

GROUP TOUR PLANNER



VISIT SIKESTON, Missouri

Sikeston is located in beautiful Southeast Missouri just 150 miles equidistance to Memphis & St. Louis. You will find a wide variety of events and attractions for groups of all ages.

Contact the Sikeston Convention & Visitors Bureau and let us help plan your next trip.

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The Sikeston Convention and Visitors Bureau invites you to experience the best of Missouri's Bountiful Bootheel where cotton is king, our rolls are "throwed", and southern hospitality awaits you! Whether you're passing through or visiting for a few days, we have something for everyone to enjoy in Sikeston.

You'll take home great memories from our Historic Downtown, the Historic Depot, Lambert's Cafe and many other attractions. Our diverse shopping venues include the Historic Downtown Shops, Sikeston Factory Outlet Mall, specialty shops and antique stores. Enjoy our beautiful parks, new theatre and other fun family activities. The PRCA-sanctioned Jaycee Bootheel Rodeo is held every August or come celebrate King Cotton with us in September! See our calendar of events at www.sikeston.com for other events.



Central Location

Conveniently located in the heart of the United States, Sikeston sits at the intersection of I-55 and I-57. Just 150 miles from St. Louis and 150 miles from Memphis, making Sikeston a convenient destination from anywhere.



Day Trips & Tour Options

- Winery Tour- Several unique wineries are located within 30-45 minutes from Sikeston.
- Veterans Memorial Tour Civil War sites, museums and historic cemeteries are located within 30-45 minutes from Sikeston.
- Ag Tours Sikeston is surrounded by numerous farms that cultivate cotton, soybeans, rice and many other crops.
- Historic Homes Tour Enjoy a scenic view of historic homes and sites in Sikeston and surrounding areas.
- Art & Antiques We have numerous antique shops and art galleries located in the area.

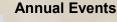
From local art galleries and homegrown artists, music festivals that includes a wine tasting and homebrew beer events to antique shopping, we have what you're looking for! For help setting up a tour contact the Sikeston CVB today. tourism@sikeston.net or 888-309-6591



Quick Facts

- Comfortable & affordable stays.
 700+ Hotel Rooms
- Standard & Unique Dining Options
- Historic Downtown District
- Numerous Shopping Choices
- Lambert's Café "Home of the Throwed Rolls"
- Nature Trails, Parks & Attractions
- Museums
- Art Galleries & Antiques Shops
- Close proximity to area lakes
- Convention Center
- Large & Small Meeting Rooms
- CVB Services Provided Goodie Bags Brochures Tour Planning Assistance













Valentine Chocolate Walk - Feb St. Patrick's Day Festival - March Sikeston Jaycee Crawfish Boil & Music Festival - May Kids Fishing Derby - May Downtown Farmers' Market - May to Oct Downtown Summer Concert Series - Fridays in June/July "Ride the Fault Line" Bicycle Tour - June Community Fireworks Display - July Cowboy Up! Festival & Rodeo Parade - Aug Sikeston Jaycee Bootheel Rodeo - Aug Quilt Show - Aug Downtown Wine Festival - Sept American Legion Cotton Carnival - Sept.-Oct Cotton Ramble Bike Ride - Oct Downtown Holiday Open House - Nov Santa at the Depot - Dec Christmas Parade of Lights - Dec Santa's Village - Dec

Area Events Charleston Dogwood Azalea Festival - April

100 Mile Yard Sale - May East Prairie Sweet Corn Festival & Tour De Corn Ride -June Oran Picnic - July Benton Neighbor Day Festival - Sept

*For details and dates go to the community calendar at <u>www.sikeston.net</u> or email <u>tourism@sikeston.net</u>













Southeast mo WINE Trail

Locations are in Scott & Stoddard Counties



Boat House Wine Co. 17253 County Rd 252, Bloomfield, (573) 380-4504 angiesboathouse@gmail.com, 35 miles from Sikeston



The Yule Log Cabin This is a great stop on the way to River Ridge Winery during the holidays. Homemade wreathes, hundreds of themed trees, 100,000 ornaments! Open Labor Day-New Years & just 25 miles from Sikeston. yulelogcabin.com





