



## Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission Policies

**Category:** HIGHWAYS  
**Subcategory:** Highway Beautification  
**Sub-Subcategory:** Roadside Parks

*Missouri's first Roadside Park was approved by the Commission at its May 13-14, 1946, meeting. The park was located on 2.8 acres of land lying on the west side of Route 61 north of Benton, Scott County. The land was donated by C. E. Felker with the understanding it would be used as a roadside park in memory of his son, Clarence E. Felker. Equipped with picnic tables and sometimes fireplaces for cooking, roadside parks were used extensively by motorists in the 1950s and 1960s. With the construction of four-lane facilities, capability for traveling at higher speeds, and construction of rest area facilities, the use of roadside parks has significantly diminished.*