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Events

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Fall Festival: Oct 14

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Diane Bausman, Executive Director
Blackhawk Waterways CVB
Promoting tourism in the counties of Carroll, Lee, Ogle and Whiteside.

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A LITTLE ABOUT

BLACKHAWK WATERWAYS

Do EVERYTHING or nothing at all...

The Blackhawk Waterways region is filled with opportunities for wildlife viewing, hiking and biking, boating and fishing, shopping and antiquing, and exploring our nation’s rich history, or just sitting in an old-growth forest and reading a book. Blackhawk Waterways is packed with history and mystery – 2,700 square miles of woodlands and wonderful attractions, charming small towns and villages, unobstructed views and pastoral settings that will have you returning to visit.

If nature’s your thing, you’ll discover a region rich in outdoor opportunities, from 10 state parks and a 2,200-acre state forest to exceptional golf courses and 125 miles of beautiful boating and great fishing courtesy of the Rock and Mississippi Rivers. From catfish, muskie and trout, local streams, rivers and lakes provide anglers with the perfect settings in which to research their next big fish story.

Retail therapy enthusiasts applaud the shopping opportunities that abound in the Blackhawk Waterways region, offering everything from eclectic hand-crafted gifts and quaint art galleries to antique treasures and coveted collectibles. And you’ll always be greeted by friendly shopkeepers who still understand the art of authentic hospitality.

History lovers find a new home in the Blackhawk Waterways, where a treasure trove of museums, monuments and historical sites capture the imagination. Experience the birthplace and boyhood home of President Ronald Reagan, travel stretches of the original Lincoln Highway and the Great River Road National Scenic Byway, tour the John Deere Historic Site, and learn more about the bloody battles of the Black Hawk War of 1832 that pitted half of all federal troops of the U.S. Army (as well as 9,000 volunteers from the Illinois Militia, including future President Abraham Lincoln) against Black Hawk, a war chief of the Sauk, Fox and Kickapoo nations, and his British band of warriors.

Whether you’re seeking a day trip or a week-long adventure, discover excellent restaurants and diverse lodging choices that range from primitive campsites and rustic cabins to pampering B&Bs, comfortable country inns and award-winning hotels – all just 90 minutes from Chicagoland. For some, the real beauty of Blackhawk Waterways is found in its natural wonders, which give pause from a workaday life. For them, the simplicity of a falling autumn leaf, a browsing deer or a crackling fire are the magnets that draw them to this special place – a getaway like it used to be!

What is #NWIllinoisIRL?

Picturesque sunsets, meandering rivers, rolling hills, amazing wildlife and old-fashioned charm, many of these treasures often taken for granted and lost in the unconscious routine of what we call life.

You see, it’s easy to settle and wish away the days, expecting tomorrow to be no different than today.

But, if we stop and remind ourselves just how powerful life’s little treasures can be, how they can enrich our lives, how they can recharge our souls, wouldn’t we take pause from our daily routines and seek out those very treasures? Travel to destinations that inspire us? Perhaps stop living vicariously through our family and friends who boast endlessly about their last great escape all over social media? Become the envied rather than the envious?

It’s with this idea in mind that we crafted a new push for our visitors to Northwest Illinois called Illinois InRealLife. We encourage our travelers to capture their memories and post to social media using the hashtag #NWIllinoisIRL.

The InRealLife campaign is a testament to the idea of not waiting for tomorrow to travel, not solely experiencing life through social media, not being shackled by our present urban environment, not being consumed by our devices and truly escaping to the adventures that wait just out our front doors.

It’s about being a participant, not a spectator. It’s also about the stark contrast between relaxing rural and stress-filled urban. We want the young, and the young at heart; Those active individuals who seek out adventure and enjoy the contrast between living and active, social life and online social interaction.

Let Northwest Illinois be a beacon for those individuals yearning to not let life escape them and experience adventure InRealLife.
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

LEE COUNTY

MARCH
Dixon St. Patrick’s Day Parade & Party
March 11
Sublette Toy and Antique Tractor Show
March 18-19

APRIL
Small Museum Conference at Leveland House, Dixon
April 29

MAY
Dixon Cinco de Mayo Celebration
May 6-7
Sublette Cruise N Show
May 13
Lincoln Hwy Car Show in Franklin Grove
May 13

JUNE
Dixon Rockin on the Rock
June 2
Cabela’s King Kat Tournament in Dixon
June 3
Bloomin on the Rock Garden Walk in Dixon
June 17
Ashton Fest
June 9-11

JULY
Dixon Petunia Festival
June 29-July 4
Dixon Nuts About Art Show
July 1
Dixon Reagan Run
July 1
Lee County 4-H Fair
July 27-30

AUGUST
Franklin Grove Summer Harvest Festival
Aug.5-6
LHAEA Antique Tractor Show
Aug. 5-6

SEPTEMBER
Blues, Brews & BBQ Festival in Dixon
September 2
Paw Paw Hometown Homecoming & Car Show
Labor Day weekend
Autumn on the Prairie at Nachusa Grasslands
Sept. 16
Dixon Scarecrow Festival
Sept. 24

OCTOBER
Dixon West End Fest
Oct. 14
Franklin Grove Zombie Ride
Oct. 27-28

NOVEMBER
Amboy Christmas Walk
Sunday after Thanksgiving
Small Business Saturday
Nov. 25

DECEMBER
Dixon Christmas Walk
Dec. 1
Sublette Christmas in the Village
Dec. 1
Ashton Christmas Celebration
Dec. 9
Franklin Grove Christmas in the Grove
Dec. 8

CARROLL COUNTY

MARCH
NW ILL Model Railroad Club Open House in Chadwick
March 18-19

MAY
Mt. Carroll Mayfest Memorial Day Weekend

JUNE
Mt. Carroll Cruise Night
June 17
Lanark Old Settler’s Days
June 24-25

JULY
Mt. Carroll Cruise Night
July 15

AUGUST
Carroll County Fair
Aug. 8-12
Mt. Carroll Cruise Night
Aug. 19
Mt. Carroll Brick Street Saturday
Aug. 26

SEPTEMBER
Shannon Homecoming Celebration Labor Day Weekend
Mt. Carroll Cruise Night
Sept. 16

OCTOBER
Mt. Carroll Pumpkin Fest
Oct. 28
Savanna Museum Veterans Tribute Dance
Oct. 28

NOVEMBER
Shannon Hometown Christmas 3rd Weekend
NW ILL Model Railroad Club Open House in Chadwick
Nov. 18-19
Savanna Christmas Walk Friday after Thanksgiving

DECEMBER
Mt. Carroll Christmas Walk
Dec. 2
OGLE COUNTY

MARCH
- Polo Farm Toy Show
  March 4
- Rochelle St Pat's Parade & Irish Hooley
  March 11
- Byron First Preserve Maple Syrup Festival
  March 18
- Annual Oregon Antique Show
  March 25-26

MAY
- Rochelle Cinco de Mayo Celebration
  May 6

JUNE
- Leaf River Summer Daze
  June 3-4
- Rochelle Railfan Appreciation Days
  June 3-4
- Ale on Lincoln in Rochelle
  June 10
- Rockin' River Rest in Oregon
  June 17
- Oregon Lions Club Car Show
  June 18
- Polo Town & Country Days
  June 18
- Summer Country Jam in Rochelle
  Aug 5
- Polo Car, Truck & Bike Show
  Aug. 12
- Illinois Renewable Energy Fair
  Aug. 19-20
- Rochelle Lincoln Hwy Heritage Festival
  Aug. 19-20
- Cypress House Outdoor Market
  Aug. 26

SEPTEMBER
- Grand Detour Arts Festival
  Sept. 9
- Creston Booster Days
  Sept. 16-17
- Rochelle Wine on Lincoln
  Sept. 23
- Stillman Valley Fall Festival
  Sept. 23-24
- Cypress House Outdoor Market in Rochelle
  Last Saturday

OCTOBER
- Autumn on Parade in Oregon
  Oct. 7-8
- Olde English Faire at Stronghold Castle
  Oct. 7-8
- World Power Wheel Standing Championships at Byron Dragway
  Oct. 7-8
- Fall Fest at John Deere Historic Site
  Oct. 14
- Rochelle Hay Day
  Oct. 14
- Byron First Preserve Halloween on the Prairie
  Oct. 22
- Cypress House Outdoor Market
  Last Saturday

NOVEMBER
- Oregon Candlelight Christmas Walk
  Saturday after Thanksgiving

DECEMBER
- Rochelle Christmas Walk
  Dec. 1
- Byron Miracle on 2nd St. Celebration
  Dec. 1

WHITESIDE COUNTY

FEBRUARY
- Reagan Birthday celebration at Tampico Birthplace
  Feb. 6
- Percussion Palooza in Rock Falls
  Feb. 26

MAY
- Fulton Dutch Days
  May 6-7
- Fulton Main Street Car Show
  May 7
- Fulton Venus Festival
  May 20

JUNE
- Fulton Blessing of the Bikes
  June 4
- Lyndon Annual Car Show
  June 4
- Prophetstown Monsters on the Rock Cat Fish Tournament
  June 10-11
- Fulton Bluegrass Festival
  June 17
- Bass Pro Shops Big Cat Quest in Rock Falls
  June 24-25
- Rock Falls Summer Splash
  June 24-25
- Rock Falls River Chase Boat Races
  June 24-25

JULY
- Whiteside County Historic Barn Tour
  July 8-9
- Sterling Main St. Music Fest
  July 22
- Morrison Summer Extravaganza
  July 29
- Rock Falls Sesquicentennial Celebration
  July 29 - Aug 6

AUGUST
- Prophetstown Pow Wow
  Aug. 5-6
- Lincoln Highway National Yard Sale
  Aug. 12-13

SEPTEMBER
- Sterling/Rock Falls Fiesta Event & Parade
  Sept. 16
- Morrison “Paint the Town” Art Festival
  Sept. 16
- Morrison Harvest Hammer Run
  Sept. 16
- Prophetstown Art Run on the Square
  Sept. 30
- Fulton Fall Festival
  Last weekend

OCTOBER
- Hennepin Hundred Ultra Marathon
  Oct. 7-8
- Hops on the Rock in Sterling
  Oct. 14
- Fulton Beggers Walk at Heritage Canyon
  Oct. 21
- Prophetstown Farm Toy Show
  Oct. 22

NOVEMBER
- Rock Falls Hometown Holidays
  Nov. 17-20
- Sterling Sights & Sounds of Christmas
  Nov. 17
- Twin Cities Holiday Parade
  Nov. 18
- Prophetstown Lighted Christmas Parade
  Nov. 25

DECEMBER
- Fulton Christmas Walk
  Dec. 2-3
- Dillon Home Museum Victorian Christmas Walk
  Dec. 2-3
- Morrison Christmas Walk
  Dec. 2
- Tampico Christmas in the Country
  Dec. 2

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CARROLL

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Country Palmer House
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CountryPalmerHouse.com
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mollysmountcarroll.com
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Mt. Carroll • 8216 Black Oak Rd. 815-244-1600

CAMPgrounds

Fin & Feather Campground
7 acres riverside camping, hunting, fishing on backwaters of Mississippi River. Boat, motor, canoe rental & access. Bait shop & concessions. Thomson • 6284 Riverview Rd. 815-273-0138

Mississippi Palisades State Park
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crystallake1.com
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Kilbuckcreek.com
Monroe Center • 6752 N. Kilbuck Rd. 815-593-3247

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Mfanthing1128@aol.com
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Super 8 Motel
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815-562-6666
fairwaysgolf.com

PRAIRIE VIEW GOLF CLUB
18 holes
Byron / 6734 German Church Rd.
815-234-4653
prairieviewgolf.com

SILVER RIDGE GOLF CLUB
18 holes
Oregon / 3069 Hill Rd.
815-734-4440
silverridgegolf.com

SKARE PARK DRIVING RANGE
Driving range
Rochelle / Flagg Rd.
815-562-7672
rochelleparkdistrict.org

SUNSET GOLF CLUB
18 holes
Mt Morris / 216 Sunset Hill
(815) 734-4839
sunsetgolfmm.com

CARROLL

LAKE CARROLL GOLF COURSE
18 holes
Lake Carroll / 2911 Ironwood Blvd.
815-493-2808
golakecarroll.com

PALISADES GOLF COURSE
9 holes
Byron / 6734 German Church Rd.
815-234-4653
palisadesgolfcourse.com

SANDBURR RUN GOLF RESORT
9 holes
Thomson / 5020 IL Rt. 84
815-902-6063
sandburrrun.com

