



Gateway Arch National Park Trip Assistant

How Much Time?

The park is less than 100 acres, so you don't need much time for walking the grounds. With that said, the Arch is an extremely fun photography subject, so, if you like taking pictures, spend some time with it in different light/sky. Interest in museums varies from person-to-person, but the main museum is modern and engaging. The Old Courthouse was closed for renovations,

including a new museum, when I typed this. It wasn't all that impressive when I went through last, but I did enjoy the Dred Scott exhibit.

Then there are [riverboat cruises](#) and [helicopter tours](#) to choose from. Maybe stick around the city to catch a sporting event or explore its parks?

Need to Know

- Oddly, it is called a "timed-entry" park. But you can tour the museum and grounds any time and often can get same-day [tram tickets](#).
- So, [reservations](#) are a good idea. It does get busy in summer, especially for the 4th.
- Parking can be difficult to find. There are a few garages on 4th Street and other paid parking lots nearby. Or park at the casino on the other side of the river and walk on over.

Maps

Gateway Arch National Park Map: [PDF](#) | [JPG](#)

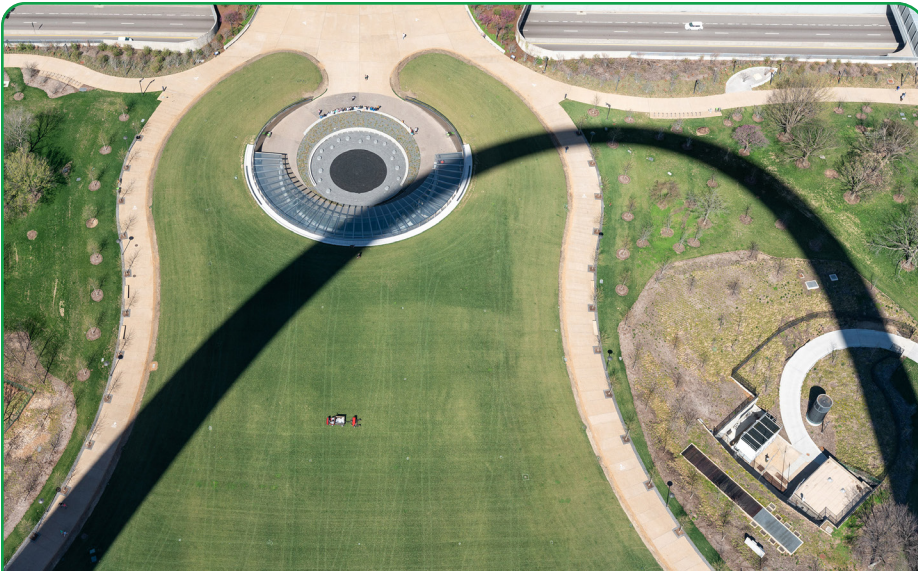
[Google Map w/ Attractions and Outfitters](#)

All 63 National Parks Map: [PDF](#) | [JPG](#)

Northern National Park Service Units Map: [PDF](#) | [JPG](#)

Highlights

Tram Tour
The Museum
The Park Grounds
Kiener Plaza Park
Old Courthouse
Grand Staircase



Favorite Trails

No trails to speak of here but the park grounds are fantastic!

Road Trip

Here's a [Google Map](#) to help plan road trips from the east (Mammoth Cave), north (Isle Royale), and southwest (Hot Springs). It's a good start, but I'd highly recommend making your own.

There's much more to our country. Here's another [Google Map](#) with points of interest across all types of public land.

For campers, here's a [Google Map](#) with National Forest campgrounds. National Park campgrounds are difficult to reserve (there are about 200!). With nearly 5,000 national forest campgrounds, you can usually pull in and find a spot.

Activities

Tram Tours
Museums
Riverfront Cruises
Helicopter Tours
Movie & Virtual Reality

See this [Google Map](#) for pins to area outfitters offering tours as well as all favorite attractions.

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[Cave-in-Rock State Park](#) (IL)
[Garden of the Gods](#) RA (IL)
[Giant City State Park](#) (IL)

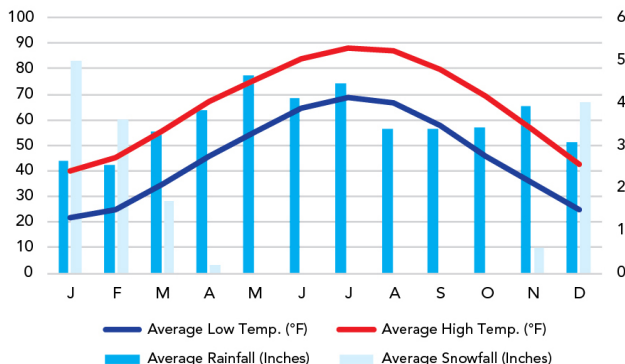
[Judge C.R. Magney SP](#) (MN)
[Temperance River SP](#) (MN)
[Caribou Falls SP](#) (MN)
[Tettegouche SP](#) (MN)
[Maquoketa Caves SP](#) (IA)

[Buffalo National River](#) (AR)
[Hawksbill Crag](#) (AR)
[Lover's Leap](#) (AR)
[Alley Spring & Mill](#) (MO)
[Blue Spring](#) (MO)
[Johnson's Shut-Ins SP](#) (MO)
[Elephant Rocks SP](#) (MO)
[Hawn State Park](#) (MO)

When To Go

Weather

Cahokia: 400 ft Elevation



Visitation

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