

# AREA ATTRACTIONS & RECREATION

## PARKS

- **Bowling Green City Park** is a 11.4-acre park recently renovated with the addition of a walking path and shelter house, picnic, and playground areas. The park also includes lighted baseball fields, soccer fields and a basketball court. The park is located on South Court Street, 4 blocks north of the roundabout at Business 61 or 4 blocks south of the town square. To reserve Ball Fields/Soccer Fields or Shelter House, Contact City Hall at (573)324-5451.
- **Visitor Center Park** is located near the overpass of Hwy 61/161 on the south outer road.
- **Sunset Park** located on Georgia Street in Louisiana
- **VFW Park** located on Fairgrounds Road in Louisiana
- **Riverview Park** located at the Mississippi Riverfront in Louisiana
- **River Front Park** located at the Mississippi Riverfront in Clarksville
- **Pike's Off Road Park** is located 7 miles north of Bowling Green in a rural setting. Fairly new Off Road Park with free primitive camping with admission. They welcome generators but there is no electric or water hook ups. It is 800 plus acres of trails and mud pits suitable for Dirt bikes, SxS, Jeeps and Trucks. The address is 11950 Hwy VV, Bowling Green, Missouri 63334. The contact number is (573)253-5169 or go to [pikesoffroad.com](http://pikesoffroad.com) or find us on Facebook at PIKES OFF-ROAD

## CAMPING

- **Back 40 Bluegrass Park** is located 1 mile north of Curryville in a country setting. Big rig accessible, water & sewer hook-ups, tent spaces, 30 amp electric, catch & release fishing, etc. For more information, please call Owners: Ron & Yvonne Turnbull at (573)324-3948. Evening phone (573)470-1870 or go to [www.backfortybluegrasspark.com](http://www.backfortybluegrasspark.com)
- **Cozy C RV Campground** is located between Bowling Green and Louisiana, MO at 16733 Hwy 54. The 45 sites have full hook-ups consisting of electric, rural water and sewer connections. For more information, call (573)324-3055 or visit [www.cozycampground.com](http://www.cozycampground.com)
- **Heavenly Hills Resort** is located between Clarksville and Louisiana, MO at 25795 Hwy N, Clarksville, MO. Nestled among the hills right off the Mississippi river, the resort offers hook ups for RV's or you may stay in one of their cabins, suites or condos. The resort offers a private stocked lake, swimming pool, tennis court and driving range.
- **Peace Tree Farms** is located between Bowling Green and Eolia, MO at 100 Peace Tree Lane, Eolia, MO. The farm sits beautifully on 153 acres in the Missouri countryside and has been in the Niedner Family for generations. PeaceTree Farms was established by Katie Niedner and Steve Besaw in 2016. Their mission is pretty simple - they want to provide the community with a beautiful place to connect with nature and each other. PeaceTree Farms is where good times and memories grow, and it is their genuine honor to provide a special place for life's special moments, whether it's a fairytale wedding or watching a little one catch their first fish on the lake. Seasonal hours vary, please call

(573)470-6777, message us on Facebook to book or visit our website at [PeaceTreeFarmsLLC@gmail.com](mailto:PeaceTreeFarmsLLC@gmail.com).

## HUNTING - FISHING - BOATING

- **Clarence Cannon Dam & Mark Twain Lake** located just 45 minutes northwest of Bowling Green, Mark Twain Lake and Clarence Cannon Dam are operated by the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers. Approximately 55,000 acres of land and water are available for public enjoyment of wildlife and other natural resources. Mark Twain Lake encompasses 18,600 acres, providing a variety of fishing opportunities for large and small mouth bass, crappie, walleye, catfish, bluegill and others. Approximately 45,000 acres of land are available for hunting. Species available for hunting include dove, quail, squirrel, deer, wild turkeys, rabbits and waterfowl.
- **Jack Floyd Memorial Lake** is a 40-acre lake that features a boat dock and fishing dock.
- **West Lake** is a 45-acre lake that is suitable for canoeing. Both lakes are excellent fishing lakes stocked with bass, catfish and sunfish by the Missouri Department of Conservation. The lakes can be accessed from the Hwy 61/161 overpass by going south on County Road 280 and 282. For more information, contact the City of Bowling Green at (573)324-5451.
- **Ranaker Conservation Area**, managed by the Missouri Department of Conservation, provides both hunting and fishing under statewide regulations. Penno Creek runs through the area and is one of the higher quality streams in North Missouri with bass, catfish and sunfish. The shooting range has 25-, 50- and 100-yard targets. Deer, dove, quail, rabbit, squirrel and turkey have good populations. The Conservation Area is located 10 miles north of Bowling Green on Hwy 61, then west of Hwy RA. For more information, call MDC at (573)248-2530 or refer to the Missouri Department of Conservation Website.
- **Ted Shanks Area**, managed by the Missouri Department of Conservation, provides both hunting and fishing under statewide regulations. Ted Shanks Conservation Area borders 8.75 miles of Mississippi River frontage, 4.75 miles of the Salt River and 2.25 miles of river bluffs. The area was a hunting and battle ground for Sac and Fox Indians from the north and the Osages from the south. The area contains 35 miles of levees, three pump stations, nine miles of water canals and 45 water control structures. The area is divided into 25 management units. A concrete boat ramp provides access to the Salt River. Located 14 miles northeast of Bowling Green at 3643 Pike 145, Ashburn, MO. For more information, call MDC at (573)248-2530 or refer to the Missouri Department of Conservation Website.
- **The Mississippi River** is conveniently located just 11 miles east of Bowling Green on Hwy 54 in Louisiana, MO. Boat ramps are available in Louisiana on the riverfront six blocks south of Hwy 54 on South Carolina Street. Cross the Champ Clark Memorial Bridge into Illinois to reach the **Two Rivers Marina**, a 200 plus slip facility with both covered and uncovered docks. Call (217)437-2321 for more information or visit their website [www.tworiversmarina.com](http://www.tworiversmarina.com).

