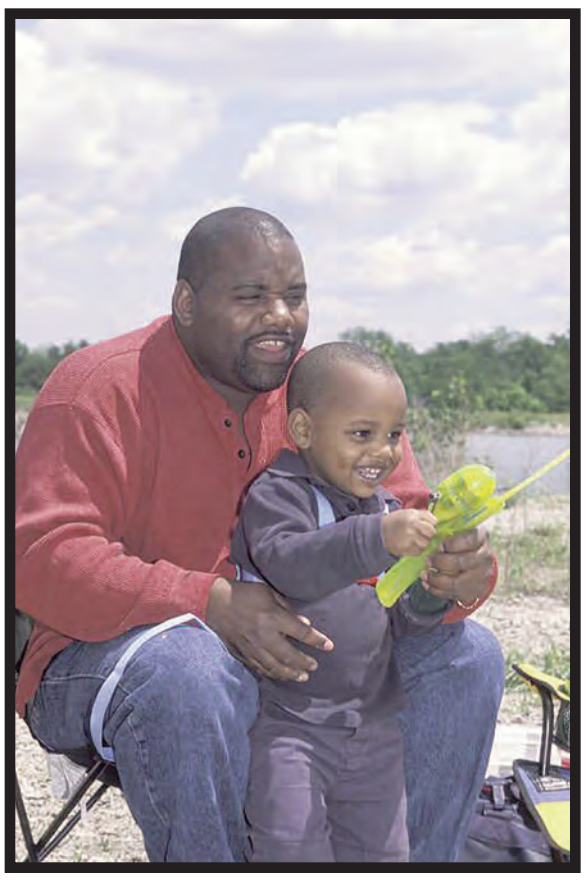
Urban Fishing Program

Since 1969, MDC has provided close-to-home, St. Louis area fishing opportunities through the Urban Fishing Program (UFP). MDC stocks 19 St. Louis City and County park lakes with channel catfish, between 6 and 13 times, from April through September. Trout are stocked in several lakes from November through February. Since 1969, MDC has stocked over 2.5 million pounds of fish. In addition, nine UFP lakes are managed to provide largemouth bass and sunfish fishing. MDC has renovated several UFP lakes to improve angler access and fish habitat. All lakes in the UFP are owned by other agencies and MDC helps manage them through the Community Assistance Program.

August A. Busch and Weldon Spring Conservation Areas

The August A. Busch Memorial and Weldon Spring Conservation Areas (15,093 acres) in St. Charles County offer a diversity of fishing opportunities within 40 minutes of the Arch, including: catch-and-release only, winter trout, intensively-managed catfish, trophy (bass, catfish, muskie and carp), walk-in ponds, kids-only lakes, along with stream and large river access.



Go Fish St. Louis!

Fishing is great in the St. Louis area. This guide is your atlas to locating the tremendous close-to-home fishing in and around St. Louis. Inside, you'll find the names and locations of all public fishing areas and stream accesses near St. Louis and information about the many fishing opportunities available. The Missouri Department of Conservation hopes that you'll wet a line in your own back yard and enjoy the wonderful fishing to be found in the St. Louis area.

Community Assistance Program

MDC's Community Assistance Program (CAP) has provided millions of dollars to St. Louis area communities to improve access and aquatic habitats in streams and lakes. MDC cash grants and work crews have built disabled-accessible angler and viewing docks and platforms, trails, boat ramps, parking facilities, restrooms, aeration systems, and shoreline stabilization projects, as well as deepening 16 lakes. MDC fisheries biologists continue to manage the fish communities in these lakes by improving fish cover, surveying fish communities, setting appropriate regulations, and stocking. Biologist activities in streams include restoring rare and endangered species, surveying fish communities, fish habitat improvement projects, setting appropriate regulations, and stocking.

