

# summer escapes!

## SIX WAYS TO UNWIND WITHIN A DAY'S DRIVE

*Isn't it about time for a break? With so much talk of work, work, work, it's easy to forget that life exists outside the office. The mere thought of a vacation—waves lapping at your feet, breeze at your back—is enough to produce a sigh of relief. So to offer you a way to escape the rat race, we found six awe-inspiring destinations within a day's drive. From art in Saugatuck to skipping stones in Duluth, roller coasters by Lake Erie to rocking on a porch on Mackinac Island, we searched within a 13-hour radius to highlight must-visit spots. For the best road-trip experience, we also researched perfect pit stops along the way. But don't think we forgot about our own neck of the woods: We've got weekend-warrior destinations at Lake of the Ozarks and in Branson, plus a chart of promising local lakes. Now gas up and get outta town!*

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# Lake Erie Thrills in Ohio

## KELLEYS ISLAND, PUT-IN-BAY, SANDUSKY, AND CEDAR POINT

Drive Time: 8 hours, 30 minutes (520 miles)  
shoresandislands.com

Want to just plain have fun? Sail and party at Put-in-Bay, on Lake Erie's South Bass Island, or play at nearby **Cedar Point Amusement Park** (cedarpoint.com), where you can splash around in the Soak City water park, loop-de-loop on the corkscrew roller coaster, or go screaming down the Dragster (don't swallow your saltwater taffy). There are 17 roller coasters here, all trying to outdo one another.

To recover, try the wineries in Port Clinton or a little mindless shopping at the boutiques on the Marblehead peninsula. Climb the Marblehead lighthouse for a view of the islands, or ferry over to Kelleys Island (buy the island-hopper pass at jet-express.com) and play a little quarry golf.

Even the museums are fun here. Sandusky has the **Merry-Go-Round Museum** (merrygoroundmuseum.org) and a cool **Maritime Museum** (sanduskymaritime.org) by Battery Park. Put-in-Bay has the world's largest geode, Crystal Cave, beneath **Heineman's Winery** (heinemanswinery.com), and the **Chocolate Café Chocolate Museum** (chocolateohio.com). And if you want to gild that particular lily, drive north to **Toft's Dairy** (toftdairy.com) for Moose Tracks peanut butter-and-fudge ice cream.

If you prefer other vices, try Put-in-Bay's venerable **Roundhouse Bar** (theroundhousebar.com), the first on the island to allow women to drink with men, or dine at **The Boardwalk** (the-boardwalk.com), famous for its lobster bisque. St. Louisan Carole Thouvenot suggests staying on Kelleys Island—"It's quieter, more laid-back. We biked all over the island. And because it's close to Canada, the water's so clear you can see your feet!" If you can, stay at **A Water's Edge Retreat** (watersedgeretreat.com), a luxury B&B with its own yacht. For dinner at **The Village Pump**, start with lobster chowder (your mission is to consume lobster in every way possible), and finish with a brandy Alexander. Or ferry back to Sandusky for upscale French at the **Zinc Brasserie** (zincbrasserie.net), across from the state theater. —J.C.



THE MERRY-GO-ROUND MUSEUM



MARBLEHEAD LIGHTHOUSE



If you leave early and drive straight out I-70, you'll be in Effingham, Ill., by lunchtime. Exit 160's signs list some familiar choices: Cracker Barrel, Wendy's. But what you want is a little farther afield: the **FIREFLY GRILL** (ffgrill.com). Trust us, this is some of the finest, freshest gourmet you'll find anywhere—and at small-town prices. —M.B.

ARCH ROCK

# Step Back in Time

## MACKINAC ISLAND, MICHIGAN

Drive Time: 10 hours, 45 minutes (660 miles)

[mackinacisland.org](http://mackinacisland.org)

Mackinac Island (pronounced “mack-i-naw”) takes a radical approach to peace and quiet: Ban motor vehicles. To reach the island, you must venture across the straits via ferry; park in Mackinaw City or St. Ignace, and take **Shepler's Ferry** ([sheplersferry.com](http://sheplersferry.com)) across. The moment you set foot on shore, you'll notice that the utter lack of cars—replaced by horse-drawn carriages and bikes—preserves the island's Victorian feel.

