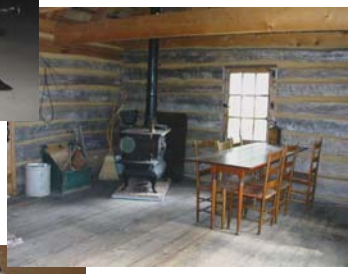
Forest Park Arboretum

Forest Park **Arboretum**, which embodies over 100 different species of primarily native trees, shrubs, woodland areas, re-established prairie and a butterfly garden, was originally developed in the 1940's by Eugene Hastie, a farmer, local historian and author. The arboretum was planted in straight lines to allow farming between the rows of growing trees. Mr. Hastie's love of history prompted many local residents to donate artifacts to his existing private collection. **Hastie Hall**, a museum portraying the history of Dallas County, opened to the public in 1953. Our museums are among the finest small museums in the state. Displays include early transportation, farm machinery, small hand tools, railroading, a blacksmith shop and much more.

Alton Schoolhouse

Today, in addition to the Arboretum, Forest Park features **Hastie and Baldwin exhibition halls**, the **Alton one-room school house,** the **Grabenhorst 1860 Log Cabin and the Wagner Scale House.** Interpretive programs are offered, including museum tours, and historical and natural history programs. Discover Dallas County's unique history by picnicking under the trees, walking through the prairie and touring our museums. Enjoy a view of the past! Forest Park is also home to the Dallas County Conservation Board.

Museum Hours
May 1st - October 31st
Monday - Friday 8:00 - 4:30
Weekends & Holidays 1 - 4:30
Year round by appointment



How Do I Get There?
Forest Park Museum & Arboretum is located at the south edge of Perry about ¼ mile south of HWY 141 on K Avenue. (K Ave. is called 16th St. north of Hwy. 141). Watch for Arrowhead directional signs.

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