

2020 EDITION

TRENTON, MISSOURI VISITORS GUIDE

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Explore North Central Missouri!



WELCOME *to* TRENTON!

AREA HISTORY

Grundy County's recorded history began in the early 1800's. The first settlers in Grundy county were General W.P. Thompson and his family, who arrived in 1833. General Thompson's home still stands today, located in Crowder State Park, along the Thompson River. About a year after Thompson settled, Levi Moore and his family arrived, and the area soon after became known as "Moore's Settlement". In 1838 the first store opened in what was then called Lomax.

Grundy County was organized in 1841 with set boundaries. The county was named for Felix Grundy, Tennessee senator and United States attorney general under President Jackson. In 1857, the county seat of Grundy County - Trenton, was born. The first court in Grundy County was held in a log house in Trenton (known then as Lomax Store).

One of the county's main businesses from 1873 to 1943 was mining. There were three different coal mines in the area, along with a major railroad, which helped the mining industry thrive.

The current courthouse (cover photo) was built in 1903, and is still in excellent condition. Grundy County is classified as a third class county with a township form of government. The current assessed valuation is over \$131 million for a population of around 10,197 (according to the 2010 census). Grundy County encompasses over 437 square miles, and has an agricultural-based economy.

COMMUNITY DEMOGRAPHICS

POPULATION
5,915

MEDIAN AGE
35.8

**MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD
INCOME**
\$36,590

**NUMBER OF
EMPLOYEES**
2,663

**MEDIAN PROPERTY
VALUE**
\$84,000

Source: datausa.io

Trenton is the seat of Grundy County in the heart of the Green Hills of North Central Missouri. Industry, education, agriculture and retail trade make up the economic base of our lovely community.

The low cost of living makes it a desirable community for people of every age. Trenton is the area hub for shopping, dining, and entertainment. The downtown area is being revitalized with new shops. The shopping district includes traditional shopping, such as grocery stores, retail shopping, restaurants, and gas stations. Restaurants in town include Chinese, Mexican, American cuisine, and multiple fast food options.

Industry includes several large manufacturing facilities, such as Modine and Nestle, as well as locally-owned manufacturers, including Global Instruments and Coca-Cola Distribution. Many small businesses and a large agriculture-based economy help support the local Industry. Trenton is entering the renewable energy market with a recently-built solar farm.

Wright Memorial Hospital began treating patients at its new state-of-the-art facility a few years ago. The 25-bed facility includes a nearly 60,000 square foot hospital and adjoining 12,000 square foot medical office building. The hospital is part of the Saint Luke's Health System.

The educational system starts off strong with the AA rated Trenton R-IX School District and offers continuing education with North Central Missouri College. The Jewett Norris Library has over 33,000 volumes within its walls, and the college library has

an additional 15,000 volumes. North Central Missouri College makes higher education accessible and affordable to residents from Trenton and others across the country. NCMC recently completed the Barton Farm Campus for students specializing in agriculture and Cross Hall for students wanting to enter a career in nursing. The Trenton R-IX School District includes S.M. Rissler Elementary, which has instruction for grades K-4; a newer Middle School houses 5-8; and Trenton High School provides education for grades 9-12. There is also pre-school provided by Head Start and other child care providers.

Trenton Municipal Airport is a 4400-foot hard surface lighted runway with jet fuel and hangar space available. Kansas City International Airport is 90 miles away with commercial air transportation.

Located just 96 miles northeast of Kansas City, Trenton lies in an ideal spot for trade and travel. U.S. Highway 65 bypasses the city's east edge, and Highway 6 runs directly through the downtown area, travels through the Amish community of Jamesport, and meets Interstate 35 as it runs on its east-west course.

Evidence of the growth of Trenton in recent years includes new businesses, new homes, and the remodeling of existing structures. North Central Missouri College is involved in a major fundraising campaign for extensive renovation and expansion. Trenton is a city of solid and substantial growth. It is one of the most desirable and attractive small cities in the Midwest.



COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

City Hall

1100 Main St.
660-359-2013
Email: cservice@trentonmo.com
www.trentonmo.com

Chamber of Commerce

611 E. 9th St.
Phone: 660-359-4324
Fax: 660-359-4606
Email: trentonchambermo@gmail.com
www.trentonmochamber.com

Grundy County Commission

700 Main St.
Phone: (660) 359-4040 x 5
Fax: (660) 359-6786
email: commissioners@grundycountymo.com

Main Street Trenton

Trenton Downtown Improvement Association
713 Main St.
660-654-3716
Email: director.mstrenton@gmail.com

North Central MO Development Alliance

713 Main St.
660-973-2996
Email: director@ncmdevelopment.org
www.ncmdevelopment.org

Historic Preservation Committee

1100 Main St.
www.trentonmo.com

Art's Alive

636-399-5371

Visitors Guide photos courtesy of Phil Schlarb and Sam Smith.