Nearly everything on Mackinac emphasizes the island's history ([mackinacparks.com](http://mackinacparks.com)). You can still see sparks fly in historic downtown's **Benjamin Blacksmith Shop**, hear a bugle call at **Fort Mackinac**, or take the kids to **Colonial Michilimackinac**. The 122-year-old **Grand Hotel** ([grandhotel.com](http://grandhotel.com)), arguably the island's most famous building, is a sight to behold. Named to *Travel + Leisure's* “500 Best Hotels in the World 2009” list, the hotel boasts the world's longest porch, at 660 feet. You can almost imagine Mark Twain—just one famous guest among many, including five presidents, a string of actors, and Thomas Edison—enjoying one of the porch's many white rockers. A single night for two can run upwards of \$400, so we have another suggestion: Stay in a hotel like **Main Street Inn & Suites** ([mainstreetinnandsuites.com](http://mainstreetinnandsuites.com)) for roughly half the price, but visit the Grand Hotel for its extraordinary buffet during lunchtime. And for dessert, buy a bag of homemade fudge, Mackinac Island's equivalent to our gooey butter cake; we suggest sampling **Joann's Fudge** ([joannsfudge.com](http://joannsfudge.com)).

Afterward, work off the calories by biking **Mackinac Island State Park**, established in 1895. Covering roughly 80 percent of the island, it includes 70-plus miles of trails that wind along Lake Huron and past the 150-foot **Arch Rock**. If you're looking to see the island at its most stunning, visit June 5 through 14 for the 60th Annual Mackinac Island Lilac Festival. Finally, while you're in the neighborhood, don't forget to visit **Charlevoix**, a favorite destination for many St. Louisans that's just an hour southeast, or go north across 3,800-foot Mackinac Bridge to cruise the **Upper Peninsula**. —J.M.



When you're about 15 minutes from the shore, get out and stretch your sea legs in Cheboygan, Mich., home of **SEA SHELL CITY** ([seashellcitymi.com](http://seashellcitymi.com)). In the shell game since 1957, these guys have thousands of tropical specimens for sale—but the killer catch is the 505-pound “Man Killing Giant Clam,” stationed outside the men's restroom. —M.B.

HARBOR AT TWILIGHT

HORSE-DRAWN CARRIAGE



# Discovering Wisconsin's Slower Pace of Life

## DOOR COUNTY

Drive Time: 9 hours, 45 minutes (560 miles)  
doorcounty.com

Heading north for the summer might seem backward, but generations of St. Louisans who frequent northeast Wisconsin can't be wrong. St. Louisan Mary Jane Driscoll has vacationed there since the '60s. "Door County is my favorite vacation spot in the whole world," she says, recalling traditions like supper clubs and fish boils. "Our favorite is **The White Gull Inn** in Fish Creek" ([whitegullinn.com](http://whitegullinn.com)). For a more formal affair, Driscoll suggests **The Summer Kitchen** ([thesummerkitchen.com](http://thesummerkitchen.com)), just south of quaint Sister Bay: "Their spicy tomato soup is to die for...and the chicken soup with real dumplings." In Sister Bay proper, you'll want to stop by **Al Johnson's Swedish Restaurant & Butik** ([aljohnsons.com](http://aljohnsons.com)); the Scandinavian eatery has a grass roof where sheep graze, just like in the old country. Down the street is **Gage Inc.** (920-854-2359), where you'll find high-end furniture, stationery, and candles.

If it's your first visit to Door County, tour the area's vistas and towering lighthouses, including those at Eagle Bluff and Cana Island, via the **Door County Trolley** ([doorcountytrolley.com](http://doorcountytrolley.com)) or a horse-drawn carriage.

