

# Guide to Touring Missouri's Governor's Mansion

Missouri's capital city offers numerous educational and cultural opportunities for visitors. Before you embark on a trip to Jefferson City, the staffs at the Missouri Governor's Mansion and the Department of Natural Resources' Division of State Parks would like to make the following recommendations to help your group have an enjoyable experience. In addition, a list of other sites to see in Jefferson City has been included.

- **Tour Information:** Free guided tours are offered January through November and are approximately 20 minutes in length. When planning your visit to the Missouri Governor's Mansion, consider bringing your group during June through November when the legislature is not in session. There are more tour slots available during that time, and the Mansion is not as busy.
- **Tour Reservations:** Tours at the Governor's Mansion may be requested by reservation; however, walk-ins are also welcome. For groups of 10 or more people, reservations are required. Reservations can be made online at [www.mocapitol tours.com](http://www.mocapitol tours.com) up to 11 months in advance. In January and February and mid-May through November tours are on the hour and the half hour from 10 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, except on major holidays. From March 1 through mid-May, tours are every 15 minutes from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, except on major holidays. During the month of December, the mansion only offers candlelight tours. Candlelight tours are by walk-ins only; no reservations are required. For more information about candlelight tours, please call the Missouri State Museum at 573-751-2854.
- **Location:** The Governor's Mansion is located two blocks from the Capitol and Jefferson Landing State Historic Site. Please allow enough time in between tours when scheduling tours of more than one site.
- **Group Size:** Each individual tour group is **limited to 60 people** to ensure the most enjoyable and educational experience for your group. Larger groups need to reserve more than one time slot. Everyone that will be taking the tour must be included on the reservation. This includes children (17 and under), chaperones, and/or teachers.
- **Food and Beverages:** To help preserve the historic furnishings and interior of the Governor's Mansion, we ask that no packages (including backpacks), food, beverages (including water bottles), or chewing gum be brought onto the Mansion grounds.
- **Late Arrivals:** The Governor's Mansion is a very popular destination. It is important to begin tours on time to ensure that all groups with reservations receive their full tour. If a group arrives late for a reservation, accommodations will be made whenever possible. Accommodations may include shortening the length of the tour or rescheduling the tour to a later time in the day if a time slot is available.
- **Cancellations:** If for any reason you are unable to keep your scheduled tour, please call the Missouri State Museum at 573-751-2854 as soon as possible to cancel your tour.
- **Bus Information:** If traveling by bus, please unload in front of the Mansion at 100 Madison St. Parking is available in the bus parking zone, which is located on State Street,

across from the Union Pacific train depot at the end of Monroe Street. (See the attached map for location.)

- **Accommodations:** If someone in your group has special needs that require accommodations, please inform us of these needs in advance. The mansion has an elevator and ramp for guest mobility.
- **Safety Considerations:** Please do not allow anyone in your group to climb on the outside fence surrounding the mansion grounds. Please explain to your group that they should remain as quiet as possible while on tours. Also, the group should be encouraged to be attentive to the tour guides and to remain with the group throughout the tour so no one becomes lost or separated.
- **Tour Check-In:** Upon arrival, enter through the Madison Street gate for security personnel to assist you.
- **Photos:** You are welcome to take pictures with cameras but please refrain from flash photography. No video or audio recording is allowed during tours.
- **Cell Phones:** Please turn off all cell phones before entering the mansion.
- **Restrooms:** Please be aware that there are no public restrooms in the Governor's Mansion. We recommend that groups use the restroom before visiting the mansion. Public restrooms are available across the street at the Governor's Office Building, the parking garage on Capitol Avenue and Madison Street and also on the first floor of the Capitol Building.
- **Meal Arrangements:** Meal arrangements should be made in advance. Jefferson Landing State Historic Site grounds and the Carnahan Memorial Garden at the intersection of Jefferson Street and Capital Avenue can be used for brown bag lunches. Vending machines are available in the Capitol basement. The cafeterias in the Capitol (573-634-2411) and the Truman Building (573-636-5411) are open to the public, but reservations are preferred for large groups. Fast food restaurants and other restaurants are located on Missouri Boulevard, and it is advisable to call ahead to the restaurant of your choice.
- **Closures:** In the case of a scheduling conflict with tours, the mansion staff will try to notify your groups' representative to reschedule your tour, and place a sign on the front gate to share the closure. If Jefferson City Public Schools are closed due to inclement weather, the Governor's Mansion will also be closed.

## **Things to see in Jefferson City**

**State Capitol and Missouri State Museum**—Free guided tours of the Capitol are offered year round. Reservations are required for groups of 10 or more. From June through February, scheduled group tours are every half hour beginning at 9 a.m. (excluding the noon hour) with the last tour beginning at 4 p.m. From March through May, scheduled group tours begin at the top of the hour, 20 minutes past the hour and 40 minutes past the hour (excluding the noon hour). Reservations may be made online at [www.mocapitoltours.com](http://www.mocapitoltours.com). Visitors may also learn about Missouri's cultural and natural history in the Missouri State Museum exhibit galleries. For questions, please call the Missouri State Museum at 573-751-2854.

**Jefferson Landing State Historic Site** is located at the north end of Jefferson Street. This former 19<sup>th</sup> century riverboat landing includes two buildings – the Lohman Building, which is the oldest commercial building still standing in Jefferson City, and the Union Hotel, which houses the Rozier Gallery featuring rotating exhibits. Both buildings are free of charge. They are open March 1 through Labor Day, Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Reservations can be made online at [www.mocapitoltours.com](http://www.mocapitoltours.com) to view a 20-minute film in the Lohman Building on the history of Jefferson City. For questions, please call the Missouri State Museum at 573-751-2854.

