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2026 GETAWAY GUIDE

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THE BEST THING ABOUT MEMORIES IS MAKING THEM.



Welcome to Mother Nature's Happy Place.

For 100 years, Pulaski County has been the meeting place of two famous moms — Mother Nature and the Mother Road. And like any good provider, these two beloved moms have shared their many bounties with visitors from around the world, a tradition they continue today in the verdant, natural playgrounds and historical attractions brimming with stories you'll only hear in the Missouri Ozarks. And with shopping, dining, and culture intertwined in these one-of-a-kind adventures, this is truly a place where time slows down and lifelong memories are born.

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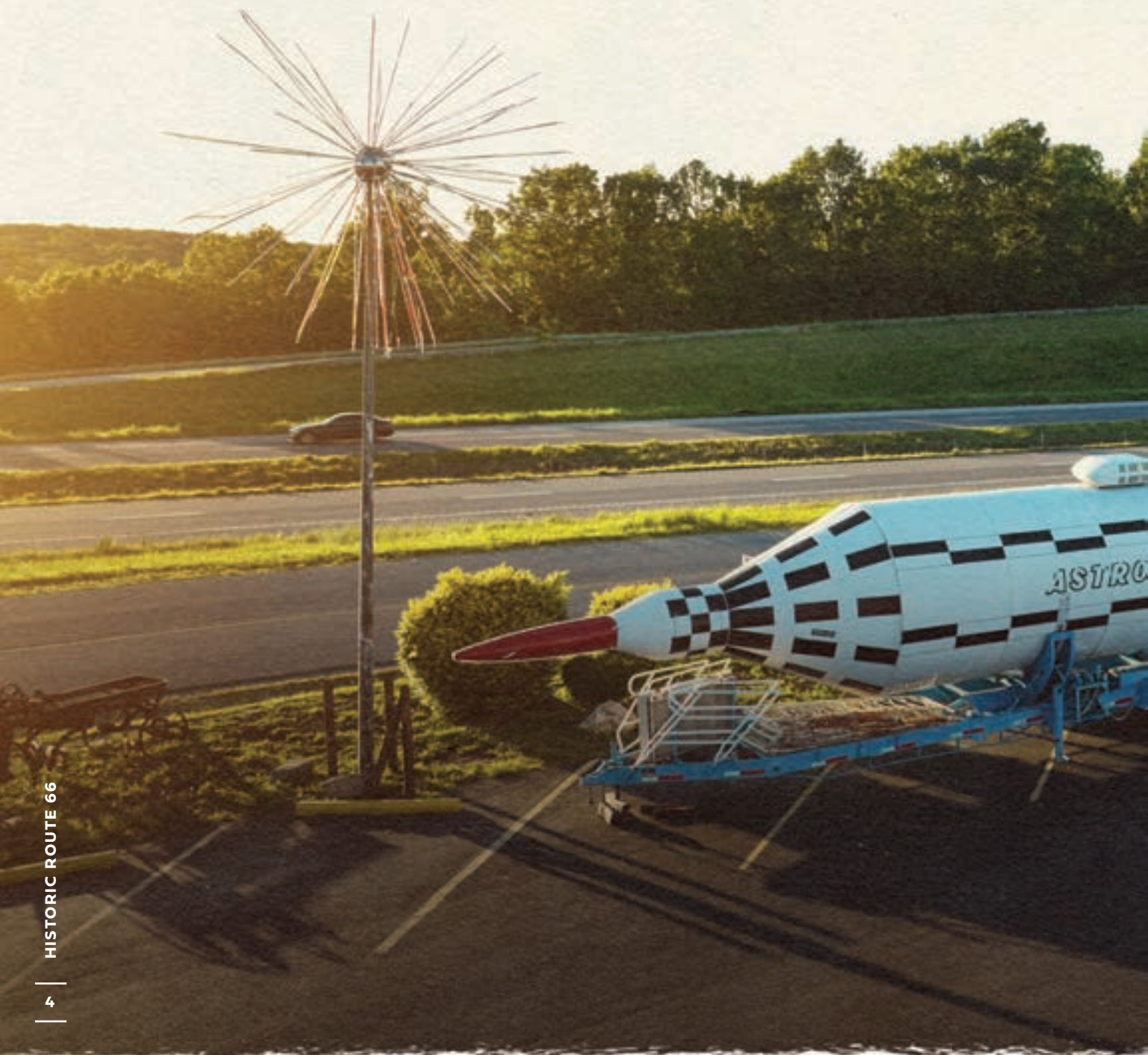
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HISTORIC



ROUTE 66



For 100 years, Historic Route 66 has carried transcontinental travelers across the many incredible vistas and environments that define America, from the Great Lakes to the arid Southwest to the sunny Pacific shores. But none are quite as breathtaking as the rugged, wooded topography of Pulaski County. Here, in the Birthplace of the Byway, we celebrate our century-old connection to the Mother Road and the adventures discovered along its fabled path, from serene outdoor experiences to campy and kitschy roadside stops. So, like the first cross-country pilgrims did 100 years ago, travel along Route 66 and see how the time-honored traditions of mid-century America live on in Pulaski County.

A GLOWING REVUE



Neon Park Captures the Spirit & History of Route 66

The neon signs that once lined the nearly 2,500-mile Mother Road have become synonymous with the famed highway. As decades passed, however, the rise of the interstate system and the promise of speedy, convenient travel led to the highway's decommissioning in 1985. When the Mother Road faded into a memory, so did the businesses that once offered a place to stop — and with them, those alluring, luminescent signs. But as renewed interest in Historic Route 66 grew, communities across the country have found ways to honor their heritage on the Main Street of America. Among them is Saint Robert, where Route 66 Neon Park offers a look at Route 66 like many have never seen before.

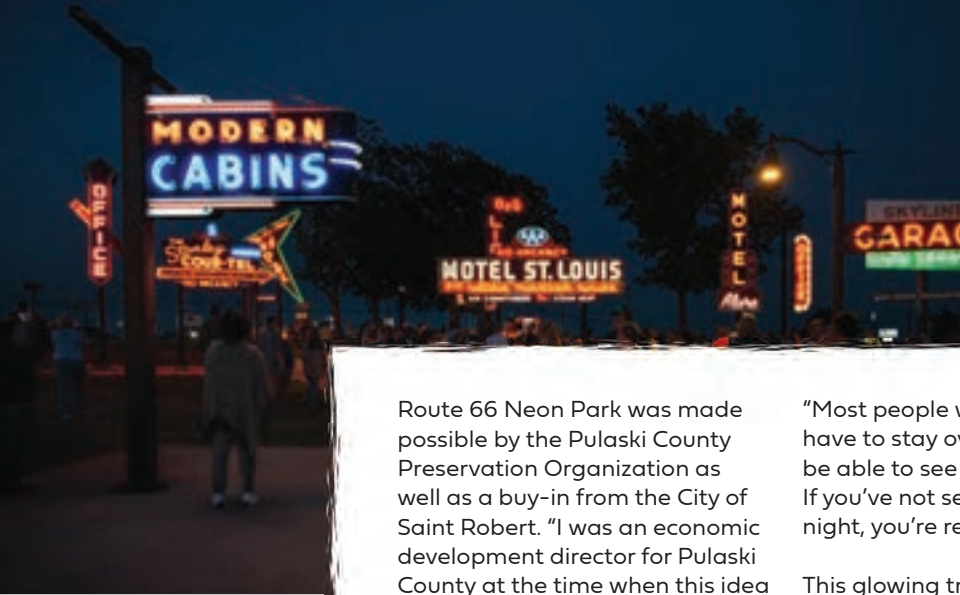
“ WE'RE VERY PROUD OF THE FACT THAT ROUTE 66 LITERALLY GOES STRAIGHT THROUGH THE CITY OF SAINT ROBERT, ”

said James Breckinridge, mayor of Saint Robert. “Having this roadside park with these neon signs just adds that special touch as folks are driving through. Their pit stop now is going to be in Saint Robert because at night, when these are illuminated, they're absolutely gorgeous.”

Featuring signs that once stood alongside the Missouri portion of Route 66, the park welcomes guests to get a look at the signs and fosters an appreciation for the history of the Mother Road. “Route 66 has just such a beauty and uniqueness to it. It's quirky and fun and it draws in people from all over the world,” said Beth Wiles, CDME, Executive Director of the Pulaski County Tourism Bureau. “Once you start diving into the history of Route 66, you hear some great stories all up and down all eight states.”



Left to right:
Saint Robert Mayor James Breckinridge,
Randy Becht, Beth Wiles, Mac Myers



Route 66 Neon Park was made possible by the Pulaski County Preservation Organization as well as a buy-in from the City of Saint Robert. "I was an economic development director for Pulaski County at the time when this idea first came up," said Randy Becht. "Beth and I shared a building and always shared ideas. With the centennial coming up, I just knew her vision was one worth sharing and would come to pass."