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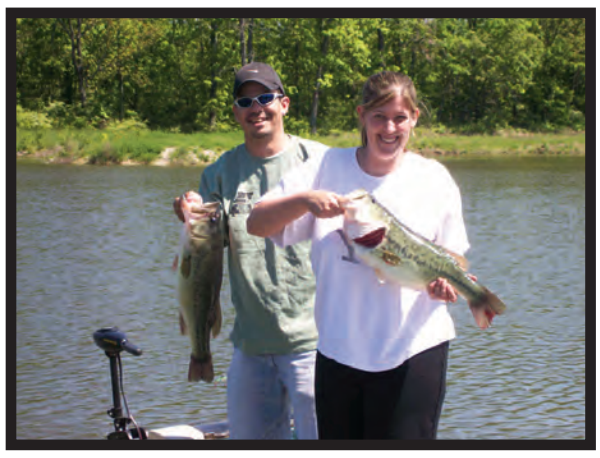


REGULATIONS

Since fishing and boating regulations vary between lakes, check the posted regulation signs before fishing. Statewide regulations apply for all St. Louis streams, except for the Red Ribbon Trout and Stream Black Bass and Rock Bass Special Management Areas in the Meramec River Watershed. Please review the Department of Conservation's "A Summary of Missouri Fishing Regulations" booklet, which is available wherever fishing permits are sold.

FISHING LENGTH AND DAILY LIMITS

August A. Busch CA Lakes

Lake	Black Bass	Black Bass Length	Muskie	Muskie Length	Catfish Combined	Crappie	Trout	All Others Combined
33	2	18"	-	-	4	30	-	10
35	2	18"	1	36"	4	15	-	10
4[1],5[1],6,7[1],9,10,11,12 16,19,20,24,26,27,30 34,36,37,38	2	15"	-	-	4	15	-	10
3[1],22,23[1]	2	15"	-	-	4	15	4	10
21,28	2	15"	-	-	4	15	4*	10
16,31,32	Catch and Release **Only**, Artificial Lure **Only**							

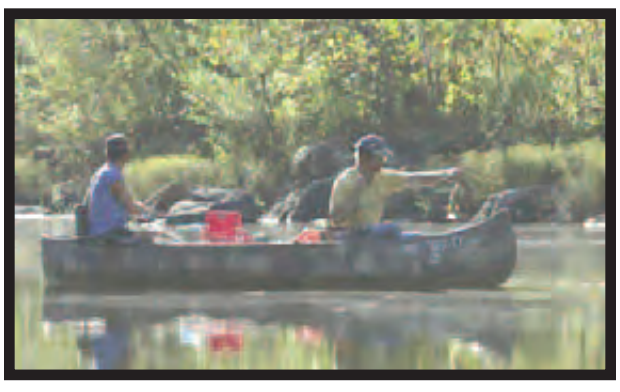
Fishing is permitted in designated waters from 6:00 am to 9:00 pm

STL Urban Fishing Program Lakes

Lake	Black Bass	Black Bass Length	Catfish Combined	Crappie	Trout	All Others Combined
Benton Park	2	18"	4	15	-	10
Blackjack	2	18"	4	15	-	10
Carondelet Boathouse	2	18"	4	15	4	10
Carondelet Horseshoe	2	18"	4	15	-	10
Fairgrounds Park	2	18"	4	15	-	10
Fountain	2	18"	4	15	-	10
Hyde Park	2	18"	4	15	-	10
January-Wabash Park	2	18"	4	15	4	10
Jefferson (Forest Park)	2	18"	4	15	4*	10
Lafayette Park	2	18"	4	15	-	10
New Ballwin	2	18"	4	15	-	10
North Riverfront Park	2	18"	4	15	-	10
O'Fallon Park	2	18"	4	15	4	10
Suson Carp	2	18"	4	15	4	10
Suson Island	2	18"	4	15	4	10
Tilles Park	2	18"	4	15	4*	10
Vlasis Park	2	18"	4	15	4	10
Willmore North	2	18"	4	15	-	10
Willmore South	2	18"	4	15	-	10

