

Explore the Meramec Greenway: Greentree Park to Arnold's Grove Park



Wander beneath a lush canopy of trees in this riparian forest connecting to three parks, the Meramec River, and Simpson Lake.



SHORT TRIP

- 3 miles from **D** to **C** and back
- 1 hour 45 minute walk/30 minute bike

MEDIUM TRIP

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

LONG TRIP

- 6.5 miles from **D** to **A** and back
- 3.5 hour walk/75 minute bike

TRAIL SURFACE

Asphalt surface separated from the road



EXPLORE & ENJOY

Trailheads

- A P** **Arnold's Grove:** 8 Meramec Station Road, Valley Park, MO
- B P** **Meramec Landing Park:** 998 Cal Hedrick Way, Valley Park, MO
- C P** **Simpson Park:** 1234 Marshall Road, Valley Park, MO
- D P** **Greentree Park:** 2202 Marshall Road, Kirkwood, MO

Point of Interest

- E** **Simpson Lake**



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WHILE YOU'RE EXPLORING

- » Look for white-tailed deer, songbirds, birds of prey, and other wildlife along the greenway
- » Play on the playgrounds or grill out at Simpson Park
- » Practice archery at Meramec Landing Park
- » Paddle along the Meramec River or at Simpson Lake
- » Go fishing on the Meramec River or at Simpson Lake

NATURE: The Meramec Greenway travels through the riparian forest along the Meramec River. This wooded area along the river helps to control sediment in the water, reduce the damaging effects of flooding, prevent riverbank erosion, and provide food, shelter, and water for diverse wildlife.

CULTURE: The Meramec Greenway trailhead at Arnold's Grove is built on top of rubble from the remains of a former glass factory along the river. The levee wall along the river would typically be ten feet wide, but a seepage berm (raised strip that slows down and reduces the force of water soaking under the levee) was needed in this location. The crushed remains of the glass factory were used to build a seepage berm with a trailhead on top.

HISTORY: Numerous factories manufacturing items such as glass, sand and gravel, bottles, and cigars were located in this area in the early 1900s. Additionally, St. Louisans vacationed at the nearby riverside resorts throughout the late 1800s and early 1900s.

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.