LEE

LOST NATION GOLF CLUB
18 holes
Dixon / 6931 S. Lost Nation Rd.
815-652-4212
lostnationgolf.com

SHADY OAKS GOLF COURSE
18 holes
Amboy / 577 U.S. Rt. 52
815-849-5424
shadoakgolf.com

TIMBER CREEK GOLF COURSE
18 holes
Dixon / 729 Timber Creek Rd.
815-588-5110
timbercreekdixon.com

When in Blackhawk Waterways, you’ll want to grab your golf bag and drive the links, because 378 holes await you. Discover manicured courses, water hazards, sand traps to test your skill and even mini-golf to challenge the kids.
THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Consider this: within our four-county region, there are state parks, preserves and wildlife areas, and a state forest—totaling over 14,000 acre of state-protected natural splendor. For more information visit visitnorthwestillinois.com

CARROLL

PALISADES STATE PARK
Savanna
The Native American pathfinders along the rock palisades of the Mississippi River did as present-day hikers do in coursing the bluffs—they took the paths of least resistance. The trails at Mississippi Palisades, especially the park’s southern routes, put you in touch with the past. Walk them and you’ll trace the footsteps of all those who came before you, some of whom came this way nearly a thousand years ago. Located near the confluence of the Mississippi and Apple rivers in northwestern Illinois, the 2,500-acre Mississippi Palisades State Park is rich in American Indian history, as well as sheer natural beauty and tranquility.
MORE INFO: 815.273.2731

LEE

FRANKLIN CREEK STATE NATURAL AREA
Franklin Grove
Beautiful Franklin Creek flows throughout the 664-acre park and includes several large natural springs, hardwood forests, bedrock outcroppings. A large variety of flora and fauna comprise a pristine ecosystem. Also here are horseback/equestrian trails, hiking trails, hunting, fishing, and the Franklin Creek Grist Mill.
MORE INFO: 815.456.2340

GREEN RIVER STATE WILDLIFE AREA
Harmon
This 2,565-acre wildlife area is popular among hunters, hikers, birders and other outdoor enthusiasts. The topography varies from flat to gently rolling. Swampy slough areas dominate nearly a third of the acreage, but the remaining portions are prairie restorations, open fields, cultivated areas or timberlands. Many of these areas have been specially planted and managed to provide more food and cover for a variety of wildlife species. Native prairie plants are found in the Green River Area.
MORE INFO: 815.379.2324

NACHUSA GRASSLANDS
Franklin Grove
Home to Illinois’ first conservation bison herd kept as wild as possible and virtually unmanaged by humans except for one day a year when they are examined by veterinarians. The balance of the 1,500 acres is open to the public for hiking, bird watching, includes dry gravel hill prairie, black oak and bur oak savanna, calcareous fen and seeps and sedge meadows. Owned and managed by The Nature Conservancy.
MORE INFO: 815.456.2340

OGLE

CASTLE ROCK STATE PARK
Oregon
Located three miles south of Oregon on Hwy 2, the park is centrally located in the Rock River Hills region. Its rolling topography is drained by the Rock River. Rock formations, ravines, and unique northern plants are found here. A sandstone bluff, adjacent to the river, gave the park its name.
MORE INFO: 815.732.7329

EDWARD F. VASSALLO LAND & WATER RESERVE
Mt. Morris
The Edward F. Vassallo Land and Water Reserve borders the White Pines State Park and was designated in 2014 as a state Land & Water Reserve by the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission. It includes 130 acres of native wildflowers, plants, grasses, creek bottom, habitat for native wildlife, birds and insects and forest areas. No motorized vehicles allowed. Nature lovers welcome and walking paths can be accessed by calling first.
MORE INFO: 312-343-7315

LOWDEN STATE PARK
Oregon
Legend has it that Chief Black Hawk, as he left the area after the Black Hawk War, talked of the beauty of the area and admonished his captors to care for the land as he and his people had. The 207-acre park was established not only to care for the land but to allow visitors to share in the beauty as well.
MORE INFO: 815-732-6828

LOWDEN-MILLER STATE FOREST
Oregon
This 2,225-acre forest offers 22 miles of maintained trails for hiking and horseback riding. In the winter, snow transforms the trails into excellent cross-country skiing trails. 120-foot bluffs along the Rock River highlight this forested beauty.
MORE INFO: 815-732-7329

WHITE PINES FOREST STATE PARK
Mt. Morris
Located in the heart of the Rock River valley, this charming 385-acre park is the south boundary of the old Chicago-Iowa Trail. History tells us that this was for years the principal route east and west across the northern part of the state. Today the park provides the perfect recipe for family getaways. There are plenty of outdoor recreation activities, such as hiking, fishing, camping and picnicking. Lots of serene, picturesque beauty, and modern lodge facilities amidst a beautiful forest.
MORE INFO: 815-772-4708

HENNENPIN FEEDER CANAL
Rock Falls
The Hennepin Feeder Canal extends from Rock Falls to Sheffield IL, and opens the door to the parkway with miles of bike and hiking paths, canoeing, fishing and historical sites along the way. At the mouth of the feeder is Rock Falls’ Hydroelectric Plant completed in 1927. Enjoy biking, hiking, fishing, boating & canoeing.
MORE INFO: 815-380-2300

PROPHETSTOWN STATE PARK
Prophetstown
On the northeast edge of the city along the south bank of the Rock River is a scenic historic area offering a variety of recreational facilities: hiking, camping, fishing, picnicking, and more. On the site of an American Indian village, the 53-acre park derives its name from the Native American prophet Wa-bo-kie-shiek.
MORE INFO: 815-537-2926

ROCKWOOD STATE PARK
Morrison
A large sign in the shape of Illinois, fashioned from angle iron by a blacksmith, greets visitors at the entrance of this picturesque, 1,184 acre park. Once inside, choose from a variety of recreational opportunities. Beautiful Lake Carlton, a stream-fed reservoir, features an abundance of ducks and geese, and is considered a prime location for fishing. Or plan a family outing at the Lakeview picnic area, or just do some bird watching among the large variety of trees.
MORE INFO: 815-772-4708

WHITESTATE FISH & WILDLIFE AREA
Prophetstown
Just 4 miles west of Prophetstown along the Rock River, the area sports 1,186 acres of remarkable woodlands and native grasslands, as well as wetlands and marshes. Its convenient location, wide open spaces and quiet forests make it the ideal destination for sportsman.
MORE INFO: 815-537-2270

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Steep cliffs, dense woodlands, free-roaming wildlife and nesting eagles, wild turkey and numerous species of shorebirds and waterfowl combine to create a paradise for nature-lovers and a great getaway that attracts thousands of visitors each year.

Outdoor enthusiasts are just naturally engaged by Carroll County, where they discover miles of scenic biking and hiking on the Great River Trail or boating and fishing on the mighty Mississippi and its backwaters. Excellent dining, shopping and a professional summer stock theater are just some of the things you’ll find along the brick-lined streets of Mount Carroll.

Other local villages, including historic Savanna, boast lodging and outstanding shops offering antiques and collectibles, and, in season, farmers markets featuring, homegrown produce and vine-fresh melons. And, visitors revel in a slate of special events throughout the year, ranging from Mount Carroll’s Mayfest and Thomson Harvest Festival to Savanna’s Shadfly Festival and Lanark’s Old Settler’s Days.

From a state perspective, Illinois remains rich in native wildlife and plants, with nearly 3,000 species of plants and 600 species of vertebrates. In addition, dozens of species of birds pass through Illinois during yearly rituals of spring and fall migration, while others spend only winter months within the state. Many of Illinois’ parks and conservation areas harbor more types of plants and animals per square mile than national parks such as Yellowstone or the Grand Canyon. The wildlife you’ll see will depend on where you are, and the season, but here is just a short list of the animals and creatures that are here, that you may see and encounter: waterfowl and shorebirds (dozens of species), striking pileated woodpeckers, wild turkey, eagles, hawks, buzzards/turkey vultures, deer, coyotes, gray and red fox, weasels, woodchucks, badgers, beavers, muskrats, amphibians and reptiles (lizards, snakes, salamanders, frogs, toads and turtles) and many species of fish.

The Ingersoll Wetlands Learning Center, just south of Savanna in Carroll County, is an ideal place to observe waterfowl, migratory birds and other wetland wildlife – plus there’s an educational learning center and wildlife displays. And don’t forget about special eagle and wildlife viewing opportunities along or near our rivers, lakes and streams – especially near the Mississippi River on the Great River Road National Scenic Byway.

Looking for a reason to get in the car to enjoy a splendid fall day in the country? Look no further than Carroll County. With so much to see, experience and do, there’s no better reason, or season, to discover the hidden treasures and pleasures of the Blackhawk Waterways region than autumn. When summer slips into autumn, the 2,700 square miles that make up our region transform into some of Illinois’ most spectacular visual fall offerings.

Travel the Great River Road National Scenic Byway. This historic treasure of a road travels a total of 557 miles through six states, but some of its most incredible beauty exists right here where it meanders its way for 35 miles along the Mississippi River, from Albany to just north of Savanna. Anytime is a good time to enjoy this journey, but autumn certainly offers up its own special style of scenic pleasures.
ATTRACTIONS

ADVENTURE SPORTS

McMotoPark
Mt. Carroll • 13137 IL Rt. 78
815-238-1614
mcmotopark.com
1 mile north of Mount Carroll. 40 acres of fun, challenging track of natural terrain. Elevation changes, jumps, obstacles for beginners to pros.

THE ARTS

Timber Lake Playhouse
Mt. Carroll • 8215 Black Oak Rd.
815-244-2035
timberlakeplayhouse.org

BIKING/HIKING

Arnold’s Bicycle Shop
Thomson • 831 Main St.
815-259-8289
arnoldsbikes.com
Located near the Great River Bike Trail. Specializing in recumbent bikes & trikes sales & service and offering bike rental service.

Great River Trail
greatrivertrail.org
The Great River Trail recreational path extends 62 miles from the Quad Cities to Savanna, providing fantastic biking, hiking, running & walking opportunities.

Savanna Marketplace Bike Rentals
Savanna • 321 Main St.
815-273-0336
bluebedroominn.com/bike-rental/
Bike rentals available April-Sept. at the Savanna Marketplace located in the heart of downtown Savanna. Just minutes off the Great River Bike Trail.

BOAT/CANOE RENTALS

Fin & Feather
Thomson • 6284 Riverview Rd.
815-273-3302
Boat & canoe rental.

Lazy River Marina
Savanna • 4202 Rt. 84 N.
815-273-2955
Mississippi River boat & canoe access.

COMMUNITY PARKS

Marquette Park
Savanna • Wayne King Dr.
815-273-4487
1-acre park on the Mississippi River, restrooms, boat launches, fishing, canoe access, picnic tables & parking.

Old Mill Park
Savanna • Chicago Ave.
815-273-4487
65 acres, Restrooms, parking, concessions.

Point Rock Park
Mt. Carroll • S. Mill St.
800-244-9594
25 acres. Restrooms, parking, hiking, frisbee golf course.

Portland Skate Park
Savanna • 1500 Portland Ave.
(815) 273-2722
savannahill.com
Professional skate park. Open to all skaters, dawn to dusk daily. Helmets are mandatory.

Shannon Village Park
Shannon • Hickory & Bradshaw St.
815-864-2111
Lighted tennis & basketball courts, gazebo, picnic tables, shelter house, fireplace, historic Civil War cannon.

Carroll County Farm Tours
See a hog or dairy farm in operation, or arrange a soil conservation farm tour. By reservation only.

Carroll County Virtual Barn Tour
visitcarrollcountyil.com/virtual-tours
See a Virtual Tour of some of the existing barns in rural Carroll County.

Ingersoll Wetlands Learning Center
Thomson • 7071 Riverview Rd.
815-273-2732
stewardsumrr.org
Interesting, hands-on exhibits, gift shop, dramatic view of the Mississippi River. Hours are 7:30a-4p Mon-Fri and Sat 9a-4p. Closed on federal holidays.

Mt. Carroll Bowling Center
Mt. Carroll • 206 Main St.
815-244-7467
pins4cruisin@comcast.net
We offer a wide array of activities for the family, for teens, and for adults. We offer bowling, dinging, video games, darts and a full service bar for your enjoyment. We also have a party room complete with stage, bar, dining area, and dance floor.

Raven’s Grin Inn Haunted House
Mt. Carroll • 411 N. Carroll St.
815-244-4746
hauntedravensgrin.com
A real haunted house, built in 1870. About one hour tour. No chainsaws or gore. Hide & Seek parties & special occasion tours available.

