



WILD, WEIRD, AND WONDERFUL

Ever wanted to get lost on purpose? Travelers call this “getting off the beaten path.” Considering, we’re doing it on purpose, we’re never truly lost. This allows travelers to grow and make fresh, unique memories. Therefore, this time around we’re headed to Owensville, Missouri. Ever heard of this city? Probably not. The life of the RVer has so many twists and turns, I have no doubt you’ll eventually end up here. The truth is, we have an amazing RPI Preferred campground in Owensville called Lost Valley Lake.

What's so special about Lost Valley Lake? Let's start with the park itself. Lost Valley Lake is enormous. With so many acres of land, the park has managed to fill it with many amazing things for their guests. For starters, they have many play areas for kids and teenagers. They also have great facilities for 21 and over adults. Their amenities include an aquatic center, paddle boats, horseback riding, a spa and even a mini-golf course.

If you’re here with kids, make sure to check out Harry’s Hideout. It has many arcade games to choose from. You know kids, they can play video games for hours! Take them to Pirates Cove to play mini-golf. Make sure to turn the lights off for an incredible game of glow in the dark golf!

Lost Valley Lake has so many things to keep you busy. Ride horses or jump on a giant pillow. Take a dip in their jacuzzi and go fly-fishing afterwards. Play a few sports like basketball, sand volleyball or tennis.

If you want to relax for the evening and pamper yourself, head to the Sky Spa for a massage or facial; watch a movie in their Chaplin Theater, or relax beachside. I can go on and on. Lost Valley Lake has tons to do. The park is so big, you can explore for days.





An hour and a half away is St. Louis, Missouri. This city is best known for its [Gateway Arch](#) which represents the westward expansion of the United States in the 19th century.

Don't miss the [City Museum](#), located at 750 N. 16th Street. You'll find repurposed architecture and fun interactive engineering. You're

encouraged to climb the exhibits, walk the pathways, and slide down the great features of these fascinating architectural marvels. It's like a playground for adults! Make sure to get your money's worth and climb them all.

Look for the fun and somewhat creepy decapitated head of Eros, son of Aphrodite, the Greek goddess of Love. Eros is most commonly known by his Latin name, Cupid. His head lays on the corner of Market and North 8th Street in the [City Garden Sculpture Park](#). The sculpture is so big you can enter it and see the city through his eyes. Pretty fun, right?

If you're traveling the country with your stomach, check out [Bogart's Smokehouse](#). Everyone raves about their delicious, tasty, sweet, tender ribs.



Perhaps you're not interested in driving as far as St. Louis? Owensville is surrounded by a couple of great wineries that will satisfy anyone's thirst for...antioxidants...

[White Mule Winery](#) is located at 2087 US-50 Owensville, Missouri. This quaint winery prides itself on farm raised cattle with the shortest 'farm to table' beef. This means their meat is so fresh and tender, they might as well cook it on your table. Pair this dinner with your wine of choice and it practically guarantees the perfect evening.



Another option is [Wenwood Farm Winery](#), located at 1132 Brick Church Road, in Bland, Missouri. It's about 30 minutes from Owensville. You can soak up the scenery while sipping your favorite wine. I should mention, Wenwood's southern charm and cute farm houses will make anyone feel like a Southern Belle. It's absolutely adorable.

Now that you know about [Lost Valley Lake](#) in Owensville, Missouri, and their many amenities, getting off the beaten path doesn't sound too scary. In fact, it sounds like a great itinerary, filled with unknown paths waiting to be discovered by you! There's so much to do, you can't do it all in one trip. Picking and choosing and forming your own to-do list is part of the fun. Sometimes travel is all about the destination but many times it's those unheard of cities, those off the beaten places that make the best memories.



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Hi guys. James here. I am one of RPI's RV Travel Advisors. Travel is a passion of mine! I want to see it all and explore what the world has to offer. My favorite destination is Barcelona! Barcelona is a thriving melting pot of culture and language from each corner of the world. The weather rivals Los Angeles and the unique history is seen in its architecture throughout the city. Barcelona is a place I would move to in a heartbeat.