



Visitor & Travel Guide

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Rolla & St. James Area Guide

Getting Here

Arriving at Lambert-St. Louis International Airport (STL)

Welcome! Lambert-St. Louis International Airport (STL) is your gateway to the Rolla and St. James area. Once you have collected your baggage and are ready to go, the most common and convenient way to reach us is by rental car.

Distance to St. James / Cost Effective Equipment: Approximately 95 miles via I-44 West

Estimated Drive Time: 1 hour 45 minutes (without traffic)

Distance to Rolla: Approximately 110 miles via I-44 West

Estimated Drive Time to Rolla: 1 hour 55 minutes (without traffic)

Distance from Rolla to Cost Effective Equipment: Approximately 13 miles via I-44 West

Estimated Drive Time to Cee®: 16 minutes (without traffic)

Rental Cars

All major car rental agencies are available at STL - Lambert on the lower level of the terminal. We strongly recommend reserving your vehicle in advance, especially during peak travel periods. A rental car gives you the most flexibility for getting to our facility and exploring the area during your stay.

Driving Directions from STL to Cost Effective Equipment

- Exit the airport onto I-70 West
- Take I-70 West to I-270 South (Memphis exit)
- Take I-270 South to I-44 West (Tulsa exit)
- Follow I-44 West approximately 95 miles
- Take Exit 195, turn left toward St. James
- Turn left onto West James Blvd
- Turn left onto N Springfield Street
- Turn right on Industrial Drive
- Cost Effective Equipment is at 6 Industrial Drive on the right (just beneath the billboard)

Recommended Lodging

We recommend staying in Rolla, which offers excellent hotel options and is just a short 15 minute drive from our facility in St. James. The two properties below are our top recommendations for visiting customers.

Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott – Rolla

The Fairfield Inn & Suites is a reliable, comfortable Marriott-brand property well-suited for business travelers. Guests enjoy modern rooms, complimentary hot breakfast, and an indoor pool. It is conveniently located near I-44 with easy access to dining and shopping.

- Complimentary hot breakfast daily
- Indoor pool and fitness center
- Business-friendly rooms with workspace
- Close to restaurants and shops on Bishop Avenue

Holiday Inn Express & Suites Rolla

The Holiday Inn Express is another excellent choice for business visitors. Conveniently located along I-44, this IHG property features spacious rooms and suites, the brand's popular Express Start breakfast bar, and a welcoming staff known for attentive service.

- Complimentary Express Start breakfast bar
- Indoor pool and hot tub
- Suites with separate living areas available
- Easy access to I-44 and local dining

Both properties are located along I-44 in Rolla, placing them within easy reach of dining, entertainment, and our facility. We encourage you to book early, especially around Missouri S&T events and local festivals.

Exploring Rolla, Missouri

Rolla is the county seat of Phelps County and home to Missouri University of Science and Technology (Missouri S&T). Situated along the historic Route 66 corridor, it offers a lively mix of dining, culture, and outdoor recreation in a classic Ozarks setting.

Dining in Rolla

Rolla has a diverse dining scene with a number of locally owned favorites worth seeking out.

Alex's Pizza Palace

122 W. 8th Street • A Rolla institution. Alex Pizza is the city's legendary local pizza joint, beloved by Missouri S&T students, faculty, locals, and visitors for decades. The thin crust and classic toppings have earned it a fiercely loyal following. A must for any first-time visitor.

Public House Brewing Company – Rolla

600 N Rolla St • An award-winning craft brewery located right in the heart of Rolla. Perfect for winding down after a day at our facility. Great craft beers, food, and a comfortable, community-oriented atmosphere.

Koi Sushi & Hibachi

1808 N. Bishop Ave • Rolla's destination for Japanese cuisine. Choose from an extensive sushi menu or reserve a seat at one of the hibachi grills for a dinner that's as entertaining as it is delicious. A standout spot that always impresses visitors passing through.

Tater Patch

103 Bridge School Rd • A multi-time award winner in Phelps County for best burger, best breakfast, and best catfish. Tater Patch is a true local gem. Casual, friendly, and consistently excellent. Also known for great karaoke if you feel like a fun evening out.

Los Arcos Mexican Restaurant

1212 MO-72 • With an extensive menu featuring all the classics and an impressive tequila bar, Los Arcos is the local destination for Mexican fare, done well. The spacious, welcoming interior make it a great choice for groups, and the staff is known for attentive, friendly service. A reliable go-to for a casual lunch or a laid-back dinner with colleagues.

NaCl+H₂O

817 N Pine St • Locally owned, this scratch-kitchen restaurant brings global flavors (Mediterranean, New England, and beyond) to the heart of Rolla. Everything on the menu is made to order from fresh ingredients. Perfect for a dinner when you want something a step above.

Prince Solomon's Royal Indian Restaurant

816 N. Pine St • Rolla's hidden gem for authentic Indian cuisine, Prince Solomon's brings the rich and diverse flavors of the Indian subcontinent to downtown Rolla in a warm, welcoming setting. The menu spans an impressive range of both vegetarian and non-vegetarian dishes prepared with traditional spices and care. A uniquely satisfying dining experience and a refreshing departure from the ordinary.

