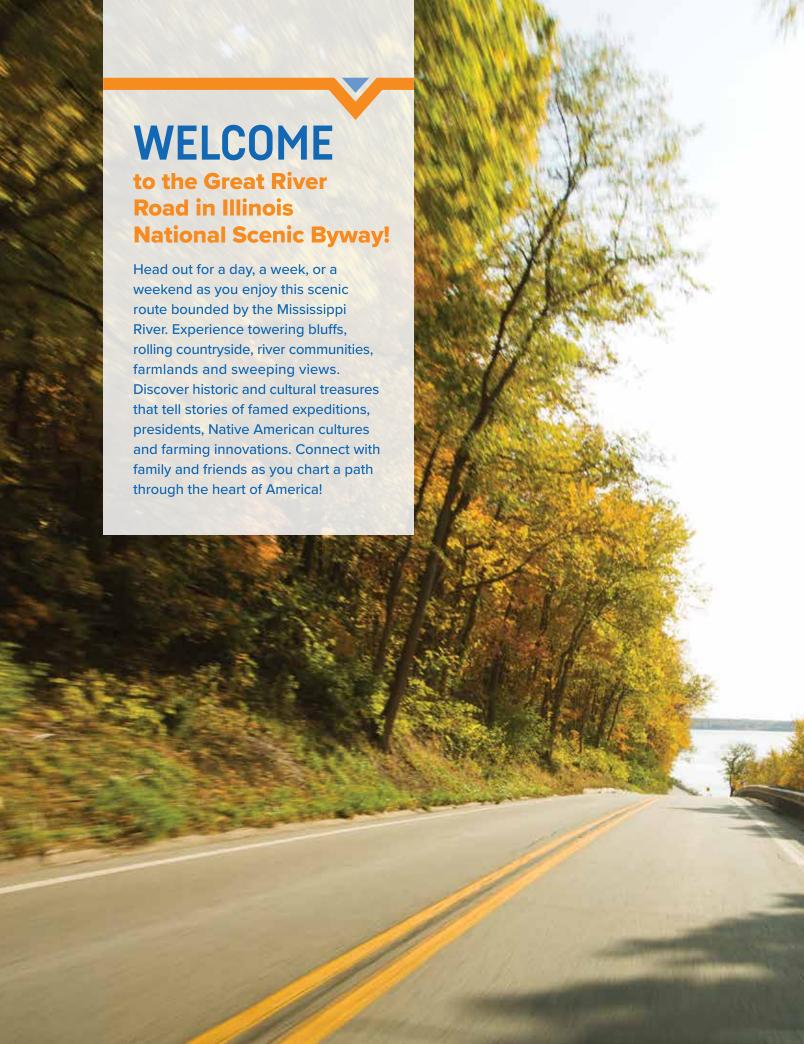
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(Great River Road in Illinois - Office) (Located 40 miles from the byway) 309-837-7460 • 877-477-7007 581 S. Deere Road • Macomb GreatRiverRoad-Illinois.com

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Convention & Visitors Bureau

532 Gardner Expressway • Quincy 800-978-4748 • SeeQuincy.com

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800-258-6645 • VisitAlton.com 200 Piasa Street • Alton

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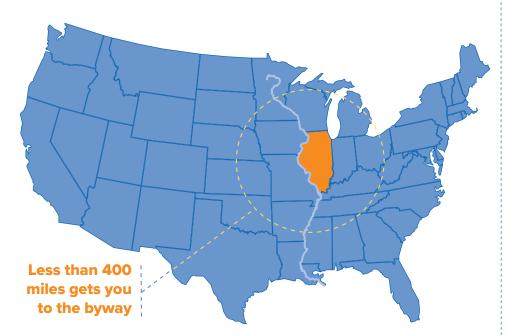
The Great River Road in Illinois is easily accessible, whether you're arriving by car, truck, RV, motorcycle or any other wheeled transportation. Travelers can connect to the byway from seven major interstates: I-57, I-55, I-64, I-70, I-74, I-80 and I-88 (via I-80). More than one-third of the U.S. population is within a day's drive of the Great River Road in Illinois. Arriving by train or plane and need a car to experience the byway? Many Illinois communities that offer Amtrak and air service to the Great River Road also provide car rentals.

Helpful Road Related Travel Information:

Illinois Department of Transportation idot.illinois.gov

Current Road Conditions gettingaroundillinois.com

Location	Miles	Hours
Birmingham, AL	360	5.25
Little Rock, AR	275	4.25
Des Moines, IA	200	3
Champaign, IL	175	2.5
Chicago, IL	150	2.5
Effingham, IL	90	1.25
Peoria, IL	91	1.5
Springfield, IL	90	1.25
Indianapolis, IN	294	4.5
Louisville, KY	250	3.75
Detroit, MI	425	6.25
Minneapolis, MN	255	4.75
Kansas City, MO	253	4
Jackson, MS	372	5.5
Omaha, NE	331	5
Columbus, OH	407	6
Sioux Falls, SD	397	6
Memphis, TN	165	2.5
Milwaukee, WI	170	3
Huntington, WV	414	6.25





Two primary airports along the Great River Road in Illinois offer daily nonstop flights to Chicago: Quincy Regional Airport and Quad Cities International Airport, which also offers nonstop flights from 11 U.S. cities. MidAmerica St. Louis Airport provides service to the Great River Road from nine U.S. cities. Just across the river. St. Louis Lambert International offers nonstop flights to 70 destinations. O'Hare and Midway International Airports, in Chicago, are also just a few hours away.

Quincy Regional Airport quincyil.gov • 217-885-3285

Quad Cities International Airport qcairport.com • 309-764-9621

MidAmerica St. Louis Airport www.flymidamerica.com • 618-566-5656

St. Louis Lambert International Airport flystl.com • 314-890-1333

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Midway International Airport flychicago.com • 773-838-0600

BY TRAIN



Amtrak provides rail service to stations in Quincy and Alton, including daily service from Chicago. The Great River Road can be reached from 29 stations in Illinois and on long distance trains from as far away as California, Texas and New Orleans. Plans are also in the works for high speed rail service from Chicago to the Quad Cities.

Amtrak

amtrak.com • 800-872-7245

BY BUS



Greyhound provides service to Moline and Quincy. With over 230 stations nationwide, it's easy to reach the Great River Road on Greyhound.

Greyhound

greyhound.com • 800-231-2222







BYWAY SIGNAGE

Traveling the Great River Road, notice the signs featuring the green and white paddlewheel logo that mark the route. Signs with a brown and white paddlewheel logo denote spurs, or points of interest, off the Great River Road. Spurs can lead to historic sites, recreation areas and locks and dams.

INFORMATION KIOSKS

Great River Road information kiosks are also located along the route. These distinctly blue information stations are typically located just off the road. They highlight where you are along your journey, while listing major attractions in the area or historical information.









INTERPRETIVE CENTERS

Stop in at any of the nine Great River Road Interpretive Centers along the byway for a fascinating glimpse into Illinois' natural and cultural history. Located in museums, state parks and historic sites, these centers offer information on local points of interest and provide helpful travel information. Explore what each site has to offer, from historic forts to river ecology and famous explorers to historic architecture, let these destinations help navigate your path along the byway.

Mississippi River Visitor Center - Arsenal Island

328 Rodman Avenue Rock Island www.mvr.usace.army.mil 309-782-0485

Black Hawk State Historic Site

1510 46th Avenue Rock Island blackhawkpark.org 309-788-0177

Villa Kathrine

532 Gardner Expressway thevillakathrine.org 217-224-3688

Pere Marquette State Park Interpretive Center

13112 Visitor Center Lane Grafton www.dnr.illinois.gov 618-786-3323

National Great Rivers Museum

2 Lock and Dam Way East Alton mtrf.org 877-462-6979

Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site

30 Ramsey Street Collinsville cahokiamounds.org 618-346-5160

Fort de Chartres State Historic Site

1350 State Route 155 Prairie du Rocher fortdechartres.us 618-284-7230

Pierre Menard Home State Historic Site/ Fort Kaskaskia **State Historic Site**

4230 Kaskaskia Road Ellis Grove www2.illinois.gov/dnrhistoric 618-859-3031

U.S. Custom House Museum

1400 Washington Avenue Cairo 618-734-1840

ROADSIDE



Mississippi-Ohio **River Confluence Observation Deck**

Cairo

The observation deck overlooks the confluence of the two rivers. This spot also marks Illinois' southernmost point and its lowest point in elevation.

De Immigrant Windmill

Fulton

The authentic Dutch windmill, de Immigrant, was fabricated in the Netherlands, disassembled, and transported to Fulton where it was rebuilt on the banks of the Mississippi River to celebrate the town's Dutch heritage.





Robert Wadlow Statue

Δlton

Although Alton's very own "Gentle Giant," Robert Wadlow, passed away in 1940, he still stands tall in Alton. He holds the world record for being the world's tallest man at 8 feet 11.1 inches.



Black Hawk Statue

Rock Island

Black Hawk State Historic Site is home to the Hauberg Indian Museum, as well as the 1892 statue of Sauk leader Black Hawk. The area was home to the Sauk and Meskwaki tribes.



Mary's River Covered Bridge

Chester

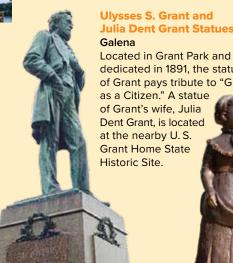
Built in 1854, and now restored, the bridge was part of a planked toll road from Chester to Bremen.



Will B. Rolling Statue

Port Byron

The statue reaches a height of 30 feet and is situated along the Great River Trail. Pedestrians and cyclists pass by Will as they journey along this popular cycling route that follows the Mississippi River.



GRANT

Ulysses S. Grant and Julia Dent Grant Statues

dedicated in 1891, the statue of Grant pays tribute to "Grant



Lincoln - Douglas Memorial Quincy

This bronze relief sculpture by Lorado Taft commemorates the sixth Lincoln-Douglas debate that was held in Quincy in 1858. The sculpture was completed in 1936 and shows Lincoln speaking, while Douglas is seated cross-legged to the left and Mary Todd is seated to the right.

Popeye & Friends Character Trail

Chester

Chester is the birthplace of Popeye creator Elzie Segar. The Popeye & Friends Character Trail consists of granite statues of Popeye characters placed in various areas throughout Chester. The Popeye the Sailor Man statue has been overlooking the Mississippi River in Segar Park for more than 30 years.





Heritage Canyon

Fulton

Nestled in a reclaimed limestone quarry, this 12-acre recreation of an 1800s village will take you back in time. Visit the doctor's and dentist's offices, church and blacksmith as you view tools and implements from pioneer times. Relax to the sounds of the waterfall and stroll the marked trails.



Piasa Bird

Alton

The first recorded sighting of the winged creature painted on the bluffs, near present day Alton, was written in 1673 by Father Jacques Marquette. A modern day depiction of the original Native American painting is situated high on the stone bluffs.

Salute to Steel Monument

Venice

Towering six stories high and situated in the McKinley Bridge Roadside Park, this monument is dedicated to the three communities of Granite City, Madison and Venice.





Focus Mural

Quincy

The mural, painted by Quincy artist Jennifer Bock-Nelson in 2013, covers 5,000 square feet.

Dowling House

Galena

Built in 1826, this historic structure is the oldest house in Galena.





The Hewer Statue

Cairo

This statue of a male figure hewing wood was moved to Cairo in 1906 after being displayed at the 1904 World's Fair in St. Louis.

EVENTS

The following are a sampling of events that take place annually along the byway. Some events are free and some require a fee, it's always best to call ahead or visit the event website for full details.

JANUARY

Bald Eagle Days

Rock Island qccaexpocenter.com Celebrate the return of bald eagles to the area with birds of prey demonstrations, info booths, interactive activities and bald eagle watching.

Galena Whiskey Weekend A

Galena galenawhiskeyweekend.com A sure way to warm up this winter is to sample from more than 175 whiskevs and bourbons at Galena Whiskey Weekend. The event will be at historic Turner Hall. A gathering place treasured by the citizens of Galena for more than 125 years, it's just steps away from more than 100 boutique shops and eateries on historic Main Street.

FEBRUARY

Mardi Gras Weekend A

Galena visitgalena.org Mardi Gras starts with a Pub Crawl on Main Street and continues with activities

throughout the weekend. Dress your best for the Masquerade Ball at Galena Brewing Company and collect beads during the bead throwing ceremony.

Special Olympics Illinois State Winter Games -Chestnut Mountain

Galena soill.org

Come out to Chestnut Mountain Resort and cheer on the 450 athletes as they compete over the course of this 3-day event.

Winter Carnival -Eagle Ridge A

Galena eagleridge.com

From mini golf in the snow and crazy cocoa stations to bounce houses, candy bingo and s'mores, this winter carnival is packed with fun! Take the challenge and sign up for the Sasquatch Shuffle snowshoe race.

MARCH

Galena Goes 50's Dance Weekend A

Galena

galenaswingdance.com The 50s are taking over!



Live music, sock hop, dance workshops, contests, prizes, food, craft beverages and more will fill the weekend.

St. Patrick's Day Celebration A

Galena

visitgalena.org Visit historic Galena for the annual parade, Shamrock Shimmy 5K and pub crawl. Head over to Frank O'Dowd's Irish Pub & Grill to hear live music and watch the Irish dancers.

St. Patrick's Day Parade ▲

Moline

stpatsqc.com/GrandParade.html Celebrate St. Patrick's Day at the only bi-state parade in the nation!

Wine Lovers Weekend A

Galena

wineloversweekend.com More than 250 varieties of wine and spirits from distributors across the United States will be available during one of Illinois' largest indoor wine tastings. Mingle with friends as you sip your way through the Grand Tasting and Auction.

APRIL

General Grant's Home Front

Galena

tristatehistoricalpresentations. blogspot.com

Experience American Civil War living history through battle reenactments and camps, a Civil War era sanitary fair and bazaar, and other activities.

Mushroom Festival

Grafton

pmlodae.net Join fellow hunters in The Great Morel Hunt as you scan the ground for these delicious delicacies, weather and morel permitting. Bring your finds back to the lodge, where you can enjoy live music and browse vendors, while you see if you win a prize. Find the smallest morel, the largest morel, or the most morels and you just might go home with a free night's stay!

Spring Indian Market Davs A

Collinsville

cahokiamounds.org Native American artists will present arts and crafts from around the country for sale. Many tribal affiliations are represented. There will be some regular fan favorites here, as well as a few new artists. This event is a wonderful way for you to experience Native American culture and support The Indian Arts and Crafts Act.

Ulysses S. Grant's Birthday Celebration Weekend

Galena

galenahistory.org Celebrate the birthday of our 18th President, Ulysses S. Grant. Enjoy battle reenactments, historical performances, Grant home tours and free cake and lemonade.

MAY

Art on the Square A

Belleville

artonthesquare.com Named the "Best Small Town Art Fair in America," Art on the Square is the perfect place to browse new art, meet artists and purchase unique work for your home and beyond.

Dutch Days Festival

Fulton cityoffulton.us Celebrate Fulton's Dutch



heritage with a lively parade, games, tours of de Immigrant Windmill, food and fun for the whole family!

Galena Sky Trail Race -**Chestnut Mountain**

Galena galenaskytrailrace.com All participants receive a medal. so come out and see how long you'll last - 4 hours, 8 hours, or maybe a little less. Enjoy the scenic views along the trail as you cruise the course at Chestnut Mountain Resort.

Heritage Canyon – Early American Crafters

Fulton cityoffulton.us Step back in time at Heritage Canyon and explore life in an 1800s village.

ILLINI 4X4 Safari

Pittsfield tric.com Off-road enthusiasts meet up to explore the rugged trails in the Pittsfield area.

Lewis & Clark Point of Departure

Hartford campdubois.com Join reenactors, complete with a replica of the white piroque, as they mark the anniversary of the departure of the Lewis & Clark Expedition. Demonstrations include blacksmithing, candle making, broom making, coopering, cooking, weaving, carving and much more.

Mulholland Music Fest A

Nauvoo beautifulnauvoo.com Sit back and relax in your lawn chair while enjoying live performances, activities and

Thebes Memorial Day Picnic A

good food.

Thebes thebescourthouse.com Historic Thebes Courthouse is open for tours during the annual picnic on the lawn. Come out to the lawn for good food, live music and to test your luck in a raffle.

JUNE

All-Wheels Drive-In Car Show A

Alton altonmainstreet.org This event typically attracts between 150–200 classic cars, hot rods and motorcycles, which the public is welcome to browse on 3rd, State and Belle Streets.

Annual Miles Davis Jazz Festival

Alton

visitalton.com Enjoy an evening of jazz while celebrating the music and life of one of the true giants of jazz music, Miles Davis. This event benefits the Alton Museum of History and Art.

Corkless in Galena 🔺

Galena corklessgalena.com Sip wine from northwestern



Illinois wineries. Browse the art exhibit and relax while taking in the live entertainment. Light snacks will be available and food vendors will be on site.

Fort de Chartres Rendezvous A Prairie du Rocher

fortdechartres.us The two-day popular annual Rendezvous features shooting competitions, military drills, dancing, music, food and traders of eighteenth-centurystyle goods.

Great Galena Balloon Race

Galena

greatgalenaballoonrace.com This three day event includes more than 20 hot air balloons, three races, and a night glow where the balloons light up the evening. Visitors can also enjoy live music, an art show, food vendors, and activities for the whole family.

Gumbo Ya Ya ▲

Rock Island downtownrockisland.org Catch the spirit and energy of The Quarter in downtown Rock Island for Gumbo Ya Ya. Cajun, zydeco and jazz bands will tantalize your ears, while Cajun spiced food will heat up your taste buds. Bead tosses, confetti, feather masks, feather boas and showgirls will complete the Mardi Gras theme.

International Horseradish Festival A

Collinsville internationalhorseradish festival.com

Collinsville is the Horseradish Capital of the World since 60-80 percent of the world's supply is grown here. Come celebrate the spicy root vegetable with live music, a craft village, contests, games for the kids, and lots of tasty food items from vendors offering their own horseradish inspired dishes.

Q-Fest A

Quincy theafest.com Q-Fest is a community celebration of the arts (visual, musical and culinary) in Quincy. This event features a Taste of Quincy culinary experience, hands-on art for youth and adults, a juried art show and sale, and a street music festival.

Ride the River Bike Ride

Moline

riveraction.org

Follow the Mississippi River on bike paths. Kids can stop to enjoy activities along the way.

Shenandoah Pro Rodeo

Galena

thegalenaterritory.com Experience live western entertainment with bareback riding, steer wrestling, team roping, saddle bronc riding, calf roping, ladies barrel racing and bull riding. Event is sanctioned by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association.

Two Rivers Family Fishing Fair **A**

Grafton

enjoygrafton.com For a day filled with fun and educational activities for the entire family, check out the Two Rivers Family Fishing Fair at Pere Marquette State Park. Favorite activities include a catch-and-release bluegill pond, where young anglers can have their photograph taken with their catch; the popular one-cast station where everyone wins a prize; and the bowfishing stations where children can test their skills. No license or fishing gear is needed.

JULY

Bikes and BBQ Festival

∆lton

riverfrontamphitheater.com Get ready to roll out and pig out at the annual Bikes and BBQ Festival! See hundreds of motorcycles on display including exotic and custom bikes. Hear amazing live music and dig into the finest-tasting

barbecue prepared by renowned pitmasters from around the region.

Elizabeth Community Fair

Elizabeth

elizabethcommunityfair.com It's time for the fair! Enjoy quality entertainment and memorable experiences. There will be food vendors, a carnival, competitions and many other things!

Galena Festival of the Performing Arts

Galena

galenafpa.org

Daily entertainment includes various musical performances at Grant Park and Turner Hall.

Independence Day Celebration A

Galena

visitgalena.org

Live entertainment, food and beverages, a parade, and fireworks will round out Independence Day in Galena.

John Deere Classic PGA Tournament

Silvis

tpc.com

PGA Tour event featuring some of the finest golfers in the PGA at the beautiful TPC Deere Run aolf course.

Nauvoo Pageant A

Nauvoo

nauvoopageant.org

Experience performances that bring to life folk songs, hymns and lively dances portraying the early days of Nauvoo.

NW Illinois Art & Jazz Fest

Stockton

nwilartfest.com

Celebrate the arts! From glass to ceramics and photographs to lawn art, you're sure to find a treasure to take home. The festival also has food vendors and craft beverages from brewers, distillers and wine makers.

Red. White & Boom! ▲

Rock Island redwhiteandboomgc.org View fireworks over the river between Schwiebert Park in Rock Island and Davenport,

with family activities before the fireworks.

Stockton 4th of July Celebration A

Stockton

stocktons4th

Come out for the famous chicken dinner, live entertainment, activities for kids, a car show, arts and crafts, and a spectacular fireworks display.

AUGUST

Floatzilla A

Rock Island floatzilla.org

River Action is assembling the Great River Raft in an attempt to break the world record for the largest flotilla of canoes and kayaks. Join the fun at Sunset Marina in Rock Island.

Lincoln Highway Buy Way

Fulton and other towns along the Lincoln Highway illinoislincolnhighway association.org Experience one of the country's largest yard sales spanning several states

along the Lincoln Highway. Fulton sales maps available one week before the event. Information about this event and other activities at Fulton's Windmill Area are available on the Windmill Cultural Center and de Immigrant Windmill Facebook page.

Rock the Hops

Alton

RockTheHops

A celebration of music, art and craft beer featuring 25+ bands, artists and makers! Over 25 styles of craft beer will be available. Paid admission grants you access to beer sampling at each venue, a souvenir tasting glass and access to shuttles.

Sauce Alton Food Truck Festival

Δlton

riverfrontamphitheater.com This festival features food trucks from around the region offering global street food cuisine. In addition, the



There's fun and games for all ages. Event is held at the Olive Branch Community Center.

truck offerings. Live music will be showcased on the amphitheater's stage.

amphitheater's concession

team offers beverages of all

types to compliment the food

Tug Fest ▲

Port Byron tugfest.org

Giant tug-of-war across the mighty Mississippi between Le Claire, Iowa and Port Byron, Illinois with fireworks and live entertainment all weekend.