Jumping from rock to rock at Cave Point in **Whitefish Dunes State Park** is also a must, but be warned: It's typically too chilly for a swim. And before you leave, load up on sweets—jellies, jams, penny candy—at **Uncle Tom's Newport School Candies** ([uncletomscandies.com](http://uncletomscandies.com)).  
—D.M.



About six hours into the drive, you'll hit Milwaukee, Wis., a city of breweries and camaraderie—and a secret haven for spies. To learn more, take Exit 72C off I-43 to the International Exports Ltd. storefront. After completing a special "spy test," you'll gain access to **THE SAFE HOUSE** ([safe-house.com](http://safe-house.com)), an espionage-themed bar and restaurant. —M.B.

# The Art Coast of Michigan

## SAUGATUCK/DOUGLAS

Drive Time: 6 hours, 30 minutes (410 miles)  
saugatuck.com

Saugatuck's the quintessential harbor town, set alongside the Kalamazoo River as it curves its way to Lake Michigan. The town has its own cultural ecosystem: Its picturesque backdrop draws artists, and the artists keep away the kitsch.

First, you've got to go to **Oval Beach**. A huge, gentle oval, it was ranked one of the best beaches in the country by *Condé Nast Traveler* and *National Geographic Traveler*, and now a billionaire's threatening to develop it. (He's in for a fight.) Ride the **Dune Schooners** (saugatuckduneride.com), and learn about Singapore, the city buried beneath the sand. Trudge up the 282 wooden steps to **Mount Baldhead**, and run down the other side with your arms in the air, screaming. Then repossess yourself and browse all the hip galleries and antique stores across the Kalamazoo River in now-blossoming Douglas. Or just stroll, noticing all the pre-Civil War Greek Revival and Italianate architecture that's miraculously intact. No great fires raged here; no railroads roared through.

In the evening? Do dinner and a play at the **Mason Street Warehouse** (masonstreetwarehouse.org), run by two guys who at one time produced off-Broadway and set up an Equity theater here as an incubator. Where to stay? Choose your pleasure: rustic beauty in **Sherwood Forest's Log**

**Cabin Suite** (sherwoodforestbandb.com), a sexy tryst at **Hidden Garden** (hiddengardencottages.com), or luxurious spa treatments at **Bella Vita** (bellavitaspa.biz). And for your repast? Choose **Toulouse** for serious food; **The Butler** for its cocktails and view; **Chequers** as a great rainy-day pub; **Su Casa** in Fennville, a fish-out-of-water Mexican restaurant and *mercado* that's unbelievable. St. Louisan Bob Luth, who's had a cottage in Douglas for years, often heads for the Corner Bar at **Coral Gables** (coralgablesresort.com): "You can sit out on the deck, overlooking the harbor at sunset, listen to live music, and eat a lake perch dinner. And if it's Friday, seconds are on the house." —J.C.



On your Sunday drive home, just before you hit Illinois, hop off I-80 at Exit 1 and scoot south to Munster, Ind.'s **OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL MONASTERY** (219-838-7111). Visit the shrines inside the three-story, sponge-rock Grotto of the Holy Mother for free. Then check out the black-light Memorial Chapel, known to many as the "Ultraviolet Apocalypse." —M.B.

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OVAL BEACH



DUNE-BUGGY RIDE



THISTLE GALLERY IN DOUGLAS



# Relaxing on the Carolina Coast

## HILTON HEAD ISLAND

Drive Time: 13 hours (840 miles)

[hiltonheadisland.org](http://hiltonheadisland.org)

If you're a sucker for the beach but want to avoid the swarm of tourists on the Gulf, the long drive to South Carolina's Hilton Head Island is worth the gas money. Endorsed by *National Geographic*, **Commander Zodiac** (843-671-3344) offers scenic dolphin tours. On the island's south side, **Harbour Town Lighthouse** ([harbourtownlighthouse.com](http://harbourtownlighthouse.com)) is not to be missed. Visit the gift shop at the top of the 90-foot beacon to find island collectibles, or just gaze out at the yachts in the harbor.

