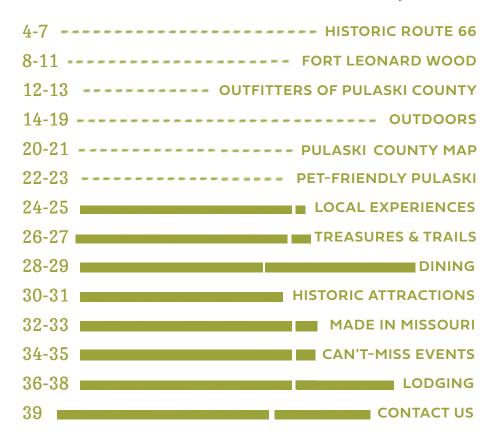




# From day trip adventures to extended getaways, Pulaski County has it all.

Bring your friends, bring the family, or just bring yourself. Our quaint towns and picturesque destinations will leave you speechless. Experience 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 camping, rivers, and trails — this truly is the place where time slows down and memories last forever.



# 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 for more info!

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# 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.

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. 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.

"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.

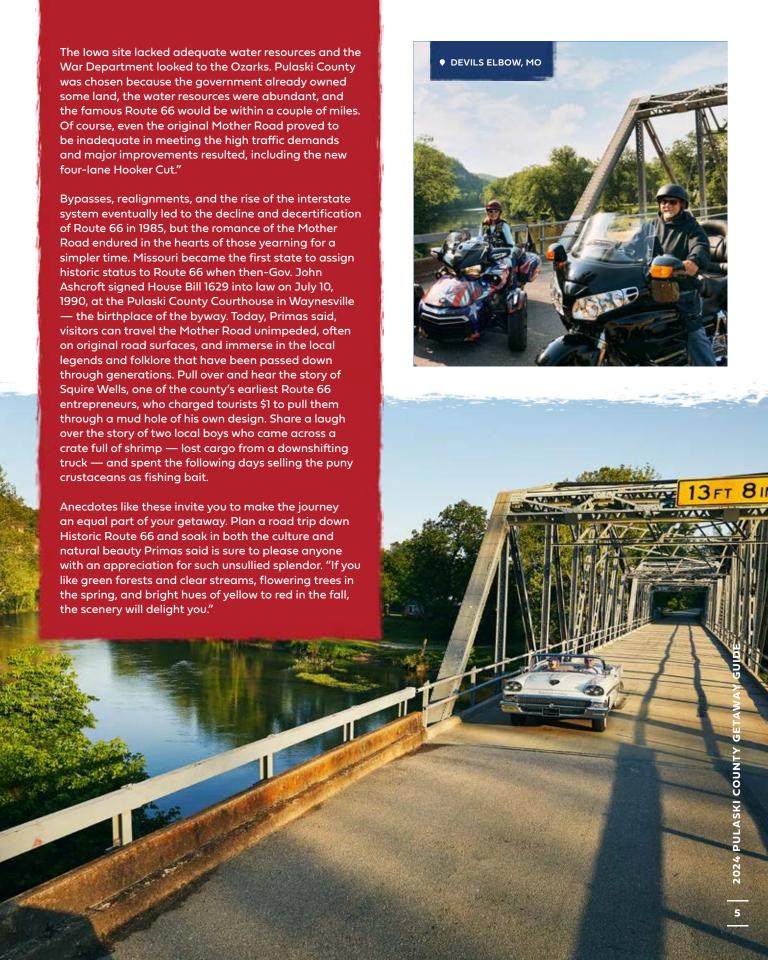
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"In 1937, the resort hamlet of Devils Elbow was recognized by the State Planning Commission as one of the eight most scenic sites in Missouri," Primas explained. "Sportsmen from St. Louis traveled by train and then wagon to fish the Big Piney and Gasconade 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 lowa. The prerequisites for a 25,000-man training camp were adequate water resources, good highway access, and railway access.





