




Welcome to

# PULASKI COUNTY

Missouri, USA

**2023 GETAWAY GUIDE**



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missouri **USA**







# THE BEST THING ABOUT MEMORIES IS MAKING THEM.

From day trip adventures to extended getaways, Pulaski County has it all. Bring your friends, bring the family, or just bring yourself. Our quaint towns and picturesque destinations will leave you speechless. Experience the days filled with excitement and enchanted evenings full of Ozarks magic, all welcomingly wrapped in a hefty dose of Midwestern hospitality at its finest. Shopping, dining, culture, and history effortlessly intertwine with hiking, camping, rivers, and trails — this truly is the place where time slows down and memories last forever. ❤️

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## Stay Updated!

Want to follow the latest news and happenings in Pulaski County? Check out our blog! Packed with news and upcoming events, it's the perfect resource for staying updated on what's going on around Central Missouri.

Check out [VisitPulaskiCounty.org/Stories](https://www.visitpulaskicounty.org/stories) for more info!

Due to an ever-changing environment, the Tourism Bureau is not responsible for incorrect information contained herein or information omitted. Please check for specific openings/closings and cancellations before planning your trip.

# SMALL TOWNS WITH BIG PERSONALITIES.

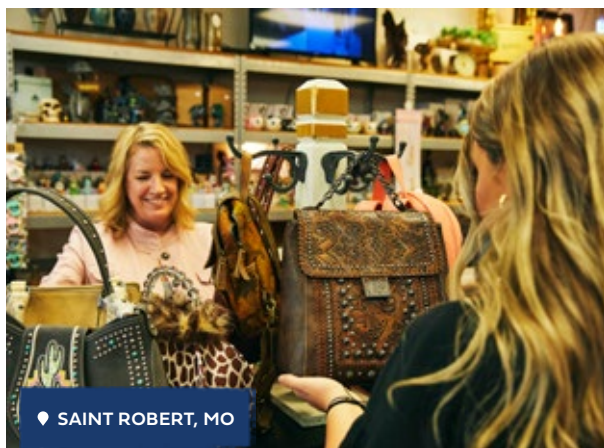


◆ CROCKER, MO

Picturesque and inviting, the communities of Pulaski County offer a peaceful, rural setting and carefully preserved heritage. Travel but a short distance in any direction and find wilderness resorts, campgrounds, spring-fed rivers, and small private lakes.

## Crocker

[CROCKERCITY.COM](http://CROCKERCITY.COM)



◆ SAINT ROBERT, MO

Crocker is an unspoiled and historic community alive with the spirit and pride of yesteryear. Visit historic sites like the Frisco Depot Museum — open from the third Saturday in April through October — which offers an unparalleled look at the culture and technology that helped shape the region.

In the mood for a little shopping? The quaint, independently owned shops in Crocker offer plenty of opportunities for thrifting and antiquing. Grab a meal — and a dessert, while you're at it — at one of the locally owned restaurants. Cast a line or simply walk the trail down at the local fishing pond. And of course, keep an eye out for some of the more uncommon events you'll find only in Crocker such as Railroad Days, ATV/UTV Rodeos, and Christmas on Main Street.

## Dixon

[DIXONCHAMBEROFCOMMERCE.COM](http://DIXONCHAMBEROFCOMMERCE.COM)



◆ DIXON, MO

Every road that leads to Dixon offers a backdrop of beautiful Ozark scenery. Located on Highway 28 just 13 miles north of I-44, Dixon began as a railroad boomtown in 1869 and soon became a commerce community. In fact, Dixon's downtown square still feels like a down-home place where early settlers came for supplies and to sell their wares. Take a walk around the historic downtown district and stick around for some incredible, hometown events including the annual September truck pull, the two-day Dixon Cow Days, and events at Olde Oak Station.



## Richland

[RICHLANDMO.INFO](http://RICHLANDMO.INFO)

Sometimes nicknamed “the Gateway to the Lake of the Ozarks,” Richland’s scenic landscape and friendly people have a way of making visitors feel at home. Spend an afternoon wandering the antique shops and storefronts. Swap stories with the locals at a coffee house. Discover art in unexpected places as you explore the charming, historic community.

