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FREE
5 PUZZLES



THE SHOW-ME STATE

Missouri Puzzle Pack

Five free puzzles about Missouri for kids in grades 2 to 8, with a fast-facts page and every answer key.

Crossword · Word Search · Word Fill-In · Word Scramble · Cryptogram · Fast Facts · Answer Keys

Welcome to Missouri!

Grab a pencil and saddle up: we're riding into Missouri, the Show-Me State! In the next few pages you'll crack a code, hunt for hidden towns, and follow clues from the shining Gateway Arch to the cool, dark caves of the Ozarks. You'll paddle where two mighty rivers meet, gallop with the Pony Express, and meet a mule that became a state symbol. Ready? Show us what you've got!



MISSOURI FAST FACTS

Capital	Jefferson City
Largest city	Kansas City
Nickname	The Show-Me State
Statehood	August 10, 1821 (the 24th state)
Region	Midwest
State bird	Eastern Bluebird
State flower	White Hawthorn Blossom
State tree	Flowering Dogwood
State Animal	Missouri Mule
State Aquatic Animal	Paddlefish
State Dessert	Ice Cream Cone
Motto	Salus Populi Suprema Lex Esto (Latin for "Let the welfare of the people be the supreme law")

For parents and teachers: This Missouri pack fits grades 2 to 8, and the answer keys are at the back. Print as many copies as you need for your home or classroom.

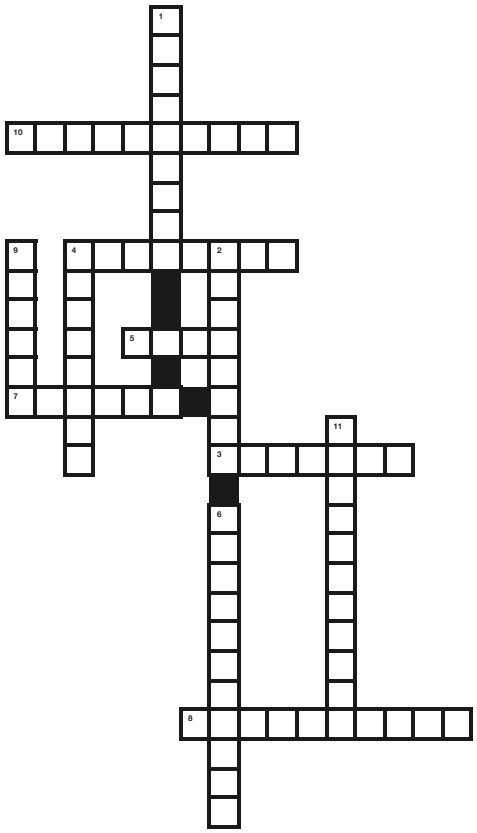
PUZZLE 1 OF 5 · CROSSWORD

Missouri Crossword

12 clues about the state

Read each clue and write the answer in the matching squares, one letter per box.

Puzzle Guide: Start with the clues you are sure of. Every letter you write is a free hint for the words that cross it.



ACROSS

3. Flowering state tree with white spring blossoms

4. River town where Mark Twain grew up

5. Strong farm animal that is the official state animal

7. Nickname: the ___ State

8. Largest city in the state

10. State aquatic animal with a long, flat snout

DOWN

1. ___ City, the state capital on the Missouri River

2. Bright blue state bird with a rusty orange chest

4. Small tree whose white blossom is the state flower

6. 630-foot stainless steel monument in St. Louis

9. Hilly southern region full of caves, springs and rivers

11. Horseback mail service that began in St. Joseph in 1860

PUZZLE 2 OF 5 · WORD SEARCH

Missouri Places to Explore

Cities, lakes, springs and peaks across the state

Find every word in the list. Words go across, down and on a slant.

Puzzle Guide: Hunt for an unusual letter like Q, X, J or Z first, then check all eight directions around it.