Contacts around the Midwest supplied the park's main attraction: the signs. Connections with other organizations like Friends of the Mother Road, Inc., the Route 66 Association of Missouri, and private collectors led the group to even more additions like the Stanley Cour Tel, the Alura Motel, and the Skyline Garage Auto Service signs. Now, these signs make up a one-of-a-kind roadside attraction in the Show Me State.

"We have the Devils Elbow Bridge. We have Roubidoux Bridge. And we have Frog Rock. So, with this tied in, it's a whole-day affair here," said Mac Myers, a Richland resident who grew up along Route 66.

"Most people who come here have to stay overnight just to be able to see Neon Park lit up. If you've not seen this park at night, you're really missing out."

This glowing tribute to the Mother Road has received equally glowing reviews from visitors. Travelers from across the world have stopped to admire the craftsmanship, to learn more about the history of Route 66, and even start a new life together or rekindle romances.

"Any given night, you can literally come here, walk around, and find somebody and just ask them, 'Where are you from? What are you doing?' More than likely, they're from out of town because they wanted to come see it," Breckinridge said. "We've had people get married here. We've had a couple that spent their 50th wedding anniversary in Saint Robert, and they spent their evening here having a picnic. It all goes back to the iconic Route 66 most people fell in love with."



Read the full story and learn more.



ENJOY THE RIDE

Historic Route 66 is a Destination of Its Own

The convenience of getting from Point A to Point B as quickly as possible is understandably tempting — but where's the excitement and romance in that journey? The opportunities to pull over and catch a glimpse of something remarkable are few and far between when you're crammed in a metal tube 40,000 feet in the air.

For the cross-country travelers who made their way down Historic Route 66 throughout the 20th century, the trip itself was part of the fun. Watching the miles tick by as you careen through rolling hills interspersed with charming communities and roadside curios... No amount of security pre-screens and priority boarding can make up for the thrilling, memorable experience of a Route 66 road trip.

For 100 years, no other roadway in American history has evoked a sense of reverence, nostalgia, and wanderlust quite like Route 66. Running from Chicago to Santa Monica, CA, the famed highway brought visitors from all over the country to Pulaski County in its heyday. Established Nov. 11, 1926, signed into law as one of the original U.S. Highways the following year, and completely paved by 1938, Route 66 became a primary route for vacationers bound for Los Angeles. When Fort Leonard Wood was established in 1940, the subsequent traffic boom brought new businesses and residences to an area known as Eastville — which would later be incorporated as Saint Robert in 1951.

"From my experience as a step-on guide for bus tours on Route 66 in Pulaski County, often the senior tourists nostalgically remember road trips on the highway, time spent at Fort Leonard Wood, or a relative's connection to the road," said Terry Primas, a local Route 66 historian. "In the past, a road trip was an adventure. The destination was the road and roadside, not just getting from one point to another while avoiding trucks."

Of course, various points along the Mother Road were themselves high-traffic destinations, from the iconic pier of Santa Monica to the windy shores of Lake Michigan in Chicago. Though Pulaski County never

boasted a major metropolitan center, its geography proved enough of a draw. Author Jack D. Rittenhouse once hailed the Pulaski County portion of Route 66 as "one of the most beautiful sections of the Ozarks," a trek characterized by lush, breathtaking views offering an unparalleled vantage point of stunning bluffs carved in limestone and dolomite by rivers snaking through the Ozark valleys.



"In 1937, the resort hamlet of Devils Elbow was recognized by the State Planning Commission as one of the eight most scenic sites in Missouri," Primas explained. "Sportsmen from St. Louis traveled by train and then wagon to fish the Big Piney and Gasconade rivers. The establishment of the federal road in 1926 and then the paving in 1930 made the trip much easier. The road boomed the summer vacation business and by 1935, no less than 30 resorts, plus numerous hunting and fishing clubs, were in operation."

Such resorts gave life to communities like Devils Elbow, which saw such a massive increase in tourism, guests suddenly needed to make reservations months in advance. But the Mother Road also proved influential in attracting what Primas called Pulaski County's most transformative event of the 20th century.

"Route 66 was a factor in the location of Fort Leonard Wood in Pulaski County," he said. "The training camp was originally to be in southern Iowa. The prerequisites for a 25,000-man training camp were adequate water resources, good highway access, and railway access. The Iowa site lacked adequate water resources, and the War Department looked to the Ozarks. Pulaski County was chosen because the government already owned some land, the water resources were abundant, and the famous Route 66 would be within a couple of miles. Of course, even the original Mother Road proved to be inadequate in meeting the high traffic demands and major improvements resulted, including the new four-lane Hooker Cut."

Bypasses, realignments, and the rise of the interstate system eventually led to the decline and decommissioning of Route 66 in 1985, but the romance of the Mother Road endured in the hearts of those yearning for a simpler time. Missouri became the first state to assign historic status to Route 66 when then-Gov. John Ashcroft signed House Bill 1629 into law on July 10, 1990, at the Pulaski County Courthouse in Waynesville — the birthplace of the byway. Today, Primas said, visitors can travel the Mother Road unimpeded, often on original road surfaces, and immerse in the local legends and folklore that have been passed down through generations. Pull over and hear the story of Squire Wells, one of the county's earliest Route 66 entrepreneurs, who charged tourists \$1 to pull them through a mud hole of his own design. Share a laugh over the story of two local boys who came across a crate full of shrimp — lost cargo from a downshifting truck — and spent the following days selling the puny crustaceans as fishing bait.

Anecdotes like these invite you to make the journey an equal part of your getaway. And no matter if you drive the Mother Road on its 100th birthday or its 101st, the highway will always be here beckoning. Plan a road trip down Historic Route 66 and soak in both the culture and natural beauty — it's sure to please anyone with an appreciation for such unsullied splendor. As Terry Primas said, "If you like green forests and clear streams, flowering trees in the spring, and bright hues of yellow to red in the fall, the scenery will delight you."

◆ WAYNESVILLE, MO



◆ DEVILS ELBOW, MO



RIDE THE MOTHER ROAD

Log Some Miles on the Classic American Road Trip!

Exploring Historic Route 66 in Pulaski County carries you through cities that boomed during the heyday of the Mother Road, as well as those just establishing themselves. The twisting, winding tour of the 33 miles of the historic highway offers a peek into Pulaski County's history as well as some impressive — and unusual — landmarks.

Scenic Wonder of Missouri

DEVILS ELBOW

Bound by the Big Piney River, Devils Elbow features an eclectic mix of romantic tie rafter legends, colorful characters, and a breathtaking landscape — in fact, the 200-foot bluffs around Devils Elbow have been described as one of the “seven scenic wonders of Missouri.” Home to historic Route 66 stops like Piney Beach Resort and Elbow Inn, Devils Elbow is also the site of a historic, steel truss bridge dedicated on July 4, 1924. The Scenic Overlook just west of Devils Elbow provides an exhilarating view of the railroad bridge and the natural beauty of the Big Piney below.



Birthplace of the Byway

WAYNESVILLE ATTRACTIONS

In Waynesville, visitors will be delighted to spot the kitschy Frog Rock, a painted geological formation harkening back to the roadside attractions travelers used to spot along Route 66 at its height. Waynesville is also home to the 1903 Courthouse Museum, one of only two period courthouses along the Missouri portion of Route 66. Don't miss the oldest standing structure in the county, the Old Stagecoach Stop. Built in the 1850s, this remarkable structure originally served as a stop for the Burden & Woodson stage route before transitioning to a tavern and then a Union hospital during the Civil War. Finally, grab an Instaworthy selfie in front of the 8-foot Route 66 Shield as well as the city's gorgeously painted murals.



Mother Road Masterpieces

RAY HARVEY MURALS

Downtown Waynesville is a canvas, and the masterful brushstrokes of muralist Ray Harvey bring the spirit of Route 66 to life. Walk around the Historic Downtown, marvel in the public displays of artistic expression throughout town, and celebrate the history and heritage of our communities — from the “Waynesville” mural welcoming motorists to those capturing the spirit of wanderlust and the open road. **See more of Harvey’s work at RayHarveyArt.com.**



Cheeky Fun

URANUS FUDGE FACTORY

Between Devils Elbow and Saint Robert lies a truly one-of-a-kind checkpoint on your Route 66 journey — the Uranus Towne Center. One of the more famous attractions is the Uranus Fudge Factory, but there’s plenty more to explore in Uranus. With an ice cream shop, sideshow museum, and mini golf, this is undoubtedly one of the more memorable stops on your Pulaski County adventure!