Shady Dell Park is a beloved 20-acre green space near the heart of town. The park — which hosts the annual Tri-County Fair — features covered picnic pavilions, playgrounds, sand volleyball courts, tennis courts, pulling track, and a horseshoe pit. Truck and tractor pulls and car shows are held throughout the year. Railroad buffs will appreciate the park’s railroad caboose — a nod to the town’s railroading heritage.

## Saint Robert

[SAINTROBERT.COM](http://SAINTROBERT.COM)

Pulaski County’s youngest city is the gateway to Fort Leonard Wood. The community sprang to life during the construction of the military base in the 1940s and quickly became the economic hub of Pulaski County. Restaurants and eateries line the two-mile artery that leads to Fort Wood’s Sverdrup Gate. Shops, services, and merchants line the eastbound and westbound lanes of Route 66 along with the city’s brand-new Route 66 Neon Park at George M. Reed Roadside Park, showcasing beautifully restored neon signs from the heyday of the Mother Road. Clean and comfortable lodging options abound in this community.

## Waynesville

[WAYNESVILLEMO.ORG](http://WAYNESVILLEMO.ORG)

Waynesville has a reputation for its charming, small-town, Americana feel while also hosting some of the best swimming and fishing spots in the state. Route 66, the Main Street of America, doubles as Waynesville’s thoroughfare. The iconic highway leads travelers from around the globe to Waynesville throughout the year. Roubidoux Spring in Laughlin Park is an Ozarks gem. It is a favorite swimming hole for locals and visitors. The town has a vibrant, historic downtown infused with arts, entertainment, great food, culture, and tradition. Explore the Square and you will be rewarded with unique eats, drinks, and one-of-a-kind shops and stores.



◆ RICHLAND, MO



◆ ROUBIDOUX CREEK  
Waynesville, MO



# FORT LEONARD WOOD

Since its founding as a small basic training post more than 80 years ago, Fort Leonard Wood has evolved into a large Army installation and premier Army Center of Excellence, training military personnel and civilians every year. Countless numbers of Army careers have begun at Fort Leonard Wood. 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 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 and 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](https://home.army.mil/wood) and click **Graduation Information** for details regarding your service member's graduation.





## All FLW Visitors

All visitors to the installation ages 18 and older must have a photo ID meeting the federal REAL ID requirements. Drivers entering the gate must have on hand current insurance and registration for their vehicle. If you are renting a car, you are still required to have proof of insurance.

## Fly FLW!

Located conveniently on base, the Waynesville-St. Robert Regional Airport (TBN) at Fort Leonard Wood offers daily jet service from Contour Airlines to Dallas Fort Worth International Airport (DFW) seven times a week and Nashville International Airport (BNA) five times a week. 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.

## Make a Vacation of Your Trip!

In town for graduation? Why not 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. See how we can help turn your quick trip into a memorable vacation!

**Check out [VisitPulaskiCounty.org/itineraries](https://www.visitpulaskicounty.org/itineraries) for more info!**



## The 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](https://home.army.mil/wood) and click **Visitor Access** for vital information regarding post access to Fort Leonard Wood.



# OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

## Clear Your Schedule — Spend a Day on the River

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, 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 Northern-Eastern 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 ultimately 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.

## Welcome to Smallie Heaven!

Smallmouth bass are renowned by anglers for the fight they put forth. 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 a perfect spot to reel in a bulky bronzeback — 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 areas and natural springs, 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 disabled parking and accessible areas.

## Fishing on Fort Leonard Wood

All anglers wishing to fish on Fort Leonard Wood must have a REAL ID compliant, state-issued driver's license or ID card to gain entry to Fort Leonard Wood. Missouri hunting, fishing, or trapping permits are also required.

**For more information and regulations, visit [mdc.mo.gov](https://mdc.mo.gov). For fishing license and bait locations, visit [VisitPulaskiCounty.org](https://VisitPulaskiCounty.org).**

◆ GASCONADE RIVER  
Dixon, MO



◆ ROUBIDOUX CREEK  
Waynesville, MO





# MAKE YOUR GETAWAY EFFORTLESS

Let's face it — getting your gear together for your next big float adventure or fishing trip can be a hassle. The last thing you need when you're trying to relax is stress. Thankfully, the outfitters in Pulaski County are here to lend a hand.

