

Perryville & PERRY COUNTY Missouri



CHOICE DESTINATION:

Located in America's heartland, Perry County is your destination location for an authentic heritage experience. Nestled in its rural country setting and with eight cultural sites and museums creating a heritage weekend or cultural day trip is as easy as a stroll down memory lane.

Discovering our great outdoors, you'll visit natural areas, trails, look-outs, lakes and the mighty Mississippi River that will inspire, excite and entertain adventure seekers of all ages. Find time to shop, relax at our brewery, unwind at one of our unique wineries or explore and discover at your own pace at one of our three family owned farms.



Perry County offers miles of beautiful scenic countryside and rural landscapes. We also offer thirty-six delicious places to eat from home-made donuts and pies, bar-a-que and award winning meats to ethnic dishes, specialty burgers and buffets to satisfy any appetite.

Come experience the heritage, absorb the rich history, enjoy the natural scenery and down-home hospitality of Perry County, Missouri.



LODGING

From deluxe suites, heritage bed & breakfasts, rustic cabins, full-hook up campsites and primitive camping, find your perfect place to sleep under the stars. *Comfort Inn; Days Inn, Jack's Place, VRBO; Super 8; Southeast MO Jellystone Park; Egger's & Co Bed & Breakfast; Lithium's Yellow Rose Bed & Breakfast; Willow House Bed and Breakfast*



CHRISTMAS COUNTRY CHURCH TOUR

This annual free two day self-guided Christmas adventure highlights twenty-eight locations. Allowing you to slow down during your holiday rush and recharge for the season. Featuring rural country churches all at least one hundred years old, step back in time and visit churches of various denominations and cultural backgrounds, whether they are wooden clad one room structure without electricity or brick and mortar masterpieces all decorated in their own unique styles. See the architecture, hear the history, enjoy the scenic countryside, experience the heritage of rural country charm and hospitality in each of these fascinating and glorious treasures. Come and join us for our 12th season!



GEOCACHING

Perry County offers thirteen geocaching locations for the treasure hunter in you! Discover the amazing beauty of our rural landscapes, century old farms, small town communities and historic architecture, history and heritage while honing in on your caches. You'll explore our natural areas, wildlife and experiences all the seasons of Perry County.

CREATE MEMORIES THAT WILL LAST GENERATIONS

ANNUAL CULTURAL EVENTS

- Mississippi River Valley Scenic Drive
- Mayfest
- HomeBrew Block Party
- Cruise In
- Biker on the Square
- River Hills Antique Tractor Club: Adventure Ride
- Seminary Picnic
- East Perry Community Fair
- Old Timer's Day
- Rocktoberfest
- Saxon Fall Festival
- Downtown Holiday Lighting
- Christmas Country Church Tour
- Brazeau Christmas Walk
- Lutheran Heritage Center Christmas Tree Exhibit
- Live Nativity at Saxon Lutheran Memorial
- Family Days at Perryville Pumpkin Farm

HERITAGE EXPRESS

- Located next to I-55 for easy access
- Mississippi River; fourth longest river in the world
- "Great River Road" runs through Perry County
- Rich History and Heritage of 200+ years
- Rural Scenic Landscape
- Local Bridge access to the State of Illinois
- Historic Downtown Square
- Movie Theater
- Public Swimming Pool
- Full Time Tourism Director
- Birthplace of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod
- First Catholic Seminary West of the Mississippi River

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Background Image: Historic Tower Rock



National Shrine of our Lady of Miraculous Medal & Saint Mary's of the Barrens Church: Nationally recognized, the Shrine and church have welcomed visitors since 1818. Declared by Pope Francis in 2015, they have become a stop on the pilgrimage of the Holy Year of Mercy. For more information, please contact 800.264.MARY, 573.547.2508 or visit www.amm.org.



Perry County Museum: From arrowheads to quilts, tools to religious artifacts, business advertisements to school memorabilia, it has everything "Perry County. A trip back in time treat for any age. Open on Tuesday and Thursday from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. For more information, please contact 573.547.6383.



Saxon Lutheran Memorial: Visit one of the best living history museum in the region. Situated in the rolling hills of east Perry County and deep rooted in German heritage, explore 13 hand-hewn log buildings in a village setting while learning the ways of the early Perry County pioneers. For appointment and tour information, please contact 573.824.5404.



Catholic Heritage Center & Museum: Featuring local memorabilia and Catholic religious artifacts from the communities of Biehle and Apple Creek in Perry County. It is a testament of their heritage, religion and history. Tours by appointment, contact 573.788.2730.



Faherty House: Owned by William P. Faherty this historic rock home was built in 1850 with a brick addition in the 1880's. One of the first homes built, in town, it is a wonderful example of early Perryville, Missouri. Tours by appointment, contact 573.768.2470.



Perry County Military History Museum: Representing all Perry County service men and women who served in all wars, capturing their heroic stories of service, dedication and sacrifice paid by both the soldier and the families left behind to wait. Open Tuesday 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., Wednesday 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Thursday & Saturday 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. For more information contact 573.517.2463.



Perry County Historical Society, Research Library and County Archive: For any level of researcher locally, regionally or for your family genealogy. This library has everything for your Perry County search from family history to various original county records. Open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Wednesday's 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. For more information contact 573.768.2470.



Lutheran Heritage Center and Museum: Professionally interprets and beautifully preserves the history of our Lutheran religion and their descendants since 1836, their quest to get here, their trials, tribulations and triumphs. The first log cabin college west of the Mississippi they are a German cultural experience. Open daily from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. For more information, contact 573.824.6070 or visit www.lutheranmuseum.com.