For dinner, visit **The Sea Shack** (843-785-2464), and savor your favorite fish—fried, grilled, or blackened. If you're looking for higher-end dining, stop by **Michael Anthony's Cucina Italiana** ([michael-anthonys.com](http://michael-anthonys.com)), and order the Veal Involtini.

Afterward, grab a cocktail at **The Big Bamboo Cafe** ([bigbamboofhiltonhead.com](http://bigbamboofhiltonhead.com)) while soaking in the 1940s tropical theme and beachside view. Want to relax with the locals? Visit the **Shoreline Ballroom** ([shorelineballroom.com](http://shorelineballroom.com)) or **Remy's** ([remysbarandgrill.com](http://remysbarandgrill.com)) for live music, or sail into Dafuskie Island's **Marshside Mama's** on the weekend.

And since you've already driven so far, head an hour south to **Savannah, Ga.** The setting of John Berendt's *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*, the historic city is well worth the trip. It offers many of the same beachside activities as Hilton Head Island, but the Southern charm, Spanish moss-covered trees, and endless ghost stories (the city was once dubbed "America's Most Haunted City") lend Savannah an unparalleled mystique.

—D.M.



Nashville is now known as Music City, but in the late 19th century, residents dubbed it the "Athens of the South." Take Exit 209B off I-65 to see the city's original "house of rock," a full-scale replica of the **PARTHENON** ([nashville.gov/parthenon](http://nashville.gov/parthenon)) that contains the city's art museum and a 42-foot statue of Athena, the largest indoor sculpture in the Western world. —M.B.