Our outfitters can help plan your next trip right down to the equipment. Rent your vessel of choice — from inner tubes to jon boats and everything in-between — along with life jackets and even a bag for litter. Before you know it, you'll be taking in the majestic, natural beauty of the Ozarks as you drift peacefully downstream.

Contact any of our local outfitters, campgrounds, and lodging partners and plan your trip today!

For a full list of outfitters, cabins, camping, and RV locations, visit [VisitPulaskiCounty.org/Outdoors/](https://www.visitpulaskicounty.org/outdoors/).



◆ WAYNESVILLE, MO



**BSC Outdoors**

18700 Cliff Road  
Dixon, MO 65459  
(573) 759-7294  
bscoutdoors.com

RV • C • O • L

**Cedar Mere  
Riverside RV Park**

20481 Hartford Road  
Dixon, MO 65459  
(913) 207-1150

RV

**Country View  
Acres Campground**

17430 Cliff Road  
Dixon, MO 65459  
(573) 336-1790

RV • C

**Devils Elbow River Safari**

12000 Timber Road  
Devils Elbow, MO 65457  
(573) 855-4733

RV • C • O

**Froggy's River Resort**

30399 Smokey Lane  
Richland, MO 65556  
(573) 765-2930  
froggyresort.com

RV • C • O • L

**Fort Leonard Wood  
Recreational Vehicle Park**

15442 First Street  
Fort Leonard Wood, MO 65473  
(573) 596-4223

RV

**Gasconade Hills Resort**

28425 Spring Road  
Richland, MO 65556  
(573) 765-3044  
gasconadehills.com

RV • C • O • L

**Lamplight Lane RV Resort**

26215 Highway 17  
Waynesville, MO 65583  
(573) 774-2727

RV

**Liberty Life Park  
Campground**

22934 Tadpole Lane  
Saint Robert, MO 65584  
(573) 337-9519

RV • C • O

**Mother Road RV Park**

26920 Shrine Road  
Waynesville, MO 65583  
(573) 774-2298

RV • C

**Pecks Last Resort  
Canoe & Camping**

33401 Windsor Lane  
Duke, MO 65461  
(573) 435-6669  
peckslastresort.com

RV • C • O • L

**Route 66 Canoe Rental**

20105 Trophy Lane  
Devils Elbow, MO 65457  
(573) 336-2730

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**Roubidoux Spring  
Campground**

160 Revere Lane  
Waynesville, MO 65583  
(573) 774-6171

RV • C

**Ruby's Landing River Resort**

22474 Restful Lane  
Waynesville, MO 65583  
(573) 855-9567  
rubyslanding.com

RV • C • O • L

**Wilderness Ridge Resort**

33850 Windsor Lane  
Duke, MO 65461  
(573) 435-6767  
wildernessridgeresort.com

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**NEED MORE OPTIONS?**

Additional hotels and lodging options  
are available on pages 32-34!

**Gasconade River  
Public Access Areas**

- **Gasconade Hill:** 10 miles south of Dixon on Highway 28, then west on Country Road 28-462
- **Hazलगreen River:** I-44 Exit 145, then west on South Outer Road to Gasconade River
- **Mitschele 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 Hwy 133, then west a mile, follow signage

**Big Piney  
Public Access Area**

- **Pineyland River Access Point:** 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/Roubidoux:** Urban area located in Waynesville along side Highway 17/Route 66 E.
- **Roubidoux Access:** Highway 17 south of the steel bridge, 1 mile north of Waynesville



# OUTDOOR ATTRACTIONS

## Escape the Hustle and Bustle

The wide-open Ozark expanse here in Pulaski County really puts the "great" in "great outdoors." Home to 39,000 acres of the Mark Twain National Forest, Pulaski County is a great place for hiking, backpacking, and camping. Whether you rough it in a tent or rent a cabin, the idyllic, unsullied landscape offers a breathtaking backdrop for your next outdoor adventure.



