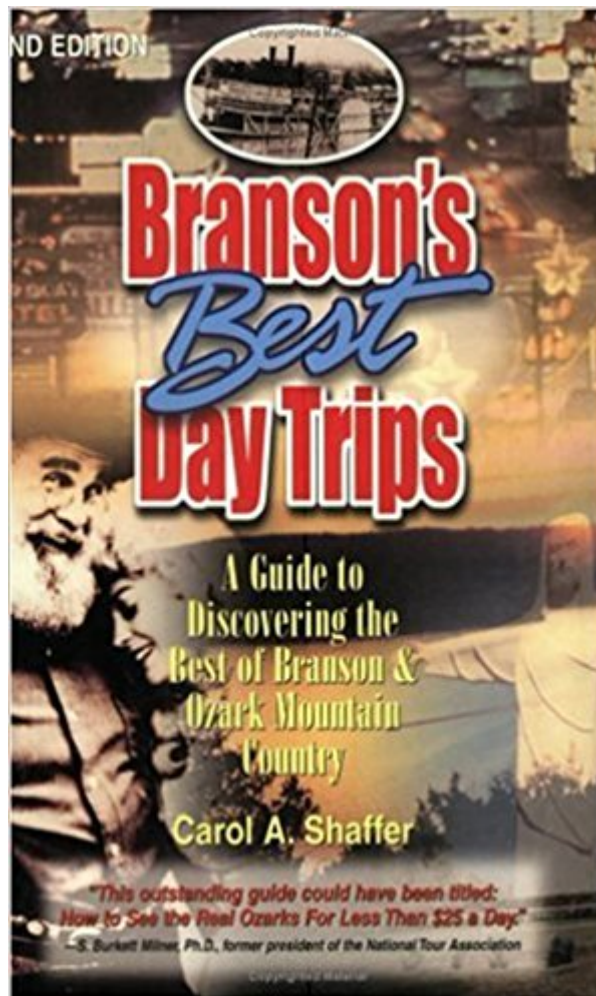




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# Branson's Best Day Trips: A Guide To Discovering The Best Of Branson And Ozark Mountain Country



## Synopsis

A local's guide to Missouri's entertainment boomtown. Carol A. Shaffer received an MIPA Merit Award in the 2000 Midwest Book Awards.

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"One of the best how-to-see-Branson books available. Visitors, local residents, and all tour directors will find it a valuable source of information on what to see and do in Branson and the surrounding area." -- Tony Cracraft, Branson Area Tour Directors Assoc."This enchanting book goes beyond the expectations of a reader seeking a mere travel guide. It is lovingly written as one would write about one's own family members. The great detail concerning routes, travel tips, suggestions and insights of which only a local would be aware are frosted with an icing of warm descriptive passages and generously spiced with pictures that look like they have been donated from the family photo albums of all the original settlers of the area. "Even if one were not planning a trip to this area, one can enjoy this book on its own merits as a fascinating view of the history, people and geography of one of the original garden spots of the United States. It is a book you will thoroughly enjoy reading. But if you intend to travel in the area, you will find this an invaluable reference from which to plan your trip and to take with you as your personal guide." -- Barry Stier, Pres. Oceanco Ltd. Publisher of travel books, newspapers and magazines worldwide" This outstanding guide could have been titled: How to See the Real Ozarks For Less Than \$25 a Day. Complete with driving instructions, meal stops, interesting attractions and history, it has no equal. No visitor . . . wanting to know the stories behind local sites and traditions should be without it." -- S. Burkett Milner, Ph.D., CEO Ozark Mountain Tour

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11 fun-filled daytrips that will take you to popular tourist attractions as well as unforgettable--and inexpensive--out-of-the-way places only local residents would know. Here's Some of What You'll See . . .

- Branson's delightful "free" attractions
- Branson's historical downtown district
- Two country-style Branson theme parks: Shepherd of the Hills and Silver Dollar City
- Eureka Springs--a century-old Victorian village nestled in the lush Ozark hills
- War Eagle Mill--an Arkansas gristmill with a wonderful country-cookin' restaurant
- Beautiful and inspiring Precious Moments Chapel
- Plus Civil War battlefields, museums, craft and antique shops, caves, and hiking trails

Winner of the MIPA Merit Award, 2000 Midwest Book Awards

I have bought many travel books for Europe. This was my first travel book for somewhere in the midwest. There are lots of good ones for the West Coast but the midwest needs work. This travel book doesn't have enough color pictures, maps, etc. I guess it is a fair starting point. I would not bother. Contact the Missouri Tourism for better guides and maps. They send them to you for free. Much better deal.

We recently made a trip to Branson and stayed a week. We were able to research places before we made the trip and also used the book while we were there. It was very useful and made our trip a success. We will use the book again and again.

Wow, what a great book! I can't believe how much information is in here. Carol obviously knows the area and I think she was able to explain a little of the background behind the different places without becoming a history lesson. I also think the maps are very clear and plenty easy to read and I think the text was well written. I especially like the section on how to navigate the various side-roads (if you've been to Branson you know how bad the traffic can be). I went on vacation to Branson before but only got to see a third of what is in this book - now I can't wait to go back again!

Now this is a guidebook, written by Branson "local" Carol Shaffer. Branson's Best Day Trips mixes area history (better than any show!) and photographs with a complete guide to Ozark attractions from shows to inexpensive day trips in the area. After all, the Ozarks do not begin and end on the Strip; Shaffer takes you to surrounding communities, and provides 19 maps and detailed directions

clear enough for even the most directionally-impaired traveler! To top it off, Shaffer's writing style is delightful. We highly recommend this book.

We used this book throughout our vacation. The maps were great. Our favorite chapter was the one to Branson's free attractions. We would have missed a lot had it not been for this book and would recommend it to anyone.

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