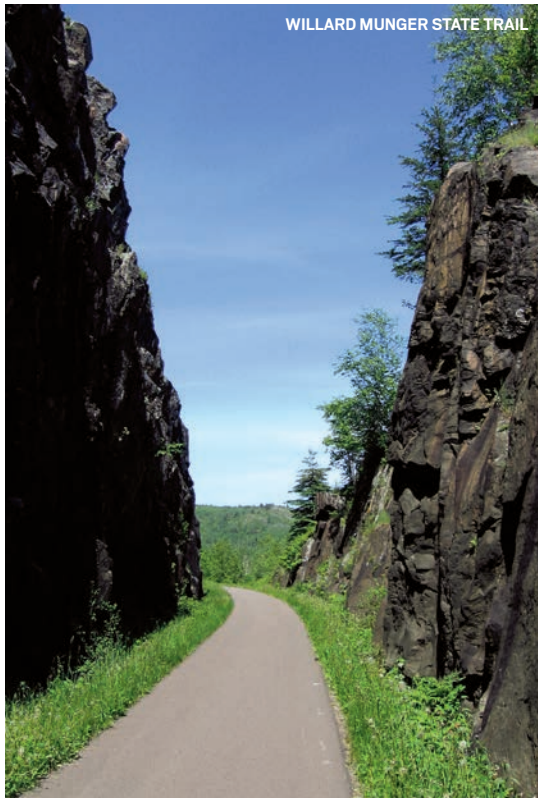
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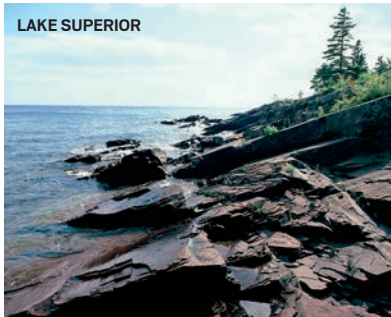
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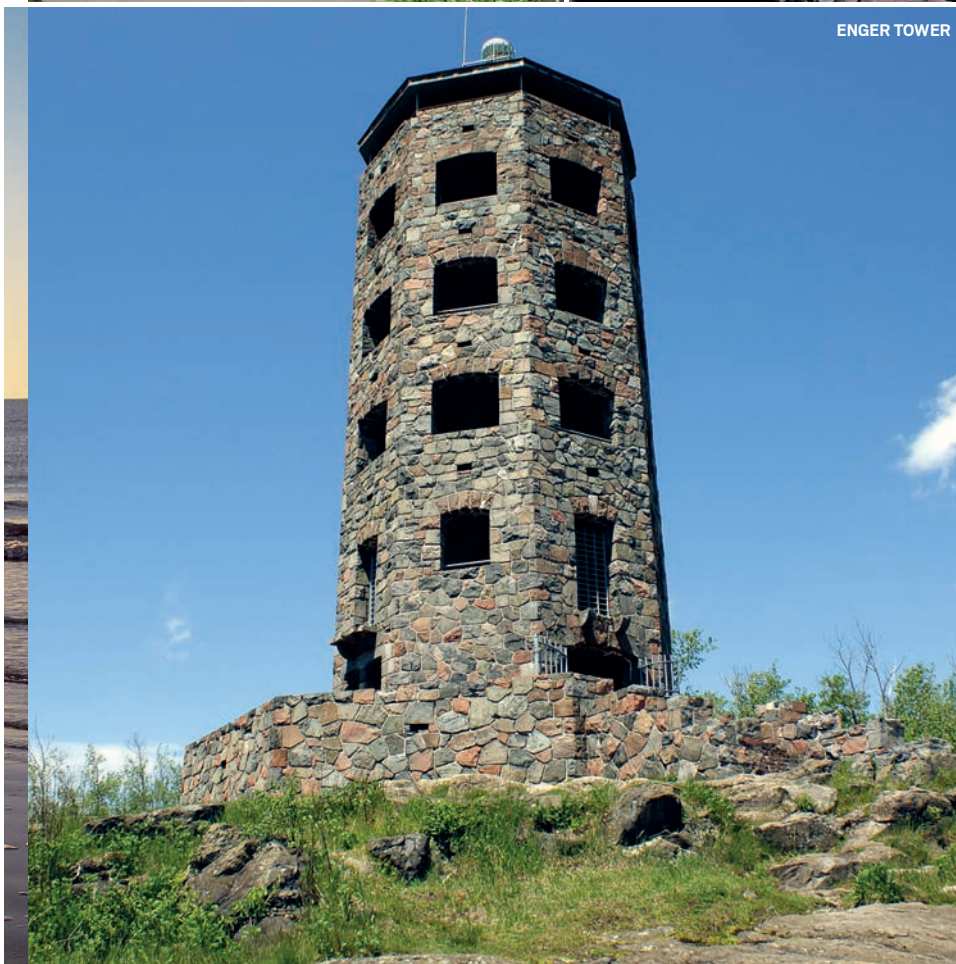
BEACH AT HILTON HEAD ISLAND



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LAKE SUPERIOR



ENGER TOWER

# Cruising Minnesota's North Shore

## DULUTH

Drive Time: 11 hours (680 miles)

[visitduluth.com](http://visitduluth.com)

In Gore Vidal's novel *Duluth*, he wrote: "If, as it has been so often said, every society gets the Duluth that it deserves, the United States of America in the last but one decade of the 20th century has come up with a knockout."

In truth, the novel's Duluth bears little resemblance to the actual Minnesota city, but the destination nonetheless deserves "knockout" status. Perhaps that's one reason *Outside* magazine crowned Duluth among "America's Great Outside Towns." Hugging Lake Superior, the city is full of outdoorsy activities: You can charter a half-day fishing expedition for about \$400, bike **Willard Munger State Trail**, and get an overview of the scenery from **Enger Tower**, a historic 80-footer overlooking the city. Duluth's greatest asset, though, is its location, serving as a base for day-trips along Minnesota's **North Shore** to **Gooseberry Falls State Park** and **Split Rock Lighthouse**.

