

Central States VHF Society 2026 Family Program

Friday July 24

Guided City Tour of Cape Girardeau

Start the day with a local guide providing the Historical and architectural uniqueness of Cape Girardeau

Crisp Museum

Study the cultural history of Southeast Missouri and the Mississippi River valley including Native American artifacts, early Spanish and French contact, later American settlement, Civil War history, political turmoil in Missouri, and the development of Cape Girardeau as a river town.

Lunch at Port Cape Girardeau

Dine in a casual, historic setting overlooking the Mississippi River, specializing in slow-cooked BBQ and classic comfort food. Enjoy dessert at the on-site ice cream parlor.

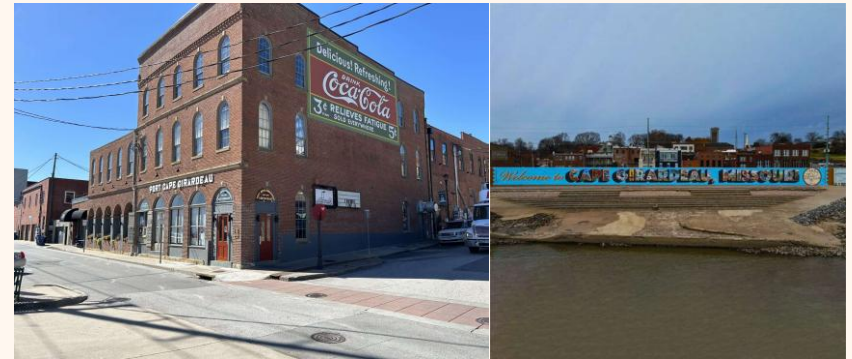
Downtown Exploration

Finish exploring the downtown area and the **Mississippi River Tales Mural**.

The antique shops are a hub for vintage collectors. Antique shops include **Pastimes Antiques**, **Brick Street Gallery**, and **Spanish Street Mercantile**.

Boutiques & Specialty Gift Shops Include: **Goose & Gander** – A curated food shop featuring a "sober bar" and unique gourmet products. **Belle Ever After Boutique** – A women's clothing store. **Lattitudes Fair Trade Store** – Offers ethically sourced home decor and gifts.

Painted Wren Art Gallery and **Riverside Pottery** showcase nature-inspired art and handmade ceramics.



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Guided Tour of Trail of Tears State Park

The park includes: **The Crossing** commemorating the spot where nine of the 13 Cherokee detachments crossed the Mississippi River during the winter of 1838–1839. **The Struggle** describing the harsh winter conditions and floating ice, thousands of Cherokee were forced to camp in the surrounding forest under brutal conditions while waiting to cross. **Bushyhead Memorial** marks the traditional burial site of Princess Otahki, daughter of a Cherokee chief, and others who perished during the relocation.

Lunch at My Daddies Cheesecake

The menu includes a variety of soup, salad, and sandwich deals. Choose from 20 flavors of cheesecake for dessert.

Cape Girardeau Heritage Museum

See displays on **Founding Figures** – Learn about the city founders Jean Baptiste de Girardot and Jean-Pierre Lorimier. **Missouri State Flag** – Marie Watkins Oliver, a Cape Girardeau resident, designed the Missouri State Flag. **River Heritage** – Replicas of riverboats, antique packet boats, and a model of the town as it appeared historically. **Special Semi Quincentennial Exhibits** – Honoring the 250th anniversary of the United States by learning about George Washington and Marquis de Lafayette. **Local Technology & Media** – Be able to tell your ham about the KFVS-TV (once the world's tallest TV tower) and collections of antique cars.

