience a variety of exciting activities, including archery, stand-up paddleboarding, and hiking. This event is perfect for individuals, couples, families, friends and anyone interested in enjoying a unique experience in the park. The cost is $15 per person; space is limited to 25 guests and pre-registration is required.
3:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 28
10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 9
3:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 11
Please note: The Sept. 11 event is for adults ages 18 and up only.
SEASONAL NATURE WALKS
Learn what’s “growing on” the first Friday of the month, May through November at Veterans Tribute Park! This interpretive program will be led by our park horticulture specialists. Each guided walk will last about one hour and focus on a different aspect of nature each month. Participants will observe and discuss the cycles of budding plants, migrating birds, and other naturally occurring and seasonal events that take place at the park from year to year. The program is free and open to all ages, and registration is encouraged. If there is inclement weather, call the Rainout Line at 636-707-0011 or check the app on our website for program status.

10 - 11 a.m., Friday, May 7
10 - 11 a.m., Friday, June 4
10 - 11 a.m., Friday, July 2
10 - 11 a.m., Friday, Aug. 6
10 - 11 a.m., Friday, Sept. 3
10 - 11 a.m., Friday, Oct. 1
10 - 11 a.m., Friday, Nov. 5

WILDFLOWER POWER
Create your own handmade seed paper to take home and plant in the garden this spring. With the help of Park Rangers, participants ages 5 and up will learn how to make this eco-friendly craft with recycled paper and wildflower seeds. After you finish your craft, take a ranger-guided walk through the park’s beautiful wildflower garden to identify native plants and gain knowledge about pollinators. The program is held outside under Shelter #4, rain or shine. Cost is $2 per person; space is limited.
4 - 5 p.m., Saturday, May 1

WILDFLOWER WALKS
Early spring is the best time to discover colorful Missouri wildflowers blooming in some of the most scenic woodland areas of our parks. Join Ranger Steve Tiemann during the month of May for a two-hour guided hikes to identify rare and beautiful species. Participants should wear sturdy hiking shoes and be prepared to enjoy the scenery. The walks will take place rain or shine unless threatening weather is imminent. Pre-registration is required.
10 a.m. - 12 p.m., Sunday, May 2 (meet at the parking lot at the main entrance to Matson Hill Park, 3576 Stub Road)
10 a.m. - 12 p.m., Friday, May 7 (meet at parking lot at the trailhead entrance to Matson Hill Park, 670 Matson Hill Road)

MOONRISE AT SUNSET HIKES
Explore the parks at sunset to experience the full or near-full moon rising during these spectacular 60-minute Ranger-guided hikes. Wear sturdy shoes! We’ll look for wildlife and identify sounds as we walk about two miles on paved trails at The Park at New Melle Lakes and Veterans Tribute Park, and natural trails at Klondike Park and Broemmelsiek Park. Programs are free; pre-registration is required.
7 - 8 p.m., Tuesday, May 25
7 - 8 p.m., Wednesday, June 23
7:30 - 8:30 p.m., Thursday, July 22
7:30 - 8:30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 21
STAND-UP PADDLEBOARDING LESSONS
Participants of all ages will get a great workout while learning Stand-Up Paddleboarding (SUP) in the park. No experience necessary! During each class, a knowledgeable instructor from our Park Ranger team will teach the basics of the sport. Before heading out to explore the 25-acre lake, participants are fitted with the appropriate safety gear and learn about paddleboard equipment. Techniques, such as proper stance for balance and control, various paddle strokes and other important paddling skills also will be taught. The cost of the program is $10 per person. The class is limited to 14 participants; pre-registration required. All participants must know how to swim and those 12 years of age and under must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

