A Pedestrian’s Guide to Getting Around During Arch Grounds Improvements

by foot
pedestrian route

by bike
greenway or bike lane
on street

by MetroLink
use Laclede’s Landing station or 8th & Pine station to walk to the Ticketing and Visitors Center at the Old Courthouse

For more information or to make a reservation, visit www.gatewayarch.com or call (877)982-1410.
A Park over the Highway

The design starts with a new, dramatic park that extends over I-44 between Chestnut and Market Streets and joins the Arch grounds with the Old Courthouse, finally physically connecting St. Louis to its most famous landmark. It will allow visitors to walk from the Old Courthouse to the Arch grounds and riverfront on one continuous greenway, without a curb or stair step in their way.

North Gateway

The former Arch parking garage was replaced with 7.5 acres of usable park space for festivals, concerts, and community events. It includes the Lewis and Clark Explorers’ Garden for children with a raised walkway featuring views of Eads Bridge and the Mississippi River. Washington Avenue ends at Memorial Drive, allowing the park to expand directly to the Eads Bridge and Leonor K. Sullivan Boulevard along the river.

Kiener Plaza

Outdated infrastructure and limited amenities have been replaced by the functional and striking redesign of Kiener Plaza, a downtown activity hub. An expansive lawn, 1,000 feet of benches, and cafe seating invite everyone to enjoy the park. “The Runner” statue retains its central location. Other park features include a modern playground and splash pad for children and families.

Riverfront

Leonor K. Sullivan Boulevard was elevated, reducing flooding occurrences that close the riverfront during the year. This provides access for pedestrians, bicyclists, and vehicles to a 1.5 mile promenade for activities and commerce between Biddle Street and Chouteau Avenue with connections to existing bicycle trail networks.

A New Entrance to the Arch

A new glass entrance to the museum below the Arch will face Luther Ely Smith Square and the Old Courthouse and bring natural light underground to create a fitting destination at the start of the Gateway Mall. Redesigned museum exhibits will tell the story of the United States’ westward expansion and St. Louis in new interactive ways. The grand opening of the museum will be in July 2018.

CityArchRiver is a transformational project that physically connects the Gateway Arch to the city and river that surround it for the first time in the iconic landmark’s history. Visitors have easier access to the park and more to do when they get there. Learn how you can be part of the transformation at www.ArchPark.org.