

The Big Spring area became a state park in 1925 and was developed by the Civilian Conservation Corps during the Depression era of the 1930s. This beautiful, BIG spring is well worth the longer drive!

## Return: Shepherd Mountain Inn & Suites

MO-103 4 miles, R on Hwy 60 for 6 miles, L on Hwy 21 N, follow signs for Hwy 21, approx. 60 miles back to Shepherd Mountain Inn & Suites

## A RURAL DAY TRIP

Missouri Springs offer some of the most beautiful scenery found anywhere in the state. Each Spring has its own unique identity, yet they all seem connected by secret underground passageways. The drive to the various Springs are on the scenic Missouri back roads, an added delight to the adventure!

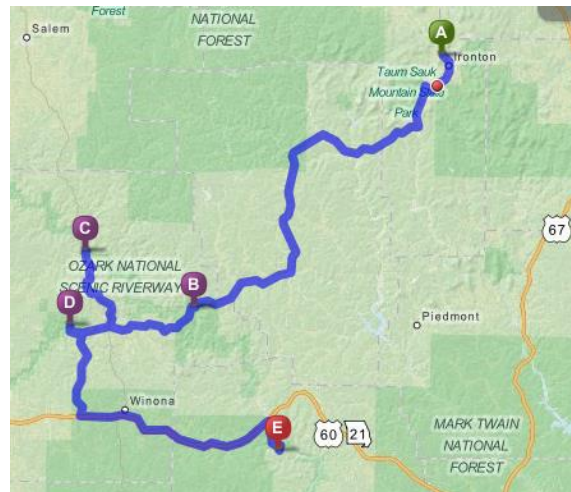


Picnic and playground area at Round Springs

Each Spring area has picnic tables and beautiful scenery. Consider packing a lunch to enjoy the outdoor settings.

*Visitors find these serene settings filled with history and wonder. From deep blue waters, to millions of gallons of cool rushing water, a visit to these southeast Missouri's Springs are a day trip you will not want to pass by!*

The following map highlights the springs listed in this brochure as a suggested day trip.



The chart below from the Missouri Department of Conservation lists the largest Springs in Missouri. Our day trip takes you to 3 of the 7 largest Springs in Missouri.

Discharges of Large Springs in Missouri (gallons per day)			
Name of Spring	County	Maximum	Average
Big	Carter	840,000,000	276,000,000
Greer	Oregon	583,000,000	214,000,000
Double	Ozark	150,000,000	100,000,000*
Bennett	Dallas	**	100,000,000
Maramec	Phelps	420,000,000	96,000,000
Blue	Shannon	153,000,000	90,000,000*
Alley	Shannon	**	81,000,000

For more information on the many scenic, historic, and recreation sites in the valley, call Shepherd Mountain Inn & Suites 573-546-7418, or visit us online at [www.shepherdmtinn.com](http://www.shepherdmtinn.com)

# “SPRING”

Into a GREAT

# DAY TRIP



A guide to visiting four of Missouri's natural springs; including one of the largest Springs in America & the world, Big Springs, averaging 276 million gallons a day. All within a day trip from the beautiful Arcadia Valley!



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Since our first major spring is an hour drive, we wanted to “wet your appetite” with a **spring along the way**, visit **REED SPRINGS**, located just 30 minutes from Shepherd Mtn Inn & Suites. Hwy 21 S., to Pine St. in Centerville, MO; Reed Spring was built as a gristmill in 1881 and later used to generate electricity for the town in early 1900’s.

**Reed Spring**



## 1st Stop: BLUE Springs

*From the hotel, take Hwy 21 south for 45 miles to Hwy 106 West for 14 miles – approx. 1 hour drive*



This spring really lives up to its name—the vivid blue water makes this Missouri spring a sight to see; well worth the half-mile walk from the parking area. The spring is 310 feet deep; that is deep enough to cover the Statue of Liberty.

At approximately 81 million gallons of water per day, this spring is the 6<sup>th</sup> largest Spring in Missouri.

## 2nd Stop: ROUND Springs

*From Blue Springs continue W on Hwy 106 for 14 miles, R on Hwy 19, go North on 19 for 13 miles*

**Round Spring**



Round Springs flows into an almost perfectly circular cavern that has collapsed, and from there it travels through a natural tunnel before it emerges into the spring branch. Round Spring was one of the first parks in the Missouri state park system (1932). The smallest Spring on our day trip still boasts 26.5 million gallons per day.

## 3rd Stop: ALLEY Springs

*From Round Springs, travel S on Hwy 19 for 13 miles, Right on Hwy 106 for 6 miles*

**Alley Springs**



With its beautiful turquoise water, Alley Spring has a 100 year old grist mill which you can tour. The mill is open daily from

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Stop in for an up close look at one of the Ozarks' most famous landmarks. There is no charge, but donations help offset operating costs. The mill machinery is no longer operational, although restoration efforts are underway.

Alley was home, farm, and school for people who lived here a century ago. Built in 1868, with a turbine rather than a water wheel, and with rollers rather than stone grist stones, it was considered to be very "high tech" for its day. It served the needs of the local community by processing the farmers' grain.

## 4th Stop: BIG Springs

*From Alley Springs, travel E on Hwy 106 for 2 miles R on Hwy E 11 miles, Left on Hwy 60 for 25 miles, R on MO-103 for 4 miles*

**Big Springs**



Big Spring is indeed a BIG spring and the biggest in Missouri in terms of average daily discharge with some 276 million gallons of cool spring water (58 degrees Fahrenheit) flowing from it each day. This is one of the **largest springs in the world**. The spring is at least 80 feet deep based on research dives.