2:30 - 4 p.m. & 4:30 - 6 p.m., Saturday, June 19
2:30 - 4 p.m. & 4:30 - 6 p.m., Sunday, June 20
5 - 6:30 p.m. & 7 - 8:30 p.m., Saturday, June 26
2:30 - 4 p.m. & 4:30 - 6 p.m., Friday, July 9
2:30 - 4 p.m. & 4:30 - 6 p.m., Sunday, July 11
2:30 - 4 p.m. & 4:30 - 6 p.m., Friday, July 16
6 - 7:30 p.m., Saturday, July 24
10 - 11:30 a.m., Friday, Aug. 13
2:30 - 4 p.m. & 4:30 - 6 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 14
10 - 11:30 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 5

ROW AND GLOW: KAYAKING AT NIGHT
This new event allows guests of all ages to paddle the 25-acre lake in the park at night! Bring your own kayak or canoe for free, or rent one of our single or tandem kayaks for $10 each! Paddling begins at sunset and lasts 1.5 hours. Space is limited; there are only 10 kayaks available to reserve. Pre-registration is required to participate.

NM 2:30 - 4 p.m. & 4:30 - 6 p.m., Saturday, June 19
2:30 - 4 p.m. & 4:30 - 6 p.m., Sunday, June 20
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10 - 11:30 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 5

BIKEPACKING OVERNIGHT
Load up your bike and join our Park Ranger for another 26-hour bikepacking adventure! This exciting Ranger-led ride begins at the Bike Stop Café in downtown St. Charles and takes you 30 miles along the historic Katy Trail to scenic Klondike Park in Defiance. After arriving at the park, riders set up camp for the night. In the morning, everyone rides back to St. Charles together. Riders must be 15 years of age and older to participate and bring their own food and camping equipment. The program will be held rain or shine. Cost is $10 per person; pre-registration is required.

KL 10 a.m., Saturday, May 29 - Sunday, May 30

KAYAKING BASICS
Each 1.5 hour class focuses on the absolute basics of paddling a kayak. Park Rangers start the class with a discussion outlining basic safety rules and paddling terminology. On-water instruction includes basic strokes and maneuvers to teach new paddlers ages 10 and up how to control their boat. Children 9 and under can ride with a parent. Cost is $10 per person; pre-registration required.

NM 6:30 - 8 p.m., Friday, June 11
  6:30 - 8 p.m., Wednesday, June 30
  6 - 7:30 p.m., Friday, Aug. 6

FRUITS OF THE FOREST GUIDED HIKE
Join Park Ranger Abigail Chambers on a guided, two-mile hike through the park to look for wild edibles and plants that are safe to eat. Participants of all ages should bring a water bottle, wear comfortable hiking shoes, and meet at the program sign in the park. The program is free; pre-registration is required.

BR 4 - 6 p.m., Friday, July 30
FIELD TRIPS AT THE BOONE HOME
Pack your lunch and visit this historic park for your next class or homeschool field trip! Teachers looking for unique experiences for students ages 9 and up are invited to two different May experiences: “What We Need is a Hand,” May 6 and 20; and “Survival on the Frontier,” May 11 and 18. During these two-hour sessions, individuals and groups have the opportunity to engage in educational demonstrations and interactive hands-on activities focusing on how frontiersmen and women survived on the frontier in the 1800s. Let our skillful interpretive staff guide your group through an outdoor experience they won’t forget! Cost is $8 per person. Pre-registration is required. Call 636-798-2005 for more information.

10 a.m. - 12 p.m., Thursday, May 6 and 20
10 a.m. - 12 p.m., Tuesday, May 11 and 18

HERPETOLOGY HIKES
County Parks are home to a variety of wildlife, including some very interesting reptiles and amphibians. When we learn to coexist, park visits can be even more exciting! Join Ranger Ashley Maue and Show Me Snakes reptile enthusiast Tamara Meyer for a free monthly walk to learn about and find these diverse creatures that live in the park. Participants should wear sturdy hiking shoes and meet at the program sign posted in the park. All ages welcome. Pre-registration is required.