An Engineering Triumph

HOOKER CUT

Once rumored to be the deepest road cut in America, Hooker Cut has been described as “an engineering triumph and truly a joy to the traveler.” Traverse the Cut and travel back in time at the Hooker Church and Cemetery, which dates to the early 1900s and offers a glimpse of life in those simpler times.

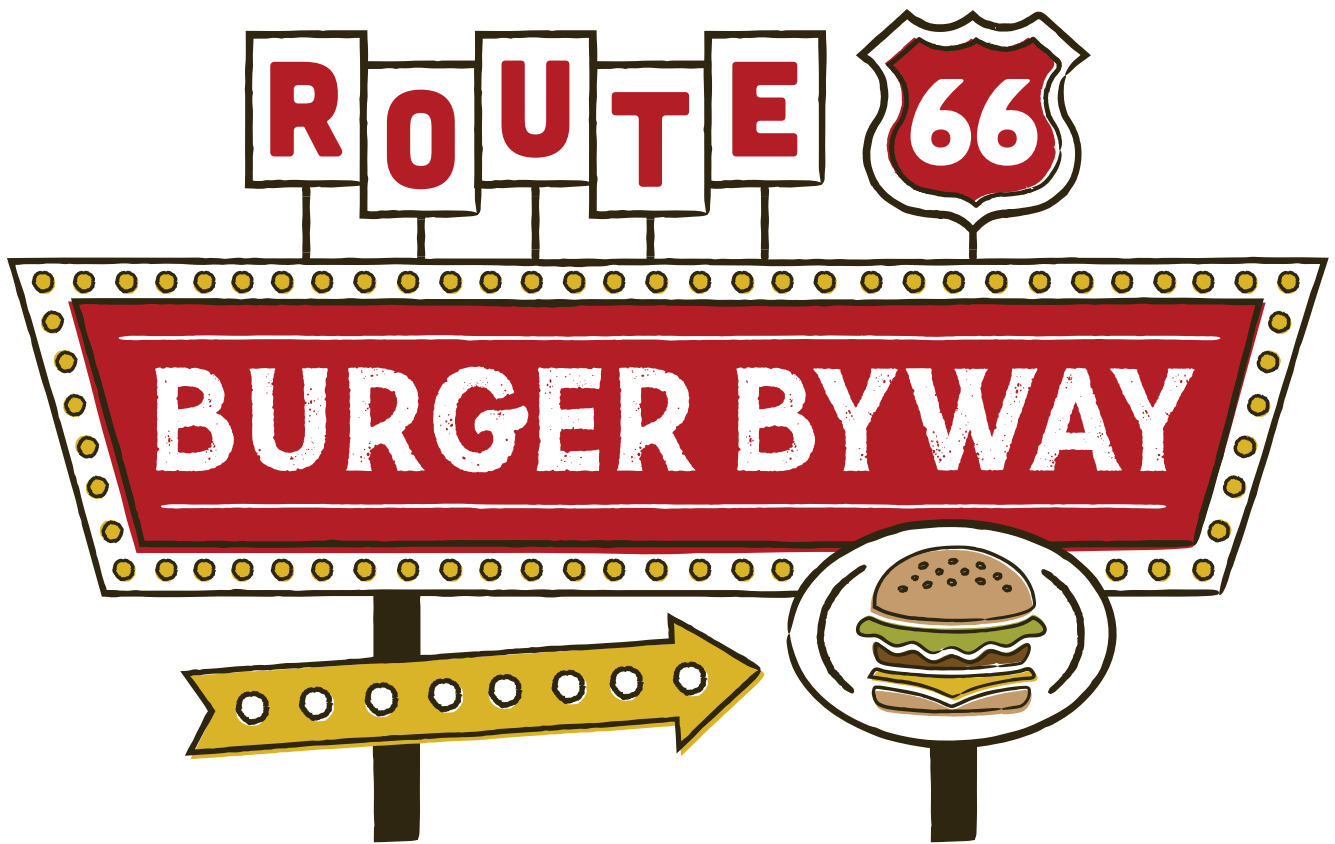


Driving and Walking Tours

The Pulaski County Tourism Bureau offers an incredible Historic Driving Tours brochure that includes turn-by-turn directions, background information, and vintage images. While you’re at it, pick up the essential Historic Downtown Waynesville Walking Tour brochure, which features more information on the remarkable sights in our county seat.

Download brochures at
VisitPulaskiCounty.org/Digital-Downloads.





Historically Delish

Burgers and road trips — it doesn't get more American than that! The Mother Road is lined with mouthwatering burger joints, each putting their own spin on a timeless classic. However you choose to top them — lettuce, tomato, onions, pickles, or all of the above — check out each of these delicious diners and try their version of a Route 66 classic.

Burger stops are listed east to west on Historic Route 66. Opening hours vary — check operating hours beforehand.

A customer favorite at **Country Café** in Saint Robert is the **Bacon Cheeseburger** — a quarter-pound burger with all the fixings served on a bun with fries or tots. They also make a hamburger steak meal! Open early for breakfast with lunch options available too. Next, enjoy **Z Bar & Grill** in Saint Robert, a modern bar and grill with contemporary vibes. Bring your appetite — these burgers are all half-pounders! The **Bourbon Burger** is a half-pound beef patty basted in their signature bourbon sauce and served with lettuce, tomato, onion, and pickle. Another favorite is the **Bella Bacon Swiss**, a seasoned ground beef patty with portabella mushrooms, bacon, grilled onions, Swiss cheese, and special Route 66 sauce.

Traveling late? Stop by the late-night classic **Waffle House** in Saint Robert! A couple Waffle House favorites are the patty melt and **Texas Bacon Cheese Steak Melt**, which features slices of smoky bacon combined with flavorful steak, grilled onions, and cheese on Texas toast. Their patty melt is another go-to.

Ready for a blast from the past? **The Route 66 Diner** in Saint Robert is a nostalgic, classic diner complete with mid-century vibes — a black-and-white checkerboard floor, jukebox, and some vintage images for decorations with chrome all around transport diners to a bygone era. Vintage foodies love the menu selections with some classic dessert options like shakes, malts, and sodas. Check out the **Blue Moon Burger**, a ground beef patty topped with melted cream cheese and blue cheese crumbles, then covered in Monterey jack cheese. The **Big Bopper** and **Garlic Mushroom Burger** are also customer favorites. For a meatless option, they also serve veggie burgers. Your final stop in Saint Robert, all burgers at **Flo's on Route 66** are made daily from fresh ground beef, hand pressed, specially seasoned, and cooked to order. Customer favorites are the **Bacon Cheeseburger** and the **Jalapeño Burger**.


Hop up the road to **Hoppers Pub**, a great Waynesville destination for burgers on the Mother Road. Not only do they serve great burgers in a Route 66 vibe, but they also have 66 beers on tap. You can have your burger on a bun or in a bowl! Choose your meat (burger, chicken, or veggie), then customize with your preferred toppings. Or try one of their signature burgers: the **Bourbon Baby**, the **Bang Bang**, the **BBQ Blu**, or other favorites! For the gluten conscious, you can even have your burger in a lettuce wrap!

For a great food truck option, stop by **Mardiyama Hibachi Express** in Waynesville for a great burger. Not only do they have great hibachi options, but they also cook burgers made fresh daily using ground steak. Burgers can be ordered with cheese in a single or double patty and come with lettuce, tomato, onion, pickle, and a special Asian sauce.

Come hungry — the burgers at **Westside Café** in Waynesville aren't wimpy! All regular menu burgers are made with half-pound patties. A customer favorite is the **Tiger Burger**, made with a seasoned half-pound burger, hickory-smoked bacon, pepper jack cheese, an onion ring, their special 66 sauce, and jalapeños. **Mushroom Swiss** is another customer favorite with fresh-sliced mushrooms, creamy Swiss cheese, lettuce, tomato, and Cajun-blended onions. Finally, stop at **Nellie's Gravel Bar** for their great spin on a burger. The **ChiliMac Burger** is a favorite made with a quarter-pound burger smothered in chili with mac and cheese bites, served on a bun. A great burger to warm you on a chilly day!

MORE TO TASTE!

Travel off the byway for even more flavorful burgers! Check out [VisitPulaskiCounty.org/Stories](https://www.visitpulaskicounty.org/stories) for more burger stops!



