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# Cape Girardeau

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**CAPE GIRARDEAU, MISSOURI  
VISITORS GUIDE**

WELCOME TO

# Cape Girardeau

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Nestled along the western banks of the mighty Mississippi River, you'll find Cape Girardeau, Missouri – a community rich in history and heritage. For more than 250 years, people have been drawn to Cape Girardeau and the river on which it lies. As you stroll along our riverfront, pause for a moment... You'll feel the passion that led Mark Twain to write so eloquently about Cape Girardeau in *Life on the Mississippi*, the inspiration that Gen. Ulysses S. Grant used to lead with firm conviction as he took command of the Union Army on the Mississippi in our historic downtown and the warmth and hospitality that our community founder Louis Lorimier extended to Lewis and Clark while on the journey of a lifetime as they set forth on their Corps of Discovery to explore the Louisiana Purchase.

Whether hiking through a state park, enjoying a theater production, walking across a covered bridge, shopping for antiques, visiting area wineries, viewing murals that stretch the entire length of the downtown area, making memories at one of our family-friendly attractions or stepping back in time at any number of historic sites... If your expectation is a wonderful getaway, Cape Girardeau is your destination. You've arrived!



# We'll See You Soon!

Whether your travels bring you to Cape Girardeau for an unforgettable vacation, as a spectator or participant in one of our many outstanding sporting events, as part of a group tour or as an attendee at a regional conference, we hope you'll stop by our Convention & Visitors Bureau. We would love to have the opportunity to say hello and personally welcome you to Cape Girardeau.

While you're here, we can provide you with some great suggestions regarding lodging, dining, shopping, entertainment, self-guided tours and we'll even throw in a story or two! With a wide variety of attractions, activities and events, you'll create not only some wonderful memories, but hopefully along the way, you'll find your own stories to tell. Inspiration, warmth and hospitality still exist in a place that is uniquely Cape Girardeau, Missouri. We hope to see you soon!

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Mississippi River Tales Mural

A scenic overlook of the Mississippi River. The foreground shows a rocky, eroded bank of the river. A railroad track runs horizontally across the middle ground. Above the track, a lush forest of trees in various shades of green, yellow, and orange (autumn foliage) covers a hillside. In the distance, a small white building or structure is visible on a grassy slope.

# Settling on the Banks of the River

The Mississippi River has always played an integral part in Cape Girardeau's history.

Long before Europeans settled here, this area was home to many tribes of Native Americans, including the Ozark Bluff Dwellers and the Mississippian Tribe. The lush grasses, mild-to-moderate climate and easy river accessibility provided the perfect place to live.

In the 1730s, a young Frenchman named Jean Baptiste Girardot, for whom the city is named, established a trading post at a significant headland jutting well into the river. This large outcrop became known as The Cape. However, Girardot was a trader, not a settler, and by the mid-1700s Girardot had moved on.

In 1793, the Spanish government gave Frenchman Louis Lorimier a sizable land grant, which included title to land throughout this entire region. He established a trading post near the river, just a few miles south of the site previously established by Girardot. Even though Lorimier is considered to be the community's true founder, he was not afforded the honor of being its namesake. Lorimier did try, by naming his post Lorimont, but the names The Cape and Girardot were already widely associated with the area and so the community ultimately became known as Cape Girardeau. Lorimier's trading post and home, The Red House, was located near the site now occupied by Old St. Vincent's Church. The house stood until 1850, when it was destroyed by a tornado.

As Lewis and Clark set out on their expedition in 1803, they arrived in a thriving community boasting a population of 1,111. Early in 1806, the town of Cape Girardeau was laid out in lots and a petition for incorporation was presented in 1808. With the advent of steamboats came easy movement of manufactured goods which expedited growth. Shops were opened, and hotels went up along the river. Cape Girardeau moved from being a village to a city. As railroads were completed, the city's population doubled in just a few months.

Ironically, the river that had been so intricately tied to the establishment of the community also devastated the city through flooding. Every few years, the Mississippi River would ravage the downtown area, wiping out businesses and bankrupting the proprietors. In order for the city to survive, something had to be done to tame the river. Plans took decades, but in 1956 work began on a floodwall that would protect the city's historic downtown. It was completed in 1964 at a cost of \$4 million and has saved the downtown area many times over.

# Back in Time

Discover more than 250 years of history and heritage in Cape Girardeau!

## Bollinger Mill State Historic Site

**1** Relive the days of yesteryear with a visit to Bollinger Mill State Historic Site, just 19 miles west of Cape Girardeau. The 19th-century mill and its neighboring covered bridge offer a glimpse of now rare Americana that once might have been expected around many a turn on Missouri roads. The present mill, dating to the Civil War period, is a massive four-story stone and brick building where corn was ground into meal long ago. The succession of three mills that have stood on this site represent more than 200 years of milling history.



The Burfordville Covered Bridge, standing alongside the mill, stretches 140 feet across the Whitewater River, which powered the mill. Both are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Built in 1858, it is the oldest of only four remaining covered bridges in Missouri. The site is a perfect spot for a picnic under shade trees along the banks of the river. Popular yearly events include Halloween storytelling, bluegrass concerts, guided walks to the Bollinger Family Cemetery and historic games.

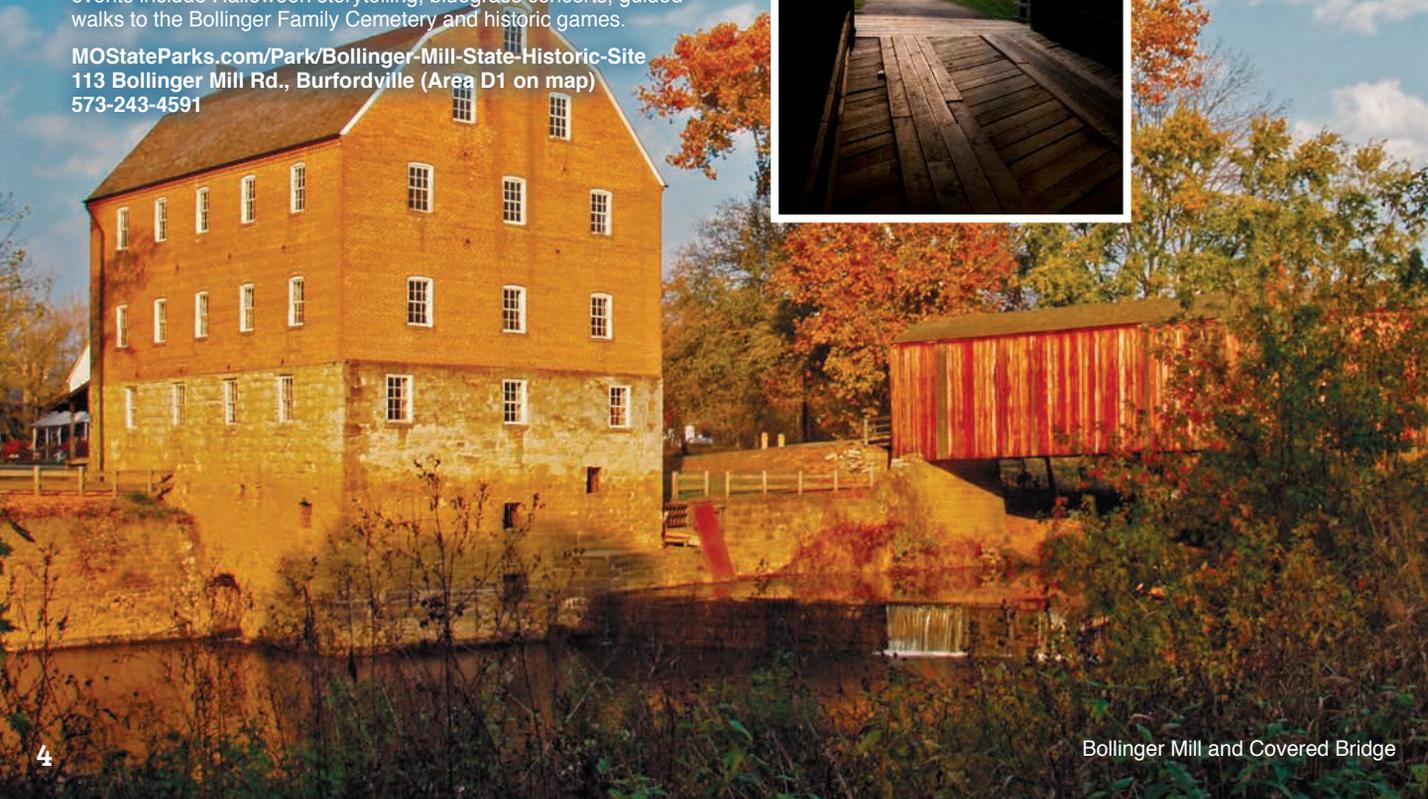
[MStateParks.com/Park/Bollinger-Mill-State-Historic-Site](http://MStateParks.com/Park/Bollinger-Mill-State-Historic-Site)  
113 Bollinger Mill Rd., Burfordville (Area D1 on map)  
573-243-4591



## Cape River Heritage Museum

**2** The Cape River Heritage Museum is located in a local landmark, the old police and fire station, which dates back to 1908. Audio/video, dioramas, interactive and personal presentations enhance one's experience. Regional history exhibits are ever changing. The museum is a delightful way to familiarize all ages with what life was once like along the banks of the mighty Mississippi River. The Cape River Heritage Museum showcases Cape Girardeau's history from Ensign Girardot's trading post to the steamboat days to today.