Trailside Mini Golf
Lake Carroll • 2178 Lake Carroll Blvd.
815-493-8484
Set in a gentle slope, this 18-hole course is challenging & fun for all ages.

GOLF

Lake Carroll Golf Course
Lake Carroll • 2911 Ironwood Blvd.
815-493-2808
Open to public during midweek only. 18 holes, clubhouse, proshop, cart/rentals, range, banquet facility.

Palisades Golf Course
Savanna • 18280 IL Rt. 84
815-273-2141
Nine-hole public golf course. Clubhouse, proshop, cart/equipment rental, driving range.
Mount Carroll was officially incorporated on February 25, 1867. However, the city’s history goes back much further. In about 1841, a small village sprang up near a newly established flour mill. The county seat moved from Savanna to Mount Carroll in 1843.

Today, Mount Carroll has a remarkable concentration of historically significant architecture. Much of the downtown area and nearby neighborhoods are part of the Mount Carroll Historic District. The city is also home to the International Preservation Studies Center, located on the historic former Shimer College campus.

To celebrate this special year, the Sesquicentennial Committee invites everyone to attend the special events. A complete list of activities and events can be found on the Mount Carroll Facebook page as well as the City of Mount Carroll website (mtcarrollil.org).

- **Rotary Dinner/Dance/Auction/Civil War dance and demonstration**: April 1 at Henry’s Double K in Mount Carroll.
- **Mount Carroll Art Tour**: April 23 Art will be displayed in various locations throughout the city.
- **Mount Carroll Township Library Tea**: May 7 Historic costumes will be worn for the tea at the Community House.
- **Mayfest**: May 26-28. Sesquicentennial Booth will be at festival, horse-drawn tour of historic buildings in town, historic walking tour of Shimer College, Quilt raffle, etc.
- **June**: Timber Lake Playhouse will hold a Mount Carroll Night at one of its shows of “Ahh, Wilderness.”
- **July 4**: Fourth of July Parade and Firemen’s Fireworks as well as other events.
- **Brick Street Saturday**: August 26 “The Price is Right” game will be held where contestants will guess the prices of items from 1867.
- **Mt. Carroll Pumpkin Fest**: Oct 28 A Historic Cemetery Tour will feature final resting place of many of the town founders.
- **The Christmas Tour of Homes**: December 2 Homes on the tour are historic and were built in the 1850’s-1880’s.
**HISTORY & HERITAGE**

Campbell Center for Historic Preservation Studies  
Mt. Carroll • 203 E. Seminary St.  
815-244-1173  
campbellcenter.org

14-acre campus listed on National Register for Historic Places, 5-5 day courses, collections care & conservation.

**Carroll County Barn Quilt Trail**  
Carroll County  
815-565-0042

Barn quilts enhance the beauty of the countryside and are enjoyed by those who pass by. Carroll County is very fortunate to have many “Barn Quilts” already in existence throughout its countryside. Our goal is to promote agriculture and attract visitors to our rural community. Visit our Facebook page BarnQuiltsofCarrollCounty for pictures & tour information.

**County Courthouse**  
Mt. Carroll • 301 N. Main St.  
815-244-0255

The northernmost & oldest section of the current courthouse built in 1843; on the National Register for Historic Places.

**Launc’s Historic Business District**  
Launc • Downtown  
815-493-2307

Launc’s Paint the Town Project colored the 1800s era buildings to their unique architecture & hues.

**Monument Park**  
Savanna • Main St.  
815-273-2722

This small area describing early settlement in Savanna hosts the monument commemorating the Aaron Pierce family, the first white settlers of Savanna.

**National Register Historic District**  
Mt. Carroll • Downtown  
800-244-9954

Visit Mt. Carroll’s Historic District. More than 30 different historic sites.

**Oakville Complex**  
Mt. Carroll • Between Rts. 78 & 30  
815-244-3474

Contains an 1888 schoolhouse, two log cabins, a blacksmith shop and granary. Open by appointment.

**Owen P. Miles Museum**  
Mt. Carroll • 107 W. Broadway St.  
815-244-3474

This 1873 Italianate home depicts Savanna’s history.

**Savanna Historical Museum**  
Savanna • 406 Main St.  
815-273-0316  
savannahmuseum.com

Over 80 mannequins in authentic Civil War uniforms, native son & famous big band musician Wayne King memorabilia, railroad artifacts.

**Savanna Public Library**  
Savanna • 326 3rd St.  
815-273-3714

100 years old, historic memorabilia & area’s best children’s libraries.

**Savanna-Sabula Bridge**  
Savanna  
815-273-2722

Ranks among the greatest examples of steel truss construction.

**Savanna Train Car Museum**  
Savanna • 25 Main St.  
815-273-3292

Home to railroad artifacts & memorabilia for generations to explore & gain an understanding of history.

**Shannon Water Tower**  
Shannon • 1 E. Elizabeth St.  
815-864-2735

Built after the disastrous fire of 1892, this unique tower stands 82 feet high & holds 55,000 gallons of water.

**Soldiers & Sailors Monument & Annex**  
Mt. Carroll • Courthouse Lawn  
815-244-0221

Monument by Lorado Taft dedicated in 1891 to commemorate the 1284 Carroll County men who lost their lives in the Civil War.

**Thomson Depot Museum**  
Thomson • 907 Main St.  
815-259-8292

Built in the late 1800s. Exhibits, old photographs, newspapers, land grants, railroad memorabilia, furniture & clothing.

**HORSE/EQUESTRIAN**

**Eagle Point Stable & Horseback Riding**  
Milledgeville • 5399 Maple Rd.  
815-493-8213

Country riding for experienced rider.

**Scenic Bluff Ranch**  
Savanna/14267 Messmer Rd  
815-273-3843

We’re on 350 acres with access to 30,000 acres of state and federal preserves. We offer riding for all ages. We can accommodate large groups.

**GUIDES**

**Rack & Wing**  
Launc • 29232 Harvest Rd.  
815-493-6443  
rackandwing.com

Game bird preserve. NW Illinois hunts, whitetail, wild turkey & sporting clays.

**Marinas/Boat Ramps**

**Savanna Marina**  
Savanna • 500 Cragmoor St.  
815-273-3887

This small area describing early settlement in Savanna hosts the monument commemorating the Aaron Pierce family, the first white settlers of Savanna.

**Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife & Fish Refuge/Ingersoll Wetlands Learning Center**  
Thomson • 7071 Riverview Rd.  
815-273-2732  
midwest.fws.gov

55,000 acres: fishing, canoeing, hiking, biking, boat launches, wildlife observation area.

**U.S.A.C.E. Big Slough**  
Thomson • Riverview Rd.  
815-259-3628

Mississippi River boat launching, canoe access, fishing, restrooms & parking lot.

**Miscellaneous**

**MC Motopark**  
Mt. Carroll • 13137 IL Rte. 78  
815-238-1614  
mcmotopark.com

1 mile north of Mt. Carroll. 40 acres of fun, challenging track of natural terrain. Elevation changes, jumps, obstacles for beginners to pros.

**On The Move Community Fitness Center**  
Launc • 125 W. Locust St.  
815-493-8213

Cardio equipment, strength machines, weights, group exercise classes, more.

**State Parks/Forests**

**Mississippi Palisades State Park**  
Savanna • 16327A IL Rt. 84  
815-273-2731

2500 acres. Beautiful scenery, restrooms, parking, dump station, boat launches, camping, canoe access, fishing, hiking, hunting, nature preserves, cross-country skiing.

**Swimming**

**Mount Carroll Community Swimming Pool**  
Mt. Carroll • 505 E. Seminary St.  
815-244-3483

Outdoor pool open to the public. Lessons for all ages offered at various times.

**Savanna Community Swimming Pool**  
Savanna • 500 Cragmoor St.  
815-273-3887

On rainy or sunny days, visit the indoor swimming pool.

**Food & Dining**

**Cafes/Delis**

**Bald Guyz Coffee & Bistro**  
Mt. Carroll • 320 N. Main St.  
815-244-0055

**Café Crumbles**  
Savanna • 411 Main St.  
815-273-0210

**Capn’s Grab ‘n Go**  
Savanna • 1 Main St.  
815-273-2956  
facebook.com/CapnsGrabGo

**Heirloom Café**  
Thomson • 2200 N. Rt 84  
815-259-4552  
theheirloommarket.com

**Tina’s Ice Cream Shoppe**  
Mt. Carroll • 409 N. Main St  
815-906-0084

**Espresso/Coffee**

**Bald Guyz Coffee & Bistro Coffee Shop**  
Mt. Carroll • 320 N. Main St.  
815-244-0055

**Savanna Marketplace**  
Savanna • 321 Main St.  
815-273-0336  
savannamarketplace.com

**Ethnic**

**New China Restaurant**  
Savanna • 112 Chicago Ave.  
815-273-1688

**Family Restaurants**

**Brothers Inn Family Restaurant**  
Launc • Hwys. 73 & 52  
815-493-2555

**Brothers Inn Restaurant**  
Savanna • 500 Main St.  
815-273-0220

**The Crooked Roof**  
Launc • 109 E. Carroll St.  
815-493-6838  
facebook.com/thecrookedroof

**Country Kettle**  
Savanna • 1811 Chicago Ave.  
815-273-2700

**Mount Carroll Cafe**  
Mt. Carroll • 314 N. Main St.  
815-244-1700

**Poopy’s Pub & Grub**  
Savanna • 1030 Viaduct Rd., Rt. 84 S.  
815-273-4516  
poopys.com

**Shannon Café/The Other Side Bar**  
Shannon • 29 East Market St.  
815-309-2233

**Sievert’s Steaks ‘N’ Stuff**  
Mt. Carroll • 121 W. Market  
815-244-7753

**Sunrise Restaurant**  
Thomson • 800 One Mile Rd.  
815-259-4663

**Fine Dining**

**Lake Carroll Clubhouse**  
Lake Carroll • 99 Lake Carroll Blvd.  
815-493-2810  
lakecarrollassociation.com

**Molly’s Kitchen & Bar**  
Mt. Carroll • 110 W Market St.  
815-906-0052  
mollysmountcarroll.com
BICYCLE TRAILS

Take a bike ride along the Mighty Mississip'.

For a leisurely bicycle adventure, the 60-mile Great River Trail is hard to beat. Beginning in Savanna, the trail skirts the Mississippi River all the way to the Quad Cities. Along the way, riders pass through portions of the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge and through river towns still steeped in the history and culture of the Mississippi River.

“We completed the trail over a two-day span and really enjoyed the trip. The trail offers a little bit of everything: shade trees, backwater, open prairie, quiet residential streets, country roads, rural atmosphere, urban atmosphere, and views of the Mississippi River,” one reviewer wrote on the TrailLink website, operated by the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy.

The Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge stretches from Minnesota to Rock Island, and it’s an important part of the Mississippi Flyway for ducks, swans, geese and other migratory birds.

There is plenty of nature along the trail, but there’s no need to rough it. Riders stop frequently to shop the antique stores, see the attractions, enjoy catfish dinners, photograph the boats and barges plying the river, spend the night in quaint inns and meet the folks who have lived theirs lives along the river.

In Savanna there are a number of lodging and dining options. Other trail towns along the way include Thomson, Fulton and Albany. You can also find overnight accommodations at campgrounds, parks and recreation areas along the trail.

**Savanna trailhead**: From State Route 84 (Great River Road), turn west on Broderick Drive, and the trailhead is on the left.

Visit [greatrivertrail.org](http://greatrivertrail.org) for guides, maps and other information about the Great River Trail.
MEETING/CONVENTION/RECEPTION SPACE

Henry’s Double K
Mt. Carroll • 834 S. Jackson St.
815-244-0181
facebook.com/HenrysDoubleK

Livengood’s Barn
Chadwick • 21647 Thomson Rd.
815-499-9934
livengoodsbarn.com

Manny’s
Savanna • 211 Main St.
815-273-4259

Majestic Pines Event Center
Thomson • 11503 Three Mile Rd
815-902-6076
facebook.com/majesticpineseventcenter

SHOPPING

End of the Road Antiques
Lanark • 306 SE. Lanark Ave.
815-493-6487

Frank Fritz Finds
Savanna • 324 Main St.
815-273-2661

Heritage Market Antiques, Etc.
Mt. Carroll • 107 W. Market St.
815-244-4054

Ideas N Designs Antiques
Mt. Carroll • 116 W. Market St.
815-244-7875

Plain Jane’s Vintage Cottage
Mt. Carroll • 407 S. Clay St.
815-244-0061
facebook.com/PlainJanesVintageCottage407Clay

Riverview Antique Mall
Mt. Carroll • 409 N. Main St.
815-409-0084

ARTISAN WORKS

Bill Delp’s Studio & Gallery of Fine Photography
Savanna • 10423 Zion Rd.
815-273-2803
billedpphotography.com

Charlottte Arvelle Glass
Mt. Carroll • 115 W. Market St.
815-244-3554
charlottearvelle.com

By appointment only.

takes all kinds
Mt. Carroll • 113 W. Market St.
815-244-0150

The Imaginarium Center for the Arts
Mt. Carroll • 208 W. Market St.
563-212-7155
facebook.com/zengas

Photography by Connie Zink
Savanna • 1723 Portland Ave.
815-665-0024
robertroostcountryguesthouse.com
By appointment only.