MDC and Community Assistance Program Lakes

Lake	Black Bass	Black Bass Length	Flathead Catfish Length	Catfish Combined	Crappie	Trout	All Others Combined
Bee Tree	2	18"	24"	4	15	-	10
Bellefontaine CA – Bluegill	2	18"	-	-	-	-	10
Buder Pond	6	12-15"[2]	-	-	30	-	20
Community Club Lake	2	18"	-	4	-	-	10
Creve Coeur Park	2	18"	-	4	15	-	10
Jarville Lake	2	18"	-	4	15	-	10
Kluesner Lake	2	18"	-	4	15	-	10
Koeneman	2	18"	-	4	15	4*	10
Lincoln	12	-	-	4	30	-	20
Logan CA	2	12-15"[2]	-	4	30	-	20
Moore	2	18"	-	4	15	-	10
Port Hudson	2	18"	-	4	30	-	10
Potosi – Roger Bilderback	2	15"	-	4	-	-	10
Preslar Lake	2	18"	-	4	15	-	10
Simpson Park	2	18"	-	4	15	-	10
Skate Park	2	18"	-	4	15	-	10
Spanish Lake	2	18"	-	4	15	-	10
Sunfish Lake	2	18"	24"	4	15	-	10
Upper Fabick	2	18"	-	4	15	-	10
Walker	2	18"	-	4	15	4*	10
Weldon Spring – Prairie Lake	2	15"	-	4	15	-	10
Weldon Spring – Fire Lake	2	15"	-	4	15	-	10
Westside	2	18"	-	4	15	-	10
White WA	2	12-15"[2]	-	4	30	-	20
Wild Acres Park	2	18"	-	4	15	4*	10
Young CA	2	18"	-	4	-	-	20



[1] = Intensively managed catfish lakes.
* = Catch and release, artificial lures only fishing, November 1 - January 31
[2] = 12-15" protected slot length limit; all bass in the 12-15" range must be released.

Fishing Permits

- All anglers under 16 years of age and Missouri residents 65 years of age and older may fish without a permit; **all others are required to possess a valid Missouri fishing permit**, unless specifically exempted by the Wildlife Code of Missouri.
- All anglers, regardless of age, are required to possess a valid Missouri trout permit when possessing and transporting trout. A Missouri trout permit is not required for catch-and-release fishing.
- Reciprocal fishing privileges have been extended to licensed Missouri anglers fishing flowing waters, shared oxbows, adjacent backwaters of the Mississippi River, and may fish from the bank or attached to the bank of Missouri or Illinois. Anglers must abide by the most restrictive of the two states' regulations when fishing the other states' waters.

Big River Access

River Access	Location	Facilities	BEST BETS
Bootleg	WASHCO, Hwy 21, S of Potosi		SMB, RB, SNF
Brown's Ford	JEFFCO, Brown's Ford Rd, W. of Hwy Y	B, DR	SMB, RB, SNF
Byrnes Mill	JEFFCO, W. of Hwy 30 in Byrnes Mill		SPB, SNF, CAT
Cedar Hill	JEFFCO, Between Hwy B & BB		SPB, SNF, CAT
Rockford Beach	JEFFCO, Hwy W, W. of Hwy 30	B, DR	SPB, SNF, CAT
Leadwood	STFRAN, Hwy 8, W of Park Hills		SMB, RB, SNF
Mammoth	JEFFCO, Mammoth Cr. Rd, off Hwy H	B	SMB, RB, SNF
Merrill Horse	JEFFCO, Hwy H, W. of DeSoto	B, DR	SMB, RB, SNF
Morse Mill	JEFFCO, Hwy C in Morse Mill	B, R	SPB, SNF, CAT
St Francois SP	STFRAN, Hwy 67, N of Park Hills	B, DR	SMB, RB, SNF
Washington SP	WASHCO, Hwy 21, SW. of DeSoto	B, R	SMB, RB, SNF

Bourbeuse River Access

River Access	Location	Facilities	BEST BETS
Chouteau Claim	FRANCO, Hwy AH, N. of Mosell	B, R	SMB, SPB, CAT
Mayer's Landing	FRANCO, Hwy UU off HWY 50	B	SMB, SPB, CAT
Mill Rock	FRANCO, Mill Rock Rd off Hwy H		SMB, SPB, CAT
Mint Spring	CRAWCO, Hwy EE, S of Owensville		SMB, SPB, CAT
Reiker's Ford	FRANCO, Reiker Ford Rd, off Hwy UU		SMB, SPB, CAT
Uhlemeyer	FRANCO, Hwy O, S. of I-44	B, DR	SMB, SPB, CAT
Union	FRANCO, Hwy 50 in Union	B	SMB, SPB, CAT
Wenkel Ford	FRANCO,Wenkel Ford Rd, off Hwy 185		SMB, SPB, CAT

