

Branson Missouri 2014 Vacation Guide



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What is Happening in Branson this Summer?



Branson is a great family summer destination. There's more to do here in the summer than a family could possibly do in one trip. Golfing on one of Branson's many golf courses, shopping for at hundreds of Branson stores, family & kid-friendly shows at a number of theaters, and Branson theme parks...there really is something for everyone.

Planning a big family reunion this summer? Branson is a perfect location with a central US location and entertainment for family of all ages. Make plans now and contact Thousand Hills Resort for family lodging and meeting space.

Want to know what there is to do in Branson this summer? Here is just a sampling of activities and celebrations.

Branson Memorial Day Weekend--Come to Branson and remember our Veterans. Attend numerous Veterans Tributes including visiting the Veterans Museum. Afterwards spend the day relaxing with your family on the area lakes as you kick off the summer vacation season. Memorial Day is May 26th, 2014.

Silver Dollar City's National Kids' Fest--The National Kid's Fest hosted by Silver Dollar City begins in early June and lasts throughout the summer until mid-August. This is a great time for children of all ages. With activities, shows, and crafts designed to keep their interest. And don't forget all the water rides and roller coasters for the blazing, hot summer days.

Hot Summer Shopping Savings--Does shopping spark your interest? There are many specialty shops, outlet malls, craft malls, and don't forget the new Branson Landing in historic downtown Branson. Whether you're a veteran shopper or just looking for a relaxing day of window shopping, Branson's malls and stores have what you want. Guests of Thousand Hills Resort receive store coupons full of savings to many area stores. For extra savings don't miss Missouri's Sales Tax Holiday on August 1st through August 3rd, 2014--No sales tax on most back-to-school purchases including clothes, school supplies & more!

Visit a Branson Amusement Park--If you want a day of old fashioned crafts and the new fangled thrill rides visit Silver Dollar City. This 1880's themed park lets you see traditional craftsmen at work around one corner and the latest in high tech roller coasters and rides on the next corner. Or maybe you need a relaxing day floating away...Try White Water with its wave pool, a lazy river and many water slides. Branson's best water park is the perfect way to stay cool on a sizzling summer day.

Lake Activities-- With three major lakes in the Branson area there is sure to be lake activity for every interest. World class trout and bass fishing, boating, swimming, waterskiing, parasailing, scuba diving and more there are plenty of ways to stay active on the lake. For more leisurely activities be sure to Ride the Ducks for a land & water tour of the area or visit the Showboat Branson Belle for a lake dinner cruise and show.

Fourth of July in Branson-- Celebrate Independence Day in Branson. Enjoy the patriotism of Branson as special tributes, celebrations and displays take place all over town. Don't miss the numerous fireworks displays all over town or spectacular displays over the lake. July 4th, 2014.

Shows/Attractions



#1 HITS OF THE 60'S - It's A Party!!!! From the moment you walk into the theatre and receive your "60's Love Beads" to dancing all those "Crazy 60's Dances" to seeing the 60's Come Alive on stage. You will be taken "up, up & away" in this fast-paced, high-energy, full production show highlighting everything that was wonderful about this fabulous era of music and dance. #1 HITS OF THE 60'S, with its ALL LIVE Cast & Band, takes you back to The British Invasion, California Surfin', Motown.

Show Dates: March 20, 2014 – December 6, 2014



3 MEN AND A LADY – An exciting combination of the shows, "Rock, Roll, & Reminisce" and "The Mike Walker Show." Mike Walker, Dave Sanders, Shane Vorhaben, and Heather Gentry stars in this new show that will perform the 80's songs you still love. An incredible cast showcasing unbelievable harmonies, "3 Men & A Lady" brings the songs from Phil Collins, Journey, Hall & Oates, and Huey Lewis back to life!

Show Dates: April 4, 2014 – December 5, 2014



3 REDNECK TENORS - In the melodic wake of the three operatic tenors comes a new breed of tenors from more humble origins 3 Redneck Tenors, A New Musical Adventure. The musical comedy featuring classically trained veteran artists from Broadway and world opera stages is like Greater Tuna meets Das Barbecu down home laughs with big city music! Written by opera-veteran Matthew Lord with music arranged by Craig Bohmler, 3 Redneck Tenors features a cast of veteran opera and Broadway stars including Blake Davidon, Alex Bumpas, Matthew Lord and Dinny McGuire.

Show Dates: May 2, 2014 – December 6, 2014



70s MUSIC CELEBRATION - The 70's Music Celebration will star Barry Williams or popularly known as Greg Brady from the Brady Bunch. Barry is not only a TV sensation, he also worked with many top musicians in the 70's. He will combine comedy with popular songs from that era featuring disco, folk, rock, singer-songwriter songs, and even country music!

Show Dates: March 11, 2014 -- December 30, 2014



80S LADIES – Come experience a totally radical tribute to the ladies of the 80's. You will hear songs from Madonna, Whitney Houston, Reba, Pat Benatar, Cher, and many, many more! You will be reminded through song and dance of classic movies from the era, like Footloose, Dirty Dancing and Flashdance, along with the songs from the TV classics from the 80's.

