

My Favorite Place in Missouri

My favorite place to go in Missouri is Saint Charles. Our family goes there every year with our grandparents who come from over in Arkansas and meet us there.

I like to walk on the cobble brick roads and see the old shops. We also see characters from different Christmas stories. There are also many different Santas from different countries in the world and different periods. We collect little picture cards from the characters. My favorite character is the sugar plum fairy. I like her best because she has a pretty dress and she's very funny. There is a small church among some of the shops that has a gingerbread house competition. Everyone walks around and then decides which one they like best. Then they put their vote into a box that would be counted up later. The church also made a considerably large manger made out of candy and big pretzel sticks. Then you could try to count how many pretzels there are. Whoever gets the right answer would win prize money.

A few times, we ventured into stores and explored what was for sale and tasted some of their dip samples. They sure were delicious! We also sang classic Christmas songs with old-fashioned carolers. It was an exciting experience!

At the end of each evening, the Christmas characters and visitors gather around the Christmas tree and sing well-known carols. Our family also enjoys getting pictures by the huge Christmas tree.

When it approaches supper time, we know that it's time to enjoy our annual meal out with our grandparents. On the way to the restaurant, we enjoy seeing tons of beautiful Christmas lights.

Our tradition has involved going to Cici's Pizza for supper. I love their pizza! There are all kinds of pizza, and my favorite food is the cheesy breadsticks. They also have cinnamon rolls, which taste amazing!

I look forward to this special Christmas trip to Saint Charles each year. I have many special memories of Christmas time in Saint Charles with my family!