SEPTEMBER

Festival on Wheels Car Show A

Nauvoo

beautifulnauvoo.com Head to Nauvoo for this open-air show that hosts classic cars across automotive history. It's one of the largest car shows in the region. After taking it all in, bring your lawn chair to enjoy great food and live music.

Grafton's Art in the Park

Grafton Grafton's Art in the Park

Enjoy beautiful art on display along with live music, food vendors, art activities, demonstrations and artists presenting their handmade art, fine art, paintings, photography, glass, jewelry and much more!

Labor Day Festival ▲

Olive Branch

Start the day with a pancake breakfast. Enjoy live music, vendors, food and crafts.

Popeye Picnic A

Chester

popeyepicnic.com Celebrate the home of Popeye at this family friendly event. Enjoy the Popeye Museum, trivia, cartoons on the big screen and more!

Rock Island Grand Prix

Rock Island

rockislandgrandprix.com Every Labor Day weekend, racers go head to head against the best in the sport on the safest street circuit in karting. At night, competitors and spectators enjoy the nightlife of the Downtown Rock Island Arts & Entertainment District. The Rock Island Grand Prix ranks as the ultimate experience in kart racing. There is no greater thrill than racing through city streets at speeds approaching 100 miles per hour, one inch off the ground, as thousands of spectators cheer you on.

Taming of the Slough ▲ Moline

riveraction.org

There are three aspects to this adventure race—canoe or kayak, mountain bike and a 2-mile run to the finish. The race can be done individually or as part of a team. Race begins at 7:30am, followed by a post-race party.

Tour of Historic Galena Homes

Galena visitgalena.org Guided tour of five private historic homes open only for this weekend, plus the 1858 Barrows mansion, home to the Galena History Museum.

OCTOBER

Early Tindusters Color Run A

Quincy

earlytindusters.com Nearly 900 hot rods fill the streets of Quincy each year for the Early Tin Dusters Color Run. This show is open to the public Saturday 8am-4pm downtown and Sunday 10am-2pm at Moorman Park.

Other Side of The Anvil

Galena galenahistory.org Step up to one of six forging

stations and forge your own iron object with the help of a skilled blacksmith. Enjoy live music, food, drinks and more while watching the blacksmiths at work.

Tour de Shawnee Bike Ride A

Olive Branch tourdeshawnee.com The tour is a scenic ride through Shawnee National Forest, Horseshoe Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area, and the rolling hills and farmlands of southern Illinois. Depending on your selected ride, you might

pass by historic sites including the Thebes Courthouse and Mound City National Cemetery. Whether you're a seasoned veteran who likes the challenge of a longer ride with difficult hills or are a beginner who likes to take it easy, the tour has a ride for you. Enjoy the camaraderie of hundreds of other cyclists who participate in the tour year after year. The tour rest stops are said to be some of the best, featuring lots of homemade goodies and desserts.

NOVEMBER

Galena Holiday Kick-Off

Galena visitgalena.org

Kick off the holiday season and join in the excitement with the lighting of the Christmas tree and a visit from Santa.

Lighting on the Commons Moline

lightingonthecommons.com Enjoy tractor-drawn wagon rides, live music, kids' craft area, the lighting ceremony and fireworks! Cider and hot chocolate will be available.

Nouveau Weekend A

Galena

nouveauweekend.com Raise a glass and celebrate the release of Galena Cellars' nouveau wine! A traditional horse-drawn wagon parade delivers nouveau wine to area businesses. Wine tours will be available and nouveau dinners, live music and celebrations will



be held at different restaurants and pubs throughout town.

Towboat Festival

Grafton

enjoygrafton.com

Experience "Life on the Mississippi River" at this festival in Grafton. Tour the "Most Pristine Towboat." hear tales from towboat captains, and learn about rivers from the Coast Guard Auxiliary and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

DECEMBER

19th Century Christmas

Moline

butterworthcenter.com The Deere-family mansions are decked out for the holidays during this popular event. Music, activities for children, tours and 19th century themed decorations adorn the interior of the homes.

Christmas in Elizabeth

Elizabeth

villageofelizabethil.com Celebrate an old-fashioned Christmas with the Village of Elizabeth. Tour the 1876 Banwarth House and Museum decorated for the season, check out the caboose and ten operating model trains at the Chicago Great Western Railway Depot Museum, and visit Santa. Take part in the living history demonstrations at nearby Apple River Fort. Enjoy a Christmas concert, craft show, soup and bake sale, Christmas tree decorating contest, Santa Dash fun run and many stores open late with bargains and discounts.

Holiday Fire in the Sky A

Galena

visitgalena.org

Enjoy the evening sky as it comes alive with fireworks to kick off the holiday season in downtown Galena.

Mistletoe Stroll Holiday House Tour A

Galena

visitgalena.org

Bed and Breakfast Innkeepers of Galena invite you to tour



historic inns lavishly decorated for Christmas. From traditions of the past to current day decor, each inn is unique and the experience should not be missed. Sample each inn's favorite holidav cookie.

Night of the Luminaria/ **Living Windows**

Galena

visitgalena.org

The streets, steps and sidewalks of Galena will be lined with nearly 5,000 candle-lit luminaries. Experience living windows, as storefronts come alive with holiday vignettes.

SUMMER

Quincy Gems Baseball

Mav-August Quincy

quincygems.com

Head out to the ballpark! Enjoy an afternoon or evening cheering on the home team with friends and family.

Blues in the District

June-August • Quincy thedistrictquincy.com Experience this summer concert series held in Washington Park.

Moline Summer Concert Series

lawn chair.

June-August • Moline molinecentre.ora Each Thursday on Bass Street Landing enjoy free outdoor bands along with food and beverage vendors. Bring a

BYWAY BITES

One of the most important parts of a great road trip is the food! From world-class barbecue and bushels of fresh produce to hometown favorites and decadent desserts, the Great River Road offers delicious choices.

Finger Lickin' Barbecue

Illinois is home to some of the finest BBQ in the United States. To find it, look no farther than Murphysboro. Dubbed the BBQ Capital of Illinois, it boasts two BBQ joints whose pitmasters have been inducted into the Barbecue Hall of Fame. 17th Street Barbecue has received nationwide acclaim, including serving the "Best Ribs in the U.S." and being recognized as one of the "Top 10 BBQ Joints in the U.S." Pitmaster Mike Mills dishes up BBQ using his Magic Dust and mustard-based barbecue sauce. Try your favorites with a side of tasty collard greens.

While its reputation is less widespread, locals say Pat's BBQ and Catering goes toe-to-toe with the competition. Pitmaster Pat Burke doles out BBQ with his sweet and spicy rub and a sweet vinegar barbecue sauce. Except for potatoes and

Rams Riverhouse



in Belleville where the principles of fine dining are paired with high quality meats and the flavor of BBQ.

cobblers, everything is smoked at Pat's BBQ. Savor your choice of delicious meats alongside a side of smoked mac and cheese.

Murphysboro isn't the only place along the Great River Road with delicious BBQ. Locals all along the byway have their favorites, like Shemwell's Bar-B-Que in Cairo, where it's all about the sauce: Jim's Rib Haven in Rock Island, where they've been making BBQ at this family-owned business for more than 30 years; and BEAST Craft BBQ

All American

One thing we do really well in Illinois is comfort food. If it's deep fried, carb heavy or covered in cheese, we make it...and it tastes good! Castelli's at 255 in Alton has been making fried chicken with the same secret, trademarked recipe since 1937. It's so popular that more than 70 percent of their customers have ordered it. Another fried chicken favorite is Gallagher's in Waterloo. Its famous all-you-can-eat fried chicken Sundays have been voted "The Best Fried Chicken" by the St. Louis Post Dispatch and the Riverfront Times. They also serve a scrumptious candied bacon cheeseburger.

If you enjoy crispy, golden brown fish, then hit up Huckleberry's Pub in Mounds, which claims to have the best catfish around. The Fin Inn, in Grafton, is as much a destination as it is a restaurant. Sit tableside at one of four 2,000-gallon fish tanks while enjoying all-you-can-eat fried catfish on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Are you a meat lover? Then we've got you covered. Maid-Rite in Quincy has been serving famous loose meat sandwiches since the franchise opened in 1928. Try yours like a local with a side of fries dipped in a chocolate shake. Serving dinner since 1937, the Log Cabin Steakhouse in Galena is the place for sizzling, juicy, hand-cut steaks. If you love cheese, start off with a flaming saganaki served with a scorching "Opa" flourish! At Rams Riverhouse in Port Byron, get two meals in one with The Ram Jam. Topped with crisp bacon, melted cheese, potato crowns and an egg, this burger is an all in one breakfast/lunch mouth-watering combination!



Pizza and Tacos

Along the Great River Road, there's more than deep dish on the menu. Enjoy some of the best thin crust pizza around at Manny's in Savanna or Manny's Too in Fulton. Family-owned and operated since 1973, Manny's serves delicious pizza and Mexican food in a casual atmosphere. Be sure to order tacos to go with your pizza. Gem City Pizzeria is the oldest pizzeria in Quincy. Locals love the nachos and Jeff's Special - a pizza

topped with sausage, pepperoni, ham, mushroom and extra sauce.

A trip along the Great River Road wouldn't be complete without a taste of Quad Cities-style pizza. What exactly is Quad Cities-style? The crust has a nutty flavor, due to the addition of malt to the dough. Add a zesty sauce and cheese on top, and cut it into strips. In Rock Island, Harris Pizza is the go-to location for Quad Cities-style pizza. It first opened 50 years ago, when pizza was so new to the area that they had to give it away to get people to try it! Now it's a favorite of locals and visitors alike. Try yours with Harris' famous secret recipe sausage.

Locally Grown

With almost 75 percent of the land used for farming, Illinois offers a bounty of locally grown foods. Buying local means growers can select varieties for their flavor instead of their long shelf life, resulting in fresher, tastier produce. Growing seasons run from the asparagus and spinach harvests of May to the pumpkins and apples of autumn and everything in between.

You can find a farmers market in almost every town along the Great River Road. Farmers markets are usually weekly or biweekly and offer a variety of local produce and vendors in one location. The Galena Farmers Market is held Saturdays from May through October. Local farmers, bakers and artisans offer everything from fresh produce, meats and delicious baked goods to beautifully handmade crafts and soaps.

Produce stands and roadside markets crop up along the Great River Road during the height of harvest season. They may offer just one crop or a variety. Odelehr's Roadside Market in Brussels sells crafts, jams and jellies and pies, as well as produce, flowers and pumpkins.

Orchards and u-picks allow you to stroll among the trees and in the



berries. Eckert's started out as a small roadside stand in 1910. Its Belleville location now has pick-your-own fruits and vegetables, a restaurant, country store and garden center. Eckert's also hosts special events and free concerts during the summer. Visit Jacobs Orchard in Golden Eagle if you are looking for the famed (and delicious!) Calhoun County peaches, usually ready in late June and into July.

Sweet Endings

A trip along the byway is perfect for those who love desserts. Grab lunch at My Just Desserts in Alton, known for its half-pound chicken salad sandwich and the 9 to 13 different pies served fresh daily. Menu favorites include Mrs. Ledbetter's chocolate pie and Toll House brownies.

If you're looking for tasty baked goods in northern Illinois, check out Krumpet's Bakery in Fulton. It serves breakfast all day and sandwiches made



with homemade bread, but a meal at Krumpet's isn't complete until you've sampled its made-from-scratch pastries or desserts. Choose from a rotating variety of cream puffs, éclairs, pies, cakes and more. Headed to Quincy? Follow the scent of cinnamon to Underbrink's Bakery, "The Best Bakery in Illinois," according to *Taste of Home*

magazine. Serving authentic German recipes since 1929, Underbrink's is known for its amazing ice angel food cupcakes.

If cold treats are more your style, check out Bobby's Frozen Custard in Maryville, voted "Best Ice Cream Stand in the Area" by Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville and "Best Ice Creamery" by the *Riverfront Times*. Take your pick of vanilla or chocolate custard and mix in a variety of your favorite toppings for a one of a kind treat!

In the Quad Cities, no name is more synonymous with delicious confections than **Lagomarcino's**. Grab a seat in an authentic mahogany booth, sip on a homemade soda, enjoy delicious handmade chocolates or try a tuna salad sandwich. If you love ice cream, savor one of Lagomarcino's famous hot fudge sundaes, featuring a mini pitcher filled with their bittersweet fudge sauce

to pour over homemade ice cream.

Whatever you have a taste for...it's likely you'll find it along the Great River Road.



LOCALLY GROWN

The following pages list locations where you can pick or purchase local produce at its best. Straight from the field or right off the vine, these very well could be the best peaches, tomatoes, peppers, berries—you get the idea—you've ever tasted!

Aledo Main Street Farmers Market

Central Park • Aledo aledomainstreet.com 309-582-5373 Located in Aledo's Central Park, the market offers fresh produce, flowers, baked goods and more.

June–2nd week of October: Thursdays 4pm–6pm

Rendleman Orchards Farm Market ▲

9680 State Route 127 N. Alto Pass rendlemanorchards.com 618-893-2771

Experience an Illinois Centennial Farm located in the beautiful rolling hills of Shawnee National Forest. Offering peaches, nectarines and apples, along with other fruits and vegetables. Visit the Farm Market for produce and specialty items. July 1–Mid-December:

Monday–Saturday 9am–5pm Sunday Noon–5pm

Alton's Farmers and Artisans Market

Landmarks Boulevard & Henry Street Alton altonmainstreet.org 618-463-1016

Choose from a wide variety of locally grown produce (including organic and heirloom varieties), fresh baked goods, plants, and an assortment of hand crafted artwork. Special activities and entertainment each week.

Mid-May–Mid-October: Saturdays 8am–Noon



Ava Farmers Market A

Smysor Park Gazebo Main & Fifth Streets • Ava 618-426-3641 Fruits vegetables homem

Fruits, vegetables, homemade baked goods, arts and crafts. May–October: Thursdays 2pm–6pm

Eckert's - Belleville Farm ▲

951 S. Green Mount Road Belleville eckerts.com 618-233-0513

The Belleville farm has an extensive greenhouse, restaurant, Country Store, pumpkin patch, and pick-your-own fruits, vegetables and Christmas trees.

Hagen Family Orchard

2260 E. Illinois River Road Brussels Hagen Family Orchard 618-883-2385

Fresh peaches, apples, pumpkins and canned goods. Located just 3 miles from the

Brussels Ferry. Mid-July—October: Daily 9am—5pm

Odelehr's Roadside Market ▲

7127 Illinois River Road Brussels

OdelehrsMarket 618-883-2265

Locally grown fruits and vegetables, jellies, salsa, canned goods and homemade crafts. May 1—Thanksgiving

Toppmeyer's Roadside Market ▲

480 Meyer Lane • Brussels visitalton.com 618-883-2383

This roadside stand offers apples, peaches, pumpkins, squash and gourds. Open daily during growing season, just stop by and ring the bell.

Carrollton Farmers Market

524 S. 5th Street • Carrollton 217-242-1766

Shop a variety of items such as peaches, corn, crafts, baked goods, fresh berries and much more.

Chester Farmers Market

State Route 3 & 150 • Chester ChesterFarmersMarket 618-826-3370

Home grown fruits and vegetables, baked goods and jams, handmade items and more.

May-September: Saturdays

Monroe County Farmers Market

1000 Columbia Center Columbia Monroe County II Farmers Market 618-792-3596

Thursdays 3pm-6pm

Tri-State Market Pumpkin Barn A

1887 State Route 35 N. East Dubuque 815-747-6832

Open-air market with fresh produce. Join in the October family fun: pumpkins, apples, bounce house, slide, corn maze, spook house, hayrides, farm animals, fall decorations and food

Happy Hollow U-Pick ▲

17325 20th Avenue N. East Moline happyhollowupick.com 309-496-1515 Forty-eight varieties of vegetables are grown for taste and not for high production yields. Happy Hollow is famous for the number of varieties of hot peppers they grow. They

Quad Cities Growers Market A

also raise goats and sheep.

1140 Avenue of the Cities East Moline growersmarkets.com



309-718-5020

Locally grown produce, plants, crafts and baked goods. Mav-October: Wednesday and Saturday 8am-Noon

Shady Knoll Farm, Inc. & Pumpkin Patch A

3115 Dennhardt Road

Fast Moline 309-496-9636 Six generation family farm growing asparagus in spring and pumpkins in fall. Farm includes a 6-acre pick-your-own pumpkin patch, 5-acre corn maze, petting zoo, cornstalks, squash and flowers.

Stones Apple Farm A

16115 Hubbard Road East Moline

f stonesapplebarn 309-496-2318

Stone's Apple Barn is a fourth generation apple orchard with the best variety of apples and fruit you'll ever purchase and apple cider too.

Green Acres Farm

6200 Rock Springs Road East St. Louis illinoisouth.org 618-397-6237 Have fun picking fruits and vegetables throughout the growing season.

Dittmar Farms A

256 S. Grebner Road • Elizabeth dittmarfarms com 815-858-3413

Great family fun! Enjoy the hayride, u-pick pumpkins and corn maze. Family-owned and operated since 1854, this farm specializes in apples, sweet corn and pumpkins.

Elizabeth Farmers Market A

350 West Street • Elizabeth elizabethfarmersmarket.weebly.com 815-990-5374

Offers a wide variety of products including locally grown fruits and produce, herbs, homemade jams and jellies, local honey, baked goods, frozen lamb and beef, plants, flowers and handmade crafts. May-October: Fridays 3pm-6pm

Terrapin Orchard A

1063 U.S. Highway 20 E. Elizabeth terrapinorchards.com 815-202-2180

Owned by a professional and passionate agronomist, Terrapin Orchards boasts 5,500 apple trees in over 20 varieties, including Zestar, Fuji, Gala and Honeycrisp. They also have 4 acres of strawberries in 4 different varieties.

Three Rivers Farm Stand A

22935 Chataugua Road • Elsah threeriverscommunityfarm 618-946-7974

Produce at the farm is grown using organic practices. In addition, the stand is stocked with local goods like pasture-raised meats, honey, eggs, cheese from Marcoot Creamery, orchard fruits and flower bouquets.

Joe Ringhausen Orchard & Market A

24748 Reddish Road • Fieldon visitalton.com 618-376-6772

Head out and pick your own peaches, apples, plums and blackberries. Then shop the market for cider, jellies, squash, pumpkins and more.

Galena Farmers Market

123 N. Commerce Street Galena

galenafarmersmarket 563-542-0996

Vendors offer an assortment of local specialties, including vegetables, crafts, fruits, and organic foods.

May-October: Saturdays 7am-Noon

Galena Territory Farmers Market A

2000 Territory Drive • Galena TheTerritoryFarmersMarket 815-777-2000

Find fresh produce, flowers, plants, meat, jams, jellies, baked goods and more. June-October:

Sundays 8am-Noon

815-777-1223

Wooded Wonderland A

610 Devils Ladder Road Galena Wooded Wonderland



Pick your own organically grown blueberries and produce. Handcrafted items are available for purchase, including home furnishings. Tours are offered for the country store and sawmill.

Krueger's Orchard

2914 Airport Road • Godfrey Kruegers Orchard 618-466-3576

Summer and fall vegetables, as well as peaches, melons, tomatoes, sweet corn, pumpkins and fall decorations are available. Mid-July-October 31: 11am-6pm

Pearson's Produce

6304 Humbert Road • Godfrey pearsonsproduce 618-401-7286

Family-owned business offering fresh fruit and vegetables, jams, pickles, honey and other local aoods.

Jacobs Orchard A

148 Ridge Road • Golden Eagle visitalton.com 618-883-2000

Enjoy peaches, nectarines, plums, blackberries and a variety of tomatoes and garden vegetables.

Eckert's - Grafton Farm

20995 Eckert Orchard Road Grafton eckerts.com 618-786-3445 Specializing in peaches, blackberries, apples, pumpkins and pick-your-own produce.

Uncle Andy's Country Market A

1 E. Main Street • Grafton visitalton.com 618-786-4856 Choose from the best locally grown produce. May-November



Relieke Farms

473 Sand Prairie Lane **Granite City** rellekepumpkinpatch.com 618-797-6858 Family farm featuring pickyour-own pumpkins. Squash, gourds, fall decorations and live music available during fall festival weekends.

Greene Fields Farm

Mid-September-October 31

311 Daum Station Road Greenfield greenefieldsfarm.com 217-616-0839

Choose from 120 varieties of pumpkins, gourds and squash in the 8-acre patch. Activities for the kids, massive mums, and farm animals make this the authentic fall experience your family has been searching for.

Hanover Farmers Market

Jefferson & Jackson Streets Hanover

Hanover Farmers Market Offering a variety of garden fruits and vegetates, frozen meats, honey, organic grains, nuts, herbs and more. May-October: Saturdays 9am-11am

Orchard Landing A

6635 W. Beaty Hollow Road Hanover

OrchardLanding 815-281-0773

Large orchard featuring a grass runway for planes and an airplane hanger that doubles as the shop. Features 12 varieties of apples along with pumpkins, honey, doughnuts and homemade canned goods like jams, jellies and honey mustard.

Tom Ringhausen Orchard & Market A

State Route 16 & 100 • Hardin 618-576-2311

Pick your own or shop the market for a wide variety of fresh goods including peaches, pumpkins, apples and cider. July 1-Thanksgiving: 8am-6pm

Roger's Pumpkin Farm

County Road 300 N. • Lomax Rogers Pumpkin Farm 217-449-3486

Fifteen acres of pumpkins, squash, mums and gourds. Make it a full day of fall fun with hayrides, train rides and more.

Eckert's - Millstadt Farm

2719 Eckert Orchard Lane Millstadt eckerts.com Offers pick-your-own apples and pumpkins and cut-your-own Christmas trees.