[Visitcape.com/Discover/Cape-River-Heritage-Museum](http://Visitcape.com/Discover/Cape-River-Heritage-Museum)  
538 Independence St. (See map inset) 573-334-0405



## Old Lorimier Cemetery

**3** Old Lorimier Cemetery was set aside by Louis Lorimier, the founder of Cape Girardeau, as the community's first graveyard. This historic cemetery features 1,446 marked burials as well as an undetermined number of unmarked graves. The total number of graves is estimated to be 6,500, including more than 1,200 Civil War soldiers. Grave markers represent a wide variety of styles and contain a great deal of historic funerary iconography.

500 North Fountain St. (Area L8 on map)  
573-334-1917



## Glenn House

**4** The Glenn House provides a window into what life was like during the Victorian period. This home was built in 1883 in a vernacular farmhouse style for Lula Deane, the daughter of renowned architect and builder Edwin Branch Deane and the wife of David A. Glenn, one of the most influential citizens in Cape Girardeau's storied history. During the 1890s, electricity and plumbing were installed and, in 1900, an extensive renovation was undertaken to convert the style of the house to the then popular Queen Anne style. The home exemplifies the way a successful middle-class family would have lived at the turn of the 20th century. History recounts that Glenn was indeed a successful man whose influence did as much, if not more, than anyone else's to enhance the development of the city of Cape Girardeau. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, this home has many of its original architectural features as well as original plumbing fixtures, moldings and wall treatments. This home has been faithfully restored with authentic period furniture gracing its interior. Dozens of beautifully decorated Christmas trees fill the Glenn House with Victorian holiday spirit on weekends throughout December during the annual Christmas at the Glenn House tours.

GlennHouse.org · 325 South Spanish St. (See map inset) 573-335-1631



## Crisp Museum

**5** The Rosemary Berkel and Harry L. Crisp II Southeast Missouri Regional Museum is located in the Cultural Arts Center at Southeast Missouri State University's River Campus. Southeast Missouri is a geological, cultural and transportation crossroads. Archaeologically, the Museum has several collections of Native American artifacts, including many Mississippian ceramics from the Beckwith Collection, which are on permanent display. The Beckwith Collection contains one of the largest collections of Native American artifacts in North America.

In the Crossroads Theatre, visitors can view a 17-minute video, which introduces the region's rich natural and human history. In the Crossroads Gallery, exhibits and kiosks highlight the history of southeast Missouri. Exhibitions in the museum's 1,900-square-foot art gallery feature works by local, regional, national and international artists. The museum also offers a number of special activities, including educational classes, family fun days, a summer academy and much more.

SEMO.edu/Museum  
518 South Fountain St.  
(See map inset) 573-651-2260



# Back In Time

## Red House Interpretive Center

**6** The Red House Interpretive Center commemorates the life of Cape Girardeau's founder Louis Lorimier as well as Lewis and Clark's visit to the community on November 23, 1803. The center houses a number of exhibits and interpretive panels highlighting Lewis and Clark's visit, French Colonial architecture, settlers of the Old Cape Girardeau District and river, roads and transportation of the day. The center is a re-creation of Lorimier's trading post and home and displays authentic items that would have been sold at the turn of the 19th century.

Historically-accurate gardens surround the house and the Sunrise Over a New Land Mural depicts what the Mississippi River looked like during Lorimier's lifetime.

**128 South Main St. (See map inset)  
573-335-1631**



## Old St. Vincent's Church

**7** Built in the 1850s, this Chapel of Ease stands above the rest in that very few churches of this style exist in the U.S. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, this church includes architectural features that are predominantly Gothic with some Roman influence.

One hundred medieval design plaster masks portraying characters from the Miracle and Mystery plays, distinctive wrought-iron designs, meticulously hand-carved 3¼-inch thick doors and exquisite Italian Renaissance architecture all contribute to the breathtaking atmosphere you'll find inside and out at Old St. Vincent's Church. Old St. Vincent's still hosts a number of religious and cultural events throughout the year as well as weekly mass.

**OldStVincents.org  
131 South Main St.  
(See map inset)  
573-335-9347**



# The North vs. The South

The nation was engaged in Civil War. Battles raged across the nation, and Cape Girardeau was no exception.

On April 26, 1863, the calm of an early spring morning was shattered as the Union and Confederate armies engaged in a fierce, four-hour artillery battle that would come to be known as the Battle of Cape Girardeau. As the battle wound down, the air was heavy with smoke and the smell of gunpowder. There were casualties: 23 Union and 30 Confederate. The 'War Between the States' tore deeply at the very fabric of our nation. Stop by the Convention & Visitors Bureau to pick up a free, detailed brochure with map, Driving Tour of Civil War Sites of Cape Girardeau, which enables you to explore these sites at your own pace.

## Fort D

**8** Cape Girardeau was a divided community during the war. While there were Union and Confederate sympathizers, the city was firmly held for the duration of the war by Union forces. Fort D, constructed in the summer of 1861 by Union troops under the leadership of Lt. John Wesley Powell, is the only remaining Civil War fort out of four that once protected the city of Cape Girardeau from Confederate attack. Today, the earthwork walls remain intact along with displays and historical signage that recounts the history of Fort D.

Fort D Days brings the old fort's storied past back to life with a Civil War encampment featuring living history demonstrations, food, live music and cannon fire. Step back in time at historic Fort D, and experience anew the echoes of a now distant war that pitted brother against brother.

**FortDHistoricSite.com · 920 Fort St.  
(Area L11 on map) 573-335-1631**

## Common Pleas Courthouse

**9** Completed in 1854, this majestic courthouse sits high atop a hill overlooking the historic downtown and offers yet another spectacular view of the Mississippi River. This property has played a big part in Cape Girardeau's history from Indian council meetings to present day. During the Civil War, the Union provost marshal had his headquarters in the courthouse, and a dungeon in the basement housed disloyal locals, captured rebels, disorderly Union soldiers as well as people awaiting trials.

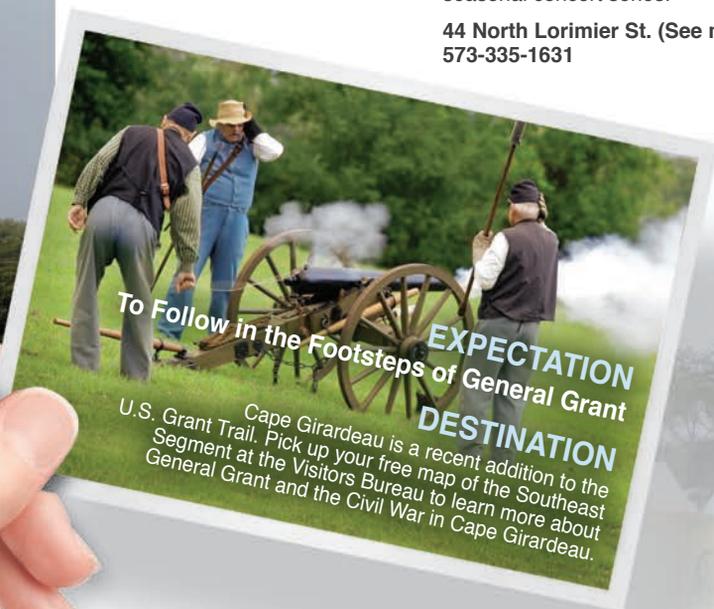
Today, the richly-shaded courthouse grounds are home to Union and Confederate memorials, and the gazebo plays host to Old Town Cape's Tunes at Twilight seasonal concert series.

**44 North Lorimier St. (See map insert)  
573-335-1631**



## Other Civil War Sites

- ~ Site of Battle of Cape Girardeau
- ~ Longview House: Site of Battery B
- ~ Sites of Forts A, B and C
- ~ Minton House: Smallpox Hospital
- ~ Confederate and Union Memorials
- ~ Common Pleas Courthouse
- ~ Old Lorimier Cemetery
- ~ Port Cape Girardeau and more



# Family Fun

Jump in to family fun for all ages in Cape Girardeau!

## Cape Splash Family Aquatic Center

**10** **EXPANDED!** Three and a half acres of fun in the sun can be found at Cape Splash Family Aquatic Center. Older kids will love the mat racer with a 265 foot free fall slide, the 259-foot-long triple drop slide and the vortex pool. Little ones can splash and play to their heart's content at the splash pad or the watery playground with zero depth entry. Kick back and relax under a shady funbrella or the 700-foot lazy river. Cape Splash is an affordable water park that provides waves of fun for families!