Things To Do in Rolla

Arts & Entertainment

- **Space on Pine** - A vibrant contemporary art gallery in the heart of downtown Rolla, Space on Pine is dedicated to cultivating creativity and fostering a more inclusive local culture. The gallery rotates exhibitions featuring works by local and regional artists, with a particular emphasis on underrepresented voices. Check their Instagram or Facebook pages for current exhibitions and opening events before your visit.
- **The Back Nine** - A modern indoor golf experience where visitors can play, practice, and socialize year-round. Using advanced golf simulator technology, guests can tee off on world-famous courses, analyze their swing with detailed performance data, or simply enjoy a casual round with friends. Open 24/7 in a comfortable, climate-controlled setting, the facility welcomes both serious golfers and newcomers, with options for hourly play, memberships, and group events.

Outdoor Recreation

- **Fugitive Beach** - A unique outdoor water attraction with a sandy beach, waterslide, cliff jumping, and volleyball courts. Popular in warm weather.

- **Audubon Trails Nature Center** - A hidden treasure right within the Rolla city limits, Audubon Trails Nature Center encompasses 70 acres of pristine Ozarks landscape. Whether you're an avid birder, casual walker, or simply looking for a peaceful morning in nature, Audubon Trails delivers a genuinely restorative experience.
- **Stonehenge at MO S&T** - One of Rolla's most unusual landmarks, the Missouri S&T Stonehenge is a half-scale granite replica of the famous English monument located on the university campus. Built in 1984 by students and faculty using water-jet cutting technology, the structure mirrors the astronomical alignments of the original and highlights the engineering heritage of Missouri S&T. It's a quick, interesting stop for visitors exploring campus or traveling historic Route 66.

Exploring St. James, Missouri

Cost Effective Equipment is based in St. James, Missouri, a small Route 66 town known for its wineries and friendly local atmosphere. While you'll visit us here in St. James, most guests prefer to stay in nearby Rolla, just 15 minutes away, where you'll find a greater selection of hotels, restaurants, and conveniences.

Dining in St. James

St. James has an outstanding collection of local dining options that punch well above the town's size.

Sybill's Restaurant & Gift Shop

1100 N. Jefferson St • The premier fine dining destination in St. James, Sybill's is set in a beautiful southern-style home with a porch veranda for outdoor dining. The menu features steaks, chicken, pork, seafood, pasta, and nightly specials, complemented by an extensive wine list spotlighting local wineries. The attached gift shop features unique home décor, jewelry, and accessories. An oasis of fine dining in Central Missouri.

Rich's Famous Burgers

103 S. Jefferson St • A St. James favorite known for its classic American diner fare. Rich's serves hand-pressed burgers, crispy fries, sandwiches, and shakes in a casual, family-friendly setting. A perfect stop for a quick, satisfying meal while exploring downtown.

Public House Brewing Company – St. James

551 State Route B • A lively craft brewery taproom offering a rotating selection of locally brewed beers alongside a menu of pizzas, pretzels, sandwiches, and pub favorites. The relaxed atmosphere and spacious outdoor seating make it a popular gathering spot for locals and visitors alike.

Country Bob's Cafe

276 Hwy B • A relaxed hometown café serving hearty comfort food and generous portions. The menu features breakfast favorites, burgers, sandwiches, and classic homestyle plates. Friendly service and a laid-back atmosphere make it a popular spot with locals.

Spencer Manor Winery Bistro

1535 State Route 68 • Located just outside St. James, Spencer Manor offers a charming winery setting paired with a thoughtfully crafted menu. Guests can enjoy artisan pizzas, sandwiches, charcuterie boards, and desserts alongside estate wines in a scenic countryside atmosphere.

Things To Do in St. James

St. James Winery

One of the Midwest's most recognized wineries, St. James Winery has been producing award-winning wines since 1970 from 180 acres of sustainably farmed vineyards. Visitors can enjoy tastings of an impressive range of wines and tour the beautiful grounds. The winery distributes in 19 states and is a source of local pride. Located right off I-44, it is an easy stop before or after visiting us.

Maramec Spring Park

Located just east of St. James on the Meramec River, Maramec Spring is one of Missouri's five largest natural springs, with an average daily discharge of 153 cubic feet of water per second. The park offers exceptional trout fishing, hiking, picnicking, and beautiful natural scenery, along with the historic Maramec Iron Works site. A peaceful half-day outing.

Route 66 Heritage

St. James and the surrounding Phelps County area lie along the historic Route 66 corridor. Take a leisurely drive along the old Mother Road, explore historic downtown St. James, and enjoy the nostalgic charm of this legendary American highway.

Float the Ozark Rivers

One of the best ways to experience the beauty of the Ozarks is from the water. The rivers surrounding St. James, including the Meramec and its spring-fed tributaries, are known for their clear water, gentle current, and scenic limestone bluffs. Floating by canoe, kayak, or raft is a favorite regional pastime, offering a relaxing way to spend a summer day surrounded by forests, wildlife, and quiet gravel bars. If you're interested in planning a float trip, a multitude of area outfitters make it a breeze to get on the water.

Quick Reference

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We look forward to welcoming you to Cost Effective Equipment. If you have any questions about your visit, logistics, or local recommendations, please don't hesitate to contact us at +1.573.466.4300 before your arrival. We're dedicated to making your trip as smooth and enjoyable as possible.

We look forward to your visit!