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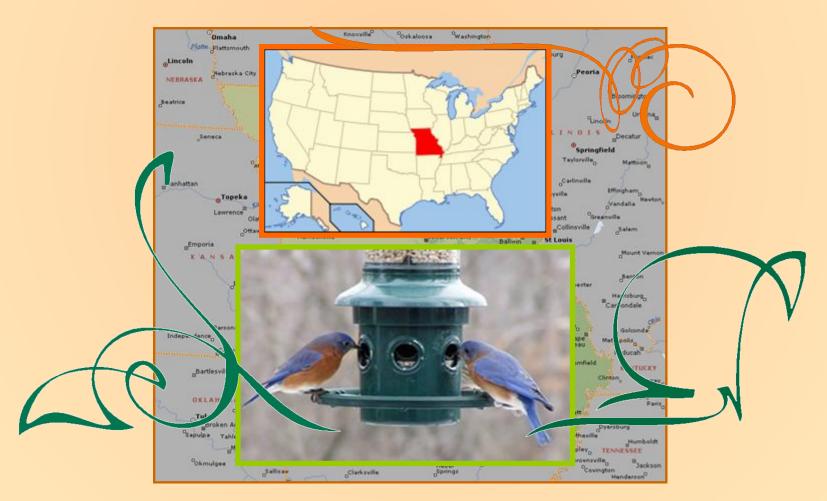
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Missouri became the 24th State of the Union on August 10, 1821.







The nickname of the state of Missouri:

"Show Me The State"







The important mixture, however, is its (donkey) father's stamina

and its (horse) mother's temperament and brute strength. Mules are used worldwide in agriculture and as beasts of











Missouri's tree is the dogwood





Flowering Dogwood

Most species of dogwood are trees with simple leaves,

but a few species, such as the flowering dogwood, are popular for their ornamental value. Many songbirds and small mammals eat the fruit of the dogwood.









The insect of the state of Missouri is the Honey Bee









The Capital of the State of Missouri is Jefferson City



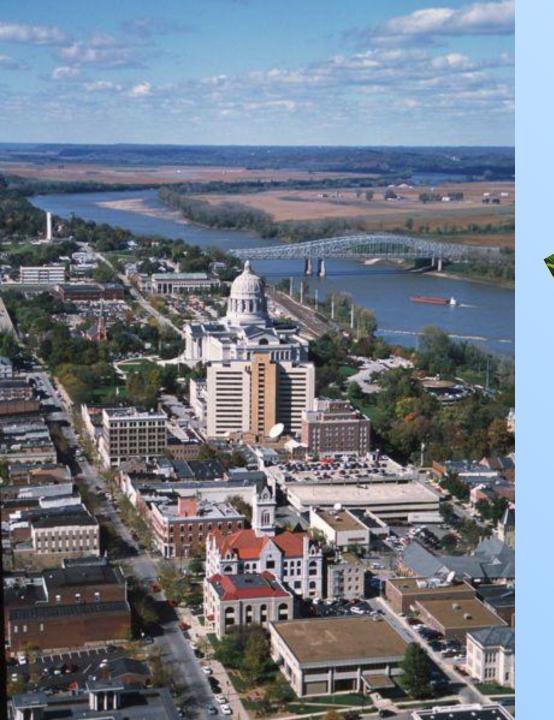
Jefferson Thumb



Jefferson City Capitol

The Northeast Region Old Courthouse

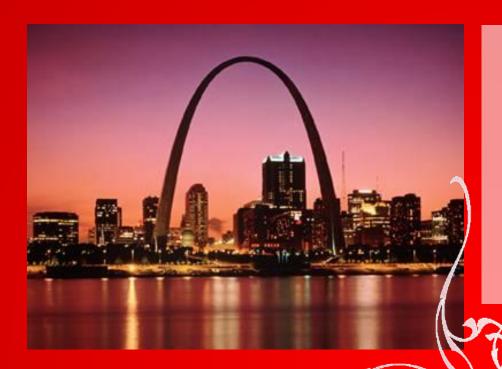




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Dominating the skyline in all directions, Missouri's state Capitol is a monument to her citizens. The building rests upon a limestone bluff on the south bank of the Missouri River. It is 437 feet long and 300 feet wide at its center. The top of the dome towers 262 feet above the basement floor. The building, which covers three acres, is literally a museum of public art, remarkable as a faithful reflection of the themes, events and people of Missouri.



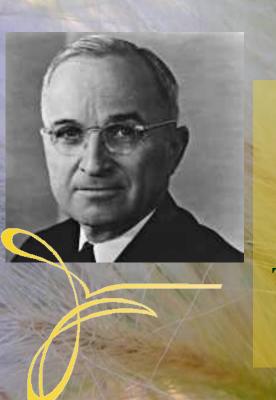
This tourist attraction is famous for it's beauty.



One of the tourist attractions is Missouri's gate.







Harry S. Truman

Harry S. Truman, the 33rd US President, came into office on the death of Franklin Roosevelt on April 12, 1945.

Within the first weeks of his presidency, the Allies had won the war in Europe.