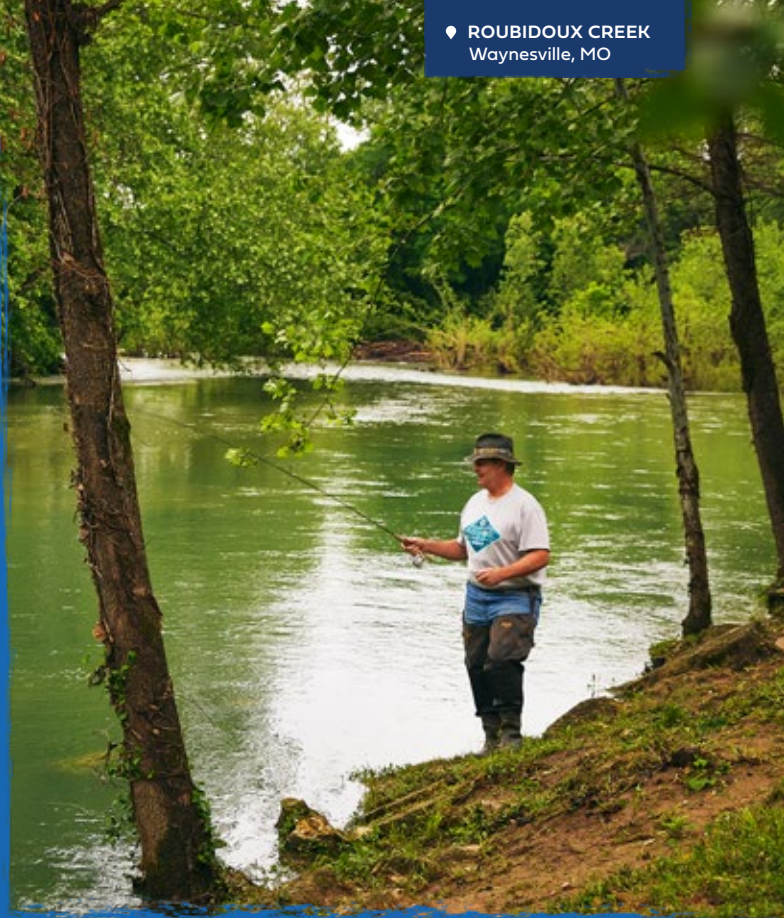
## Take the Plunge

You'd be excused for not thinking to bring your wetsuit, regulator, and oxygen tank on a trip to the heart of Ozark country. But the truth is Pulaski County is home to a cave diver's paradise.

Roubidoux Spring is a summer pastime — the cool, pristine waters make it a favorite swimming hole among locals. But as you dip your toes in the water, you may not realize the spring is home to a submarine labyrinth as caverns twist and wind beneath the surface. This submerged maze — the distance of which isn't even fully known — is a prime destination for certified cavern and cave divers.



◆ ROUBIDOUX SPRING  
Waynesville, MO



## Hit the (Mini) Links!

Putt Pirates Mini Golf offers unique, challenging holes for all ages, promising a memorable experience for the whole family! Gorgeous landscaping, hand-painted murals, and in true Uranus fashion, a little tongue-in-cheek humor make this a mini golf destination unlike any other! Putt around 18 exciting holes, including nine handicap-accessible holes.

*Looking for more golfing opportunities? Turn to page 21 or head over to [VisitPulaskiCounty.org](https://www.visitpulaskicounty.org).*





# 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 furrier members of your family behind. Here, you and your four-legged friends are welcome to stay at our pet-friendly locations, giving you both plenty of opportunity to explore the beautiful scenery of the Ozarks.



◆ ROUBIDOUX CREEK  
Waynesville, MO

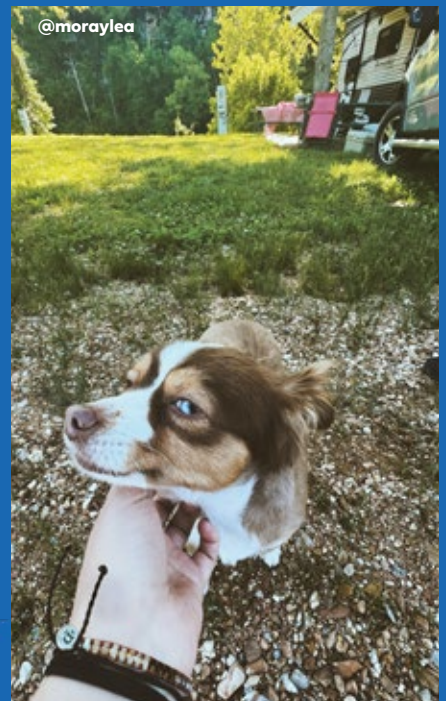




@elvishoodthedog



@ozarks\_river\_junkie



@moraylea



## Book Your Pet-Friendly Stay

With several pet-friendly options, our hotels can meet many of your needs, including budget, breakfast, and pool 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.