[CityofCapeGirardeau.org/Parks](http://CityofCapeGirardeau.org/Parks)  
1565 North Kingshighway (Area F5 on map) 573-339-6343



## Discovery Playhouse – A Children's Museum

**11** The Discovery Playhouse brings out the child in everyone and provides an entertaining and educational family experience. Through the love of play, this 7,000-square-foot museum offers a world of fun opportunities to learn through hands-on exhibits, play stations and interactive models.

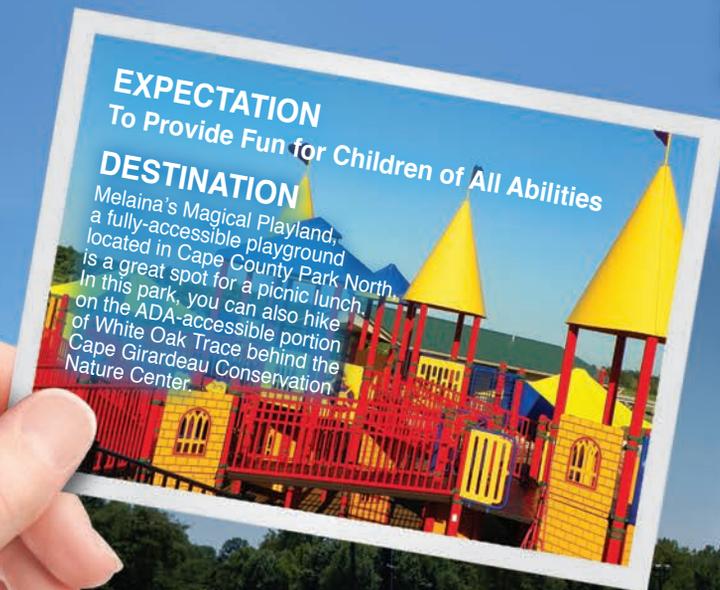
Permanent exhibits include a kid-sized grocery store, farm, bank, dentist's office, fire station, nursery, interactive water garden and art stations. Exhibits from other regional museums and science centers are regularly rotated, so that every visit is indeed a new discovery. Discovery Playhouse also offers workshops and programs incorporating science, history and other topics. You'll have a hard time convincing your kids it's time to go.

[DiscoveryPlayhouse.org](http://DiscoveryPlayhouse.org) · 502 Broadway (See map inset)  
573-335-PLAY (7529)

## Melaina's Magical Playland

**12** The only one of its kind in the area, this public playground is specifically designed to allow children with special needs to experience the joy of playing outdoors on the same equipment with typically-developing children. The playground offers integrated activities to foster a mutual respect and acceptance through fun-filled interaction and was constructed in loving memory of Melaina, daughter of local KFVS12 news anchor Jeff Cunningham and his wife Andrea. Melaina's spirit lives on as this inspiring play area brings everyone together in a place where fun knows no limitations.

[MagicalPlayland.org](http://MagicalPlayland.org) · 2289 County Park Dr. in Cape County Park North (Area B1 on map)



Cape Splash Family Aquatic Center



## Lazy L Safari Park

**13** Lazy L Safari Park is not your typical zoo. Filled with hundreds of exotic animals and more than 50 different species, visitors are offered a completely self-guided experience. Visitors can walk through the main barn, petting zoo, animal nursery and park grounds at their own pace.

Take a stroll along the creek while gazing into the fields to watch zebra or antelope graze. Go on “safari” and feed the pygmy goats, watch baby animals, peer into the reptile aquariums or check out the emu eggs in the incubator. You won’t want to miss the wallabies, kangaroos, tortoises, deer, zebras, camels, llamas, donkeys, porcupines, ibex, aoudads, antelope, sheep, alpacas, rheas, ostrich, birds, reptiles and more. A gift shop, picnic shelter and snack shop round out a fun, family experience.

**LazyLSafari.com · 2763 County Road 618  
(Area 11 on map) 573-243-7862**



## Cape Girardeau Public Library – A Destination Library

**14** This state-of-the-art destination library opens up new worlds for all ages. Children will love the creative play space, literacy computers, gaming systems and engaging programs. Teens have their own space complete with gaming systems and the hottest young adult titles.

The rest of the building includes a 20-seat computer lab, three small group tutoring rooms, a genealogy room, more than 100,000 books, magazines, DVDs, music CDs, audiobooks and a variety of comfortable seating. Free wi-fi is available throughout the building. Access to the library’s catalog and online databases is available through the library’s website. Be sure to check out the library’s online calendar to see what events are scheduled during your visit.

**CapeLibrary.org · 711 North Clark St.  
(Area 17 on map) 573-334-5279**



# Family Fun

## Cape Girardeau Conservation Nature Center

**12** The Cape Girardeau Conservation Nature Center showcases the rich cultural history and diverse natural resources of southeast Missouri. The nature center features a 160-seat auditorium, three classrooms, hands-on exhibits for all ages, scientific research laboratory, freshwater aquariums and indoor wildlife viewing area. Don't forget to spot the queen bee in the beehive – safely contained within plexiglass. Your little ones will love making rubbings of animal footprints. Check out a free hiking backpack full of activities to take along on a hike or a kids' fishing kit to toss in a line in the kids-only fishing pond just outside.

The gift shop also features a variety of educational books, DVDs and nature-related items. Programs are offered for all ages, ranging from monthly age-specific programs to large special events.

Outside the nature center, White Oak Trace features two miles of nature trails, allowing visitors to traverse rolling river hills marked by sinkholes and deep hollows, and to explore ravines covered with prominent stands of tulip poplar and oak. The Trace also connects to Wood Duck Swamp, Maple Hollow Trail and the Cape LaCroix Recreation Trail.

**MDC.MO.gov/Areas/CNC/Cape · 2289 County Park Dr. in Cape County Park North (Area C2 on map) 573-290-5218**



Additional opportunities for family fun abound in Cape Girardeau, from zip lines to indoor swimming and more.



## LeBounce

**15** LeBounce is an indoor inflatable play center for kids ages 10 and under with more than 6,000-square-feet of fun that includes a special toddler zone and a parents' lounge. Rain or shine, your kids can bounce away on the jumping castles, giant slides and more.

**LeBounceCape.com · 2502 Tanner Dr. in City Centre (Area H10 on map) 573-339-7529**

## Orange Monkey

**16** Located inside West Park Mall, Orange Monkey has bouncers, a zip line, an arcade, mini golf, bazooka ball and more that will keep your kids and teens entertained all day.

**Facebook.com/OrangeMonkeyCape  
3049 William St. in West Park Mall  
(Area E10 on map) 573-334-7070**



# Sports Action

Cape Girardeau is *THE* regional sports center for southeast Missouri and southern Illinois.

Here you can watch a roller derby match or an indoor rodeo or, if you prefer, you can participate in a 5K run or an organized cycling ride through our beautiful countryside.

For collegiate sports fans, there's a year-round schedule of exciting Southeast Missouri State University Redhawks events. You can enjoy a great game of baseball at beautiful Capaha Park, the hard-hitting action of a Houck Stadium football game, a thrilling game of basketball at the Show Me Center or an exciting volleyball match at Houck Field House.

As a proud host of the Missouri Special Olympics Outdoor Championships and the Missouri State High School Activities Association State Championships in volleyball and golf, Cape Girardeau is a popular destination for sports of many types. When teams play in Cape Girardeau, everyone wins!



# Great Outdoors

Stunning scenery and breathtaking overlooks. When it comes to the great outdoors, Cape Girardeau is a natural!

## Trail of Tears State Park

**17** Featuring some of Missouri's most breathtaking scenery, the beautiful and pristine, 3,415-acre Trail of Tears State Park offers a wide variety of activities and amenities to visitors. The park is a certified site on the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail. Its interpretive center features exhibits that detail the forced relocation of the Cherokee, as well as the park's many natural features. Licensed anglers can cast their lines in Lake Boutin, which has been stocked with bass, bluegill and catfish. An observation deck positioned high atop one of the park's majestic river bluffs provides a very impressive view of the Mississippi River as well as southern Illinois. Hikers are sure to enjoy the park's numerous trails, including Peewah and Sheppard Point, which also offer spectacular views from the river bluffs. In winter months, those bluffs serve as roosting sites for bald eagles which can be seen soaring effortlessly up and down this section of the river. Camping sites, from primitive to RV-ready, are also available. Trail of Tears State Park, just 12 miles north of downtown Cape Girardeau, provides an ideal setting for both heritage tourists and outdoor enthusiasts and was recently voted the No.1 heritage trail by Midwest Living magazine.