Show Dates: April 1, 2014 – December 6, 2014



8 O'CLOCK ROCK – Rock out to all the groups and songs you remember from the past without sitting through a show about just one group. Concert style, no comedy, and very little talking. This show is all about the music! Come enjoy the music of CCR, Bob Seger, the Rolling Stones, the Animals, the Byrds, the Doors, the Beatles, the Eagles, Buffalo Springfield and many more!

Show Dates: April 1, 2014 – December 30, 2014



Top of the Rock Golf Course – Public 9 hole, par 3 golf course overlooking Table Rock Lake south of Branson. Designed by Jack Nicklaus

Lakes & Nature Activities in Branson

For the natural beauty of the Ozarks, Branson can't be beat. With 3 lakes, miles of trails & acres of parks hundreds of outdoor activities can be found for adventures of all kinds.

Lake Information

Table Rock Lake

Table Rock Lake is the crown jewel of the Tri-Lakes area. Featuring over 52,000 acres of water with more than 800 miles of shoreline Table Rock Lake is home to outdoor lake activities of all kinds. Fishing, boating, swimming, jet-skis, scuba diving or just relaxing on the shore. Full service marinas such as State Park Marina are located in various areas around the lake to accommodate all lake visitors. Along the shoreline are various state parks, camping facilities, swimming areas, hiking & biking trails and more. For more information on boat rentals, water sport rentals and other lake activities contact State Park Marina at

www.stateparkmarina.com

Lake Taneycomo

Lake Taneycomo is located at the foot of Table Rock Dam and meanders by downtown Branson to the town of Forsyth. This lake features boating activities along it's over 2,000 acres, but is best known for fishing. Trout fishing is especially prevalent thanks to the cold water from Table Rock Dam and the Shepherd of the Hills Trout releasing trout into Taneycomo. This makes Taneycomo one of the best trout fisheries in the nation featuring Brown & Rainbow trout fishing year-round. Trophy Trout Fishing Guides are available, contact Ozark Mountain Guide Service at (800)250-3275

Bull Shoals Lake

Bull Shoals Lake is over 45,000 acres with more than 740 miles of coastline surrounded by hiking, hunting, trails & more. The lake itself offers spots for fishing, swimming, boating, water skiing and more.



Sample Branson Itineraries

There is so much to see & do in Branson; it's hard to know where to start. Here are some suggested itineraries, but feel free to personalize these to match what you're looking for in a visit to Branson.

Family Weekend Trip

Friday – Arrive in Branson and check in to your lodging. Spend the evening strolling the Branson Landing, eating dinner at Joe's Crab Shack and catching the free fire & water show before bed.

Saturday - Prepare your own breakfast or visit an area restaurant for a home-style breakfast. After breakfast, drive to Silver Dollar City Theme Park for rides for the kids, crafts and a full day's entertainment including a traditional frontier lunch. Saturday evening, visit the Dixie Stampede and see the performers putting on a high energy show in front of you while you partake in a 4 course meal that will leave you many fond memories of your trip to Branson.

Sunday – Check out of your lodging. Before you leave Branson be sure to Ride the Ducks. The whole family will enjoy the informative & entertaining tour of Branson that goes on both land & water.

Golfer's Weekend Trip

Friday – Arrive in Branson and check into your lodging. That evening visit the Branson Landing for a sophisticated dinner and cocktails at Sullivan's Steakhouse. Be sure to request patio seating so you can watch the Fire & Water Show during your meal.

Saturday – Have a hearty homemade breakfast at one of Branson's home-style restaurants. Spend the morning on the greens at Thousand Hills Golf Course in the heart of town-don't forget drinks and lunch at Mulligan's Grill. In the afternoon visit another of Branson's scenic golf courses if you have time. That evening take in the music of Bobbie Vee, Fabian, The Chiffons and more at Dick Clark American Bandstand Theater and visit the grill there for All-American food while surrounded by Dick Clark's personal memorabilia.

Sunday – Check out of your accommodations. On the way out of town don't miss some of the discount shopping in the area such as Tanger Outlet Mall or the Factory Merchants Branson.

Nature Lover's Weekend Trip

Friday – Check into your cabin lodging once you arrive in Branson. Animal lovers will enjoy catching the evening dinner show at Dolly Parton's Dixie Stampede. Enjoy the four course meal while watching horses, ostriches & more in the arena in front of you.

Saturday – Visit an area restaurant for breakfast then head to State Park Marina on Table Rock Lake. Rent a boat and fishing equipment and spend the morning on the lake fishing, swimming & relaxing. For lunch bring your days catch to an outdoor grill and cook it. That afternoon plan on either heading back out on the lake or visit Dogwood Canyon for a scenic afternoon horseback ride through the Ozark Hills. Have a big appetite ready for supper at Lonestar Steakhouse in the heart of town on your way back to your cabin.