



Explore the Meramec Greenway: George Winter Park to Unger Park



Enjoy scenic river views and plenty of recreational green spaces along the way to Old Towne Fenton.


SHORTER OPTION

 **Distance:** 2.25 miles from George Winter Park to Old Towne Fenton and back


 **Time:** 75 minute walk/30 minute bike


MEDIUM OPTION

 **Distance:** 4 miles from George Winter Park to Fenton City Park and back

 **Time:** 2 hour walk/45 minute bike

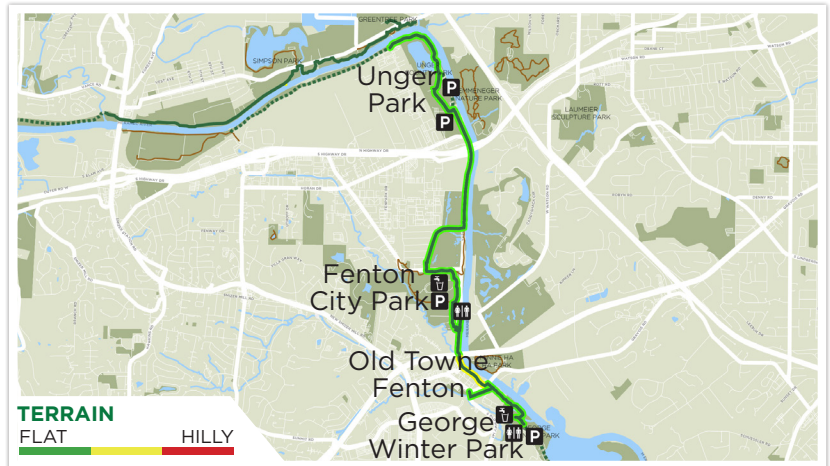
LONGER OPTION

 **Distance:** 9 miles from George Winter Park to Unger Park and back

 **Time:** 4.5 hour walk/1.5 hour bike

GETTING THERE

On foot or bicycle, access the greenway from Old Towne Fenton. Vehicle parking is available at George Winter Park (401 Allen Road, Fenton, MO 63026), Fenton City Park (1215 Larkin Williams Road, Fenton, MO 63026), Yarnell Road Trailhead (1300 Yarnell Road, Fenton, MO 63026), and Unger Park (500 Yarnell Road, Fenton, MO 63026).



TRAIL SURFACE

Greenway segment along Water Street is a sidewalk. All other trail segments have an asphalt or concrete surface separated from the road. 1,000 feet of the greenway between S. Highway Drive and Soccer Park Road along Yarnell Road is closed for approximately two years to accommodate construction of the new Interstate 44 bridges across the Meramec River. Greenway in Unger Park is closed beyond the Riverside Trail Parking Lot due to flood damage

RESTROOMS AND WATER

Restroom and drinking fountain available in George Winter Park and Fenton City Park

For more info, call Great Rivers Greenway at **314-436-7009**
or visit **www.GreatRiversGreenway.org**

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WHILE YOU'RE EXPLORING

- » Grab a bite to eat or visit the Fenton History Museum in Old Towne Fenton
- » Visit the 9/11 Heroes Memorial in Fenton City Park
- » Watch for wildlife along the Meramec River and surrounding wetlands
- » Fish on the Meramec River in George Winter Park or the lake in Unger Park
- » Play on the playgrounds in Fenton City Park
- » Paddle along the Meramec River from the boat ramp in George Winter Park

LEARN ABOUT THE AREA

How do the things you use in your daily life get delivered to you – on trucks, trains, planes, or boats? Since prehistoric times, our rivers have been used to transport people and goods. The Meramec River begins near Salem, MO and meanders for more than 200 miles until it empties into the Mississippi River near Arnold, MO.

Woodland period Tribes lived along the Meramec River from A.D. 400-900 followed by Mississippian period Tribes who lived in large towns in the area until the mid-1300s. The nearby salt springs may have drawn people to settle in this area. The Mississippian period women were skilled at farming, and the low, flat bottomlands along the Meramec River provided fertile soil. They traded throughout a large area by traveling in dugout canoes.

The Osage St. Louis Trail follows this portion of the Meramec River, and the Osage Nation had numerous camps, villages, and mounds throughout this area. The census of 1800 shows 450 members of the Missouri Tribe lived in and around Fenton. Other tribes in this area who had been forced to leave their ancestral homelands in the east include the Delaware, Shawnee, Fox, Sauk, Miami, Chickasaw, Pottowatomie, Winnebago, Onondaga, Illinois, Peoria, Pawnee, Kickapoo, Cherokee, Dakotah, and Padukah.

In the 1800s, the Meramec River was an important route for shipping lead, iron, and timber on flat-bottomed freight boats and paddle wheel steamboats from the mines and forests throughout Missouri to St. Louis city. Today, the Meramec River is used by barges for mining sand and gravel and by canoe and kayak paddlers and small boaters for outdoor recreation.

GREENWAYS CONNECT US ALL

Greenways are outdoor spaces connecting people and places.

Each greenway is unique, reflecting the character of the communities it connects. Greenways can include **trails, conservation projects** such as rain gardens and restored prairies, **amenities** like restrooms and drinking fountains, and **connections** to businesses, neighborhoods, parks, schools, waterways and transit. There are over 125 miles of greenways throughout St. Louis City, St. Louis County and St. Charles County for you to explore and enjoy.