# RIDE THE MOTHER ROAD

# 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." 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 below.



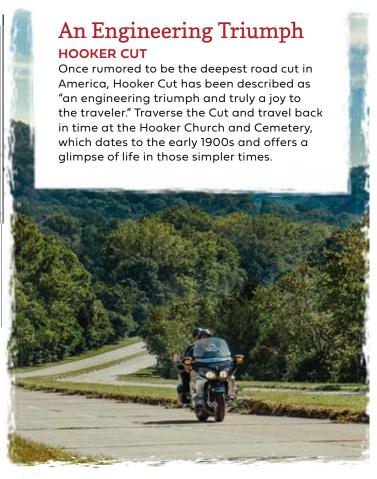
# Birthplace of the Byway WAYNESVILLE ATTRACTIONS

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.



# 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 one-of-a-kind historical attraction. While you're there, get up close with a real-life M-60 tank commemorating the influence of Fort Leonard Wood on the region. OPENING 2024







# THE CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

# Fort Leonard Wood Carries a Legacy of Military Greatness

Like an ominous, dark cloud rolling over the horizon, the grim specter of war loomed over the collective American consciousness in 1940. Fascist Italy and Nazi Germany had already plunged Europe into a long and bloody conflict — with each passing day, American involvement became more of a certainty.

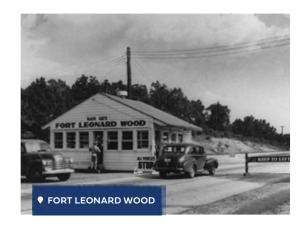
"The United States was slowly and painfully struggling to put its military house in order," wrote Dr. Larry Roberts, historian at the U.S. Army Engineer School. "The nation's leaders worked to increase the size of the armed forces, procure modern equipment, and merge the two into an effective fighting force."

Sensing this critical need for training space, the War Department committed to establishing an Army presence in what was then called the Seventh Corps Area, which was comprised of Missouri, Kansas, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, and Nebraska. Initially intending to build its new base near Lebanon, IA, the plan was scrapped when a surprising lack of groundwater was discovered. Thus, the Army shifted its focus to the Ozarks. The Army broke ground on Dec. 3, 1940, but the construction process proved arduous.

"Building a major training center in the rugged terrain of the Ozarks presented a formidable challenge. The nearest rail service was several miles away," Dr. Roberts wrote, adding poor weather conditions complicated matters further. "There was no housing for the thousands of workers who would build the post. Fort Leonard Wood had to be built quickly, since the first troops were scheduled to arrive in only a matter of weeks after the initial groundbreaking."



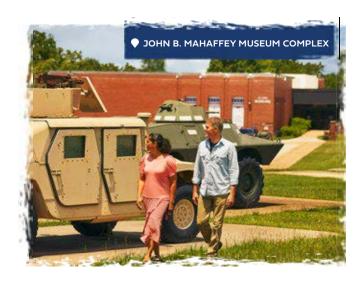




Despite the seemingly overwhelming challenges, construction was completed in June 1941. In the span of six months, Dr. Roberts said, construction crews had built nearly 1,600 buildings and 5 million square feet of floor space at a total cost of \$37 million just six months before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and the United States' entry into World War II. During the war, more than 300,000 Soldiers trained at Fort Leonard Wood, serving in both the Pacific and European theatres. Engineer training also made its way to Fort Leonard Wood during the war, foreshadowing the Fort's role as home of the U.S. Army Engineer School.

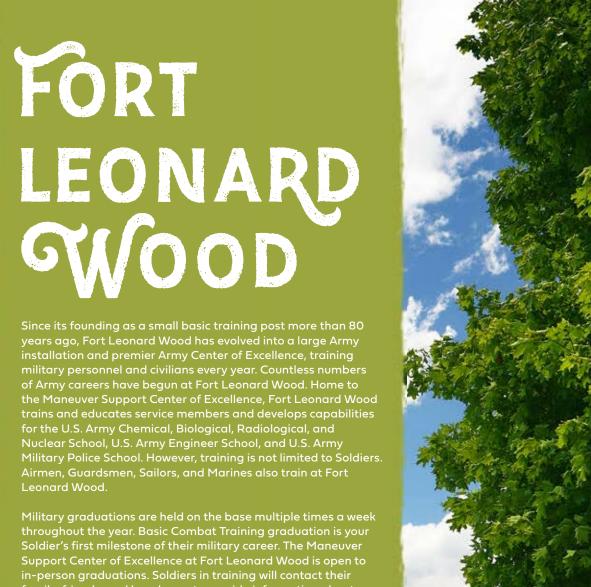
After Japan surrendered on Aug. 15, 1945 — coincidentally aboard the USS Missouri — Fort Leonard Wood, having served its purpose of supplying manpower for the war, gradually rolled back training exercises until it was placed on the inactive list in spring 1946. "Between 1946 and 1950, a small caretaker unit maintained some of the facilities, which were used for summer training by National Guard units," Dr. Roberts wrote. "Much of the reservation was leased to an Oklahoma rancher who used the area for grazing cattle."

