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guide to the best
**Swimming
Holes**

Explore 13 of the coolest places to swim in the great outdoors—and you can only find them in the Ozarks.

Although most of the destinations are easy enough to find, some are a little off the beaten path (which is what we want, right?). We did the research and put together a set of printable directions—the cell service is spotty at times—that you can take on your journey.





Gunner Pool



Beginning in Springfield, MO:

Take the ramp onto **US-65 S** from **E Chestnut Expy** | 5.80 mi

Take the exit onto **US-60 E** toward Cabool | 19.0 mi

Turn **right** onto **State Hwy Z** | 11.9 mi

Turn **left** onto **MO-14 E** | 12.5 mi

Turn **right** onto **MO-5 S/MO-76 W**. Continue to follow MO-5 S | 31.3 mi

Turn **left** onto **US-160 E** | 5.85 mi

Turn **right** onto **State Hwy J**. Entering Arkansas | 6.82 mi

Continue onto **AR-201 S** | 12.5 mi

Turn **left** onto **AR-201 S/AR-5 S** | 404 ft

Turn **right** onto **US-62 BUS W/S Main St**. Continue to follow US-62 BUS W | 0.495 mi

Continue **straight** onto **US-62 BUS W/Hwy 62 E**. Continue to follow US-62 BUS W | 1.11 mi

Turn **left** onto **US-412 E/US-62 E** | 0.467 mi

Turn **right** onto **AR-201 S** | 9.99 mi

Turn **right** onto **AR-341 S** | 14.0 mi

Turn **left** onto **Co Rd 74** | 4.90 mi

Turn **right** onto **Co Rd 75** | 2.05 mi

Turn **left** | 0.304 mi

Gunner Pool

36°04'47.4"N 92°13'44.6"W

Unnamed Road, Calico Rock, AR 72519

Drive 143 mi, 3 hours, 8 minutes



Steel Creek Campground



Beginning in Springfield, MO:

Take the ramp onto **US-65 S** from **E Chestnut Expy.**
Entering Arkansas | 65.4 mi

Take the ramp onto **US-412 W/US-62 W** | 3.20 mi

Turn **left** onto **AR-392 S** | 5.82 mi

Turn **right** onto **Creel Rd** | 1.91 mi

Turn **right** onto **AR-43 S** | 20.5 mi

Turn **left** onto **AR-74 E** | 1.39 mi

Turn **left** onto **Steele Creek Rd** | 1.12 mi

Turn **left** | 0.286 mi

Steel Creek Campground

36°02'33.6"N 93°20'44.0"W

Buffalo River Trail, Jasper, AR 72641

Drive 104 mi, 1 hour, 57 minutes



Falling Water Road



Beginning in Springfield, MO:

Take the ramp onto **US-65 S** from **E Chestnut Expy.** Entering Arkansas | 71.4 mi

Turn **left** onto **US-65 S/Arkmo Dr.** Continue to follow US-65 S | 37.7 mi

Turn **right** onto **State Hwy 74** | 7.12 mi

State Hwy 74 turns **left** and becomes **State Hwy 377** | 11.0 mi

Turn **right** onto **AR-16 W** | 1.76 mi

Turn **right** onto **Co Rd 265/Richland Creek Rd.** Continue to follow Co Rd 265 | 4.28 mi

Slight **right** onto **Co Rd 1/Forest Service Rd 1205** | 3.45 mi

Sharp **left** onto **Campground Rd** | 846 ft

Slight **right** to stay on **Campground Rd.** Destination will be on the right | 453 ft

Falling Water Road

35°47'50.1"N 92°56'03.7"W (Richland Creek Recreation Area)

Campground Rd, Witts Springs, AR 72686

Drive 141 mi, 2 hours, 55 minutes



Kings Falls



Beginning in Springfield, MO:

Take the ramp onto **US-65 S** from **E Chestnut Expy.** Entering Arkansas | *65.4 mi*

