

MISSOURI

Bee Tree Park: Located about 20 minutes South of St. Louis along the banks of the Mississippi. The park has a few short, paved bike paths, but the park auto roads have good pavement and very little traffic.

St. Louis: I dragged my V2 roller skis to a conference in St. Louis late in the fall of '99. Stayed at a hotel across from the Arch. Found an incredible place to ski along the river just behind the arch. There is an old industrial area that has kind of been redeveloped into a waterfront park of sorts. River boats are moored along its shores, which is great in and of itself (if you don't mind a three mile back and forth route), however, the real gem (which it took me a couple of days to find) is a bike path off that river road that goes for fourteen miles along the river! I was blown away when I found it. The scenery is definitely post-industrial depressing but the trail itself is completely unoccupied (!!!) and perfect for roller skiing. What a diamond in the rough. Got the feeling it was a community development program that had never been properly advertised. Use it or lose it. *-From Kai in Burlington, VT.*