Where to sleep? Lakeside, of course. **Fitger's Inn** ([fitgers.com](http://fitgers.com)), located inside a renovated brewery with lakeside views, is farther from downtown than newer resorts, but the historic atmosphere makes it worth the walk. **Canal Park** is the hub of downtown activity, with affordable sandwiches at **Grandma's Saloon & Grill** ([grandmasrestaurants.com](http://grandmasrestaurants.com)), an otter exhibit at **Great Lakes Aquarium** ([glaquarium.org](http://glaquarium.org)), and the nearby **Aerial Lift Bridge**, Duluth's most recognizable landmark. You can also skip stones or go agate hunting along **Minnesota Point**, the 7-mile sandbar that extends out from Canal Park.

Spending just a short time here may cause you to recall another line from Vidal's book: "Duluth! Love it or loathe it, you can never leave it or lose it." —*J.M.*



As you head up I-94, about 1½ hours north of Madison, Wis., take a 15-minute detour out Highway 33 to **DR.**

**EVERMORE'S ART PARK** (608-219-7830). There you can explore the world's largest scrap-metal sculpture, the Forevertron, a quasi-Victorian mechanical marvel surpassing even the salvage sculptures of our own City Museum. —*M.B.*

# Weekends on the Water: Missouri's Lake Destinations

## LAKE OF THE OZARKS

Travel Time: 3 hours (180 miles)

funlake.com

Your days of wild exploits at Party Cove and crashing at friends' condos might be over, but Lake of the Ozarks provides plenty for those seeking a relaxing yet memorable weekend.

First, where to stay? **The Lodge of Four Seasons** (4seasonsresort.com), **Tan-Tar-A** (tan-tar-a.com), and **Country Club Hotel & Spa** (countryclubhotel.com) are the best-known resorts. Lodge of Four Seasons boasts some of the region's top golf courses, including recently improved The Cove, as well as The Ridge, ranked a four-star course by *Golf Digest*. And Arnold Palmer-designed **Osage National** (osagenational.com), at \$65 during weekdays, is tough to top, too.

The entire family can shop at **Osage Beach Premium Outlets** (premiumoutlets.com) or splash at **Big Surf Waterpark** (bigsurfwaterpark.com). Nearby **Ha Ha Tonka State Park** (mostateparks.com/hahatonka.htm) offers hiking near a natural bridge and castle ruins. At night, **The Horny Toad** (toadcove.com) is the spot to dock and rock. There's also lakeside seafood and tunes at **Docknockers** (docknockers.com) and **Jolly Rogers Grub & Grog** (grubngrog.com). And for something more upscale, newish eateries like **Seven Springs Winery** (sevenspringswinery.com) and **Baxter's Lakeside Grille** (baxterslakesidegrille) are worth checking out. —J.M.

## BRANSON

Travel Time: 4 hours (250 miles)

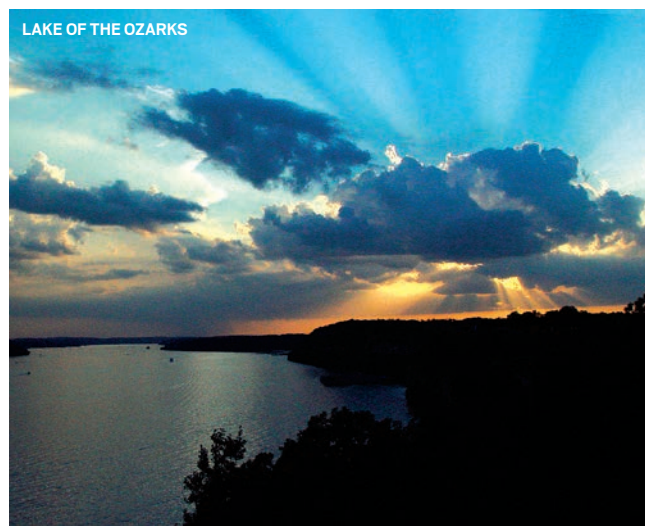
explorebranson.com

We know what you're thinking: busloads of seniors, endless traffic, and Presleys' Country Jubilee. Think again. Today's Branson has evolved beyond country music and congestion—if you know where to look.