E	K	N	T	A	B	L	E	R	O	C	K	O	I	L
Q	N	L	S	T	J	O	S	E	P	H	H	R	G	E
F	X	J	V	C	B	I	G	S	P	R	I	N	G	E
O	Z	B	P	A	Z	T	A	U	M	S	A	U	K	S
C	A	P	E	G	I	R	A	R	D	E	A	U	B	S
C	E	F	M	M	E	R	A	M	E	C	C	R	R	U
E	L	E	P	H	A	N	T	R	O	C	K	S	A	M
U	O	F	F	S	T	L	O	U	I	S	O	X	N	M
W	W	I	K	X	V	O	W	U	F	K	F	G	S	I
J	E	Y	F	S	C	O	L	U	M	B	I	A	O	T
J	O	P	L	I	N	T	P	Q	U	N	O	I	N	G
N	V	D	S	J	X	D	S	Y	O	H	O	U	W	C
X	P	F	P	N	S	T	C	H	A	R	L	E	S	D
I	N	D	E	P	E	N	D	E	N	C	E	Z	K	U
S	S	P	R	I	N	G	F	I	E	L	D	E	H	R

Word List

CAPEGIRARDEAU
ELEPHANTROCKS
INDEPENDENCE
SPRINGFIELD
LEESSUMMIT
STCHARLES
TABLEROCK
BIGSPRING
COLUMBIA
STJOSEPH
TAUMSAUK
STLOUIS
BRANSON
MERAMEC
JOPLIN

THE MISSOURI SUPER PACK

20 more Missouri puzzles are waiting for you

Finished already? The Missouri Super Pack has 20 more puzzles: Ozark caves, wagon trails west, Mark Twain's river, Kansas City barbecue, the 1904 World's Fair and a fossil-filled list of state symbols. Twenty puzzles, no proof needed, $1.99.

ALL 20 PUZZLES INSIDE

1	Missouri Trails West	Word Search
2	Missouri Kansas City Barbecue	Word Scramble
3	Missouri Trees and Wildflowers	Word Fill-In
4	Missouri Arch Fact	Cryptogram
5	Missouri Ozark Caves	Word Search
6	Missouri Mark Twain Country	Word Scramble
7	Missouri Ozark Critters	Word Fill-In
8	Missouri Neighbors Fact	Cryptogram
9	Missouri Cities and Towns	Word Search
10	Missouri Farm Country	Word Scramble
11	Missouri Music	Word Fill-In
12	Missouri Mail Fact	Cryptogram
13	Missouri River Country	Word Search
14	Missouri World's Fair	Word Scramble
15	Missouri Rocks and Minerals	Word Fill-In
16	Missouri Scientist Fact	Cryptogram
17	Missouri State Symbols	Word Search
18	Missouri Weather and Seasons	Word Scramble
19	Missouri Road Trip	Word Fill-In
20	Missouri Cave Fact	Cryptogram

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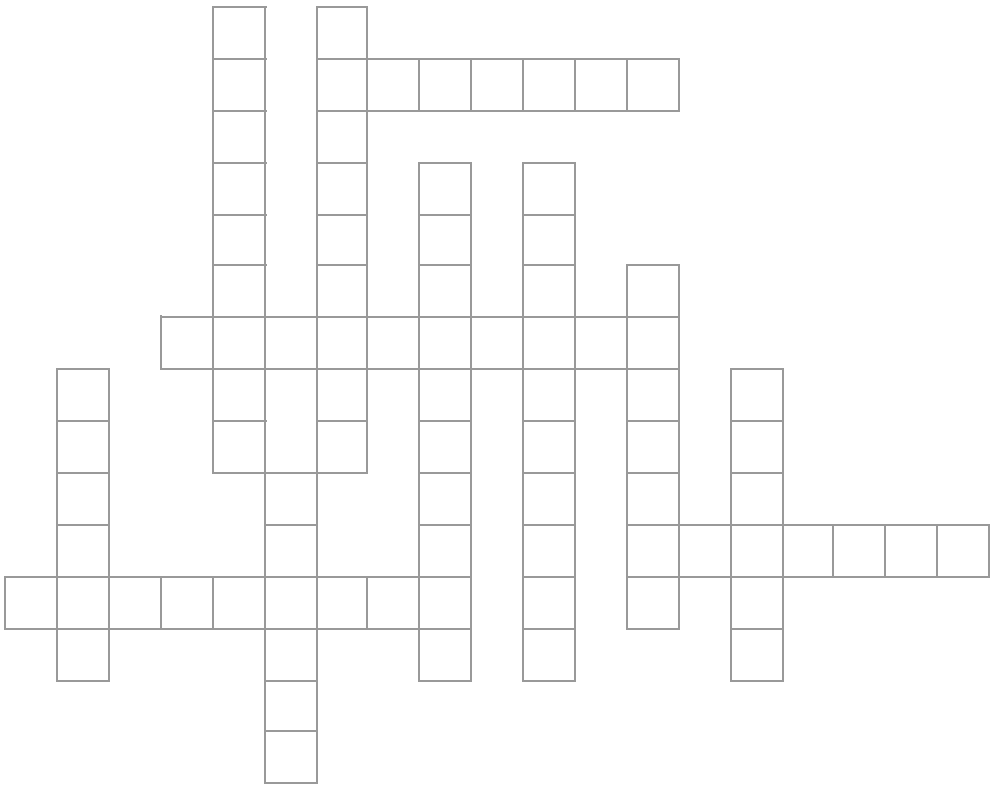
PUZZLE 3 OF 5 · WORD FILL-IN

