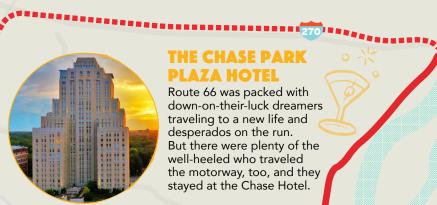
# ROUTE

Many "Chances to Motor West" ...

The "highway that's the best" switched roads a few times going through St. Louis. That's why there's more than one "Route 66" in the city. The purist will want to travel them all.



Always free.

# THE CHASE PARK **PLAZA HOTEL**

Route 66 was packed with down-on-their-luck dreamers traveling to a new life and desperados on the run. But there were plenty of the well-heeled who traveled the motorway, too, and they stayed at the Chase Hotel.



# **OLD CHAIN OF ROCKS BRIDGE** & PARK

As you cross this treasured bridge, imagine the 1930s roadsters that used it to cross the Mississippi River when it became Route 66 in 1936. Today it's open only to pedestrians and is part of a new 16-acre park.

# CROWN CANDY KITCHEN

Sine 1913, a continuous family-owned operation, this landmark is a must for travelers craving the world-renowned handmade malts and thick-stacked sandwiches.



# **CARL'S DRIVE-IN**

served here, but get a

seat at the counter,

because it's fun to watch 'em cook them.

SPENCER'S GRILL

The hip neon sign still beckons

decades, great meals have been

travelers and locals alike. For seven

Originally a service station in 1918, it was converted into a summer-time hot dog stand before being made into a Route 66-worthy diner in 1959.



AMOCO

Built in 1922, this gem of a movie theater sits across from the world's largest Amoco gas sign. The theater takes its name from the neighborhood, as in the highest point in the city of St. Louis.

MISSOURI HISTORY MUSEUM

This is a jewel among Forest Park's many

destinations. From 1764 to present, the

museum has deftly defined Missouri's

history and is currently housed in

a building that is the first national

monument to Thomas Jefferson.

# MAPLEWOOD MEMOR

This neighborhood boasts Route 66's past and its future and the history is celebrated with memorial plaques.

TED DREWES FROZEN CUSTARD Yup - pull in, get a "concrete," and turn it upside down. It will not fall out. Since 1929, travelers have been delighted if not also astounded by the shake handmade so thick

# THE GATEWAY ARCH

Since 1965, Route 66 travelers have taken in this magnificent symbol of the Gateway to the West as they begin on the Missouri part of their journey.



THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF

Let's get real - you're here to see Bobby Darin's

"Dream Machine" car. Car of the future indeed.

Also featured is the Coral Court room façade,

**TRANSPORTATION** 

making this a must stop.

# MERAMEC CAVERNS

Stop by and explore these fantastic caverns. At five stories high, this cave has been wowing roadsters since 1935.



## **DONUT DRIVE-IN**

This is a shrine to signs of the times and fried deliciousness. You don't think you need that chocolate glazed or that custard filled donut, but trust us: You need both. Voted best donuts on Route 66.

# Route 66 in St. Louis

KEY	
	1926-1928
	1929
	1933
	1936 City
	1936 Bypas
	1955
	1967

# **ROUTE 66 STATE PARK & MUSEUM**

This 1935 roadhouse features a treasure trove of memorabilia that tells the "Main Street, America" story. Also, get your outdoor kicks on the seven miles of hiking, bicycling, and horseback riding trails.

Check out explorestiouis.com/route66

and make some new friends at this old-school bowling alley. In 2012 the original neon sign was restored

CRESTWOOD BOWL

Take a break from the road

through a grant from the National Park Service visitors alike. that alone is worth a stop.

# LAUMEIER SCULPTURE PARK

that it earned that nickname.

This stunning and conversation-starting collection of over 60 outdoor sculptures spread out over 105 acres is an open-air museum that is beloved by locals and

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