Every year, visitors from all over the country come to the Salem, Missouri area for family fun and recreation. There is so much to do and so many attractions to see that it simply can’t all be done in one visit. Perhaps that’s why so many of our tourists come back to the Salem area year after year.

Salem is a natural pit stop for visitors to Montauk State Park or the Ozark National Scenic Riverways. Many floaters and fishermen have discovered the advantages of enjoying the State and National Parks during the daytime, and then evening the amenities and activities available in Salem.

Salem offers guests comfortable lodging, a variety of great restaurants, and scores of recreational opportunities.

**Area Attractions**

- The unique mix of Ozark heritage, quaint settings, and serene streams is prime fishing for avid anglers.
- Spring Creek Golf Club features 18 holes of golf, a practice facility, and a driving range.
- The Dent House is a privately-owned residence and is home to a collection of antiques that can be viewed by appointment.
- Antique and collectible enthusiasts can find treasures in area antique and gift shops.
- Horse trails and hiking trails are abundant in the area, with hundreds of miles of scenic trails to be explored.
- Dixon Hill State Historic Site interprets one of Missouri’s best-preserved, water-powered gristmills.
- Round Spring is a sink hole and is part of the Ozark National Scenic Riverways. The National Park Service offers guided tours of Round Spring Cave.
- The Camdenton Resort provides a wonderful environment for families to enjoy the city and countryside.
- The 4th of July Festival and Fireworks Display is an important tradition in Salem and one of the largest fireworks displays in the region. Deer hunting, the fall festival, and numerous cultural activities accompany the return of autumn color.

**Road Tours**

Three self-guided tours enable you to find nearly all of the most beautiful views and interesting historical sites in the area. We recommend you take a picnic lunch, take your time, and relax as you take in the breathtaking views, peaceful forests, and serene wildlife that are unique to the Ozarks.

- **Springs Tour** visits Little Scotia Pond, Pulpite Spring, Ozark National Scenic Riverways, Current River, Round Spring, Alley Spring and more.
- **Forest Tour** includes Mark Twain National Forest, Dillard Mill, Red Bluff, Indian Trail Forest and The Trail of Tears.
- **Riverways Tour** will take you to Devil’s Well, Current River, Ozark National Scenic Riverways, Welch Cave, Cedar Grove and Montauk State Park.

**Visitor's Guide**

**Discover Dent County**

Montauk Mill, a 19th-century grist mill built in 1870 for $15,500, is part of the Ozark National Scenic Riverways. Montauk Mill still houses much of its original equipment. Free guided tours are available on weekends.

The National Park Service offers guided tours of Round Spring Cave.

Montauk State Park is a popular destination for trophy trout fishing for serious anglers. The exhibit shown was produced by the Smithsonian Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage.

The Rally in the 100 Acre Wood draws professional racers and road rally enthusiasts from around the world each February. This rally started as a production produced by the National Park Service.

Whether you're an antiques collector, trout enthusiast, turkey hunter, fisherman, deer hunter, or just a canoeing enthusiast, you'll have a good time in Salem and surrounding Dent County for yourself. There's more to do here. Naturally.