Quad Cities Growers Market ▲

4500 16th Street • Moline growersmarkets.com 309-912-8110

Vegetables, fruits, plants, crafts, green tea, WIC certified and organic. May-October: Saturdays 8am-1pm

Morrison Farmers Market

204 E. Lincolnway (State Route 30) Morrison morrisonfarmersmarket.com 815-772-2018

Locally grown produce, eggs, honey, baked goods, artisan products, flowers, plants and more.

Mid-May-September: Saturdays 8am-11am

Mt. Carroll Farmers Market

Main & Market Streets Mt Carroll

MountCarrollFarmersMarket Features locally grown specialty crops as well as goods contributed by bakers, crafters and artisans. May-October: Saturdays 8am-Noon

Mileur Orchard A

172 Mileur Orchard Road Murphysboro

mileurorchard.com 618-687-3663

In operation since 1961, offering fresh peaches and apples. Stop in for dessert at the bakery and enjoy the cobbler or a specialty pie.

Murphysboro Farmers Market A

1101 Walnut Street Murphysboro

MurphysboroFarmersMarket 618-201-0565

Produce, plants, crafts and baked goods. May-November:

Tuesdays 3pm-7pm

Edgewood Orchards

1628 Edgewood Orchard Lane edgewoodorchards.com 217-223-2208

Producing quality fruit and fruit products since 1930. Edgewood grows more than a dozen varieties of apples and makes quality apple cider. Shop the store for candy, apple butter, pies, jams, pumpkins, squash, gourds, honey and nuts.

Mill Creek Farm A

2833 S. 48th Street • Quincy millcreekfarmquincy.com 217-222-8430

Offering fresh picked fruits and vegetables including asparagus, strawberries, sweet corn, tomatoes, green beans and pumpkins. A corn maze and hayrides are offered every weekend in October.

Quincy Farmers Market

Washington Park • Quincy thedistrictquincy.com 217-228-8696

Offering locally grown produce, delicious baked goods, flowers, plants and beautifully handmade crafts.

May-October: Saturdays 7am-Noon

Pumpkin Blossom Hill A

5483 State Route 154 • Red Bud pumpkinblossomhill.com 618-282-2710 Shop for pumpkins, gourds,

mums, crafts and antiques. There is a mini corn maze and pumpkin picking for kids.

Ruma Farmers Market in the Park

Ruma

618-282-3528

Locally grown seasonal vegetables, fruit, baked goods and canned goods.

Savanna Farmers Market A

708 Main Street • Savanna savannamarket 815-266-1345

Fresh vegetables, fruits, crafts and baked goods are available. Check back often to see what new products and produce are available

Argo Acres

16295 Argo Fay Route Thomson

Argo Acres 815-259-2132

Find an assortment of fruits and vegetables, such as asparagus, rhubarb, strawberries, green beans, sweet corn, tomatoes, pumpkins, squash, gourds and multi-color Flint corn. Popcorn. raspberries and painted pumpkins also are available.

Fairhaven Fruit Farm A

Fairhaven & Creamery Roads Thomson

Fairhavenfruitfarm 563-213-6134

This family apple orchard has 600 fruit trees producing 30 different varieties of apples. Come taste the latest varieties, from McIntosh to Honeycrisp.

Monroe County Farmers Market A

Parking lot at 100 Plaza Drive Waterloo

Monroe County II Farmers Market

618-792-3596

Vendors sell local produce, herbs, plants, jellies, soaps and more.

Saturdays 7:30am–11:30am

Wood River Farmers Market A

Parking lot at 143 & 1st Streets Wood River wrparks.org/farmers-market 618-877-3433 July-September: Thursdays 4pm-Dusk

ELEVATE YOUR SPIRITS!

A great way to experience local along the Great River Road is to sample the liquid bounty. There are 24 breweries, 5 distilleries, 23 wineries and a handful of small batch root beers available along the byway, so you're sure to find a beverage that suits your taste.

Craft beer is all about flavor; whether it's chocolate, coffee, citrus, florals or pumpkin, the possibilities are endless. The dizzying number of brewing techniques and ingredients means it's possible to get a truly one-of-a-kind beer, and a true taste of place, around each curve of the mighty Mississippi.

A newcomer along the Great River Road is White Rooster Farmhouse **Brewery** in Sparta. Its traditional brewing methods, barrel aging process, and rotating selection of beers, continue to boost its popularity. It also helps that White Rooster was named one of the "50 Best New Breweries in the U.S.," by BeerAdvocate.

Another recently opened brewery, Quincy Brewing Company, brings the flavor of craft beer to historic Downtown Quincy. Housed in the 1886 Reliance Tea & Coffee building, the brewery toasts landmarks and local history with its aptly named Villa K IPA, Bayview Blonde, and crowd favorite Wichman Sisters Wheat.

Established breweries serve tried-andtested brews alongside new flavors, with a few accolades of course. Uncommon Stout, made by Bent River Brewing Company in Moline and Rock Island, is a coffee-infused oatmeal stout that landed on Thrillist's "23 Illinois Beers to Drink Before You Die!" When visiting the Alton area, try the Porter at Old Bakery Beer Company, where this chocolateinfused, nutty, black ale can be paired with locally sourced menu items. Be sure to check out its full selection of

brews, as Old Bakery Beer Company is a USDA-certified organic brewery.

Galena Brewing Company is reviving the local brewing scene in Galena. Local favorites include Anna Belle's IPA and Uly's Dark Oatmeal Stout.

Hopskellar Brewing Company in Waterloo is the venture of a one-time home brewer whose product was so popular that local business leaders requested he open a brewery. Influenced by beers in England and the Pacific Northwest, Hopskellar favorites include the Pale Mild Ale, Raspberry Ale and the Northern English Brown Ale.

Big Muddy Brewing in Murphysboro is considered by *Thrillist*, and locals alike, to be one of the "Best Craft Breweries in Illinois." Try the Pumpkin Smasher; this autumn-inspired brew is made using pumpkins and savory pumpkin pie spices, resulting in hints of

has been called "America's Coolest Microbrewery" by Men's Journal and one of the "Most Beautiful Places to Drink Beer in the World" by All About

Beer. Devoted to foraged beers, its brews feature ingredients like nettle, juniper, mushrooms, pawpaw and dandelion, which are harvested from its farm or surrounding woods. The resulting brews are a little daring, providing a taste you can only get in southern Illinois.

Following on the heels of the craft brewing boom, small batch distilling is making headway along the byway. Just like other craft beverages, craft spirits owe their flavor to the quality and variety of ingredients. Stumpy's Spirits sources its grain and water from an eighth-generation family farm in Columbia, making it a true grain-to-glass operation. Try Old Monroe Single Barrel Select Bourbon Whiskey or the honey, pecan pie and lemon drop-flavored whiskeys.



Bluestem Vodka in Bethalto uses an all-in-one mash, fermentation, distillation process resulting in a cleaner vodka. Enjoy the flavor of their trademarked signature cocktail, The Stemcell®.
Blaum Bros. Distilling Co. in Galena serves everything from Lead Mine Moonshine, delivered in a mason jar, to a spicy vodka, Blaum Bros. Hellfyre. Made from soaking jalapeños, habaneros and black peppercorns in vodka, this spirit mixes one hot Bloody Mary.

As craft beer and spirits make their mark, Illinois wine is undergoing a renaissance. The state's rich history of wine making goes back to 1691. Prior to prohibition, Illinois was ranked the fourth largest wine producing state in the U.S. with almost 4,000 acres of grapes. Today, Illinois is home to more than 100 wineries, 1,100 acres of grapes, 2 American Viticultural Areas and 7 wine trails. From the oldest Concord vineyard in the state, at Nauvoo State Park, to the largest American Viticultural Area in the U.S., a trip along the Great River Road uncorks your journey into Illinois' wine country.

Galena Cellars Vineyard & Winery was awarded "Best Winery in the State of Illinois," by *Yahoo! Travel*, and winemaker Christine Lawlor-White was twice named "Winemaker of the Year," by the Illinois Grape Growers and Vintners

Alliance. Taste the fruits of her labor while

overlooking the rolling hills of northwest Illinois, or stop in at the tasting room on Galena's quaint Main Street.



Nauvoo is home to **Baxter's**Vineyards & Winery, the oldest
operating winery in Illinois and part
of the Mississippi Valley Wine Trail.
Originally opened in 1857, it reopened
after prohibition in 1936, becoming
Illinois' first bonded winery. Order
ahead to have one of Carol's famous
pies baked fresh. Pair it with a glass of
Baxter's wine while relaxing on the patio.

Enjoy a glass of Leon Millot at Fergedaboudit Vineyard & Winery. Made in the Tuscan style, it may be the closest thing you can get to a Chianti made from 100 percent Illinois-grown grapes. One of the youngest wineries along the Great River Road, The Pour Vineyard in Red Bud, was established by a family that's farmed the same land for the past 150 years.

Head to southern Illinois to experience wineries along the Shawnee Hills Wine Trail. Relax with a glass of red wine on the wisteria-covered deck at Hickory Ridge Vineyard in Pomona. Just a mile down the road, nestled amongst the trees, is Pomona Winery. Specializing in wines made from locally grown fruits other than grapes, taste the award-winning Strawberry Dessert

Wine. This sweet wine received "Best Illinois Non-Grape Wine" honors in the 2017 Illinois Governor's Cup and silver at the 2017 Indy International. Sip a glass of Rosato at the region's oldest and most award-winning winery, Alto Vineyards. Selected to be an Illinois Bicentennial Rosé Wine, its Rosato is 100 percent crafted from southern Illinois' flagship grape variety, Chambourcin.

If you're looking for something the whole family can enjoy, try the craft root beers and sodas on tap along the Great River Road. In Galena, Root Beer Revelry offers dozens of root beers, cream sodas, ginger beers and more. Sample the on-tap assortment with a root beer tasting or indulge in a root beer float.

Head to the southern part of the state, where **Mini Corral Hamburgers** in Alton offers homemade cream soda and root beer that will delight your taste buds with notes of vanilla and maple syrup.

Whatever your favorite flavor, the Great River Road serves up beverages for all tastes.

CRAFT BEER & SPIRITS

Von Jakob Winery & Brewery

230 State Route 127 N. Alto Pass vonjakobvinevard.com 618-893-4600

Old Bakery Beer Company

400 Landmarks Boulevard Alton oldbakerybeer.com 618-463-1470

Scratch Brewing Company ▲

264 Thompson Road • Ava scratchbeer.com 618-426-1415

Hofbräuhaus St. Louis A

123 St. Eugene Drive • Belleville hofbrauhausstlouis.com 618-800-2337

Bluestem Vodka A

5313 State Route 140 • Bethalto bluestemvodka.com 309-712-1697

St. Nicholas Landmark Brewery

111 Ferry Street • Chester The St Nicholas Landmark 618-826-7150

Old Herald Brewing & Distillery

115 E. Clay Street • Collinsville oldheraldbrewing.com 618-855-8027



Stumpy's Spirits A

1727 Centerville Road Columbia stumpysspirits.com 618-281-7733

Midwest Ale Works

537 12th Avenue • East Moline maw.beer 309-230-4684

Recess Brewing LLC

307 N. Main Street Edwardsville recessbrewing.com 618-692-5101

Blaum Bros. Distilling Co.

9380 W. U.S. Highway 20 Galena blaumbros.com 815-777-1000

Galena Brewing Company

227 N. Main Street • Galena galenabrewery.com 815-776-9917

Grafton Winery and Brewhaus A

300 W. Main Street • Grafton thegraftonwinery.com 618-786-3001

Millpond Brewing & Incubator A

308 E. Washington Street Millstadt millpondbrewing.com 618-476-9933



Bent River Brewing Company - Brew Pub ▲

1413 5th Avenue • Moline bentriverbrewing.com 309-797-2722

Galena Brewing Co. Ale House A

1534 River Drive • Moline galenabrewery.com 309-524-3148

Rebellion Brew Haus

1529 3rd Avenue A • Moline rebellionbrewhaus.com 309-517-1684

Big Muddy Brewing A

1430 N. 7th Street Murphysboro bigmuddybrewing.com 618-684-8833

Peel Brewing Co.

104 S. Cherry Street • O'Fallon peelpizza.com 618-726-2244

Mastermind Vodka

4262 State Route 162 Pontoon Beach mastermindvodkausa.com 855-668-6352

Lieferbräu Brewery

118 E. Market Street • Red Bud (7) lieferbrau 618-282-0807

Bent River Brewing Company - Brewery and Tap Room A

512 24th Street • Rock Island bentriverbrewing.com 309-283-4811

Big Swing Brewing Co. ▲

113 18th Street • Rock Island bigswingbrewingco.com 309-788-8247

Radicle Effect Brewerks ▲

1340 31st Street • Rock Island rebrewerks.com 309-283-7605

Wake Brewing ▲

2529 5th Avenue • Rock Island wakebrewing.com 309-558-0878

White Rooster Farmhouse Brewery

113 W. Jackson Street • Sparta whiteroosterfarmhousebrewery.com 618-449-2077

Hopskeller Brewing Company A

116 E. 3rd Street • Waterloo hopskeller.com 618-939-2337

Stubborn German Brewing Company

119 S. Main Street • Waterloo stubborngermanbrewing.com 618-504-2444



WINERIES & VINEYARDS

Alto Vinevards A

8515 State Route 127 • Alto Pass altovineyards.net 618-893-4898

Located in the rolling hills of Shawnee National Forest under the shadow of the 110-foot tall Bald Knob Cross. Offers award-winning wines and a 10-acre vineyard open for strolling.



Peachbarn Winery & Cafe ▲

560 Chestnut Street • Alto Pass peachbarn.com 618-893-4923

Enjoy one of the distinctive estate wines in the tasting room or paired with Swedish cuisine in the restored 1945 Peach Barn Café. Stroll through the Scandinavian gift shop and savor a sun ripened peach picked in-season from the orchard.

Von Jakob Winery & Brewery **A**

230 State Route 127 N. Alto Pass vonjakobvineyard.com 618-893-4600 Located on the Shawnee Hills Wine Trail, Von Jakob offers an enjoyable atmosphere and picturesque views. The spacious decks (covered and uncovered) and cozy fireplaces provide an opportunity to relax and unwind any time of the year. With over 20 varieties of wine and a growing craft brewery, there is sure to be something for everyone. And when hunger strikes, there is a delicious menu that will satisfy your taste buds.

Lake Hill Winery

1822 E. County Road 1540 Carthage lakehillwinery.com 217-357-2675 Located near beautiful Carthage Lake, the winery offers a tasting bar and banquet rooms.

Lincoln Heritage Winery ▲

772 Kaolin Road • Cobden lincolnheritagewinerv.com 618-833-3783 Conveniently located between Cobden and Anna, Lincoln Heritage Winery is family-owned and operated. Relax on the beautiful patio overlooking the vineyards and rose gardens while sipping one of their highly acclaimed hand-crafted wines.

Owl Creek Vineyard A

1600 Cobden School Road Cobden owlcreekvineyard.com 618-893-2557

Owl Creek is an artisanal family winery focused on the production of wines grown in the Shawnee Hills. They are passionate about wines and look forward to introducing you to the great vintages that are arown in the region.

StarView Vineyards A

5100 Wing Hill Road • Cobden starviewvineyards.com 618-893-9463

Family-owned and operated vineyard and winery which produces fine boutique wines. Each vine is individually nurtured to produce the highest quality grapes that are then used to produce the finest wines in the region. Sample wines while sitting on one of the decks under a large oak tree, enjoy breathtaking views, or take a walk around the pond to see Koi. turtles and other wildlife.

Lavender Crest Winery

5401 U.S. Highway 6 • Colona lavendercrest.com 309-949-2565

Lavender Crest Winery features wine production, tours, a wine tasting room, a gift shop and a dining area that serves lunch daily. The banquet room hosts Friday Night Wine Downs where visitors are invited to listen to music, have a light meal and let the cares of the week disappear.

Massbach Ridge Winery A

8837 S. Massbach Road Elizabeth massbachridge.com 815-291-6700

Sample award-winning, estategrown wine while enjoying the breathtaking Jo Daviess County hills. Tasting room is located at 117 N. Main Street, Galena.



Galena Cellars Vineyard & Winery A

4746 N. Ford Road • Galena galenacellars.com 800-397-9463

The Lawlor family, with more than 30 years of winemaking experience, proudly offers tours and tastings of 40 award-winning wines. Tasting room is located at 515 S. Main Street.

Grafton Harbor Floating Winery A

215 W. Water Street • Grafton graftonharbor.net 618-786-7678 Slip on down to the Grafton

Harbor to taste creativelylabeled wines that are sure to tingle the taste buds.

Grafton Winery & Brewhaus A

300 W. Main Street • Grafton thegraftonwinery.com 618-786-3001

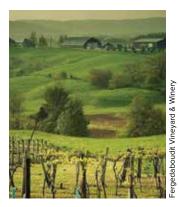
Award-winning wines and brews are prepared on-site from a combination of California and locally grown grapes and fruits. More than 15 wines are featured under the Grafton Winery label. Grafton Winery The Vineyards, located at 21028 Eckert Orchard Road. offers comfortable outdoor seating and a fireplace.



Mary Michelle Winery

13653 Lodge Boulevard Grafton pmlodge.net 618-786-2331

Known for its nationally recognized white wines made from native American grapes grown at their vineyard in Carrollton. The winery hosts two private labels – Mary Michelle and Illinois Cellars. Their award-winning wines are served exclusively in their tasting room at Pere Marquette Lodge.



The Winery at Aerie's Resort

600 Timber Ridge • Grafton aeriesview.com/winerv 618-786-7477

The view from atop the bluff is incredible from the decks at Aerie's. Taste a selection of wines, including Aerie's Private Label series, while enjoying the panoramic view of the Mississippi River.



Fergedaboudit Vineyard & Winery 🔺

4595 W. Speer Road • Hanover fergedaboudit.com 815-591-2126

This boutique winery, located in a scenic valley in Hanover, specializes in dry, bold wines.

Rocky Waters Vineyard/ Winery, Inc.

2003 W. Hanover Road Hanover

Rocky Waters Vineyard Winery 815-591-9706 While relaxing on the deck, enjoy the spectacular view and sip wine made from grapes grown on their 25-acre

Baxter's Vineyards & Winery A

vineyard.

2010 E. Parley Street • Nauvoo nauvoowinery.com 217-453-2528

Small, family-owned winery established in 1857 by Emile Baxter. Baxter's Vinevards is Illinois' oldest winery, home to Carol's Pies, Nauvoo Nibbles and The Wine Barrel. Self-guided winery tours are offered daily. Personal tours, including orchard and vineyards tours, are available by appointment.

Hickory Ridge Vineyard ▲

1598 Hickory Ridge Road Pomona

HickoryRidgeVineyard 618-893-1700

Family-owned and operated



Spirit Knob Winery

2211 E. 640th Place • Ursa spiritknob.com 217-964-2678

Nestled in the bluffs of the Mississippi River Valley, the backdrop for your wine experience is an ever changing panorama. See website for live music events.

winery known for excellent dry wines and award-winning whites and rosés. Enjoy your wine while sitting in the cozy tasting room, taking in the beautiful views or relaxing in the tranquil environment.

Pomona Winery A

2865 Hickory Ridge Road Pomona pomonawinery.com 618-893-2623

The Pomona Winery, located deep in the Shawnee Hills of southern Illinois, specializes in award-winning non-grape wines carefully crafted from local fruit.

The Pour Vineyard A

9665 S. Prairie Road • Red Bud thepourvineyard.com 618-304-4516

Comprised of 6 acres of rolling vineyards, a large lake and a renovated barn, this new vineyard sits on a Centennial Farm that has been passed down from generation to generation for over 150 years. The tasting room is a great place to relax with friends and family.

Hopewell Winery

19048 U.S. Highway 54 Rockport hopewellwinery.com 217-285-2759

Located outside of Pittsfield, Hopewell Winery is situated on a quiet acre offering visitors a relaxing place to sit and sip.



Schorr Lake Vineyards ▲

1032 S. Library Street • Waterloo schorrlakevinevard.net 618-939-3174 Relax on the deck that overlooks the lake and vineyard. Enjoy the estate-grown and produced

table and fruit wines.

HELLO AUTUMN!

Fall travel along the Great River Road means quaint fall festivals, picking the juiciest apples straight from the tree, and discovering the perfect pumpkin. The variety of trees, including sugar maple, hickory, oaks, sassafras and sweetgum, ensure the byway bursts with color each fall. Thanks to the 550-mile north-south path of the Great River Road, it also means more than a month of peak fall colors!

Fall festivals and fairs are a great way to experience the flavor and local artisans of the byway. Each year more than 45,000 attendees make their way to southern Illinois for the Murphysboro Apple Festival. Named "The Best Fall Festival in Illinois," by Travel & Leisure, it's the oldest and largest fall festival in southern Illinois. This four day

> event features a car show, competition, carnival, children's activities, a parade and much more. Harvest fun takes over the







of Fulton during the Fall Festival at Heritage Canyon. Take a tour of the authentic Dutch windmill, de Immigrant, and the Windmill Cultural Center that showcase the area's Dutch roots. Then head to nearby Heritage Canyon to see the 1800s come alive as you interact with blacksmiths and other artisans at work.

Crafts and handmade arts are the theme of the Galena Country Fair. Each

> year more than 150 vendors offer original works, while the farmers market sells fall produce, maple syrup, and honey. Live music, food, Irish dancing and children's games make this an event everyone will enjoy.

For more than 50 years, the Barry Apple Festival has been one of the area's largest events each fall. The apple pie competition, craft and food vendors, car show

and parade bring more than 25,000 people to this town of 1,400. The natural beauty of the location, with the autumn colors and rolling hills of Pike County, provides a gorgeous backdrop.

Selecting the perfect pumpkin and walking through orchards to pick the season's best apples are some of the must-dos of fall along the byway. After working up an appetite, sample fall's bounty with a caramel apple, hot apple cider or fresh apple cider donuts. For more than 140 years, Rendleman Orchards in Alto Pass has been committed to growing the highest quality fruits and vegetables. Stop by the Farm Market to pick up a bag of tree-ripened apples, pumpkins, jams, jellies, salsas, apple cider donuts and more. Visit during Pickin' at the Patch for handmade crafts, primitives and antiques.