[MOStateParks.com/Park/Trail-Tears-State-Park](http://MOStateParks.com/Park/Trail-Tears-State-Park)  
429 Moccasin Springs, Jackson (Area P1 on map) 573-290-5268



Lake Boutin in  
Trail of Tears State Park

## Old Mississippi River Bridge Scenic Overlook and Park

**18** When Cape Girardeau's original bridge was completed in the summer of 1928, it was hailed as The Gateway to the Ozarks and provided an invaluable and vital link between the states of Missouri and Illinois. The portal of the old bridge has been preserved. At the overlook, there is a viewing scope that provides a close-up view of nature and commerce on the Mississippi River.



The River Campus Trail provides a leisurely walk along historic grounds bordering the river with a variety of interpretive signage providing valuable insight. For example, you can learn more about Missouri's largest American beech tree located along the trail.

**Morgan Oak at Spanish St. (See map inset)**

## Cape Rock Scenic Overlook

**19** Cape Rock is the site of the original trading post established by Ensign Girardot, for whom the city is named. This scenic overlook contains 21.3 acres and offers a breathtaking view of the Mississippi River from the observation area above and at river level below. Take in the excellent views of the Mississippi River from this vantage point with a picnic on the tables at the site.



**North Cape Rock Dr.  
(Area P5 on map)**



## Capaha Rose Garden

**20** In the 1940s, Cape Girardeau was known as the City of Roses thanks to an incredible garden that lined Highway 61 between Cape Girardeau and Jackson. Capaha Rose Garden is a living tribute to Cape Girardeau's legacy as the City of Roses and features a large variety of stunning blooms.

Maintained by local garden clubs, the garden is a gorgeous reminder of those bygone days. In addition to a garden full of roses, an azalea and butterfly garden can also be enjoyed.

**1400 Broadway in Capaha Park  
(Area J7 on map)**

## Hit the Trail!

Cape Girardeau has a wide variety of trails sure to meet all ability levels and interests, from challenging hiking and biking to walking and even roller blading. So lace up those running shoes or hiking boots and take the first step!



Cape LaCroix  
Recreation Trail

### Cape LaCroix Recreation Trail

**21** This six-mile, fully-accessible, multi-use trail winds its way through the heart of Cape Girardeau providing a number of recreational opportunities. **(Trailheads at areas E4, G7, C2 and I12 on map)**

### Peewah Trail

**17** Traversing more than ten miles through the rugged Indian Creek Wild Area at Trail of Tears State Park, Peewah is a moderately difficult trail that offers a variety of options from day use to overnight stays. **(Area P1 on map)**

### Sheppard Point Trail

**17** The three-mile hike along the difficult Sheppard Point Trail highlights Trail of Tears State Park's sharp ridges, steep ravines and beautiful bluffs, providing a great place to view eagles, especially during winter. **(Area P1 on map)**



Trail of Tears

### Other Trails

- ~ Riverwalk Trail
- ~ Bollinger Mill Trail
- ~ Lake Trail
- ~ River Campus Trail
- ~ Juden Creek Trail

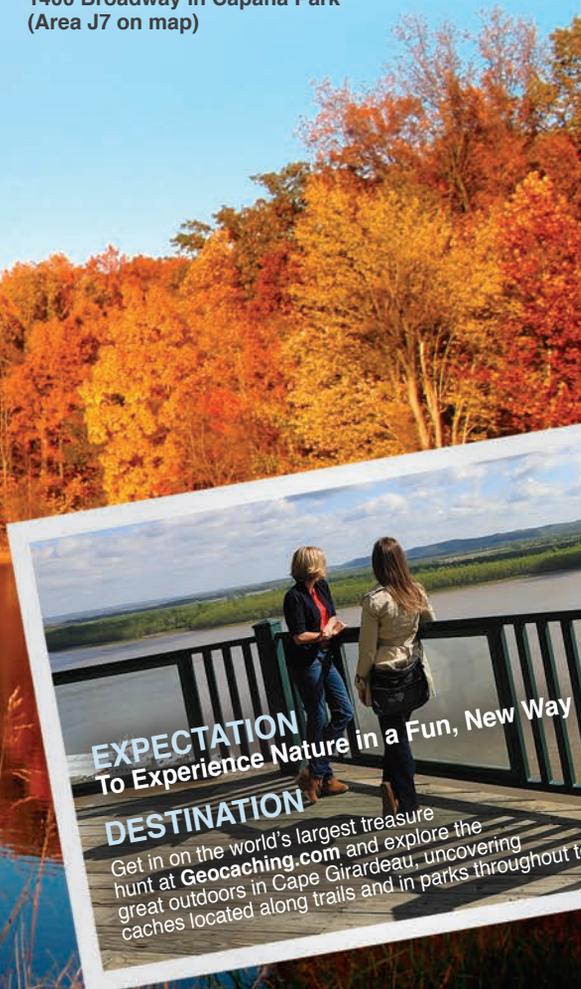
### Maple Hollow Trail

**12** This paved, one-mile, moderately-difficult loop trail features some steep ups and downs through a beautiful densely-wooded area in Cape County Park North. **(Area C2 on map)**

### White Oak Trace

**12** While at the Conservation Nature Center, enjoy the Trace. With a section that is fully accessible and other sections that are quite challenging, these two miles of nature trails take visitors through a landscape marked by rolling river hills, sinkholes, deep hollows and ravines. **(Area C2 on map)**

For additional information and directions, go to [VisitCape.com/Hiking](http://VisitCape.com/Hiking).



**EXPECTATION**  
To Experience Nature in a Fun, New Way

**DESTINATION**  
Get in on the world's largest treasure hunt at [Geocaching.com](http://Geocaching.com) and explore the great outdoors in Cape Girardeau, uncovering caches located along trails and in parks throughout town.

# Great Outdoors



Capaha Park



## Capaha Park

**22** The oldest park in Cape Girardeau, Capaha Park boasts disc golf, Capaha Rose Garden, a brand new playground, a bandshell, Capaha Field and picnic shelters. A paved walkway circles a quarter mile around a fishing pond with ducks, geese and picturesque fountains.

**1400 Broadway (Area J8 on map)**

## Arena Park

**23** The home of the SEMO District Fair, Arena Park features tennis courts, baseball and softball fields, sand volleyball and basketball courts and has a connection to the Cape La Croix Recreation Trail.

**410 Kiwanis Dr. (Area G7 on map)**

## Cape County Park North and South

**12** Cape County Park North is home to the Conservation Nature Center, Melaina's Magical Playland, a fishing pond, numerous hiking trails and our newest disc golf course.

**2400 County Park Dr. (Area C2 on map)**

**24** Cape County Park South includes an expanded playground, a braille nature trail and a fishing pond.

**Across divided road from  
2400 County Park Dr.  
(Area B3 on map)**



## Kiwanis Park

**25** This scenic park is ideal for families with children with two playgrounds, one well-suited for toddlers. Mostly rolling grassy hills, this park features open ground to enjoy, a small pond, ballfield and Cape Girardeau's only off-leash dogpark, Dogtown.

**2100 Rotary Dr. (Area I4 on map)**



Cape Jaycee Municipal  
Golf Course

## Tee Time!

The rolling hills of southeast Missouri provide the perfect terrain for a challenging game of golf. Lush fairways, superb greens and long seasons make Cape Girardeau a popular destination for serious and recreational golfers alike.

- 27 Arena Golf**  
2901 Hawthorne Rd. (Area F7 on map)  
573-332-0860 · ArenaGolfCape.com
- 28 Bent Creek Golf Course**  
2200 Bent Creek Dr., Jackson (Area D1 on map)  
573-243-6060 · BentCreekGC.com
- 29 Cape Jaycee Municipal Golf Course**  
3280 Perryville Rd. (Area G1 on map)  
573-334-2031 · cityofcapegirardeau.org/Parks/  
Cape-Girardeau-Jaycee-Golf-Course.aspx
- 30 Cape Girardeau Country Club\***  
250 Country Club Dr. (Area O4 on map)  
573-335-8251 · CGGolfClub.com
- 31 Dalhousie Golf Club\***  
This club is a midwest golf sanctuary with a direct connection to the Earl of Dalhousie in Scotland. *Golf Digest* has ranked Dalhousie as the number one course in Missouri.  
4700 Cord's Way (Area B12 on map)  
573-332-0818 · DalhousieGolfClub.com

## Riverfront Park

**26** Stroll along the mighty Mississippi River at Riverfront Park. This park features a paved walking trail right along the Mighty Mississippi and is the docking site for paddlewheelers. Riverfront Park is located on the river side of the floodwall and features the Welcome to Cape Girardeau Mural, terraced seating that adds an amphitheatre effect and stunning views of the river and the Bill Emerson Memorial Bridge.



**Broadway at Water St. (Area M9 on map)**

For a complete list of Cape Girardeau's parks and their locations, go to [VisitCape.com/Parks](http://VisitCape.com/Parks).

## Disc Golf

Disc golf is played much like traditional golf using flying discs instead of a ball and clubs and can be played by all ages, making it a great lifetime fitness sport. Enjoy one of our two disc golf courses, both with their own unique terrain and challenges.