**For a full listing of pet-friendly lodging opportunities, check out [VisitPulaskiCounty.org](https://www.visitpulaski.org).**

## 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, music festivals, and so much more! Check out our [Events page at VisitPulaskiCounty.org](https://www.visitpulaski.org) and plan your trip to Pulaski County.**

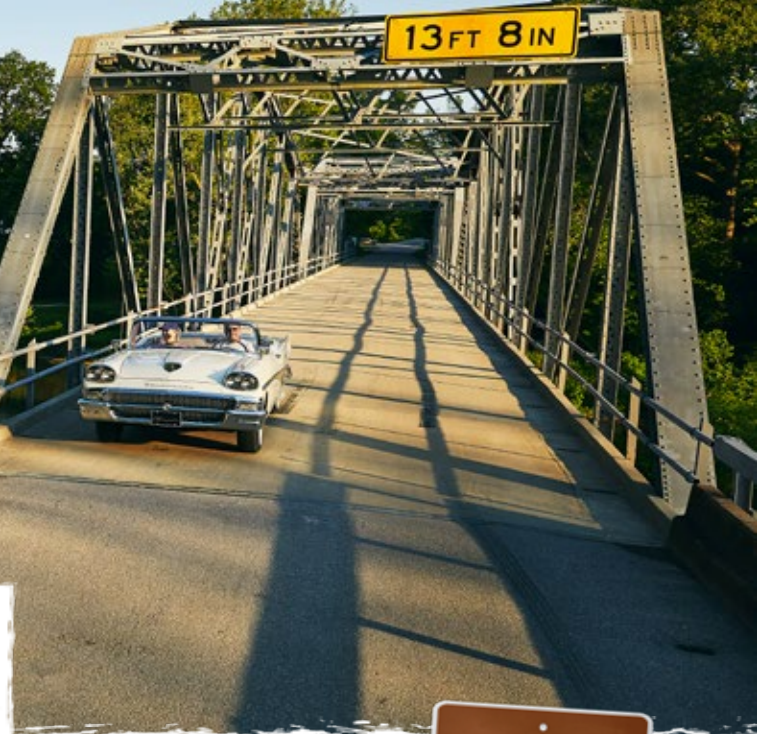


# HISTORIC ROUTE 66

## Take a Memorable Trip Down Our Stretch of The Mother Road

Ready for a twisting, turning, 33-mile trip through time? No other roadway in American history has evoked a sense of reverence, nostalgia, and wanderlust quite like Route 66. Running from Chicago to Los Angeles, the famed highway brought visitors from all over the country to Pulaski County in its heyday. Today, tributes and vestiges of The Mother Road can be found around Ozark country, which itself holds a very special piece of Route 66 history.

Signed into law in 1927 as one of the original U.S. Highways 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.





◆ WAYNESVILLE, MO



◆ SAINT ROBERT, MO



Bypasses, realignments, and the rise of the interstate system eventually led to the decline and decertification 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.

## Halfway Point of Missouri

Described by author Jack D. Rittenhouse as “one of the most beautiful sections of the Ozarks,” the Pulaski County portion of Route 66 marks the halfway point between St. Louis and Joplin. Characterized by lush, breathtaking views, this drive offers an unparalleled vantage point of the rivers carving through limestone and dolomite, creating stunning bluffs that overlook the Ozark valleys and making Pulaski County the perfect spot to stop for the night on your cross-state trek.

◆ DEVILS ELBOW, MO





# HISTORIC ROUTE 66

## Log some miles on the classic American road trip

Exploring Route 66 in Pulaski County takes 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 incredible — 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.” Devils Elbow is also home to 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 below.