When the leaves start to change, take a drive to the pumpkin patch at Dittmar Farms in Elizabeth. On weekends, pick your own pumpkins and apples, try your hand at the gourd shooter, take a hayride and get lost in the corn maze. Enjoy fresh baked goods like apple cider donuts and pumpkin bread at the farm or at the Orchard Station in downtown Elizabeth.

The Tri-State Market Pumpkin Barn in East Dubuque really kicks it up a notch in the fall. With mountains of pumpkins, finding the perfect one for carving is a sure thing. Spend the day in the crisp autumn air as you shop for fall decorations while snacking on caramel apples and kettle corn. Children will enjoy the bounce house, hayride and corn maze on weekends.

Family-owned and operated since 1930, Edgewood Orchards in Quincy makes its cider from whole apples and nothing else. The secret to the wonderful taste is in the blend of tart, sweet and neutral apples.

Take a wagon ride out to the pumpkin patch at Relleke Farms in Granite City to find a pumpkin worthy of carving. Founded in the late 1800s, Relleke's offers pumpkins in a variety of colors and sizes, and it has everything you need to decorate for fall, including gourds, cornstalks and straw bales. Weekend activities include pumpkin and face painting, fall-themed carnival rides, a petting zoo and the pumpkin chucker.

In East Moline, the fourth generation of growers oversees Stone's Apple Barn and the 55 varieties of apples they harvest. You can pick your own delicious apples on weekends or stop by the store for apples, honey, jams and more.

Fall road trips are all about breathtaking views, basking in the glow of autumn and capturing the perfect photo. With the mighty Mississippi, harvest-ready farms,

rolling hills and towering bluffs as the backdrop, the Great River Road in Illinois is definitely camera-ready!

Go for a drive through Pere Marquette State Park to experience fall foliage overlooking the Illinois River. Leave the park and head toward Alton. This 20-mile stretch captures the full colors of autumn; soak it in as the mighty Mississippi flows on one side of the byway and the bluffs peek out from the trees on the other.

Hike the trails at Black Hawk State Historic Site in Rock Island to take in the fall colors in one of the least disturbed forests in Illinois. The 15 miles of trails at Mississippi Palisades State Park in Savanna include short walks to scenic overlooks of the Mississippi and longer trails under the canopy, providing gorgeous autumn views from any angle.

Stroll along the trails at White Rock Nature Preserve near Valmeyer for views of the wide Mississippi River bottomlands from the hilltop prairie overlooks. The trails at Salt Lick Point Land and Water Reserve will take you past hill prairies, limestone glades and through acres of mature upland forest, but the view from below, of the bluffs peeking out from the autumn array, might be the best view of all. It's a bit

of a drive up to Horseshoe Mound in Galena, but the scenery is worth it. The hiking trails, panoramic overlooks and viewing scopes open your eyes to the rolling countryside decked out in fall's finest.

View the autumn rainbow from atop the bluffs at Riverview Park in Alton or visit Principia College in Elsah to see historic buildings among the trees. Enjoy the leaf-peeping opportunities at Long Hollow Scenic Overlook in Elizabeth where farms, fields and foliage are on display in all their harvest-hued glory.

Take your pick of breathtaking views at LaRue-Pine Hills near Wolf Lake. Look down from the heights of Inspiration Point Trail for panoramic views of the Mississippi River valley and Big Muddy bottomlands. The view from below, on Muddy Levee Road, shows the towering 300-foot cliffs topped with trees displaying a kaleidoscope of autumn colors.



FALL FESTIVALS

The following are a sampling of annual events that take place during fall along the byway. It's always best to call ahead or visit the event website for full details.



AUGUST

East Dubuque Wingfest

Downtown • East Dubuque East Dubuque Wingfest If you love wings and craft beer, head to Wingfest! More than 60 craft beers will be available for tasting and plenty of wings to choose from. Fun and games for kids too!

Midwest Garlic Fest A

Terrapin Park • Elizabeth midwestgarlicfest.com 815-777-9625

Come out and celebrate with the Galena Garlic Company as they showcase this tasty root vegetable. Farms will be offering Midwest grown garlic. and there will be local produce, food vendors and live music.

Olden Days Festival

Tri County Antique Club 23946 State Route 3 • Dow tricountyantiqueclub.org 800-258-6645

This family oriented event has something for everyone! Features antique tractors, tools and toys, an antique and garden tractor pull, and

heritage demonstrations. There will be live entertainment both days, with country church on Sunday. Shop the large craft and flea market and enjoy lots of good "old-fashioned" food.

Willow Folk Festival

6522 S. Willow Road • Stockton willowfolkfestival.com This festival of music began in 1967 and continues today with family, friends and love. This annual fundraiser for the Willow United Methodist Church serves up great live entertainment. Come for the day or stay overnight and camp.

SEPTEMBER

Alton Amphitheater!

Alton Expo

Liberty Bank Alton Amphitheater, 1 Riverfront Drive Alton altonamphitheater.com 800-258-6645 Enjoy five days of fair food, games, rides, live entertainment and more at the Liberty Bank

Apple Festival

Conference Center

Pere Marquette Lodge and

13653 Lodge Boulevard Grafton pmlodge.net 618-786-2331 Apple fever has hit Pere Marquette Lodge and you're invited! Come out and join us in commemorating apples and all of their uses. The event features live entertainment. craft vendors, handmade products and family fun.

Barry Apple Festival

barryapplefestival.com 217-335-2108 Annual parade, car show, arts and crafts and entertainment celebrate the apple industry in Pike County.

Fall Corn Festival

Glazebrook Park 1401 Stamper Lane • Godfrey godfreyil.org 618-466-1483 Come and enjoy a full day of fun at the park that includes

music, petting zoo, pony rides, inflatables, games, arts and crafts, face painting, vendors and a corn eating contest! All ages welcome.

Galena Cellars Fall Harvest & Art Festival

Galena Cellars Vinevard & Winerv 4746 N. Ford Road • Galena galenacellars.com 815-777-3235 Head to the festival for a fall adventure! Experience a combination of purple feet, paint brushes, pumpkin decorating, horses, music, food, spa treatments and wine.

Galena Oktoberfest

Eastside Riverfront • Galena

galenaoktoberfest.com 815-331-0180 This German celebration features non-stop live music, wiener dog races. polka dancing and lessons, German-style food and beverages, games for the kids and much more.





Jazz and Wine Festival

Liberty Bank Alton Amphitheater, 1 Riverfront Drive Alton altonamphitheater.com 800-258-6645

Are you down for some groovy beats and fresh drinks? Get in the mix at the Alton Jazz and Wine Festival, a celebration of Miles Davis and his birthplace. Jump, jitterbug and jive to the sounds of some of the craziest cats in the biz.

Mallard Fest

White Park, 200 Block of Monroe Street • Hanover hanover-il.com Experience the world's only Mallard Fest! This old-fashioned town picnic on the banks of the Apple River features live music, fireworks, parade and fun events for everyone.

Murphysboro Apple Festival A

13th & Walnut Streets Murphysboro MboroAppleFestival 618-684-3200 Southern Illinois' longest running family festival features the largest parade in southern Illinois! A few of the many events during the festival include an apple peeling contest, apple pie eating contests, arts and crafts, the Murphysboro Clarkes vintage baseball team tournament, special exhibits at the General John A. Logan Museum, and so

much more.

Nauvoo Grape Festival

Nauvoo State Park State Route 96 • Nauvoo nauvoograpefestival.com 217-453-6648

One of Illinois' oldest running annual festivals. Activities include a huge car show, flea market, parade, carnival, the Nauvoo Pageant, arts and crafts, food vendors, mud volleyball and more.

OCTOBER

Autumn Craft Fair 🔺

River Ridge School 4141 State Route 84 S. Hanover elizabeth-il.org More than 90 talented artisans offer unique handmade artwork, crafts and jewelry.



Docktoberfest A

The Loading Dock 1 Front Street • Grafton graftonloadingdock.com 618-786-3494

Das Loading Dock presents the Docktoberfest Celebration! This festival features German-style food, bier, hammerschlagen and live music.

Fall Festival at **Heritage Canyon**

Fulton cityoffulton.us 815-589-4545

Step back in time and explore pioneer life in an 1800s village. Demonstrations include weaving, knitting, candle making, blacksmithing, wood carving and more.

Galena Country Fair A

Grant Park • Galena galenacountryfair.org 815-777-0817

More than 150 vendors selling original, handmade arts, crafts and fine art. The event features food, live entertainment, children's games and farmers market

Halloween Parade & Festival

Main Street • Galena visitgalena.org 815-776-9200

The largest, longest and spookiest parade in the tri-state area takes place each fall in Galena. The event features spectacular floats, marching bands, costumed participants, prizes and treats for guys and 'ghouls' of all ages. There are even hot air balloons lighting up the levee along the Galena River. Food vendors are located on Perry and Washington Streets.

Historic Craft Fair

Lewis & Clark State Historic Site 1 Lewis and Clark Trail Hartford campdubois.com 618-251-5811

The Lewis & Clark State Historic Site welcomes you to spend the day at the Historic Craft Fair. The event will host a number of local area craftspeople and artisans demonstrating and selling their goods, including baskets, needlework, quilts and other handmade items.

MIP Arts & Crafts Fair A

325 E. 1st Avenue • Milan visitquadcities.com 309-787-6502 Come see 380 craft exhibitors from a seven state area. Show is held at Eriksen Chevy Center in Milan. Shuttle service from Watch Tower Plaza located at 39th Avenue and 11th Street in Rock Island.

Mt. Carroll Pumpkin Fest

Downtown • Mt. Carroll mtcarrollil.org Experience fall with craft vendors, a farmers market, pumpkin races, food vendors. a pumpkin slingshot and a cemetery tour.



Old Settlers Days

Kampsville Riverfront Kampsville Old Settlers Days 618-465-2114

Old Settlers Days depicts the life and times of the early settlers in Calhoun County. Watch primitive skill demonstrations, browse period goods, enjoy children's activities, hear great entertainment and enjoy good food.

NOVEMBER

Native American Holiday Market A

Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site 30 Ramey Street • Collinsville cahokiamounds.org 618-346-5160 Native American artists and

crafters will have jewelry, paintings, herbals, weaving, baskets, pottery, bronze work and more available for purchase.

FALL FOLIAGE DRIVES

Blackjack Road A

Jo Daviess County
Begin this curvy journey in
Galena. Drive past an alpaca
farm, luxurious inns, ski slopes,
and several recreation areas on
your way to Hanover.

Bluff Road A

Monroe & Randolph counties Runs along the bluffs from Palmer Road in Columbia, through Old Valmeyer and Chaflin Bridge, past Fults to Prairie du Rocher in Randolph County.

Calhoun County Vistas & Ferries Loop ▲

Calhoun County visitalton.com/seasons/fall 800-258-6645

Rolling hills, winding roads, orchards and riverboat ferries create the perfect scenery for a peaceful drive through Calhoun County. There are several locations to enter the loop, but the ideal place to start is crossing the Brussels Ferry, just north of Grafton, into Calhoun County. Once in Calhoun County, continue on the Illinois River Road for 22 miles, through Brussels, Hardin and into Kampsville. In Kampsville, cross the Illinois River on the Kampsville Ferry and take State Route 108 into



Eldred. In Eldred, turn right onto the Illinois River Road and onto State Route 100/16 past Pere Marquette State Park and back toward Grafton.

Inspiration Point – Shawnee National Forest Loop ▲

Union County www.fs.usda.gov/shawnee From State Route 3, turn east onto Muddy Levee Road to LaRue Road heading north. Turn onto Pine Hills Road to make your way to the trailhead for Inspiration Point and one of the most breathtaking views along the Great River Road. Head back to LaRue Road and onto Scatters Road to Hutchins Creek Road headed north. Take Hutchins Creek Road to Macedonia Road, then head north on Jerusalem Hill Road into Pomona. Head south on Natural Bridge Road to Pomona Road. Take Pomona Road east to State Route 127. Take State Route 127 south for 10 miles, then turn west onto State Forest Road back to State Route 3. This 35 mile route takes you through a portion of Shawnee National Forest and past some of the most beautiful scenery along the Great River Road. Before beginning your journey, please note some of the roads in this loop are gravel.

Irish Hollow Road 🔺

Jo Daviess County Take Blackjack Road from Galena to the intersection of Blackjack and Irish
Hollow Roads, continue on
Irish Hollow Road to the
intersection with Rodden Road.
Turn east onto Rodden Road
(gravel) to U.S. Highway 20,
to loop back to Galena. Or
continue south onto Rodden
Road to the intersection with
Saw Mill Road. Turn east onto
Saw Mill Road to intersect
State Route 84, 2 miles north
of Hanover.

Meeting of the Great Rivers Scenic Route ▲

Jersey & Madison counties visitalton.com/seasons/fall 800-258-6645

Approximately 60 miles roundtrip, heading west on State Route 100 from Alton to Elsah, Grafton and Pere Marquette State Park and back. With the mighty Mississippi on one side and the bluffs on the other, this drive has some of the prettiest views of autumn, but it also has heavy traffic on weekends during fall.



Mississippi Palisades State Park

16327A State Route 84 Savanna www.dnr.illinois.gov 815-273-2731

Explore the winding, tree lined hills of Mississippi Palisades State Park. Take a short hike to view the fall colors from atop the bluffs at viewing platforms overlooking the Mississippi River.

Pere Marquette State Park

13112 Visitor Center Lane Grafton www.dnr.illinois.gov 618-786-3323 Pere Marquette State Park offers some of the best leaf peeping opportunities for anyone interested in a scenic fall drive. Fall colors are simply breathtaking whether traveled by car, bike or hiking through

the largest state park in Illinois.

Stagecoach Trail

Jo Daviess County Drive from Galena to Nora. Take a step back in time on this historic route which closely resembles the first regular stage service between Chicago and Galena in 1839. The road comes into Jo Daviess County in Nora and continues through Warren, Apple River and Scales Mound before

ending at Galena's notable Main Street. This route gets you close to the highest point in Illinois.

U.S. Highway 20 A

Jo Daviess County Drive from East Dubuque to Stockton. This major thoroughfare through northern Illinois displays all of the highlights that northwest Illinois has to offer. Stop in picturesque communities to shop and dine, learn about the history of the Great River Road and capture views of the rolling hills and valleys only found in this unglaciated portion of the state.

U.S. Highway 67 Country Loop

Jersey & Madison counties visitalton.com/seasons/fall 800-258-6645 Drive this loop counter clockwise to see the best views of the bluffs. Take U.S. Highway 67 north from Alton, through Godfrey, to Jerseyville. In Jerseyville, proceed west on State Route 16 to State Route 100. which will lead you past Pere Marquette State Park, Grafton, Elsah and back to Alton.



FALL TOURS & TRAILS



Celebration Belle -Fall Foliage Cruises

2501 River Drive • Moline celebrationbelle.com 800-297-0034

See the beauty of fall onboard an authentic paddlewheel boat cruising the mighty Mississippi. Snap photos and enjoy the

Pere Marquette State Park gorgeous scenery as you listen to music.

Scenic Art Loop

Northwest Illinois • First weekend of each month scenicartloop.com • 815-947-2878

Enjoy the harvest-hued hills of northwest Illinois and 113 miles of art on this self-guided tour. Discover some of the region's photographers, artists, potters and jewelry designers. Meet the artists and watch them at work in their studios, purchase original art, and visit nearby wineries, breweries, and restaurants that feature local art.

Shawnee Hills Wine Trail

Southwestern Illinois • shawneewinetrail.com

Located in the first area of Illinois to be recognized for its distinctive wine making properties, the Shawnee Hills Wine Trail is home to 11 different wineries. Sip Illinois made wine and enjoy the views of the dense fall foliage, rugged hills, deep ravines and sandstone formations of the Shawnee Hills region.

Twenty Dirty Hands Pottery Tour

Various locations throughout Jo Daviess County • October twentydirtyhands.com

Visit some of the best known pottery and sculpture studios in Illinois as you enjoy the rolling hills of Galena Country in all its autumn glory. Some artists feature special events, exhibits and tours. Many of the studios are open to the public only during this event.

Union County Colorfest

Various locations throughout Union County • October southernmostillinois.com

Celebrate fall in the forest during the annual Colorfest. Enjoy scenic drives to quaint communities, offering everything from baked goods to a biathlon. Kid-friendly activities, flea markets, food vendors, races and more await in Union County each fall! **FUN FOR ALL**



The Great River Road offers dozens of fun attractions and experiences for children of any age. If you're traveling in the summer, cool off along the drive at waterparks and local swimming pools.

Raging Rivers WaterPark in Grafton has ltty Bitty Surf City and Treehouse Harbor for the little ones, and Swirlpool and Body Flumes for the more adventurous. Let the kids expend some energy while you relax poolside.

If you have an afternoon or evening free, spend quality family time at **Scotties Fun Spot** in Quincy, offering ball pits, bumper cars, go carts, laser tag, mini golf and more! Feeling hungry? Enjoy a snack or meal at the on-site restaurant or, if you have time, venture to one of Quincy's popular local eateries.

Prefer the outdoors? Head out for a hike or trail ride. Older kids can experience the rolling hills of the Galena Territory on horseback at the **Shenandoah Riding Center**. The staff offers rides for beginners and those with more advanced skills through the stunning landscape along 40 miles

of trails. **State parks** along the byway provide a chance to explore nature with hiking, boating, horseback riding and other recreational opportunities. Visit the Great Outdoors section for a full list of recreation areas along the byway.

Discover how John Deere revolutionized modern farming with his steel plow. At the **John Deere Pavilion** in Moline, climb in the cab of a giant combine, test your skills maneuvering a bulldozer in a state-of-the-art simulator and interact with hands-on activities in the John Deere Discovery Zone.

Learn about the Mississippi River and how locks and dams help boats move up and down the waterway at the National Great Rivers Museum, in Alton. Steer a barge around other river traffic on the mighty Mississippi in the simulator, see what wildlife call the river home, and tour the Melvin Price Locks and Dam, one of the largest locks and dam facilities on the river. Take a tour to the top of the locks, eight stories up, and get a birds-eye view of barge traffic passing below.

At the Niabi Zoo
in Coal Valley, see
more than 200
species from around
the world. Feed
goats, llamas and
zebu at the petting
zoo. Sign up for the
Giraffe or Big Cat
Encounters to go behind

the scenes and see these amazing animals up-close.

The fun doesn't stop during the winter months. Fill your day with skiing, snowboarding, tubing and hot chocolate at Snowstar Winter Sports Park in Andalusia. Chestnut Mountain Resort, overlooking the Mississippi River in Galena, offers winter fun with a view! Ski, snowboard or tube during the day, then relax while enjoying a meal at one of the resort's restaurants. During summer, race down the alpine slide, experience an off-road Segway tour and ride the soaring eagle zip line.

Whatever time of year you're visiting, there's always something for the entire family to see, experience and explore along the Great River Road.



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KID-FRIENDLY ADVENTURES

Alton Museum of History and Art A

2809 College Avenue • Alton altonmuseum.com 618-462-2763

The museum is located in historic Loomis Hall across from the Roger Wadlow statue. Exhibits explore Alton's "Gentle Giant," the Lewis & Clark Expedition, American Civil War, Lincoln-Douglas debates, and the Underground Railroad.

Alton Room Escape

319 Ridge Street • Alton altonroomescape.com 618-876-9768

In this live adventure, teams search for clues and solve riddles to escape themed adventure rooms in under an hour.

Belle-Clair Speedway ▲

200 S. Belt East • Belleville belleclairspeedway.net 314-267-4944

Between March and October this action-packed track hosts midget, sprint, and stock car races, along with demolition derbies and motorcycle races.

Two Rivers National Wildlife Refuge ▲

364 Wildlife Conservation Road

fws.gov/refuge/two_rivers 618-883-2524

More than 200,000 waterfowl make a stop at the refuge each fall and spring as they migrate along the Mississippi Flyway. Located at the confluence of the Mississippi and Illinois rivers, this refuge provides a unique opportunity to experience the wildlife that are attracted to the backwaters and bottomland forests.

Niabi Zoo ▲

13010 Niabi Zoo Road Coal Valley niabizoo.com 309-799-3482 Learn about more than 200 species from the African Leopard to the Zebu, ride

on the train and carousel, go behind the scenes to meet the animals up-close, and feed animals from parakeets to llamas!

Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site ▲

30 Ramey Street • Collinsville cahokiamounds.org 618-346-5160

View what remains of the most sophisticated prehistoric site north of Mexico. Walk to the top of Monk's Mound, explore the life-size village, and learn about Native American culture.

Treehouse Wildlife Center

23956 Green Acres Road • Dow treehousewildlifecenter.com 618-466-2990

Learn about native species and see some of the permanent residents at this center dedicated to the rehabilitation of injured and orphaned wildlife.

National Great Rivers Museum & Melvin Price Locks and Dam A

2 Lock and Dam Way East Alton mtrf.org 618-462-6979

Uncover the history of the mighty Mississippi and how it has shaped our culture, history, economy, ecology and the people of the region. Take a tour of the locks and watch barge traffic from 80 feet above the river.

Edison's Entertainment Complex A

2477 S. State Route 157 Edwardsville edisonsfun.com 618-307-9020

The laser tag arena, arcade, and bowling lanes will keep kids active for hours!

Edwardsville Children's Museum A

722 Holyoake Road Edwardsville edwardsvillechildrensmuseum.org 618-692-2094 Exhibits allow children to see



what it's like to take care of animals in an animal hospital, shop for groceries, cook a favorite meal, visit the dentist, deliver mail, create a piece of art and more.

Dittmar Farms

256 S. Grebner Road Elizabeth dittmarfarms.com 815-858-3413

Take a hayride through the apple orchard or out to the pumpkin patch to pick your favorites.

Long Hollow Canopy Tours

3247 W. Longhollow Road Elizabeth longhollowcanopytours.com 815-281-2853

Soar through the trees, reaching heights of 75 feet and speeds up to 40 miles per hour! Walk the sky bridge and explore the forest from above. See website for participant requirements.