◆ MARDIYAMA HIBACHI EXPRESS
Waynesville, MO



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◆ THE ROUTE 66 DINER
Saint Robert, MO



◆ HOPPERS PUB
Waynesville, MO



◆ WESTSIDE CAFE
Waynesville, MO

CAMPING ON ROUTE 66



◆ BSC OUTDOORS
Dixon, MO

Get Your Kicks & Then Kick Back

Historic Route 66 has been ingrained in the culture of Pulaski County since its establishment in November 1926. Running from Chicago to Santa Monica, CA, the transcontinental highway proved as instrumental in the growth of Pulaski County as the railroad did decades before. Waynesville, for example, saw an explosive increase in traffic after the Mother Road was paved in 1931.

The cross-country pilgrims who made their way through Pulaski County for the first time were no doubt entranced by the natural beauty just outside their car windows. The rolling Ozark hills beckoned travelers to pull over, pitch a tent, and spend an evening communing with Mother Nature. That same pull lives on today at the many campgrounds around Pulaski County. Though each offers its own unique attractions, all promise the same family-friendly outdoors experience shared by those who passed through following Route 66 generations ago.

"It's such a huge deal to have Route 66 so close," said Larry Helms, owner and manager of BSC Outdoors, which offers tent camping and RV pull-throughs on the banks of the Gasconade River. "We own 4 acres near the Devils Elbow Bridge, which is now 100 years old, as one of our put-in points. Folks who camp and float with us can see the bridge firsthand. It brings these attractions to life. You can read about it, look at it on the web, but once you're here and you can actually sit there and enjoy the scenery, it's a big deal."

For Helms, camping is an integral part of the Route 66 experience, one reminiscent of his own childhood. Back then, he said, family road trips to California — punctuated by sunny days on the beaches of Santa Monica — were dotted with camping excursions along the Mother Road. "There were places where you could pull off at night and camp along Route 66," Helms said. "That's really special. There aren't so many places like that anymore, but there are campgrounds around that support Route 66. It's a way for people to get away from their normal routines."

Sheila Cook, owner of Gasconade Hills Resort, said the opportunity to immerse yourself in history sets camping in Pulaski County apart from other destinations around the country. "People travel Route 66 because of the history of the road," she said. "The history draws them here. They want to stop at these historical landmarks and see the Main Street of America."

Located a mile from the Mother Road and listed on the National Park Service Trail of Tears registry, Gasconade Hills Resort offers tent camping, RV pull-throughs, and rental cabins and campers. Dating back to the 1930s, Cook said the history of the resort is intertwined with the history of Route 66. "When the resort was built by the original owners, the Joneses, it stretched much further all the way up to Route 66," Cook said. "We have original cabins from the '30s from the original campground. So, we hope to draw in history buffs to the campground, whether they're in RVs, tent camping, or staying in one of those cabins."



◆ GASCONADE HILLS RESORT
Richland, MO

That appreciation for 20th-century transcontinental journeys — and with it, a love of all things historic — is what drew Cook to Pulaski County in the first place. And while the campgrounds of Pulaski County offer the usual activities (fishing, hiking, canoeing, etc.) you'd expect at any site, that connection to Historic Route 66 offers an outdoor expedition unlike any other. "That's what drew us here, the history, the beauty, and then coming across those historic cabins," Cook said. "It is very, very special to be a part of something like that."



◆ RUBY'S LANDING
Waynesville, MO

OUTDO



DOORS



The allure of natural spaces calls us to leave behind the comforts of modern life and reap Mother Nature's many bounties. Deep in the heart of Pulaski County, the spoils of natural environs come in many forms, from the verdant forests blanketing the rolling Ozark hills to the pure and spring-fed waters that twist and turn throughout. Truly, this is what it means to disconnect from the stresses of everyday life and reconnect with nature, to leave your cares behind and drift away amid untamed surroundings.

A FAMILY TRADITION



LARRY HELMS
Owner of BSC Outdoors

Helms Family's Love of the Outdoors Goes Back Generations

Can you say with certainty how your family arrived in your hometown? For families whose roots in a given region span not just generations, but centuries, the exact reasons why their ancestors chose to settle where they did may be lost to time.

The legacy of Samuel Helms isn't quite as mysterious. His descendant, Larry Helms — owner of BSC Outdoors — can pinpoint not only when the elder Helms came to Pulaski County, but what exactly brought him to the Ozarks. "My great-great-great-grandpa, Samuel Helms, was born in Kentucky in 1800, and he actually migrated to Pulaski County in the 1820s," Larry said. "One of the things we found in reviewing the records, they actually paddled down the Big Piney into the Gasconade, coming down to this area here where Boiling Spring is, and settled here for a few weeks."

Samuel Helms was one of the original tie rafters of the early 1800s, Larry explained. In those days, railroad ties weren't loaded on boats, but instead lashed together to form makeshift rafts, then floated downstream with the pilots perched atop — a much more arduous journey than today's float trips.

"It was a great adventure coming here," Larry explained, adding that the region lured the Helms family in with its abundant natural resources. "They were looking for a place to settle, especially where you could have hardwoods like white oaks and post oak. And they wanted to be in a place where there was abundant wildlife, so they could have a reliable food supply. Clear water was certainly something as well."

Indeed, Boiling Spring was an ideal spot to settle. The 14th-largest natural spring in Missouri, this second-magnitude spring pumps roughly 42-50 million gallons of pure, crystal-clear water into the Gasconade River every day. Though bearing the ominous appearance of a rolling boil on the surface, the waters are actually nice and cool, making it a popular spot for kayakers and canoers, floaters, swimmers, and anglers.

With so many natural resources within reach, the Helms family saw fit to make a home here, with subsequent generations working in the same industry that brought Samuel to Pulaski County.



"They all worked in timber; specifically, they were starting a business that would hew out railroad ties, raft those down the rivers, and sell them to the railroads, which would buy those ties to expand the railroad west," Larry said. "So, with that, Dad continued in the timber business until 1964, when he retired. We have a lineage of being in the timber business here in the county for all those years."

This deep, generational connection to the river stirred a deep appreciation in Larry, who resolved not only to share the love of these waters with locals and visitors but also to purchase land near the spot where Samuel first settled. So, when a small farm near Boiling Spring went up for sale in 1988, Helms jumped at the opportunity to establish a brand-new campground, beginning with a couple of campsites and a boat ramp.

Over the years, BSC Outdoors has expanded to about 60 campsites with a fleet of 100 canoes, 100 kayaks, and 50 rafts available for visitors to rent and experience the river the same way he did as a youngster.

Primitive tent sites invite campers to reconnect with nature under a night sky dotted with countless stars, while RV pull-throughs and rustic cabins provide that same connection along with modern amenities. Anglers will find one of the best fishing spots in the country with clean waters teeming with trophy smallmouth bass. And floaters will discover the spectacular Ozark waterways like Samuel Helms did — albeit aboard much less perilous vessels. "Grandpa, my dad, and I were on the river every weekend. When I was growing up, from the time I was a little boy all the way up till when I went in the Navy, we were on the river every weekend," Helms said.

“WE FISHED, WE CAMPED, AND THERE WAS JUST A KIND OF CONNECTION BETWEEN ME AND THE RIVER. IT’S SOMETHING I STILL HOLD TODAY.”

"It's such a fantastic thing to be able to be down on the river and be part of that history of over 200 years of our family."



Read the full story and learn more.



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▼ **The Helms Family**
BSC Outdoors



OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

Spend a Day with Momma (Nature)

You just can't beat a day on the water and basking in the warm sunshine as you drift peacefully downstream, periodically cooling off in the current. This is the ideal place to put your phone on mute — or even turn it off — and immerse yourself in the quiet calmness you'll only find deep in the heart of the Ozarks.

With numerous rivers and waterways, Pulaski County is a premier destination for float trips. Whether you travel by canoe, kayak, rafting, paddleboard, or inner tube, should you plan to relax to the max or you're determined to reel in the next fish story to tell your buddies, Pulaski County is the place to make it happen. The scenic, Ozark views and wildlife — including deer, turtles, and dragonflies — only sweeten the deal.

Pulaski County Riverways

The pristine waterways of Pulaski County are varied in both views and experiences. Whether you're in the mood for a slower float downstream or something a little more fast-paced depends solely on which waterway you choose. Twisting and turning through nearly 100 miles of Pulaski County, the wide and swift Gasconade River provides an exciting adventure for your next float trip. The northeastern section runs along bluff areas and rural homes, while the western section glides through farmlands ending at the Route 66/Gasconade Bridge near Hazelgreen. Putting in just north of Waynesville on a stretch dubbed by locals as "the Narrows" takes you on a 15-mile float — which translates to just 2 miles as the crow flies when you reach your destination. Meandering along the eastern border of Pulaski County, the Big Piney River cuts through 33 miles of Ozark landscapes, nourished by the Ozark springs that keep the water levels consistent — even during drought.



