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### Missouri Stamp to Honor State Bicentennial

**WHAT:** On Aug. 10, 1821, Missouri was admitted as the 24th state in the Union. In 2021, the U.S. Postal Service celebrates the state's bicentennial with a new stamp.

The first-day-of-issue event for the Missouri Statehood Forever stamp is free and open to the public. News of the stamp is being shared with the hashtags **#MissouriStatehood**, **#MissouriStatehoodStamp** and **#Statehoodstamps**.

**WHO:** Peter Pastre, vice president, Government Relations and Public Policy, U.S. Postal Service, will serve as dedicating official.

**WHEN:** Tuesday, Aug. 10, 2021, at 9 a.m. CDT

**WHERE:** [Missouri State Capitol](#)  
201 W Capitol Ave.  
Jefferson City, MO 65101

**RSVP:** Dedication ceremony attendees are encouraged to RSVP at:  
[usps.com/missouristatehood](https://usps.com/missouristatehood).

**BACKGROUND:** The westernmost state when it entered the Union in 1821, Missouri was a natural resting place for settlers before continuing their journey to claim lands acquired in the Louisiana Purchase of 1803.

With 91 state parks and historical sites and hundreds of conservation areas, Missouri has an abundance of places to enjoy hiking, camping, fishing and other activities. It boasts world-renowned public gardens, world-class museums, several National Historic Trails, and professional sports teams including

baseball, football, soccer and ice hockey.

Missouri is home to great food and great music. Some of the country's best blues music is performed in concerts and clubs across the state. Whether it is Kansas City or St. Louis-style, Missouri is famous for its barbecue.

The people of Missouri are said to be stalwart and noncredulous, unswayed by eloquent speeches and unconvinced without adequate evidence, hence the state nickname: The Show-Me State.

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