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River Ridge Winery County Rd 321, Commerce, (573) 264-3712 riverridgewinery.com, 27 miles north of Sikeston



The River House Wine Place 11500 State Hwy N, Scott City, (573) 225-0325 . Located on the Mississippi River, 15 miles north of Sikeston



Sikeston Wine Festival Held every 2nd Saturday in September in Historic Downtown Sikeston. (573) 380-3801

Sikeston ART & ANTIQUES

If you're a fan of art and antiques, you'll love visiting Sikeston. Below is a list of shops to explore in Sikeston and surrounding areas. For help planning your trip contact the Sikeston Convention & Visitors Bureau, tourism@sikeston.net



Sikeston Depot Museum & Cultural Center 116 W. Malone, Sikeston, (573) 481-9967 www.sikestondepotmuseum.com

Visit the Sikeston Depot Museum & Culture Center and explore the history of Sikeston and Southeast Missouri. The Depot also features local and regional artists each month. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Call for hours. Free admission.



Here We Go Again Antiques & Consignment . 120 W. Front St., Sikeston (573) 380-5091.



Rhinestone Rooster Antiques, Furniture, Vintage clothing 124 E. Front St. Call for hours (618) 920-7400.



Art on the Gogh/The Art Spirit 114 E. Front St., Sikeston, (573) 471-5394. Original art from local artists, framing, art and craft classes for all ages. artspiritsikeston@gmail.com

Points of Interest

Parengo Coffee, 114 E. Front St. *Local artist featured each month.

Legion Park, Front & New Madrid St.

Veterans Park, 100 Campanella Dr.

Malone Park, 200 W. Center St.

Area Antiques

Old Timers Antique Mall - 16655 N. Outer Rd, Dexter, MO. (573) 624-8288.

Granny's Antiques & Southeast Mo Ag Museum - 521 County Rd 532, Bertrand (573) 471-9241 or 471-3945. Call for hours.

More Antiques & Resale Goodwill Store - 608 Brunt Blvd.

Sikeston Trade Fair - 328 Route H



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In 1860, John Sikes recorded a plat with the Scott County Recorder. On it Sikes wrote, "I am going to start me a town, and I am going to call it Sikes Town." From that dream the city of Sikeston was founded. In 1875, the town of Sikeston, with a population of 250, was incorporated by the State of Missouri. In the 1920's Sikeston experienced a period of great prosperity and economic growth. At that time the city was home to more millionaires per capita than any city of its size within the U.S. Travel the cobblestone streets and view the historic homes from Sikeston's storied past. The tour also includes historic parks, churches, public buildings and other points of interest. Sikeston Historic Home Tour brochures are available at area hotels, the Sikeston CVB office, 128 N. New Madrid St or Sikeston Welcome Center at the Depot museum, 116 W. Malone Ave. You can follow the tour route or customize to your groups needs. Below are some highlights along the tour...



Sikeston Depot Museum 116 W. Malone, Sikeston (573) 481-9967 Explore the history of Sikeston & Southeast Missouri at this restored 1916 Iron Mountain Railroad Train Depot. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Free admission.



Sikeston and Southeast Missouri has some of the most fertile soil in Missouri and is home to numerous farming operations. Whether you are visiting in the spring or fall season you'll see a cornucopia of color and activity. Area crops are varied and include watermelon, corn, rice, fruit, cotton, soybeans and other row crops. Below are some suggested sites and tour options. For help planning your trip contact the Sikeston Convention & Visitors Bureau (888) 309-6591, tourism@sikeston.net

Apple Ridge Orchard (573) 380-5466 - 4077 State Hwy BB, Sikeston. Century farm, you pick, fresh produce, family-friendly. Crops include strawberries, garlic, lavender, blueberries and blackberries. Seasonal - open April-Aug. Call for hours.

Vanduser Cotton Gin (573) 471-1903 - 801 Hamilton St. Vanduser. Located at the intersection of Hwy ZZ & Main St. Open Monday-Thursday 8am to 4pm & Friday 8am to 12pm. Call for tour information.