Windmill Cultural Center and de Immigrant Windmill A

111 10th Avenue • Fulton citvoffulton.us 815-589-4033

Explore more than 20 model windmills from 10 European countries, visit the education area with children's activities, the mill, in the gift shop. Across the street, tour the authentic Dutch windmill on the banks of the Mississippi River.

Altitude Trampoline Park

91 Fountain Drive Glen Carbon altitudeglencarbon.com 618-744-6959

Enjoy the foam pits, tumble tracks, basketball dunking lanes, kids zone, and 20,000 square feet of interconnected trampoline attractions.

Great Godfrev Maze

1401 Stamper Lane • Godfrey godfreyil.org 618-466-1483

Get lost in a corn maze. Open weekends during fall, visitors are required to have a flashlight to navigate the maze after dark. Try the corn crib, cow train, hay wagon, and the jumping pillow.

Grafton Sky Tour

14 W. Main Street • Grafton aeriesview.com 618-786-8439

Take an enclosed gondola or open chairlift and enjoy a scenic ride up the bluffs to Aerie's Resort. Beautiful views of the confluence of the Mississippi and Illinois Rivers await.



Grafton Zipline Adventures

14 W. Main Street • Grafton aeriesview.com 618-786-9477

Enjoy stunning river views and hours of fun on one of the largest ziplines in Illinois. The Soaring Eagle zipline is one of seven ziplines on-site and spans 2,000 feet with a 250-foot descent.

Hakuna Matata Cruises

215 W. Water Street • Grafton graftonharbor.com 618-786-7678 All aboard the Hakuna Matata as you head out on a wonderful adventure on the Illinois and Mississippi rivers.

Loading Dock Ice Rink

401 E. Front Street • Grafton graftonloadingdock.com 618-786-3494

Ice skating rink located inside the Boatworks offers semi-outdoor ice skating fun for the entire family. Rental skates are available.

Pere Marquette Riding Stables A

15780 State Route 100 West Grafton graftontrailrides.com 618-786-2156

Saddle up and explore the park! More than 20 miles of equestrian trails await. Young children can enjoy pony rides or being led around on a full-size horse.

Pere Marguette State Park

13112 Visitor Center Lane Grafton www.dnr.illinois.gov 618-786-3323

Illinois' largest state park sits at the confluence of the Illinois and Mississippi rivers and offers hiking, biking, rock climbing, and camping opportunities.

Raging Rivers WaterPark A

100 Palisades Parkway • Grafton ragingrivers.com 618-786-2345

From the Cascade Body Flumes and Swirl Pools, to Itty Bitty Surf City and the Endless River, there's something for everyone!

Lewis & Clark Confluence Tower A

435 Confluence Tower Drive Hartford confluencetower.com 618-251-9101

Discover the history of the area, delve into the Lewis & Clark Expedition, and see the confluence of the Mississippi and Missouri rivers. Stop at all three viewing platforms on this 180-foot tower.

Lewis & Clark State Historic Site

1 Lewis and Clark Trail • Hartford campdubois.com 618-251-5811

The interpretive center contains a 55-foot, full scale replica of the expedition's keelboat and exhibits describing their journey. Outside, view a replica of Camp River Dubois where the Corps of Discovery spent five months preparing for their expedition. Site #1 on the Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail.

Center for American Archeology A

101 N. Broadway • Kampsville caa-archeology.org 618-653-4316

For more than 50 years, the CAA has offered award-winning research and educational programs for archeology enthusiasts, professionalsin-training and those who have a general interest in the prehistoric communities that once thrived along the banks of the Illinois River.

World Wide Technology Raceway A

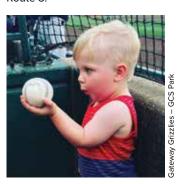
700 Raceway Boulevard Madison wwtraceway.com 618-215-8888

Head to the races for fast paced family entertainment! With Indy Car series, NASCAR, Stock Car races and more, the track produces heart pounding fun and is located just minutes from downtown St. Louis.

Horseshoe Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area ▲

21204 Promised Land Road

Miller City www.dnr.illinois.gov 618-776-5689 Camp, boat, fish and hunt in this 10,200-acre State Fish and Wildlife Area containing a 2,400-acre shallow lake. Enjoy the deep south charm of the native bald cypress, tupelo gum, swamp cottonwood trees and wild lotus. Located in Alexander County, 7 miles north of Cairo, just east of State Route 3.



Channel Cat Water Taxi

2951 River Drive • Moline gogreenmetro.com 309-788-3360

Travel the Mississippi River on an open-air boat that takes passengers back and forth across the river to various landings. Ride it all day for one price.

John Deere Pavilion

1400 River Drive • Moline visitjohndeere.com 309-765-1000

Climb in the cab of a tractor, bulldozer or combine: discover how the creation of the steel plow led to the revolution of modern agriculture; enjoy

hands-on activities in the Discovery Zone; and test your skills in the state-of-the-art simulator

QC Family Entertainment Center A

4401 44th Avenue • Moline acfec.com 309-517-1158

Friends and family will be entertained for hours! An arcade, 2-story laser tag arena and 32 lanes of bowling await.

Ralph B. Birks **Recreational Trail**/ Ben Butterworth **Memorial Parkway** ▲

River Drive, between 22nd and 55th Streets • Moline moline il us

309-524-2424

Part of the Great River Trail running through the heart of Moline along the Mississippi River, this beautiful 2.2-mile parkway offers spectacular sightseeing.

Ravens Grin Inn Haunted House

411 N. Carroll Street • Mt. Carroll hauntedravensgrin.com 815-244-4746

An eclectic mix of fun house and haunted house, Ravens Grin Inn is open year around, gore free, and very familyfriendly.

Family Living Center **A**

650 White Street • Nauvoo historicnauvoo.net 217-453-2237

Get a taste of pioneer living and discover candle making, rope winding, spinning and other crafts.

Scotties Fun Spot A

8000 Broadway Street • Quincy scottiesfunspot.com 217-222-3868 Join in the fun with go karts,

roller skating, mini golf, laser tag, bowling and arcade games.

Backwater Gamblers Water Ski Shows

5000 44th Street • Rock Island backwatergamblers.com Leaps, pyramids and high speed excitement is what you will find at these water-ski shows.

Every Wednesday and Sunday at 6:30pm from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Hauberg Indian Museum

1510 46th Avenue • Rock Island blackhawkpark.org 309-788-9536 Learn about the Sauk and Meskwaki tribes through exhibits. View full-size replicas of winter and summer houses

and artifacts like jewelry, trade

goods, and domestic items.

Quad City Botanical Center

2525 4th Avenue • Rock Island qcgardens.com 309-794-0991

Stroll past tropical and prairie plants, rare conifers, artwork, statues, and enjoy hands-on activities for kids in the amazing indoor and outdoor gardens.



Whitewater Junction A

17th Street and 18th Avenue Rock Island rigov.org 309-732-7946

Big kids will enjoy the heartpounding excitement of the Rocket, Zephyr, Express and Cannonball slides. Younger kids will enjoy the tot slide, tea cup, and the shallow water play area.

Gateway Grizzlies -GCS Park A

2301 Grizzlie Bear Boulevard Sauget gatewaygrizzlies.com 618-337-3000 Take the family out to a ball game at GCS park, home of the Gateway Grizzlies Frontier League baseball team.

Ingersoll Wetlands Learning Center at the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife & Fish Refuge A

7071 Riverview Road • Thomson stewardsumrr.org 815-273-2732 Located within the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge, the learning center is filled with hands-on exhibits and provides a dramatic view of the Mississippi River.

CHRISTMAS TREE FARMS



Tangled Tinsel Christmas Tree Farm & Gift Shop ▲

5 Christmas Tree Lane • Alton grifarm.com 618-465-7036

Choose from a selection of pick-your-own or pre-cut pine trees from 2-10 feet tall. Pick up fresh evergreen wreaths, swags, pine roping, and grave blankets at the barn. Shop the wide variety of handmade crafts and ornaments in the gift shop.

Eckert's - Belleville Farm A

951 S. Green Mount Road Belleville eckerts.com 618-233-0513 Eckert's has an extensive greenhouse, restaurant, Country Store, and pickyour-own fruits, vegetables, pumpkins and Christmas trees.

Timber Lane Christmas Tree Farm & Country Store A

7250 Garden Plain Road timberlanetreefarm.com 309-887-4892 Choose and cut your own Christmas tree. Shop the Country Store for a variety of handmade crafts, canned goods, Delft pottery, ornaments and seasonal decor.

Ochs Tree Farm A

638 N. Blackjack Road • Galena ochschristmastreefarm 563-542-5281

Ochs provides everything you need to cut your tree. Visit the warming house for fresh garland, wreaths and more.

Mathews Christmas Trees

705 E. 2300th Place • Liberty MathewsChristmasTrees 217-645-3157

Choose and cut Christmas tree farm that also offers pre-cut trees and fresh wreaths.

Eckert's - Millstadt Farm

2719 Eckert Orchard Lane Millstadt eckerts.com Offers cut-your-own Christmas

West Point Tree Farm A

12306 W. Point Road • Mt. Carroll mtcarrollil.org 815-244-9684 Choose and cut Christmas

trees available in the following varieties: Scotch Pine, White Pine, Fraser Fir and Blue Spruce.

Mumma's Christmas Tree Farm A

4614 221st Street N. • Port Byron 309-523-2435 Snag the perfect tree from

a selection including Blue Spruce; Fraser, Douglas, and Concolor Fir; and Scotch, White and Red Pine.

Bill's Christmas Trees

5102 N. Elizabeth-Scales Mound Road • Scales Mound 815-845-2609

Choose and cut your own Christmas tree. Tree shaker and netting are available. Stop by the holiday shop and pick out a holiday wreath.



THE GREAT OUTDOORS



the natural beauty of Illinois,

take a drive on the Great River Road. Rolling hills, prairie-dotted plains and limestone bluffs provide relaxing places to unplug, experience nature and reconnect with friends and family. From rock climbing, hiking, biking and equestrian trails to fishing, boating, camping and gorgeous views, some of the best recreational opportunities in Illinois are along the byway.

Just north of Savanna, Mississippi Palisades State Park offers forested bluffs and rock palisades overlooking the Mississippi River. The towering limestone formations offer a range of technical climbing routes and classic top rope climbs. With more than 150 established routes, climbers of any skill level can fill a day or a weekend. If you prefer hiking, the extensive trail system covers 15 miles, leading to 6 river overlooks.

acres, Pere Marquette State Park is the largest state park in Illinois. Bike rentals, horseback riding, hiking, nature viewing and fishing are only some of the activities offered here. Each winter, the park becomes a hub for bald eagle watching. Weekends are filled with bald eagle interpretive programs led by site naturalists.

Near Makanda, Giant City State Park boasts breathtaking natural beauty, cultural history and numerous opportunities for outdoor recreation. On the park's namesake nature trail, hike among the "Giant City Streets," consisting of massive blocks of sandstone that formed 12,000 years ago.

Whether you're looking for a relaxing walk or a challenging hike, state parks and recreation areas along the byway offer the perfect opportunity to enjoy nature. Pomona Natural Bridge. located near Pomona in Shawnee National Forest, offers a moderate, .3-mile hike

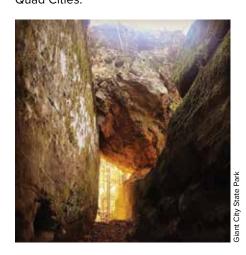
to a 90-foot sandstone arch. This quick hike is suitable for all ages. Hike across the top of the formation for stunning views. Take the path less traveled at Trail of Tears State Forest near Jonesboro. This hidden gem in the Ozark Hills offers more than 40 miles of hiking opportunities among the densely wooded, rugged hills.

If cycling is your passion, travel the Great River Trail between Rock Island and Savanna. This paved 60-mile path is part of the larger 10-state Mississippi River Trail. Beginning in downtown Galena, travel the Mississippi River backwaters along the Galena River Trail. This crushed limestone path leads to forested areas, historic sites and scenic views of Galena. The extensive trail system of Madison County is known as the MCT (Madison County Transit Bike Trails). Take a day or weekend to navigate this cycling paradise. With more than 120 trail miles connecting communities and urban areas, this is one of the most extensive bikeways in the country. If you're looking for a unique off-road cycling experience, take the pedestrian bridge to Sylvan Island near Moline. This



technical singletrack playground winds through a 35-acre island in the middle of the Mississippi River.

Camping areas abound along the byway. Many sites at Thomson Causeway Recreation Area offer abundant shade, level concrete pads for RVs and views of the Mississippi River. This location also provides a boat launch and access to the Great River Trail. Illiniwek Forest Preserve in Hampton is another favorite camping area. The preserve has access to the Mississippi River for boating, as well as opportunities for biking and hiking along the Great River Trail. Plus, it's a short distance to attractions in the Quad Cities.



If you enjoy the outdoors, but roughing it isn't your style, stay in a lodge or cabin rental along the byway. Rent a cabin near Giant City Lodge in Makanda, and take in views of the lush, rolling forest of the Shawnee Hills. Made of multi-hued sandstone and white oak timber by the Civilian Conservation Corps, the lodge features a great room with a massive native stone fireplace and a restaurant featuring mouthwatering fried chicken dinners. Spend the night in the lodge or cabins at Pere Marquette Lodge and Conference Center. Also built by the Civilian Conservation Corps, the

lodge's 700-ton stone fireplace makes a great place to warm up after a fall color hike or a picturesque backdrop to a friendly game of chess on the life-size game board.

Fishing is one of the most popular activities along the byway. In the Mississippi River, almost 120 species of fish, including small and largemouth bass, catfish, walleye, bluegill and crappie, await the bait of even the most novice angler. Some of the best largemouth bass fishing on the Mississippi River can be found in Pool 19 between Hamilton and Gulfport. Access to the river can be gained at boat launches in Hamilton, Nauvoo and Dallas City. There are also ample fishing opportunities in waters off the river. Lake Carlton at Morrison-Rockwood State Park is considered a prime fishing location by locals. During the summer months, anglers hook walleye, bass and muskie, but the fishing doesn't stop with the arrival of winter. If you're willing to brave the cold, ice fishing on Lake Carlton will bring in panfish, walleye and sauger. A few miles northwest of Murphysboro, Kinkaid Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area is home to one of the premier muskie lakes in Illinois. It's also known for producing large crappie, including the 2017 state record that weighed in at 4 pounds 8.8 ounces.

Ever consider exploring the outdoors on horseback? If you're headed to Shawnee National Forest and want to bring your trusty trail partner along, visit Johnson Creek Recreation Area near Murphysboro. This location is one of only a few Forest Service campgrounds in Shawnee National Forest that accommodates equestrian camping. At Big River State Forest in Keithsburg, equestrians can make use of designated trails, scenic gravel roads and fire lanes equaling more than 60 trail miles. The forest also has 35 campsites to



the Mississippi River. Each spring and fall more than 300 species of birds migrate along the Mississippi Flyway from their breeding grounds in Canada to their wintering habitat in the Gulf of Mexico and South America. A prime location to view some of the 200,000 birds that journey along this portion of the flyway is at the confluence of the Mississippi and Illinois rivers at Two Rivers National Wildlife Refuge. Here, viewing platforms and scopes bring an assortment of waterfowl and songbirds into focus. Located near Thomson, Ingersoll Wetlands Learning Center at the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge is an ideal place to photograph a bald eagle, sandhill crane or trumpeter swan. Other native species found here include the ornate box turtle, river otter and prickly pear cactus.

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Hiking, biking, climbing, riding, fishing, boating, camping—you name it—an amazing outdoor getaway awaits along the Great River Road!

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Fort Kaskaskia State Historic Site 4372 Park Road • Ellis Grove www2.illinois.gov/dnrhistoric • 618-859-3741		•		•												
Frank Holten State Recreation Area 4500 Pocket Road • East St. Louis www.dnr.illinois.gov • 618-874-7920			•						•		•					
▲ Fults Hill Prairie Nature Preserve Bluff Road, south of Fults • Chester www.dnr.illinois.gov • 618-826-2706		•								•						
▲ Giant City State Park 235 Giant City Road • Makanda www.dnr.illinois.gov • 618-457-4836				•	•			•	•	•	•					
▲ Hanover Bluff State Natural Area 8995 S. Hanover Hill Road • Hanover rivers2ridges.com • 815-745-3302		•							•	•	•					
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▲ Hennepin Canal Parkway State Park Locks 30, 31 & 32 – Access from U.S. Highway 67 • Milan www.dnr.illinois.gov • 815-454-2328	•		•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•			•		
▲ Horseshoe Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area 21204 Promised Land Road • Miller City www.dnr.illinois.gov • 618-776-5689		•	•	•			•		•		•					
▲ Horseshoe Lake State Park 3321 State Route 111 • Granite City www.dnr.illinois.gov • 618-931-0270			•	•					•	•	•					
▲ Illiniwek Forest Preserve 836 State Avenue • Hampton ricfpd.org • 309-496-2620	•		•	•			•		•	•			•			
▲ Iris and Jack Witkowsky State Wildlife Area 4573 S. Blackjack Road • Hanover www.dnr.illinois.gov • 815-745-3302		•								•	•					
▲ Jerry F. Costello Lock and Dam 4800 Lock and Dam Road • Modoc www.mvs.usace.army.mil • 618-284-7160		•	•	•					•							
▲ Johnson Creek Recreation Area Shawnee National Forest State Route 151, south of Ava • Ava www.fs.usda.gov/shawnee • 618-833-8576		•	•	•				•	•	•						•
▲ Julius J. Knobeloch Woods Nature Preserve Rentchler Road off of State Route 177 • Freeburg www.dnr.illinois.gov • 618-462-1181										•						
▲ Kaskaskia River State Fish & Wildlife Area 10981 Conservation Road • Baldwin www.dnr.illinois.gov • 618-785-2555		•	•	•					•	•	•					
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▲ Kinkaid Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area 52 Cinder Hill Drive • Murphysboro www.dnr.illinois.gov • 618-684-2867			•						•		•					
▲ Lake Murphysboro State Park 52 Cinder Hill Drive • Murphysboro www.dnr.illinois.gov • 618-684-2867			•	•					•	•						

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▲ LaRue-Pine Hills – Otter Pond Research Natural Area Shawnee National Forest • State Route 3 • Wolf Lake www.fs.usda.gov/shawnee • 618-833-8576		•		•						•						
▲ Little Grand Canyon – Shawnee National Forest State Route 127 south of Murphysboro to Etherton Road, then west 6.4 miles • Murphysboro www.fs.usda.gov/shawnee • 618-833-8576		•								•						
▲ Loud Thunder Forest Preserve 19408 Loud Thunder Road • Illinois City ricfpd.org • 309-795-1040			•	•		•	•	•	•	•			•			
▲ McCully Heritage Project 592 Crawford Creek Road • Kampsville mccullyheritage.org • 618-653-4687		•		•				•	•	•						
▲ Mississippi Palisades State Park 16327A State Route 84 • Savanna www.dnr.illinois.gov • 815-273-2731		•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•					
▲ Mississippi River State Fish & Wildlife Area 17836 State Route 100 N. • Grafton www.dnr.illinois.gov • 618-376-3303		•	•						•		•					
▲ Morrison-Rockwood State Park 18750 Lake Road • Morrison www.dnr.illinois.gov • 815-772-4708		•	•	•		•		•	•	•	•	•				
▲ Nauvoo State Park 980 S. Bluff Street • Nauvoo www.dnr.illinois.gov • 217-453-2512		•	•	•		•			•	•						
▲ Oakwood Bottoms/Turkey Bayou Campground Shawnee National Forest 1 Oakwood Bottoms Road • Pomona www.fs.usda.gov/shawnee • 618-833-8576		•	•	•					•	•	•					
▲ Peabody River King State Fish & Wildlife Area 8900 Darmstadt Road • New Athens ww.dnr.illinois.gov • 618-475-9339		•	•						•		•					
▲ Pere Marquette State Park 13112 Visitor Center Lane • Grafton www.dnr.illinois.gov • 618-786-3323	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•					•
▲ Pere Marquette State Park Stables 15780 State Route 100 W. • Grafton graftontrailrides.com • 618-786-2156								•								
▲ Piney Creek Ravine Nature Preserve 2280 Piney Creek Road • Campbell Hill www.dnr.illinois.gov • 618-826-2706		•								•						
▲ Pomona Natural Bridge – Shawnee National Forest State Route 127 to Pomona Road to Natural Bridge Road • Pomona www.fs.usda.gov/shawnee • 618-833-8576										•						
▲ Rall Woods State Natural Area 11039 S. Airhart Road • Hanover www.dnr.illinois.gov • 815-745-3302		•								•	•					
▲ Randolph County State Recreation Area 4301 S. Lake Drive • Chester www.dnr.illinois.gov • 618-826-2706		•	•	•		•		•	•	•	•					

