

Explore the Sunset Greenway: Old Town Florissant to Sunset Park



Enjoy beautiful views of the Missouri River as well as shopping and dining in historic Old Town Florissant.



SHORT TRIP 1

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

SHORT TRIP 2

- 2 miles from **B** to Missouri River and back
- 1 hour walk/20 minute bike

LONG TRIP

- 8 miles from **D** to Missouri River and back
- 4 hour walk/1.5 hour bike

TRAIL SURFACE

Asphalt surface separated from the road



EXPLORE & ENJOY

Trailheads

- A** **St. Ferdinand Park:** 25 St. Ferdinand Park Drive, Florissant, MO
- B** **Sunset Park:** 2300 Sunset Park Drive, Florissant, MO

Point of Interest

- C** Old Town Florissant
- D** St. Ferdinand Shrine
- E** Patterson Road Access
- F** Shackelford Road Access



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WHILE YOU'RE EXPLORING

- » **Play on the playgrounds**, sand volleyball courts, soccer fields, baseball fields, or tennis courts at St. Ferdinand Park.
- » **Fish on the lake** in St. Ferdinand Park or on the Missouri River.
- » **Grab a bite to eat** at a nearby restaurant in Old Town Florissant or on Lindbergh Blvd.

NATURE: Natural habitats that once existed along the modern Sunset Greenway before the area was converted to farmland then residential and commercial developments included woodlands, prairies, wetlands, and bottomlands along the creeks and river. Elk, wolves, and mountain lions once thrived in this area along with birds such as prairie chickens, warblers, bitterns, eagles, falcons, and wild turkey.

CULTURE: Falling rain in the 44 square mile Coldwater Creek Watershed all drains into Coldwater Creek and flows into the Missouri River to the Mississippi River and into the Gulf of Mexico. In the mid-1900s, bulk amounts of radioactive materials were stored near the creek. Through wind, rain, flooding, and groundwater, the creek became contaminated. Today, the federal government is working to reverse the damage in this watershed and the communities that it connects.

HISTORY: French farmers and fur trappers moved into this area along Coldwater Creek in the mid-1700s. They named the area Fleurissant which means “flourishing” because of the lush vegetation growing in the fertile soil along the creek. Spanish rulers renamed this area St. Ferdinand and formed its first government in the late 1700s. The greenway today in Old Town Florissant was once the site of the Spanish military grounds.



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.