Beggs Family Farms (573) 471-3879 - 2319 State Hwy U, Sikeston. Crops: pumpkins, strawberries, corn and more. Attractions: pumpkins patch, corn maze, petting zoo, country store, kids activities and games. Seasonal—open last weekend in Sept. -October. Www.beggsfamilyfarm.com

Beggs Berry World (573) 545-3881 Exit 80 - Interstate 55 - Benton. You pick or buy fresh produce; strawberries, melons, sweet corn, tomatoes, pumpkins, pecans and more. Homemade ice cream, desserts, and café. Www.beggsberryworld.com

Bader Farms (573) 246-2528 - 38601 State Hwy WW, Campbell. Crops include peaches, strawberries, watermelon, cantaloupe, strawberries, blackberries, corn, apples, and more. Call for hours.

Kinnaman Orchard (573) 568-2959 - 24987 County Rd. 317, Bloomfield. Crops include flowers, nut trees, peaches, strawberries, blackberries, plums, corn, tomatoes and more. Call for hours.

Cates Orchard (573) 624-3949 - 13423 State Hwy WW, Dudley. Various vegetable and fruit crops. Open mid-June through Oct. Mon-Tues 4-6 pm, Thurs 4-6 pm, Fri 2-5 pm, Sat 9 am-4 pm

Riceland Foods (573) 643-2241, 918 New Madrid County Port, Marston. Farmer-owned coop. providing marketing services for rice, soybeans and wheat. Rice, oil and lecithin products. Call for tour information.



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Points of Interest

Sikeston Depot Museum, (573) 481-9967, 116 W. Malone Ave.

Downtown Farmers Market Corner of New Madrid & Front St, Open May-Oct. 7:30am-sellout.

Sikeston Recreation Complex 501 Campanella (573) 475-3725. Features walking trails, playgrounds, fishing lake.

Sikeston Malco Cinema & Grill 1218 Cinema Dr. (573) 481-0334.

Sikeston is the northernmost location where cotton is grown. Cotton crops can be viewed in Sikeston and the surrounding farms in the fall from late Sept. to early Oct. The annual Cotton Carnival and parade celebrating the harvest is held the last week in September.



Veterans Memorial Tour

Sikeston and Southeast Missouri carries a rich military past. Step back in time from the Civil War to more recent campaigns at these museums and military sites. For additional information or hotels and amenities contact the Sikeston Convention & Visitors Bureau, tourism@sikeston.net.

Sikeston Depot Museum

116 W. Malone, Sikeston, MO (573) 481-9967, www.sikestondepot.org Explore the history of Sikeston & Southeast Missouri including Sikeston's military history. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Free admission.

Scott County War Memorial

131 S. Winchester St., Benton MO (573) 545-3549 The War Memorial is located on the grounds of the Scott County Courthouse and is dedicated to Scott County residents who lost their lives in conflict.

Veterans Park

Campanella & Linn Streets, Sikeston MO (573) 475-3725

This 4.8 acre park features a large, lighted granite monument & flag display, M-60 battle tank, F4 Phantom jet, 105mm Howitzer from WWII, a US Navy 1955 Sioux helicopter & more. Two picnic shelters are located in the park.



Missouri Veterans Cemetery

Hwy 25, Bloomfield MO (573) 568-3871

The cemetery is located on 65 acres of the historically significant and scenic Crowley's Ridge in the bootheel of Missouri. The cemetery shares a common entry way with the Stars & Stripes military newspaper museum.

Stars & Stripes Museum Library

17377 Stars & Stripes Way, Bloomfield, MO (573) 568-2055. This museum is dedicated to the Stars & Stripes, the United States Military Newspaper. On Nov. 9, 1861 the newspaper was born on the courthouse square in Bloomfield, MO from the idea of 10 Union soldiers.

Civil War Memorial Cemetery

County Rd. 517 Bloomfield, MO (573) 568-2055 Over 150 military markers memorialize soldiers & citizens who died in Stoddard County during the Civil War. Each monument carries an explanation of when, where and how each soldier died, making this site unique and informative.

New Madrid Historical Museum

No.1 South Main St., New Madrid, MO 63869 (573) 748-5944 The museum features a Civil War Room exhibit including letters, clothing, equipment and weaponry of the period on display. The Civil War Battle of Island No. 10 is presented from the viewpoint of a local historian.