Where you're staying makes a big difference. A few nights at **Chateau on the Lake** (chateauonthelake.com) or **Big Cedar Lodge** (bigcedar.com) can radically alter your perspective on Branson. Like a castle overlooking Table Rock, the former houses a 10-story atrium lobby, an impressive buffet, and the \$6 million Spa Chateau. Big Cedar also offers a spa, plus private cabins and breathtaking views. On the other side of Branson, along the shores of Lake Taneycomo, is what many locals call a godsend: **Branson Landing** (bransonlanding.com). The downtown destination boasts 100-plus stores, ranging from Bass Pro to CJ Banks, plus restaurants like Cantina Laredo and a \$7.5 million water-fountain spectacular synchronized to lights, music, and fire.

Outside of the shopping and shows, several other Branson destinations are worth a visit. **Titanic Branson** (titanicbranson.com) lets you step inside a replica of the famous ship and relive that fateful night in 1912. **Payne Stewart Golf Club** (paynestewartgolfclub.com), a public course that's part of the \$200 million Branson Hills development, is slated to open nine more holes this month. And **Dogwood Canyon Nature Park** (dogwoodcanyon.com)—an unspoiled stretch of wilderness south of Branson—offers fly-fishing, horseback riding, and a chance to see bison and elk. —J.M.

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TO PRINT MAPS OF THESE  
DESTINATIONS, INCLUDING  
RECOMMENDED STOPS,  
AND TO FIND ADDITIONAL  
CONTACT INFO.



