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Discover

Blue Springs, Missouri



Welcome to the Weekend

Welcome to the weekend and welcome to Blue Springs, Missouri! Whether you are here for business or pleasure, weekend or weekday, we're glad you're here and hope you return often.

Blue Springs offers a variety of lodging choices depending on your needs and budget, dining options including both national chains and local eateries and many shopping opportunities.

To learn more about our community, including maps to restaurants, lodging, shopping, activities and recreation, visit: BlueSpringsChamber.com, or DiscoverBlueSprings.com.

History

Named for the springs that took on a blue color in certain lights, the community of Blue Springs was

organized as part of Jackson County in 1827.

The Jackson County Court granted the incorporation of Blue Springs on September 7, 1880, making the City the fourth settlement in the county, predating Kansas City, Missouri.

Historic Places

Missouri Town 1855

See what a progressive farming community, spread across some 30 sloping acres, looked like in the mid-1800s. Missouri Town 1855 is composed of more than 25 buildings dating from 1820 to 1860. This living history museum uses original structures, furnishings and equipment. Also depicting the 19th Century lifestyles are interpreters in period attire, authentic field and garden crops, and rare livestock breeds. Missouri town is located at 8010 E. Park Road in Fleming Park. Call 816-503-4860 or visit JacksonGov.org/MissouriTown for more information.

Fort Osage

Fort Osage functioned as one of the first military outposts and government trade houses in the Louisiana Purchase. Built in 1808, under the direction of William Clark, the Fort's mission was to maintain the political stability in the region through trade and military alliances with the Native American Tribes, particularly the Osage. All the structures have been painstakingly rebuilt. Authentically attired interpreters use living history to provide insight into the daily life in 1812. Fort Osage is located in Sibley, Missouri, 17 miles from Blue Springs. For more information call 816-229-8980.

Chicago & Alton Hotel

The hotel was built in 1878 by J.K. Park and is the oldest business building in Blue Springs. It's located on 15th Street between Walnut and Main and recently received a Victorian facelift. additional restoration.



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Historic Places

Dillingham-Lewis House Museum

In 1906 Morgan Dillingham built a home with two outside architectural designs - late-Victorian and Arts and Crafts. The home is open for tours. The grounds are designed with period flowering plants. Open March - December on Sundays from 1:00 - 4:00 pm. Call the Blue Springs Historical Society for more information at 816-224-8979.

Chicago & Alton Train Depot

The original depot in Blue Springs, constructed in 1879, stood on the east side of the railroad tracks near 12th and Main St. It was a two story building and was lost to a fire in the early 1920's. A new depot was built and is today the last one-story, wood and stucco, Chicago and Alton Train Depot still standing in the state of Missouri. It's now located in Central Park at 10th and Vesper and in the process of being restored.

Activities and Recreation

Blue Springs Fall Festival

This fall festival spans three days in September. The festival is held in Downtown Blue Springs and has over 260 craft and food booths. The parade on Saturday at 10:00 am is the weekend's highlight event. For more information, call the Blue Springs Chamber at 816-229-8558 or visit: BlueSpringsFallFestival.com.

Concerts in the Park

Free concerts are held Sundays during the summer months from 6:30 - 8:30 pm at Rotary Park. Bring your blankets or lawn chairs and enjoy great music. Call 816-228-0137 or visit BlueSprings-Gov.com/parks for more information.

Blue Springs Parks

Blue Springs is known for its extensive recreation programs that offer over 200 activities and events annually. There are 20 public parks, covering 384 acres and numerous shelters and

playgrounds. There is a Skate Park in Burris Old Mill Park, a Community Garden in Central Park and a Disc Golf Course at Wilbur Young Park. There is a Dog Park on the north side of Blue Springs as well as a BMX track. Call 816-228-0137 or visit BlueSpringsGov.com/parks for more information.