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Points of Interest

American Legion Park, Front & New Madrid St.

Malone Park, Scott at Center Street

VFW Hall, 709 Smith Ave., Sikeston (573) 471-7575

American Legion Post 114, 333 S. Kingshighway (573) 471-9956

Susie's Bake Shop, 112 Center St. (573) 471-8550

Kirby's Sandwich Shop, 109 N. Kingshigway (573) 471-1318

Colton's Steakhouse, 101 Hospitality Dr. (573) 475-8300



Sikeston and Southeast Missouri offers a variety of fishing opportunities from small ponds to large lakes and the Mississippi River, you'll enjoy the great outdoors and find that perfect fishing hole! State fishing license requirements apply.

Recreation Complex Lake (573) 475-3725 - 501 Campanella Street, Sikeston . This 4.6 acre fishing lake is stocked periodically with catfish. A half-mile fitness trail surrounds the lake. Several playgrounds, picnic shelters, and restrooms are available. *Handicap Accessible*.

R.S. Matthews Park/C.P. Wing Lake (573) 475-3725 - Col. George Day Parkway, Sikeston Features a 7 acre fishing lake with a boat ramp (no gas motors allowed). Features walking track, play-grounds, restrooms and picnic shelter. Handicap Accessible.

Lake Tywappity (573) 290-5730. East from Chaffee on Route A to Route RA, which leads to the I37 acre lake in Scott County. Features: boat ramp, picnic area, pavilion, restrooms, disabled-accessible floating fishing dock. *Handicap Accessible*.



Points of Interest

Sikeston Youth Fishing Derby is held every year in May at the Sports Complex Lake. For dates and details call (573) 475-3725 or dcare@sikeston.org

10 Mile Pond Conservation Area (573) 290-5730 - Located on Hwy 102 in Mississippi County. This area features 3,755 acres for fishing, hunting, bird watching, and boat ramp. *Handicap Accessible*.

Big Oak Tree State Park – 13640 State Hwy 102, East Prairie, (573) 649-3149. The park features a 22 acre lake, boat ramp, 2 trails including a board walk, picnic tables, shelters, restrooms, and playground. *Handicap Accessible*.

Seven Islands Conservation Area (573) 290-5730 Located in Mississippi Co. This 1,375 acre conservation area features 2 Lakes (74 acre & 59 acre), bird watching, camping, and hunting (archery & muzzle loading only). Boat Ramp/Parking lot. *Handicap Accessible*.

Robert G. Delaney Lake (Big Lake) (573) 290-5730 - Located on County Road 222 in Mississippi County. In addition to Delaney Lake (102 acres), there is bottomland forest, a boat ramp, and a fishing jetty. Parking lot, pavilion, and restrooms available. *Handicap Accessible*.

Ross Lake (573) 264-2322- Located 7.1 miles from Scott City near Commerce on County Rd 341. Features a variety of fish including striped bass, crappie and trout.

General Watkins Conservation Area (573) 290-5730. – Three miles south of Benton on Highway 61 in Scott Co. The area is named for a famous Missouri statesman and Civil War general, Nathanial Watkins, who lived here and is buried in a small cemetery. Features: hiking, camping area, picnic area, nine fishable lakes and ponds (20 acres total).



Southeast MO Nature Trails

If you are a nature lover, you'll find no shortage of sites to visit in Sikeston and Southeast Missouri. Enjoy hiking trails, bird watching, boardwalks (through cypress-tupelo swamps) and interpretative centers at locations listed below. Bird species are seen at several sites including the snowy egrets, yellow-crowned night herons, sand hill cranes, and 17 birds of prey, including bald eagles. For help planning your trip contact the Sikeston Convention & Visitors Bureau. tourism@sikeston.net



City of Sikeston Park System

Sikeston has several parks with some featuring walking/bike trails & fishing lakes. For more information go to www.sikeston.org, or call 573-475-3725. Handicap accessible. Restrooms available.

Crowleys Ridge Conservation Area

County Road 237, Stoddard County, MO. 573-290-5730 Facilities/Activities: Primitive Camping, Bird Watching, Hunting and Fishing. This area contains old fields, forest and cropland.

