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Forest Park is definitely one of St. Louis' best treasures! With running trails, playgrounds, picnic areas, and all of the other normal things that one might expect at such a large common area, Forest Park decides to throw in a few world class museums and a zoo. Most of these attractions are even FREE! Now I think they're just showing off.

The St. Louis Zoo may just be my favorite in the entire country. This zoo is absolutely massive. However, due to the arrangement of the exhibits and the convenience of the grounds, it is easily walkable.

But not up for the walk, or just want to take a ride? The train offers a lovely narrated ride through the zoo, also providing several locations to enter or exit the train. It is also a wonderful way to get from one end of the zoo to the other in a hurry!

And if you ride the train, you may as well purchase the Safari Pass, which also includes rides on the carousel, entry to the Children's Zoo, a 4D motion adventure, a movie in The Living World, and entrance to Stingrays at Caribbean Cove. And since the zoo admission is FREE, the nominal fee for the Safari Pass STILL makes this one of the most economical zoological parks in the country!

While visiting, expect to see majestic cats, a variety of bears, and the best sea lion exhibit and show that I have ever seen! You will experience the inhabitants of multiple continents, displayed in enclosures that provide a wonderful viewing experience, while still ensuring that the animals have a safe and natural home.

For more information, visit the St. Louis Zoo <u>online</u> or call (314) 781-0900.