Cuivre River Access

River Access	Location	Facilities	BEST BETS
Crouch	LINCO, Hwy H, N of Troy		CAT, SNF, LMB
Millsap Bridge	LINCO, Beck Rd., N of Truxton		CAT, SNF, LMB

Meramec River Access

River Access	Location	Facilities	BEST BETS
Ackerman	STLCO, Yarnell & I-44		SPB, CAT, SNF
Allenton	STLCO, Hunters Ford, SW. of Eureka	B, R	SPB, CAT, SNF
Bird's Nest	CRAWCO, Bird's Nest Rd, off Hwy 19	B, DF	SMB, RB, SPB
Blue Springs	CRAWCO, Thickety Ford Rd, off Hwy N		SMB, RB, SPB
Castlewood SP	STLCO, Kiefer Cr. Rd, S. of Ballwin	B, R	SPB, CAT, SNF
Campbell Bridge	CRAWCO, Hwy N, S of Burbon	B, DR	SMB, RB, SPB
Catawissa	FRANCO, Hwy N, SW. of Pacific	B, R	SMB, RB, SPB
Flamm City	JEFFCO, Hwy 231 in Arnold	B, R	SPB, CAT, SNF
Greentree Park	STLCO, Marshall, W. of I-270	B, R	SPB, CAT, SNF
Huzzah CA	CRAWCO, Hwy E, NE of Steelville		SMB, RB, SPB
Meramec SP	FRANCO, Hwy 185, S of Sullivan	B, R	SMB, RB, SPB
Onondaga Cave	CRAWCO, Hwy H, S of Leasburg	DB, DR	SMB, RB, SPB
Pacific Palisades	STLCO, Business 44, E. of Pacific	DB, DR	SPB, CAT, SNF
Redhorse	FRANCO, E. of Hwy K, S. of St. Clair	DB	SMB, RB, SPB
River Round	FRANCO, Hwy TT, E. of St. Clair	B	SPB, CAT, SNF
Riverview	CRAWCO, Hwy O, off Hwy 19	B	SMB, RB, SPB
Robertsville SP	FRANCO, Hwy O, N. of Robertsville	B, R	SPB, CAT, SNF
Simpson Park	STLCO, Marshall at Grand Glaize Cr.	R	SPB, CAT, SNF
Rt. 66 State Park	STLCO, Lewis & I-44	B, DR	SPB, CAT, SNF
Sand Ford	FRANCO, Hwy W, S of Stanton	B	SMB, RB, SPB
Sappington Bridge	CRAWCO, Sappington Rd. off Hwy D	B, DR	SMB, RB, SPB
Scott's Ford	CRAWCO, Thurman Lake Rd, off Hwy 8		SMB, RB, SPB
Unger Park	STLCO, Yarnell, N. of I-44		SPB, CAT, SNF
Valley Park	STLCO, Marshall, E. of Hwy 141	DB	SPB, CAT, SNF
Winter Park	STLCO, Allen, S. of Old Gravois	B, R	SPB, CAT, SNF
Woods Memorial	CRAWCO, Hwy 8, SE of St James	DR	SMB, RB, SPB

Mineral Fork Access

River Access	Location	Facilities	BEST BETS
Kingston	WASHCO, CO RD 317, off Hwy 47		SMB,RB, SNF