Navigate the Rivers

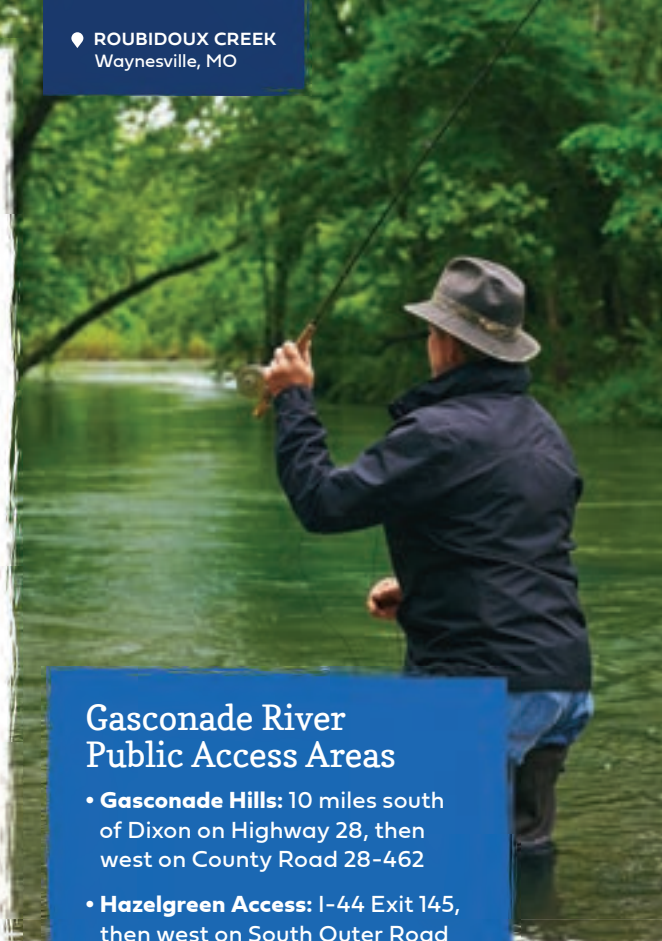
Logging miles on the Big Piney and Gasconade rivers is now easier than ever. The River Mile Marker Project by Pulaski County NG911 improves the safety and accessibility of Pulaski County waterways with reflective mile markers on the banks of both rivers, providing visual indicators for boaters and emergency responders.

Learn more about this convenient service at pulaskimo911.org.

Welcome to Smallie Heaven

Smallmouth bass are renowned for their fight. Leaping, thrashing, splashing — there's nothing quite like battling a trophy smallie and hauling it into your boat or net. The waters of Pulaski County are teeming with bulky bronzebacks — in fact, Game & Fish describes the 17-mile stretch of the Gasconade River's Smallmouth Special Management Area in Pulaski County as "magical." But the smallmouth spectacular isn't just confined to the Gasconade. The Big Piney River has its own Smallmouth Special Management Area, described by Driftwood Outdoors columnist Brandon Butler as "second to none."

Looking to do a little fly fishing? The majestic Roubidoux Creek is home to 3.1 miles of white ribbon trout fishing and a natural spring, harboring one of the best-kept secret spots in Missouri. Stone Mill Spring, part of the Mark Twain National Forest on Fort Leonard Wood, also features a white ribbon trout area plus accessible parking and fishing areas.



Gasconade River Public Access Areas

- **Gasconade Hills:** 10 miles south of Dixon on Highway 28, then west on County Road 28-462
- **Hazelgreen Access:** I-44 Exit 145, then west on South Outer Road to the Gasconade River
- **Mitschle Access:** 5 miles south of Richland on Highway 7
- **Riddle Bridge:** Highway Y 6 miles north of I-44 at the Gasconade River
- **Schlicht Springs:** Highway 17 north from Waynesville to Highway 133, then west a mile, follow signage

Big Piney Public Access Area

- **Piney Landing on Route 66:** 21400 Tidal Road, Saint Robert (*paid access*)
- **Ross River:** 2.5 miles west of Duke on County Road TT-82-0N

Roubidoux Creek Access Areas

- **Laughlin Park/Roubidoux Access:** Urban area located in Waynesville alongside Highway 17/Route 66 E
- **Roubidoux Access:** Highway 17 south of the steel bridge, 1 mile north of Waynesville

LOVE AT FIRST SITE

Cook Family, Gasconade Hills Resort Share Admiration of the Ozarks

The rolling hills and twisting waterways of Pulaski County have a way of enchanting all who see them firsthand. Thick, verdant forests and crystal-clear waters call out from beyond the car window to stop, pull over, and reap the benefits of Mother Nature's splendor. With so much unspoiled, natural beauty on display, the idea of people becoming infatuated with the Ozarks isn't quite so far-fetched — especially after you see it for yourself.

Sheila Cook is one of those who saw Pulaski County through the lens of an outsider and fell in love. After retiring from their jobs in California, Cook and her husband, James, purchased Gasconade Hills Resort in January 2022 and had never even visited Pulaski County until touring the campground for the first time in October 2021.

"We'd never been to Missouri or the Ozarks. It was just stunningly beautiful," Cook said, adding she and James had done about six months of research prior to the purchase and kept coming back to Gasconade Hills. Flying into St. Louis, the couple then drove to the Pulaski County Tourism Bureau Visitors Center in Saint Robert before proceeding to more natural environs.



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SHEILA & JAMES COOK
Owners of Gasconade Hills Resort

“ WHEN WE FIRST CAME TO THE CAMPGROUND, WE WERE ABLE TO DRIVE THROUGH SOME OF THE AREAS OF THE COUNTY. THE NATURAL BEAUTY WAS ASTOUNDING TO US, AND WE FELL IN LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT. ”

Of course, Gasconade Hills Resort was an institution in Pulaski County long before the Cooks first laid eyes on the breathtaking spectacle. The campground was established in the 1930s by Frank Jones, whose descendants still live in the area, Cook said. Birtthed around the same time as another Pulaski County landmark, Route 66, and just more than a mile away from the famed highway, the campground's location blessed it with the ability to draw in travelers from the Mother Road — a trait it maintains to this day.

"We get guests from all over the world," Cook explained. "We've had some from Germany, the Middle East, India, and we get them all locally from the United States as well."

The natural grandeur that first captivated the Cooks is the main draw at Gasconade Hills Resort. The resort offers primitive campsites as well as RV sites, glamping rentals, and cabins. Also included is one of the most popular outdoor pastimes in Pulaski County: float trips. Gasconade Hills Resort offers trips ranging from 4- to 20-mile trips with single and tandem kayaks, canoes, and rafts that can accommodate four, six, or eight people at a time. An on-site store also offers camping essentials like firewood, drinks, snacks, and even toys for younger campers.

"Our appreciation for the outdoors in Pulaski County is integrated into everything we do, from offering floating services to camping services and partnering with other outdoors folks such as fishing groups and Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts," Cook said. "You can hike, float, fish, and hunt. There are so many things, and they're all within a short distance of one another."

While the float experience sells itself, Cook said, the wild splendor of the Ozarks, paired with the historic sites nearby, ensures visitors explore Pulaski County and support local businesses.

This includes the campground itself — in 2024, Stark's Crossing at Gasconade Hills was officially recognized by the National Park Service as a Trail of Tears access point, meeting the criteria for a partnership site certification.

"The more people I can bring in, the more people I'm supporting in my local community," Cook explained. "They're going to shop at our gas stations and grocery stores. They're going to visit the bait shop down the road. They're going to purchase firewood from my local guy. I'm helping promote my community, which is really important to us as well."

Even more important is seeing others falling in love with Pulaski County just as she did years ago, Cook said. "When I think about how I feel when I'm seeing a family on the resort and joining us for the weekend for a family reunion, a float trip, or just camping at their campsite, it's a special feeling that you get inside knowing you helped a family make these wonderful memories that they can pass on and carry with them," Cook said. "We have many generations of family members who come to our resort, and I often see children as they grow up — what we call growing up with GHR, because they have been coming here since they were a child or baby, and their parents were here as well."



Read the full story and learn more.



TOP 10 WAYS TO PLAY IN PULASKI COUNTY

1 Float Trips

Choose your vessel — kayak, canoe, paddle board, rafts, or inner tube — and spend a day relaxing in the sunshine as you drift down the peaceful currents of the Big Piney and Gasconade rivers. This is the definitive Ozark experience!



◆ BIG PINEY RIVER
Deville, MO

2 Fishing

Bring a rod for some of the best fishing you'll find in the Midwest. The Big Piney and Gasconade rivers are renowned hotspots for smallmouth bass, while Roubidoux Creek promises exceptional trout fishing in the cool, spring-fed waters.

3 Swimming at Roubidoux Spring

Take the plunge at this local favorite! For generations, Roubidoux Spring has been the go-to swimming hole for Pulaski County residents. The cool, spring-fed water is the perfect way to beat the summer heat!