But after the Korean People's Army invaded South Korea on June 25, 1950, the U.S. Army found itself needing training areas just as it had nearly a decade prior. On Aug. 1, 1950, Fort Leonard Wood was reactivated for good, later designated as a permanent post in 1956 and providing invaluable training for the U.S. Armed Forces into the 21st century. Today, Fort Leonard Wood is more than just home of the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence — it's a source of pride for residents of Pulaski County and a magnet for Soldiers from all walks of life.









family, friends, and loved ones to provide information about their specific graduations.

Visit <a href="https://www.mil/wood">home.army.mil/wood</a> and click Graduation Information for details regarding your service member's graduation.

# Visiting FLW

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. 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, visit VisitPulaskiCounty.org/Visit/Getting-Here.

# 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) 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 for more info!





# 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.



# Outfitters of Pulaski County Share Their Love of the Outdoors

The riverways that carve their way through the rugged Ozark hills have been a defining trait of Pulaski County since the 1800s when the first tie rafters floated vessels constructed from railroad ties — critical railroad components that led to industrial prosperity — down the flowing, springfed waters. Of course, in a region where both history and the outdoors are so deeply woven into our identity, recreation is bound to carry some callback to our forefathers.

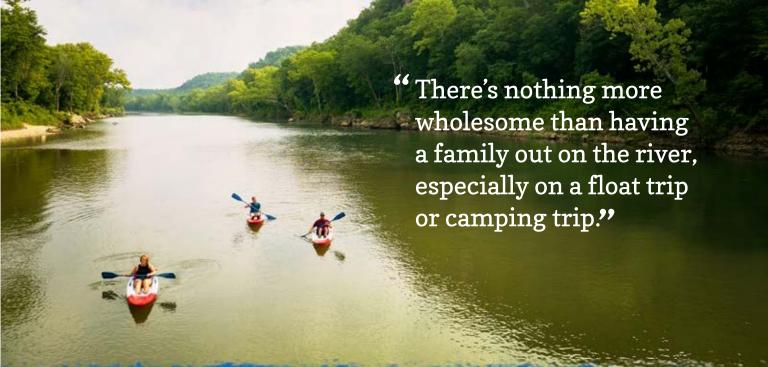
Indeed, floating down the rivers of Pulaski County is intrinsic to the real outdoor experience and evocative of the adventurous spirit of those who settled along the Big Piney and Gasconade rivers. Though if we're being fair, today's float trips are much less perilous than those of the 19th century. The logjams that gave Devils Elbow its name are no more, nor do floaters lash together their cargo into crude rafts to move downstream. These days, friendly locals supplying top-of-the-line gear and vessels — from inner tubes to kayaks to canoes — are ready to make your own float as relaxing and memorable as possible.

Varied in amenities and services, the outfitters of Pulaski County all share one thing in common: They love this place, and they want to share that love with you. That desire to show the world what Pulaski County is all about has led to a sense of camaraderie between companies that in any other region and industry would see each other as competitors rather than allies.





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"I don't see any other outfitter or campground in the county as competition. I see them as an asset," said Larry Helms, owner and manager of BSC Outdoors. Helms, who has operated BSC Outdoors for more than three decades, said he and other outfitters collaborate by sharing equipment and recommending guests during periods of high occupancy to ensure visitors get the best Pulaski County experience and — in true sales fashion — become brand advocates. "I think that's really good because we're taking care of customers. If somebody comes and needs something, why not call the outfitter next to you? You make sure you give that person who came in the best experience possible. Keep them coming back."

