

# Ozark Day Trips



**1 Rockbridge Mill** - This 3000+ acre resort is privately owned and located in the heart of the Ozark Mountains. Built in 1868, the mill is the scenic center of a fishing resort, trout hatchery, game ranch, horse stable, restaurant and lodge.

(417) 679-3619 [www.rockbridgemo.com](http://www.rockbridgemo.com)



**2 Dawt Mill** - Built in 1897, Dawt Mill is a historic Ozark water-powered grist mill located on the North Fork of the White River in Ozark County. (888) 884-3298 or (417) 284-3540 [www.dawtmill.com](http://www.dawtmill.com)



**3 Hodgson Mill** - Built in 1894, Hodgson Mill remained in operation until 1977 and is now officially registered in the National Register of Historic Places. The mill is unique in that it was built into a rock bluff directly over the spring's 29 million gallon outflow. Hodgson Mill is touted as the most photographed mill in the state.

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**4 Summersville Mill** - This mill was built in 1886 and is located on Hwy. 106, on the east side of Summersville. A steam engine powered the plant and water came from a pond that still exists behind the mill. <http://summersvillemill.org>



**5 Topaz Mill** - Constructed in 1895 and hidden away in a valley along the upper North Fork of the White River, the mill is privately owned. Visitors welcome.



**6 Falling Spring & Mill** - From West Plains, travel east on US160 E, 31.2 miles to Alton. Travel N on MO Hwy 19 approx. 16.3 miles. Turn Right/East onto FR#3170. Road splits, follow FR#3164 to your left. Keep right at intersection, at approx. 2 miles. Falling Spring will be on your right approx. 2.3 miles.

[www.fs.usda.gov](http://www.fs.usda.gov)



**7 Turner's Mill Spring** - A spring branch boiling from beneath a rock in Oregon County prompted Clay Turner to haul a 25-foot tall steel mill wheel to power a gristmill, sawmill and electric light for the town of Surprise. You can see remnants of the mill and the steel wheel which was installed around 1915. [www.fs.usda.gov](http://www.fs.usda.gov)



**8 Alley Spring & Mill** - Located near Eminence in Shannon County, the spring empties 81 million gallons of water per day into the upper Jacks Fork River. The mill was built in 1894 and is now a museum. [www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov)



**9 Greer Spring & Mill** - Located in Oregon County, the spring flows from two outlets 300 feet apart at the bottom of a steep ravine. Its daily outflow of 220 million gallons of water more than doubles the size of the Eleven Point River into which it flows. [www.fs.usda.gov](http://www.fs.usda.gov)



**10 Blue Spring** - Located east of Eminence near Owls Bend, it is Missouri's sixth largest spring with an average flow of 90 million gallons per day. Blue Springs has been mapped to a depth of 310 feet, the deepest mapped spring in the state. [www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov)



**11 Round Spring** - Located on Highway 19, north of Eminence, this spring is one of the most beautiful in the Ozarks. It forms a pool of water that appears to be colored deep aquamarine blue. Campground, picnic area and a tour cave on grounds. [www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov)



**12 Rocky Falls** - Rocky Creek cascades forty feet down into a pool of cold, clear, water that is an excellent swimming hole. One section of the Ozark Trail passes by the waterfall. The site is on National Forest Service land and is the perfect place to swim, have a picnic, explore and do some hiking. [www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov)



**13 Big Spring** - The largest single outlet spring in America, Big Spring is located in the Ozark National Scenic Riverways near Van Buren, in Carter County. [www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov)



**14 Mammoth Spring State Park & National Fish Hatchery** - Located across the state line in Arkansas, Mammoth is the tenth largest spring in the world. The park's 1886 Frisco depot will take you back in time to a 1900's train station. <https://www.fws.gov/mammothspring>



**15 Grand Gulf State Park** - This unique park near Thayer, Mo., preserves a canyon 3/4 of a mile long with walls reaching as high as 120 feet. It is often called the "Little Grand Canyon," [www.mostateparks.com](http://www.mostateparks.com)



**16 Caney Mountain** - Located off Highway 181 in Ozark County, Caney Mountain is 7,899 acres of land with creeks, springs, caves, glades and savanna. Managed deer and turkey hunts are held each year and self-guided nature trails provide diverse and scenic hiking opportunities. Drive-through car tours are possible at most times of the year. <https://mdc.mo.gov>



**17 Glade Top Trail** - This 23-mile trail is Missouri's only National Scenic Byway weaving through ridgetops above the surrounding countryside. [www.fs.fed.us](http://www.fs.fed.us)



**18 Laura Ingalls Wilder Historic Home & Museum** - Rocky Ridge Farm, where Laura Ingalls Wilder wrote her famous "Little House" books, is only 57 miles west of West Plains on highway 60, in Mansfield, Missouri. Next to the historic Wilder home is the Laura Ingalls Wilder-Rose Wilder Lane Museum. [www.lauraingallswilderhome.com](http://www.lauraingallswilderhome.com)



**19 Assumption Abbey** - In an area of great scenic beauty, southeast of the small town of Ava, is the monastery of the Cistercian Monks. Visitors are welcome to purchase famous Abbey fruit cakes and other articles in the shop at the guesthouse reception area. [www.assumptionabbey.org](http://www.assumptionabbey.org)



**20 Echo Bluff State Park** - A year around outdoor destination that offers all the Ozarks has to offer. All ages can enjoy floating, hiking, swimming or fishing. [www.echobluffstatepark.com](http://www.echobluffstatepark.com)

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from West Plains, Missouri



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Ozark Heritage Welcome Center  
2999 Porter Wagoner Blvd., West Plains, MO  
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We suggest that you spend the night in West Plains because one day of touring the Ozarks is not enough! Long days are packed with activities centered in the great outdoors.

## LODGING



**A. Baymont Inn Suites**  
1605 Imperial Drive  
417-257-3067  
[www.baymontinns.com](http://www.baymontinns.com)



**B. Hampton Inn**  
1064 London Lane  
417-255-0442  
<http://hamptoninn3.hilton.com>



**C. Holiday Inn Express & Suites**  
1301 Preacher Roe  
417-257-3000, 888-HOLIDAY  
[www.hiexpress.com/westplains.mo](http://www.hiexpress.com/westplains.mo)



**D. Quality Inn**  
220 US Hwy 63  
800-553-2666 or 417-257-2711  
[www.choicehotels.com/hotel/mo350](http://www.choicehotels.com/hotel/mo350)



**E. Ridgecrest Hotel**  
2105 Porter Wagoner Blvd.  
417-256-3757



**F. Super 8 Hotel**  
1210 Porter Wagoner Blvd.  
800-800-8000 or 417-256-8088  
[www.super8.com](http://www.super8.com)



**G. West Plains Motel**  
505 Porter Wagoner Blvd.  
866-884-3359 or 417-256-4105  
[www.westplainsmotel.com](http://www.westplainsmotel.com)

## DAY TRIP TO HISTORIC MILLS AND SPRINGS

Orange - Round Trip, approx. 100 miles  
Purple - Round Trip, approx. 140 miles  
Blue - Round Trip, approx. 76 miles