4 Shooting & Archery

Hone your aim at **Bow and Barrel Sportsman Center**, a perfect spot for shooters and archers of all skill levels — from beginners to longtime enthusiasts — to fine tune their ability in a safe, controlled environment. For some friendly competition, **Predator Paintball** in Richland provides adrenaline-pumping action with some of the best paintball fields in the Ozarks.

5 You Pick & Farmers Markets

Get a real taste of Pulaski County! Pick farm-fresh blueberries and blackberries from **Humboldt Springs Farm** or bring home the freshest and most delicious produce — plus eggs, meat, baked goods, soaps, honey, and artisan goods — from several markets in the area.



◆ ROUBIDOUX CREEK
Waynesville, MO



6 Golfing

Four fantastic golf courses and two mini golf courses spread throughout the county promise a challenge for golfers of all skill levels — the beautiful Ozark scenery only sweetens the deal. And in case of inclement weather, golfers can always fine tune their game with the fun and challenging golf simulation at **Bogeys & Beers** in Saint Robert!

7 Parks

The many city parks around Pulaski County offer something for visitors of all ages. Get your steps in on paved walking trails while the kids burn some energy on the playground or reserve a pavilion that's perfectly suited for a reunion or party! The Little Heroes Playground at Waynesville's **Roubidoux Park** features ADA-accessible activities for children and adults of all abilities, while the park's Fitness Court provides a fantastic outdoor workout space for visitors and residents alike.



8 History

Pulaski County is a history buff's paradise! The museums around our communities are bursting with incredible stories waiting to be discovered, from tales of the frontier days to the bravery and ingenuity of the U.S. Military. Get up close with incredible artifacts from a bygone era and explore the fascinating tales that define Central Missouri.

9 Disc Golf

Grip and rip — fling your way across rolling elevation changes and natural obstacles at the disc golf courses around Pulaski County, each promising its own unique challenges. **Hanna Hills Disc Golf Course** in Laquey is one of the top 100 courses in the world offering spectacular views and thrilling challenges.



NASTY PULASKI
GRAVEL GRIND

10 Races & Fun Runs

Numerous occasions throughout the year offer a chance to not only revel in fellowship and community, but to also test your endurance. Work up a sweat at the six-hour **Ultra Sweaty Santa Endurance Run** in July. Unleash your inner dog at the **Bad Dawg Ultra** 100/50 mile, 100k/50k race, and 12-mile run/ruck in August. And in October, pedal your way through 24-, 44-, or 84-mile gravel grinds at the **Nasty Pulaski**, then hop over to Superior Hill for the **Frog Hill Half Marathon & Tadpole 10k**.



PULASKI COUNTY TOURISM BUREAU

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VISITPULASKICOUNTY.ORG

PLEASE NOTE: This map is not to scale and is intended for illustrative purposes only.

MAIN ATTRACTIONS

- 01 1903 Courthouse Museum & Route 66 Shield
- 02 African American USO Chimney
- 03 Devils Elbow Bridge
- 04 Dixon Murals
- 05 Fort Leonard Wood Main Gate
- 06 Fort Leonard Wood West Gate
- 07 Frisco Caboose & Depot Museum
- 08 Frog Rock
- 09 John B. Mahaffey Museum Complex Memorial Grove
- 11 Missouri Veterans Cemetery

- 12 Old Stagecoach Stop Museum
- 13 Pulaski County Tourism Bureau Visitors Center
- 14 Robidoux Park & ADA Playground
- 15 Route 66 Neon Park at George M. Reed Roadside Park
- 16 Roy Laughlin Park, Cherokee Encampment & Trail of Tears Memorial, Trout Stream
- 17 Saint Robert Military Tribute & Freedom Rock Display
- 18 Shady Dell Park
- 19 Uranus Fudge Factory & General Store

LOCAL OUTFITTERS

- 20 BSC Outdoors
- 21 Gasconade Hills Resort
- 22 Route 66 Canoe Rental
- 23 Ruby's Landing River Resort
- 24 Wilderness Ridge Resort

PUBLIC ACCESS AREAS

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GOLF COURSES

- 31 Oak Hills Country Club
- 32 Piney Valley Golf Course
- 33 Richland Golf & Country Club
- 34 Saint Robert Municipal Golf Course

CAMPING OUT





& FITTERS

Far from the lights, noise, and odious fumes of gasoline and diesel in the big city, the outdoor spaces of Pulaski County offer respite for those weary of the urban discordance. And as the sun sets behind the tree line, the quiet calmness of the Ozarks is more obvious than ever as you sit enveloped in darkness surrounded by twinkling fireflies and serenaded by the sounds of nature. The chirping crickets, the croaking bullfrogs, the crackling campfire... This is the soothing soundtrack of reconnecting with one's natural roots; lay your head beneath a cool, night sky scattered with twinkling stars and let Mother Nature's embrace lull you to sleep before another day filled with outdoor adventures.

OUTDOOR STAYS & OUTFITTERS OF PULASKI COUNTY

Whether you're parking an RV full of modern conveniences or pitching a tent for a more primitive outdoor experience, the campgrounds around Pulaski County can accommodate your camping adventure — however you define it. Contact each campsite individually for more information on additional amenities such as water access, electricity, and waste dump sites.

◆ GASCONADE HILLS RESORT
Richland, MO

RV – RV PARK

C – CAMPING

O – OUTFITTER

L – LODGING

BSC Outdoors

DIXON

(573) 759-7294

bscoutdoors.com

RV • C • O • L

Devils Elbow River Safari

DEVILS ELBOW

(573) 855-4733

RV • C • O

Froggy's River Resort

RICHLAND

(573) 421-8714

RV • C • O

**Fort Leonard Wood
Recreational Vehicle Park**

FORT LEONARD WOOD

(573) 596-4223

RV

Gasconade Hills Resort

RICHLAND

(573) 765-3044

gasconadehills.com

RV • C • O • L

Lamplight Lane RV Resort

WAYNESVILLE

(573) 774-2727

RV

Mother Road RV Park

WAYNESVILLE

(573) 774-5454

RV • C

**Peck's Last Resort
Canoe & Camping**

DUKE

(573) 435-6669

RV • C • O

Piney Landing on Route 66

DEVILS ELBOW

(573) 202-5010

RV • C • O

**Roubidoux Spring
Campground**

WAYNESVILLE

(573) 774-6171

RV • C

Ruby's Landing River Resort

WAYNESVILLE

(573) 855-9567

rubyslanding.com

RV • C • O • L

Saint Robert RV Park

SAINT ROBERT

(573) 451-2000 ext 1100

RV

Wilderness Ridge Resort

DUKE

(573) 435-6767

wildernessridgeresort.com

RV • C • O • L

LAMPLIGHT LANE RV RESORT
Waynesville, MO



TAIL WAGS & GOOD TIMES



Bring Man's Best Friend to the Heart of the Ozarks

Taking a trip to Pulaski County doesn't mean you have to leave the furrer members of your family behind. Here, you and your four-legged friends are welcome to stay at our pet-friendly locations, giving you and your pup plenty of opportunity to explore the beautiful scenery of the Ozarks.



◆ BIG PINEY RIVER
Devils Elbow, MO



@ozarks_river_junkie



◆ GASCONADE HILLS RESORT
Richland, MO



◆ LAMPLIGHT LANE RV RESORT
Waynesville, MO

Book Your Pet-Friendly Stay

With several pet-friendly options, our hotels can meet many of your needs, including budget, breakfast, pools, and exercise facilities. Looking for a cozy cottage on the river close to scenic walking and hiking trails? The outfitters of Pulaski County would love to host you and your pets while providing great floating and fishing opportunities on the Big Piney and Gasconade rivers.


Check out a full listing of pet-friendly opportunities at VisitPulaskiCounty.org/Stay/Pet-Friendly-Pulaski.

Gone Walking

Each town offers fun and historic sites with excellent photo opportunities, turning the chore of pet walking into a memorable experience. Stroll along Historic Route 66 and tour the parks and historic sites in Saint Robert and Waynesville, or track the vast collection of murals along the Frisco Railroad through Crocker, Dixon, and Richland!

Plan a weekend with your family and pets around one of Pulaski County's great events. Enjoy 5Ks with your furry friend, festivals, and so much more! Check out our Events page at VisitPulaskiCounty.org/events and plan your trip.

FORT LEONARD WOOD



Since the birth of our nation 250 years ago, the United States Armed Forces have served as the protectors of the American way of life. Repelling tyrannical forces domestically during the Revolutionary War and abroad during World War II, the U.S. military established the country's reputation as defenders of freedom and liberty not just in North America, but around the world. The establishment of Fort Leonard Wood more than 80 years ago and its reputation today as an Army Center of Excellence are emblematic of the country's commitment to American freedom and speak to the heroic sacrifices of the men and women who passed through Sverdrup Gate to serve our country.

