

Tower Grove Park 4255 Arsenal Street

Officially opened to the public in 1872, Tower Grove is among the nation's largest and best-preserved 19th-century city parks designed in the "gardenesque style." Unlike the picturesque landscapes of Frederick Law Olmsted that depend primarily on plant material, gardenesque parks add a variety of structural elements — gates, pavilions, picnic shelters, and bandstands — to make a more formally organized landscape. Like the adjoining Missouri Botanical Garden, the 285-acre Tower Grove Park was a gift to Saint Louis by merchant philanthropist Henry Shaw, who was largely responsible for its design.