



KICKIN' IT

St. Louis Style

Many "Chances to Motor West" ...

The "highway that's the best" switched roads a few times going through St. Louis. That's why there's more than one "Route 66" in the city. The purist will want to travel them all.



CARL'S DRIVE-IN

Originally a service station in 1918, it was converted into a summer-time hot dog stand before being made into a Route 66-worthy diner in 1959.

SPENCER'S GRILL

The hip neon sign still beckons travelers and locals alike. For seven decades, great meals have been served here, but get a seat at the counter, because it's fun to watch 'em cook them.

THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF TRANSPORTATION

Let's get real - you're here to see Bobby Darin's "Dream Machine" car. Car of the future indeed. Also featured is the Coral Court room façade, making this a must stop.



MERAMEC CAVERNS

Stop by and explore these fantastic caverns. At five stories high, this cave has been wowing roadsters since 1935.



ROUTE 66 STATE PARK & MUSEUM

This 1935 roadhouse features a treasure trove of memorabilia that tells the "Main Street, America" story. Also, get your outdoor kicks on the seven miles of hiking, bicycling, and horseback riding trails.



LAUMEIER SCULPTURE PARK

This stunning and conversation-starting collection of over 60 outdoor sculptures spread out over 105 acres is an open-air museum that is beloved by locals and visitors alike.



TED DREWES FROZEN CUSTARD

Yup - pull in, get a "concrete," and turn it upside down. It will not fall out. Since 1929, travelers have been delighted if not also astounded by the shake handmade so thick that it earned that nickname.

CRESTWOOD BOWL

Take a break from the road and make some new friends at this old-school bowling alley. In 2012 the original neon sign was restored through a grant from the National Park Service - that alone is worth a stop.



THE CHASE PARK PLAZA HOTEL

Route 66 was packed with down-on-their-luck dreamers traveling to a new life and desperados on the run. But there were plenty of the well-heeled who traveled the motorway, too, and they stayed at the Chase Hotel.

MISSOURI HISTORY MUSEUM

This is a jewel among Forest Park's many destinations. From 1764 to present, the museum has deftly defined Missouri's history and is currently housed in a building that is the first national monument to Thomas Jefferson. Always free.

HI-POINTE THEATRE & AMOCO SIGN

Built in 1922, this gem of a movie theater sits across from the world's largest Amoco gas sign. The theater takes its name from the neighborhood, as in the highest point in the city of St. Louis.

MAPLEWOOD MEMORIES

This neighborhood boasts Route 66's past and its future and the history is celebrated with memorial plaques.

DONUT DRIVE-IN

This is a shrine to signs of the times and fried deliciousness. You don't think you need that chocolate glazed or that custard filled donut, but trust us: You need both. Voted best donuts on Route 66.



OLD CHAIN OF ROCKS BRIDGE & PARK

As you cross this treasured bridge, imagine the 1930s roadsters that used it to cross the Mississippi River when it became Route 66 in 1936. Today it's open only to pedestrians and is part of a new 16-acre park.

CROWN CANDY KITCHEN

Sine 1913, a continuous family-owned operation, this landmark is a must for travelers craving the world-renowned handmade malts and thick-stacked sandwiches.



THE GATEWAY ARCH

Since 1965, Route 66 travelers have taken in this magnificent symbol of the Gateway to the West as they begin on the Missouri part of their journey.

Route 66 in St. Louis

KEY

- 1926-1928
- - - 1929
- - - 1933
- 1936 City
- - - 1936 Bypass
- 1955
- - - 1967