

CREVE COEUR PARK



Creve Coeur Park is the oldest and largest St. Louis County park, and one of the most popular. Its main feature is beautiful Creve Coeur Lake, one of the largest oxbow lakes in Missouri. Crescent-shaped oxbow lakes form when a meandering section of river is cut off from the main channel. There are several sections to the park, and you will be visiting three of them.

#1. Start at the upper level of the park (off Dorsett Rd). Take the one-way loop road across from the lighted ball field. When you are about half-way around the loop, where it makes a pretty sharp turn to the left, start looking in the tree line on your right. You are looking for a White Oak with an unusual “natural graft”. This happens when two branches grow into each other. Did you find it? _____



#2. As you come out of the loop road, you’ll see a brick building. Around 1900, Creve Coeur Park was a big resort area. It was like Lake of the Ozarks is today. Streetcars brought tons people to the park from St. Louis. The brick building was an electric substation for the street cars, and the “end of the line”. Now the brick building is used for something else, and you could think of it as the “beginning of the line”. What is there now? _____

#3. Head down Marine Ave and find the Greensfelder Memorial Shelter. This shelter has been described as looking like a mushroom or space ship. There’s a great view overlooking the lake from here! What year was the memorial dedicated? _____



#4. Now head down to the lake and make sure that you visit Dripping Springs. This pretty waterfall has a sad legend that goes along with it. According to the legend, who died here?

#5. Finally, as a little bit of extra fun, you and your family can rent canoes or kayaks to paddle around the lake. Do a little math - how much would it cost to rent one canoe for 2 hours? _____

