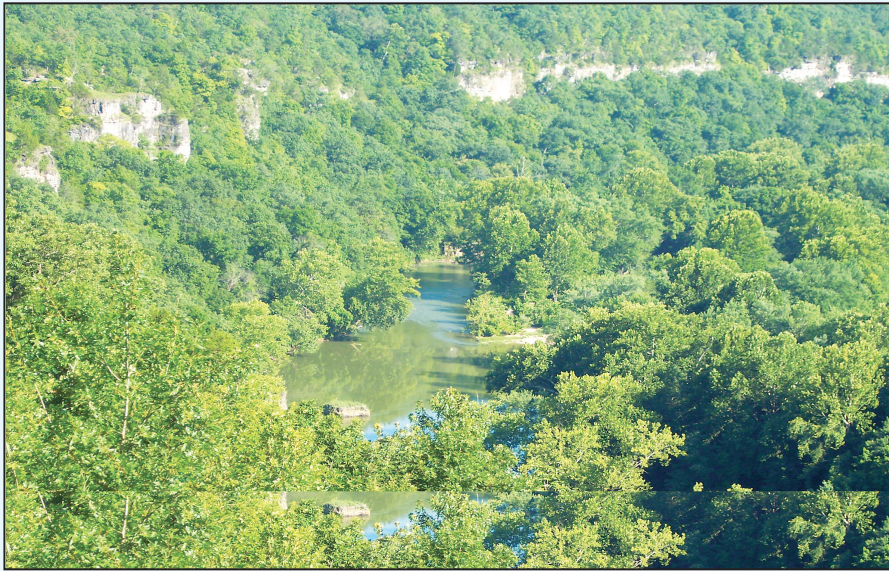


Standing in Awe at Portuguese Point, Wondering... *"What is Her Story?"*

By Angie Alexander

The magnificent view of Portuguese Point awaits drivers who are heading into Dixon through north-east Pulaski County on Highway 28. Just around the bend, after winding up a steep hill from the Gasconade River, you'll begin to notice this huge drop-off (about 250 feet's worth) with the river and farmland below. This spectacular site is known as Portuguese Point. Di Trapani's Italian Bistro, located at 16995 Highway 28, has one of the best outlooks to see the Point's beauty. All are welcome to stop in for "Italian Dining at It's Finest," explore the surroundings, and stand in awe of the scenery.

As local residents, we drive by Portuguese Point perhaps taking it a bit for granted -- in that we don't take time to indulge ourselves



Gasconade River winds through the valley below Portuguese Point. Pilot Photo

by soaking in its inspiring view. I must admit that it beckons me to look each time I pass, but a driver must keep eyes on the road! Many here love having such a beautiful place to enjoy near our home.

My family has hiked down its ridge, floated on the river there, and camped on the gravel bar below - which is by a place on the river called "Twin Rock" - a spot that carries many

Alexander fishing tales and fun memories. Mary Jones said she and her brother, William "Foots" Liesman, hiked the Point and floated the river there at least

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