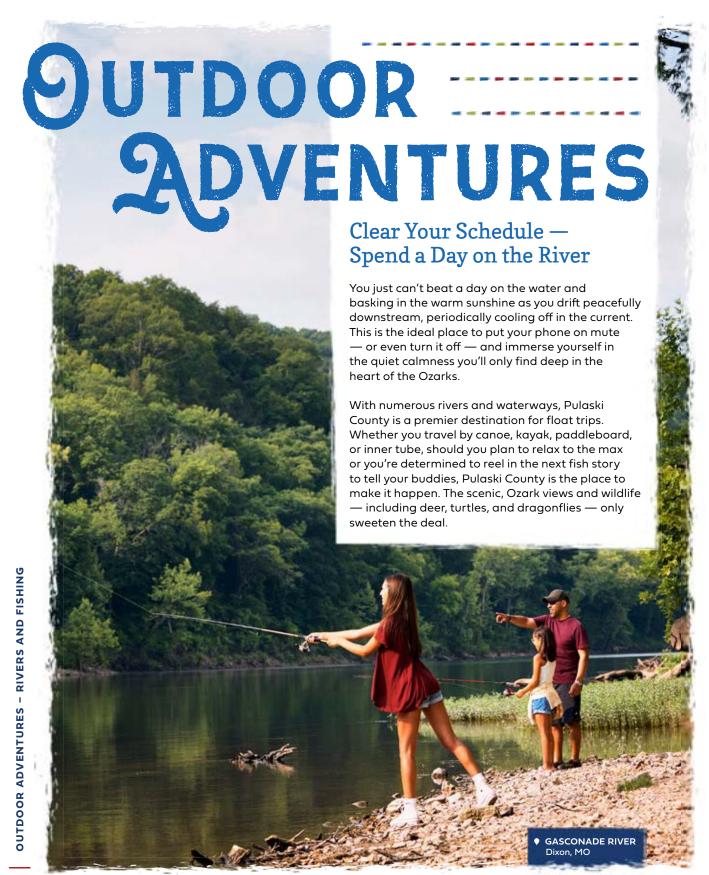
Helms and his family boast a long, proud connection to the rivers. His great-great-grandfather came to Pulaski County via the Big Piney River around 1840 as one of the region's early tie rafters. Generations later, Helms recalls those halcyon days spent at the river with his family, gathering around

the campfire to hear stories of the monster fish that got away, launching a canoe from the banks, or simply cooling off in crystal-clear waters. For Helms, sharing these experiences is more than just a job — it's a family tradition. "There's nothing more wholesome than having a family out on the river, especially on a float trip or camping trip," Helms explained. "It's so inspiring to see young families come and enjoy the Gasconade. I really love doing it."

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 at a large medical provider in California, Sheila 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 they had done about six months of research prior to purchase and kept coming back to Gasconade Hills. "We fell in love with the place."

While the float experience sells itself, Cook said, the natural beauty of the Ozarks paired with the historic sites nearby — including the campground itself, recognized by the National Park Service as a Trail of Tears access point — ensures visitors explore Pulaski County and support local businesses.

"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."



# 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 northerneastern 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!

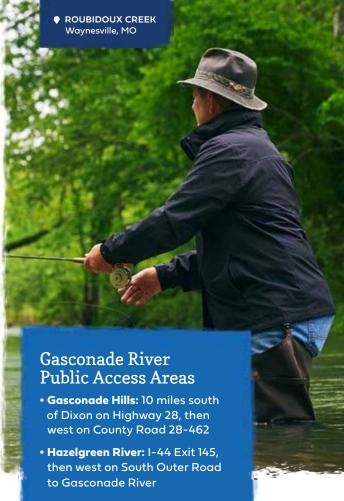
Smallmouth bass are renowned by anglers for the fight they put forth. Leaping, thrashing, splashing — there's nothing quite like battling a trophy smallie and hauling it into your boat or net. The waters of Pulaski County are a perfect spot to reel in a bulky bronzeback — in fact, Game & Fish describes 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 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 disabled parking and accessible areas.

# Fishing on Fort Leonard Wood

All anglers wishing to fish on Fort Leonard Wood must register with iSportsman (*leonardwood.isportsman.net*) and 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 as well as some Fort Leonard Wood permits may also be required.