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▲ Salt Lick Point Land and Water Reserve Quarry Road & Limestone Drive • Valmeyer clifftopalliance.org • 618-935-2542		•								•						
▲ Schurmeier Teaching Forest 147 E. Reusch Road • Elizabeth jdcf.org • 815-858-9100		•				•		•		•						
▲ Stemler Cave Woods Nature Preserve 2200 Stemler Road • Columbia www.dnr.illinois.gov • 618-281-9816										•						
▲ Tapley Woods State Natural Area 5 miles west of Elizabeth on U.S. Highway 20 • Elizabeth www.dnr.illinois.gov • 815-745-3302		•									•					
▲ The Nature Institute: Olin Nature Preserve, Mississippi Sanctuary, Kemp and Cora Hutchinson Bird Sanctuary, Heartland Prairie Project at Gordon Moore Park 2213 S. Levis Lane • Godfrey thenatureinstitute.org • 618-466-9930		•					•			•						
▲ Thomson Causeway Recreation Area Lewis Avenue • Thomson www.mvr.usace.army.mil • 815-259-2353	•	•	•	•			•		•	•						
▲ Trail of Tears State Forest 3240 State Forest Road • Jonesboro www.dnr.illinois.gov • 618-833-4910		•		•				•	•	•	•					
▲ Turkey Bluffs State Fish & Wildlife Area 2 miles south of Chester on State Route 3 • Chester www.dnr.illinois.gov • 618-826-2706		•						•	•	•	•					
▲ Two Rivers National Wildlife Refuge 364 Wildlife Conservation Road • Brussels fws.gov/refuge/two_rivers • 618-883-2524		•	•				•		•	•						
▲ Union County State Fish & Wildlife Area 2755 Refuge Road • Jonesboro www.dnr.illinois.gov • 618-833-5175		•	•				•		•		•					
▲ Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife & Fish Refuge and Ingersoll Wetlands Learning Center 7071 Riverview Road • Thomson stewardsumrr.org • 815-273-2732	•	•	•				•		•	•	•					
▲ Wapello Land & Water Reserve 8642 State Route 84 S. • Hanover jdcf.org • 815-858-9100		•				•			•	•						
▲ Wards Grove Nature Preserve 3334 S. Willow Road • Stockton www.dnr.illinois.gov • 815-745-3302		•								•	•					
▲ White Rock Nature Preserve 6438 Bluff Road • Valmeyer clifftopalliance.org • 618-935-2542		•								•						
▲ Winston Tunnel State Natural Area 2641 S. Blackjack Road • Galena rivers2ridges.com • 815-745-3302		•								•	•					
▲ World Shooting & Recreational Complex 1 Main Event Lane • Sparta www.dnr.illinois.gov • 618-295-2700				•					•						•	

BIKE TRAILS

Bill Klingner Trail

.5 miles • Paved Quincy Riverfront to 24th Street Setting: runs along Cedar Creek Contact: Quincy Park District quincyparkdistrict.com 217-223-7703

Clat Adams Bicentennial Park

.2 miles • Paved Quincy Front & Hampshire Streets Setting: riverfront Contact: Quincy Park District quincyparkdistrict.com 217-223-7703

Galena River Trail

6 miles • Paved, Limestone and Natural Mixed Galena Galena near Depot Park to **Chestnut Mountain Resort** along the Mississippi River backwaters Setting: picturesque city views of historic Galena, forest, bluffs, and Mississippi River backwaters Contact: Galena Country Tourism visitgalena.org 815-776-9200

Great Rivers Byway Bird and Bike Trail

21.9 miles • Paved Hartford to Grafton Follows Sam Vadalabene Bike Trail with extension to Hartford Setting: Mississippi River

Contact: Great Rivers & Routes Tourism Bureau visitalton.com 800-258-6645

Great River Trail (National Recreation Trail)

61.5 miles • Paved Rock Island to Savanna Setting: Mississippi River, small communities, and urban area Contact: Bi-State Regional Commission greatrivertrail.org 309-793-6300

Hennepin Canal Parkway State Park ▲

104.5 miles • Limestone and Paved Rock Island to Bureau Main Canal: Quad Cities to Bureau; also Feeder Canal from Rock Falls Setting: historic canal and rural landscape Contact: Hennepin Canal Parkway State Park www.dnr.illinois.gov 815-454-2328

Horseshoe Lake Bike Trail

5 miles • Limestone Miller City Horseshoe Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area Setting: cypress swamp and lake Contact: Horseshoe Lake State Conservation Area 618-776-5689





Kiwanis Trail

6.5 miles • Paved, Gravel and Limestone Moline to Rock Island Setting: quiet streets and separated trail through nature preserve Contact: Bi-State Regional Commission actrails.ora 309-793-6300

Lakeview Park

2.25 miles • Paved Waterloo Lakeview Park, Lakeview Drive Setting: park Contact: Waterloo Park District waterlooparkdistrict.org 618-939-7967

MCT Confluence Trail

20.5 miles • Paved Alton to Granite City Setting: Mississippi River and urban areas Contact: Madison County Transit District mcttrails.org 618-797-4600

MCT Nature Trail ▲

15 miles • Paved Edwardsville to Pontoon Beach Setting: open space and community areas Contact: Madison County Transit District mcttrails.org 618-797-4600

MCT Nickel Plate Trail

28.5 miles • Paved and Limestone Edwardsville to Glen Carbon Setting: connects communities and trails Contact: Madison County Transit District mcttrails.org 618-797-4600

MCT Quercus Grove Trail ▲

18.9 miles • Limestone and Paved Edwardsville to Hamel Setting: city and rural rail-trail Contact: Madison County Transit District mcttrails.org 618-797-4600

MCT Ronald J. Foster Heritage Trail

12.2 miles • Paved Glen Carbon to Marine Setting: countryside, parks, and areenspaces Contact: Madison County Transit District mcttrails.org 618-797-4600

MCT Schoolhouse Trail ▲

15.5 miles • Paved Madison to Troy Setting: Horseshoe Lake State Park, Mississippi River bottomlands, and communities



Contact: Madison County Transit District mcttrails.org 618-797-4600

MCT Watershed Trail ▲

1.3 miles • Paved Edwardsville to Roxana Setting: Watershed Nature Center and open space Contact: Madison County Transit District mcttrails.org 618-797-4600

MetroBikeLink Trail ▲

14 miles • Paved Fairview Heights to Belleville Setting: rail with trail, connecting communities, and transit facilities Contact: St. Clair County Transit District scctd.org 618-628-8090

Metro-East Levee Trail ▲

7.6 miles • Limestone Cahokia vicinity Setting: Mississippi River, wetlands, and natural areas Contact: St. Clair County **Highway Department** 618-233-1392



Old Chain Of Rocks Bridge

Spans Mississippi River • Paved State Route 3, North Riverfront Park – Madison County Setting: Ride across the Mississippi River nps.gov 314-416-9930

Ralph B. Birks Recreational **Trail/Ben Butterworth** Memorial Parkway ▲

4.2 miles • Paved

Moline Mississippi River, downtown Setting: Located along the Mississippi River, the Birks Recreational Trail runs the entire span of Moline's 4.2-mile shoreline. Two miles include the Ben Butterworth Memorial Parkway, with the remaining 2 miles along roads and separated paths adjacent to downtown Moline and businesses.

Contact: City of Moline Parks & Recreation moline.il.us 309-524-2424



Sam Vadalabene Bike Trail 🔺

20.6 miles • Paved Alton to Pere Marquette State Park Along State Route 100 Setting: Mississippi River Contact: Great Rivers & Routes Tourism Bureau visitalton.com 800-258-6645

Wilson Park 🔺

1.4 miles • Paved Granite City Wilson Park, 2900 Benton Street Setting: park Contact: Granite City Park District park.granitecity.com 618-877-3059

MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS



Two Rivers National Wildlife Refuge ▲

3 miles 364 Wildlife Conservation Road • Brussels fws.gov/refuge/two_rivers 618-883-2524

Buehler Preserve

.5 miles 102 Jefferson Street • Galena jdcf.org 815-858-9100

Chestnut Mountain Resort Mountain Bike Trails 🛦

5 miles 8700 W. Chestnut Mountain Road • Galena chestnutmtn.com 800-397-1320

Galena River Trail

6 miles South end of Depot Park Galena visitgalena.org 815-776-9200

Illiniwek Forest Preserve **A**

5 miles 836 State Avenue • Hampton ricfpd.org 309-496-2620

Loud Thunder Forest Preserve

12 miles 19406 Loud Thunder Road Illinois City ricfpd.org 309-795-1040

Stephens Park A

1.5 miles 17th Street and 15th Avenue Moline qcforc.org 563-524-2424

Sylvan Island Park

4 miles 1st Avenue & 2nd Street Moline actrails.org 309-524-2429

Dorrance Park

3.5 miles 401 Agnes Street • Port Byron acforc.org 309-203-1404

Spring Valley Trails Nature Classroom A

1301 S. 48th Street • Quincy seequincy.com



EAGLE WATCHING

Two Rivers National Wildlife Refuge A

364 Wildlife Conservation Road Brussels

Two Rivers National Wildlife Refuge - Swan Lake A

Ride across the Brussels Ferry into Calhoun County and follow the signs to Swan Lake Brussels

Chester Welcome Center

10 Bridge By-Pass Road Chester

Treehouse Wildlife Center

23956 Green Acres Road • Dow

National Great Rivers Museum & Melvin Price Locks and Dam 26 A

2 Lock and Dam Way East Alton

East Dubuque Boat Launch

2nd Street & Menominee Avenue East Dubuque

Gramercy Park

Beecher Street East Dubuque

Elsah A

State Route 100 • Flsah

Lock and Dam 13 A

4999 Lock Road • Fulton

Casper Bluff Land & Water Reserve

870 S. Pilot Knob Road Galena

Lock and Dam 18 A

End of 1675 N. • Gladstone

Clifton Terrace Park

State Route 100 & Clifton Terrace Road Godfrey

Piasa Harbor

10815 Lockhaven Road Godfrey

The Nature Institute

2213 S. Levis Lane • Godfrev

Brussels Ferry A

16211 State Route 100 W. Grafton

Grafton Riverfront

215 Water Street • Grafton

Pere Marguette State Park

13112 Visitor Center Lane Grafton

Two Rivers National Wildlife Refuge - Gilbert Lake A

.5 miles upriver from the Brussels Ferry • Grafton

Devil's Backbone Park

Brunkhorst Avenue Grand Tower

Hamilton A

State Route 96 (Across from Keokuk, Iowa, Lock and Dam 19) Hamilton

Hampton Heritage Interpretive Center A

251 S. State Avenue • Hampton

Illiniwek Forest Preserve/ Lock and Dam 14 A

State Route 84 • Hampton

Hardin Riverfront

On State Route 100, cross the Joe Page Bridge in Hardin Hardin



Lewis & Clark Confluence Tower

435 Confluence Tower Drive Hartford

Lock and Dam 16 A

102nd Avenue W. • Illinois City

Loud Thunder Forest Preserve

19408 Loud Thunder Road Illinois City

Union County State Fish & Wildlife Area

2755 Refuge Road • Jonesboro

Old Chain of Rocks Bridge A

W. Chain of Rocks Road Madison

Hennepin Canal Parkway State Park A

Locks 30, 31 & 32 - Access from U.S. Highway 67 • Milan

Horseshoe Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area

21204 Promised Land Road Miller City

Jerry F. Costello Lock and Dam A

4800 Lock and Dam Road Modoc

Lock and Dam 17 A

173 Lock and Dam Road **New Boston**

Lock and Dam 21 A

909 W. Lock and Dam Road Quincy

Quinsippi Island A

Bonansinga Drive & Cedar Street Quincy

Mississippi River Visitor Center/Locks and Dam 15 ▲

Arsenal Island • Rock Island

Schwiebert Riverfront Park

Between 17th & 20th Streets on 1st Avenue • Rock Island

Two Rivers Marina

13495 U.S. Highway 54 Rockport

Marquette Park & Savanna Marina A

Riverfront • Savanna

Mississippi Palisades State Park

16327A State Route 84 Savanna

Thomson Causeway Recreation Area

Lewis Avenue • Thomson

Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife Refuge/ Ingersoll Wetlands Learning

Center A 7071 Riverview Road • Thomson

ROLLIN' ON THE RIVER

There are a number of ways to enjoy the Mississippi River and other bodies of water along the Great River Road: take a cruise, captain your own vessel or rental, participate in a guided river adventure or take a ferry. However you travel, you're sure to take home lasting memories.



Experience the power and beauty of the mighty Mississippi on a cruise. Take a trip aboard an authentic paddlewheel boat, the Celebration Belle, through Celebration River Cruises in Moline. Discover the history of the area and enjoy panoramic views during a lunch tour, themed excursion or day trip. The Spirit of Peoria is one of the few overnight paddlewheelers in the nation. Departures from Grafton and Peoria include all-day cruises, themed voyages and extended cruises along the river. Discover the cultural and natural history of the Galena area on a narrated Mississippi River cruise from Chestnut Mountain Resort. Set off on an adventure on the Hakuna Matata from Grafton Harbor. This "Key West of the Midwest" destination has a relaxed atmosphere and offers a variety of specialty cruises throughout the season.

Visit sites on both sides of the Mississippi with the help of a ferry

or water taxi. Service across the Mississippi includes the following ferries: St. Genevieve-Modoc, Golden Eagle and Grafton. Travel to and from the byway crossing the Illinois River using the Kampsville and Brussels Ferries. In the Quad Cities, board the open-air Channel Cat Water Taxi-a fun way to experience the open water and popular attractions in Illinois and Iowa.

Explore the waters of the byway as you navigate a water trail or take part in a guided canoe trip. The Quad Cities Water Trails offer 45 miles of pure paddling and include sections for all skill levels. Flowing from Wisconsin to Illinois and emptying into the Mississippi River, the Rock River National Water Trail snakes through the Rock River Valley, past natural, historic and cultural sites. Settle in for a day on the water in a giant voyageur canoe with Big Muddy Adventures. Their guided excursions near Alton let you experience the river like an early explorer.

Don't have a boat of your own? Rental boats are available at several destinations along the route. Dip your toes in the mighty Mississippi from the cockpit of a kayak or the deck of a paddleboard from Two Rivers YMCA's Sylvan Boathouse in Moline. Enjoy the tranquil waters along the





byway with a rental at a destination off the Mississippi. At Fever River Outfitters in Galena, appreciate the serene beauty of the Galena River with a self-guided canoe or kayak day-trip.

Head to Quincy's Moorman Park and enjoy the peaceful waters of the lake aboard a paddleboat or kayak. Grafton Harbor can get your group on the move with a pontoon rental. Loud Thunder Forest Preserve near Hampton can accommodate any adventure. With a variety of rentals from kayaks to party barges, spend the day boating on the preserve's 167-acre Lake George.

For regulations and information on navigating the Mississippi, visit the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Rock Island District or the St. Louis District websites (www.mvr.usace.army.mil, www.mvs. usace.army.mil). Information on boating and fishing in bodies of water in state parks and recreation areas is available on the Illinois Department of Natural Resources' website (www.dnr.illinois.gov).

MISSISSIPPI RIVER BOAT LAUNCHES & MARINAS



Albany Marina A 1st Avenue & Water Street Albany

Alton Marina End of Boat Launch Road • Alton

Andalusia Marina End of 2nd Street W. Andalusia

Andalusia Slough

Recreation Area 2 miles west of Andalusia Andalusia

Ducky's Lagoon ▲ 13515 78th Avenue W. Andalusia

Public Boat Ramp 4 miles west of Andalusia on State Route 92

Cockrell Hollow Access West of Batchtown • Batchtown

Rip Rap Landing State Fish and Waterfowl Management Area End of Rip Rap Road • Belleview

Willow Access North

4.5 miles west of Belleview Relleview

Willow Access South 4.5 miles west of Belleview **Relleview**

Cairo Access Boat Ramp Ohio Street • Cairo

Fort Defiance Access Ramp A Fort Defiance Road • Cairo

Chester Boat Ramp Water Street • Chester

Cordova Public Ramp 10th Street N. • Cordova

Cordova Public Ramp 5th Street S. • Cordova

Dallas City Public End of W. 1st Street Dallas City

East Dubuque

Public Boat Ramp A 2nd Street and Menominee Avenue East Dubuque

Frentress Lake Marine Center A 830 Gill Road • East Dubuque

Mid-Town Marina A 285 5th Street • East Dubuque

East Moline Boat Launch Empire Park, State Route 84 East Moline

Cattail Slough Recreation Area* Diamond Road • Fulton

Fulton Marina 1800 4th Street • Fulton

Lock and Dam 13 Recreation Area 4999 Lock Road • Fulton

Mickelson's Landing A End of Riverfront Drive • Fulton

Ferry Landing Boat Ramp A End of N. Ferry Crossing Road

Henderson Creek Public A 1675 North • Gladstone

Piasa Creek Access End of Hazelnut Drive • Godfrey

Brussels Ferry Boat Launch

State Route 100 • Grafton

Grafton Harbor 215 W. Water Street • Grafton

Grafton Public Boat Ramp End of N. Market Street Grafton

Pere Marquette State Park 12701 State Route 100 • Grafton

Access Ramp A 7 miles southwest of Grafton Grafton

Royal Landing

Grand Tower Boat Ramp Front Street • Grand Tower

Village of Hamburg Boat Ramp Water Street • Hamburg

Chaney Creek A N. County Road 0 • Hamilton

Hamilton Public Ramp Western side of Montebello State Park • Hamilton

Illiniwek Forest Preserve ▲ 836 State Avenue • Hampton

Blanding Landing Recreation Area* 5720 S. River Road • Hanover

John Hav Recreation Area Off of State Route 106, south of Interstate 72 • Hull

Blanchard Island Recreation Area

350th Street West and 176th Avenue West Illinois City

Big River State Forest

Three Launches along County Route 3 between Keithsburg and Oquawka • Keithsburg

Keithsburg Municipal A

End of Monroe Street or the end of 1st & Jefferson Streets Keithsburg

Meyer Public A E. 30th Street • Meyer

Ben Butterworth Memorial Parkway ▲ Old River Drive • Moline

Sylvan Slough Docks End of 1st Street • Moline

Nauvoo Public Boat Launch N. Sycamore Haven Drive

Nauvoo **Bayview Fishmarket**

End of Liberty Street New Boston

Blanchard Island Recreation Area 34000 176th Street W. **New Boston**

Crosses Corner 1698 15th Street • New Boston

New Boston Public A 1st Street • New Boston

Cincinnati Landing 3 miles southwest of New Canton · New Canton

Delebar State Park Delebar State Park Road Oquawka

Oquawka Public A **End of Schuyler Street** Oquawka

Oguawka Public A Along Marina Drive • Oquawka



Pleasant Hill Access Ramp

5 miles southwest of Pleasant Hill at the end of Clarksville Road Pleasant Hill

Port Byron Municipal Ramp ▲

End of Cherry Street • Port Byron

Bob Bangert Public

N. Bottom Road • Quincy

Canton Chute Recreation Area

County Road 300 E. • Quincy

Clat Adams Park

End of Hampshire Street Quincy

Kesler Park Landing

All America Park • Quincy

Lower Lock and Dam 21 ▲ Martindale Road • Quincy

Quincy Boat Club A

Kesler Park • Quincy

Rapids City Public ▲

Shuler's Shady Grove Park, 1st Avenue & 11th Street Rapids City

Two Rivers Marina A

13495 U.S. Highway 54 Rockport

Marquette Park

Wayne King Drive • Savanna

Mississippi Palisades State Park ▲

End of Marina Road • Savanna

Savanna Marina A

1 Main Street • Savanna

Spring Lake Resort A

8048 State Route 84 • Savanna

Thebes Boat Ramp ▲

2nd Street • Thebes

Big Slough Recreation Area* ▲

5836 Riverview Road • Thomson

Thomson Causeway Recreation Area ▲

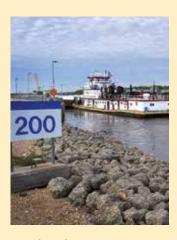
Lewis Avenue • Thomson

Bear Creek Recreation Area

End of N. 2400th Avenue

*Site administered by the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers and requires payment of a day use fee to use the boat ramp

LOCKS & DAMS



Melvin Price Locks and Dam 26 ▲

2 Lock and Dam Way • East Alton mtrf.org 618-462-6979

Lock and Dam 13 ▲

4999 Lock Road • Fulton cityoffulton.us 815-589-3313

Lock and Dam 18 A

End of 1675 N. • Gladstone www.mvr.usace.army.mil 309-873-2246

Lock 27 Chain of Rocks Canal ▲

3291 W. 20th Street Granite City www.mvs.usace.army.mil 618-452-7107

Lock and Dam 19 A

End of Keokuk Street • Hamilton missriver.org 319-524-2631

Lock and Dam 14 A

Lighthouse Lane • Hampton www.mvr.usace.army.mil 309-794-4357

Lock and Dam 22 A

Lock and Dam Road • Hull missriver.org 573-221-0294

Lock and Dam 16 A

102nd Avenue W. • Illinois City www.mvr.usace.army.mil 309-537-3191

Jerry F. Costello Lock and Dam ▲

4800 Lock and Dam Road Modoc www.mvs.usace.army.mil 618-284-7160

Lock and Dam 17 A

173 Lock and Dam Road New Boston www.mvr.usace.army.mil 309-587-8125

Lock and Dam 24 A

Clarksville Road • Pleasant Hill www.mvs.usace.army.mil



Lock and Dam 21 A

909 W. Lock and Dam Road Quincy missriver.org 217-222-0918

Locks and Dam 15 A

Arsenal Island • Rock Island missriver.org 309-794-5338

Lock and Dam 20 A

E. 30th Street • Warsaw missriver.org 573-288-3320



HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS



Experience Illinois' rich history and culture by visiting museums, historic and educational sites along the Great River Road. From the most sophisticated prehistoric native civilization north of Mexico to John Deere's innovations that revolutionized modern agriculture, there's a story flowing through every city, town and village along the byway.

Long before European explorers and pioneers crisscrossed America, the area that would become the state of Illinois was inhabited by two main tribes: the Illiniwek (Illinois) and Miami. Eventually, many other tribes would come to call this land home. Evidence of prehistoric Native Americans, as well as the tribes that would follow, dots the landscape along the byway. Experience the journey of the Sauk and Meskwaki at the Hauberg Indian Museum, located at the Black Hawk State Historic Site in Rock Island. This museum houses full-size replicas of Sauk winter and summer houses,

dioramas depicting daily activities, artifacts and authentic trade goods.

One of the oldest Mississippian period sites in Illinois is located at Albany Mounds State Historic Site in Albany. Once the location of an extensive Hopewell village, you can take the site's interpretive path to learn about the mounds and the Hopewell culture. Of the 96 burial mounds constructed here between 200 B.C. and A.D. 300, approximately 50 remain today. Even though many were lost over time, this site still contains the largest collection of mounds from the Hopewell culture in Illinois and one of the largest mound groups in the United States.