6 – 7 p.m., Wednesday, May 12
8 - 9 a.m., Wednesday, June 16
8 - 9 a.m., Wednesday, July 14
8 - 9 a.m., Wednesday, Aug. 25
CELLPHONE PHOTOGRAPHY BIKE RIDE
Enjoy an evening ride in the park while learning cellphone photography tips with Ranger Steve Tiemman! At this new program, guests ages 15 and up will ride about two miles on a mix of paved- and natural-surface trails in the park while stopping along the way to learn about photography and take pictures. Bring your Android or iPhone to this free program; participants will cover principles such as exposure, composition, focus and editing. Space is limited; pre-registration is required.

KL 7 - 8:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 18

A VISIT WITH DANIEL AND REBECCA BOONE
Experience an educational and inspirational walk back in time when you purchase a ticket for a guided tour of The Historic Daniel Boone Home. Meet famous Missourians Daniel and Rebecca Boone, portrayed by Colonels Robert and Shirley Pecoraro, National Association for Interpretation Outstanding Interpretive Volunteer Award winners. Admission to the Boone Home is $8 for adults, $6 for seniors ages 60 and up, and $5 for children ages 5–12. Active and retired military and children 4 and under are free. A limited number of guests will be allowed inside the home at one time.

DB 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Saturday, May 22
9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Saturday, July 17
9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 21

TRUE, INCREDIBLE STORY OF CLARA BROWN
Step back in time and watch this remarkable narrative performed by parks interpreter and renowned storyteller Angela daSilva. This incredible story about a slave’s journey to reunite with her lost family will captivate audiences of all ages. Freed by her master at age 54, Clara Brown embarked on a 30-year journey in search of her husband and children who were sold to different slave owners. Participants learn about her quest west to St. Louis and then to the Rocky Mountains, where she fostered settlements and built schools and churches, but never lost hope in finding her family. Guests are invited to visit with “Clara” after each performance, and explore the museum. The program is free, but seating is limited and pre-registration is required.

HM 1:15 and 3:15 p.m., Sunday, May 16
1:15 and 3:15 p.m., Sunday, June 13
1:15 and 3:15 p.m., Sunday, July 18
1:15 and 3:15 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 8

HOMESCHOOL DAYS
Homeschooled children of all ages can acquire core school hours while learning about life on the frontier through historic interpretation and demonstrations, such as black powder, frontier cooking, and rope making. Guests should be prepared to follow CDC guidelines while rotating through scheduled stations in groups of 15 or less. Students are welcome to bring their families to these events at The Historic Daniel Boone Home in May and Towne Park in August. A scavenger hunt and tour of the homes at each site will be available before and after the scheduled programming. Bring a sack lunch and check-in upon arrival. Due to limited space, the cost of the program is $5 for ages 3 and up; pre-registration is required.

TW 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Wednesday - Thursday, Aug. 25 - 26

Most programs require registration. Please visit stccparks.org or call the administrative office at 636-949-7535.
Education and Enrichment

SUMMER HISTORY HUNT
Learning about the history that happened in our parks can be fascinating! This new program offers guests of all ages the opportunity to discover new stories while uncovering major moments in the county’s past. Using your smartphone or global positioning system (GPS) device, participants search for hidden cache boxes in the parks to uncover stories about the American Civil War in St Charles. When you find all six caches, decipher the hidden message and win a water bottle! All registered finalists who figure out the secret message will be eligible for the grand prize drawing at the end of the event. Space is limited to 100 participants for this free hunt; pre-registration required by May 24. Hunting takes place during park hours only.
7 a.m. - 30 minutes past sunset, daily; June 1 - Aug. 1

READ WITH A RANGER IN THE PARK
Children ages 8 and under and their families are invited to take a stroll through the park with a Ranger to read a short story and explore nature. These free, 30-minute programs are offered on select Tuesdays during the summer. Space is limited; pre-registration is required.

