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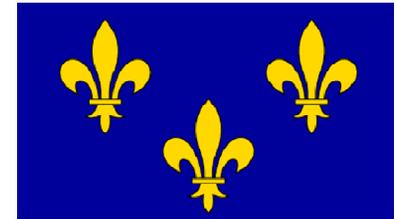
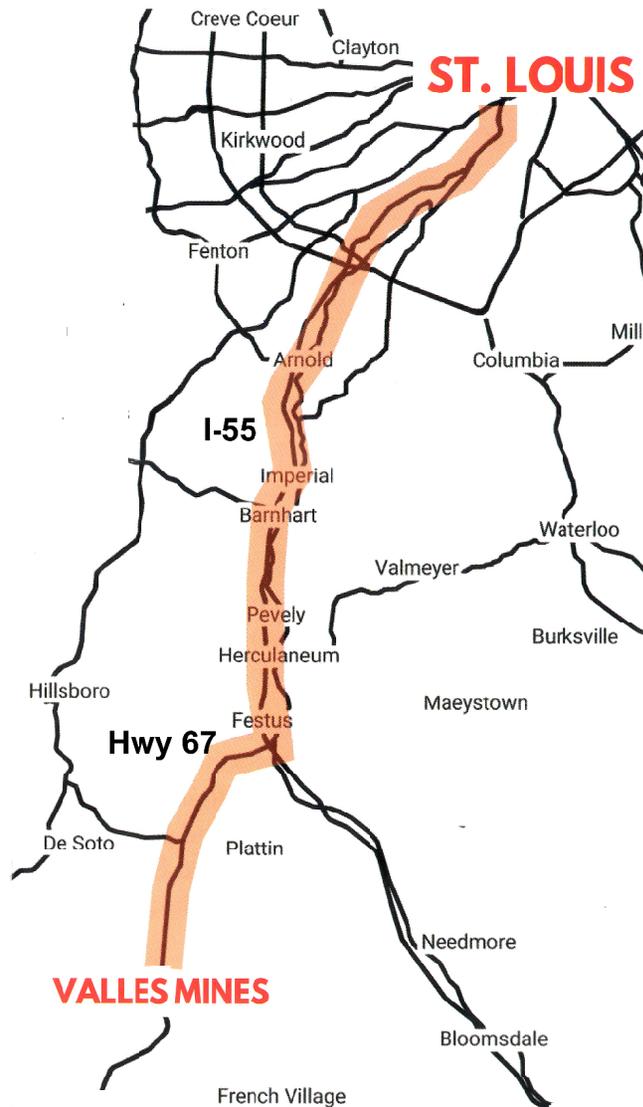
- Fishing
- Horse Trails
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the Purest
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Specimens
in the
Mineral
Belt**

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550 million years of seismic activity made the Ozark Mountains and millions of years of weather wore them down. Ore from a cave system 8,000 feet deep ended up exposed on our highest peak at 1133 ft in elevation. These lead deposits near the surface got the attention of French trader Francois Valle while trading with indigenous Natives. At first he bought the lead and shipped it to New Orleans, France and New York. Surface mining followed for decades. By 1824 deeper mining into the cave system unlocked millions of pounds of lead, tiff (barite), and by the late 1800's, zinc, which had been cast aside as waste until then.

Hiking to the Haunted Tunnel



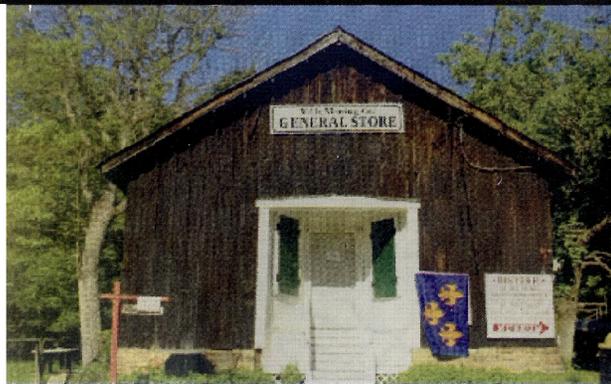
Use your phone to download maps from the map sections of our website.

Our historic hiking trails extend several miles up and down the valley. You can hike or bike in the wildlife areas. Your purchase of a recreational permit lets you enjoy these areas and helps maintain the property.

The Abandoned Mississippi River & Bonne Terre Railroad (MRBT) runs through the property including, the 255 foot tunnel, built in 1889, which is haunted. The tunnel may be visited on special occasions by hiking or on horseback

Riding to the Haunted Tunnel

Groups or individuals whose horses hold valid Croggins's test may ride all over the 3700 acres regularly. Please contact us for more details. Large parking lot on premises.

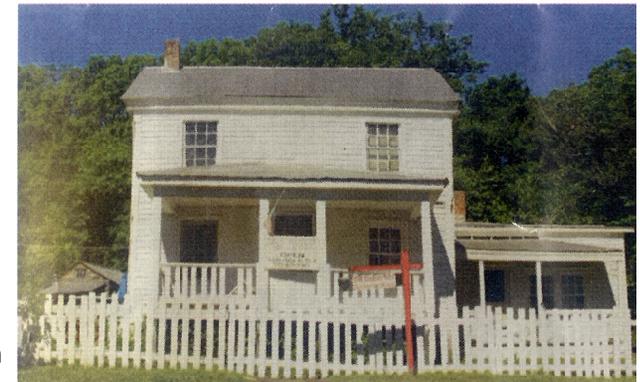


No one can ride every trail in a day. Picnic or romance, or just relax under a tree near our 840 ft. deep Artesian Well, traced to an underground river from Arkansas.

The Military Section holds military memorabilia including - personal photos from World War II by Mina Harrison who as a Red Cross nurse liberated two Nazi death camps "while the furnaces were still burning" from the front lines of General George Patton's 3rd Army ETO (European Theatre of Operations). She received the Medal Of Freedom for actions in the Battle of the Bulge. Colonel William H. Harrison, asst. G4 in Pattons 3rd Army later commanded Missouri's 102nd Ozark Division.

Across the driveway from the log cabin you can visit the old General store, where in 1861 Confederate Bushwacker, Sam Hildebrand & his men had a shoot-out with Federal troops. Today it's the field office of Valle Mining Co. You can sit by the wood stove and remember the good Ol' days. You can see historic photos, surveys & maps since 1854. You can see samples of Lead, Zinc, Barite along with samples of our ore drill cores.

Original Francois Valle's Home 1749 Log Cabin



Visit the 1749 Historic log cabin of Francois Valle and his marie Marianne-Billeron. Built as a wedding present from the bride's father.

Thank You!

for Your purchase of a recreational permit