ARD WOOD



A soldier in camouflage gear is climbing a large, complex rope net structure. The soldier is looking upwards and to the right, with their hands gripping the ropes. The background is a dense green forest. The title text is overlaid on the top half of the image.

THE ARMY CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

Heroes' Journeys Begin at Fort Leonard Wood

Since its beginning as a small basic training post more than 80 years ago, Fort Leonard Wood has evolved into a premier Army Center of Excellence, training military personnel and civilians every year and serving as the launchpad for countless Army careers. Home to the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence, Fort Leonard Wood trains and educates service members and develops capabilities for the U.S. Army Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear School, U.S. Army Engineer School, and U.S. Army Military Police School. However, training is not limited

to Soldiers — Airmen, Guardsmen, Sailors, and Marines also train at Fort Leonard Wood.

Military graduations are held on the base multiple times a week throughout the year. Basic Combat Training graduation is your Soldier's first milestone of their military career. The Maneuver Support Center of Excellence at Fort Leonard Wood is open to in-person graduations. Soldiers in training will contact their family, friends, and loved ones to provide information about their specific graduations.

Visit home.army.mil/wood and click "Graduation Information" for details regarding your service member's graduation.

Visiting FLW

Whether visiting the museums and military memorials or fishing on post, all visitors to the installation ages 18 and older must have a photo ID meeting the federal REAL ID requirements or expect to bring additional forms of acceptable identification. Drivers entering the gate must have current insurance and registration on hand for their vehicle. Anyone renting a car is still required to have proof of insurance. Need to recharge your EV during your visit? Pulaski County is home to four EV charging stations in Saint Robert, Waynesville, and Richland.

For more information, check out

[VisitPulaskiCounty.org/Visit/FAQs](https://www.visitpulaski.org/visit/faqs).



MEMORIAL GROVE



The John B. Mahaffey Museum Complex

Located on Fort Leonard Wood, the Mahaffey Museum Complex houses the rich history and contributions of the military police, Army engineers, and chemical warfare units during conflicts dating back to the Revolutionary War. The museums are free and open to the public.

Visit home.army.mil/wood and click "Visitor and Gate Information" for vital information regarding post access to Fort Leonard Wood.



Fly FLW

Located conveniently on the installation, the Waynesville-St. Robert Regional Airport (TBN) at Fort Leonard Wood offers jet service from Contour Airlines to Dallas Fort Worth International Airport (DFW) and Chicago O'Hare International Airport (ORD). For those coming to town to spend time with the service member in your family, flying FLW minimizes your travel time from Springfield or St. Louis and maximizes the time you spend with your loved ones.

For more information, check out

[VisitPulaskiCounty.org/Visit/Getting-Here](https://www.visitpulaski.org/visit/getting-here).

Make a Vacation of Your Trip

In town for graduation? Make a holiday of it! Spend a day floating down the river. Tour the many patriotic sites. Hunt for treasures from yesteryear and enjoy some of the local flavors. Check our Events calendar to see what's happening in our communities. See how we can help turn your quick trip into a memorable vacation!

Check out [VisitPulaskiCounty.org/Visit/Itineraries](https://www.visitpulaski.org/visit/itineraries) for more information!

ENGAGE & EXPERIENCE



Don't Miss Real, Local Experiences

People want authentic experiences when they visit any destination — Pulaski County is no exception. From thrilling, modern attractions to quiet, peaceful, historic sites, fun in Pulaski County comes in many forms. What are you in the mood to experience?

Plan Your Special Day

Pulaski County's central location in Missouri makes it an ideal spot to gather friends and family for your wedding — and the remarkable venues here only sweeten the deal! Explore gorgeous event spaces such as **Humboldt 1854 (Crocker)**, **The Village (Saint Robert)**, **The Place for You (Waynesville)**, **Music in the Barn (Dixon)**, **Olde Oak Station (Dixon)**, and the chapel at **Ruby's Landing (Waynesville)** and start planning the wedding of your dreams.

For more information on wedding planning, check out VisitPulaskiCounty.org/Wedding-Services.



OLDE OAK STATION
Dixon, MO

Fore! GOLF COURSES OF PULASKI COUNTY

Begin your day with a tee time at any of the four fantastic golf courses around Pulaski County, each providing their own challenges against the beautiful Ozark scenery. **Piney Valley Golf Course**, an 18-hole, championship course at Fort Leonard Wood, is a public, par-72 course that includes a PGA professional staff, pro shop, driving range, putting green, and more. For those looking for a quick nine, **Richland Golf & Country Club** features a nine-hole, par-36 course with 3,200 yards of golf available. **Oak Hills Country Club** in Dixon is a nine-hole, public course. With a par of 35, Oak Hills is a great destination for anyone looking to get a quick round in.

No clubs? No problem! Try your hand — or foot — at **Saint Robert Municipal Golf Course**, which features synthetic greens and footgolf opportunities in addition to nine-hole, par-27 golfing. Or treat yourself to an Ozark fling at **Hanna Hills Disc Golf Course**. Established in 2019, Hanna Hills promises stunning, clifftop views with a gorgeous, Ozark backdrop. Ranked one of the top 100 disc golf courses in the world and the fourth best in Missouri by the disc golfing enthusiasts at UDisc, this 18-hole course features elevation changes throughout, making it one of the more scenic challenges you'll face. Check the course's Facebook page for info on upcoming events and tournaments!



Take Aim BOW AND BARREL SPORTSMEN CENTER

Next, fine tune your aim at **Bow and Barrel Sportsman Center** in Saint Robert. Whether you're an experienced marksman or just want to learn the basics, Bow and Barrel can help you get on target. Featuring an indoor gun range and an outdoor archery range, Bow and Barrel can help you hone your shooting skills while teaching safe, responsible usage. Paintball courses around Pulaski County also provide some fun and spirited competition set against a wooded Ozarks backdrop.

Nightly Fun!

Ready for a nightcap? There's always something happening in Pulaski County! Fine drinks, cigar lounges, live music, karaoke, game nights and trivia nights, bingo — all just a part of how we spend our evenings! Want to see what's happening around the county?

Head over to Events at [VisitPulaskiCounty.org](https://www.visitpulaski.org) and stay up to date on community events, activities, and festivals.



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TREASURES & TRAILS

A Vintage Venture

Looking for the next uncommon piece to give your home that vintage feel? If you love the thrill of a good treasure hunt, you've come to the right place. The Thrift & Sweets Trail attracts thrifters, antiques, and crafters from all over the Midwest to explore, peruse, and ultimately find their own remarkable treasure. Winding through the Ozark back roads, the Thrift & Sweets Trail guides collectors to antique malls, flea markets, and thrift shops all around Pulaski County. Throw in a couple of specialized boutiques and hobby stops and this quick trip can very easily become a weekend excursion! Can't find what you're looking for at one shop? On to the next! With so many stops on the way, you're bound to find the one piece that comes with a real "wow!" factor.



◆ BEAR RIDGE ANTIQUES
Crocker, MO



◆ LOST IN THE WOODS ANTIQUES
Waynesville, MO

Feeling a bit peckish? Well, it wouldn't be a Thrift & Sweets Trail without sweets! Dotting the trail are the incomparable, locally owned shops ready to indulge your sweet tooth. Cupcakes, ice cream, homemade fudge — treat yourself to all the mouthwatering confections of Pulaski County!

Of course, with so many shops to hunt and so many sweets to put down, you'll want to make this an overnight trip. Thankfully, lodging options are plentiful in Saint Robert. From clean, affordable hotels and memory-making vacation homes to rustic Ozark resorts, the variety of lodging options make Pulaski County the perfect location for a weekend-long shopping excursion.



More than Meets the Eye!

The Pulaski County Tourism Bureau also offers interactive trails and tours, including shutterbug tours, art series, geocaching, golf trails, military tributes, and historic walking tours.

Download your guide at VisitPulaskiCounty.org or contact the Pulaski County Tourism Bureau for a free copy.



◆ BEAR RIDGE ANTIQUES
Crocker, MO

◆ MARKET BASKET CAFE
Richland, MO

FOODIE PARADISE



What do you have a hankering for? Pizza? Burgers? Barbecue? Or maybe you're feeling something a little more global — German, Mediterranean, Japanese, Thai, or Mexican. Your globetrotting dining journey starts here in Pulaski County.