NATIONAL BOONE DAY
Celebrate the life of one of Missouri’s greatest frontiersmen, Daniel Boone! During this popular event, guests will enjoy free frontier-related activities, half-price admission on tours of The Historic Daniel Boone Home, and learn about one of America’s first frontier heroes. Black powder and fire-starting demonstrations, hands-on carpentry activities, and candle dipping will be offered throughout the day.
10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday, June 7

CAMPFIRE COOKOUT
Learn how to cook tasty meals over a roaring campfire with the help of our Park Rangers. Participants of all ages will receive step-by-step instructions on how to make their own dinner and dessert with ease. Everyone goes home with a short recipe book of campfire favorites. Cost of this new program is $5 and includes food supplies needed to make dinner and dessert. Space is limited; pre-registration is required.
4 - 5 p.m., Saturday, June 5
BMX, SCOOTER, AND SKATEBOARDING LESSONS

Are you 4-18 years of age, new to the BMX, scooter, or skateboard scene, or do you want to take these extreme sports skills to the next level? Classes meet at 5 and 6 p.m. for 45 minutes on three consecutive days in May, July and September and are taught by a skilled instructor. Any session canceled due to inclement weather will be rescheduled at the end of the session. A helmet and parent-signed waiver are required. The cost is $35 per session; space is limited. Private and semi-private classes also are available. For more information, call the park at 636-561-4964. Pre-registration is required to reserve your spot!

BMX 101: 5 - 5:45 p.m.,
BMX 102: 6 - 6:45 p.m.,
Tuesdays, May 4 - 18; July 6 - 20; and Sept. 7 - 21

Scooter 101: 5 - 5:45 p.m.,
Scooter 102: 6 - 6:45 p.m.,
Wednesdays, May 5 - 19; July 7 - 21; and Sept. 8 - 22

Skateboarding 101: 5 - 5:45 p.m.,
Skateboarding 102: 6 - 6:45 p.m.,
Thursdays, May 6 - 20; July 8 - 22; and Sept. 9 - 23

SENIOR BIKE RIDES

If you haven’t had the opportunity to experience these fun rides, put it on your bucket list! Ranger Steve Tiemann will take riders 55 years and older on a two-hour scenic bike tour in the park and surrounding area. After taking a spin around the beautiful lake surrounded by white silica sand, riders will visit other scenic areas in the park. Then the group will ride along the historic Katy Trail and stop for lunch at a local cafe. The rides are free, but participants pay for their own meal. A helmet, bike, and pre-registration are required. For more information, email Ranger Tiemann at stiemann@sccmo.org.

9 - 11 a.m., Thursday, May 6
9 - 11 a.m., Wednesday, June 2
9 - 11 a.m., Tuesday, Aug. 31

SENIOR ADVENTURE RIDES

These new rides are perfect for seniors ages 55 and older seeking a longer and more challenging biking experience. Led by Ranger Steve Tiemann, these free rides travel 15 - 25 miles along some of the most popular biking trails in St. Charles County. The June ride begins at Klondike Park in Augusta and travels 25 miles to Washington, Mo., and back. The July ride begins at the Lewis and Clark Boat House in St. Charles and travels 20 miles along the Katy Trail to Black Walnut and back. The final ride in August begins at the Duckett Creek access of the Busch Greenway at Missouri Bluffs Park and travels 15 miles along the hilly Hamburg Trail and a stretch of the Katy Trail and back. A helmet, bike, and re-registration are required.

9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Thursday, June 3

9 - 11:30 a.m., Thursday, July 1

9 - 11 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 5

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MOUNTAIN BIKE NIGHT RIDES
Grab your bike, a light, and hit the trails at night! Join St. Louis Area Mountain Bikers (SLAMB) and Gateway Off-Road Cyclists (GORC) for a new season of night rides in our parks. These challenging rides are free and are open to experienced cyclists. All riders must wear a helmet and have a 600 lumen light to participate. Check the Rainout Line at 636-707-0011 for program status before heading to the park on the day of the event.