Missouri Animals

Creatures of the hills, rivers and woods

Fit every word from the list into the grid. Start with the longest words and the ones that only fit one place.

Puzzle Guide: Count the boxes first. A word that is the only one of its length can go in right away.



Word List

6 letters:	BEAVER, BOBCAT, COYOTE
7 letters:	GRAYFOX, OPOSSUM, RACCOON
9 letters:	ARMADILLO, BALDEAGLE, BLACKBEAR
10 letters:	HELLBENDER, RIVEROTTER, WILDTURKEY

PUZZLE 4 OF 5 · WORD SCRAMBLE

Missouri Fun

Things to eat and do in the Show-Me State

Unscramble each word. Every answer is from this state's story.

Puzzle Guide: Find the vowels, then try a starting letter. Say your guesses out loud: Missouri words sound right.

Unscramble each word below.

	Scrambled	Your Answer
1.	BERAUBCE	_____
2.	TAOFTLPIR	_____
3.	ACNEO	_____
4.	IFLEDD	_____
5.	NSAOTUNFI	_____
6.	RAOTBIVRE	_____
7.	EAIMERCC	_____
8.	ALVIRIO	_____
9.	DUCSTRA	_____
10.	GAMCNPI	_____
11.	INIGKH	_____
12.	RVNCAE	_____

PUZZLE 5 OF 5 · CRYPTOGRAM

Missouri Secret Fact

Crack the code to learn when Missouri became a state

Each letter stands for a different letter. Use the given letters to crack the code and read a true fact.

Puzzle Guide: Look for one-letter words first. They are almost always A or I, and that unlocks a lot of the code.

J F E E D M K F Z N R H J N

L X N L Q N B L C U D M K L X

E L H L N D B H M S M E L

L N B L X , N F S X L N N B

L Q N B L C D B N .

Hints:

`D = O` `U = F` `J = M`

FINISH LINE

You did it, Missouri explorer!

You solved your way across Missouri, the Show-Me State. Check your work on the answer pages that follow, and give yourself a star for every puzzle you finished.

One more challenge: tell someone three things you learned about Missouri. Here is one to start you off: its capital is Jefferson City.

DID YOU KNOW? 10 TRUE FACTS ABOUT MISSOURI

- The Gateway Arch in St. Louis is 630 feet tall and 630 feet wide. It was finished in 1965.
- Missouri touches eight other states, tied with Tennessee for the most neighbors of any state.
- Missouri has more than 7,300 recorded caves, second only to Tennessee.
- Lewis and Clark set off up the Missouri River in 1804 from near St. Charles, Missouri.
- The Pony Express began in St. Joseph in April 1860, carrying mail on horseback all the way to California.
- Mark Twain grew up in Hannibal, the river town behind the adventures of Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn.
- George Washington Carver National Monument, set up in 1943, was the first national monument to honor an African American.
- Ozark National Scenic Riverways was the first national park area made to protect a river system.
- The state and its great river are named for the Missouria people, who lived here along with the Osage.
- About 6.15 million people lived in Missouri at the 2020 Census, and Kansas City is its largest city.

MAKE YOUR OWN

Keep the Missouri lessons going

Every puzzle in this pack was made with PuzzlePage. The same tools are at puzzlepage.app: type your own words, preview the page and print. Here are four ways to use them for Missouri.

Word Search Maker

Turn a spelling list of Missouri cities, rivers and landmarks into a word search.

puzzlepage.app/word-search

Crossword Maker

Write your own clues about Jefferson City and the Show-Me State for a custom crossword.

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Worksheet Builder

Put a Missouri word search, scramble and crossword on one page for a quick review sheet.