POINTS *of* INTEREST



TRENTON ROCK BARN

North Central Missouri Fair Grounds, Oklahoma Ave.
Contact the Park Department at 660-359-2004

This unique octagonal livestock barn and pavilion on the Grundy County Agriculture Fair site was built by the WPA in 1938. It is most commonly known as, the Rock Barn. This historic site is the host for Missouri Days, the North Central Missouri Fair, and many other community events.



TRENTON CINEMA

1204 Oklahoma Ave.
660-359-6552
www.trentoncinema.com

Open Thursday — Sunday
See website for showtimes.

Regular and 3D screens

POINTS *of* INTEREST



THOMPSON HOUSE

Crowder State Park

Contact: Anna Persell, Sup. 660-359-6473

Organized tours available

The historic Thompson House is the oldest standing building in Grundy County, Missouri. Its builder, Dr. William Preston Thompson, was one of the first settlers to arrive in this area. The house is located west of Trenton in what is now Crowder State Park and is in the process of being restored.



TRENTON AQUATIC CENTER

Moberly Park

660-359-2004 or 660-359-2013

Open Memorial Day to Labor Day

1 to 6pm daily

Private parties: 6 to 9pm (by arrangement)



RIVERSIDE COUNTRY CLUB

9 Town and Country Ln.

Nine-hole golf course with grass greens and cart rental.

Swimming pool open 1pm to 6pm Memorial Day

through Labor Day. Extended hours by appointment.

Contact: Andy Cox 660-359-6889 or 660-359-7318



TRENTON TRAP & SKEET RANGE

Northwest 27th St.

660-359-2902 or 660-359-5568

Hours: League shoot Thursday 6pm

Open shoot Thursday after league shoot

Saturday 9am to noon (later if shooters present)

Sunday 1-3pm (later if shooters present)



TRENTON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

1400 Airport Rd.

660-359-5154

Trenton Municipal Airport covers an area of 85 acres (34 ha) and has one runway designated 18/36 with a 4,310 x 75 ft (1,314 x 23 m) asphalt surface.

POINTS *of* INTEREST



GRUNDY COUNTY MUSEUM

1100 Mable St.
Contact Phil Schlarb at 660-654-3368
www.grundycountymuseum.org

Hours: Saturday and Sunday 1:30 to 4:30 pm
Memorial Day through the 3rd week in October

Available to open for special events or requests.



COCA-COLA MUSEUM

821 Industrial Dr.
660-359-6210

Hours: 9am to 5pm

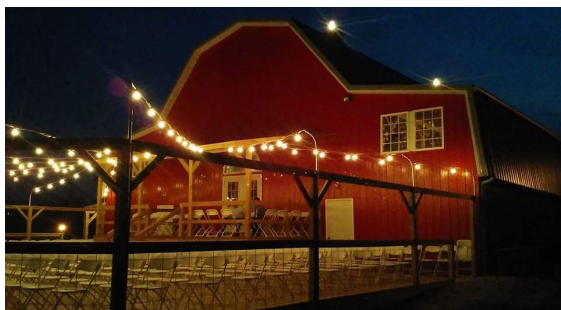
Guided tours available with prior arrangement.



VEACH SADDLERY *Celebrating 100 Years*

1011 E 23rd St.
660-359-3592
Organized tours available.

Monroe Veach was born in Trenton, Missouri in 1896. During World War I, he was assigned to work in the Harness and Saddle Repair Shop at Fort Riley, Kansas where he learned his trade as a master saddle maker. At the end of the war he returned home and opened a small Harness and Saddle shop on his Father's farm. In the early 1920s, Monroe Veach worked as a Trick Roper for Foghorn Clancy's Rodeo at times. While doing this he learned of the great need for Trick Saddles, which became his first niche market, propelling him to fame as a master saddle maker.



RED BARN WEDDING VENUE & EVENT CENTER

200 Iowa Blvd.
660-973-4128 or 660-973-0775
Directors, Jay and Crislyn Cooksey
jaycooksey@yahoo.com
www.redbarnweddingvenue.com

Available for special events.



JOHNNY POPPERS BARNYARD MINIATURE GOLF

3501 Serendipity Ln.
660-359-7683

POINTS *of* INTEREST



DORRIS RIDER ART GALLERY

1321 Mable St.
North Central Missouri College campus
Contact Jim Norris at 660-359-3948

Hours: 8:30am – 4:30pm Monday through Friday
Evening and weekend tours by appointment

The Dorris Rider Art Gallery was established in October of 2002 with the generous gift of the late Dorris Rider, who was a resident of Trenton and a patron of the arts. Located in the Frey Administrative Center on the NCMC campus, the gallery is a two-level space that provides a dramatic showcase for any art media, with an intimate setting for shows by local and international artists alike.