Otter Slough Conservation Area

County Rd 675, Stoddard County, MO. 573-290-5730 Facilities/Activities: Fishing, Hiking, Hunting, Primitive Camping, Bird Watching & Boat Ramp. Handicap accessible. Restrooms available.

Mississippi River Walk & Observation Deck

Levee Rd, New Madrid MO, 573-748-5300 The Mississippi River Walk & Observation Deck offer panoramic views of the greatest waterway in North America. See 8 miles of the river as it winds around the New Madrid Bend. Handicap accessible.

10-Mile Pond Conservation Area

Hwy 102 in Mississippi County, MO. 573-290-5730. Facilities/Activities: Fishing, Hunting, Bird Watching, & Boat Ramp. Handicap accessible.





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General Watkins Conservation Area Hwy 77, Oran MO, 573-290-5730 Facilities/Activities: Hiking, Hunting, Primitive Camping, Picnicking,

Lake Tywappity Conservation Area

State Route RA, Chaffee MO 573-290-5730 Facilities/Activities: Fishing, Boating, Hiking, Hunting & Picnicking. Handicap accessible. Restrooms available.



Big Oak Tree State Park 13640 State Hwy 102, East Prairie MO 573-649-3149 Facilities/Activities: Fishing, Hunting, Boardwalk, Hiking, Bird Watching, Picnicking & Playground. Handicap accessible. Restrooms available.



Mingo National Wildlife Refuge 24279 State Hwy 51, Puxico MO. 573-222-3162, mingo@fws.gov. Facilities/Activities: Fishing, Hunting, Hiking, Bird Watching & Picnicking. Restrooms available. Handicap Accessible. Every two years, the refuge celebrates Bald Eagle Days.



There are numerous recreation and fitness events and facilities for youths and adults in Sikeston. The City of Sikeston has 16 parks totaling nearly 285 acres, a multi-use trail in the Recreation Complex which offers walkers, runners, and cyclists and numerous miles of paved surface. Below is a list of facilities, activities and area fitness events.

Annual Area Fitness Events

Kenny Rogers Children's Center Telethon 5K Kickoff - March Contact: Kenny Rogers Children's Center (573) 472-0397

1K Donut Dash— March. Held in conjunction with St. Patrick's Day Festival Contact: Sikeston Parks & Recreation (573) 475-3725

Sikeston Public School Foundation 5K Color Run - April Contact: Sikeston Parks & Recreation (573) 472-2581

Dogwood Azalea Festival 5K Race & 1 Mile Run - April Charleston MO Contact: Wayne Corse (573) 683-6361

"Ride the Fault Line" Bicycle Tour - June This 7-day tour of the Mississippi River valley follows segments of the New Madrid Fault. Cyclists will visit communities & attractions in Missouri, Arkansas, Tennessee and Kentucky. Contact: Rodney McConnell (573) 380-7875, www.ridethefault.com

Tour De Corn Charity Bike Ride - June, East Prairie MO. Featuring 15-, 30-, 60- & 100-mile bicycle rides. Contact: (573) 233-5281, www.tourdecorn.com

Kenny Rogers Children's Center Charity Walk/Run- October Contact: Kenny Rogers Children's Center (573) 472-0397

Annual Goblin Gallop 5K Run/Walk - October Contact: Bootheel Counseling Center (573) 471-0800





Points of Interest

Hiking and Nature Trails: Lake Tywappity Conservation Area- Chaffee Big Oak Tree State Park- East Prairie Mingo National Wildlife Refuge- Puxico Mississippi River Walk- New Madrid General Watkins Conservation Area- Oran 10-Mile Pond Conservation Area- Mississippi County Otter Slough Conservation Area- Stoddard Co.

