



*Mid Mo Old Car Club*  
*PO Box 1594,*  
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## **SWINGING BRIDGES TOUR**

*Saturday, May 23*

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### TO DO:

- Pack your lunch and drinks and chairs.
- Bring hand sanitizer.
- Use the bathroom when you can, as there are limited facilities.
- Stay socially distant.
- Get out of the house and confirm, “Old Cars are Cool!”
- OLD CARS ENCOURAGED, but not required.
- About 100 miles round trip.

Lyle's cell is: 573 291 7159

9:00am Depart Blair Oaks High School  
6124 Falcon Lane just off Route M  
Wardsville, Missouri

- No facilities. Cars can be left on the lot if you want to carpool.
- Travel down Route B through St. Thomas to Meta (about 16.0 miles).
- Turn right on to Hwy 133 in Meta. Travel 2.1 miles.
- Turn right on to Hwy 52 toward St. Elizabeth. Travel 2.9 miles.
- Turn left on to Ridge Road / County Road 52-64 (gravel for 2.7 miles).
- Turn right on to Kemna Bridge Road / Country Road 52-56 (gravel for about 1.5 mile).

Total distance is about 25 miles (with about 4.2 being gravel)

- 9:45am **Arrive at Kemna Swinging Bridge, St. Elizabeth, Missouri.**
- Park along the road and walk to the bridge and river access below.
  - No facilities.
- 10:00am Depart Kemna Swinging Bridge.
- Cross the swinging bridge, continuing toward St. Elizabeth on Kemna Bridge Road (Gravel for .7 miles, then blacktop).
  - Kemna Bridge Road becomes Washington Street into St. Elizabeth.
  - Right on to Jefferson Street for one block.
  - Right on the Main Street / Hwy 52 to the Cenex Station for one block.
- 10:15am Arrive at Cenex Gas Station  
(IF PARKING IS TIGHT, MAY NEED TO PARK AT THE CAR WASH ACROSS THE STREET)  
438 Main Street  
St. Elizabeth, Missouri
- Gas, bathroom, and snacks.
- 10:30am Depart for Brumley.
- Left on to Hwy 52 as you leave the gas station.
  - Travel on Hwy 52 for 3.2 miles until Route PP.
  - Left on to Route PP. Travel on PP for 3.1 miles. *Be on the lookout for the elephant.*
  - Right on to Route A. Travel on A for 5.1 miles until Hwy 17.
  - Left on to Hwy 17 for .5 miles until Route C.
  - Right on to Route C. Travel Route C for 7.8 miles, through Ullman and Brumley until Hwy 42.
  - Right on the Hwy 42 for .3 miles to Swinging Bridges Road.
  - Left on to Swinging Bridges Road / County Road 42-18 (Gravel for 2.0 miles).

Total distance is about 23 miles (with about 2 being gravel)

- 11:30am **Cross Mill Creek Swinging Bridge.**  
**Cross Grand Auglaize Swinging Bridge.**
- After crossing Auglaize Swinging Bridge, turn right on to a gravel bar.
  - No facilities.

***“Tailgate/Trunk” picnic lunch.***  
***BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS, LUNCH, and CHAIRS.***

- 12:30pm Depart for JC at your leisure, but caravan will travel back through Tuscumbia. Stick together for security!
- Return back on Swinging Bridges Road toward Brumley.
  - Right on to Hwy 42 to Brumley.
  - Left on to Route C in Brumley. Travel Route C for 7.8 miles, through Ullman until Hwy 17.
  - Left on to Hwy 17 to Tuscumbia for 5.2 miles.

Total distance is about 16 miles (with first 2 being gravel)

- 1:15pm Pit stop at Cenex in Tuscumbia.
- Gas, bathroom, and snacks.

- 1:30pm Depart for Jefferson City.
- Continue on Hwy 17 toward Eugene (Hwy 54).
  - Take Hwy 54 back to Jefferson City  
OR
  - Take Hwy 54 to Brazito to Route E and then Route B back to Wardsville.

- 2:30pm Back home for a nap.

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## SWINGING BRIDGE INFORMATION

### BRIDGE #1: Kemna Swinging Bridge

#### *Overview*

Swinging bridge over Tavern Creek on Kemna Bridge Road (CR 52-56) east of St. Elizabeth

#### *Status*

Open to traffic with a 15 ton weight limit

#### *History*

Built 1924 by Joseph Dice; rehabilitated 1978

#### *Design*

Wire suspension

#### *Dimensions*

Total length: 167.0 ft.

Deck width: 11.1 ft.

Vertical clearance above deck: 12.7 ft.



## **BRIDGE #2: Mill Creek Swinging Bridge**

### *Overview*

Suspension bridge over Mill Creek on Lake Road 42-18 (Swinging Bridges Road) near Brumley

### *Status*

Open to one-lane traffic

### *History*

Built ca. 1925 by Joseph Dice; rehabilitated 1978

### *Design*

Wire suspension

### *Dimensions*

Length of largest span: 95.1 ft.

Total length: 134.8 ft.

Deck width: 11.1 ft.

Vertical clearance above deck: 10.9 ft.

## **BRIDGE #3: Grand Auglaize Swinging Bridge**

### *Overview*

Suspension bridge over Grand Auglaize Creek on Swinging Bridges Road (Lake Road 42-18) southwest of Brumley

### *Status*

Open to traffic

### *History*

Built 1922 by Joseph Dice

### *Design*

Wire suspension

### *Dimensions*

Length of largest span: 414.0 ft.

Total length: 500.0 ft.

Deck width: 12.1 ft.

Vertical clearance above deck: 13.5 ft.