Mississippi River Access

River Access	Location	Facilities	BEST BETS
Cliff Cave	STLCO, Cliff Cave, E. of Telegraph		CAT, DRM, STU
Columbia Bottom	STLCO, Riverview to Columbia Bottom Rd		CAT, DRM, STU
Cuivre Island	STCHCO, Dalbow, off Hwy 79	B	CAT,DRM,CRA
Dresser Island	STCHCO, Hwy 94, E. of Portage des Sioux		CAT,DRM,CRA
Hide Away Harbor	STCHCO,Sioux Rd, off Hwy J & 94	DB, DR, DF	CAT,DRM,CRA
Lincoln Shields	STCHCO, Hwy 67 Bridge	B, R	CAT, DRM, CRP
Maple Slough	STCHCO, Spur Dike, S. of Hwy 67	B, R	CAT, DRM, CRP
Norton Woods	LINCO, Co Rd 927, off Hwy E and 79		CAT, DRM, STU
Truman Park	JEFFCO, Hwy AA at Drury & Big Hollow	B	CAT, DRM, STU

Missouri River Access

River Access	Location	Facilities	BEST BETS
Blanchette Landing	STCHCO, N. River Rd, NE. St. Charles	B, DR	CAT, DRM, CRP
Colter's Landing	FRANCO, Hwy 100, W of Washington	B	CAT, DRM, CRP
Columbia Bottom	STLCO, Riverview to Columbia Bottom Rd	DB, DR, DF	CAT, DRM, CRP
Frontier Park	STCHCO, S. River Rd in St. Charles		CAT, DRM, CRP
Howell Island	STLCO, Eartherton Rd, W. of Chesterfield		CAT, DRM, CRP
Klondike	STCHCO, Hwy 94, W of Augusta		CAT, DRM, CRP
New Haven	FRANCO, Hwy, 100 in New Haven	B, DR	CAT, DRM, CRP
Sioux Passage	STLCO, Old Jamestown & Vaille	B, R	CAT, DRM, CRP
Washington	FRANCO, NW Hwy 47	B, R	CAT, DRM, CRP
Weldon Springs	STCHCO, Hwy 94, S. of Hwy 40	B, R	CAT, DRM, CRP

STL Urban Fishing Program Lakes

Lake/Size (acres)	Location	Facilities	BEST BETS
Benton Park Lake (1)	STLCITY, Arsenal and Jefferson	DF	CCF
Black Jack Lake (1)	STLCO, Redman & Jefferies	F, DR	CCF, SNF, LMB
Carondelet Park	STLCITY, I-55 & Loughborough	DF, R	
Boathouse Lake (5)			CCF, LMB, RBT
Horseshoe Lake (3)			CCF, BLG, LMB
Fairgrounds Park Lake (9)	STLCITY, Natural Bridge & Vandeventer	DF, R	CCF, LMB, SNF
Fountain Lake (2)	STLCO, N. of St. Cyr. Rd	DF, R	CCF, LMB, BLG
Hyde Park Lake (1)	STLCITY, Salisbury & 20th	DF, R	CCF, SNF
January-Wabash Lake (5)	STLCO, Florissant & January	DF, R	CCF, LMB, SNF
Forest Park	STLCITY, Kingshighway & Hwy 40		
Jefferson Lake (9)		DF, DR	CCF, LMB, RBT
Lafayette Park Lake (1)	STLCITY, Lafayette & Missouri	DF, R	CCF
New Ballwin Park Lake (1)	STLCO, New Ballwin, S. of Manchester	DF, DR	CCF, LMB, SNF
N. Riverfront Pk Lake (9)	STLCITY, Riverview at Chain of Rocks		CCF, CRA
O'Fallon Park Lake (5)	STLCITY, W. Florissant, S of I-70	DF, DR	CCF, LMB, RBT
Suson Park (3 lakes, 8A)	STLCO, Hwy 21 & Wells	DF, DR	CCF, SNF, RBT
Tilles Park Lake (2)	STLCO, McKnight & Litzinger	DF, DR	CCF, LMB, RBT
Vlasis Park Lake (1)	STLCO, Manchester & Seven Trails	DF, DR	CCF, RBT, SNF
Willmore Park	STLCITY, Gravois & Jamieson	DF, R	
North Lake (2)			CCF, LMB
South Lake (5)			CCF, LMB, CRA