Zenga’s Now & Zen Gallery
Mt. Carroll • 208 W. Market St
563-212-7155
facebook.com/zengas

COUNTRY MARKETS

Argo Acres
Thomson • 16295 Argo Fwy. Rt.
815-259-2132

Fair Haven Fruit Farm
Thomson • 966 Creamery Rd.
815-499-1856
fairhavenfruitfarm.com

Heirloom Market
Thomson • 2200 N. Rt. 84
815-259-4552
theheirloommarket.com

Majestic Pines Event Center
Thomson • 11503 Three Mile Rd
815-902-6076
facebook.com/majesticpineseventcenter

Majesticpines84@gmail.com

RECEPTION SPACE

Mount Carroll Farmers Market
Mt. Carroll • Courthouse Square
815-244-CALL
mountcarroll.org

GIFTS/COLLECTIBLES

Blarney Stone Popcorn & Gifts
Shannon • 2 W. Market St.
815-864-2100
facebook.com/BlarneyStonePopcorn

Country Peddler Floral & Gifts
Savanna • 353 Chicago Ave.
815-273-5020

Dollinger Christmas Tree Farm
Shannon • 23882 Payne Rd.
815-864-2437

Farmers Market
Shannon • 2 W. Market St.
815-864-2100

Iron Horse Social Club Gift Shop & EXTreme Clothing
Savanna • 407 Main St.
815-908-8451

Land of Oz Porcelain Dolls
Savanna • 1723 Portland Ave.
815-565-0024
landofozdolls.com
By appointment only.

Sassy Stems
Savanna • 700 Main St.
815-273-7668
facebook.com/sassysystemsfloral

Savanna Marketplace
Savanna • 321 Main St.
815-273-0366
savannamarketplace.com

Twice-Sold Tales Bookstore
Lanark • 424 W. IL Rt. 64
815-219-3387
When the world was deciding the locations for historic sites, Lee County may have been first in line.

The Rock River makes Lee County an outdoor lover’s paradise. It also helps to have 5 campgrounds, the Amboy Marsh Wildlife Sanctuary, Green River State Wildlife Area, Nachusa Grasslands and Franklin Creek State Natural Area, making it a destination for those who want to get back to nature.

But Lee County is also rich in history. A young Abraham Lincoln served at Fort Dixon during the Black Hawk War of 1832. And Dixon is the boyhood home of President Ronald Reagan. There are several places where you can trace the roots of our 40th president.

At the **Ronald Reagan Boyhood Home**, 816 S. Hennepin Ave. in Dixon, you can see where the 40th president grew up. The site tells the story of his boyhood experiences and remarkable accomplishments. Out in the yard, a life-sized bronze statue pays tribute to Dixon’s most celebrated resident.

The **Northwest Territory Historic Center** at 205 W. Fifth St., the building where Reagan attended grade school, is home to more Reagan memorabilia, a small theater, and a library and research center.

At **Dixon Heritage Crossing**, a pedestrian-friendly outdoor plaza in downtown Dixon, you’ll find “Begins the Trial,” a life-size bronze sculpture of a young Ronald Reagan. Heritage Crossing also has a pavilion, performance spaces, places to sit, places to walk and places to enjoy the view of the Rock River. From there, a short walk up Hennepin Avenue will lead you to many of the buildings and institutions that shaped his life in Dixon.

**Other Lee County highlights:**
- **The Next Picture Show** is a community fine arts center with a flair for featuring outstanding work by local artisans. It’s in a beautiful 1854 brick building at 113 W. First St. in Dixon.
- **The National Headquarters** of the Lincoln Highway Association, in Franklin Grove, tells the story of America’s first coast-to-coast highway.
- **The Franklin Creek Grist Mill & Interpretive Center**, in Franklin Grove, is a reconstructed timber-frame water-powered mill that grinds corn much the way it was done in the 1800s.
- **The Amboy Depot Museum** in Amboy is the restored division headquarters of the Illinois Central Railroad. It has artifacts and exhibits from railroading’s heyday.
ATTRACTIONS

FAMILY FUN/COMMUNITY PARKS/RECREATION CENTERS

Amboy Pharmacy
Amboy • 202 E. Main St.
815-857-2323
Old-fashioned pharmacy, soda fountain. Homemade chocolate, old-fashioned sodas, shakes & malts, flavoredokes, phosphates, old-time atmosphere, old cabinets, penny candy & more. Closed major holidays.

Ballou Park
Dixon • 600 E. 7th St.
815-284-3306
dixonparkdistrict.org
Playground, picnic shelters & tables, softball diamonds, basketball courts.

Dixon Family YMCA
Dixon • 110 N. Galena Ave.
815-288-9622
dixonymca.org
Indoor pool, gymnasium, wellness center, fitness center, programs for all ages & lifestyles.

Dixon Welcome Center
Dixon • 87 S. Hennepin Ave
815-284-3496
discoverdixon.org/tourism

EC Smith Park
Dixon • 455 W. 7th St.
815-284-3306
dixonparkdistrict.org
Tennis courts, playground equipment, picnic area and a sledding hill.

Grace Johnston Park
Dixon • S. Highland Ave.
815-284-3306
dixonparkdistrict.org
Basketball courts, picnic area, softball diamonds, playground.

John Dixon Park
Dixon • 515 N. Galena Ave.
815-284-3306
dixonparkdistrict.org
Dixon’s oldest, playground, shelter.

Lowell Park
Dixon • 2114 Lowell Park Rd.
815-284-3306
dixonparkdistrict.org
240 acres, Nature Center, restrooms, parking, boat launch & Rock River access, fishing, hiking, nature preserve, cross-country skiing, shelters, grills, playground & more.

Lowell Park Nature Center
Dixon • 2114 Lowell Park Rd.
815-288-5209
dixonparkdistrict.org
Nature Center has a variety of displays that bring awareness of the park surroundings. Also live animals to educate young & old in the intricacies of nature. Great exploration for all ages. Admission is free.

Meadows Park
Dixon • Lowell Parkway
815-284-3306
dixonparkdistrict.org
Biking/hiking trails; wooden playland area; soccer fields; mini golf complex; picnic areas; Rock River shoreline; fishing access; snowmobile & equestrian trails.

Mendota Hills Windfarm
Paw Paw • Chicago Rd. & Bingham Rd.
The largest commercial windfarm in Illinois with 63 towering windmills.

O’Connell’s Yogi Bear Jellystone Park
Amboy • 970 Green Wing Rd.
815-857-3860
jellystoneamboy.com
3 heated pools, 9 kiddie pools, 5 bathhouses, double flume waterslide, paddle boats, kayaks, mini-golf & more.

Page Park
Dixon • 251 Custer Ave.
815-284-3306
dixonparkdistrict.org
45 acres next to Rock River, boat ramp, ADA dock, bank fishing, hiking, picnic shelters, ball diamonds, tennis courts.

Plum Hollow Family Center
Dixon • 1933 IL Rt. 26
815-288-7102
bowldixon.com
Bowling, laser tag, indoor rock climbing & more. Perfect for parties!

Vaile Park
Dixon • 251 Custer Ave.
815-284-3306
dixonparkdistrict.org
Picnic shelter, volleyball courts, playground, horseshoe courts

BIKING/HIKING

Amboy Marsh Wildlife Sanctuary
Amboy • US Rt. 52 & Mormon Rd.
217-544-2473
illinoisaudubon.org
272 acres of wetlands offering a rare and fragile ecosystem which is open to the public 7 days a week for walking and bird-watching. No dogs are allowed. Located 3 miles south of Amboy near the intersection of U.S. Route 52 and Mormon Road.

Franklin Creek State Natural Area
Franklin Grove • 1872 Twist Rd.
664-acre nature preserve and park offers 7 days a week for walking and fragile ecosystem which is open to the public.

Green River Cyclery
Dixon • 205 E. 1st St.
815-622-8180
greenrivercyclery.com
Bike service & repairs plus pick up and drop off service in the Sterling, Rock Falls & Dixon area.

Green River State Wildlife Area
Harmon • 375 Game Rd.
815-379-2324
The Green River State Wildlife Area is a 2,563 acre wildlife restoration area popular among hunters, hikers, birders and other outdoor enthusiasts and offers rest rooms, parking, dump station, camping, hiking trails, horse trails and hunting in season.

Rock River Trail
rockrivertrail.com
The Rock River Trail is a 320-mile trail through 11 counties in Wisconsin & Illinois and travels through Ogle, Lee & Whiteside counties. Go to website for routes with GPS maps and cue sheets so you can follow the beautiful Rock River Trail corridor. The Rock River Trail is a National Water Trail for you to drive, hike, bike or paddle!

BOAT/CANOE RENTALS

Dave’s Outdoor World
Sterling • 815-716-3366
davesoutdoorworld.com

FARM TOURS/AGRI TOURISM

West Wind Alpacas
Amboy • 341 Rockford Rd.
815-719-1557
alpacasonly.com
Tours of facility; see unique members of the camel family.

FISHING GUIDES

Rock River Professional Guide Service
Dixon • 1521 S. College Ave.
815-288-6855
Denny Hagen’s guided fishing parties for trophy flathead catfish, walleye & channel cat. 6 hour trips from Oregon to Eerie on the Rock River.

GOLF

Lost Nation Golf Club
Dixon • 6931 S. Lost Nation Rd.
815-652-4212
18-hole public golf course with clubhouse, proshop, cart/ equipment rental.

Shady Oaks Golf Course
Amboy • 577 U.S. Rt. 52
815-849-5424
shadoyoksc.com
18 holes, clubhouse, proshop, club/ equipment rental, banquet facilities.

Timber Creek Golf Course
Dixon • 729 Timber Creek Rd.
815-288-5110
timbercreekdixon.com
18 holes

HISTORY & HERITAGE

Amboy Depot Museum
Amboy • E. Main St.
815-857-4700
amboydepotmuseum.org
A former depot built in 1876 served as division headquarters of the IL Central Railroad in Amboy. Architecturally unique, the two-story building is built of brick.

Ashton Lincoln Highway Interpretive Mural
Ashton • 810 Main St.
866-455-4249
drivelincolnhighway.com
Begins the Trail’ Reagan Statue
Dixon • River St.
815-284-DIXON
discoverdixon.com
Local artist Don Reed's bronze statue of Ronald Reagan on his palomino horse is the centerpiece of the open-air plaza. Heritage Crossing, on River St, downtown Dixon.

Burma Shave-Like Signs
Sublette • Hwy 52 S.
815-849-5582
subletteweb.com
Sublette was awarded the Burma Shave-like signs by Reminisce Magazine, the only such site in IL.

Chaplin Creek Historic Village
Franklin Grove • 1715 Whitney Rd.
815-990-5090
chaplincreek.com
An evolving, full-scale historical restoration project depicting a prairie settlement typical of the middle 19th century. Several historically significant buildings & artifacts have been relocated from the surrounding area. Open May – Sept., Sat. & Sun. 12pm-4pm, or by appointment.

Dixon Lincoln Highway Interpretive Gazebo
Dixon • S. Galena & River St.
866-455-4249
drivelincolnhighway.com
Dixon Lincoln Highway Interpretive Mural
Dixon • 63 Peoria Ave.
866-455-4249
drivelincolnhighway.com
Dixon’s Railroad Street Arches
Dixon • First, Second & Third Sts.
815-284-1134
leecountystory.com
On National Register of Historic Places, three limestone arches built in 1855 to support IL Central Railroad trains as they passed through Dixon.

Dixon Telegraph Museum
Dixon • 113 S. Peoria Ave.
815-284-2224
Museum showcases the newspaper & its role in Dixon’s history. Displays include an old fashioned 1850’s printing press, historic newspapers & four walls of photographs showcasing the Telegraph & Dixon’s past.
First Carson Pirie Scott Store Plaque
Amboy • 55 SE. Ave.
In 1854, Samuel Carson left Ireland, found his way to Amboy, and opened a dry goods store called Carson Pirie & Company. It became the foundation of the retail department store chain.