CHATEAU ON THE LAKE



BIG CEDAR LODGE



# SLM's Guide to Local Lakes

	Lake of the Ozarks	Bull Shoals Lake	Lake Taneycomo	Table Rock Lake	Stockton Lake	Mark Twain Lake	Harry S. Truman Lake	Carlyle Lake, Ill.
<b>Region</b>	SW Mo.	S Mo.	SW Mo.	SW Mo.	SW Mo.	NE Mo.	W Mo.	SW Ill.
<b>Travel Time</b>	3 Hrs.	4 Hrs., 30 Mins.	4 Hrs.	4 Hrs.	4 Hrs., 30 Mins.	3 Hrs.	3 Hrs., 45 Mins.	1 Hr.
<b>Acreage*</b>	57,000	45,440	2,000	43,100	25,000	18,000	55,600	26,000
<b>Marinas</b>	Blue Moon Marina, 573-348-3178, blue-moonmarina.com; The Lodge of Four Seasons Marina, 800-843-5253, 4seasonsresort.com	Bull Shoals Lake Boat Dock, 870-445-4424, bullshoalslakeboatdock.com; Highway 125 Marina, 870-436-5390, 125marina.com; Buck Creek Marina, 417-785-4291	Lilleys' Landing Resort & Marina, 800-284-2196, lilleyslanding.com; Scotty's Trout Dock and Marina, 417-334-4288, scottystROUTdock.com	State Park Marina, 888-993-2628, stateparkmarina.com; Port of Kimberling Marina, 417-739-2315, mypok.com; Indian Point Marina, 417-338-2891, indianpointmarina.com	Mutton Creek Marina, 417-995-3355, muttoncreekmarina.com; Orleans Trail Marina, 417-276-5161; Stockton State Park Marina, 866-422-2628, stocktonstateparkmarina.com	Indian Creek Marina, 573-735-4075, icmarina.com	Truman State Park Marina, 660-438-2423, trumanstateparkmarina.com; Osage Bluff Marina, 660-438-2939, osagebluff.com	West Access Marina, 618-594-2461, westaccess.com; Tradewinds Marina, 618-749-5649, tradewindsmarina.net
<b>Fishing</b>	Bass, crappie	Bass	Trout	Bass	Walleye, bass	Bass, crappie, catfish	Bass, catfish, crappie, walleye	Catfish, crappie, bass
<b>Beaches</b>	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Trails**</b>	Lake of the Ozarks State Park: Trail of Four Winds (W, B, H, HA)—16.5 miles, Fawn's Ridge Trail (W, HA)—2 miles	Bull Shoals State Park: Lakeside Trail (W)—1 mile, Big Bluff Trail (W)—1.5 miles	White River Corridor Trail (W, HA)—0.8 mile, Lakeside Wilderness Hiking Trail (W)—2 miles	Table Rock State Park: Shoreline Trail (W, B, HA)—2.2 miles	Stockton State Park: Nyblad Trail (W)—0.5 mile	Mark Twain State Park: Whitetail Trail (W)—0.5 mile, Dogwood Trail (W)—2.5 miles	Harry S. Truman State Park: Western Wallflower Glade Trail (W)—0.25 mile, Bluff Ridge Trail (W)—2 miles	Cherokee Trail (W)—3 miles, Pawnee Trail (W)—1 mile
<b>Dining</b>	The Blue Heron Restaurant, 573-365-4646; Seven Springs Winery, 573-317-0100; Baxter's Lakeside Grille, 573-365-2669	Gaston's White River Resort, 870-431-5202, gastons.com; 178 Club Restaurant, 870-445-4949, 178club.com	Cantina Laredo, 417-334-6062; Candlestick Inn, 417-334-3633	Devil's Pool at Big Cedar Lodge, 800-225-6343; Chateau Grille at Chateau on the Lake, 888-333-5253; Kayakers Bistro, 417-538-4822	Boat House, 417-276-5361; No Wake Cafe, 417-995-4410	Rustic Oak Steakhouse, 573-565-2040	Benton House, 660-438-6676	Lighthouse Grill, Inc., 866-456-1081, lighthousegrillinc.com; Bretz Wildlife Lodge & Winery, 618-594-8830, wildlifelodgeandwinery.com
<b>Lodging</b>	The Lodge of Four Seasons, 800-843-5253; Tan-Tar-A, 800-826-8272; Country Club Hotel & Spa, 800-964-6698	Trimble Creek Lodge, 870-436-3222; White River Inn, 870-430-2233, thewhiteriverinn.com	Hilton Promenade at Branson Landing, 417-336-5500	Big Cedar Lodge, 800-225-6343; Chateau on the Lake, 888-333-5253	Stockton State Park Lodging, 866-422-2628; Orleans Trail Resort, 417-276-3566, orleanstrail.com	Harbor Inn Motel & Condo Rental, 573-735-4988; Kennedy's Red Barn Inn B&B, 573-567-4155, redbarninn.com	Osage Bluff Lodge, 800-748-8440, osagebluff.com; Parkfield Inn, 660-438-2474, parkfieldinn.com	Microtel Inn & Suites, 618-594-7666; Carlyle Lakefront Cottages, 877-342-8862, carlylelakecottages.com
<b>For More Info</b>	Lake of the Ozarks CVB, 800-386-5253, funlake.com	Branson Chamber of Commerce & CVB, 800-296-0463, explorebranson.com	Branson Chamber of Commerce & CVB, 800-296-0463, explorebranson.com	Branson Chamber of Commerce & CVB, 800-296-0463, explorebranson.com	Stockton Lake Association, 417-276-5161, stocktonlake.com	Mark Twain Lake Chamber, 573-565-2228, visitmarktwainlake.org	Harry S. Truman Regional Visitor Center, 660-438-2216	Tourism Bureau of Southwestern Illinois, 800-442-1488, playandstaycarlyle.com

This chart represents a sampling of accommodations at popular Missouri and Illinois lakes. It is not intended to be comprehensive, and businesses could not pay for inclusion.

\* Approximate water surface

\*\* W=walking permitted, B=biking permitted, H=horseback riding permitted, HA=handicapped accessible

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