For more information and regulations, visit mdc.mo.gov. For fishing license and bait locations, visit <u>VisitPulaskiCounty.org.</u>



- 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 Highway 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 alongside Highway 17/Route 66 E
- Roubidoux Access: Highway 17 south of the steel bridge,
   1 mile north of Waynesville

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# Escape the Hustle and Bustle

The wide-open Ozark expanse here in Pulaski County really puts the "great" in "great outdoors." Pulaski County is home to 39,000 acres of the Mark Twain National Forest, in addition to several campground resorts that are perfect for hiking 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.

# Fun for All Kids

Outdoor play should be enjoyed by all children regardless of physical abilities. As the only fully accessible playground in Pulaski County, Little Heroes Playground at Roubidoux Park in Waynesville invites every youngster to enjoy swings, slides, and climbers all themed to the U.S. Armed Forces. Plus, a safe, rubber-tile surface guarantees a safe and happy time for all the little heroes in your life!





# 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 25 or head over to <u>VisitPulaskiCounty.org.</u>

# Break a Sweat

Nothing beats a vigorous workout in the fresh, Ozark air. The fitness court at Waynesville's Roubidoux Park features equipment for a wide range of workouts. Push, pull, and lunge your way to physical fitness with this free, fully accessible workout center open to adults of all ages and abilities.

# In the Fast Lane

Race over to Crocker and enjoy the miniature, high-speed thrills at Outlaw Lane RC Race Track! This 1/10-scale oval track features a 185-foot driveline and straightaways measuring 13 feet wide, making it an ideal location for remotecontrolled racing and pulling. Power outlets in the pit area allow racers to recharge between checkered flags, while the lighted track offers a memorable nighttime experience.





# Saddle Up!

Equine enthusiasts rejoice — Pulaski County is a premier destination for horse lovers! Located just east of Dixon, the Dixon Saddle Club hosts numerous family-friendly events for trainers and fans alike, including the ORA Rodeo, barrel clinics, and their annual horse show. Boasting miles and miles of scenic trails, the 4-J Big Piney Horse Camp situated in Duke along the Big Piney River offers six equine camps throughout the year. The Crocker Saddle Club, located in Crocker Community Park, also hosts numerous events for horse enthusiasts from diverse backgrounds, inviting all to join in the fun!

# Tough Sleddin'

Souped-up engines fill the evening air at the Jeremiah Brackett Pulling Track in Richland. Hosting the Richland FFA Truck and Tractor Pull, Shady Dell Park offers full-throttle action as local drivers put their skill — and their engines' torque — to the test!



# **Get Your Kicks**

Historic Route 66 has been ingrained in the culture of Pulaski County since its establishment in November 1926. Running from Chicago to Los Angeles, 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 experience, 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 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, 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."

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."