Capaha  
Park

- 22** 1400 Broadway in Capaha Park (Area J8 on map)
- 12** 2400 County Park Dr. in Cape County Park North (Area C2 on map)

\*Although fully private, these clubs have reciprocal policies with other clubs. Call to check.

# Picture This

Cape Girardeau has quality art down to a science.

## Missouri Wall of Fame Mural

**32** From President Harry S. Truman to outlaws Frank and Jesse James, from famed sports broadcaster Jack Buck to acclaimed author Mark Twain, you'll find these historic figures and more on the Missouri Wall of Fame. This outdoor mural includes 47 famous individuals who were born in Missouri or achieved fame while living in this state and adorns part of the downtown floodwall. Cape Girardeau's own contribution to the mural includes national radio talk show host Rush Limbaugh and NASA astronaut Linda Godwin.

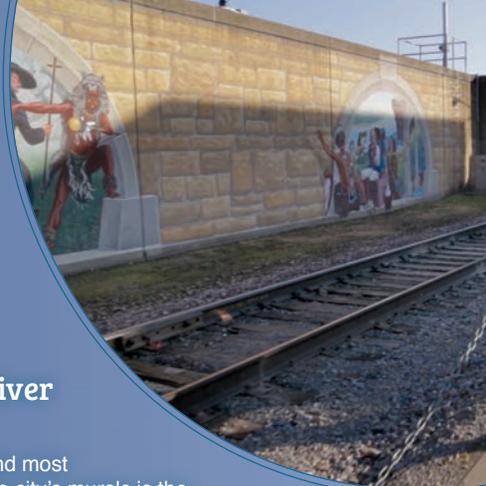
**Independence at Water St.**  
(See map insert)



## Mississippi River Tales Mural

**33** The largest and most dramatic of the city's murals is the Mississippi River Tales Mural, which is also located on a portion of the downtown floodwall. Covering nearly 18,000-square-feet, this 1,100-foot-long mural spans the length of the downtown shopping district and features 24 historically-themed panels that vividly portray Cape Girardeau's rich history and heritage. Descriptive markers provide a detailed explanation of each panel.

**Broadway at Water St.**  
(See map inset)





## City-Wide Weekend of Arts and Crafts Fairs

Every November, hundreds of artisans, crafters and vendors set up shop in venues across Cape Girardeau for a weekend of arts and crafts. Mark your calendar for the third weekend in November and check [VisitCape.com/Events](http://VisitCape.com/Events) for full details.

## First Friday with the Arts Gallery Stroll

First Friday with the Arts is a lively community event that brings art enthusiasts together from 5 to 9 p.m. on the first Friday of each month. Galleries across town extend their hours for guests to stroll through the various exhibits. Many of the studios coordinate this event with opening receptions for new exhibitions.

## Art Galleries and Studios

Cape Girardeau's nearly 20 art galleries and studios feature diverse collections with many pieces available for purchase. Every gallery in Cape Girardeau has its own unique personality, offering visitors access to a wide array of art, including paintings, handcrafted gifts, glass beads, pottery, photography and much more. For a complete list of art venues, go to [VisitCape.com/Galleries](http://VisitCape.com/Galleries).

Christmas Arts & Crafts Extravaganza



River Campus Art Gallery



Arts Council of Southeast Missouri



# Picture This

## Inland Waterways Mural

**5** Located indoors near the entrance of the Rosemary Berkel and Harry L. Crisp II Southeast Missouri Regional Museum, this mural celebrates the river during the age of the steamboat. The mural's centerpiece, Inland Waterways: The Highways of Our Heritage, depicts the historic Great Steamboat Race of 1870 between the Robert E. Lee and the Natchez. This impressive mural was painted by renowned Missouri artist Gary Lucy.

**SEMO.edu/Museum · 518 South Fountain St. in River Campus (Area L11 on map) 573-651-2260**

## Southeast Missourian Murals

**34** These two tiled murals are located outside on the east side of the Southeast Missourian building. Unveiled in 1947, they were the first of their kind in America and took ten years to develop and two years to make. The mural on the left depicts the art of printing and features the Gutenberg press and area newspaper pioneers.

The mural on the right, Gathering & Disseminating News, features famous visitors to Cape Girardeau, including John Philip Sousa, Billy Sunday and Harry S. Truman.

**301 Broadway (See map inset)**



## Bicentennial Mural

**35** The 40- by 22-foot Bicentennial Mural depicts the founding of Cape Girardeau and was dedicated to the city on its 200th anniversary.

**Broadway at Fountain St. (See map inset)**



## Jake Wells University Mural

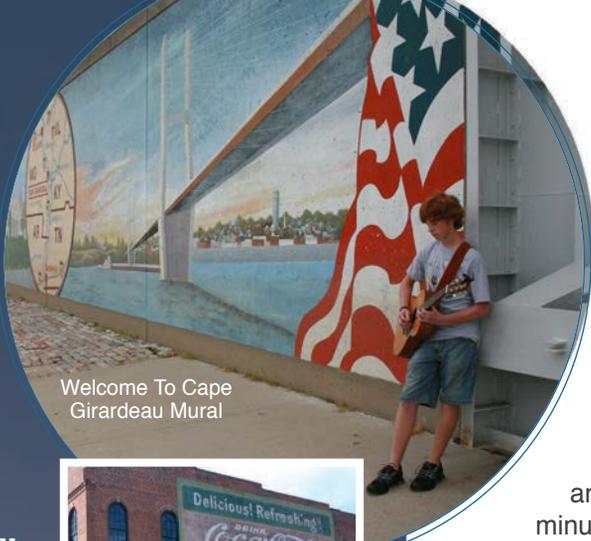
**36** Located on the main campus of Southeast Missouri State University, the Jake Wells University Mural is a memorial to the strength and determination of the people who have lived and worked in southeast Missouri. Commemorating the university's centennial, the 38- by 21-foot mural is one of the largest indoor murals in Missouri.

**Library.SEMO.edu  
1 University Plaza  
in Kent Library  
(Area K8 on map)  
573-651-2235**



Inland Waterways Mural

In addition to the murals previously listed, there are a number of other murals just waiting to be discovered indoors and outdoors across the community. See them all!



Welcome To Cape Girardeau Mural

**26 Welcome to Cape Girardeau Mural\***  
Themis at Water St.

**37 Coca-Cola Mural\***  
19 North Water St.

**38 River Heritage Mural\***  
11 South Spanish St.

**39 Riverfest Mural\***  
117 North Main St.  
Best seen from the 100 block of Spanish St.

**40 Heritage of Music Mural\***  
535 Broadway



**41 History of Medicine Mural**  
1701 Lacey St. in the lobby of Southeast Hospital (Area J8 on map)

**42 St. Francis Mural**  
211 Saint Francis Dr. in Saint Francis Medical Center's Healing Garden (Area E9 on map)

**36 William Faulkner Mural**  
1 University Plaza in Kent Library (Area K8 on map)

\*See map inset



## Calendar of Events

Mark your calendar! Here's a great overview of some of Cape Girardeau's annual events. For a complete, up-to-the-minute listing of events, simply go to [VisitCape.com/Events](http://VisitCape.com/Events).

- ~ First Friday with the Arts Gallery Stroll
- ~ Tunes at Twilight Concert Series
- ~ Fort D Days
- ~ SEMO District Fair
- ~ Antiques and Collectibles Shows
- ~ Outdoors and Sports Shows
- ~ Parade of Lights
- ~ Tour de Cape Bicycle Ride
- ~ Downtown Open House
- ~ Arts, Crafts and Quilts Shows
- ~ Independence Day Celebration
- ~ Rodeos
- ~ Home and Garden Shows and Tours
- ~ Classic Car Swaps, Auctions and Shows
- ~ Southeast Missouri State University Homecoming



### EXPECTATION

To Enjoy Unique Local Events

### DESTINATION

Looking for specific events during a set date range? Search events in Cape Girardeau by category, date range and more at [VisitCape.com/Events](http://VisitCape.com/Events)!

# Shopping

As the regional hub for residents throughout the tri-state area, Cape Girardeau is packed with shopping opportunities.



From big box favorites and West Park Mall to locally-owned retail businesses and smaller specialty shops, Cape Girardeau is sure to have whatever's on your shopping list at Christmas time – and all the time!

Collectible shops feature future heirlooms, while our jewelry stores have sparkling gemstones that are sure to delight.

Gift shops boast unique inventory you just can't get anywhere else and there are several high-end interior decor stores that will help your house feel even more like home.

Don't miss our boutique clothing stores, featuring truly special apparel that will have everyone asking "Where did you get that?!" So, make your escape to Cape and shop 'til you drop!

To plan your shopping adventure, go to [VisitCape.com/Shopping](http://VisitCape.com/Shopping).



## Antiques

Cape Girardeau's collection of nearly 15 antique stores is second to none, attracting serious collectors and curious browsers from near and far. Each store has its own distinct personality and treasure trove of possibilities to explore.