- **MH**: 8 - 11 p.m., Friday, May 14, and Aug. 6
- **IC**: 8 - 11 p.m., Friday, May 28, July 9, and Aug. 20
- **BR**: 8 - 11 p.m., Friday, June 11, and July 23
- **KL**: 8 - 11 p.m., Friday, June 25
- **BR**: 7:30 - 10:30 p.m., Friday, Sept. 3
- **KL**: 7:30 - 10:30 p.m., Friday, Sept. 17
- **IC**: 6:30 - 9:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 8, and Nov. 19
- **BR**: 6:30 - 9:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 22
- **MH**: 6:30 - 9:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 5
- **QR**: 6:30 - 9:30 p.m., Fridays, Dec. 3 and 17

MOUNTAIN BIKING SKILLS CLINICS
We’re teaming up with Wheels Up to offer children and adults a variety of mountain biking skills clinics ranging from beginner to expert. Don’t miss out on the opportunity to take your mountain biking skills to the next level with these professional instructors.

LITTLE WHEELER EVENTS
If you are a new rider using a strider, training wheels or pedaling on a bike with 20-inch wheels or smaller, this new program is for you! These fun events are designed to put the little riders on the big stage in the skills area and on the race course. Each participant receives a race finisher ribbon and an official Wheels Up race number plate even if they don’t decide to join in the fun racing events. Race registration is from 9:30 - 10 a.m., and the skills area will remain open for those who choose not to race. Races end at 11 a.m. and the skills area closes at 11:15 a.m. All participants and spectators are expected to wear masks during these community events, and parents are encouraged to be a part of the experience and stay for the entire session. The cost to participate is $20 per session with 10 percent of the proceeds being donated to the Wheels Up Rider Fund to benefit Missouri Interscholastic Cycling League and the Wheels Up Rider Fund.

- **BR**: 9:30 - 11 a.m., Sunday, May 23
- **VT**: 9:30 - 11 a.m., Sunday, June 6, and Aug. 15
- **IC**: 9:30 - 11 a.m., Sunday, July 11
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**YOUTH LEVEL 1 SKILLS CLINICS**
Children 8 years and up are invited to participate in this engaging class that covers the key foundational skills every young mountain biker must learn. Through fun games, drills, skills progressions, and trail riding, children will gain a new level of confidence on their bike. Each skill is taught through a step-by-step process with one building off the other. This allows participants to progress at their own pace with the encouragement of Wheels Up instructors. Cost of the program is $45; pre-registration is required. Class limited to 20 participants.

- **YA** 5:30 - 8 p.m., Friday, May 21
- **IC** 12 - 2:30 p.m., Sunday, July 11

**ADULT LEVEL 1 SKILLS CLINIC**
Adults ages 18 and up who are new to mountain biking, as well as those who need a refresher of the fundamentals, are invited to join Wheels Up experts for this unique experience. This clinic is part of the professional Bike Instructor Certification Program (BICP), and offers adult riders of all abilities the knowledge to put a new spin on the sport! Cost of the program is $60; pre-registration is required. Class limited to 12 participants.

- **IC** 3 - 5:30 p.m., Sunday, July 11

**YOUTH LEVEL 2 SKILLS CLINICS**
Children 8 - 16 years of age who completed the Youth Level 1 Skills Clinic are invited to participate in this engaging class that covers intermediate level foundational skills every young mountain biker needs to know. Through games, drills, skills progressions, and trail riding, participants will advance to the next level of the sport! This kid-friendly class, taught by certified Wheels Up instructors, focuses on skills development and safety, while riders learn drops, bike lifts, switchbacks and the foundations to jumping. Cost of the program is $55; pre-registration is required.