KETCHAM COMMUNITY CENTER

1322 Mable St.
North Central Missouri College campus
Contact Nathan Gamet or the desk clerk at 660-359-3948 x1450

Hours: Winter – 5am to 9pm, Sat. 8am to 6pm, Sun. 1 to 6pm
Summer – 5am to 8pm, Sat. 8am to 6pm, Sun. 1 to 4pm

Services: Walking Trail, tennis courts, weight room, cardio room, gymnasium activities, sporting events



GRUNDY COUNTY JEWETT NORRIS LIBRARY

Established 1890

1331 Main St.
660-359-3577

Hours: Monday 8:30am to 6pm
Tues-Thurs 8:30am to 5pm
Saturday 9am to noon



BLACK SILO WINERY

4030 E 10th St.
660-357-2208
www.blacksilowinery.com

Services:

- Weddings
- Parties
- Special Events
- Social Gatherings of All Kinds



CROWDER STATE PARK

76 NW Highway 128

Contact: Anna Persell, Sup. 660-359-6473

Open Daily 7am to 10pm

Services: camping, fishing, hiking trails, canoing, swimming (no lifeguards present), shelter house rental, public restrooms

Crowder State Park is a public recreation area of 1,912 acres surrounding 18-acre Crowder Lake near Trenton. The state park and lake are named after Maj. General Enoch H. Crowder, who was born and raised near the park.



MOBERLY PARK

717 W. 18th St.

Open Daily

Services: disc golf course, two baseball diamonds, swim park, playground equipment, open picnic shelters, open green space, enclosed shelter house with utilities (call to reserve — rental fee applies), public restrooms



EASTSIDE PARK

East 10th and Kitty Streets

Open Daily

Services: horseshoe court, tennis court, basketball court, walking trail, skateboard park, sports stadium, baseball diamond, playground equipment, open picnic shelters, public restrooms



VAN METER PARK

3rd and Kavanaugh Streets

Open Daily

Services: baseball diamond, basketball court, open picnic shelter, playground equipment, public restrooms



GLADYS GRIMES PARK

Hunter Rd., Lake Trenton

Open Daily

Services: basketball court, open picnic shelter, playground equipment, soccer goals

EATERIES

**Washington Street**

1843 E. 28th St.
660-359-9800

China 1 Buffet

1852 E. 9th St.
660-359-4500

Hardees

1849 E. 9th St.
660-359-5460

Pizza Hut

815 Avalon St.
660-359-4306

Sonic Drive-In

1905 E. 9th St.
660-359-6794

Subway

1407 E. 9th St.
660-359-7827

Dino's Diner

3027 E. 10th St.
660-359-5566

McDonald's

1861 E. 9th St.
660-359-6738

Wild Onion

1830 E. 9th St.
660-359-3050

Chumbley's

201 W. 8th St.
660-339-5055

El Nopal

1100 E. 9th St.
660-339-7040

China Fresh Take-out

1309 E. 9th St.
660-359-3600

Hy-Vee Deli

1617 E. 9th St.
660-359-2278

Casey's Carry-out Pizza

2711 Oklahoma Ave.
660-359-6395

Casey's Carry-out Pizza

203 E. 9th St.
660-359-6044

Main Stop Deli

410 Main St.
660-359-5950

Godfather's Pizza & Deli

1843 E. 28th St.
660-359-2800

Greenhouse Rolls

1712 C E. 9th St.
660-339-8556

EVENTS



GOOSEBERRY FESTIVAL

June

MID-AMERICA MUSIC FESTIVAL

Third weekend in July

NORTH CENTRAL MISSOURI FAIR

Late July / early August

TRENTON HIGH SCHOOL

ALUMNI CELEBRATION

Labor Day weekend

MISSOURI DAYS FESTIVAL & MARCHING BAND COMPETITION

Third weekend in October

DOWNTOWN CHRISTMAS

First weekend in December

HOLIDAY HOOPS

The week before and after Christmas break

*To arrange private tours
or events, contact:*

TRENTON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

660.359.4324

trentonchambermo@gmail.com

www.trentonmochamber.com

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MISSOURI COLLEGE



North Central Missouri College is located in Trenton, Missouri, a community that has long valued the benefits of higher education, as college opportunities have been a tradition in Grundy County for more than 150 years. Grand River College, organized in 1850, was the first school west of the Mississippi to open its doors to women. The second institution, Trenton College, opened in 1867, and it was followed by Avalon College in 1890. Ruskin College, organized by Englishman Walter Vrooman, became the center of a socialistic educational experiment in the Trenton area. All these early institutions are defunct.

North Central Missouri College, formerly Trenton Junior College, was founded in 1925 and is the second oldest publicly-supported community college in Missouri. At its inception, it was part of a K-14 education system operated by a joint Board of Education/Board of Trustees and a school superintendent/college president.

For more than 40 years the College was located on the top floor of Trenton High School in a building located on East Ninth Street in Trenton. The College shared facilities, administration and staff with the high school in that building, but in 1967 the College moved to the former Central School Building on Main Street near downtown Trenton. That building is now known as Geyer Hall.

Trenton Junior College officially became an independent entity by action of the voters at a municipal election in April 1986, and its first Board of Trustees was sworn in and seated in July 1986. In July 1988, the College's name was changed to North Central Missouri College to better reflect its mission to serve all the citizens in its assigned 16-county service region in northwest Missouri.

Today, North Central Missouri College continues to exemplify the values of higher education traditionally important to the citizens it serves. September 2025 will mark its 100th anniversary.



HISTORIC TRENTON MISSOURI