## Get Lit

### ROUTE 66 NEON PARK

Originally the Route 66 boomtown of Eastville, Saint Robert pays tribute to its roots along The Mother Road with the Route 66 Neon Park at George M. Reed Roadside Park. Beautifully restored neon signs light the night sky once again at this historical attraction opening soon. In the meantime, get up close with a real-life M-60 tank commemorating the influence of Fort Leonard Wood on the region.





## 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. Of course, 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, mini golf, and much more, 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.



## Birthplace of the Byway

### WAYNESVILLE ATTRACTIONS

In Waynesville, visitors will be delighted to spot the kitschy Frog Rock, a painted geological formation that harkens back to the roadside attractions travelers used to spot along Route 66. Waynesville is also home to the 1903 Courthouse Museum, one of only two period courthouses along the Missouri portion of Route 66. Of course, 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 massive 8-Foot Route 66 Shield.



## 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. Of course, you'll also want to pick up the essential Historic Downtown Waynesville Walking Tour brochure, which features more information on the remarkable sights in our county seat.

**To download the brochures, visit**  
**[VisitPulaskiCounty.org/Digital-Downloads](https://www.visitpulaski.org/digital-downloads)**.





# 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 Rendezvous Event Center (Saint Robert), The Village (Saint Robert), The Vintage Chandelier (Richland), Storiebook Moments (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](https://www.visitpulaski.org/Wedding-Services).*

## Silver Screen Spectacle

Feel like taking in the latest Hollywood blockbuster? There's no better place to catch a flick than B&B Waynesville Patriot 12. Grab a drink at the built-in bar and grille or take your meal with you into one of more than 12 theaters, including the mammoth Grand Screen theater — recliners included! Booking a private event? The B&B Patriot 12 can accommodate birthday parties and private groups for your own special screening or for one colossal game night!



Photo Credit: Michelle Mallard



## Fore!

### GOLF COURSES OF PULASKI COUNTY

Pulaski County is proudly home to four fantastic golf courses, 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. No clubs? No problem! Try your hand — or foot — at Piney Valley's 18-hole footgolf course!

Another public, 18-hole course, **Saint Robert Municipal Golf Course** is the only course in the Midwest to feature synthetic greens. 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 another nine-hole, public course. With a par of 35, Oak Hills is another great destination for anyone looking to get a quick round in.



## An Ozark Fling

### HANNA HILLS DISC GOLF COURSE

Established in 2019, Hanna Hills Disc Golf Course promises stunning, clifftop views with a gorgeous, Ozark backdrop. 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

Whether you're an experienced marksman or just want to learn the basics, Bow and Barrel Sportsmen Center 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.



## Gather in Pulaski County

With friends and family spread all over the state of Missouri, planning a get-together can be tricky. Whether you're joining family members or military buddies, Pulaski County's central location between St. Louis, Kansas City, and Joplin makes it a perfect place to plan your next reunion. For those coming from out of state, Waynesville-Saint Robert Regional Airport (TBN) at Fort Leonard Wood offers direct service to Nashville International Airport (BNA) and Dallas Fort Worth International Airport (DFW), offering easy travel access for your whole group!

## Nightly Fun!

There's always something happening in Pulaski County! Fine drinks, cigar lounges, live musical guests at the Rendezvous Event Center, 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.VisitPulaskiCounty.org) and stay up to date on community events, activities, and festivals.





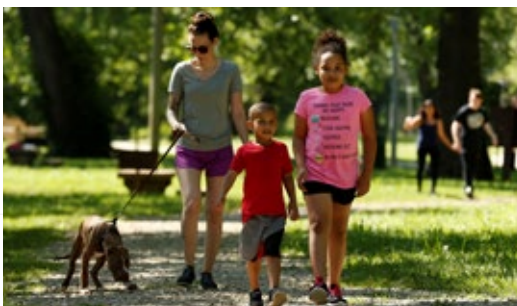
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 World War II soldiers  
 on the square in downtown  
 Waynesville, MO.

Pulaski County is home to numerous historic sites that allow both 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.

## 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 marker, one of seven Trail of Tears certified sites 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.





## 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. The **Military Police Regimental Walkway and Memorial Grove** offers a peaceful environment for Soldiers — both active and inactive — to honor their fallen comrades. 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.