## GOLF COURSES

- **Vandalia Country Club** is located on Hwy 54 between Bowling Green and Vandalia at 4172 US-54. Call (573)594-6666.

- **Eagle's Bluff Golf Course** is located two miles south of Clarksville at 16500 Hwy 79 S. Call (573)242-3309.
- **Pike County Country Club** is located between Bowling Green and Louisiana at 19538 Hwy 54. Call (573)754-7944.

## SCULPTURE PARK

- **Saint Louis University's Lay Center for Education and the Arts and Henry Lay Sculpture Park** is a 350-acre property located on Hwy UU between Bowling Green and Louisiana. The Sculpture Park comprises approximately 20 acres with a well-maintained path that takes guests on a 40-minute walk through a working Maple Grove, the McElwee Cemetery and most importantly a plethora of sculpture. Park hours April-December are Thursday – Sunday 10am to dusk. Closed January – March. Call (573)754-7913 or (314)977-4726 or visit [slu.edu/lay-center](http://slu.edu/lay-center) for more information.

## HEALTH and WELLNESS

- **Twin Pike Family YMCA** is located approximately 10 miles east of Bowling Green on Hwy 54 at 614 Kelly Lane in Louisiana, MO. The YMCA offers everything from a wellness center, indoor heated pool, indoor track, and aerobics room, to before and afterschool and mentoring programs for our youth in Louisiana and surrounding areas. Hours of operation Monday – Friday 5:30am to 8:00pm, Saturday 8:00am to 5:00pm and Sunday 1:00pm to 5:00pm. Call (573)754-4497 for more information or visit [www.twinpikefamilyymca.org](http://www.twinpikefamilyymca.org).

## MUSEUMS and HISTORY

- **Champ Clark House** was residence of the Honorable Champ Clark, Congressman from Missouri's Ninth District who presided as Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives from 1911 to 1919. Now a National Historic Landmark and regional museum, the Clarks home is open to the public with collections that interpret not only the personal lives and political legacies of the Clark family, but the remarkable records and rich heritage of public service by elected officeholders from Pike County and Northeast Missouri. Visit [www.champclark.org](http://www.champclark.org) for more information.
- **Honey Shuck National Historic landmark** is located at 207 East Champ Clark Drive, Bowling Green, MO. The hours of operation are June 1 through Labor Day, Tuesday - Sunday, 1:30pm to 4pm. Closed on Mondays.
- **Pike County Courthouse** is located in Bowling Green, the County Seat of Pike County. The Courthouse, built in 1917, is located centrally on the town square on West Main Street. The courthouse building is constructed of Bedford stone and trimmed in Carthage marble. The interior retains much of the atmosphere of the period in which it was built. A statue of Champ Clark, Bowling Green's most famous son, is located at the south entrance.
- **War Memorial**, located on the Courthouse lawn, is the result of a community-wide effort to recognize county residents who served in the armed forces during World War I and II, the Korean Conflict, the Vietnam War and the Desert Storm Conflict. Approximately 1300 veteran's names are



included on the stones with recognition of those missing, killed or wounded in action. The memorial was dedicated on July 4, 1992.

- **Historical Cemeteries**, Pike County was a stepping off place for the great migration west. Our cemeteries offer a wealth of information for those interested in the genealogy of their families. Most of the cemeteries have been cataloged by the Pike County Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Catalogs are available at the Bowling Green Public Library or contact the Pike County Genealogical Society.
- **Louisiana Area Historical Museum** is located at 304 Georgia Street, Louisiana, MO. The hours of operation are Monday – Friday, 10am to 3pm, Summer Saturdays, 10am to 3pm or by appointment. Call (573)754-4443.
- **Pike County Genealogical Society & Museum** is located at 5 E. Church Street, Bowling Green, MO. Tours are available on Thursday from 1pm to 4pm or by appointment. Call (573)324-5180.

## AMISH COMMUNITY

- **Old Order Amish Settlement**, just outside of Bowling Green lies a thriving self-sufficient Amish Community. The Amish use the same Bible as most religions use. Their life is simple. No electricity, no phones, no cars, (only horse and buggy), kerosene lamps for light, gasoline powered machinery to run such as a sawmill and or washing machine. Most speak in Pennsylvania Dutch dialect to each other. They speak English to the outside. They are talented craftspeople. Their cabinet shop is widely known for its fine handmade cabinets and furniture. Amish women make lovely items for sale such as quilts, rugs, baked goods, jams, jellies, and candies. Other shops include a fabric store, harness shop, buggy shop, rug shop, custom woodworking shop and sawmill. Serious shoppers are welcome, no photos please.

## CORN MAZE (seasonal)

- **Prairie's Edge Garden Center** is home to the seasonal Corn Maze. They are located on the outer road of Hwy 61 South of Bowling Green. They host school groups and individual tours. For more information call (573)324-5757.
- **Peno Creek Pumpkin Patch** is home to the seasonal Pumpkin Patch. Fun for the whole family on a mid-west farm! Corn maze, hayrides, pumpkin patch, and lots more! They are located north of Bowling Green at 8060 Hwy 61, Frankford, MO. For more information call (573)424-9390 or email hollydelgman@hotmail.com.