Take the ramp onto **US-412 W/US-62 W** | *6.36 mi*

Turn **left** onto **US-412 W** | *31.5 mi*

Slight **left** onto **US-412 BUS W** | *2.46 mi*

US-412 BUS W turns **left** and becomes **Lee St** | *843 ft*

Lee St turns **left** and becomes **AR-23 S/S Harris St.** Continue to follow AR-23 S | *7.19 mi*

Turn **left** onto **AR-127 E** | *5.48 mi*

Continue onto **Madison 3345** | *5.07 mi*

Turn **left** onto **Madison 3500** | *0.385 mi*

Turn **left** | *0.518 mi*

Kings River Falls

35°54'42.8"N 93°34'23.8"W

Unnamed Road, Witter, AR 72776

Drive 129 mi, 2 hours, 31 minutes



Fugitive Beach



Beginning in Springfield, MO:

Take the ramp onto **US-65 N** from **E Chestnut Expy** | 2.33 mi

Take the exit onto **I-44 E** toward St Louis | 102 mi

Take **exit 184** for **I-44 BUS E** toward **US-63 S/Rolla** | 0.336 mi

At the traffic circle, take the **2nd exit** onto **Kingshighway** | 0.794 mi

Turn **right** onto **N Bishop Ave** | 0.305 mi

Turn **left** onto **MO-72 E** | 3.07 mi

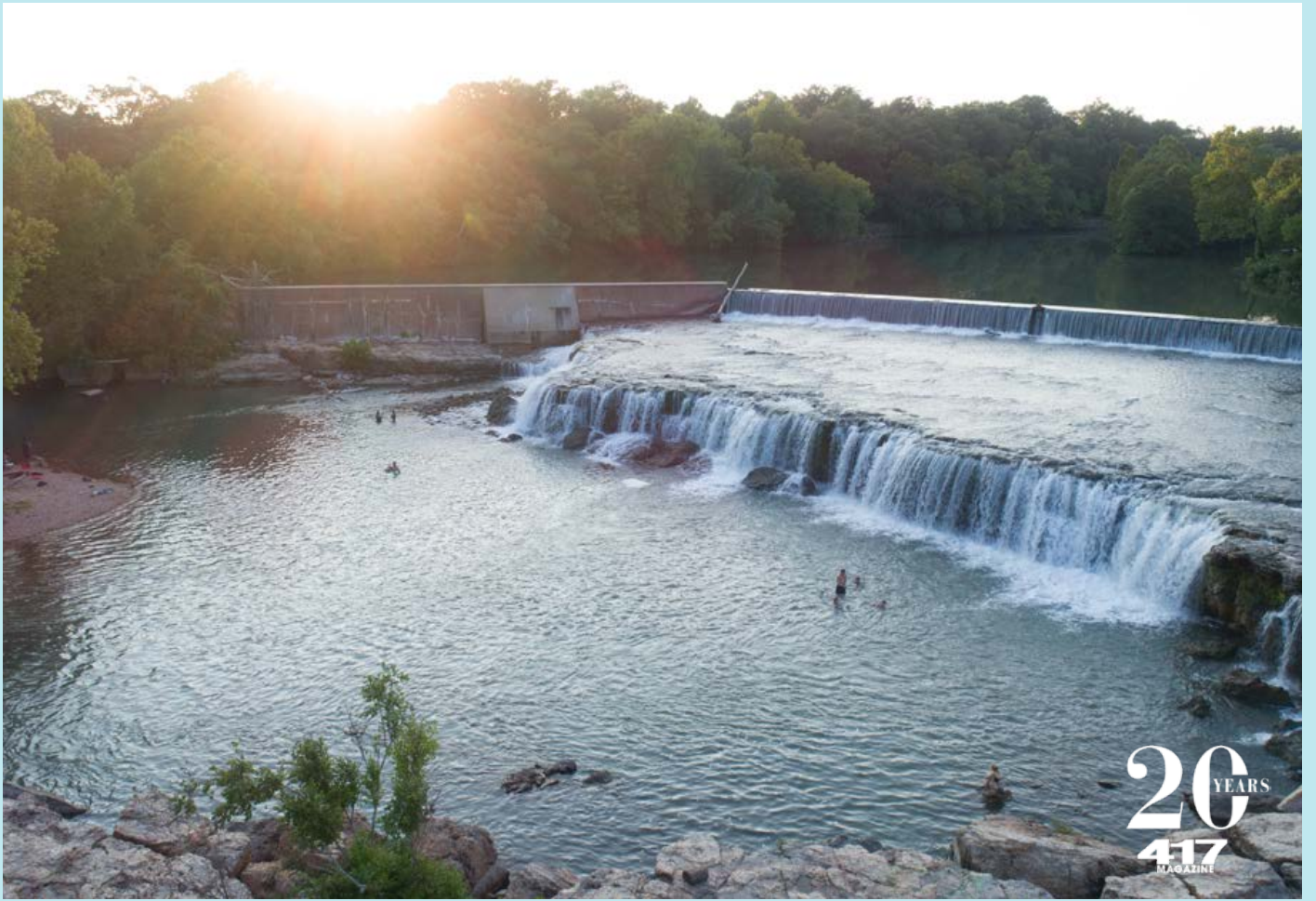
Turn **left** onto **Co Rd 3160** | 1.76 mi