◆ HOPPERS PUB
Waynesville, MO

Taste the Ozarks

Favorites like burgers and pizza are easy to find all around Pulaski County, but the traditional tastes of the Ozarks are just as plentiful. Feeling a bit carnivorous? Try mouthwatering pulled pork or savory ribs at the many barbecue joints that provide that familiar, smoky taste of Missouri. Get a taste of down-home, Southern-style flavor at comfort food restaurants offering open-faced roast beef sandwiches and mashed taters, fried chicken and catfish, homemade mac and cheese, and Cajun meatloaf — plus plenty of fresh-baked desserts to satiate your sweet tooth. Need a drink to go with your meal? The Pulaski County nightlife offers hip spots to enjoy great vibes as well as some delicious meals!



◆ THE ROUTE 66 DINER
Saint Robert, MO

Photo Credit: @theobertsmehere



◆ **COMBAT COFFEE ROASTERS**
Waynesville, MO

Follow the Flavors

Jonesing for something specific but not sure where to go? We know the feeling — the struggle is real. Thankfully, our handy Foodie Trails will guide you around the numerous restaurants of Pulaski County, ensuring you've got a chance to sample every variety. Start your day skipping down the Hearty Breakfast Trail. Energize on the Coffee Trail. Go south of the border on the Taco Trail. Sample fiery flavors on the Bulgogi Trail. And for dessert, cool off on the Ice Cream Trail. Whatever you've got a hankering for, the eateries around Pulaski County are sure to satisfy!

Head over to [VisitPulaskiCounty.org/Foodie-Trails](https://www.visitpulaskicounty.org/Foodie-Trails) for more info!

Worldwide Flavor

In the mood for something a little more international? Pulaski County is home to numerous spots that offer a taste of some remarkable, worldwide cuisine. If the phrase "fire meat" makes your mouth water, sample sweet and spicy Asian favorites along the Bulgogi Trail, featuring delectable dishes from South Korea and China. Catch dinner and a show rolled into one at our local hibachi restaurant or visit our sushi restaurants to try something new.

Or is your palate a bit more European? Old-world German dishes such as schnitzel, bratwurst, and knackwurst pair nicely with a smooth, German lager. Or take a trip south and sample the fine, Mediterranean flavors of gyros and tzatziki. Don't miss award-winning Southern dishes and get a taste of the Bayou with our crab shack!

Dine Al Fresco

As the temperature rises in summer, Pulaski County locals revel in the opportunity to pair a delicious meal with a breath of fresh air. Whether we're sipping and savoring our favorite drinks or lingering over a culinary masterpiece, the open-air eateries around our communities keep us coming back every summer — and bring your four-legged friends along too!

Scan the QR code and check out all the outdoor eateries around Pulaski County!



◆ **ROUTE 66 TACO COMPANY**
Saint Robert, MO



◆ **BURGER HUT**
Crocker, MO

TAKE IN OUR HISTORY

Pulaski County is home to numerous historic sites that invite residents and visitors to learn, educate, and pay tribute to those who came before us. Check out some of the historic sites around Pulaski County and get to know the people who helped shape our culture.

◆ FRISCO DEPOT MUSEUM
Crocker, MO

Remembering a Tragedy TRAIL OF TEARS

At Laughlin Park in Waynesville, **Roubidoux Spring Cherokee Campsite** pays homage to the tragic Trail of Tears, during which Native Americans were forcibly removed and relocated by the government. The site, one of 11 Trail of Tears certified locations in Missouri, marks where two detachments camped during the 800-mile journey. Additionally, multiple illustrated storyboards along the National Park Service trail tell the tragic story.

◆ TRAIL OF TEARS
Waynesville, MO

◆ FREEDOM ROCK DISPLAY
Saint Robert, MO

Tributes to Heroes

Fort Leonard Wood is home to the **John B. Mahaffey Museum Complex**, the only location in the country with three U.S. Army branch museums — the **U.S. Army Engineer Museum**, the **U.S. Army Chemical Corps Museum**, and the **U.S. Army Military Police Corps Regimental Museum**. Memorial Grove offers three peaceful environments honoring the U.S. Army Engineers, Military Police, and Chemical Corps, each with walking and seating areas, statues, and memory walls. Located outside the West Gate of Fort Leonard Wood, visit the **Missouri State Veterans Cemetery**, where you will find three memorials: the **Korean War Memorial** — honoring the 358 soldiers from 62 counties around Missouri who gave their lives in the Korean War — the **Purple Heart Monument**, and the **Memorial Fountain**.

The military tributes go far beyond Fort Leonard Wood. The **African American USO Chimney** in Saint Robert pays tribute to the sacrifices and dedication of Black Soldiers who were assigned or trained in U.S. Army units on Fort Leonard Wood during the 1940s. The monument is a remnant of the Black USO Club that was dedicated in March 1942 just outside the Fort Leonard Wood main gate.

The **Saint Robert Military Tribute and Freedom Rock Display** in Saint Robert, which was unveiled in 2017, pays tribute to the history of Fort Leonard Wood using more than 20 locally quarried boulders as awe-inspiring canvases. Finally, the online **Heroes Memorial Tour** highlights memorials and other patriotic sites around Pulaski County; check it out at VisitPulaskiCounty.org/Digital-Downloads/

Preserving the Past

Pulaski County is also home to several museums that display the incredible history of our home. The **City of Saint Robert Museum** chronicles the city's humble beginnings as a military boomtown fueled by Route 66 traffic. The **1903 Courthouse Museum** and the **Old Stagecoach Stop** in Waynesville fully immerse visitors in a bygone era of Pulaski County history.

The **Frisco Depot Museum** in Crocker is housed in an authentic Frisco Railroad depot and chronicles the influence of the railroad on Pulaski County. The **Uranus Sideshow Museum** showcases the bizarre, oddball spectacles that lured in travelers along Route 66 with the second-largest personal collection of oddities from around the world. Finally, the **Heritage Cultural Arts Center** in Waynesville, a branch of **Larry Baggett's Trail of Tears Memorial** in Jerome, MO, features art depicting Native American healing and spirituality.



◆ AFRICAN AMERICAN USO CHIMNEY
Saint Robert, MO



◆ OLD STAGECOACH STOP
Waynesville, MO

CAN'T-MISS EVENTS

Mark your calendars and join us for one or more of our exciting, fun events. Something's always going down in Pulaski County no matter the time of year — check out our Events page at [VisitPulaskiCounty.org](https://www.visitpulaski.org) for a complete list of goings-on! And for more travel inspiration, check out our blog at [VisitPulaskiCounty.org/Stories!](https://www.visitpulaski.org/stories)



Celebrate the Mother Road!

Join us in wishing the Main Street of America a very happy 100th birthday! Communities along Historic Route 66 will host a variety of special events honoring the centennial celebration of the Mother Road.

Check out the latest Route 66 happenings at [VisitPulaskiCounty.org/Events!](https://www.visitpulaski.org/events)

February

FWCSC Annual Basket Auction
County-Wide

March

Taste of Pulaski County
County-Wide

Racing for Daylight
Waynesville

April

Hanna Hills Open Disc Golf Tournament
Laquey

May

Waynesville Museums open
Waynesville

Mid America Freedom Rally
Buckhorn

June

Pulaski County Regional Fair
Saint Robert

38th Annual Cave State Cruisers Car Show
Waynesville



July

Fourth of July at FLW
Fort Leonard Wood

Ultra Sweaty Santa
Devils Elbow

Old Settlers Day
Waynesville

August

100-Mile Route 66 Yard Sale
County-Wide

National Night Out
Waynesville

Bad Dawg Ultra
Buckhorn

September

Crocker Railroad Days
Crocker

Dixon Cow Days
Dixon

Haunted River Float
Sept-Oct, Waynesville

Extremicon
Saint Robert

October

Frog Hill Half Marathon
Waynesville

Nasty Pulaski Gravel Grind
Waynesville

Fall Fest
Waynesville

November

Shop Small Saturday
County-Wide

Galloping Gobbler
Saint Robert

December

Christmas on the Square
Waynesville

Journey to Bethlehem
Crocker

Light Up Pulaski
County-Wide

FWCSC Holiday Craft Fair
Fort Leonard Wood

◆ HANNA HILLS OPEN DISC GOLF TOURNAMENT
Laquey, MO

LODGING

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Give us a call at (877) 858-8687 or
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We'd love to hear from you!

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A man wearing a maroon shirt, a grey cap, and sunglasses is kayaking on a river. He is in a red and white kayak, holding a blue paddle. The background shows a scenic river with green trees on the banks and a mountain range in the distance. A large, brown paper sign is overlaid on the image, held by a yellow paperclip. The sign has the text 'WHERE LIVE STREAMING TAKES ON A NEW MEANING.' in bold red letters. There are also some circular punch holes on the sign.

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