MDC and Community Assistance Program Lakes

Lake/Size (acres)	Location	Facilities	BEST BETS
Bee Tree Park Lake (9A)	STLCO, Finestone & Becker Rds	DF, DR	LMB, CCF, BLG
Bellefontaine CA - Bluegill Lake (4A)	STLCO, Hwy 367 & I-270	DR	LMB, BLG
Bilderback Lake (1A)	CRAWCO, Potosi City Park	F, R	LMB, CCF, BLG
Buder Pond (3A)	JEFFCO, Hwy. FF, Glassberg CA		LMB, BLG
Busch CA (32 Lakes, 500A)	STCHCO, Hwy D & Hwy 94	DF, DR	LMB, CCF, SNF
Community Club Lake (5A)	STCHCO, W Meyer & Lions Rd	DF, DR	LMB. CCF, BLG
Creve Coeur Lake (320A)	STLCO, Dorsett & Marine	B, DF, DR	CCF, CRA, LMB
Daniel Boone CA (4 Lakes, 3A)	WARCO, Tower Road, Off Hwy. Y		LMB, SNF, CCF
Fenton Park Lakes (3 Lakes, 9A)	STLCO, Fabick Lane		LMB, BLG, CRA
Jarville Lake (2A)	STLCO, Weideman N of Manchester	R	LMB, BLG, RED
Kluesner Lake	STCHCITY, I-370 and Elm	F, DR	LMB, CCF, BLG
Koeneman Park Lake (6A)	STLCO, Lucas/Hunt, N of W Florissant	DF, R	LMB, SNF, CCF
Lincoln Lake (55A)	LINCO, Cuivre River SP	B, DR	LMB, CCF, RED
Logan CA (6 Lakes, 35A)	LINCO, Hwy RA, off Hwy E & Hwy 61	R	LMB, BLG , CCF
Moore Lake (15)	STCHCITY, I-370 and Elm	DR	LMB, CCF, BLG
Port Hudson Lake (55A)	FRANCO, Bald Hill Rd, off Hwy C, N of Hwy 50	B, R	LMB, CCF, RED
Reifsneider CA (2 Lakes, 5A)	WARCO, Schuetzenground Road		LMB, BLG,CCF
Simpson Park Lake (72A)	STLCO, Marshall & Grand Glaize	B, DF, DR	LMB, SPB, CRA
Skate Park Lake (12)	STCHCITY, I-370 and Elm	DR	LMB, CCF, BLG
Spanish Lake (33A)	STLCO, Spanish Pond, E. of Bellefontaine	B, DF, DR	LMB, BLG, CRA
Sunfish Lake (31A)	STLCO, Spanish Pond, E. of Bellefontaine	B, R	LMB, SNF, CCF
Walker Lake (2A)	STLCO, Geyer & Adams in Kirkwood	DF, DR	LMB, CCF, BLG,
Weldon Spring CA - (2 Lakes, 35A)	STCHCO, Hwy 94 & Hwy 40	R	LMB, BLG, CRA
White Memorial WA (2 Lakes, 35A)	LINCO, Hwy Z and Hwy 61		LMB, CCF, BLG
Wild Acres Park Lake (2A)	STLCO, Ashby Rd & Mildland Blvd, Overland	F, DR	LMB, BLG, RBT
Young CA (2 Lakes, 2A)	JEFFCO, Hwy F, South of Eureka		LMB, BLG

Best Bets:

BLG = Bluegill
CRA = Crappie
CAT = Blue, Channel and Flathead catfish
CCF = Channel catfish
CRP = Carp
DRM = Freshwater drum
LMB = Largemouth bass
RBT = Rainbow trout (winter only)
RED = Redear sunfish
RB = Rock bass
SMB = Smallmouth bass
SPB = Spotted bass
STU = Sturgeon species
SNF = Sunfish species

City/County Abbreviations:

STLCO = St. Louis County
CRAWCO = Crawford County
LINCO = Lincoln County
FRANCO = Franklin County
STCHCO = St. Charles County
JEFFCO = Jefferson County
STCHCITY = St. Charles City
STLCITY = St. Louis City

Facilities Abbreviations:

R = Restrooms
DR = Disabled-Accessible Restroom
F = Fishing Dock
DF = Disabled-Accessible Fishing Dock
B = Boat Ramp
DB = Disabled-Accessible Boat Ramp