Fugitive Beach

37°55'14.7"N 91°41'57.3"W

12176 Co Rd 3160, Rolla, MO 65401

Drive 115 mi, 1 hour, 55 minutes



Grand Falls



Beginning in Springfield, MO:

Merge onto **I-44 W** from **W Chestnut Expy** | 65.9 mi

Take **exit 6** for **MO-86/MO-43 N** toward Joplin/Racine | 604 ft

Turn **left** onto **MO-86 E/Hearnes Blvd/S Main St** (signs for Racine) | 0.324 mi

Turn **right** onto **Glendale Blvd** | 0.805 mi

Turn **left** onto **Jackson Rd** | 157 ft

Continue onto **Glendale Blvd** | 322 ft

Turn **right** onto **Murphy Blvd** | 0.262 mi

Continue onto **Riverside Dr**. Destination will be on the left | 0.759 mi

Grand Falls

37°02'02.1"N 94°32'28.6"W

5601-5685 Riverside Dr, Joplin, MO 64804

Drive 74 mi, 1 hour, 15 minutes



Dabbs Greer Town Hole



Beginning in Springfield, MO:

Merge onto **I-44 W** from **W Chestnut Expy** | 60.5 mi

Take **exit 11** for **Intestate 49 S/MO-249 N** toward **Neosho/Fort Smith** | 0.257 mi

Keep **left** at the fork to continue on **Exit 11A**, follow signs for **US-71 S/Missouri FF/Neosho/Fort Smith, Ar** | 0.784 mi

Continue onto **I-49/US-71** | 23.3 mi

Take **exit 16** for **MO-59** toward **Goodman/Anderson** | 1,266 ft

Turn **right** onto **MO-59 S/US-71 BUS S** | 4.67 mi

Turn **right** onto **MO-59 S/MO-76 W** | 0.445 mi

Turn **left** onto **Spring St** | 735 ft

Turn **right** at the 3rd cross street onto **Beaver St** | 223 ft

Dabbs Greer Town Hole

36°39'00.9"N 94°26'34.8"W

206 Beaver St, Anderson, MO 64831

Drive 96 mi, 1 hour, 34 minutes



Flat Rock

Beginning in Springfield, MO:

Merge onto **I-44 W** from **W Chestnut Expy** | 60.5 mi

Take **exit 11** for **Intestate 49 S/MO-249 N** toward **Neosho/Fort Smith** | 0.257 mi

Keep **left** at the fork to continue on **Exit 11A**, follow signs for **US-71 S/Missouri FF/Neosho/Fort Smith, Ar** | 0.784 mi

