# Explore the Centennial Greenway: Forest Park to Washington University to Vernon Avenue







2.75 miles from Vernon Avenue to Forest Park and back

### (W) TIME

90 minute walk/30 minute bike

### LONGER OPTION

Continue on the trails in Forest Park



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### **TRAIL SURFACE**

Paved - Bicycle dismounting is required on signed portions of Washington University Campus and on sidewalks of Delmar Blvd.



### **RESTROOMS AND WATER**

Restrooms and drinking fountain available in the Forest Park Visitor Center. Drinking fountain available at intersection of Kingsbury Blvd and Melville Ave.

#### **GETTING THERE**

On foot or bike, access the greenway at the intersection of Skinker Blvd./Forsyth Blvd. or Delmar Blvd./ Melville Ave. You can access this greenway from the Skinker, Forest Park-DeBaliviere, and Delmar MetroLink Stations. On-street parking is available near the greenway and in authorized areas of Forest Park (5595 Grand Dr., St. Louis, MO 63112).



# Explore the Centennial Greenway: Forest Park to Washington

# Forest Park to Washington University to Vernon Avenue



### WHILE YOU'RE EXPLORING

- » Enjoy a meal or a drink while sitting outside on the sidewalk in The Loop
- » Check out the life size statue of St. Louis's own "Father of Rock and Roll"
- » Check out the wildlife at the St. Louis Zoo in Forest Park
- » Learn about famous St. Louisans throughout history at the Missouri History Museum in Forest Park or the Delmar Loop Walk of Fame
- » Rent a paddleboat or a stand-up paddleboard and paddle around in Forest Park

### **LEARN ABOUT THE AREA**

What drew you to the place where you live? Due to its location and economy, the St. Louis region has long attracted a multicultural population.

A speaker at the Forest Park Opening Ceremony in 1876 said of the park, "The rich and poor, the merchant and mechanic, the professional man and the day laborer, each with his family and lunch basket, can come and enjoy his own." Today, Forest Park attracts thirteen million people each year to visit the cultural institutions, go for a walk or bike ride on the trails, or have a picnic on the grass.

The Centennial Greenway takes you through the campus of Washington University where 15,000 students come from more than 100 countries and all 50 states to study in the fields of architecture and art, arts and sciences, business, engineering, law, medicine, social work and public health.

Part of this greenway also passes by the historic Parkview and Ames Place neighborhoods. Nestled between Washington University and the Delmar Loop, they are known for their rich heritage of stately brick homes and Arts and Crafts architecture. For the first half of the twentieth century, people came from all over St. Louis to shop, dine, and be entertained on the Delmar Loop, named for the streetcar turnaround where people shopped as they waited for the next streetcar. The Loop fell into decline in the 1960s as more people drove automobiles to shop further away and trolley service ended. The Delmar Loop experienced a resurgence beginning in the 1970s that you can see today in the form of the many vibrant businesses that serve diverse clientele and the bustling activity on the sidewalks and street.

### **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.