St. Louis Fish Stocking Hotline

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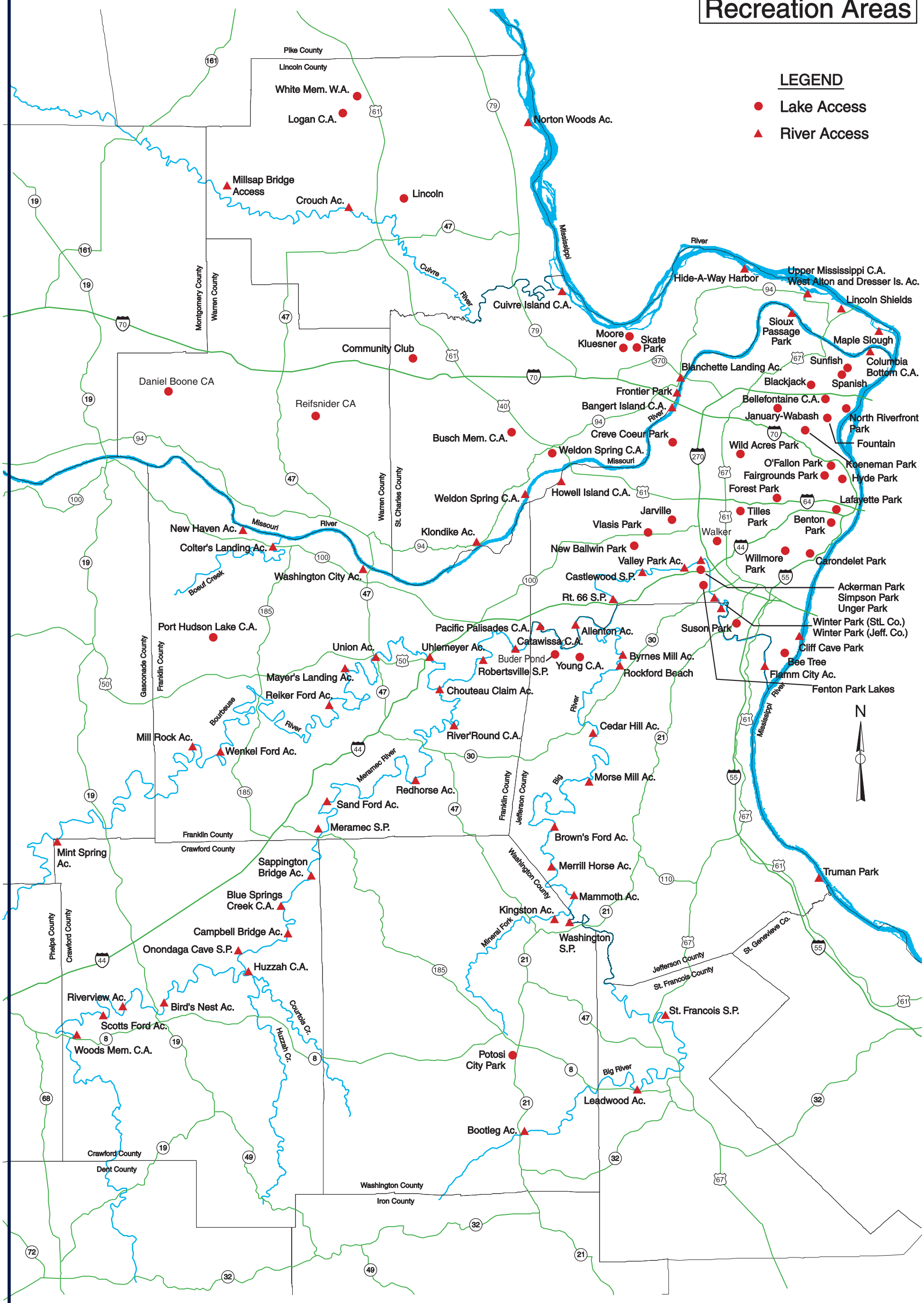
St. Louis Region Recreation Areas



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