### **BSC Outdoors**

18700 Cliff Road Dixon, MO 65459 (573) 759-7294 bscoutdoors.com RV • C • O • L

# 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 RV • C • O

# 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

## **Mother Road RV Park**

26920 Shrine Road Waynesville, MO 65583 (573) 774-5454 **RV • C** 

# Pecks Last Resort Canoe & Camping

33401 Windsor Lane Duke, MO 65461 (573) 435-6669 RV • C • O

# Roubidoux Spring Campground

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

## **Route 66 Canoe Rental**

20105 Trophy Lane Devils Elbow, MO 65457 (573) 855-3394

# **Ruby's Landing River Resort**

22474 Restful Lane Waynesville, MO 65583 (573) 855-9567 rubyslanding.com RV • C • O • L

### Saint Robert RV Park

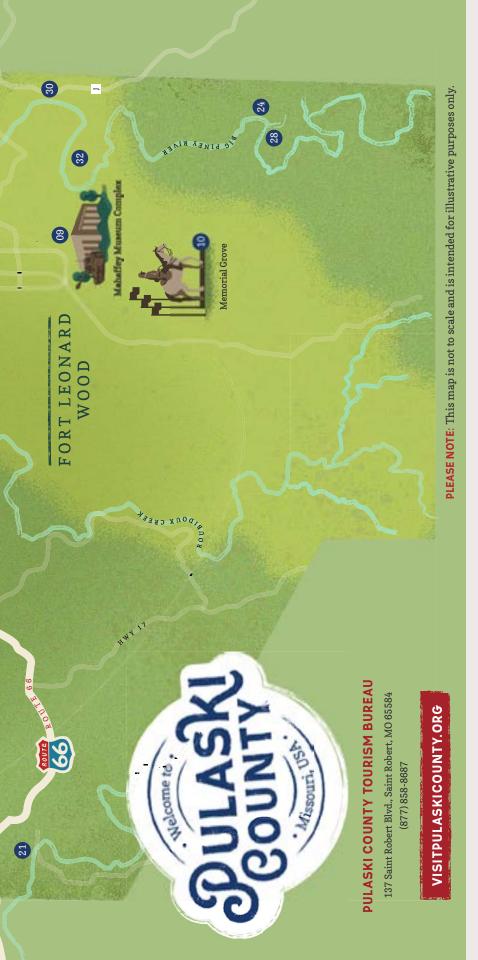
199 Express Drive Saint Robert, MO 65583 (573) 451-2000 **RV** 

# Wilderness Ridge Resort

33850 Windsor Lane
Duke, MO 65461
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- Route 66 Canoe Rental
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Roy Laughlin Park, Cherokee Encampment & Trail of Tears Memorial, Trout Stream

Saint Robert Military Tribute & Freedom Rock Display Shady Dell Park

Route 66 Neon Park at George M. Reed

Roadside Park

Roubidoux Park & ADA Playground

African American USO Chimney

Devils Elbow Bridge

Dixon Murals

MAIN ATTRACTIONS

1903 Courthouse Museum & Route 66 Shield

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Pulaski County Tourism Bureau Old Stagecoach Stop Museum

Visitors Center

- Schlicht Springs Access
- Stone Mill Spring Fishing Access

# **LOCAL OUTFITTERS**

- BSC Outdoors
- Gasconade Hills Resort
- Ruby's Landing River Resort
  - Wilderness Ridge Resort

# **PUBLIC ACCESS AREAS**

Mitschele Access

Gasconade Hills Access

Riddle Bridge Access

Uranus Fudge Factory & General Store

John B. Mahaffey Museum Complex

Missouri Veterans Cemetery

Memorial Grove

Frisco Caboose & Depot Museum

Frog Rock

Fort Leonard Wood Main Gate Fort Leonard Wood West Gate

- Ross River Access

# GOLF COURSES

- Oak Hills Country Club
- Piney Valley Golf Course
- Richland Golf & Country Club 888

Saint Robert Municipal Golf Course

# TAIL WAGS & GOOD TIMES









# **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.

For a full listing of pet-friendly lodging opportunities, check out <u>VisitPulaskiCounty.org.</u>

# 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 <u>VisitPulaskiCounty.org</u> and plan your trip to Pulaski County.



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 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.

# 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!





# 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.

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.



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 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 <u>VisitPulaskiCounty.org</u> and stay up to date on community events, activities, and festivals.



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, antiquers, 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 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.





RICHLAND, MO



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 vacation homes to unique 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 <u>VisitPulaskiCounty.org</u> or contact the Pulaski County Tourism Bureau for a free copy.



# FOODIE PARADISE ::::



# 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. Enjoy a juicy, mouthwatering steak with a spectacular view of Portuguese Point on the banks of the Gasconade. Get a taste of down-home, Southern-style flavor at the comfort food restaurants, offering open-faced roast beef sandwiches and mashed taters, fried chicken and catfish, homemade mac and cheese, or Cajun meatloaf — and of course, 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!





# 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.

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!





# 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. Pizza, tacos, bulgogi, hearty breakfasts, ice cream, coffee... Whatever you've got a hankering for, the eateries around Pulaski County are sure to satisfy!

Head over to <u>VisitPulaskiCounty.org/Foodie-Trails</u> for more info!





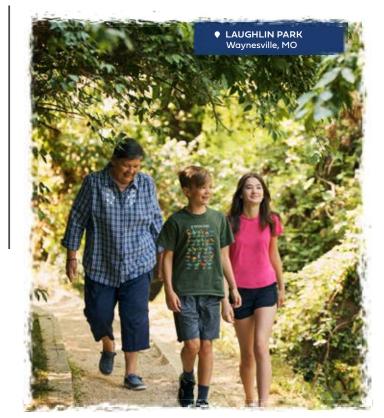


# Remembering a Tragedy TRAIL OF TEARS

the people who helped shape our culture.

