



# DEXTER, MISSOURI

*The Bootheel's  
Best-Kept Secret.*



## SO MUCH TO SEE AND DO.

### DISCOVER DEXTER: A TOWN THAT CELEBRATES THE BOOTHEEL SPIRIT.

Located at the top of Missouri's Bootheel, Dexter combines small-town charm with endless opportunities for adventure and relaxation. Our rich history, vibrant events, and stunning natural landscapes make Dexter a perfect stop for your next getaway. Whether you're here to immerse yourself in our unique local culture or to explore the outdoors, Dexter has something special for everyone.

**Parks**

- BOON PARK UNIVERSAL PLAYGROUND
- EAST PARK
- LUCY'S DOG PARK
- SUGAR PLUM PARK
- WEST PARK

*For other great places to explore, visit [visitdexter.com/parks](http://visitdexter.com/parks).*

**Shopping**

- BELLA BEAN BOUTIQUE
- CORNER COTTAGE
- OLD TIMERS ANTIQUE MALL
- PATCHWORK FABRIC SHOP
- THE GALLERY
- THE GUN ROOM
- BETTY LOU BOUTIQUE
- K9 BIZ
- SHEILA'S SHOPPE

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**Dexter Events**

- DEXTER FARMER'S MARKET
- RIB CITY SHOOTOUT
- GRILLE IT UP
- STODDARD COUNTY FAIR
- FALL FEST
- MOONLIGHT MADNESS
- COCOA CRAWL

*For more events, visit [visitdexter.com/events](http://visitdexter.com/events).*

**Murals**

Dexter and Stoddard County are home to many beautiful murals.

*For more details and a map, visit [dexterchamber.com/local-murals](http://dexterchamber.com/local-murals).*



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## DELICIOUS.

### SAVOR THE FLAVORS OF DEXTER, FROM BBQ TO LOCAL CLASSICS.

Dexter is home to incredible restaurants dedicated to the fine art of BBQ, with places so revered that their reputation for excellence has earned the city the nickname “Rib City.” However, if you’re in the mood for something other than BBQ, don’t worry — you’ll find plenty of other delicious options. We have many unique establishments serving all sorts of dishes to satisfy your taste buds.

#### Local Cuisine

AIRWAYS CAFE  
CORNER STOP CAFE  
DEXTER BAR-B-QUE  
DEXTER PIZZA COMPANY

DEXTER QUEEN  
THE HICKORY LOG  
EL CABRITO  
MEXICAN RESTAURANT  
DHAFFER’S STEAKHOUSE

Find other great places to eat at [visitdexter.com/dining](http://visitdexter.com/dining).

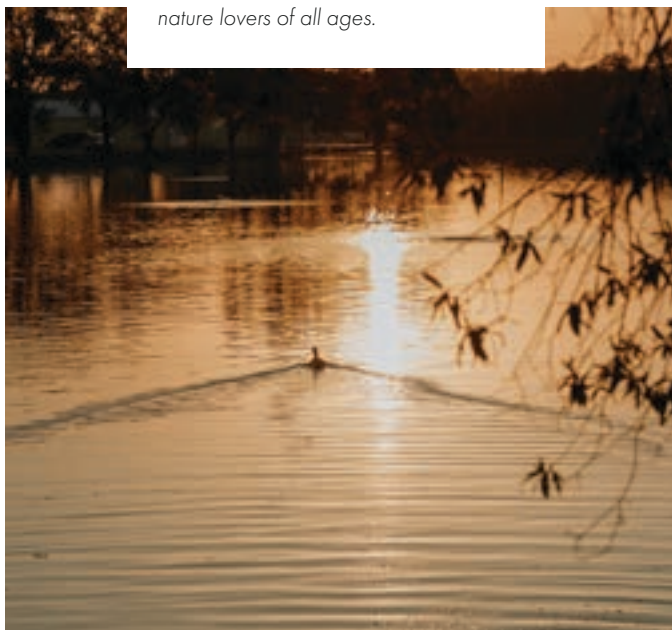
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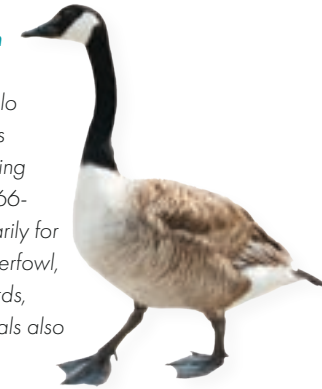
### GET OUTSIDE – MISSOURI’S BOOTHEEL AWAITS.