Finally, 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.

## 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 the Trail of Tears Memorial in Jerome, MO, features art depicting Native American healing and spirituality.







# 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 & Sweet Treats Trail attracts thrifters, antiques, and crafters from all over the Midwest to explore, peruse, and ultimately own 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. 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.







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 with 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 Airbnb listings to luxurious 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](https://www.VisitPulaskiCounty.org) or contact the Pulaski County Tourism Bureau for a free copy.**





# THE MID-MISSOURI MELTING POT

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



## 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 the comfort food restaurants, offering fried chicken and catfish, homemade mac and cheese, or Cajun meatloaf. 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!





## 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 restaurants or try something new at our local sushi restaurants.

In the mood for something 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 keftedes. Don't miss award-winning Southern dishes and get a taste of Bayou with our Cajun crab shack!



## Dine Al Fresco

As summer ushers in the warm weather, we here in Pulaski County revel in the opportunity to get a breath of fresh air with our meals. Whether we're sipping and savoring our favorite drinks or lingering over a mouthwatering meal, 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!**



## Taco Time!

Who doesn't love a good taco? Here in Pulaski County, we can't get enough of them. Not sure where to start? Our handy Taco Trail will guide you around the numerous taco restaurants around Pulaski County, ensuring you've got a chance to sample every variety — regardless of whether it's Taco Tuesday or Cinco de Mayo!

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





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Find Combat Coffee Roasters every week at the Pulaski County Farmers Market, specialty shops, or online.



## Pulaski County Farmers Market

8 AM – 12 PM Saturdays | Year Round

*Roubidoux Campground, Waynesville*

The Pulaski County Farmers Market features naturally raised and locally sourced beef, fresh eggs, in-season produce, and locally grown, fresh-cut flowers and plants. Pick up some tasty Amish baked goods, granola, pasta, and a wide selection of jams, jellies, syrups, relishes, and honey. Locally roasted coffee and a variety of tea blends, as well as homemade pet items, woodworking items, candles, lotions, soaps, wax melts, and oils are also available. Food trucks are frequently onsite along with guest vendors throughout the year. Meet a local author and have your book signed when available! And don't miss the special events and live music every week!

## Crocker Farmers Market

9 AM – 1 PM Every Other Saturday | April – November

*Crocker Community Park Pavilion*

In addition to fresh summer produce and plants, Crocker's Farmers Market includes all homemade goods from beverages, baked breads and goods, fresh-cut flowers, jams and jellies, crafts, and more! The market also features locally raised pork and beef, ensuring you get the freshest cuts in Central Missouri. Additional goods include handmade candles, wax melts, lotions, soaps, salves, teas, woodworking items, and more.

## Dixon Farmers Market

9 AM First Saturday of Each Month | May – October

*Dixon Lions Club Park*

The Dixon Farmers Market features locally made pottery, baked goods, plants, some rummage sale-type items, and occasional live music.

## Richland Farmers Market

8 AM – 12 PM Saturdays | May – October

*Shady Dell Park Pavilion*

The Richland Farmers Market includes locally grown plants, produce, and fresh-cut flowers, plus locally made jams and jellies, soap, baked goods, craft items, and blankets, as well as other fiber arts items. Pick up hand-painted gourds and rocks, forged blades and knives, woodworking items, locally raised chicken and duck eggs, and raw honey. Got anything that needs sharpening? Knives? Chainsaws? A professional bladesmith on site each week providing sharpening services.





# SIGNATURE EVENTS

Mark your calendars and join us for one or more of our exciting, fun events. For more events such as the centennial celebration of the 1923 Roubidoux Bridge on April 1 in Waynesville, the Mid-America Freedom Rally, the Richland Tri-County Fair, Extremicon, and Haunted Float Trips and Houses, plus the most up-to-date information, check out our Events page at [VisitPulaskiCounty.org](https://VisitPulaskiCounty.org)! And for more travel inspiration, check out our blog at [VisitPulaskiCounty.com/Stories](https://VisitPulaskiCounty.com/Stories)!



## Taste of Pulaski County

MARCH 6 – APRIL 15, 2023 • PULASKI COUNTY

Show your passport at participating Pulaski County restaurants as you sample the many flavors that define Central Missouri. A minimum of five visits can be returned to the Waynesville-Saint Robert Chamber for a chance to win restaurant gift cards.



