

To Fish or Not To Fish...



Two secluded 10-acre lakes offer a pleasurable outdoor diversion.

Bring the frying pan or gawk at the Canada geese. Camp primitive* on the lake or camp indoors with electric and just visit. We're only 46 minutes from the Arch but you'd never know it when you wake up in Wilderness. Called a photo opportunity by some and "Marginal Wetland Habitat" by Conservation. Trout in 2000!

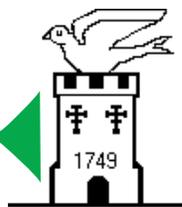
[* We limit density so please call first. A lake may be reserved for private parties, reunions, etc.]



Sustainable Release Project

In cooperation with Wildlife Rehab Clinic, the property provides 3 Release Sites for rehabbed animals. The Project's aim: to permanently rebuild our depleted animal population. We started in 1998 with releases of raccoon, mink, opossum and red fox. Hike/bike the wildlife areas and fishing lakes. Off limits to hunters all year. Blue Heron sited 3-28-00. Foot traffic only.

Your purchase of a Recreation Permit lets you enjoy these areas and supports the Project's growth.



Miner's Park

Main Street, Valles Mines.

The center of the 2nd oldest mining village in Missouri. From the ancient Smelter Chimney, trails connect to a picnic area, dam, and bonfire circle. Walk to the old buildings (see below) nearby. 3 lawns serve from 50 to 500 people for gatherings. Hiking Trails extend 3/4 mile each way up and down the valley.

LostHistory museum

(2000 is our 251th anniversary!)

Francois Valle came down the Mississippi from Quebec in 1748 to Kaskaskia and married Marianne Billeron. Her father built them a house at Valles' Mines to trade with the Indians. 100 years later, three sisters married three brothers and the rest is history...

From the Valles' log cabin, now the Lost History Museum, Papa Valle, the French trader, bought lead from the Indians and carried it back to Ste. Genevieve for shipment to New York and Philadelphia.

Before the Tornado sucked up the old General Store, Confederate Sam Hildebrand and his men shot it out with Federal troops during the Civil War. In 1911, the steam powered Diamond core drill struck an underground river making the Atresian Well that flows at the foot of the hill.

See a photo history of mining operations. Interactive mining exhibit for kids opens in 2000.

Mineral Blossum Exhibit opens 4-1. Gift Shop.

Military Exhibits

- Holocaust Exhibit of Signal Corp. photos. [Open]
- Coming soon: "Patton's 3rd Army" - Maps, tapes, memorabilia, military vehicles. Show#1 - Gen. Wm. H. Harrison's (102nd Ozark Div. commander) show of his time serving as Gen. Patton's youngest General Staff officer, European Theatre of Operations, WWII.

Call 1st! 636-586-3680
Permit required.



(Bring Your Own Horse)

B.Y.O.H

Groups or individuals whose critters hold valid Coggins tests are welcome. Please contact us for details.



Hiking

Walk historic Selma Road dating back to the 1700's, a road so used

bringing lead to market that it wore down 4 feet below the surface around it. Large trees are some of our oldest. Use your GPS for more than hunting! Our FREE GPS map lets you rendezvous for lunch, romance, whatever. *Vive la France!* Or bring your cell phone and the old compass. Fill that canteen and get away for a couple of hours. Sit under a tree.



Biking

All bikes welcome! Ride street bikes (SB) on blacktop from the General Store to the Lakes. Mountain bikes (MB) work best on the mountains and former County roads or railroad bed like the Katy Trail. (MB) All-weather circuit: the old railroad (2 mi. out & 2 back). (MB) In good shape? Ride up & over Mount Zorro on the French Village Road (circuit from the General Store=5 mi.) (MB/SB) 1/3 asphalt, 1/3 wagon trail, 1/3 gravel rd. to the Lakes (up to 4 mi.). All skill levels can get somewhere for a great picnic. Trails total over 25 miles.

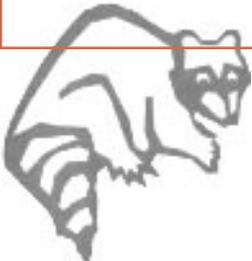
Dig Your Own Drusy



Attention Rock Hounds!
The Mineral Belt at its best. Dig your own Drusy Quartz, large nugget galena, clinically pure white barite and other ores at Valles Mines, the 2nd oldest Mining Village in Missouri, 46 minutes south of the Arch.