## Downtown Shopping District

From offerings available only in Cape Girardeau to collectibles, jewelry, boutiques, unique gifts and much more, downtown Cape Girardeau features a variety of quality retailers.

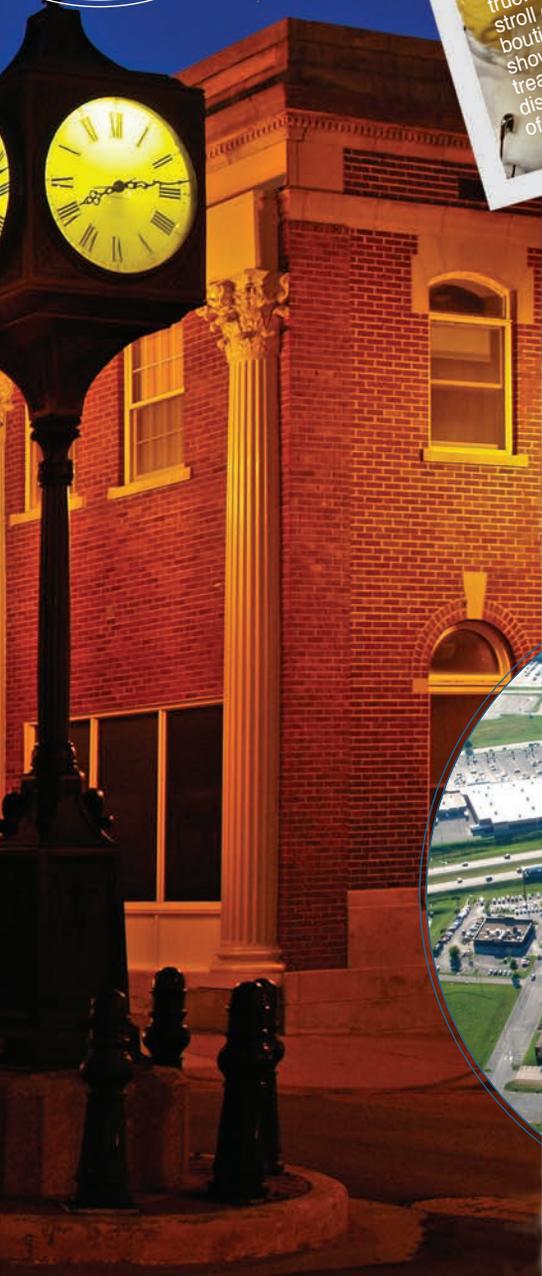
(Area M9 on map)



**EXPECTATION**  
To Find that  
Treasured Memento

**DESTINATION**

Historic downtown Cape Girardeau is an antique lover's dream come true. Park your car and stroll dozens of antique, boutique and unique stores showcasing one-of-a-kind treasures. You're sure to discover a special souvenir of your time in our river city.



**West Cape Shopping District**

On the west side of Cape Girardeau, you'll find dozens of familiar retail favorites as well as some local specialty shops. You're sure to locate that perfect gift for everyone on your list and something for you, of course, right here in Cape Girardeau.

(Areas D10-12, E10-11, F10-11 on map)

# Uniquely Cape

Cape Girardeau takes pride in southeast Missouri's rich agrarian history. With the freshest products around, Cape Girardeau's markets are your key to healthy, delicious foods and merchandise from farm-fresh eggs to local honey and more.



## Rush Limbaugh Hometown Driving Tour

Radio talk show host Rush Limbaugh was born and raised in Cape Girardeau. A self-driving tour will take you past the hospital where Rush was born and his childhood home, now a private residence. You will see where he attended school and cruised Broadway, which was a tradition during Rush's high school days. You'll discover the radio station where this record-setting broadcaster first started his career. As you take in the history and heritage of Cape Girardeau, you'll discover what influenced and impacted Rush in his early years. Stop by the Convention & Visitors Bureau for a free Rush Limbaugh Hometown Driving Tour brochure as well as Rush merchandise.

## Cape Riverfront Market

**43** The Cape Riverfront Market takes place on Saturdays May through October and features fresh produce, meats, cheeses, baked goods, jams and arts and crafts – all grown, produced or prepared locally. Live music and demonstrations are regular fixtures.

[CapeRiverfrontMarket.com](http://CapeRiverfrontMarket.com)  
35 South Spanish St.  
(See map inset)  
573-334-8085



## Cape Farmer's Market

**44** The Cape Farmer's Market takes place on Thursday afternoons April through November and includes produce, honey, freshly-roasted coffee, plants, herbs and much more – all locally sourced from throughout the area.

West Park Mall at the intersection of William St. and Mount Auburn Rd.—Use Mount Auburn Rd. entrance (Area E10 on map)  
573-334-7676



## “Gone Girl” Driving Tour

Cape Girardeau welcomed a little piece of Hollywood to town in the Fall of 2013 as Gillian Flynn’s novel, *Gone Girl*, came to life. Cape Girardeau played the role of North Carthage, Missouri in the film directed by David Fincher that stars Ben Affleck, Neil Patrick Harris, Rosamund Pike and Tyler Perry. Filming took place all over town in about 30 locations for around six weeks. Download your free driving tour to see what filming was like while cast and crew were here in Cape Girardeau at [VisitCape.com/GoneGirl](http://VisitCape.com/GoneGirl) or pick up your free printed copy at the CVB office.



## Cape Girardeau Souvenirs

**46** Looking for that perfect souvenir to remember your time in Cape Girardeau? The Cape Girardeau Convention & Visitors Bureau has you covered. Take your pick from a selection of T-shirts, books, coffee mugs, postcards and more!

[VisitCape.com](http://VisitCape.com)  
400 Broadway  
(Area L9 on map)  
573-335-1631

## Freedom Corner

**22** In 1950, ‘Strengthen the Arm of Liberty’ was the theme established by the Boy Scouts of America as they celebrated their fortieth anniversary. As a part of that celebration, Kansas City businessman J.P. Whitaker, who was the scout commissioner of the Kansas City Area Council at that time, had the idea of creating and placing replicas of the Statue of Liberty throughout the country. By 1952, Boy Scout troops had purchased and donated some 200 replicas of the Statue of Liberty in 39 states across the nation. Manufactured in Chicago, the stamped copper statues originally cost \$350 plus freight. They stand approximately 8 ½ feet tall without the base and weigh about 290 pounds. Unfortunately, over the years, nearly half of the statues have been lost or destroyed, with preservationists being able to account for only about 100 of them. One of those unique pieces of Americana still proudly stands at Freedom Corner in Cape Girardeau. Here, Lady Liberty still proudly proclaims “Let freedom ring!”

**Broadway at West End Blvd. (Area J8 on map)**



# Come Play

Sometimes you just have to get away, whether for a girls' weekend or a fun-filled family vacation. So check out of the office and leave your work behind. Then check in at one of our great hotels and let the fun begin. Come play in Cape Girardeau!



River Campus of  
Southeast Missouri State  
University

## Live Entertainment

Nationally and internationally renowned entertainment can be found in Cape Girardeau year round. From theater productions to monster trucks and musical concerts to your favorite Disney show, you can find an abundance of lively entertainment options in Cape Girardeau.

### Nightlife and Live Bands

Listen to musicians from throughout the region play at some of Cape Girardeau's most intimate settings and larger venues located across the town. From the blues and classic rock to big band sounds and '80s favorites, Cape Girardeau is alive with the sound of music.

### River Campus of Southeast Missouri State University

5 Located at the River Campus, the **Bedell Performance Hall** hosts outstanding performances by groups from across the country and around the world. This state-of-the-art performance space with seating for 950 guests has played host to theatrical productions, large instrumental and vocal music concerts, musicals and ballets. The 205-seat **Robert and Gertrude Shuck Music Recital Hall** has beautiful stained-glass windows and is acoustically "dressed" for mid-sized musical performances. Also part of the complex is the **Rust Flexible Theatre**. With 180 seats, this space caters to smaller, more intimate, theatrical productions.



**RiverCampusEvents.com**  
518 South Fountain St. (Area L11 on map)  
573-986-4900





## Show Me Center

**47** Whether you prefer to see world-renowned entertainers, monster truck rallies, foot-stomping rodeos, massive arts and crafts shows, collegiate sports or lawn and garden shows; the 7,600-seat Show Me Center has something to entertain you during your visit to Cape Girardeau. The center is also the home court for Southeast Missouri State University's Redhawks basketball teams. With numerous events throughout the year, you're sure to find a show, performance or sporting event to fit your taste!

**ShowMeCenter.biz**  
**1333 North Sprigg St.**  
 (Area L6 on map)  
**573-651-2297**



## Tunes at Twilight Concert Series

**9** Seasonally, visitors will love Old Town Cape's Tunes at Twilight, an award-winning Friday night outdoor concert series. Performers play in a gazebo under a canopy of trees on the grounds of trees on the grounds of the Common Pleas Courthouse, high atop a hill overlooking the historic downtown and Mississippi River.



