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CELEBRATE NATIONAL BOONE DAY WEEKEND JUNE 6 - 7 WITH ST. CHARLES COUNTY PARKS

Safety and social distancing guidelines implemented during the two-day celebration



ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO – Commemorate the life of Daniel Boone with free festivities during National Daniel Boone Day Weekend from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Saturday, June 6; and 12 – 5 p.m., Sunday, June 7, at The Historic Daniel Boone Home, located at 1868 Highway F in Defiance. Social distancing will be observed in all areas of the property.

During the two-day celebration, guests of all ages are invited to the park's courtyard to meet Daniel and Rebecca Boone, portrayed by award-winning historical interpreters Colonels Robert and Shirley Pecoraro, as they remanence about stories of their life. Visit with other interpreters in the Surveyor's Office, located on the village grounds, to learn about Daniel's life as a land surveyor and how this American legend first laid eyes on Kentucky in 1769. Black Powder demonstrations will be performed with interpretive staff on Saturday, and the Trappers of Starved Rock shooting club on Sunday.

To keep guests safe during the event, enhanced health and safety measures have been implemented, such as increasing the frequency of cleaning and disinfecting restrooms and other high traffic areas of the park. The following social distancing guidelines will be observed:

- No more than five guests at a time will be allowed inside the Surveyor's Office.
- Families must stay 6 feet from others while participating in the program.
- Demonstration areas will be outside so that guests may social distance.
- The gift shop will be limited to two guests at a time.
- Face coverings are encouraged.
- Hand sanitizer will be available.
- Scheduled tours are limited to 12 guests at a time.

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While there is no admission fee to enter the park, paid tours of the historic Daniel Boone Home will be available at the top of the hour from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., except for noon on Saturday, and 12 – 3 p.m., Sunday. Admission is \$8/adults, \$6/age 60+ and \$5/ages 5 - 12. Active/retired military and children ages 4 and under are free.

In correlation with this event, a Frontier Trail Adventure Race will take place in the park from 1 - 5 p.m. on Saturday. Participants 17 years and older will discover what life was like for pioneers traveling along the Oregon Trail in 1848. Similar to the popular Oregon Trail computer game, teams of four assemble “families,” buy supplies and load makeshift wagons in preparation for this epic journey in the park. While carrying their wagon nearly a mile and stopping occasionally to replenish supplies or hunt, teams must overcome multiple frontier obstacles, such as fording the shallow streams. The team with the best time and most resources at the finish line wins! The race is free; pre-registration is required. Visit <http://bit.ly/FrontierTrailAdventureRace> or call St. Charles County Parks at 636-9349-7535 to register.

Registration is not needed for National Boone Day Weekend, but it is required to participate in the Frontier Trail Adventure Race. For more information about the event or to schedule a tour, call the park at 636-798-2005.

Nestled in the rolling hills of Missouri’s Historic Wine Country and overlooking the scenic Femme Osage Valley, The Historic Daniel Boone Home is on the National Register of Historic Places listings in St. Charles County, Missouri. This historic park represents life in the early 1800s and brings the legacy of Daniel Boone to life. Stories of a daring man offer a glimpse into family matters, risky adventures and hard-fought battles.

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About St. Charles County Parks & Recreation

The St. Charles County Parks & Recreation Department was created in 1997 after voters approved a local use tax with the sole purpose of park land acquisition, development, operations and maintenance. The department’s mission is to preserve natural and historic features in areas throughout the county for the use of future generations. Today, the department operates 16 parks that total 3,645 acres of acquired park land. From historic homesteads to a youth skate park; from camping, hiking, biking, and fishing to weddings and educational classrooms, there’s something for everyone in St. Charles County Parks.

For more information and specifics about each park, amenities, trails, and more, visit stccparks.org.