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Flash Card Maker

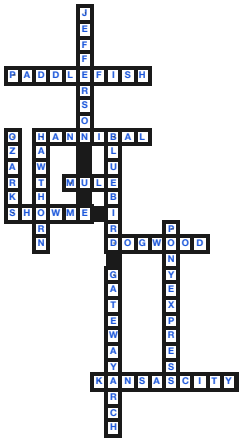
Make printable cards for Missouri facts: its capital, nickname, statehood date and more.

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Answer Key

1. Missouri Crossword (Crossword)

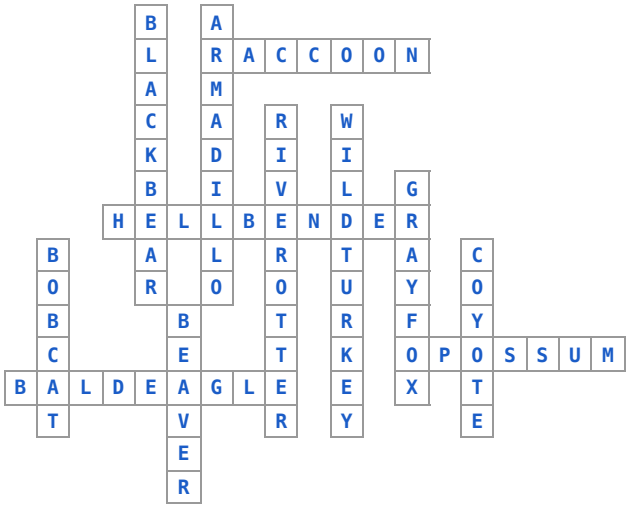


2. Missouri Places to Explore (Word Search)

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Q	N	L	**S**	**T**	**J**	**O**	**S**	**E**	**P**	**H**	H	R	G	**E**
F	X	J	V	C	**B**	**I**	**G**	**S**	**P**	**R**	**I**	**N**	**G**	**E**
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Answer Key

3. Missouri Animals (Word Fill-In)



4. Missouri Fun (Word Scramble)

1.	BERAUBCE	**BARBECUE**
2.	TAOFTLPIR	**FLOATTRIP**
3.	ACNEO	**CANOE**
4.	IFLEDD	**FIDDLE**
5.	NSAOTUNFI	**FOUNTAINS**
6.	RAOTBIVRE	**RIVERBOAT**
7.	EAIMERCC	**ICECREAM**
8.	ALVIRIO	**RAVIOLI**
9.	DUCSTRA	**CUSTARD**
10.	GAMCNPI	**CAMPING**
11.	INIGKH	**HIKING**
12.	RVNCAE	**CAVERN**

5. Missouri Secret Fact (Cryptogram)

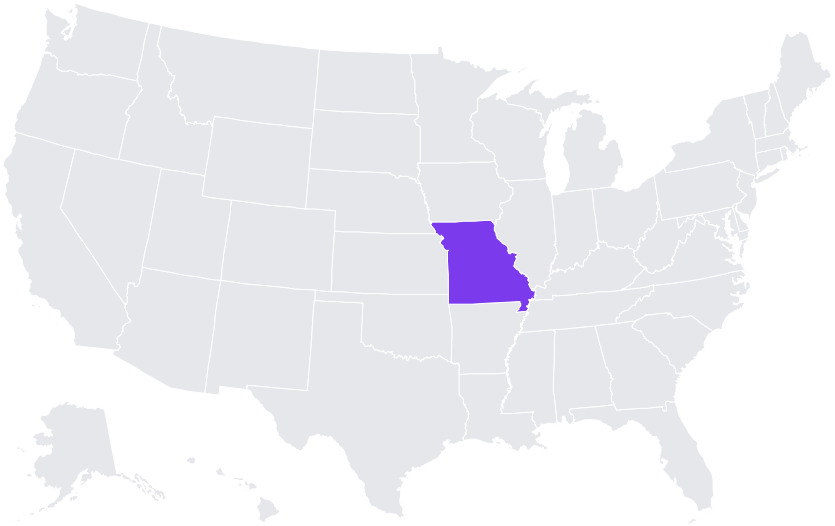
MISSOURI BECAME THE TWENTY FOURTH STATE ON AUGUST TENTH, EIGHTEEN TWENTY ONE.

COLLECT ALL 50

You're on state 24 of 50

Missouri was the 24th state to join the Union. Every state has its own free puzzle pack, so you can solve your way across the whole country. Next stop in statehood order: Arkansas.

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- [ ] Alabama
- [ ] Alaska
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