**OldTownCape.org**  
**44 North Lorimier St. (See map inset)**  
**573-334-8085**

## Gaming

### Isle Casino Cape Girardeau

**48** This state-of-the-art gaming and entertainment destination has all of the amenities and services you are looking for. The casino offers an exciting gaming experience with the hottest slots featuring a wide variety of popular games, table games, including roulette, craps, blackjack, live-action poker tables and a breathtaking view of the Mississippi River.

When it's time to unwind, check out the **Lone Wolf** for live entertainment. If you can pull yourself away from the dance floor, visit one of our restaurants which offer a variety of menu options sure to please.

**IsleCapeGirardeau.com**  
**777 North Main St.**  
 (Area M7 on map)  
**1-800-THE-ISLE**

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# Come Play



## Day Spas

Throughout our community, you'll find a number of day spas and salons. Relax, rejuvenate and pamper yourself while visiting Cape Girardeau.

Offering a wide range of personal services, our spas and salons allow you to experience massages, facials, body treatments and more. For example, massages vary from Swedish relaxation to deep tissue and from hot stone to foot reflexology. With multiple facilities to choose from, you're sure to find the perfect place to relax, and let your cares drift away. Go to [VisitCape.com/ComePlay](http://VisitCape.com/ComePlay) for a full listing of day spas in Cape Girardeau.

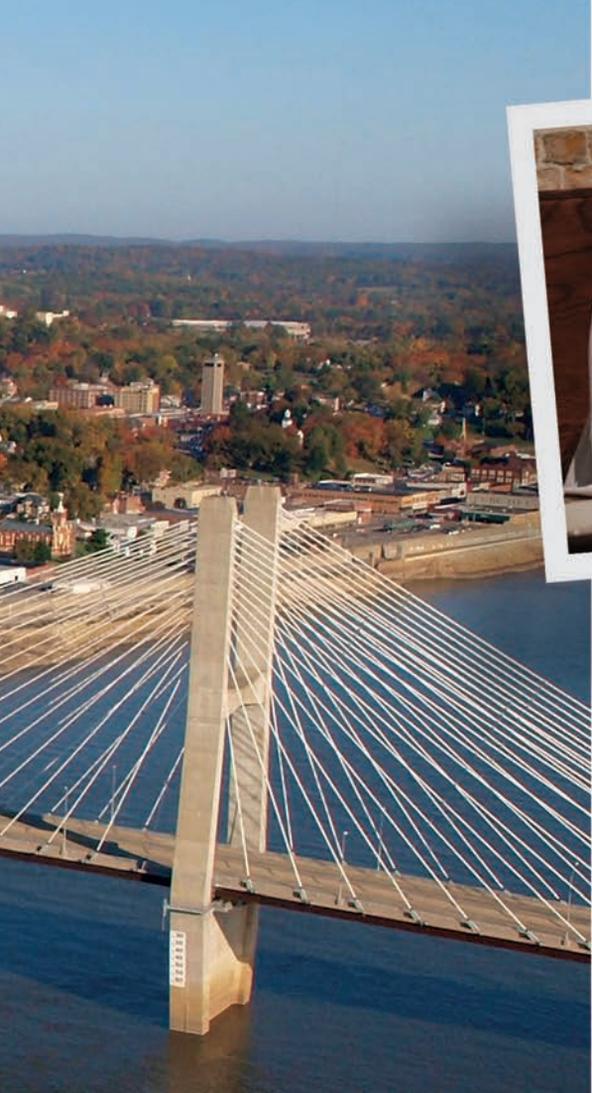


## Wineries & Microbreweries

Enjoy views of the grapevines while sipping local wine at one of the many area wineries and vineyards or take a tour with the brewmaster before sampling the beer at one of Cape Girardeau's microbreweries.

Find a full listing of opportunities at [VisitCape.com/ComePlay](http://VisitCape.com/ComePlay).





**EXPECTATION**  
To Sample a World of Culinary Delights

**DESTINATION**  
Cape Girardeau may be located in the Midwest, but you're in for a world of dining options! Try a traditional Irish shepherd's pie at Katy O'Ferrell's, dig in to blinis at Milk and Honey Cafe or chow down on old-fashioned BBQ at the Pilot House – and that's just scratching the surface.

# DINING

## Enjoy a Taste of Cape!

With more than 130 great restaurants, dining choices abound in Cape Girardeau. More than 40 of these restaurants are unique to the area; dining experiences that can be savored only near Cape Girardeau.

What are you hungry for? Here you'll find American, Cajun, Chinese, Creole, Fusion/American, Indian, Italian, Mediterranean, Mexican, Pan Asian and more.

Feeling adventurous? Cape Girardeau is home to many restaurants offering something out of the ordinary. Enjoy Cajun cuisine, sushi bars where your selections are made right before your eyes, tempanyaki grills where dinner preparations become a form of entertainment and fine dining with some of the most exquisite dishes served anywhere.

A comprehensive dining guide is published by the Cape Girardeau Convention & Visitors Bureau, both in print and online. You can pick up a copy of the dining guide at the Visitors Bureau or download it from [VisitCape.com/Eat](http://VisitCape.com/Eat).

So, while here, eat up. We're convinced that you're going to like the taste of Cape.



# Stay

## Bed & Breakfasts

If a cozy bed and breakfast is more to your taste, give one of our charming B&Bs a try. For more information, go to [VisitCape.com/BB](http://VisitCape.com/BB).

### Bellevue Bed & Breakfast

**49** Circa 1892, this home has four guests rooms, four bathrooms and is an easy walk to the riverfront.

[BellevueBandB.net](http://BellevueBandB.net)  
312 Bellevue St. (See map inset) 573-335-3302  
◆◆◆ AAA rating

### Neumeyer's Bed & Breakfast

**50** Circa 1910, this home has two guests rooms and two bathrooms and is within walking distance of downtown.

25 South Lorimier St.  
(See map inset) 573-335-0449

## Vacation Rentals

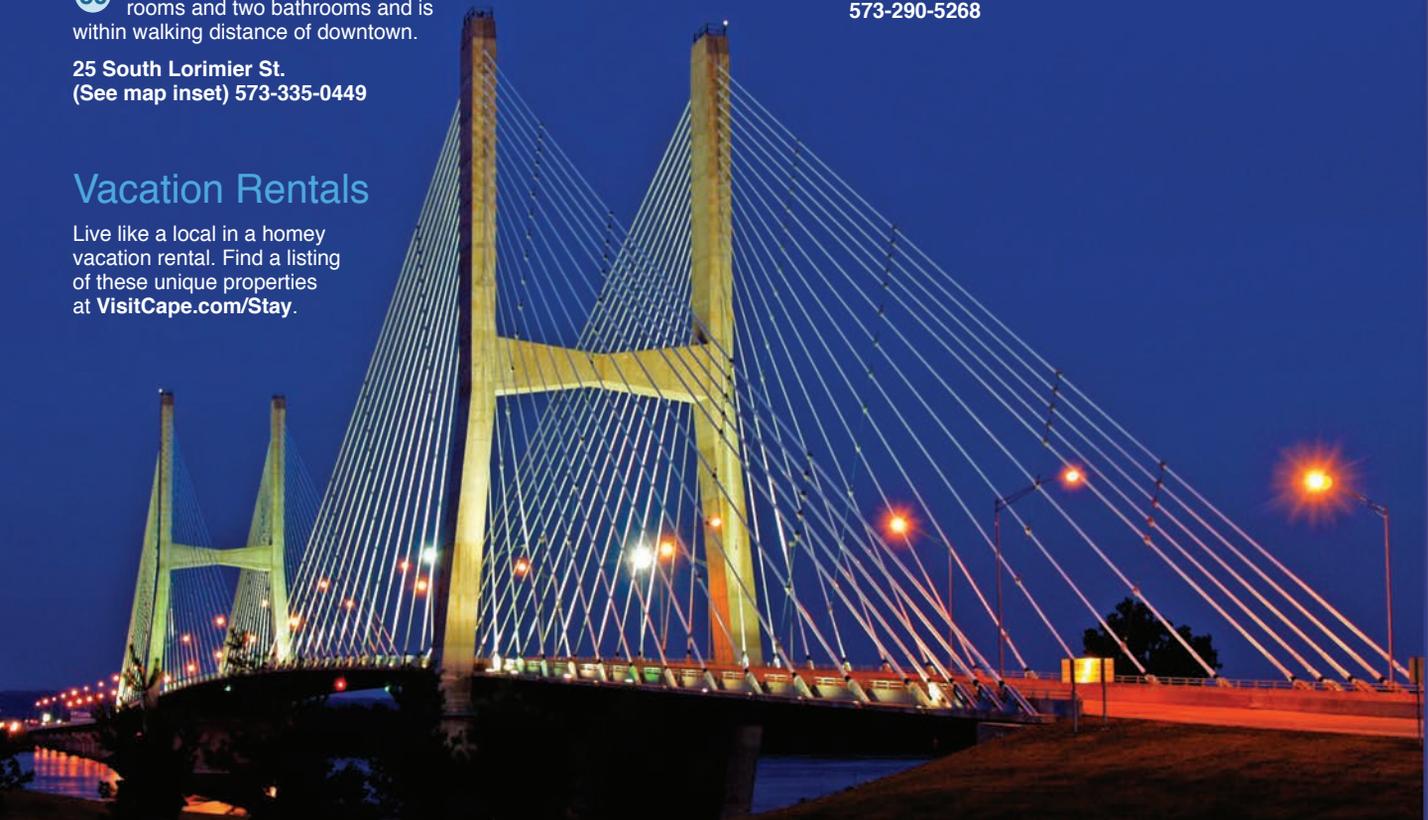
Live like a local in a homey vacation rental. Find a listing of these unique properties at [VisitCape.com/Stay](http://VisitCape.com/Stay).



