


# Explore the St. Vincent Greenway: Forest Park to Trojan Park




Spend a day playing in Forest Park and Trojan Park and strolling through the historic West End neighborhood.





## SHORTER OPTION

 **Distance:** 2.5 miles from Trojan Park to Delmar/DeBaliviere Trailhead and back

 **Time:** 90 minute walk/  
30 minute bike

## LONGER OPTION

 **Distance:** 4 miles from Forest Park to Trojan Park and back

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



## TRAIL SURFACE

Paved surface separated from the road with numerous street and alley crossings

## GETTING THERE

On foot or bike, access the St. Vincent Greenway at any of the greenway/street intersections along DeBaliviere Ave., in Ruth Porter Mall Park, or along Etzel Ave. You can access this greenway from the Forest Park-DeBaliviere MetroLink Station. Parking is available at Trojan Park (6154 Etzel Ave., St. Louis, MO 63133) and in authorized areas of Forest Park (5595 Grand Dr., St. Louis, MO 63112).

## RESTROOMS AND WATER

Restrooms and drinking fountain available in the Forest Park Visitor Center and at Trojan Park. Drinking fountain available at intersection of Etzel Ave. and Blackstone Ave.

For more info, call Great Rivers Greenway at **314-436-7009**  
or visit **[www.GreatRiversGreenway.org](http://www.GreatRiversGreenway.org)**

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### WHILE YOU'RE EXPLORING

- » Exercise on the fitness equipment, play music on the instruments, shoot hoops on the basketball court, or play in the splash fountains in Trojan Park
- » Have a picnic at the pavilions in Trojan Park
- » Learn about our region's history at the Missouri History Museum in Forest Park
- » Rent a palleboat or a stand-up paddleboard and paddle around in Forest Park
- » Explore the rich history and beautiful architecture of the West End neighborhood

### LEARN ABOUT THE AREA

**The places along greenways hold stories of the people and events that shape the culture of our region.**

Ruth Porter Mall Park is named for Ruth Porter, a West End neighborhood resident who dedicated her life to eradicating inequality and discrimination, laying the groundwork for the revitalization of the West End, and building bridges between people of every race and class. She founded education programs, worked to stabilize the West End neighborhood, and championed the fight for open housing in a city where redlining and restrictive covenants kept African-American families segregated. Ruth Porter was an extraordinary woman with a selfless devotion to improving the community and world in which she lived. **Who are the extraordinary people in your community?**

**What drew you to the place where you live?**

The St. Vincent Greenway passes through the West End neighborhood. This neighborhood is well known for the beautiful architecture of its homes, apartments, houses of worship, schools, and shops. From the late 1800s to the early 1900s, many large homes and plush estates were built in the West End neighborhood. Until the 1950s, many of the African-American families living in this neighborhood were servants of their wealthy neighbors, and they were not able to enjoy shopping and dining in their neighborhood like their white neighbors did. In the 1950s and 1960s, many affluent African-American leaders and their families moved to the West End along with many of the 20,000 African-Americans who were displaced by the Mill Creek neighborhood demolition.

### 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.