## Pulaski County Regional Fair

JUNE 14 – 17, 2023 • SAINT ROBERT

The best four days of summer kick off in June with livestock shows, farmhand challenges, greased pig contests, pie contests, live music, cornhole competition, tasty fair food, and carnival rides. Don't miss Extreme Bull Riding and an ATV rodeo!



## Old Settlers Days

JULY 29 – 30, 2023 • WAYNESVILLE

Immerse yourself in a weekend of living history during this two-day event featuring period crafters and interactive demonstrations for all ages.



## Route 66 100-Mile Yard Sale

AUGUST 4 – 5, 2023 • PULASKI COUNTY

Hit the Mother Road and keep an eye out for bargains! This two-day event is a paradise for thrifters, pickers, and resellers hunting for that one-of-a-kind treasure!



## Crocker Railroad Days

SEPTEMBER 9, 2023 • CROCKER

Celebrate the rails that brought life to Crocker and Pulaski County! Enjoy vendors, a parade, special events, raffles, and much more!



## Dixon Cow Days

SEPTEMBER 15 – 16, 2023 • DIXON

Moo-ve on over to Dixon for two days of family fun, live music, and more. Get your steps in during the Donut Run 5K or enter for a chance to take home a cow. You read that right — a real, live cow.





## Route 66 Hogs and Frogs Festival

SEPTEMBER 22 – 24, 2023 • WAYNESVILLE

Rev up your engines for a good time with your fellow bikers! Show off your ride with fellow enthusiasts, flaunt your locks during the beard and exotic hair contest, get a few buddies together for the cornhole tournament, or join in the Hop Around Pulaski Poker Run or the Bike Show!



## Frog Hill Half Marathon

OCTOBER 6 – 7, 2023 • WAYNESVILLE

A half-marathon, 10K, and 5K that promises a challenging run through the Ozark terrain for runners of all skill levels.



## Nasty Pulaski Gravel Grind

OCTOBER 7, 2023 • WAYNESVILLE

This leg-quivering bike race promises breathtaking views and landscapes as riders career over the rugged Ozark terrain.



## Journey to Bethlehem

DECEMBER 8 – 9, 2023 • CROCKER

Take a trip through time to ancient Bethlehem! Crocker comes alive with more than 100 characters and live animals recreating the Nativity and the story of the first Christmas.



## Light Up Pulaski

DECEMBER 7 – 26, 2023 • PULASKI COUNTY

Pulaski County lights up for the holiday season! Gather the family and soak in some holiday cheer as community members, nonprofits, and businesses put together stunning light displays for a self-guided holiday tour.



# Lodging

A photograph of two women walking out of a hotel entrance. The woman on the left is wearing a grey t-shirt and black pants, carrying a brown bag. The woman on the right is wearing a black dress and sandals, carrying a black bag. They are both smiling. The entrance has large glass doors and a stone wall on the left.

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Saint Robert, MO  
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## America's Best Value Inn

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Saint Robert, MO  
[redlion.com](http://redlion.com)

## Baymont by Wyndham

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139 Carmel Valley Way  
Saint Robert, MO  
[wyndhamhotels.com](http://wyndhamhotels.com)

## Bell's Extended Stay

(573) 451-2222  
116 Bell Drive  
Saint Robert, MO  
[stayatbells.com](http://stayatbells.com)

## Best Western Montis Inn

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14086 Highway Z  
Saint Robert, MO  
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## Candlewood Suites – Saint Robert

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Saint Robert, MO  
[fortwoodhotels.com](http://fortwoodhotels.com)

## Candlewood Suites – FLW

(573) 586-4800  
4990 Nebraska Avenue  
Fort Leonard Wood, MO  
[IHGAmyHotels.com](http://IHGAmyHotels.com)

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25755 Highway 17  
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### **Super 8 Motel**

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107 McKinnon Street  
Saint Robert, MO  
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Saint Robert, MO

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## Need more info?

Have a question? Need help finding something particular? Don't hesitate to ask. And if we don't know, we will point you in the right direction.

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

### Pulaski County Tourism Bureau Visitors Center

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