**Missouri Governor's Mansion** is located two blocks east of the Capitol on Capital Avenue. Guided tours are on the hour and the half hour from 10 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays from January through February and mid-May through November. From March 1 through mid-May, tours are every 15 minutes from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. During the month of December, the Mansion only offers candlelight tours. For groups of 10 or more people, reservations are required for tours of the Missouri Governor's Mansion; however, walk-in groups of less than 10 people are also welcome. Reservations can be made online at [www.mocapitoltours.com](http://www.mocapitoltours.com). For questions, please call the Missouri State Museum at 573-751-2854. Tours are free.

**Supreme Court Building** is located on High Street across from the Capitol. Tours are offered to the public on the half-hour from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding public holidays and times when the Court is hearing oral arguments. Reservations are recommended and can be made by contacting the Supreme Court of Missouri at 573-751-4144.

**Cole County Historical Society** is located on Madison Street across from the Missouri Governor's Mansion. The Cole County Historical Society features the inaugural gowns of the former first ladies of Missouri and exhibits on Jefferson City and Cole County history. The museum is open to the public Tuesday through Saturday, 1p.m. until 3 p.m. Arrangements for groups of 15 or more can be made by calling the museum at 573-635-1850. The museum is closed from mid-December to the first Tuesday in February. There is a small entrance fee. Visit [www.colecohistsoc.org/](http://www.colecohistsoc.org/)

**Missouri State Highway Patrol Safety Education Center and Museum** is located at 1510 East Elm. The museum has a comprehensive display on traffic safety, law enforcement, drug abuse and items relating to the history of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. There are exhibits focusing on the services and responsibilities of the Highway Patrol on and off the highways. Open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. For groups of more than 10 people, reservations can be made by calling 573-751-3313. Tours are free.

**Runge Nature Center** is located half a mile north of US Hwy. 50 on Hwy 179. The nature center with displays is open Tuesday through Saturday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (until 8 p.m. on Thursdays). Trails are open daily 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Reservations for tours can be made by calling 573-526-5544. Tours are free.

**Missouri Veterinary Medical Museum** is located at 2500 County Club Drive. Visitors have the opportunity to learn more about animals and the veterinary profession at this museum. Museum is open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, and by appointment on Saturday. For more information, call 573-636-8737. Tours are free.

**Museum of Missouri Military History** is located at the Ike Skelton Training Center on Militia Drive off of US Hwy. 50/63. Open to the public Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Closed all major holidays. For groups of more than 10 people, reservations need to be made at least 10 days in advance by calling 573-638-9603. Tours are free.

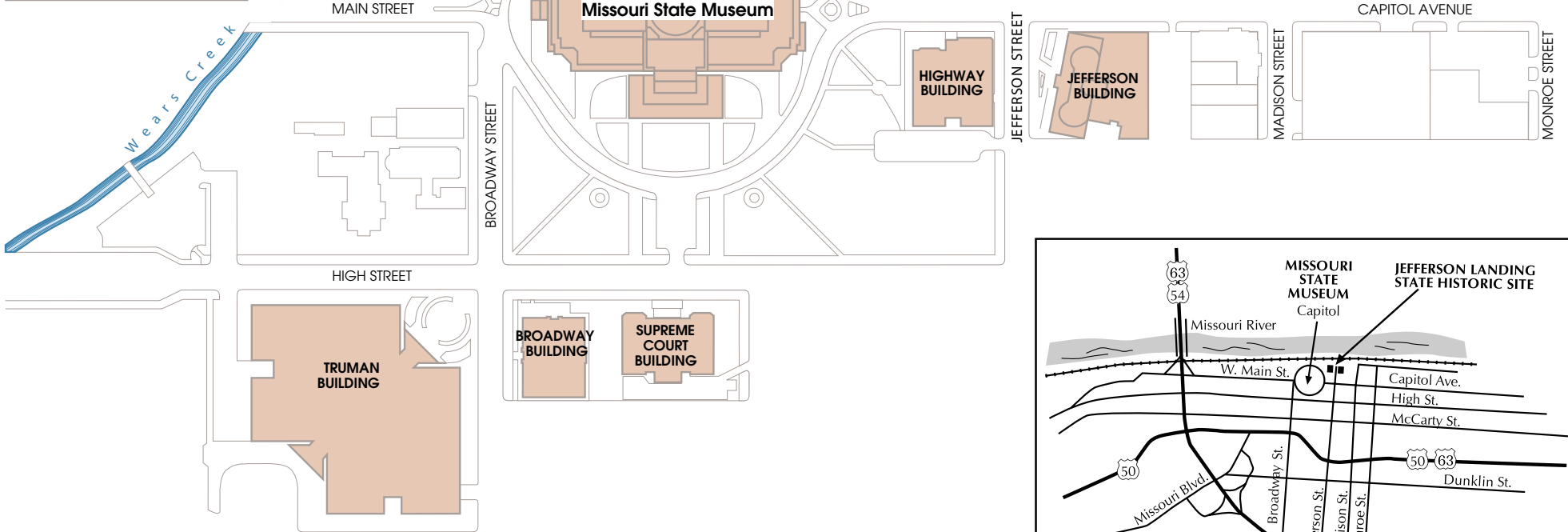
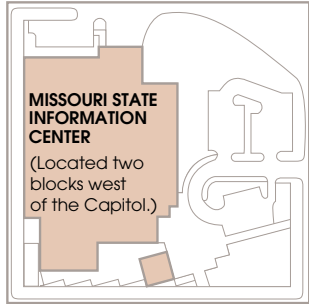
Other events and items of interest can be found online at [www.visitjeffersoncity.com](http://www.visitjeffersoncity.com).

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Missouri River

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**QUESTIONS?**  
If you have questions  
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