## Campgrounds & Cabins

For visitors passionate about the outdoors, the Cape Girardeau area also offers numerous sites for RV and tent camping as well as cabins with many sites adjacent to the best attractions in our area. For more information, go to [VisitCape.com/Campgrounds](http://VisitCape.com/Campgrounds).

- 51** **Cape Camping & RV Park**  
[CapeRVPark.com](http://CapeRVPark.com) · 1900 North Kingshighway  
(Area E4 on map) 573-332-8888
- 52** **Landing Point RV Park**  
[TheLandingPoint.com](http://TheLandingPoint.com) · 3020 Boutin Dr.  
(Area G1 on map) 573-334-7878
- 53** **River Ridge Winery's Little Log Cabin**  
[RiverRidgeWinery.com](http://RiverRidgeWinery.com)  
(Area F13 on map) 573-264-3712
- 17** **Trail of Tears State Park**  
429 Moccasin Springs, Jackson (Area P1 on map)  
573-290-5268



Bill Emerson Memorial Bridge

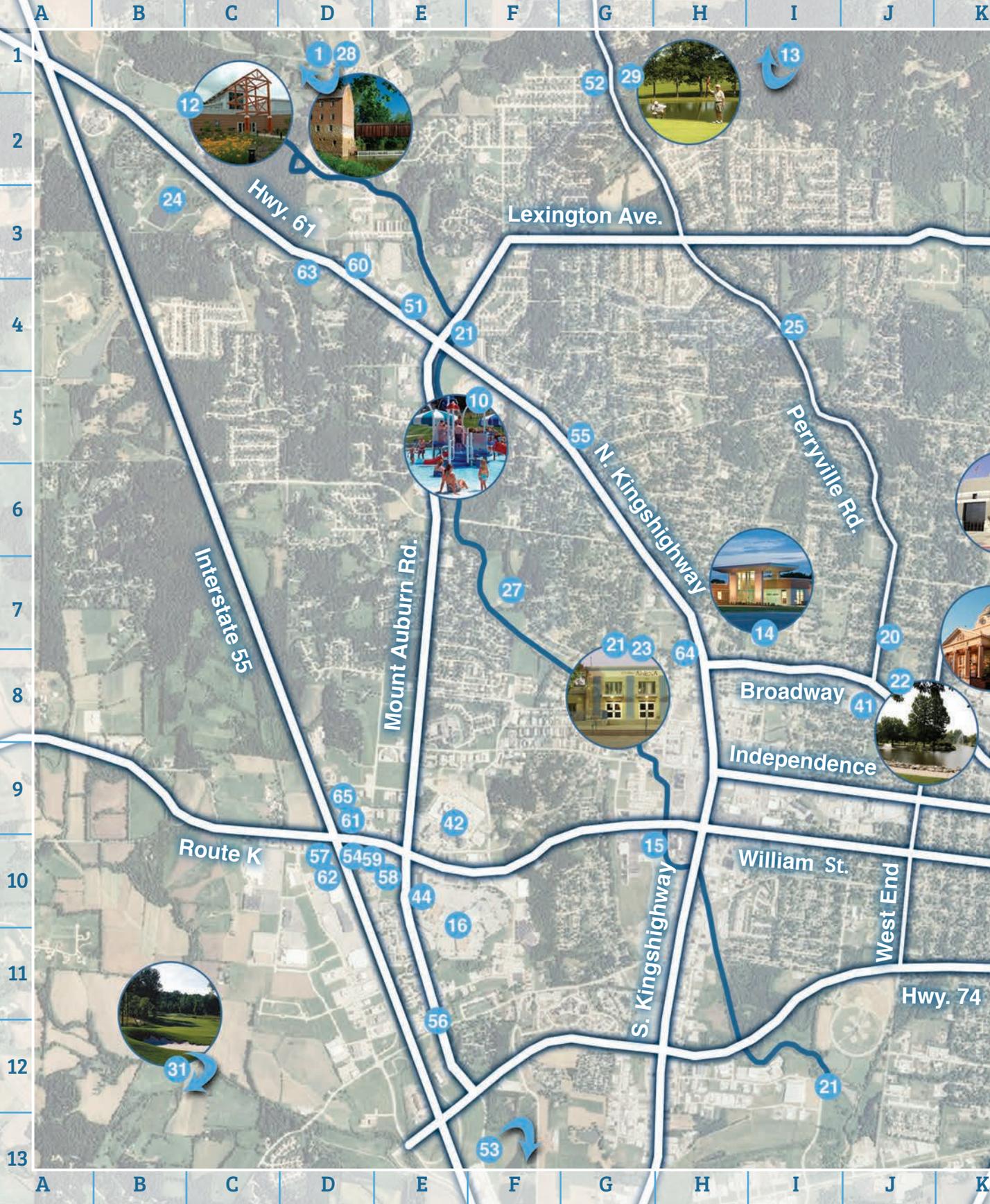
## Hotel & Motels

However you like to rest your head, Cape Girardeau has the accommodations you're searching for. Whether you prefer a full-service suite or a simple single room, our area hotels and motels offer an exceptional variety of amenities such as hot breakfasts and evening snacks. For more information, go to [VisitCape.com/Hotels](http://VisitCape.com/Hotels).

	AAA Rating	Number of rooms	Breakfast	Smoking	Elevator	Swimming pool	Fitness room	Pets allowed	Internet access
<b>54 Auburn Place Hotel &amp; Suites</b> 3265 William (Area D10 on map) 800-331-0445 or 573-651-4486 · MidAmCorp.com	◇◇	133	Hot buffet	Designated areas	–	Indoor	✓	✓	Free
<b>55 Budget Inn</b> 1448 North Kingshighway (Area G5 on map) 573-334-2828	–	36	–	–	–	–	–	–	Free
<b>56 Candlewood Suites</b> 485 South Mount Auburn (Area E12 on map) 573-334-6868 · CandlewoodSuites.com	◇◇	85	Kitchen in rooms	–	✓	Indoor	✓	✓	Free
<b>57 Drury Suites</b> 3303 Campster (Area D10 on map) 800-DRURYINN or 573-339-9500 · DruryHotels.com	◇◇◇	87	Hot buffet	–	✓	Indoor	✓	✓	Free
<b>58 Hampton Inn</b> 207 South Mount Auburn (Area D10 on map) 573-334-4499 · MidAmCorp.com	◇◇◇	85	Hot buffet	Designated areas	✓	Indoor	✓	–	Free
<b>59 Holiday Inn Express Hotel &amp; Suites</b> 3253 William (Area D10 on map) 800-645-3379 or 573-334-4491 · HiExpress.com	◇◇◇	102	Hot breakfast	–	✓	Indoor	✓	–	Free
<b>60 Holiday Lodge Motel</b> 1918 North Kingshighway (Area D3 on map) 573-651-4698	–	20	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
<b>61 Pear Tree Inn Medical Center</b> 3248 William (Area D10 on map) 573-334-3000 · DruryHotels.com	◇	78	Continental	Designated areas	✓	Outdoor	–	✓	Free
<b>62 Pear Tree Inn West</b> 103 Cape West Parkway (Area D10 on map) 573-651-3000 · DruryHotels.com	◇◇	81	Hot buffet	–	✓	–	✓	✓	Free
<b>63 Super 8 Motel</b> 2011 North Kingshighway (Area D3 on map) 573-339-0808 · Super8.com	–	49	Continental	–	–	Outdoor	–	✓	✓
<b>64 Town House Inn</b> 505 North Kingshighway (Area H8 on map) 573-335-2700	–	51	Frig / microwave in rooms	–	–	–	–	✓	Free

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**65** Drury Hotel and Conference Center that will include 168 sleeping rooms



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# CITY MAP

This overview highlights the primary arteries of our community and general location of many sites. Stop by the Convention & Visitors Bureau for a free detailed city map pinpointing all there is to see and do in Cape Girardeau. We have great suggestions and brochures to enhance your visit too!

## Close-up of Downtown