In southern Illinois, near Collinsville, Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site encompasses the remains of the largest pre-Columbian Native American site north of Mexico. Once a thriving village of 10,000-20,000 people, Cahokia included at least 120 mounds. The interpretive displays, replica village

and artifacts housed in the museum depict the rise and fall of Cahokia as a regional and ceremonial center of the Mississippian culture. After ascending 154 stairs to the top terrace of Monks Mound, look across the river for a glimpse of the Gateway Arch.

From French occupation to daring expeditions and early immigrants, stories from a fledgling nation unfold along the Great River Road. During the 18th century, the French held control of what is now Illinois and constructed the first of three forts named "de Chartres" along the banks of the Mississippi River. The original structure, built in 1720, was assembled using wood and was reconstructed due to flooding five years later. The third was constructed in 1753 and was made of stone. Today, Fort de Chartres State Historic





the stone fort. The powder magazine within the fort complex has been partially restored and is believed to be the oldest building in Illinois. The museum, built on the foundation of an original building, houses exhibits detailing the history of the fort and its French inhabitants.

As America expanded and pioneers moved westward, there were new territories to explore, and the Corps of Discovery was established to map part of the westward expanse. Guided by Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, the crew departed from Illinois in 1804 near the present-day location of the Lewis & Clark State Historic Site in Hartford. Lewis, Clark and their crew set up winter camp here for five months to prepare for their journey into the wilderness. The site includes a full-scale recreation of Camp River Dubois, a 55-foot replica keelboat packed for the expedition and excerpts from participants' journals, which prove that correct spelling was not a prerequisite for joining the expedition.

In Elizabeth, visit Apple River Fort State Historic Site. The fort was originally constructed here in 1832, as a result of the Black Hawk War, and was rebuilt in 1997 adjacent to the original fort's footprint. The nearby interpretive center conveys the history of the Sauk and their leader Black Hawk, the Fox, the early miners, and the tensions between them.

Historic Nauvoo brings the pioneer era to life, with more than 30 historic buildings dating from 1839-1846. Take

a wagon ride around town, visit the blacksmith and print shop, discover 19th-century games at Pioneer Pastimes and stop in the Red Brick Store.

In 1852, the village of Maeystown was founded by German immigrants. The quaint shops, buildings and tranquil landscape will transport you to simpler times. The historic significance of the community is so unique that the entire village is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

A walk down Galena's Main Street unveils more than 100 boutique shops and eateries behind 1800s-era storefronts. Momentous sites can be found all around town, including the Elihu B. Washburne House and Old Market House State Historic Sites. Grab a seat aboard a narrated trolley tour to learn about the area's rich history and architecture.

Local heroes are honored and remembered along the byway. Visit the Ulysses S. Grant Home State Historic Site to see how the American Civil War hero, and future 18th president, lived in Galena in 1868. The restored

red brick home contains many original furnishings, including Grant's favorite green chair.

One of the oldest national cemeteries in the United States is located in Mound City. Honoring the service of more than 8,000 veterans, many of whom were soldiers who fought during the Civil War, Mound City National Cemetery is a solemn place of reflection. The grounds house a superintendent's lodge designed by Montgomery C. Meigs in the 1880s, the 1874 Illinois State Soldiers and Sailors Monument, and markers inscribed with verses from "Bivouac of the Dead," by Theodore O'Hara.

Arsenal Island, near Rock Island, is home to an active military installation that offers visitors the opportunity to see the U.S. Army's second oldest museum. The Rock Island Arsenal Museum opened in 1905, and today its exhibits tell the story of the people who worked at the arsenal and displays items they designed and produced. The island also contains the oldest public golf course in the area, with the unique distinction that



you can play 18 holes on an island in the Mississippi River.

The Savanna Museum and Cultural Center includes more than 120 examples of authentic American Civil War-era clothing, an extensive scale model railroad depicting Savanna in the 1950s, and a room dedicated to Savanna native, and big band leader, Wayne King.

Farming innovator John Deere is known around the world for revolutionizing modern farming techniques beginning in 1837 with the invention of his steel plow. In Moline, visit Deere & Company World Headquarters, the John Deere Pavilion and the John Deere Harvester Works. Learn about the company's past and current innovations, sit in the driver's seat of a mega machine, test your skill in a simulator, and take a factory tour.

The Karpeles Manuscript Library Museum in Rock Island is one of a series of 14 museums that house the world's largest private collection of original manuscripts and documents. Exhibits are rotated quarterly and include an original draft of the Bill of Rights of the United States, Felix Mendelssohn's "The Wedding March" and an extremely rare document that includes Einstein's Mass Energy Equivalence Formula (E=mc²) written by Einstein himself.

Enjoy the journey as you experience history firsthand along the byway!



LOCATING LINCOLN

Any discussion of historic moments along the byway wouldn't be complete without detailing connections to Abraham Lincoln.

During 1858, seven debates between Abraham Lincoln and incumbent Stephen Douglas were held across Illinois during the



campaign for one of the state's U.S. Senate seats. Three of the Lincoln-Douglas debates were held at locations along the byway. Jonesboro was the site for the third debate, and at that time the city and surrounding areas were pro south and provided Douglas a warm welcome. A plaque honoring the event is located at the **Lincoln Memorial Picnic Ground**.

The Lincoln Heritage Trail winds through Illinois, Indiana and Kentucky, conveying the stories of people and places that were a part of Lincoln's life. The trail finds its way to Nauvoo and then on to Quincy along the Great River Road. It was here, in Quincy, that the sixth Lincoln-Douglas debate took place before a crowd of approximately 12,000 onlookers in what is now Washington Park. The city commemorated this moment in history by placing a bas-relief sculpture, depicting a scene from the debate, in the park. Other storyboards along the trail describe Stephen Douglas' years in Quincy and Lincoln's friendship with Archibald Williams and O. H. Browning. In the southern part of Illinois pick up the Lincoln Heritage Trail at Fort de Chartres State Historic Site, 4 miles west of Prairie Du Rocher, and then go on to Cairo.

The Lincoln and Civil War Legacy Trail in Alton includes the location of the seventh debate. At Lincoln-Douglas Square, the final debate is frozen in time as lifelike bronze statues depicting Lincoln listening intently, while an animated Douglas, with hand raised, makes his argument. Continue the trail to the home of Lincoln's friend Lyman Trumbull, who co-authored the 13th Amendment to the United States Constitution.

Galena may have a strong connection to President Ulysses S. Grant, but it also has ties to Lincoln. In 1856, while campaigning for Republican presidential hopeful John Fremont, Lincoln gave a speech from the balcony of the **DeSoto House Hotel**. Today, the DeSoto is Illinois' oldest operating hotel, and its red brick exterior looks much as it did when it opened in 1855.

The Abe Lincoln Talking House Tour will take you to sites located around Pittsfield. As you drive along, listen to your radio as you stop at 14 sites to hear how each played a part in local Lincoln history. A stop at the Scanland home will portray Lincoln in a different light, as Mrs. Scanland once proclaimed that Lincoln was "the laziest man there ever was. Good for nothing except to tell stories." Maps and brochures are available at the Pike County Visitor Center.

In 2008, the National Park Service designated a 42-county region within Illinois as the **Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area**. The countless communities within this area offer many historic destinations conveying the importance of Abraham Lincoln and his nearly 30 years in Illinois. Along the Great River Road, Alton and Quincy stand as gateway communities to these historic destinations.

MUSEUMS, HISTORIC & EDUCATIONAL SITES

Albany Mounds State Historic Site

Cherry Street & 12th Avenue Albany albanymounds.com 309-788-0177

Stroll along a serene walking path that includes interpretive signs, leading to Native American burial grounds dating to the Hopewell culture.

Tri-Township Heritage Museum A

306 Lime Street • Albany 309-887-4085

Museum houses historical pictures, books, journals and memorabilia from Albany, Garden Plain and Newton.

Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area

Alton

lookingforlincoln.com Stroll through the Alton area to experience Lincoln history. Alton is one of eight gateway cities to the trail's 42 counties in Illinois



Alton Museum of History & Art ▲

2809 College Avenue • Alton altonmuseum.com 618-462-2763

The museum is located in historic Loomis Hall across from the Robert Wadlow statue. Displays cover Alton's "Gentle Giant," the Lewis & Clark Expedition, American Civil War, Lincoln-Douglas debates and the Underground Railroad.

Curiosity Museum

301 E. Broadway • Alton curiositymuseumalton.com 618-465-3200

Take the self-guided tour and wander through the displays in Alton's historic Mineral Springs Hotel, There's a bit of everything in this museum, from the curious world of quack medicine to historic torture devices and the just plain weird.

Haskell Playhouse A

1211 Henry Street • Alton haskellplayhouse.org 618-463-2235

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1974, this Queen Anne style playhouse was built for Lucy Jane Haskell by her grandfather. The playhouse contains a single room, front porch and side porch. The interior has been restored and is open for special occasions.

Hayner Genealogy & **Local History Library**

401 State Street • Alton haynerlibrary.org 618-462-0677

The Illinois Room in the library holds local, state and national history research collections. The displays feature the art and history of the Riverbend. Extensive genealogical research materials are also available.

Lincoln - Douglas Square ▲

Broadway & Landmarks Boulevard • Alton visitalton.com

800-258-6645

Lifelike statues commemorate the final 1858 debate between Stephen A. Douglas and Abraham Lincoln that took place at the corner of Broadway and Market Street.

Lincoln & Civil War Legacy Trail

10 Historic Stops • Alton visitalton.com 800-258-6645

Experience the unique heritage of Abraham Lincoln and the American Civil War along this self-quided trail. Trail quides are available at the Alton Visitors Center.

Lovejoy State Memorial

Monument & 5th Streets • Alton visitalton.com

800-258-6645

Elijah P. Lovejoy, abolitionist and editor, surrendered his life for free speech, free press and free men. Today, visitors can pay tribute to this martyr of the abolitionist movement.

Piasa Bird A

State Route 100 • Alton visitalton.com 800-258-6645

A dragon-like beast painted on the bluffs overlooking the Mississippi River was first discovered and recorded during exploration of the Mississippi River in 1673 by Father Jacques Marquette. Although the original Native American painting of the Piasa Bird is gone, a replica is perched high atop the bluffs at Piasa Park.

Robert Wadlow Statue

2810 College Avenue • Alton visitalton.com 800-258-6645

Alton's "Gentle Giant," Robert Wadlow, was born on February 22, 1918, weighing an average 8 pounds 6 ounces. He grew to be the tallest man in the world, according to the Guinness Book of World Records, reaching a height of 8 feet 11.1 inches before his death in 1940.

Biggsville Horse and Buggy Museum

210 E. Main Street • Biggsville 309-221-0066

The museum offers visitors a glimpse of the period from 1820 to 1920, when horses were a primary source of power for farming and transportation. Over 50 pieces of machinery are displayed inside a 6,000 square foot building.

Cahokia Courthouse State Historic Site

107 Elm Street • Cahokia www2.illinois.gov/dnrhistoric 618-332-1782

This structure began as a

private residence in 1740 and would go on to serve as a courthouse. It was dismantled in 1901, displayed at the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair and then reconstructed on its original foundation in 1939.

Holy Family Log Church ▲

116 Church Street • Cahokia holyfamily1699.org 618-337-4548

The oldest church west of the Allegheny Mountains is home to the oldest continuous Catholic Parish in the United States. Built in 1799, it is one of only five remaining churches built in the French Colonial, upright log style.

Jarrot Mansion State Historic Site

124 E. 1st Street • Cahokia www2.illinois.gov/dnrhistoric 618-332-1782

Completed in 1810 for native Frenchman Nicholas Jarrot, the mansion remains one of the oldest masonry structures in the state. Due to ongoing restoration, the Jarrot Mansion is open for special events only.

A. B. Safford **Memorial Library**

1609 Washington Avenue Cairo

618-734-1840

This library, built in the Queen Anne style, is a working library that houses a valuable collection of American Civil War documents and museum quality antiques and paintings.

Fort Defiance Park

U.S. Highway 60 & 62 • Cairo 618-734-4127

Fort Defiance, known as Camp Defiance during the American Civil War, was a former military fortification located at the confluence of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers. Although the fort is no longer there, it is a great place to fish and view the confluence from atop the Boatman's Memorial. It's also located at the southernmost point in the state.



Magnolia Manor A

2700 Washington Avenue Cairo

magnoliamanorcairo 618-734-0201

This 14 room mansion is full of history, including many original 19th century furnishings. Historians are available to provide guided tours.

U.S. Custom House Museum A

1400 Washington Avenue Cairo

(7) Cairo Custom House Museum 618-734-9632

Built in 1872, the museum houses several unique historical items and interesting displays. See American Civil War memorabilia, including a desk used by Ulysses S. Grant when he was in Cairo.

Carthage Jail & Visitors' Center

310 Buchanan Street • Carthage historicnauvoo.net The jail was built of native yellow limestone between 1839 and 1841. The site is best known as the location where Mormon leader Joseph Smith Jr. and his brother Hyrum were killed on June 27, 1844. This action resulted in the Mormons abandoning nearby Nauvoo

Kibbe Hancock Heritage Museum

of Salt Lake City, Utah.

to begin their trek west,

which led to the founding

306 Walnut Street • Carthage kibbe.wordpress.com 217-357-9552

The museum features an Abraham Lincoln exhibit containing American Civil War artifacts. Historical displays of life in Hancock County including Native Americans, pioneers, agriculture and exhibits on domestic life are available

to view. Natural history dioramas, fossils, minerals and geodes round out the collection.

Marv's River Covered Bridge A

State Route 150 • Chester (Northeast of town) illinoisouth.org

618-826-1430

Built in 1854, the bridge has a 90-foot span and is 86 feet long. It was constructed as part of a toll road between Bremen and Chester. It is the only bridge of its kind left in southern Illinois and was in continuous service from 1854 to 1930.

Popeye Museum and Spinach Can Collectibles

1001 State Street • Chester popeyethesailor.com 618-826-4567

Visit the hometown of Popeye creator Elzie Segar to experience the only Popeye shop and museum in the world! View historic and iconic Popeye character items and memorabilia.

Randolph County Museum & Archives **A**

1 Taylor Street • Chester 618-826-2667

Museum houses county and Native American artifacts that span more than 300 years. The museum also houses the Kaskaskia Manuscripts, a collection of court records dating to the 1700s.

Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site and UNESCO World Heritage Site A

30 Ramey Street • Collinsville cahokiamounds.org 618-346-5160

This is the home of the largest pre-Columbian city north of Mexico. Walk to the top of Monk's Mound, see the film and experience the life-size

village. Don't miss annual events that focus on Native American culture

Collinsville Historical Museum A

406 West Main Street Collinsville collinsvillemuseum.org 618-344-1834

Local and world history comes alive in this museum. This is a one-of-a-kind repository for unique historical artifacts from 1767 through the present.

Willoughby Heritage Farm and Conservation Reserve A

631 Willoughby Lane Collinsville willoughbyfarm.org 618-977-0941

Willoughby Heritage Farm and Conservation Reserve is a public park that's recreated an atmosphere inspired by 1940s farming-life. The authentic farm is complete with tractors, barns, a 1930s Craftsman style farmhouse, and even live animals like donkeys, steer, chickens, and goats! More than 30 acres make up the wildlife preserve that contains hiking trails, bridges and vistas overlooking the prairie and other areas.

East Alton History Museum

119 N. Main Street • East Alton visitalton.com 618-216-2781

Learn about the history of East Alton beginning from its founding in 1893 through the present. Images and displays portray important aspects of the community.

National Great Rivers Museum/Melvin Price Locks and Dam 26 A

2 Lock and Dam Way East Alton mtrf.org 618-462-6979

Located at the Melvin Price Locks and Dam, this state-ofthe-art museum is dedicated to telling the story of life on the Mississippi River. See how the flowing waters shaped our culture, history, economy, ecology and people of the

region. Watch the 30-minute film, Power of the River, before heading out on a tour of one of the largest lock systems on the river.

Gramercy Park

Beecher Street • East Dubuque Gramercy Park 815-747-2449

Overlooking the Mississippi River, this Illinois Natural Heritage Landmark houses archaeological treasures spread across 10 acres. Twenty-six Hopewell mounds are scattered throughout with accompanying historical and archaeological signage.

Campbell's Island **State Memorial**

124 Island Avenue • East Moline www2.illinois.gov/dnrhistoric 309-788-0177

This granite monument honors a battle that took place on Campbell's Island during the War of 1812.

John Deere

Harvester Works

1100 13th Avenue • East Moline johndeereattractions.com 800-765-9588

For an unforgettable experience, schedule a tour to see how John Deere makes the most advanced and productive combines in the world. Tours subject to availability and factory production schedules. Closed-toe shoes are required and the minimum age is 13. Call ahead to receive a tour time.

1820 Colonel Benjamin Stephenson House

409 S. Buchanan Street Edwardsville stephensonhouse.org 618-692-1818

Explore the oldest brick home in Madison County, and learn how Colonel Benjamin Stephenson became one of the founding fathers of both Edwardsville and the State of Illinois.

Governor Coles State Memorial

Valley View Cemetery, 1564 Lewis Road • Edwardsville www2.illinois.gov/dnrhistoric The memorial, which stands at Valley View Cemetery, was erected in 1928 and 1929 and contains a square bas-relief bronze portrait of Coles, sculpted by Leon Hermant. Coles is buried in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Edwardsville Children's Museum A

722 Holyoake Road Edwardsville edwardsvillechildrensmuseum.org 618-692-2094

Exhibits allow children to see what it's like to take care of animals in an animal hospital. shop for groceries, cook a favorite meal, visit the dentist, deliver mail, create a piece of art and more.

1876 Banwarth House and Museum A

408 E. Sycamore Street Elizabeth banwarthmuseum.com 815-858-2014 Tour the Victorian home of Charles Banwarth and see what everyday life was like in 1876.

Apple River Fort State Historic Site

311 E. Myrtle Street • Elizabeth appleriverfort.org www2.illinois.gov/dnrhistoric 815-858-2028

Visit the site of one of the battles fought during the Black Hawk War. Step back in time as you walk through the recreated fort. Learn about area history at the interpretive center located next to U.S. Highway 20.

Chicago Great Western Railway Depot Museum

111 E. Myrtle Street • Elizabeth elizabethhistoricalsociety.com 815-858-2343

The museum displays thousands of railroad artifacts of northwestern Illinois railroads. View the G-scale and HO-scale model layouts that are fully operational. Head over to the full-size Milwaukee Road caboose that contains more displays inside.

Elizabeth History Museum

110 E. Myrtle Street • Elizabeth elizabethhistoricalsociety.com 815-858-2343 View local history exhibits on

lead mining, the Apple River Fort, Elizabeth businesses, schools, and displays on local veterans

Fort Kaskaskia State Historic Site

4372 Park Road • Ellis Grove www2.illinois.gov/dnrhistoric 618-859-3741

The fort was built by the French in 1759 and was used to protect the village of Kaskaskia. All that remains today are fascinating earthworks outlining what was once the fort's perimeter and a spectacular scenic overlook of the Mississippi River.

Pierre Menard Home State Historic Site 4230 Kaskaskia Road

Ellis Grove www2.illinois.gov/dnrhistoric 618-859-3031 Built in 1815, the home is the finest example of French Colonial architecture in the Central Mississippi Valley. Built for Illinois' first lieutenant governor, the home offers visitors a look into the life of a successful entrepreneur and

Village of Elsah and Museum A

political leader.

26 LaSalle Street • Elsah escapetoelsah.com historicelsah.org 618-374-2626 618-374-1059 Founded in 1853, this quaint river village features stone houses and lush gardens. The museum is housed in the Elsah Village Hall, built in 1887, and showcases the history of former residents, highlights local architecture and displays implements from the mid-1800s.

De Immigrant Windmill

111 10th Avenue & 1st Street **Fulton** cityoffulton.us 815-589-4033 Celebrate the town's Dutch heritage as you tour this fully operational windmill. Constructed in the Netherlands and then reassembled atop the levee in Fulton, this icon towers nearly 100 feet above the Mississippi River.

Heritage Canyon

515 N. 4th Street • Fulton cityoffulton.us 815-589-4600

This reclaimed 12-acre quarry features a furnished mid-1800s settlement complete with schoolhouse, church and many more buildings.

Martin House Museum

707 10th Avenue • Fulton cityoffulton.us 815-589-3809 American Civil War-era home contains stained glass windows, walnut bench seating and a walnut staircase. Museum features memorabilia and artifacts pertinent to Fulton's

Windmill Cultural Center

111 10th Avenue • Fulton cityoffulton.us 815-589-4033

history.

View an extensive collection of more than 20 European model windmills from 10 European countries. Explore informative interpretive exhibits, an education area with children's activities and gift shop with stone ground flour, Delft pottery and souvenirs.

Dowling House

220 Diagonal Street • Galena belvederemansionandgardens.com 815-777-1250

Galena's oldest house, built in 1826, once served as the only trading post in the city and was frequented by fur traders.

Elihu B. Washburne House State Historic Site

908 3rd Street • Galena granthome.com

www2.illinois.gov/dnrhistoric 815-777-3310

Washburne was a popular congressman and a friend of both Abraham Lincoln and Ulysses S. Grant. Grant's presidential election victory was received in the library of the home via telegraph.

Galena & U.S. Grant Museum A

211 S. Bench Street • Galena galenahistory.org 815-777-9131

The museum is housed in an 1858 Italianate mansion with 6,000 square feet of exhibit space. You'll be greeted by the "Ghosts of the Grants" hologram, view American Civil War exhibits, see an 1830s lead mine shaft and explore the extensive historical collections.

Galena Main Street A

Main Street • Galena visitgalena.org 815-776-9200 Galena's historic Main Street, named "Best Main Street in the Midwest" by Midwest Living, curves past more than 100 19th-century storefronts. Galena looks much as it did during the time of the American Civil War, although now the historic red brick buildings are home to charming boutiques, art galleries and restaurants.

Old Market House State Historic Site

123 N. Commerce Street Galena granthome.com www2.illinois.gov/dnrhistoric 815-777-3310



Grant Home State Historic Site

Constructed in 1845-1846, this building was the center of community life during Galena's heyday and once housed vendors and shoppers.