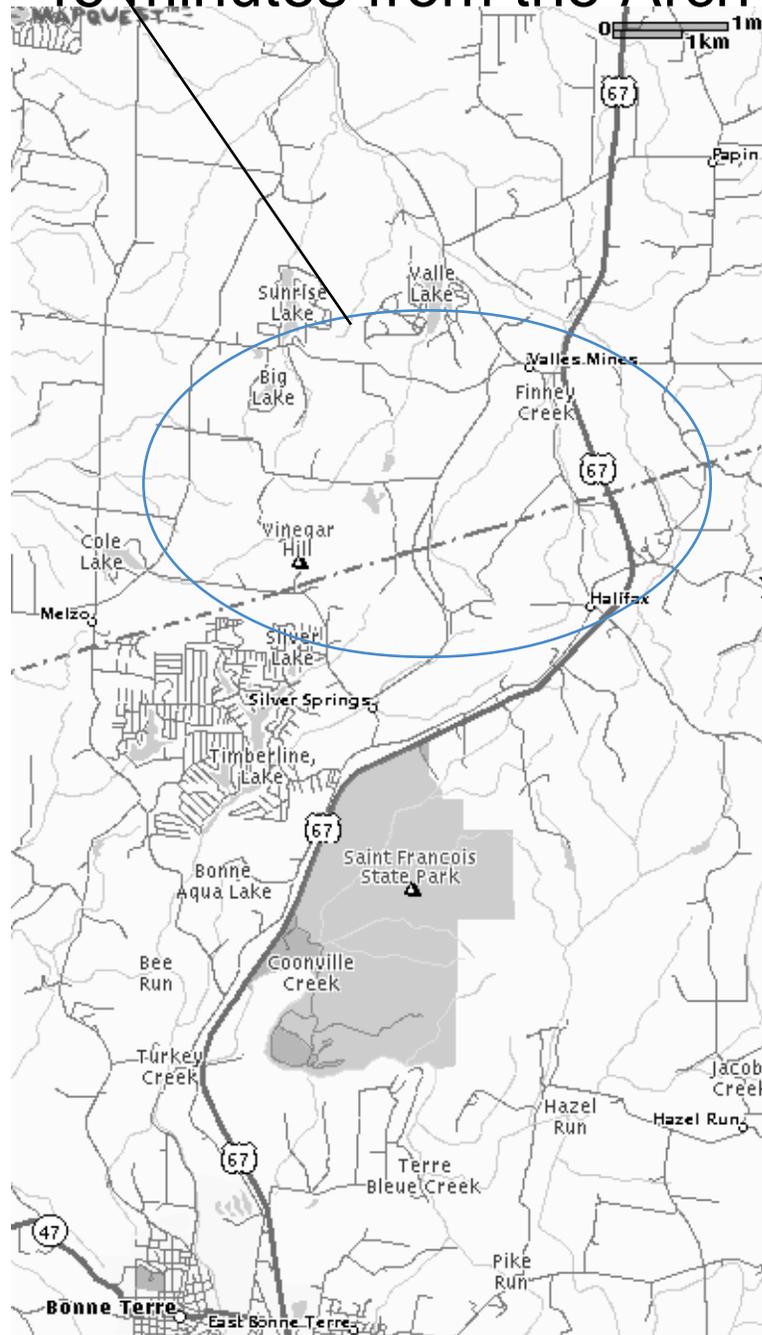
Permits
available
for
Limited Prospecting

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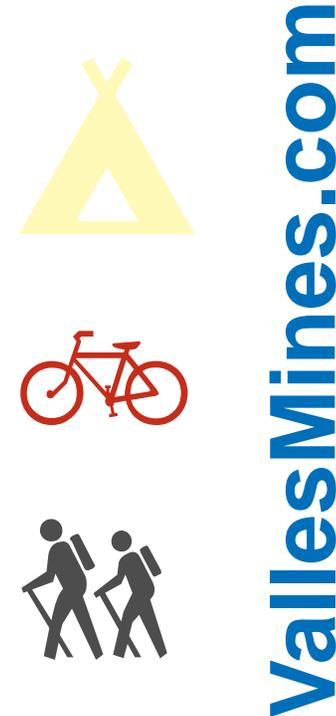
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