Franklin Creek Grist Mill & Interpretive Center
Franklin Grove • 1893 Twist Rd. 815-456-2718
Watch the four-ton waterpower wheel of the millstone to grind corn like in the 1800s at this reconstructed, timber frame, four-story 1847 grist mill.

Franklin Grove Lincoln Highway Mural
Franklin Grove /119 N. Elm St. 866-455-4249
drivelincolnhighway.com
Heritage Crossing
Dixon • River St. 815-288-2308
Dixon's Riverfront Renewal project which turned two blocks of riverfront parking into a downtown open-air gathering place. Features walking & biking trails, performance space, restrooms, & life-sized statue of Ronald Reagan. Tent rentals for weddings, receptions, parties & events.

H.I. Lincoln Building
Franklin Grove • 136 N. Elm St. 815-456-3030
franklingroveil.org
Originally built in 1860 by Abe Lincoln’s cousin as a dry goods store, headquarters of the Lincoln Hwy Association, a museum & gift shop.

Historic Dixon Theater
Dixon • 114 S. Galena Ave. 815-284-2715
dixontheatre.com
One of the most beautiful theaters from Chicago to Des Moines, it recently underwent major restoration & again hosts concerts & acclaimed performances.

Historic Lee County Courthouse
Dixon • 112 E. Second St. 815-288-5676

Lee County Historical & Genealogical Society
Dixon • 113 S. Hennepin Ave. 815-284-1134
leeountyghs.org
Historical & genealogical information including complete burial records, census records, and over 1.2 million indexed microfilm records from 1851-present from Lee County newspapers. See website for days and hours of operation.

Lincoln Statue
Dixon • Lincoln Statue Dr. 815-288-1840
A statue of 23-year-old Lincoln as he served as a volunteer soldier in the Black Hawk Indian War of 1832.

LoveLand Museum
Dixon • 513 W. Second St. 815-284-2741
lovelandcommunityhouse.org
Photos of Ronald Reagan, fossils, Civil War weapons, pioneer tools & interactive exhibits.

Lowell Park Nature Center
Dixon • 2114 Lowell Park Rd. 815-288-5209
Natural resource education & exhibits of native plants & wildlife; USFWS/IDNR-licensed live educational birds of prey.

Mills & Petroc Memorial Building
Ashhton • IL Rt. 38
Named after a pair of Civil War veterans that “adopted” the town, the building houses city offices, the public library & meeting space.

Mormon Cemetery
Amboy • Rocky Ford Rd. 815-857-3814
Contains the grave of one of Brigham Young’s wives.

Mormon Plaque
Amboy • 59 SE. Ave. 815-283-3814
One of the first Mormon Church settlements, includes a memorial plaque on the early history of the Church of Latter Day Saints.

Northwest Territory Historic Center
Dixon • 205 W. 5th St. 815-288-5508
nthc.org
A History Research & Learning Center housed in President Ronald Reagan’s boyhood South Central School, in his hometown of Dixon.

Old Settlers Log Cabin
Dixon • Lincoln Statue Dr. 815-288-1134
Built in 1894, the log cabin was relocated to the former site of Fort Dixon as a lasting tribute to the area’s early settlers.

Ronald Reagan Boyhood Home & Visitors Center
Dixon • 816 Hennepin Ave. 815-288-5176
reaganhome.org
Boyhood home restored to 1920s era, when Ronald Reagan & family lived there. Guided tours; gift shop.

Ronald Reagan Trail
Dixon • Galena Ave. & 2nd St. 815-288-3814
More than 30 tree trunk wood carvings depict the lives of Reagan, Lincoln & Grant.

Reagan Peace Park
Dixon • Galena Ave. & 2nd St. 815-288-3814
Donated by a Bulgarian immigrant, the sculpture includes a full-size replica of a section of the Berlin Wall, & recognizes President Reagan’s efforts to attain peace & freedom.

Wood Carvings at Amboy City Park E.
Amboy • E. Main St. 815-288-3814
Over 100 years old, it’s been restored & features: President Reagan’s efforts to attain peace & freedom. Sculpture includes a full-size replica of a section of the Berlin Wall, & recognizes President Reagan’s efforts to attain peace & freedom.

Theatre/Nightlife
Dixon Stage Left
Dixon • 306 W. 1st St. 312-420-8715
dixonstagelleft.com
Historic Dixon Theatre
Dixon • 114 S. Galena Ave. dixontheatre.com
Foolery Improv
Dixon • 107 S. Peoria Ave. fooley improv.com
Rosbrook Studio
Dixon • 107 S. Peoria Ave. facebook.com/RosbrookStudio
Sauk Valley Community College
Jerry Mathis Theatre Dixon • 173 IL Rt. 2 815-288-5511 svcc.edu

Horse/Equestrian
Franklin Creek State Natural Area
Franklin Grove/1872 Twist Rd. 815-456-2878
rrha.tripod.com/rrha
12 miles of trails, shelter house, drinking water, rest rooms & outdoor show area. Go to website for events.

Meadows Park
Dixon • 1485 Fellows Ave. 815-284-1134
park district.org
Parking lot, boat launches, canoe access, fishing.

Dixon Boat Ramp
Dixon • 2114 Lowell Park Rd. dixonparkdistrict.org
Parking lot, boat launches, canoe access, fishing.

State Parks/Forests
Amboy Marsh Wildlife Sanctuary
Amboy • US 52 & Mormon Rd. illinoisaudubon.org
272 acres of wetlands offering a rare and fragile ecosystem, which includes endangered turtles, many birds and unique plant life. It is located near the intersection of U.S. Rt 52 and Mormon Road 3 miles south of Amboy. Open to the public 7 days a week for walking and bird-watching. No dogs allowed due to sensitive plant and wildlife.
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REINTRODUCTION OF THE

AMERICAN BISON

Majestic American bison herd reintroduced to Nachusa Grasslands

In October 2014, the Nachusa Grasslands were reintroduced to an old friend – the American bison. The Nature Conservancy, which operates the Grasslands, brought 30 bison to the preserve.

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The reintroduction of the American bison to the Illinois countryside has been a success. Today, the animals happily wander their 1,500-acre preserve.

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The Nachusa Grasslands, a mix of tallgrass prairie, savanna and woodlands, covers 4,000 acres, so there’s plenty of room for hiking, birding and other outdoor activities. The bison herd lives behind fences on 1,500 acres, so you don’t need to worry about too-close bison encounters.

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Franklin Grove • 1872 Twist Rd. 815-456-2878
664-acre nature preserve park. Hiking, equestrian area, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, fishing, hunting, picnic areas. Franklin Creek Grist Mill.

Nachusa Grasslands
Franklin Grove • 8772 S Lowden Rd. 815-456-2340 nachusalands.org
Hiking, bird watching, 1,500 acres includes dry gravel hill prairie, black oak & bur oak savanna, calcareous fern & seeps & seadeed swamps.

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Duwayne’s Diner
Dixon • 609 Depot Ave. 815-288-1421
Gingko Tree Café
Dixon • 216 W. First St. 815-677-9144
The World’s Sausage Café & More
Dixon • 506 Depot Ave. 815-440-9774 theworldssausagecafeandmore.com

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Bangkok Gardens
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Dixon • 114 N. Peoria Ave. 815-288-4448

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Amboy • 203 E. Short St. 815-857-4477

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Dixon • 420 W. 3rd St. 815-288-6969

Mr. Tequila Bar & Grill
Dixon • 844 N. Galena Ave. 815-677-9280

Railside Bar & Grill
Nelson • 207 S. Butler St. 815-251-4633

Ralphie and Lu Lu’s
Ashton • 812 Main St. 815-453-2103

Road House Pizzeria & Pub
Sublette • Rt. 52 815-849-9999

Sew Belly’s
Dixon • 92 S. Peoria Ave. 815-288-1234

The Stables
Dixon • 87 S. Galena Ave. 815-288-9329

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Amboy • 305 E. Bluff St.

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Sublette • 1922 Tower Rd. 815-849-5456

Sew Belly’s
Dixon • 92 S. Peoria Ave. 815-288-1234

Sublette Fast Stop
Sublette • 508 N. Pennsylvania Ave. 815-849-9013

WINERIES/WINE BARS/TASTING ROOMS

Crystal Cork Wine Shoppe, The
Dixon • 219 W. 1st St. 815-285-3496

theocrystalcork.com

MEETING/CONVENTION/reception space

Brandywine, The
Dixon • 441 IL Rt. 2 815-284-8484

Loveland Community House
Dixon • 513 W. 2nd St. 815-284-2741

lovelandcommunityhouse.org

Mills & Petrie Memorial Building
Ashton • 704 N 1st St. 815-973-8397

www.millspetrielibrary.weebly.com

Post House Ballroom
Dixon • 100 W. 2nd St. 815-288-0892

Posthouseballroom.com

Sauk Valley Community College
Dixon • 173 IL Rt. 2 815-288-5511

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Timber Creek Amber Room
Dixon • 729 Timber Creek Rd. 815-288-5110

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Dixon • 404 N. Galena Ave. 815-440-5280

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Dixon • 639 Palmyra Rd. 815-973-9062

Bavaria Haus Antiques
Dixon • 404 N. Lincoln Ave. 815-288-3133

Happy Trails Antique Shop
Dixon • 221 S. Peoria Ave. 815-284-0400

Mr. & Mrs. P’s Antiques
Dixon • 710 S. Galena Ave. 815-288-1178

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Dixon • 1112 S. Galena Ave. 815-994-0709

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Busy Bee Crafts
Sublette • 1869 Tower Rd. 815-440-2131

Crystal Cork Art Quarterly
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dezine99
Dixon • 711 N. Brinton Ave. 815-284-2084

dezine.net

H.L. Lincoln Store
Franklin Grove • 136 N. Elm St. 815-456-3030

frankingroveil.org

Next Picture Show, The
Dixon • 113 W. First St. 815-285-4924

thenextpictureshow.org

Roxie’s
Dixon • 315 W. 1st St. 815-289-1866

roxiesdowntown.com

Scheffler Art & Gallery
Franklin Grove • 107 Elm St. jerryschefflerarts.com

T M Ceramics
Sublette • 251 Wolf Rd. 815-849-9011

GIFTs/collectibles

Amboy Pharmacy
Amboy • 202 E. Main St. 815-857-2323

Distinctive Gardens
Dixon • 2020 Lowell Park Rd. 815-285-0014

distinctivegardensinc.com

Frame Works, The
Dixon • 210 W. First St. 815-288-2400

From: Me To: You Gift Shop
Franklin Grove • 171 E. Lincoln Hwy. 815-456-3600

Nichols Greenhouse
Dixon • 1228 W. 4th St. 815-284-3805

Palmyra Greenhouse
Dixon • 489 Palmyra Rd. 815-285-2800

palmyragreenhouse.com

Pam’s Hallmark
Dixon • 1331 N. Galena Ave. 815-288-6600

Ronald Reagan Boyhood Home & Visitors Center
Dixon • 816 Hennepin Ave. 815-288-5176

reaganhome.org

Unique Embroidery
Franklin Grove • 132 Rt. 38 815-456-3023

Waterfront Gifts
Dixon • 212 W. 1st St. 815-288-4500

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Dixon • 203 West First St. 815-973-0103

theasteriskboutique.com

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Books on First
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Roxie’s
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roxiesdowntown.com

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Petals to Parties
Dixon • 123 W. 1st St. 815-288-7496

Poppin’ on the Rock Gourmet
Popcorn Shop
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Dixon • 732 N. Galena Ave. 815-288-3041

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Sandstone bluffs, old growth forests, sedate state parks, rippling waters, railroad history and the iconic Black Hawk Statue signal your arrival in Ogle County, where the wonders of the natural world blend beautifully with magnificent man-made attractions and special events.

Ogle County is home to the region’s most recognizable landmark – sculptor Lorado Taft’s famous 50-foot tribute to Native Americans, commonly called the Black Hawk Statue. This 536,770-pound work of art, which originated from an 8-inch sketch, gazes across the Rock River from its eastern bank, perched 125 feet above the waterway. At its dedication on July 1, 1911, Taft noted that the statue, which he called The Eternal Indian, had essentially grown from the ground. And what a ground it is! Ogle County is home to many of the region’s quintessential attractions, including White Pines Forest State Park, where virgin stands of pine, log cabins, lodge dining, live theater and natural beauty abound. Just 90 miles west of Chicago, the scent of towering pines permeates this place, where guests find solace on moss-covered hiking trails, in cozy one-room cabins, and around crackling campfires at night.