Lakes

Jackson County Parks & Recreation offers premier recreational areas for the best in land and water recreation. For your outdoor enjoyment, you'll find three pristine lakes, Lake Jacomo, Blue Springs Lake and Longview Lake. Call 816-503-4800 or visit JacksonGov.org for more information.



Sports

Wood Bat Tournament

Each summer teams come to Blue Springs from all over the area to compete in the annual Wood Bat Tournament. Call 816-228-0137 or visit BlueSpringsGov.com/parks for more information.

Missouri Mavericks

Located at the Silverstein Eye Centers Arena this is a East Coast Hockey League at its best. For ticket information call 816-252-7825 or visit MissouriMavericks.com.



Nature

Powell Gardens

This 915-acre botanical garden, located 25 miles SE of Blue Springs on Highway 50, features exquisite display gardens, trails, lakes, windswept meadows and more. Open year round. Call 816-697-2600 or visit PowellGardens.org for more information.

Burr Oak Woods Nature Center

Located one mile north of I-70 on State Route 7, this state operated attraction includes a 15,000 square foot nature center and 1,071 acres of prairies, glades, forest, ponds and streams. Burr Oak Woods Conservatin Area offers self-guided nature trails, picnic areas and 3,000 gallon aquarium in the Nature Center making this a fun and educational stop for the entire family. Call 816-228-3766 for more information.

Memorial

Veterans Way Memorial

The Veterans Way Memorial is dedicated to the sacrifice, courage and valor of all veterans who served our nation. The memorial is located at Pink Hill Park, 2715 Park Hill Rd. It serves as a place for personal contemplation or reflection, for veterans and veterans' families and friends.



Golf

Golf facilities are available both in and around Blue Springs. The City of Blue Springs manages Adams Pointe Golf Club, an 18 hole public golf course. Call 816-220-3673 for information.

Blue Springs Country Club has an 18 hole public golf course. Call 816-229-1194 for information.

Family Golf Park, 816-228-1150, offers a Lighted Driving Range, a 9 hole Par 3 ShortGame Golf Course, Heated Tees, Grass Tees, Two Practice Sand Traps, a Chipping Area and a Bent Grass Putting Green.

Family Golf Park and Paradise Park, 816-246-5224, also offer Miniature Golf. Paradise Park features family fun and adventure, unique attractions and discovery play in a wholesome, safe, clean and friendly environment.



Downtown

Take a stroll down Main Street to visit the many unique shops. There's something for everyone including stylish jewelry, bags, books and unusual decor. Most merchants are open from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm Tuesday through Friday, and 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on Saturday. Special events held regularly in the Downtown area.

Shopping

In Blue Springs, there are plenty of shopping areas to fill your bag and hit everyone on your list. The business corridors are Highway 40 and State Route 7. Adams Dairy Landing, located at I-70 and Adams Dairy Pkwy, also serves Blue Springs.



Art

Public Artworks have been displayed in Blue Springs since 1985. In fact, Blue Springs was the first City in Eastern Jackson County to establish a public art program. On September 6, 2000, a Public Art Commission was established to enhance the aesthetic appearance of the community. Artworks have been displayed as a result of commissioned artworks or temporary exhibitions. They have been purchased by various groups and gifted to the City. They have also been placed by private organizations, businesses and individuals.

Today, Blue Springs enjoys a number of quality public artworks. These pieces contribute visually to the community landscape and offer civic pride and a sense of celebration.



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Treasure Hunting

Blue Springs has hidden treasures just waiting to be found. Whether you shop one of the local boutiques or use your GPS to go Geocaching, adventure awaits you.



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Geocaching is a real-world, outdoor international treasure hunting game using GPS-enabled devices. Participants navigate to a specific set of GPS coordinates and then attempt to find the geocache (container) hidden at that location.

There are some great geocaching options in Blue Springs. Check them out with the QR Code below or on the web at Geocaching.com/seek/nearest.aspx?lat=39.017794&lng=-94.274421



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