- **BR** 12 - 2:30 p.m., Sunday, May 23
- **YA** 5:30 - 8 p.m., Friday, June 18
- **VT** 12 - 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 15

**ADULT LEVEL 2 SKILLS CLINIC**
This class, for adults 18 years and up, gives riders the skills they need to ride any terrain, anywhere and in any condition. Building upon the principle skills learned in the Adult Level 1 Skills Clinic, and taught by certified Wheels Up instructors, participants learn how to improve technical riding skills, acquire better bike control, descend faster and feel more confident. After experiencing this clinic, riders will be ready to tackle rougher terrain, corners, berms and flowing single-track with greater speed and control. Participants also work on drops, bike lifts, switchbacks and the foundations of jumping. Cost of the program is $75; pre-registration is required.

- **BR** 3 - 5:30 p.m., Sunday, May 23

Most programs require registration. Please visit stccparks.org or call the administrative office at 636-949-7535.
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JUMP SKILL CLINICS
Adults and youth learn how to safely and successfully jump and land a mountain bike at this exciting skill class. Certified Wheels Up instructors teach a series of progressions to help participants learn the components needed to become a successful jumper. This Bike Instructor Certification Program (BICP) teaches basic wheel lifts, manuals and bunny hops, to proper weighting and un-weighting, over a jump. Participants also review the anatomy of a jump, discuss varied landings, and practice using compression for height and distance. After mastering these skills, riders will begin practicing jumps in a controlled environment. Cost of the program is $75 for youth and $90 for adults; pre-registration is required.

12 - 2:30 p.m., Sunday, June 6 (youth only)
3 - 5:30 p.m., Sunday, June 6 (adult only)

YOUTH LEVEL 3 SKILLS CLINIC
Children 8 - 16 years of age who completed the Youth Jump Skills Clinic are invited to learn how to safely and successfully jump and land a mountain bike at this exciting skills class. Certified Wheels Up instructors teach a series of progressions to help riders learn the components needed to negotiate challenging trail obstacles with drops, jumps, and handle technical terrain safely and with confidence. Although not required, we highly recommend participants wear body armor and complete the Youth Level 1 and 2 prior to taking this class. Cost of the program is $90; pre-registration is required.

5:30 - 8 p.m., Friday, July 16 (youth only)

ADULT CORNERING SKILLS CLINIC
This clinic is for adult riders 18 years and up who are interested in improving their cornering skills while riding the trails. Taught by certified Wheels Up instructors, this program is part of the Bike Instructor Certification Program (BICP) and provides the techniques needed to successfully ride along berms with twists and turns, switchbacks and off-camber corners on the trails. Instructors will provide the tools needed to ride challenging trails with ease and confidence. Riders must complete Adult Level 1 and 2 Skills Clinics prior to taking this class. Cost of the program is $75; pre-registration is required.

3 - 5:30 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 15

AIRBAG OPEN JUMP TIMES
Catch some air while advancing your jumping skills at this unique jump clinic. Working your way up from small to big jumps will be easy as participants get to use a variety of ramps ranging from 10 to 50 inches in size, and an airbag to soften their landing. Trying new tricks is encouraged! All riders must complete the beginner ramp and be approved by the certified Wheels Up instructor before advancing to the next ramp level and jump. Dirt jump bikes, BMX, and mountain bikes are recommended. Kickstands and pegs are not allowed, and bikes must have handlebar ends. Participants must wear helmets and clothes that cover knees and elbows. Cost of the clinic is $20; pre-registration is required.

6 - 8 p.m., Sunday, May 23
6 - 8 p.m., Sunday, June 6, and Aug. 15
6 - 8 p.m., Sunday, July 11
LIGHT UP THE LAKES
Compete for cash prizes in pro and amateur divisions at the third annual Light Up the Lakes disc golf glow tournament at The Park at New Melle Lakes, St. Charles County Parks' premier course. This 18-hole doubles tournament offers a mix of short and long holes in and out of the woods and through open fairways. Baskets will be lined with glow sticks to mark the course; a limited number of LED lights will be available for purchase at the event. Registration will be from 7:30-8:30 p.m., players will meet at 8:30 p.m., and start time will be 8:45 p.m. Cash payouts and “closest to the pin” prizes will also be awarded. Cost of the tournament is $10 per person. Registration will be held on the day of the event only; pre-registration is not available. Event limited to the first 38 teams. Both players must be present to register.