Continue onto **I-49/US-71** | 23.3 mi

Take **exit 16** for **MO-59 toward Goodman/Anderson** | 1,266 ft

Turn **right** onto **MO-59 S/US-71 BUS S** | 3.44 mi

Turn **left** onto **State Hwy NN** | 3.54 mi

Turn **right** onto **County Rd NE7111** | 0.780 mi

Flat Rock

36°39'00.9"N 94°26'34.8"W

County Rd NE7111, Anderson, MO 64831

Drive 99 mi, 1 hour, 38 minutes



Lake Sylvia



Beginning in Springfield, MO:

Take the ramp onto **US-65 S** from **E Chestnut Expy.**
Entering Arkansas | 71.4 mi

Turn **left** onto **US-65 S/Arkmo Dr.** Continue to follow
US-65 S | 75.0 mi

Turn **right** onto **AR-9 S** | 57.1 mi

Turn **right** onto **AR-324 W** | 3.61 mi

Continue onto **Co Rd 58** | 0.436 mi

Turn **left** at **Forest Tr 152.** Destination will be on the
right | 1,224 ft

Lake Sylvia

34°52'00.4"N 92°49'09.3"W

Maumelle Township, AR

Drive 212 mi, 4 hours, 4 minutes



Johnson's Shut-Ins



Beginning in Springfield, MO:

Take the ramp onto **US-65 S** from **E Chestnut Expy** | 5.80 mi

Take the exit onto **US-60 E** toward Cabool | 82.2 mi

Keep **left** to stay on **US-60 E** | 34.6 mi

Turn **left** onto **MO-19 N** | 0.748 mi

Turn **right** onto **State Hwy H** | 12.5 mi

Turn **right** onto **MO-106 E** | 19.3 mi

Turn **left** onto **MO-21 N** | 20.2 mi

Turn **left** onto **State Hwy N** | 5.86 mi

Turn **left** onto **State Hwy MM** | 0.801 mi

Turn **left** | 0.419 mi

At the traffic circle, **continue straight** | 0.483 mi

At the traffic circle, **continue straight** | 0.306 mi

Continue straight | 118 ft

Johnson's Shut-Ins

37°33'01.4"N 90°53'12.7"W

Unnamed Road, Middle Brook, MO 63656

Drive 188 mi, 3 hours, 20 minutes



Rocky Falls Shut-Ins



Beginning in Springfield, MO:

Take the ramp onto **US-65 S** from **E Chestnut Expy** | 5.80 mi

Take the exit onto **US-60 E** toward Cabool | 82.2 mi

Keep **left** to stay on **US-60 E** | 34.6 mi

Turn **left** onto **MO-19 N** | 0.748 mi

Turn **right** onto **State Hwy H** | 12.5 mi

Turn **right** onto **MO-106 E** | 1.82 mi

Rocky Falls Shut-Ins

37°07'58.4"N 91°12'29.6"W

27298 MO-106, Eminence, MO 65466

Drive 142 mi, 2 hours, 24 minutes



Dog's Bluff



Beginning in Springfield, MO:

Take the ramp onto **US-65 S** from **E Chestnut Expy** | 5.80 mi

Take the exit onto **US-60 E** toward Cabool | 64.3 mi

Slight **right** onto **US-60 BUS E** | 3.34 mi

Turn **left** onto **US Hwy 63 N** | 16.2 mi

Turn **left** onto **MO-17 N** | 3.04 mi

Turn **right** | 184 ft

Dog's Bluff

37°19'39.1"N 92°00'06.9"W

7621 MO-17, Houston, MO 65483

Drive 97 mi, 1 hour, 44 minutes



The North Fork



Beginning in Springfield, MO:

Take the ramp onto **US-65 S** from **E Chestnut Expy** | 5.80 mi

Take the exit onto **US-60 E** toward Cabool | 66.9 mi

Take the **MO-181** exit toward Cabool | 1,247 ft

Turn **right** onto **MO-181 S** | 10.1 mi

Turn **left** onto **MO-181 S/MO-76 E** | 3.52 mi

Turn **right** onto **MO-181 S** | 9.47 mi

Turn **right** | 161 ft

The North Fork

36°51'12.4"N 92°08'27.2"W

4250 MO-181, Willow Springs, MO 65793

Drive 100 mi, 1 hour, 46 minutes