

# Explore the Meramec Greenway: Lower Meramec Park



Take a stroll through  
flat bottomland forests  
and open fields.



## SHORT TRIP

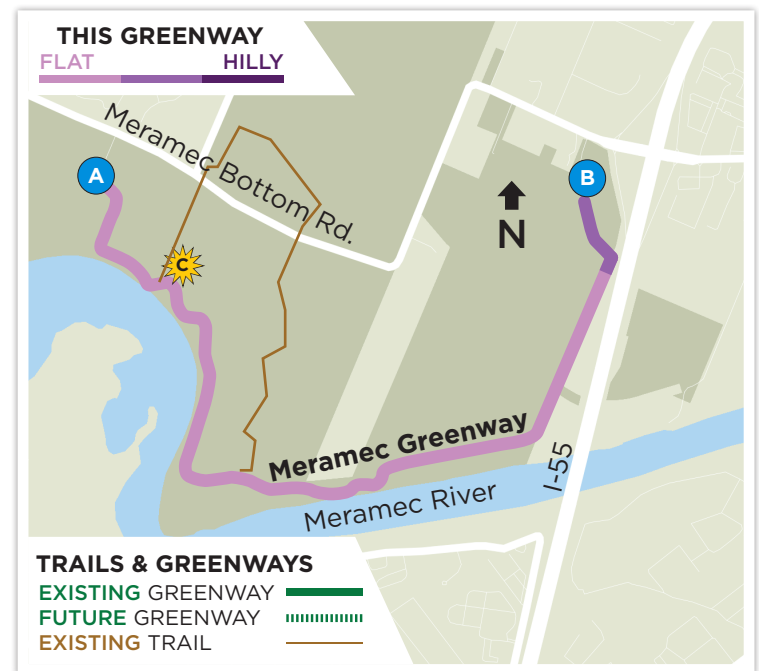
- 1.5 miles from **A** to **C** loop and back
- 30 minute walk/15 minute bike

## MEDIUM TRIP

- 4 miles from **A** to **B** and back
- 2 hour walk/45 minute bike

## TRAIL SURFACE

Greenway is asphalt trail separated from the road. Tall Timbers Trail is natural trail surface separated from the road.



## EXPLORE & ENJOY

### Trailheads

- A** **P** **Holzer Park Road Trailhead:** 4850 Meramec Bottom Road, St. Louis, MO
- B** **P** **Krumm Road Trailhead:** 4756 Krumm Road, St. Louis, MO

### Point of Interest

- C** **Tall Timbers Trail**





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### WHILE YOU'RE EXPLORING

- » Look for white-tailed deer, songbirds, birds of prey, and other wildlife along the greenway
- » Go fishing on the Meramec River

**NATURE:** Wetlands in Lower Meramec Park absorb floodwater along the river instead of pushing it downstream. A wetland is like a sponge. It can be filled with water some of the time or all of the time. When you use a sponge to soak up a spill and then slowly squeeze it out, you are mimicking the way a wetland stores floodwaters and then slowly releases the water into the ground. Wetlands also filter out water pollution and provide food and shelter for a diversity of wildlife.

**CULTURE:** The Meramec River begins near Salem, MO and meanders for more than 200 miles until it empties into the Mississippi River near Arnold, MO. 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.

**HISTORY:** 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.

**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 120 miles of greenways throughout St. Louis City, St. Louis County and St. Charles County for you to explore and enjoy.