

# Visitors

Imagine a place nestled among captivating woods, choice farmland, and spectacular lakes. Fill it with 16,000 Midwesterners; honest, straightforward, and focused on the love of life. Give it a pro-business attitude and the desire to grow, not for the sake of growth itself, but rather for the benefits to be enjoyed. Add a commitment to reinvest in the community through service. That's Macon, Missouri, a quiet but active Midwestern city built on traditional family values. Yes, Macon is probably like many other communities of its size. But is it really?

The people of Macon are some of the most progressive you'll find. Our public education system services over 1,500 students in one convenient complex and is AAA rated, the highest educational rating in Missouri. Students are exposed to computers and international languages at an early age. Achievement scores throughout the district typically range from .3 to .6 above national norms at every grade level. Over 55% of our district's graduates participate in some type of continued education, reflecting our commitment to education. We also offer a private Catholic elementary school where 55 students enjoy a teacher to student ratio of 1 to 10. Tri-County Christian School is a private school that runs K through 5th grade and has 70 students. They also have a preschool 2 years through 4 years old with 80 students.

Macon also offers classes in a variety of specialized skills at the Macon Area Vocational School and is near many of the finest public and private universities, colleges, and junior colleges in the Midwest. The people of Macon are convinced that a good education is a prerequisite to a good life.

An excellent public library holds over 32,000 books, 70 magazines, a large selection of audiobooks, and a collection of local history. The library was renovated to make it handicapped accessible along with a lift. There are 6 computers that are available for use by customers.

Macon is also a community committed to good health. The Samaritan Hospital, a modern, high-quality health care facility, serves the area with excellent health care. The hospital's commitment to growth has included recent additions in equipment, programs, and physicians. A variety of health care professionals reside in our community, with specialists as well as family doctors proudly calling Macon their home.

Macon boasts one of the lowest crime rates in America. In fact, it is so low, many people can't believe it. But it's true because we know that in Macon, a neighbor is also a friend.

We look out for one another. It also helps to have excellent city and county police forces as well as the regional office of the Missouri State Highway Patrol here. All this gives us the security to take a run in the park, sit on our front porch and sleep well at night, knowing our families are

safe.

Macon homes run the full gamut of style, size, and character, for both the young and the young at heart. Our neighborhoods are well designed, well-kept, and near schools, churches, and shopping.

Two of our oldest buildings have been completely restored and are home to many of our seniors. These two structures reflect a unique architecture that is representative of the housing you'll find throughout the community. Of course, you'll also find homes which are more traditional in nature. All are affordable with housing prices lower than other Midwestern cities and much lower than homes on either coast. This is all due to the low cost of living you'll find here.

Macon County offers some of the best antique shops in Missouri. People travel from all over to shop and browse through the over 20 different craft, antique and collectible shops in Macon County.

Step back in time in one of Macon County's museums or visit one of the area's historical buildings. Several homes and public buildings in the area are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

In Macon, a variety of churches, clubs, and organizations reflect our dedication to the community we serve. Newcomers and new members are welcome and encouraged to join the folks that work to ensure a higher quality of life for all our people.

But there's much more to life in Macon than work. There are recreation and a lot of it. Our park system is one of the finest around with eight public parks, three public tennis courts, and two wading pools. As the county seat, we're also home to the Macon County Fairgrounds and a myriad of activities you'll enjoy there throughout the year. Festivities like old-fashioned ice cream socials, a family-style 4th of July celebration, picnics, and parades are all part of the heritage of our Midwestern lifestyle.

For the active sports enthusiast, Macon County is widely known for its excellent hunting, fishing, and water sports. Each year, hunters bag records numbers of wildlife in our fields and woods. We have many small ponds where you can catch bass or crappie. We have one of the finest Army Corp of Engineers lakes in the Midwest and nearly 25,000 acres of water where freshwater fishing, boating, skiing, swimming, and sunning are enjoyed throughout the seasons. Macon is also home to a fine Country Club with a manicured golf course and pool. Other recreational possibilities include bowling lanes, campgrounds, a fitness center, YMCA, and more.

But if spectating is a more appealing sport, we offer world-renowned exotic animal sales, historic places, natural wonders, festivals, bull buck-off, vintage car shows, community theatre, and cinema. Discover Macon - A Place to Grow and Go.



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