Just minutes from White Pines, visitors discover nature preserves, parks, go-cart rides, golf and mini-golf, canoeing and kayaking, specialty shops and historic sites. One of the most popular is the John Deere Historic Site in nearby Grand Detour, where the famous inventor built his family home in 1836 and revolutionized farming.

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Throughout its small towns and villages, Ogle County celebrates its heritage with frequent family-friendly events ranging from Rochelle’s Railroad Days and Lincoln Highway Heritage Festival to Oregon’s Autumn on Parade and Candelight Christmas Walk.

Rochelle Railroad Park is a “must see” for railroading fans young and old. With over 80 trains per day, it’s an ideal spot for train watching. A raised platform allows viewers to experience and photograph two Class One rail lines crossing at the “diamond”. Tune your radio to 106.9 FM to listen to radio transmissions from dispatchers to locomotive engineers. The gift shop sells merchandise from Railroad Relics which includes items such as railroad timetables, dining car china, engineer data books, logoed items, books, commemorative spikes, railroad employee clothing, model train items, and many more railroad related items. Also available for sale are “Atlas” O, N & HO gauge trains. They also have an active ATCS display which shows locations of trains in the area so you can be ready for their arrival. Snacks, drinks and souvenirs are also available along with plenty of train displays and memorabilia. Open year round 10am - 5pm everyday except Tuesday.

Flagg Rochelle Historical Society Museum holds a large collection of antiques and genealogical information. One of the more important artifacts is the 1915 Partin-Palmer automobile built in Rochelle, which is the only known one in existence. Group tours available for a nominal fee. Call for hours and special events.
ATTRACTIONS

ADVENTURE SPORTS

Byron Dragway
Byron • 7287 River Rd. O: 815-391-0000
Weekends: 815-234-8405
ByronDragway.com
A family friendly, ¼ mile NHRA dragstrip that hosts a wide variety of drag racing events every weekend, April-November. Special events include the Meltdown Drags, World Power Wheel Standing Championships, and Summer Thunder.

Byron Motosports Park
Byron • 2525 Ash Rd. motobyron.com
Byron Motosports Park is Northern Illinois' premiere motocross facility. The park draws riders in from all over the country with its world renowned NUCLEAR SERIES. As one of the oldest motocross tracks in the country, the park has hosted many of today's top pros. The park prides itself on making your experience as safe, fun, and challenging as possible. Follow us on FB.

Da Worm Wagon Bait & Tackle
Byron • Rock River Boat Dock 815-871-2150
Live bait. Open seasonally.

KI Tracks
Oregon • 5067 W. Pines Rd. 815-732-3073
kitracksmsx.com
35 acres family fun! Cross country trails, a large mud pit, MX track, 800-foot grass drag strip, & kids only pee-wee track. Dirt bikes & ATVs.

Rock River Riders M/C
Polo • 6719 W. Pines Rd. 815-732-4649
rrrmc.tripod.com
AMA-sanctioned motocross hill climbs (semi-pro), dirt drags & trial race.

TJ’s Canoe Rentals
Oregon • 305 First St. 815-732-4516
tjscanoe.com
Five or 12-mi. trip; camp on the river.

THE ARTS

Byron Civic Theatre
Byron • 850 N. Colfax St. 815-732-3000
bctmagic.com

Oregon Sculpture Trail, The
Oregon 815-732-1338
discoveroregonillinois.com/discoveroregon/art-legacy
Beginning in 1911 with Lorado Taft’s sculpture, the trail’s legacy of art has expanded to numerous pieces.

White Pines Inn Dinner Theatre
Mt Morris • 6712 W. Pines Rd. 815-946-3817
whitepinesinn.com

BIKING/HIKING

Carnation Park
Oregon • 1 Webster St. 815-732-3101
oregonpark.org
Carnation Park consists of approximately 5.5 acres along the scenic Rock River. Amenities: Parking; Portable seasonal restrooms; Bike trail; Fishing; Observation deck

Elkhorn Creek Biodiversity Preserve
Foreston • Corner of W. Grove & Freeport Rd. nwilaudubon.org/elkhorn-creek.asp
The Elkhorn Creek Biodiversity Preserve contains an impressive variety of geologic and hydrologic features, wetlands, hillside prairies and their associated plant communities which draw many species of birds, butterflies & wildlife

Rock River Trail
rockrivertrail.com
The Rock River Trail is a 320-mile trail through 11 counties in Wisconsin & Illinois and travels through Ogle, Lee & Whiteside counties. Go to website for routes with GPS maps and cue sheets so you can follow the beautiful Rock River Trail corridor. The Rock River Trail is a National Water Trail for you to Drive, Hike, Bike or Paddle!

BOAT/CANOE RENTALS

Byron Forest Preserve Canoe Rental
Byron • 7993 North River Rd. 815-234-8535
byronforestpreserve.com

Four Sisters Bike Path
Rochelle • 735 N. 2nd St. 815-562-7813
rochellechamber.org/parkdist
4-mile bike path along beautiful Kyle River.

Jarrett Prairie Preserve Biking Trails
Byron • 7993 North River Rd. 815-234-8535
byronforestpreserve.com
Dedicated Illinois Nature Preserve with over 450 acres of dolomite prairie and savanna remnants and restorations with several miles of hiking and cross-country skiing trails.

Chicagoland Skydiving Center
Rochelle • Koritz Field, 1207 Gurler Rd. 815-797-9272
skydivechicago.com
The best skydiving school in the US. Now located at Koritz Field in Rochelle. More first-time skydivers than any other skydiving center in Chicago & the Midwest. Brand new skydiving aircraft & we maintain our safety record & reputation as the best.

Polarno Area Community Theatre
Polo • 117 N. Franklin Ave. polotheatre.org

Vince Carney Community Theater
Rochelle • Hickory Grove Civic Center 1127 N. 7th St. 815-764-ACTS wccrochelle.org

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byronforestpreserve.com
COMMUNITY PARKS

Byron Park District
Byron • 698 E. Collfax St. 815-234-8435 byronparkdistrict.com
Administers programs for children & adults and includes 3 parks, indoor swimming pool & PE center, tennis courts, fitness rooms & skate park.

Flagg-Rochelle Community Park District
Rochelle • 735 N. 2nd St. 815-562-7813 rochellemunicipalpark.com/parkdist Manages several parks & rec facilities.

Jacks Landing
Oregon • 2nd & Lafayette St. oregonpark.org/jacks-landing
10-acre site with hiking trails and riverfront access for fishing and canoeing. A handicapped-accessible fishing pier features two benches as well as a large area to fish or enjoy the peace and quiet of the river.

MC Park
Monroe Center • 400 West St. monroecenter61052.com
Baseball & softball diamonds, playground, picnic area with grills.

Mix Park
Oregon • IL Rt. 2 S. 815-732-3101 oregonpark.org
Park District facility, hosts annual Fields Project Art Festival & showcases sculpture.

Oregon Park District, The
Oregon • 304 S. Fifth St. 815-732-3101 oregonpark.org
140 plus acres at 10 different parks, baseball/softball diamonds, playgrounds, basketball courts, tennis courts, walking trails, sand volleyball courts, a concert area, 2 horseshoe courts & more.

Oregon Park East
Oregon • River Rd. 815-732-3101 oregonpark.org

Oregon Park West
Oregon • Oregon Trail Rd. 815-732-3101 oregonpark.org
Tennis courts, lighted basketball courts, baseball diamonds, soccer fields, sand volleyball courts, horseshoe pits, playgrounds, cooking grills & picnic tables. Cycling bike trail.

Ripplinger/Gouker/Etnyre Preserve
Byron • 1753 E. Townline Rd. 815-234-8535 byronforestpreserve.com

Skare Park
Rochelle • Flagg & Brooklyn Rd. 815-562-7813 rochellemunicipalpark.com/parkdist 320-acre park includes horse trails, hiking/biking trails, ball fields, grilling/picnic areas, horseshoe pits, playgrounds, shelters, & more. Includes Historic Skare Homestead Museum.

Weld Memorial Park
Stillman Valley • 5935 Weld Park Rd. 815-562-7813 weldparkdistrict.org
10-acre county park with hiking, recreation areas, parking, restrooms.

FAMILY FUN/AMUSEMENT

Barnacopia
Polo • 2570 N. Westbranch Rd. 815-946-2500 barnacopia.com
Blackhawk Model Railroad Club
Oregon • Conover Square Mall 201 N. 3rd St. 815-918-4468 blackhawkmodelrailroad.com Large HO scale layout. Free open to the public Sat. 10a-4p/Sun 1-4p/Wed. noon-3p. Groups by appl.

Byron Dragway
Byron • 7287 River Rd. 815-234-8405 byrondragway.com
The playground of power! ¼ mile IHRA dragstrip.

Byron Forest Preserve & Jarrett Prairie Center Museum
Byron • 7993 N. River Rd. 815-234-8435 byronforestpreserve.com
Newly renovated natural history museum with interactive, hands-on exhibits featuring a large bull bison, life-size dioramas, an immersive theater, and more! You can design your own farm in our Prairie and the Pow computerized exhibit. Jewel, our resident corn snake, and Gigi and Pebbles, our box turtles are ready to say “hello!” up close and personal if you like it! Our honey bee observation hives are always busy whether you’re looking or not! Enjoy a panoramic view of over 450 acres of prairie and woodlands from the third highest point in Ogle County.

Chicagoland Skydiving Center
Rochelle • 1207 Gurler Rd. 815-797-9272 skydivesc.com
The best skydiving school in the US. New located at Koritz Field in Rochelle. More first-time skydivers than any other skydiving center in Chicago & the Midwest. Brand new skydive aircraft & we maintain our safety record & reputation as the best.

New Town & Country Lanes
Mt. Morris • 4031 W. Mudcreek Rd. 815-734-7787 bowling.com, food, pool, darts, air hockey, arcade games for all ages, party & banquet areas available.

On Any Sunday Motorcycle Museum
Polo • 208 W. Mason St. 815-622-6870
90 motorcycles on display featuring European bikes from 1928 - 1978. Open by appointment only.

Pride of Oregon Paddle Wheel Boat
Oregon • 1469 IL Rt. 2 815-732-6761 maxsona.net
Authentic 102-foot paddle-wheel boat. This 150-passenger vessel is docked at Maxson’s Riverside Restaurant and offers luncheon & dinner cruises on the Rock River. Wheelchair accessible. Open April 1st – Nov 15th.

Rochelle Railroad Park & Visitor Center
Rochelle • 124 N. 9th St. 815-562-7031 rochellemunicipalpark.com/parkdist.org Over 80 trains daily. Ideal spot to train watch from raised platform. Exhibits of railroad history plus gift shop & visitor information area. Authentic Whitcomb Locomotive on site.

Summer Fun Recreation
Oregon • 6030 W. Pines Rd. 815-732-7004
Go-karting, miniature golf, a shooting gallery & summer breeze concessions: ice cream, food & drinks.

Tabernacle of David Gardens, The
Monroe Center • 9389 Kilbuck Rd. 936-649-5062 hamishkandavid.org
Ha Mishkan David (the Tabernacle of David) Gardens is 8 acres of beautiful landscaping & gardens open for weddings and special ceremonies. Go to website for a full listing of services.

T-Byrd Lanes
Rochelle • 1172 Lincoln Hwy. 815-562-4822 bowling.com, restaurant & bar.

Uptown Lanes/Back Alley Bar and Grill
Byron • 106 W 2nd St 618-599-3251 uptownlanesbyron.com

Weiskopf Observatory
Byron • 7993 N. River Rd. 815-234-8535 byronforestpreserve.com
Located on the third highest point in Ogle County, view the skies through an 11" Celestron reflecting telescope. Portable telescopes are also available for use. Open all year-round with free public viewing every Saturday night, weather permitting.

White Pines Roller Rink
Mt. Morris • 6929 W. Pines Rd. 815-946-9988 skatingfun.com
N IL’s largest roller rink. Top 40 music, live DJ, snack bar, & arcade.

GOLF

Oregon Golf Club
Oregon • 250 S. Dayville Rd. 815-732-1232 9 holes

PrairieView Golf Club
Byron • 7993 N. River Rd. 815-234-4653 prairievewgolf.com 18-hole

Silver Ridge Golf Club
Oregon • 3069 Hill Rd. 815-734-4440 18-hole

Rochelle Park District
Rochelle • Flagg Rd. 815-562-7672 rochellemunicipalpark.com/parkdist.org Golf driving range.