Old Stockade on the Cobblestone Street

208 Perry Street • Galena cjart.net/stockade.htm 815-238-3248

This restored 1820s log building was used as a refuge for women and children during the Blackhawk War. It is filled with information that brings Galena's earliest history to life.

The Chicago Athenaeum Museum of Architecture and Design A

601 S. Prospect Street • Galena chi-athenaeum.org 815-777-4444

This satellite facility of an international museum features contemporary art, architecture and photography from around the world.

The Old Blacksmith Shop

245 Commerce Street • Galena galenahistory.org/blacksmith-shop

815-777-1893

Authentic 1897 blacksmith shop with working forges and an on-site historian. The shop is filled with tools and equipment from its 100 year history. The gift shop is well-stocked with Galena-forged items made by our blacksmiths. Come watch the sparks fly!

Ulysses S. Grant Home State Historic Site

500 Bouthillier Street • Galena granthome.com www2.illinois.gov/dnrhistoric 815-777-3310

General Ulysses S. Grant was presented this Italianate home upon his return to Galena in 1865. First opened to the public in 1904, it has been restored to the post-American Civil War and Grant presidency era. Many of the original furnishings from this period remain in the home.

Glen Carbon Heritage Museum A

124 School Street • Glen Carbon glen-carbon.il.us/891/Heritage-



Museum-and-Log-Cabin 618-288-7271

The museum is housed in a renovated 1914 school building located in the "Old Town" section of the village.

Fountain Bluff A

Fountain Bluff Road • Gorham 800-526-1500

Prehistoric dwellers left their mark on the rock walls of Fountain Bluff. The mysterious carvings depict wolves, birds, deer, human forms, crosses, circles and other geometric figures.

Mississippi River Museum & Interpretive Center A

604 Front Street • Grand Tower 618-565-2227

The museum houses artifacts from the heyday of steamboats to preserve the history and culture of life on the water.

Tower Rock

Brunkhorst Avenue Grand Tower 800-248-4373

Tower Rock is a small, rocky island on the Missouri side of the Mississippi River. The rock has long been feared by riverboat captains because of the rapid current that swirls at its base. This navigational point for early explorers was visited by Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, as well as Catholic missionaries.

Hampton Heritage Interpretive Center A

251 S. State Avenue • Hampton hamptonil.org 309-755-8398

Located on the Mississippi River, the center's displays cover the

river ecosystem and the river's role in town history.

Lewis & Clark Confluence Tower

435 Confluence Tower Drive Hartford confluencetower.com 618-251-9101

Discover the history of the area, delve into the Lewis & Clark Expedition, and see the confluence of the Mississippi and Missouri rivers. Stop at all three viewing platforms on this 180-foot tower.

Lewis & Clark State Historic Site

1 Lewis and Clark Trail • Hartford campdubois.com 618-251-5811

The Corps of Discovery, led by Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, followed the Missouri River and crossed the Rockies, reaching the Pacific Ocean in late 1805. The interpretive center contains a 55-foot, full scale replica of the expedition's keelboat, and exhibits detailing the journey. Outside is a replica of Camp River Dubois where the Corps of Discovery spent five months preparing for the expedition. Site #1 on the Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail.

Lincoln Memorial Picnic Ground A

N. Main Street • Jonesboro www.fs.usda.gov/shawnee A plaque has been placed in the park, flanked by statues of Lincoln and Douglas. This site commemorates the location of the third Lincoln-Douglas debate during their run for the Illinois Senate seat.

Center for American Archeology A

101 N. Broadway • Kampsville caa-archeology.org 618-653-4316

For over 50 years, the CAA has housed award-winning research and educational programs for archeology enthusiasts, professionals-in-training and for those who have a general interest in the prehistoric communities that once thrived along the Illinois River.

Kaskaskia Bell State Memorial

1st Street, Kaskaskia Island Kaskaskia www2.illinois.gov/dnrhistoric 217-859-3741

Known as the "Liberty Bell of the West," the bell was rung as the island was captured from the British during the Revolutionary War.

Old Chain of Rocks Bridge

Chain of Rocks Road • Madison nps.gov

314-416-9930

Walk part of the original Route 66, crossing over the Mississippi, on one of the world's longest bike/ pedestrian bridges.

Maeystown A

Maeystown maeystown.com 618-458-6660

This entire German settlement is on the National Register of Historic Places and is almost 170 years old. Restorations include a church from 1867 and a one-lane stone arched bridge. Be sure to visit the Corner George Inn, general store, kaffeehaus, sweet shoppe, museum and visitors center.

Schneidewind Barn Museum A

1125 Schneidewind Road Marissa

618-295-2304

Hundreds of items are housed in what was formally a working farm barn.

Lewis Round Barn A

2007 E. 1250th Street • Mendon mendonillinois.com/ lewis-round-barn.html 217-936-2230

Built in 1914, the round barn is located at the Adams County Fairgrounds. The structure is 80 feet in diameter with a 45-foot tall silo in the center.

Butterworth Center & Deere-Wiman House

1105 8th Street • Moline 817 11th Avenue • Moline butterworthcenter.com 309-743-2700

Visit these two historic homes that were once owned by descendants of John Deere.

Deere & Company World Headquarters

One John Deere Place • Moline johndeereattractions.com 309-765-1000

Situated on a beautifully wooded, 120-acre campus, the headquarters houses 15,000 square feet of exhibits. Items on display cover agriculture, golf and turf, construction and consumer products, and company history.

John Deere Pavilion ▲

1400 River Drive • Moline iohndeereattractions.com 309-765-1000

The John Deere Pavilion houses big, powerful machines that invite you to grab the controls and let your imagination run. Climb into one of the simulators and test your skills in realistic job situations, and check out an awesome machine that has legs instead of wheels. Kids can explore the hands-on activities in the Discovery Zone.

Mound City National Cemetery

141 State Route 37 • Mound City moundcitynationalcemetery.org 618-759-0239

Visit one of the oldest national cemeteries in the country. See the monument to the Union soldiers of Illinois, dating to 1874, and the grave of Russian-born Union Brigadier General John Turchin. The superintendent's lodge was designed in 1880 by U.S. Army Quartermaster General Montgomery Meigs.

General John A. Logan Museum A

1613 Edith Street • Murphysboro loganmuseum.org 618-684-3455

Explore the museum exhibits dedicated to this famous Civil War general. Stroll along the walking trail with interpretive signposts. Experience history as you pass by the archaeological site of Logan's birthplace and several other historic homes, including the house of Samuel H. Dalton who served in the Union Navy.

Historic Nauvoo

Nauvoo historicnauvoo.net beautifulnauvoo.com 217-577-2603 217-453-6648

Start off your tour at the visitor's center and then explore 35 restored historic sites that range from a bakery to a brick yard. Nauvoo is often considered to be the most accurately restored and intact historic town in the country, offering exciting educational opportunities that include hands-on activities, pioneer games and horse-drawn wagon rides.

Rheinberger House Museum A

1140 Kimball Street • Nauvoo beautifulnauvoo.com 217-219-0188

This original brick home features an underground arched wine cellar, German kitchen and the oldest vineyard in Illinois. Mormon, Icarian and local history are on display. Be sure to sample grapes during the growing season.

Weld House Museum 1380 Mulholland Street

Nauvoo beautifulnauvoo.com 217-219-0188 See the office of pioneer physician Dr. John F. Weld. The home was built in the late 1830s and now houses a large arrowhead collection, paintings, an Icarian room, oral family history transcripts, and numerous other artifacts from Nauvoo.

O'Fallon Historical Society Museum & Archives

101 West State Street • O'Fallon ofallonhistory.net 618-624-8409

Housed in a 1904 bank building. the exhibits in this research library focus on O'Fallon area history including Oscar-winning actor William Holden and illustrator Bernie Fuchs.

Alexis Phelps House A

2nd & Hancock Streets Oquawka hendersoncountyedc.com 309-867-2911

Alexis Phelps was a longstanding friend of Judge Stephen Douglas and Abraham Lincoln. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the home was built in 1883.

Henderson County Courthouse A

4th & Warren Streets • Oquawka hendersoncountyedc.com 309-867-2911

This building, circa 1842, is the second oldest courthouse in Illinois. Stephen Douglas was the first judge to oversee court here.

Henderson Covered Bridge

State Route 164 • Oquawka hendersoncountyedc.com 309-627-2069 Built in 1866, the bridge is 104

feet long and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Pomona Natural Bridge A

State Route 127 to Pomona Road to Natural Bridge Road Pomona www.fs.usda.gov/shawnee

618-253-7114

This 90-foot natural bridge is a must see. It took millions of years of erosion to create this sandstone formation. Enjoy the short hike through the oak, hickory and beech forest.

Fort de Chartres State Historic Site

1350 State Route 155 Prairie du Rocher fortdechartres.us 618-284-7230

The 1790s fort, formerly one of the strongest forts in North America, is being rebuilt atop the original stone foundations. The chapel, priest's room, commander's office and ammunition storage room have been restored. The Winter and Summer Rendezvous draw thousands of visitors.

1930s Preserving Agriculture History Museum

1435 Boy Scout Road • Quincy 1930sAgMuseum 217-430-3036

This museum showcases agriculture machinery that would be found in a typical 80-120 acre farm and farmhouse in the Midwest during the 1930s. Open by appointment only.

Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area

Quincy

lookingforlincoln.com Stroll through the city on this self-guided tour of 18 storyboards that tell of Abraham Lincoln's time in Quincy.

All Wars Museum

1707 N. 12th Street • Quincy quincyivh.org/museum.html 217-222-8641

Located on-site at the Illinois Veterans Home, the museum houses more than 5,000 military artifacts dating from the Revolutionary War to the present.

Dr. Richard Eells House

415 Jersey Street • Quincy nps.gov 217-223-1800

The home is the oldest standing two-story brick house in Quincy. In the 1840s the home was a stop on the Underground Railroad.



East End Historic District & Northwest Historic District

Quincy seequincy.com 800-978-4748

The East End Historic District features a collection of houses of every period and style since 1850. The corner of 16th and Maine Streets was described by National Geographic as "one of the ten most architecturally significant corners of the United States." The Northwest Historic District showcases large mansions built in the 19th and 20th centuries, with most of the homes located on the bluffs.

John Wood Mansion

425 S. 12th Street • Quincy hsqac.org 217-222-1835

The mansion was once the home of Quincy's founder, and 12th Governor of Illinois, John Wood. The home is recognized as one of the Midwest's finest existing examples of Greek Revival architecture. A museum. 1835 pioneer log cabin and Lincoln gallery are also located on the grounds.

Quincy Museum

1601 Maine Street • Quincy thequincymuseum.org 217-224-7669

Housed in the historic Newcomb-Stillwell Mansion, the museum displays local, natural and agricultural history, including an exhibit on the Moorman Manufacturing Company.

Villa Kathrine

532 Gardner Expressway Quincy thevillakathrine.org 217-224-3688

Experience this unique Moroccan style home that now houses the Quincy Area Convention and Visitors Bureau. Built in 1900 by W. George Metz, the building's outward design is based on the Villa ben Ahben in Morocco. Enjoy sweeping views of the Mississippi River from the arounds.

Red Bud Area Museum

116 E. Market Street • Red Bud redbudareamuseum.weebly.com 618-967-4208



The Opera House was built in 1855 and today houses the museum's collections. Stop by to see exhibits, artifacts and documents that chronicle the city's history and growth.

Black Hawk State Historic Site & John Hauberg Indian Museum A

1510 46th Avenue • Rock Island blackhawkpark.org www2.illinois.gov/dnrhistoric 309-788-0177

This site features a 200-acre nature preserve and hiking trails, as well as the Hauberg Indian Museum. Exhibits depict daily life of the Sauk and Meskwaki Tribes.

Colonel Davenport House

Arsenal Island • Rock Island davenporthouse.org 309-786-7336

Built in 1833 and located on Arsenal Island, this was the home of Colonel George Davenport. Guided tours reveal interesting facts about Quad Cities' history, famous people who have visited the home and the tragic death of Colonel Davenport.

Karpeles Manuscript Library Museum A

700 22nd Street • Rock Island KarpelesRockIsland 309-788-0806

Karpeles museums house the world's largest private holding of important manuscripts and documents. The Rock Island manuscript library is located in a former church that was built in 1914. This museum hosts various shows throughout the year featuring manuscripts, displays, letters and documents from famous individuals.

Mississippi River **Visitor Center**

Arsenal Island • Rock Island missriver.org

309-794-5338

Views from the visitor center include the river, lock and dam operations, boats locking through and bald eagles in winter. Tours of the lock and dam during the summer months are by appointment.

Quad City Botanical Center A

2525 4th Avenue • Rock Island acaardens.com 309-794-0991

This conservatory features a mixture of tropical plants under a 70-foot atrium, gardens, waterfalls and a butterfly garden. The Children's Garden includes a mini Mississippi River that invites children to play, explore and interact in the meandering stream.

Rock Island Arsenal Museum A

1 Rock Island Arsenal Building 60 • Rock Island arsenalhistoricalsociety.org 309-782-5021

The history of the island unfolds at the second oldest U.S. Army museum in the country. Experience the exhibits, view photos and see the model of Fort Armstrong, the first fort built on the island.

Wood River Refinery History Museum

State Route 111 • Roxana wrmuseum.org 618-255-3718

The museum chronicles the legacy of the Wood River Refinery from its groundbreaking in 1917 to its contributions to neighboring communities and the industry.

Savanna Museum & Cultural Center A

406 Main Street • Savanna savannamuseum.org View more than 100 authentic Civil War uniforms, railroad memorabilia, a large HO-scale train display and more.

Kaskaskia-Cahokia Trail

St. Clair, Monroe and Randolph counties kctrailillinois.org Monroe County: 618-281-8812 Randolph County: 618-826-2721 St. Clair County: 618-257-1488 This route follows Illinois' first road. Its origins can be traced back 8,000 years to prehistoric Native Americans, whose movements created the trail for sustenance, trade, social and religious purposes.

Thebes Courthouse

409 Oak Street • Thebes thebescourthouse.com 618-764-2658

This hand-hewn stone courthouse crowns a bluff overlooking the Mississippi River. Completed in 1848, it's on the National Register of Historic Places.

Mersinger Pioneer Cabin A

State Route 162 • Troy troyhistoricalsociety.org 618-667-6662

This replica of a pioneer cabin is open for viewing by appointment.

Fort Edwards Memorial

Fort Edwards Street • Warsaw warsawilparks.com

This monument stands 50 feet tall and was unveiled in 1914 to commemorate the location of Fort Edwards. Completed in 1814, the fort was situated 100 feet above the river. Enjoy sweeping views of the river and three states: Illinois, Iowa and Missouri

History Museum of Monroe County

724 Elaine Drive • Waterloo monroecountyhistorymuseum.org 618-939-5008

Items in the collection represent the settlement of the west; local commerce, transportation, and agriculture; and the influence of immigrants in Southern Illinois.

Wood River Museum and Visitors Center

40 W. Ferguson Avenue Wood River woodriver.org 618-254-1993

Find many informative exhibits on topics including the Lewis & Clark encampment of 1803. Olde Downtown, the flood of 1915, the impact of Standard Oil on this growing community and more.

UNIQUE FINDS

Treasures are waiting to be discovered, but it's not all vintage finds and rusty gold along the Great River Road. Boutiques in towns along the byway offer new, refurbished, handcrafted and one-of-a-kind items from local artisans.

Visit historic Galena's Main Street to find art, home goods, jewelry, sweets, Illinois wine and more. Many of Galena's 100-plus shops offer an array of locally made items. Pinder Pottery & Gallery features beautiful functional pieces and artwork made by artists from Jo Daviess County. Just up the street, the Galena Canning Company sells salsas, jams and sauces made from the freshest local ingredients.

In nearby Elizabeth, the stunning contemporary pieces created at Eshelman Pottery are made by integrating both glazed and unglazed surfaces.

Down the road in Savanna, grab a coffee from the 1930s soda counter while browsing items from more than 80 local vendors and artists at the Savanna Marketplace. From apparel and souvenirs to home goods and skin care products, there's something for everyone at this local artisan market. After shopping, relax on the outdoor patio with a view of the Mississippi River.

In the Quad Cities, original pieces from more than 75 regional artists are available at the Quad City Arts Gallery in Rock Island. Works of art include paintings, pottery and everything in between. The works of Isabel Bloom are easily recognizable for their simple style and rounded features. Sculptures made in the Quad Cities, originally designed or inspired by Isabel Bloom, can be purchased at the John Deere Commons in Rock Island.



Looking for shopping options in Quincy? Head to The District. This distinct area from the Mississippi River to 12th Street and between Broadway and State Streets provides dining, shopping and entertainment options amidst an eclectic mix of Quincy's notable architecture. Stop into Potter and Vaughn, which offers everything from novelty socks and greeting cards to artwork and jewelry. Shop for home décor and furniture, including benches made from Adams County barnwood, at District Designs II.

As you head into the Alton area, you'll find a mix of antique shops and local artisans. Knotty by Nature in Grafton produces handcrafted wood furniture and live edge slabs in all shapes and sizes. The artisans of Alton Stained Glass Works create handcrafted lamps, window panes, ornaments, made-to-order pieces and more. The shop also houses the Artisans' Lounge Wine and Tea Room. Mississippi Mud Pottery in Alton

creates pieces intended for everyday use; however it's also known for producing handmade ceramic fish. By using molds of real fish, artisans create incredibly detailed and exquisitely painted replicas.

Mississippi Mud Pottery

In the southern Illinois town of Chester, home of Popeye creator Elzie Segar, visit the only Popeye shop and museum in the world, Popeye Museum and Spinach Can Collectibles. Browse historic and vintage items surrounding this famous cartoon character, along with new collectibles and souvenirs.

From unique to antique, there are plenty of hidden treasures to discover along the byway.

ANTIQUE SHOPS

Albany True Value Antiques ▲

401 S. Main Street • Albany 309-887-4850

Alton Exchange Mall A

2990 E. Homer Adams Parkway Alton (†) altonexchangemall 618-463-1273

Country Meadows A

401 E. Broadway • Alton Country Meadows Antiques 618-465-1965

Country Meadows II A

413 E. Broadway • Alton
Country Meadows Antiques
618-374-6015

George Street Antique Mall ▲

108 George Street • Alton 618-396-2231

J & P's Edelweiss ▲

435 E. Broadway • Alton 618-741-8749

Refabuloused Relics A

615 E. Broadway • Alton Refabuloused Relics 618-795-4556

Rusty Rhino **A**

510 W. Delmar Avenue • Alton Rusty Rhino Emporium 618-372-1077

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4575 E. Vienna Street • Anna
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791 Bainbridge Street • Barry

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60 Airport Plaza • Bethalto Craft and Antique Mall of Bethalto 618-377-9307

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504 W. 1st Avenue Coal Valley CountryFairMall 309-799-3670

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Maeystown General Store

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2915 N. Center Street • Maryville grumpybobs 618-288-3491

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708 18th Avenue • Moline TheTatteredShoe 309-644-0098

Uptown Antiques A

2002 16th Street • Moline 309-797-6675

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107 W. Market Street • Mt. Carroll 815-244-4054

Ideas N' Designs A

116 W. Market Street • Mt. Carroll IdeasNDesignsAntiques 815-244-7875

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304 S. 8th Street • Quincy 217-222-9198

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841 E. North Avenue • Stockton antiquesetcetera61085 815-947-3173

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GREAT RIVER ROAD BY THE NUMBERS

Distance from the northern end of the Great River Road near the headwaters of the Mississippi River in Itasca State Park, Minnesota, to the northernmost point of the Great River Road

in Illinois



Number of cubic feet of earth it took to build Monks Mound, the largest pre-Columbian earthen construction in the Americas, located at Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site





More than 30 different architectural styles are on display in over 3,600 historic structures in Quincy

Fort Defiance Point, where the Ohio and Mississippi rivers meet, is the lowest point in Illinois at 279 feet above sea level

Distance from East Dubuque, at the northern end of the Great River Road in Illinois, to Cairo, at the southern end of the Great River Road in Illinois

Number of state parks, preserves and natural areas along the route of the Great River Road in Illinois

100 Number of Barn Quilts dotting the landscape in Carroll County





Number of boutique shops lining Main Street in Galena, known as the "Most Beautiful Main Street in America"

The Great River Road follows the Mississippi River, the third largest watershed in the world



Number of state historic sites found along the byway

Total number of craft beverages served at the craft breweries, wineries and small batch distilleries along the Great River Road in Illinois



FEET 2,700

The length of the rope used for the annual tug-of-war across the Mississippi River between Illinois and Iowa during the annual Tug Fest



First built in 1720. Fort de Chartres State Historic Site is home to the oldest existing building in Illinois

Distance from the southernmost point of the Great River Road in Venice, Louisiana, on the Mississippi River delta to the southernmost point of the Great River Road in Illinois

Great River Road in Illinois National Scenic Byway GreatRiverRoad-Illinois.com (image: Overlook near Grafton)

Great River Road in Illinois National Scenic BywayLocated along the entire western border of Illinois, this route follows the Mississippi River for 550 miles.

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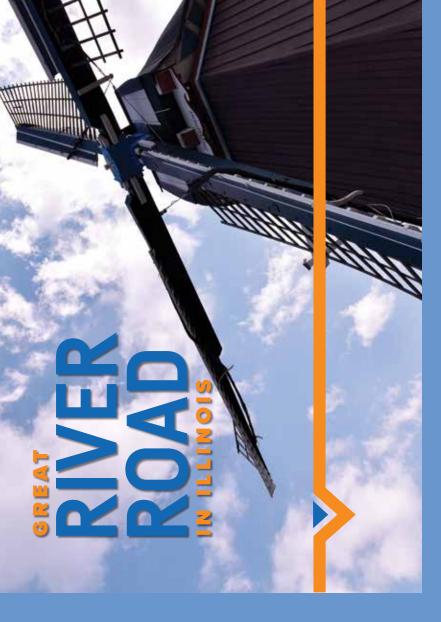


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