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SCENIC HIDEAWAY HARBOR PARK OFFERS OVERNIGHT CAMPING ON JULY 25 ONLY
Don't Miss This Unique Family Opportunity on the Banks of the Mississippi

ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO – The St. Charles County Parks and Recreation Department is offering a unique family camping adventure this summer at the scenic Hideaway Harbor Park in Portage des Sioux. On Saturday, July 25, guests are invited to camp along the banks of the mighty Mississippi River with Park Ranger Jake Dean. This is the first time the park is being opened to an overnight campout.



The park will open at 3 p.m. to event participants. Campers should bring a tent, food, water and other camping supplies, and be prepared to enjoy a variety of fun activities including fishing, birdwatching, games, paddleboarding and more! All St. Charles County Park camping rules and regulations will be followed during the event. Glass bottles and gas generators are not permitted and there is no drinkable water on site. Dogs are welcome but must be leashed at all times. Quiet hours begin at 10 p.m.

Part of a flood buyout program, Hideaway Harbor Park, 1550 Hideaway Harbor Drive, opened in May 2002. The park offers a variety of historic and natural features including visually inspiring natural wetlands and forested areas. With two free public boat ramps to access the river, the park has become a very popular year-round destination for many fishermen and recreational boaters. The 48-acre park also features 12-acre Weber Lake, with a spacious wheelchair-accessible fishing dock.

The cost of this camping experience is \$10 per family; space is limited. Interested participants should pre-register at <https://bit.ly/MississippiRiverCampout> or call the Parks Department at 636-949-7535.

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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.



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