Truman then made one of the most difficult decisions that ever faced a US President, to use the new atomic bomb against Japan to end World War II.

Mark Twain

The great U.S. author Mark Twain wrote stories of youthful adventures that are treasured by readers around the world.

He created such memorable characters as Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn.







Mississippi River in Missouri

Most of the waters in Missouri flow into the Mississippi River. The Missouri crosses the state from west to east, where it flows

The huge Mississippi River defines most of the state's eastern border.

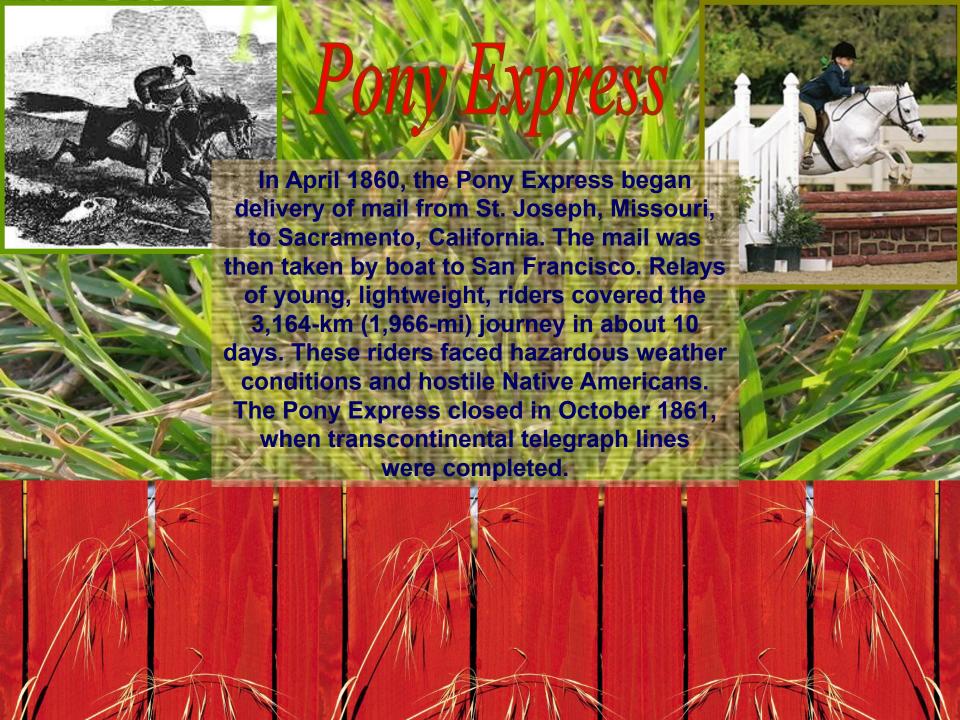
into the Mississippi.

Mark Twain National Forest

Mark Twain National Forest, *above*, is the only national forest in the state of Missouri.

It is situated in the southern part of the state in a region known as the Ozark Plateau, a large area characterized by forested hills, low mountains, and deep gorges.







THE HAMBURGER







The hamburger has no connection to ham. It got its name from the German town of Hamburg, which was famous for its ground steak.

German immigrants to the United States introduced the "hamburger steak."
At the St. Louis World's Fair in 1904, hamburger steaks were served on buns for the first time.

Hamburgers on buns were convenient and tasted good.

This became the usual way of eating hamburgers.



PEANUT BUTTER





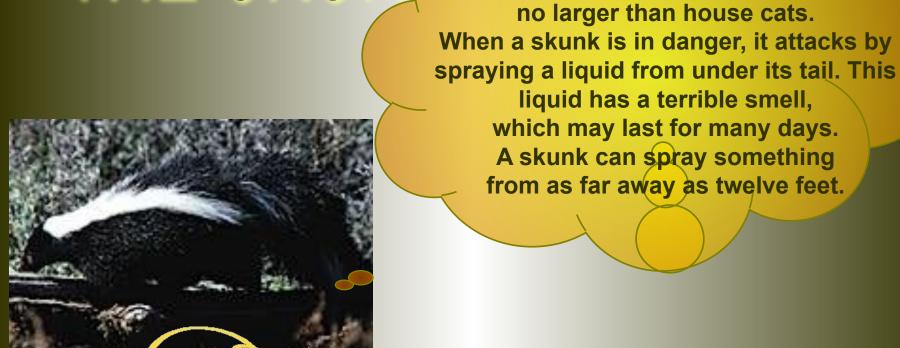
The peanut comes from South America, but peanut butter is a food that is truly "American".

Peanut butter started in 1890 in St. Louis, Missouri.
A doctor made some peanut butter. He gave it to patients who could not eat regular food.

Later, peanut butter was popular as a health food.



for its bad smell. Skunks are black and



The skunk is known mainly

white and very furry. They are small —



The raccoon is famous for its ringed tail and for the black "mask" around its eyes. Raccoons can use their paws skillfully, and are quite intelligent. They eat many different things—frogs, fish, birds' eggs, fruit, and mice. Raccoons are not timid or afraid of people. They'll often take food from garbage cans. This explains, some people say, the black masks around their eyes—raccoons are garbage-can robbers!