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 seven 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.





# 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.







# MADE IN MISSOURI

# BareBumEssentials WAYNESVILLE

Browse this whimsical shop offering a wide variety of natural body care products, featuring 80 permanent fragrances in addition to seasonal scents. Pick up Route 66-themed bath bombs, melt and pour soaps, and bar soaps. Order individual, monthly themed, or mystery boxes online.





# Cold Creek Mushroom

The Selfors family began their "hunt" to produce the best mushrooms with the least environmental impact. They began their original grown crop using blocks of hardwood pellets without topsoil to reduce water and land usage. Distributed throughout the Greater St. Louis Area and featured in top Italian eateries at The Hill, Cold Creek is now recognized as Missouri's No. 1 farm-to-table mushroom farm.

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# Combat Coffee Roasters CROCKER

Combat Coffee Roasters is a small-batch artisan coffee roaster dedicated to producing a wide variety of blends and seasonal delights, including wine- and whiskey-infused beans. They also feature more than 20 loose leaf teas, including fruit, chai, camomint, and lavender. Owners pledge up to 20% of their profits to support well-deserving military charities across the USA.

combatcoffeetea.com



In July 2015, the Uranus Fudge Factory and General Store opened its doors to the first tourists to experience this fabulous, out-of-this-world fudge offered in a variety of flavors. Soon, the general store expanded and achieved international fame. Today, Uranus is a favorite tourist stop along I-44 and Route 66. This complex will leave you laughing.

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# Sweetwater BBQ SAINT ROBERT

Leon and Edi's amazing Sweetwater BBQ sauce took the area by storm, and they began bottling their sauce for travelers to take home. Their daughter, Uki, has kept the tradition alive, offering a dine-in restaurant, catering options, and meeting space. Call for sauce shipments.

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Combat Coffee roasts their coffee locally and can be found weekly at the Pulaski County Farmers Market, specialty shops, online, and in 2024 at their new storefront.

# 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 – October Crocker Community Park Pavilion

In addition to fresh summer produce and plants, the Crocker 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, MO* 

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 is on site each week providing sharpening services.

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NOTE: Most vendors accept electronic payments, but others may be cash only.







# 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 for a complete list of goings-on! And for more travel inspiration, check out our blog at VisitPulaskiCounty.org/Stories!

# March

Taste of Pulaski County County-Wide

Kickin' It Route 66 BBQ Challenge Saint Robert

**Racing for Daylight** Waynesville





# May

**Pulaski County Farmers Market** Spring Kickoff Waynesville

Superhero Fest Waynesville

Freedom Fest Waynesville

Mid America Freedom Rally Waynesville

# **Tune**

Volkslauf 10K Mud Run Fort Leonard Wood

Pulaski County Regional Fair Saint Robert

Cave State Cruisers Car Show Waynesville

**Tri-County Fair** Richland



# July

Fourth of July at FLW Fort Leonard Wood

**Ultra Sweaty Santa**Devils Elbow

Christmas in July Pulaski County Farmers Market Waynesville

Old Settlers Day Waynesville

# August

**100-Mile Route 66 Yard Sale** County-Wide

National Night Out Waynesville

Bad Dawg Ultra
Buckhorn

# September

Patriot Day Festival Waynesville

Crocker Railroad Days Crocker

Military Retiree Days Fort Leonard Wood

Dixon Cow Days
Dixon

Route 66 Hogs & Frogs Waynesville

Gaea Goddess Gathering Laquey/Buckhorn

Extremicon
Saint Robert

Dixon Tractor Pull

# October

Haunted River Floats
Waynesville

Nasty Pulaski Gravel Grind & Fall Fest Waynesville

Frog Hill Half Marathon Waynesville

Oktoberfest on the Square Waynesville

# November

**Shop Small Saturday**County-Wide

# December

Christmas on the Square Waynesville

**Light Up Pulaski** County-Wide

Fort Wood Community Spouse Craft Fair Waynesville





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### **Red Roof Inn**

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