The Bootheel offers some of Missouri’s most scenic parks, campgrounds, and conservation areas, and Dexter is at the heart of it all. With tranquil lakes, vibrant wetlands, and miles of hiking and biking trails, there’s no shortage of outdoor adventures. Paddle along our waterways, encounter diverse wildlife, or simply take in the stars —our clear, open skies make Dexter one of the best spots in the Bootheel for stargazing. When you visit Dexter, make plans to explore the great outdoors.

If you’re looking for a serene spot nestled right in the heart of Dexter, then you’re in luck. **Dexter City Lake** offers a natural retreat for both visitors and locals. Our **Dexter Parks and Recreation Department** and the **Missouri Department of Conservation** maintain the fish population, making it a popular destination for anglers. With opportunities to spot turtles, ducks, and other wildlife, Dexter City Lake is for nature lovers of all ages.



**Otter Slough Conservation Area** is one of only a few examples of a cypress/tupelo swamp left in Missouri and is home to thousands of migrating waterfowl. Although the 4,866-acre area is managed primarily for migratory and wintering waterfowl, many wading birds, shorebirds, eagles, and wetland mammals also make this area their home.



**Holly Ridge Conservation Area** offers nearly 85 acres of streams and forested hills ideal for hiking, horseback riding, hunting, and wildlife observation. Visitors can explore trails winding through oak and hickory woods, where they can encounter deer, turkeys, and songbirds. With its peaceful setting and diverse wildlife, Holly Ridge is a perfect retreat for outdoor enthusiasts looking to experience the Bootheel’s natural beauty.

**Mingo National Wildlife Refuge** is a premier destination in the Bootheel for nature lovers and outdoor adventurers alike. Explore miles of scenic wildlife drives, lush hiking trails, and winding waterways perfect for canoeing and kayaking through beautiful bottomland forests and wetlands. Mingo’s diverse habitats offer prime locations for hunting, fishing, and birdwatching, with countless opportunities to spot unique wildlife. Immerse yourself in the natural beauty of the Bootheel at Mingo — an unforgettable escape into Missouri’s wild side.

Discover the beauty of **Hidden Trails Country Club Golf Course** — where stunning views, challenging holes, and a welcoming atmosphere await. Come tee off in a peaceful, scenic setting. Your perfect round is just a visit away!



## A DISTINCTIVE PAST.

### DISCOVER DEXTER’S UNIQUE STORY IN THE BOOTHEEL.

When people ask how we got our name, we say it came straight from the horse’s mouth. The story goes that an early settler named Mr. Dex named our city after his horse, Dexter. From our early days as a railroad and timber town, to becoming a farming community, to growing into a place for business and industry, Dexter’s history is as rich and interesting as its future.

At the **Dexter Welcome Center Depot and Museum**, you are invited to immerse yourself in the rich history of our community. Various displays reflect the stories of families who came before us and the deep-rooted history of the railroad.



**The Stars and Stripes National Museum and Library** in nearby Bloomfield is committed to preserving the history of the Stars and Stripes Newspaper and the US Armed Forces. Come explore the fascinating stories and pivotal moments that have shaped our nation’s military history. While here, stop by the **Bloomfield Veterans Cemetery** next to the museum on 65 acres overlooking scenic Crowley’s Ridge.

