

Upcoming Events & Travel

We made it to Joplin, Missouri!

Cruise along historic Route 66 as it winds its way through the heart of Joplin, via Main Street downtown, then toward the Kansas state line on 7th Street. Our city is even featured in the lyrics of the iconic song “(Get Your Kicks On) Route 66,” and we have a park dedicated to Joplin’s place in the history of this major highway.



Known as the Mother Road, Route 66 was established in 1926, reaching from Chicago to Santa Monica, California. By the 1950s, it was heavily traveled by vacationers making their way out west. While larger interstate highways have since made the trip out west more efficient, each year thousands of tourists - many of them from around the globe - still choose to take a more nostalgic journey on Route 66.

A cruise down Route 66 carries you through the heart of Joplin, allowing you to experience the city with awakened senses. Channel your inner Siskel-and-Ebert after viewing an independent film at a one-of-a-kind theater. Savor the made-from-scratch goodness of gourmet chocolates that have been crafted in Joplin for over 40 years at a local candy factory. Explore Main Street's boutiques and galleries for unique items and local art, then feast your eyes on our vibrant downtown murals, as well as the extraordinary examples of architecture in Murphysburg, our city's first residential district. Delve into backstory of our city at the Joplin museum, where you'll learn about how the discovery of valuable minerals turned this idyllic Ozark spot into a booming town, a town that has been- and continues to be- visited by thousands of Mother Road travelers each year.

Expand Your Horizons!



Next stop: Oklahoma City (OKC), Oklahoma!

OKC is about 240 miles from Joplin, Missouri. We have got a ways to go, but together we are on our way!- Call 435-226-1457 to register.

