

Jefferson City, Missouri

Located in the heart of Missouri, Jefferson City offers the perfect blend of small-town charm, natural beauty, and modern conveniences. Home to the State Capitol, Governor's Mansion, and Missouri's Supreme Court, the capital city features a vibrant downtown district filled with local shops, restaurants, and community events.

Nestled along the Missouri River and surrounded by scenic bluffs, Jefferson City provides abundant opportunities for outdoor recreation, including parks, trails, and riverfront activities. Residents enjoy short commute times, affordable housing, and a welcoming community atmosphere.

For those who want to explore beyond the city limits, Columbia Regional Airport is 25 minutes away and offers free parking. St. Louis and Kansas City are each within a few hours' drive, and provide easy access to professional sports, entertainment, museums, dining, and cultural attractions. The Lake of the Ozarks, a premier recreation destination, is less than an hour away and offers boating, fishing, golf, year-round outdoor fun, and more miles of shoreline than the coast of California.

An excellent place to learn, work, and grow, Jefferson City offers a variety of public and private educational opportunities and is home to Lincoln University, one of Missouri's two historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU). The University of Missouri, home of the Mizzou Tigers, is located 30 minutes away in the city of Columbia. From nationally recognized academics and research, to healthcare, arts, entertainment, and SEC athletics, the university enriches life throughout mid-Missouri.

Whether you are launching your career, raising a family, or seeking a community with a strong sense of connection and purpose, Jefferson City is an exceptional place to call home.



Fun Things to See and Do

- **Missouri State Capitol and Museum**
Tour the three acre grounds and museum featuring historically significant exhibits.
- **Missouri State Penitentiary**
Take a history or ghost tour at the oldest prison west of the Mississippi.
- **Central Dairy Ice Cream Parlor**
Enjoy some ice cream at a favorite stop for locals and tourists from all over the country.
- **Katy Trail State Park**
Bike, hike, or walk your dog on this beautiful 225 mile trail across Missouri.
- **Runge Nature Center**
Stroll through exhibits, hike the nature trails, and enjoy Missouri's natural wonders.
- **Capital City Productions & Little Theatre**
Attend, or perform in, one of Jefferson City's many community theatre productions.
- **CRMU Amphitheater**
Enjoy a concert at this newly renovated 65-year old Amphitheater at Riverside Park.
- **Salute to America**
Attend the annual Salute to America celebration featuring concerts, carnival rides, and central Missouri's largest fireworks display.
- **Living Windows, Governor's Mansion Candlelight Tours, and Capitol Caroling**
Kick-off the holiday season with these free family-friendly traditions and events.
- **Binder Park**
Experience 644 acres of fun at Jefferson City's largest park featuring a fishing lake, RV campground, ropes and disc golf courses, and an archery range.

For more information about Jefferson City and all it has to offer, visit the [Jefferson City Convention and Visitor's Bureau](#).

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