

About Mountain View

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Mountain View, Missouri is a progressive small town. It boasts an airport with runways long enough to handle small corporate jets. A bowling alley, municipal swimming pool, municipal tennis courts, many fine restaurants, pizza places and more. Mountain View is an antique and collectibles shoppers dream come true. The town is referred to as the city of murals.

A local (and very highly talented woman) has painted beautiful pictures on the sides of buildings around the town. These pictures are very nice and the town is very proud to have both the pictures and the artist. In one of the town parks, she painted all four sides of a cinder block building to look like a log cabin. The artwork is so good that some town folks think the building is a log cabin.

Located in the heart of the Ozarks, one is never far from a canoe, a river or some wood covered hills. The hills are alive with deer, squirrel, raccoons, turkeys and many other forms of wildlife. Such hard to find species as the bald eagle can be seen if you have the patience and time to look. Music in the park is an annual ritual that happens every Saturday night. Sometime about dusk on Saturday, a band will set up to play in the amphitheater. What follows is a lot of good music and fun. Bands are rotated, everything from ragtime music and bluegrass to rock is played.

In about 1866 Mountain View was settled when Green McClellan build the first store. They used a money called a "Klondyke" which is said to resemble the metal mills no longer used to pay sales tax. Also a large deal of barter was carried on since there was not a lot of money in the region. For example, if McClellan got a large number of hogs in trade, he and several helpers would drive them to Rolla, a trip that would take about a week. They would camp at night and travel by day. The oxen that pulled the wagons loaded with hogs to Rolla pulled supplies back to Mountain View. These staples consisted mainly of salt, sugar, soda, and coffee beans.

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