NM 8:45 p.m., Saturday, May 29

SUNRISE WHEELS IN MOTION
The nation’s largest asphalt pump track, located at the Youth Activity Park, and the state’s largest outdoor skate and bike course opens early on Tuesdays and Thursdays in June before the park opens to the public! Participants must have a helmet and a parent-signed waiver to ride. Cost of this new program is $40 per session; pre-registration is required.

YA 6 - 8 a.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, and 29

SCHOOL’S OUT PARTY IN THE PARK
When school’s out, summertime fun begins in the parks! Bring your family and friends to Shelter #3 for an evening of water activities and games. Participants of all ages will play Washers, Cornhole, Kubb, Ladder Toss, giant Jenga and giant Connect 4; and then jump onto the cool Slip and Slide and try to avoid the foam cannons! Everyone will cool down with an icy sweet treat. The program is free; pre-registration is required.

VT 4 - 8 p.m., Sunday, June 6

MOUNTAIN BIKE PUMP TRACK LESSONS
One of the nation’s top biking instructors will teach biking enthusiasts ages 16 and up how to master riding at the nation’s largest asphalt pump track at the Youth Activity Park. Jay Thomas, expert instructor and Level 3 Certified Skills Instructor in the Bike Instructor Certification Program (BICP), will lead the classes. There are only 12 instructors of this caliber in the country. During this two-hour session, riders will learn how to accelerate without pedaling and how to take corners faster. Other skills that will be taught include bike and body separation, basic wheel lifts, pumping, and basic jumping. Participants will learn the essential skills needed to ride the asphalt pump track with confidence and then be able to practice the skills on the track. Riders must have a good working mountain bike or a dirt jumper; BMX bikes are not allowed. Helmets and knee pads are required, and elbow pads are strongly recommended. The cost is $60; space is limited to eight riders. Pre-registration is required at rootsmountainbiking.com.

YA 8 - 10 a.m., Saturday, June 12
**Athletics and Competitive**

**SUNSET SIZZLER**
Join outdoor enthusiasts throughout the region for this UFD Series Event featuring competitive mountain bike racing. This timed race starts just before sunset and continues into the night! Riders must wear a helmet and have a light 600 lumen or greater to participate. Categories include Men’s and Women’s Cat. 1, 2, 3, and Marathon. Awards will be given to top finishers in each category. Overnight camping for the whole family is available and included with the entry fee. This ride is for all ages. Pre-registration is required. Cost of the race is $20 per person, if registered before June 18; $25 if registered after that date.

**IC** 8:30 - 11 p.m., Saturday, June 26

**WHEEL FEST**
The Parks Department is teaming up with Dialed Scooters & BMX for a summer jam session in the park! The day of fun will include a variety of scooter and bike skills demonstrations and product giveaways. Jam session will take place on the nation’s largest asphalt pump track at the Youth Activity Park, and on the state’s largest outdoor skate and bike course. Judges will award prizes to participants with the best line, best trick, biggest send, and more! This free event encourages beginner, intermediate, and advanced scooter and bike riders from around the region to showcase their skills; spectators also are welcome to watch. A bike and scooter raffle will take place at the event; guests must be present to win!

Pre-registration is required by July 10. Call Dialed Scooters & BMX at 636-265-2532 to reserve a spot.

**YA** 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Saturday, July 24

**2021 KLONDIKE KRAWLER**
Crawl your way to the first-ever judged RC crawling event in the park! A challenging, multi-stage course awaits your electric-only 1/10, 1/18, or 1/24 scale RC crawlers. Operators must be able to traverse rough terrain to access the RC course. The cost to participate in the judged competition with prizes is $5; everyone is invited to use the course for free. Pre-registration is required to compete or use the course.

**KL** 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 29