HISTORY/HERITAGE

1870 Buffalo Grove Lime Kiln
Polo • Galena Trail Rd. 815-946-4142 polohistoricalociety.org
This lime kiln produced mortar, an indispensable building ingredient for early pioneers. Completely restored & placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2002.

1878 Henry School
Polo • Rt. 26 815-946-4142
Was a school until 1957. Restored in 2001, displays of the 1832 Black Hawk War, Tall Tales & a Hemp Mill.

1918 Standard Oil Filling Station
Rochelle • 500 Lincoln Ave. 815-562-7031 rochelletourism.com
First gasoline filling station in Rochelle & first one built along the Lincoln Hwy in IL. Restored to original design, now Rochelle Tourism & Visitor Association office.

Atwood Park Veterans Memorials
Rochelle • 20th St. & 10th Ave. 815-562-7813 rochellemunicipalpark.com/parkdist.org
Built by local Boy Scouts to honor local war veterans, these are unique as the only war memorials in the United States built by youth.

Barnacopia Farm Museum
Polo • 2570 N. Westbranch Rd. 815-946-2500 barnacopia.com
Battleground Memorial Park
Stillman Valley • 218 W. Main St.
815-645-2603
Veterans of the Black Hawk War (1832) were buried here after the only war in Illinois.

Billy Barnhart Museum
Oregon • Conover Square Mall
201 N. 3rd
815-732-3950
Features rooms of vintage toys, collectibles, sleighs, farm equipment & relics.

Black Hawk Statue
Oregon • Lowden State Park
815-732-8628
Created by artist Lorado Taft & dedicated as a study in the character of the American Indian, the lighted figure stands 50 ft above the Rock River.

Burns House
Polo • 201 N. Franklin Ave.
815-846-2108
visitnorthwestillinois.com
The first brick house built in Polo is now a tourist information center and home of the Blackhawk Waterways Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Byron Museum of History & Lucius Read House
Byron • 110 Union St.
815-234-5031
byronmuseum.org
Featuring local history & Lucius Read house (circa 1843), exhibits include “Into the Outhouse”, “Claiming on the Rock”, information about local professional baseball player A.G. Spalding, the Underground Railroad & more.

Chana School
Oregon • River Rd.
815-732-1101
Two-room schoolhouse, built in 1883, was recently restored. Living history programs, school artifacts & more.

Civil War Cannons
Oregon • Ogle County Courthouse
815-732-1110
Two Civil War cannons grace the lawn of the courthouse.

Creston Lincoln Highway Interpretive Mural & Gazebo
Creston • 110 N. Main St.
866-455-4249
drivelincolnhighway.com

Flagg Rochelle Historical Society Museum
Rochelle • 518 4th Ave.
815-562-3040
flaggtownshipmuseum.org
Holds large collection of antiques & genealogical information, including the last existing 1915 Partin-Palmer automobile built in Rochelle.

Forreston Veteran’s Memorial
Forreston • Walnut St. & Cherry St.
Honor area residents who served & died in wars from the Civil War to present.

Historic Skare Homestead Museum
Rochelle • Flagg & Brooklyn Rds.
815-662-7813
Historic homestead of Norman Skare.

Heritage Farm Museum
Byron • 8059 N. River Rd.
815-234-8535
byronforestpreserve.com
Step back in time to discover life experienced by early settlers of Ogle County. Watch history come alive in the restored house and farm buildings owned by the same family for 5 generations.

Jarrett Prairie Center Museum
Byron • 7993 N. River Rd.
815-234-8535
byronforestpreserve.com
Newly renovated natural history museum with interactive, hands-on exhibits featuring a large bull bison, life-size dioramas, an immersive theater, computerized exhibits and more!

John Deere Historic Site
Grand Detour • 8334 S. Clinton St.
815-652-4551
johndeereattractions.com
John Deere’s restored pioneer home & a special archaeological exhibit of the original blacksmith shop.

Leaf River Historical Museum
Leaf River • 203 E. 3rd St. Rt. 72
In a former church built in 1895, exhibits include a dog treadmill from the 1800s, military artifacts, farm & agriculture equipment, country school & railroad memorabilia.

Nash Home • Ogle County Historical Museum
Oregon • 111 N. 6th St.
815-732-7545
oglecountyhistoricalsociety.com
Step back & enjoy memorabilia from the N Illinois area. From Lorado Taft’s Eagles Nest to “Patriotic” room depicting Ogle County’s history.

Official Illinois Freedom Bell
Mt. Morris • Wesley Ave.
815-734-6425
Liberty Bell replica. The Mt. Morris Kable Band summer concerts.

Ogle County Courthouse
Oregon • Corner 4th & Washington St.
815-732-1110
Built in 1892 & on the National Register of Historic Places.

Old City & Town Hall Museum
Rochelle • 4th Ave. & 6th St.
815-562-7873
Founded in 1971 & enrolled on the National Register of Historic Sites in 1992, collection includes artifacts from Rochelle’s history.
**Recreational Activities**

**HORSE/EQUESTRIAN**

**Rochelle Fire Department Museum**
Rochelle • 401 5th Ave.
815-562-2121
Contains beautifully restored 1924 fire engine called “Old Gertie” & other antique fire department equipment.

**Rochelle Lincoln Highway Interpretive Mural & Gazebo**
Mural: Downtown on Lincoln Hwy.
Gazebo: 2nd & Lafayette St.
815-562-3431
Public art exhibits & a collection of Civil War artifacts, exhibits & pictures, a collection of Lincoln Highway memorabilia.

**White Pines Ranch Museum**
Oregon • 3581 Pines Rd.
815-732-2923

**RECREATION CENTERS**

**Rochelle Swim & Fitness**
Rochelle • 1127 N. Jefferson Ave.
815-946-2883
Swimming pool and full range of strength training and workout equipment. Personal training, team fitness, group fitness, pool classes.

**Spring Lake Aquatic Park**
Rochelle • Ave. B & 8th St.
815-562-6659
Outdoor Olympic-size pool, 150-foot water slide, two diving boards & large wading pool.

**Food & Dining**

**CAFES/DIS**

**Chili Pepper Cafe**
Oregon • 815 S. 10th St.
815-732-3252

**Edward F. Vassallo Land & Water Reserve**
Mt. Morris • 7578 W. Pines Rd.
312-343-7315
The Edward F. Vassallo Land & Water Reserve bordering the White Pines State Park and was designated in 2014 as a state Land & Water Reserve by the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission. It includes 130 acres of native wildflowers, plants, grasses, creek bottom, habitat for native wildlife, birds and insects and forest areas. No motorized vehicles allowed. Nature lovers welcome and walking paths can be accessed by calling first.

**Lowden State Park**
Oregon • 1411 N. River Rd.
815-732-6928
207-acre state park: restrooms, hiking trails, dump station, boat launches, camping, fishing, nature preserves, & more; Lorado Taft Black Hawk Statue.

**Lowden-Miller State Forest**
Oregon • Nashua Rd.
815-732-7329
2225-acre state forest with scenic marked trails: hiking, biking, horseback riding, cross-country skiing & hunting.

**White Pines Forest State Park**
Mt. Morris • 6712 W. Pines Rd.
385-acre state park: scenic Pines Creek, fishing, Lowering White Pines, concessions, hiking, picnic areas, shelters, & more.

**SOMING**

**Oregon Public Outdoor Pool**
Oregon • 5th St. & Franklin St.
815-732-6321

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815-562-6659
Outdoor Olympic-size pool, 150-foot water slide, two diving boards & large wading pool.

**STATE PARKS/FORESTS**

**Rock River State Park**
Oregon • IL Rt. 2 S.
815-732-7329
2,000-acre park rock w/ formations, ravines, unique plant life & marked hiking trails. Picnic amenities: tables, shelters, grills, toilets, drinking water, playground equipment & a public boat ramp/parking facility.
**Conover Coffee & Chocolates Café**
Oregon • Conover Square Mall
815-881-8338
leombrunis-italian-village.com

**Cimino’s Pizza**
Rochelle • 126 May Mart Plaza
815-561-9777

**Father & Son Pizzeria of Oregon**
Oregon • 117 N. 4th St.
815-732-9700

**Flight Deck Bar & Grill**
Rochelle • 1207 West Gurlier Rd.
815-561-3664
flightdeckbar.com

**Franklin Street Pub**
Oregon • 306 Franklin St.
815-732-1272
franklinstreetpub.com

**Hub City Express**
Rochelle • 900 Petro Rd.
815-561-8595

**Jeff’s Rets**
Polo • 113 W. Mason St.
815-946-2860

**KS’s East End Bar & Grill**
Stillman Valley • 9042 Illinois 72
815-645-8820
facebook.com/KS.eastend

**Maggie’s Idle Hour**
Mt. Morris • 115 S. Wesley Ave.
815-734-4110
maggiesonline.com

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**Espreso/ Coffee Bars**

**Coffee Cup, The**
Rochelle • 408 4th Ave.
815-562-2627

**Conover Coffee & Chocolates Café**
Oregon • Conover Square Mall
815-562-9707
conovercoffees.com

**Cypress House, The**
Rochelle • 718 10th Ave.
815-562-4159
cypresshouse.net

**New York Bagel & Coffee**
Rochelle • 340 May Mart Dr.
815-562-2435

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**Family Restaurants**

**Butterfly Restaurant**
Rochelle • 1165 Lincoln Hwy.
815-562-5530

**Charlie's on Washington**
Oregon • 317 Washington Street
815-732-2700

**Country Leaf Café**
Leaf River • 110 N. Main St.
815-732-6107

**Dad's Bar & Pincricrcker Café**
Polo • 124 E. Mason St.
815-846-3321

**Depot, The**
Forreston • 314 W. Main St.
815-946-3321

**LaVigna Restaurant**
Oregon • 2190 S. Daysville Rd.
815-732-4413

**Maxson's Riverside Restaurant**
Oregon • 1469 IL Rt 2
815-732-6761
maxsona.net

**Pizza/Grills/Pubs**

**Abraham’s Bar & Grille**
Rochelle • 1127 N. 7th St.
803-226-7838
abesbarandgrille.com

**Aldo’s Pizza**
Rochelle • 418 Lincoln Hwy.
815-562-3456

**Cimino’s Pizza**
Rochelle • 107 E. Mason St.
815-846-9123

**Chimneys Grill**
Rochelle • 411 Cherry Ave.
815-562-6568

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815-734-4110
maggiesonline.com
Split Decisions
Oregon • Conover Square Mall
201 N. 3rd St.
815-732-4477

Stitches In Time Quilt Shop
Oregon • 304 W. Washington St.
815-732-4599

Vanaseys
Oregon • Conover Square Mall
815-732-7877
vanaseys.com

Vintage Chicks & Feed
Leaf River • 700 E. State Rt. 72
815-973-2432

Where the Dragon Fly
Oregon • Conover Square Mall
201 N. 3rd St.
815-234-5629
wherethedragonfly.com

White Pines Inn Gift Shop
Mt. Morris • 6712 Wt. Pines Rd.
815-846-3817
whitepinesinn.com

MALLS
Conover Square Mall
Oregon • 201 N. 3rd St.
815-732-3950
conoversquare.com

Mount Morris Country Craft Mall
Mt. Morris • 1 E. Center St.
815-734-7858

SPECIALTY SHOPPING
Arbor on Market Flower Shop
Byron • 105 Market St.
815-234-4682

Barniture
Oregon • Conover Square Mall
201 N. 3rd St.
815-234-2724

Chatty Lady Creations
Leaf River • 605 Main St.
815-738-2938

Colonial Flowers & Gifts
Rochelle • 408 Lincoln Hwy.
815-562-8101
floristrochelleil.com

Creative Designs
Oregon • 306 W. Washington St.
815-535-3432

Cypress House, The
Rochelle • 718 10th Ave.
815-562-4159
cypresshouse.net

Diamond “G” Ranch & Western Store
Rochelle • 4564 Knoll Rd.
815-562-4050

Flower Patch, The
Oregon • 120 N 4th St
815-732-7031
flowerpatchoregonil.com

Gypsy Sister Retail
Oregon • 215 Washington St.
815-973-0211

Happy Babies Boutique
Rochelle • 507 4th Ave
happybabiesboutique.com

Headon's Old Fashion Meat Market
Creston • 103 S. Main St.
815-384-3620
headons.com

Hidden Timber Gardens
Chana • 482 S. Chana Rd.
815-751-4162
hiddentimbergardens.com

In the Beginning Naturals
Rochelle • 405 Lincoln Hwy.
815-561-6466

Joann's Doll Shop
Byron • 7 28 W. Blackhawk Dr.
815-234-8332

Joyeria Ruby Jewelry
Rochelle • 406 Lincoln Hwy.
815-561-9093

Leaf River Quilt Co.
Leaf River • 6679 W. IL Rt. 72
815-738-2865
leafriverquiltco.com

Lifeline Resale Shop
Oregon • Conover Square
201 N 3rd St
815-732-7891

Monica's Never Know What I Got
What Not Shop
Oregon • 307 W. Washington St.
815-508-7337

Needles
Rochelle • 120 May Mart Dr.
815-384-2107
needlesrochelle.com

Niki Hunt Photography
Oregon • 302 W. Washington St.
815-494-9523
nikihunt.com

Oregon Soap Shoppe
Oregon • 91 S. Daysville Rd.
866-411-6614
oregonsoapshoppe.com

Poe's Needful Things
Oregon • Conover Square
201 N 3rd St

Split Decisions Sports Apparel
Oregon • Conover Square Mall
201 N. 3rd St.
815-732-4477

The Eagles Nest Gifts & Gallery
Oregon • 101 S. 1st St
815-732-2523
theeaglesnestgifts.com

Ukulele Station America
Oregon • 1000 Washington St.
815-994-1246
ukulelestationamerica.com

Vintage Cupboard, The
Oregon • Conover Square Mall
201 N. 3rd St.
815-732-7100
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History buffs explore the community of Tampico, where tours tell the tale of President Ronald Reagan’s 1911 birth in a flat above the town bakery at 111 S. Main Street. Other travelers are attracted to the early-American village of Heritage Canyon in Fulton, where special events and historical re-enactors hearken back to life in the 1800s.

