

Explore the River des Peres Greenway: Slay Park to Carondelet and Lemay Park



Visit numerous parks,
neighborhoods, and business areas
as you wind along
the River des Peres.



MEDIUM TRIP 1

- 4 miles from **F** to **D** and back
- 2 hour walk/
45 minute bike

MEDIUM TRIP 2

- 5.5 miles from **B** to **C** and back
- 3 hour walk/1 hour bike

TRAIL SURFACE

Asphalt and concrete trail surface separated from the road. Trail construction along River City Casino Blvd. between Broadway and the Mississippi River is not yet complete.

LONG TRIP

- 15 miles from **A** to the Mississippi River and back
- 7.5 hour walk/2.5 hour bike

LONGER TRIP

- 29 miles from **B** to Gravois Greenway Kirkwood Trailhead and back
- 14.5 hour walk/5 hour bike



EXPLORE & ENJOY

Trailheads ●

- A** **P** **♿** **♿** **♿** **Francis R. Slay Park:** 3100 McCausland Ave., St. Louis, MO
- B** **P** **Shrewsbury Metro Station:** 7201 Lansdowne Ave., St. Louis, MO
- C** **P** **♿** **♿** **Fultz Field:** 4815 River des Peres Blvd., St. Louis, MO
- D** **P** **♿** **♿** **Carondelet Park:** 3900 Holly Hills Blvd., St. Louis, MO
- E** **P** **Germania Street Trailhead:** Germania St. at Knackstedt St., St. Louis, MO
- F** **P** **♿** **♿** **Lemay Park:** 236 Fannie Ave., St. Louis, MO

Point of Interest ☀️

- ☀️ **Willmore Park**



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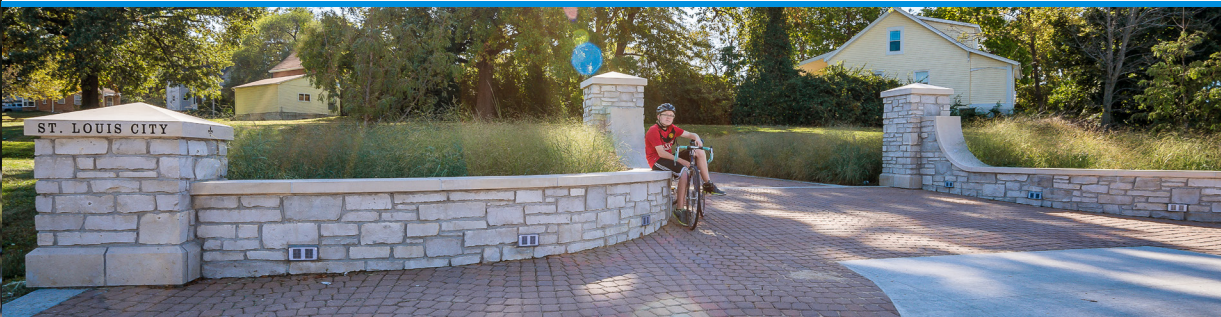
WHILE YOU'RE EXPLORING

- » **Fish on the lake** in Carondelet Park.
- » **Play on the playgrounds and sports fields** at Slay Park, Carondelet Park, Fultz Field, and Lemay Park.
- » **Get a bite to eat** at a nearby restaurant on Chippewa St. or Gravois Ave.
- » **Learn about history** at the Lyle House in Carondelet Park.
- » **Play disc golf** at the nearby Willmore Park.

NATURE: Throughout most of the 19th century, the River des Peres remained a curving stream weaving through prairies. The wetlands along the river filtered and purified the water. By the end of the 1800s, neighbors were dumping their raw waste directly into the river. In 1923, voters in St. Louis approved a bond to reroute, straighten, deepen, and line the river with concrete. That's how the river has remained for nearly a century. It plays an important role in the city's sanitary and stormwater systems.

CULTURE: In the 1600s, the Kaskaskia and Tamaroa people settled along the River des Peres. Just a few years later, two Jesuit priests built a mission at the mouth of the River des Peres. 2,400 Native Americans and 100 French Americans lived there. The mission existed for only three years, but the name remains today. The River des Peres is French for the "river of the fathers" who were the two French priests.

HISTORY: The River des Peres was created during the Ice Age. A wall of rock and ice blocked the Mississippi River and forced the water to carve out a new path. This path formed the River des Peres.



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.