*For additional trail information go to www.mdc.mo.gov

Trailblazers Club Sponsored by Scott County Health Dept. in cooperation with the City Parks & Recreation. The club promotes exercise - walking, biking, jogging, utilizing the walking trail in the Recreation Complex. Membership is free. (573) 475-3725

Sikeston Corporate Games are held every other year. The Sikeston Parks & Recreation hosts this annual fitness challenge between area industries. Teams compete in a variety of sports and fitness events for trophies and bragging rights. Contact Dustin Care (573) 457-3725, dcare@sikeston.org





If you consider yourself a foodie, we have some great restaurants for you to try. From local pubs and cafes to fine dining you'll find something to fit your taste buds in Sikeston and the surrounding area. *All phone numbers are (573) area code. For more restaurants and information go to www.sikeston.net

ASIAN

China Buffet—1207 S. Main, Sikeston 472-9899 Peking Chinese Restaurant—925 S. Kingshighway 472-6190

BARBECUE

Bo's Pit BBQ—1609 E. Malone, Sikeston, 471-9927. BBQ, fried chicken, specials , breakfast and more.

Dexter Bar-B-Que—24 N. Main, Sikeston, 471-6676. Hickorysmoked ribs, brisket, chicken, and more.

BAR & GRILL - PUBS

Applebees—1260 S. Main, Sikeston 472-3111 *Buffalo Wild Wings*—231 N. Main, Sikeston, 481-2999. Wings, sports and much more!

Cheer's Bar & Grill—1212 Linn St., Sikeston, 471-2006. Features a large menu with daily specials.

Jeremiah's—102 N. Kingshighway, Sikeston, 472-4412. Outdoor seating available.

Schindler's Tavern—1029 State Hwy A, New Hamburg, 545-3709. Try the famous "baloney burger".

<u>CAFÉ'S</u>

Kirby's Sandwich Shop—109 N. Kingshighway, Sikeston, 471-1318. Since 1907 Kirby's has been serving the famous Kirby Burger & and much more.

Lambert's Café—2305 E. Malone, Sikeston, 471-4261. Visit the famous Lambert's Café home of the "throwed rolls" and the Travel Channel's "#1 Pig Out place to eat".

Susie's Bake Shoppe—A local favorite featuring daily lunch specials, and sweet treats. Catering available. 112 E. Center, Sikeston 471-8550

WINNER, WINNER, CHICKEN DINNER

Jay's Krispy Fried Chicken— A hometown favorite, they also serve full breakfast items. 218 N. Main, Sikeston, 471-8472 Chester's Fried Chicken—1401 S. Main, Sikeston 471-4553



COFFEE & DONUTS

Dunkin Donuts—1401 S. Main, Sikeston 472-6428 Houchin's Donuts—903 S. Main St., Sikeston, 472-9415 Parengo Coffee—114 E. Front, Sikeston 475-8023 Scooter's Coffee—422 N. Main 475-8710

FAST FOODS

Burger King—911 E. Malone, Sikeston 471-9242 Dairy Queen—1101 S. Main, Sikeston 472-0206 McDonalds—1301 S. Main, Sikeston 471-3111 R & O Takeout—929 N. Main, Sikeston 475-0816 Rally's—533 N. Main, Sikeston 481-2300 Sonic—216 N. Main Sikeston 472-3446 Subway—1405 E. Malone, Sikeston 472-1033 Wendy's—1701 E. Malone, Sikeston 472-3341

MEXICAN RESTAURANTS

El Bracero—1103 S. Main, Sikeston 472-0616 *La Ruleta*—1189 S. Main, Suite C, Sikeston 471-7789 *Taco Bell*—1165 S. Main, Sikeston 471-7500 *Taco Johns*—1409 E. Malone, Sikeston 471-3344

<u>PIZZA</u>

Domino's Pizza—530 S. Main, Sikeston 471-2667 *Imo's Pizza*— 1601 S. Main, Sikeston 481-0959 *Papa John's*—225 N. Main, Sikeston 471-7272 *Pizza Hut*—1103 E. Malone, Sikeston 472-2778 *Pizza Inn*—1905 E. Malone, Sikeston 471-8590

SURF & TURF

Colton's Steakhouse—101 Hospitality Dr., Sikeston, 475-8300. Great steaks, specials, and burgers.

Watami Sushi & Hibachi Steakhouse—1229 Hennings Drive, Sikeston. Asian cuisine such as sushi, teppanyaki dinners, teriyaki chicken, delicious steaks and more. Outdoor seating available.



