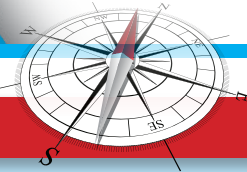


Missouri Road Trip



Every Hero Has A Story: Walt Disney

When he arrived by train from Chicago in 1906, young Walt Disney couldn't have imagined the profound impact living in Marcelline, Mo., would have on his life.

But the small community left an indelible mark on one of the world's most-gifted and celebrated animators.

Growing up on his family's farm in Marcelline, Walt showed an aptitude for entertainment. His early "show business" productions involved putting baby clothes on barnyard animals and inviting his friends over to enjoy a circus.

Life in Marcelline also inspired Walt's lifelong love of locomotives. For a kid, seeing dozens of trains rumble through town each day was like a dream come true. If you share that passion, Marcelline is for you: 70 trains pass through town daily!

Of course, Walt grew up to become one of the world's most well-known entertainers, creating movies such as "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," "Fantasia," and "Cinderella." He also built and inspired two theme parks during his remarkable career.

If you visit the parks, you'll notice little hints of Walt's ties to the Show-Me State at Disneyland and Disneyworld, where Main Street USA areas are modeled after the Marcelline that Walt knew as a child. Plus you can get a taste of Missouri in the Marcelline Confectionary at Disneyland.



"To tell the truth, more things of importance happened to me in Marcelline than have happened since — or are likely to in the future." WALT DISNEY, 1938.

When Walt was 5, the Disney family moved to a farm in Marcelline. In 1910, the Disneys left Marcelline for Kansas City. Walt lived in Kansas City, aside from a stint in the Red Cross Ambulance Corps, until 1923, when he left for Hollywood. Walt Disney died Dec. 15, 1966.

Sources:
Walt Disney Hometown Museum, Hall of Famous Missourians

Points of Interest

- ★ Walt Disney's name adorns Marcelline's U.S. Post Office, elementary school and the city swimming pool.
- ★ When he was 11, Walt and his brother, Roy, began helping their father deliver newspapers in Kansas City. He got up at 3:30 a.m. to do this two-hour job, seven days a week.
- ★ One of Walt's first business ventures was the Kansas City-based Laugh-O-Gram Studio.
- ★ Learn more about the history of Marcelline at MarcellineMo.us.
- ★ Toonfest 2015, a family-friendly event with speakers from the cartooning world, a parade, cartooning symposium and more, is Sept. 19. For more information on Toonfest, visit toonfest.net or call (660) 376-WALT (9258).
- ★ Learn more about the community of Marcelline in the area newspaper, at LinnCountyLeader.com.
- ★ Learn more about Walt Disney from The State Historical Society of Missouri's Historic Missourians site, shs.umsystem.edu.



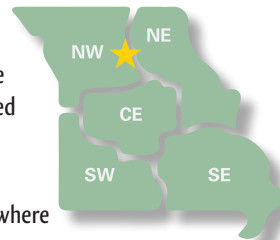
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Take A Road Trip to Marcelline!

You can get your dose of Disney here in Missouri at the Walt Disney Hometown Museum in Marcelline, which is housed in the restored train depot where Disney first arrived in 1946.

The museum features a unique collection of Disney family items that cannot be seen anywhere else in the world. The museum has limited months and days of operation, so check before you go.



The museum isn't the only stop for Disney enthusiasts in Marcelline. See the large cottonwood tree dubbed Walt's "Dreaming Tree" that once was listed on the American Forests Register of Historic Trees, and sign your name inside Walt's Barn, where thousands of signatures are found.

The Marcelline chapter of Walt's life story is a fascinating one. Visit WaltDisneyMuseum.org for more details on the story of this hometown hero.



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