At Albany Indian Mounds State Historic Site, visitors are fascinated by one of the largest prehistoric Hopewell Mound groupings in Illinois, where interpretive exhibits explore an Indian culture that existed more than 2,000 years ago. With hiking, biking and cross-country ski trails, as well as picnic tables and free admission, this is a favored place.

Whiteside County’s Lake Carlton is pegged as the state’s premiere spot for muskie fishing. And, throughout the year, this region is home to an endless array of entertaining special events, including the Prophetstown Pow Wow, Rock Falls Summer Splash, Fulton Fall Festival, and Dillon Home Museum Victorian Christmas Walk.

“The Hennepin Canal is one of northwestern Illinois’ most historic waterways. The canal, originally known as the Illinois and Mississippi Canal, was a project that would reduce the distance from Chicago to Rock Island by 419 miles and was conceived in 1834. Construction finally began in 1892 and the first boat went through in 1907. It was mainly used by small barges hauling coal and grain. An account made by the Sterling-Rock Falls Historical Society said that the peak of the canal’s success was made in 1927 when 30,000 tons of freight moved down her calm waters. From that point on she saw a steady decline in use, as railroads and trucking companies took over the freight industry. This, however, was a blessing for the Illinois sportsman. The canal is home to 78 miles of canoeing and kayaking opportunities and is snaked by parks and a beautiful walking path. This waterway is perfect for beginners as the waters are very calm, there are no obstructions and wildlife is abundant. There is a boat landing south of Rock Falls off Route 40, providing access and many take-out places along the way.

There are many other creeks and small rivers running through the Blackhawk Waterways region, just waiting to be explored.”

Whether you’re getting lost in a corn maze, visiting a restored village from yesteryear or marveling at a massive barge maneuvering it’s way through a Mississippi River lock, when in Whiteside County you’ll never be at a loss for things to do and see.
ATTRACTIONS

ADVENTURE SPORTS

Air Play Sports
Sterling • 115 E. 3rd St.
815-564-2787
airplaysports.com
Alternative sporting goods. Northern Illinois’ largest selection disc golf supplies, stunt kites, boomerangs & more. Open Mon-Sat. 7am – 6pm. Live inventory on our website. Facebook & Twitter.

Bike Barn, The
Morrison • 13524 Black Rd.
815-778-3641
unitedoffroadracing.com
Motocross & 4 wheel tracks

BAIT & TACKLE

K’s Corner Trading Post
Sterling • 13030 Galt Rd
815-626-2398

Morrison Rockwood Marina
Morrison • 18301 Lake Rd.
815-772-3613

Oppold Marina Harbor House
Sterling • 532 Stouffer Rd.
815-622-6203
sterlingparks.org
Free boat launch facilities, boat slip rentals, picnic shelters, restrooms, fishing, playground equipment.

BIKING/HIKING

Great River Trail
Fulton • 815-589-3925
greatrivertrail.org
20-plus miles of dedicated & shared-use biking or hiking trail, with six-mile loop around & through the City of Fulton, with Mississippi River & Fulton’s Dutch Windmill overviews.

Green River Cyclery
Sterling • 201 13th Ave.
815-622-8180
greenrivercyclery.com
Located adjacent to Sterling’s Multi-purpose and Recreational Trail and is easily accessible from the Trail or street. At the corner of 13th Avenue and 2nd Street.

Hennepin Canal Parkway
Rock Falls • 209 Emmons Ave.
815-380-2300
visitrockfalls.com
From Rock Falls to Sheffield. Miles of bike & hiking paths, canoeing, fishing & historical sites along the way.

Martins Landing/Sinnissippi Dam Walkway
Sterling • 10 Broadway (behind Dillon Home Museum)
815-622-6200
sterlingparks.org
The Sinnissippi Dam Walkway provides a link between the ever expanding trail system in Sterling and the Hennepin Feeder Canal in Rock Falls. The Feeder Canal ties into the main Hennepin Canal and becomes part of the Grand Illinois Trail. The Sinnissippi Dam Walkway offers bicyclists, runners, walkers and other recreational users a safe and scenic route across the Rock River.

Mead’s Bike Shop
Sterling • 414 Locust St.
815-626-4601
meadsbikeshop.com
We offer a wide selection of bicycles plus repair service, bike rentals and have a large selection of bike accessories and apparel.

Prophetstown State Recreation Area
Prophetstown • Park Ave. & River Dr.
Near Rt. 172 & 78
815-537-2926
53-acre state park: boat launches, fishing, camping, electrical service, restrooms/showers, playground, small picnic shelters, horseshoe pits, dump station & hiking. Between Rock River & Coon Creek a nature trail.

Rock River Trail
rockrivertrail.com
The Rock River Trail is a 320-mile trail through 11 counties in Wisconsin & Illinois and travels through Ogle, Lee & Whiteside counties. Go to website for routes with GPS maps and cue sheets so you can follow the beautiful Rock River Trail corridor. The Rock River Trail is a National Water Trail for you to Drive, Hike, Bike or Paddle!

Storybook Trail
Rock Falls • 812 Ave D

BOAT/CANOES RENTALS

Centennial Park
Rock Falls • E. 11th St. & Ave. D
815-625-0272
50-acre park with canoe rentals, fishing, hiking & more.
Henk Hielema, whose lifetime of world travel helped foster his passion for windmills, passed away in September 2016, five days before his 96th birthday. He left a lasting legacy in Fulton, a city where Dutch heritage runs deep and a full-sized working windmill rises from the prairie.

Before his death, Hielema donated the rest of his windmill model collection to the Windmill Cultural Center in Fulton. Each was painstakingly hand built by Henk and his wife, June. The new models join the 21 windmill models he had donated to the center in 2010. Some of the windmills are as tall as 6 feet.

The Windmill Cultural Center is near the well-known De Immigrant Windmill, built in the Netherlands and assembled by Dutch craftsmen in Fulton. It’s an authentic working windmill, its blue basalt millstones capable of grinding a bushel of grain into flour in about 10 minutes.

The Hielemas’ models were based on working windmills they saw and photographed throughout Europe. Henk grew up in the Netherlands, escaped from a Nazi work camp as a youth and served in the Dutch Marines as World War II came to an end.

“These windmills are priceless, one of a kind,” said Regina Lehman, Tourism and Community Center Director for Fulton. “I can’t even imagine how many hours they devoted to building these.”

Interpretive exhibits tell the story of the windmill, its design, its uses and its impact on European culture. The center also has gift shop where visitors can buy pottery, souvenirs and stone-ground buckwheat, corn, rye, and wheat flour milled at De Immigrant windmill.

Windmill Cultural Center exhibit to expand.
Crystal Lake Recreation Park
Rock Falls • 600 E. 17th St.
815-622-5974
crystallake1.com
Located adjacent to the Hennepin Canal Parkway which offers 70 miles of canoeing and kayaking in a slow current and we offer canoe & kayak rental. Other amenities include a man-made lake for swimming, a go-kart track, aqua-golf range, an RV park and campground. Easy access from Exits 41 or 44 off I-88.

Dave’s Outdoor World
815-716-3366
davesoutdoorworld.com

Morrisson Rockwood Marina
Morrisson • 18301 Lake Rd.
815-772-3613

COMMUNITY PARKS
10th Ave School Park
Fulton • 10th Ave.
Grills, pavilion, restrooms, parking, playground & basketball courts.

Bowman Park
Rock Falls • 200 W 1st St.
colomataparkdistrict.com

Cattail Park
Fulton • 100 19th St.
Community bldg., pavilion, picnic area, outdoor grills, playground.

Centennial Park
Rock Falls • 11th St. & Ave. D
815-626-0272
colomataparkdistrict.com
50 acre park: canoe rentals, fishing, biking, picnic area, playgrounds & more.

Den Besten Park
Fulton • 1st St.
Picnic tables, restroom, interpretive kiosk.

Douglas Park
Sterling • 2100 Chestnut Ave.
colomataparkdistrict.com
Basketball courts, playground equipment, open play areas.

Drives Athletic Park
Fulton • 1300 Park Dr.
Baseball & soccer fields, picnic pavilion, playground.

Eberley Park
Sterling • 2699 W. LeFevre Rd.
colomataparkdistrict.com
Basketball courts, playground equipment, open play areas.

Gartner Park
Sterling • 2121 W. LeFevre Rd.
colomataparkdistrict.com
Lighted & unlighted ball diamonds

Harry Kidd Field
Sterling • 1219 W. 7th St.
colomataparkdistrict.com
Football field

Hoover Park
Sterling • 3603 Woodlawn Dr.
colomataparkdistrict.com
Cross-country skiing, picnic area, playground equipment, open play areas & S.M.A.R.T. Trail System (paved walking course).

Joshua Park
Rock Falls • Riverdale Rd. & A St.
815-626-0272
colomataparkdistrict.com
18 hole disc golf course, family picnic shelter, modern restrooms, basketball court, playground area, baseball diamond. Handicapped accessible parking lot.

Kelly Park
Morrisson • E. High St.
3.4 acre park: professionally designed 9-hole Frisbee golf course, tennis courts, picnic area, new playground & walking path.

Kilgour Park
Sterling • 400 W. 15th St.
colomataparkdistrict.com
Outdoor basketball courts, historical site, picnic area, playground equipment, Imagination Station, open play areas, outdoor tennis courts & walking course.

Kiwanis Park
Fulton • 4th St. & 16th Ave.
Baseball fields & playground.

Kiwanis Park
Morrisson • N. Genesee St.
Rolle Bolle court, playground & picnic area.

Lawrence Park
Sterling • 13850 Ave. G
815-622-6205
colomataparkdistrict.com
Boat launch, fishing & recreational areas.

Logan Memorial Park
Rock Falls • E. 30th St.
815-626-0272
colomataparkdistrict.com
Ball diamonds, family picnic shelter, playground equipment, restrooms.

Lower Dam Park
Rock Falls • Downtown riverfront
815-626-0272
colomataparkdistrict.com
1-acre park: exciting view of the Rock River, excellent fishing, boat ramp just below the Lower Dam.

Morrison Sports Complex
Morrisson • E. 30th & Bishop Rd.
815-777-0339
morrisonil.org
35 acre: baseball/softball & field hockey fields, sledding hill, nature trail & walking path.

Nims Park
Rock Falls • E. 3rd St. & Ave. E
815-626-0272
Picnic shelter, restrooms, playground, basketball court, a Frisbee golf course, baseball diamond, offers fishing & canoeing.

Neighborhood Community Park
Fulton • 6th St. & 22nd Ave.
Shelter house, picnic tables, grills, playground.

Optimist Park
Rock Falls • N. 14th Ave. & Prophet Rd.
815-625-0272
colomataparkdistrict.com
Playground, picnic, tables & basketball courts.

Prophet Park
Sterling • 506 E. 6th St.
colomataparkdistrict.com
Basketball courts, playground, open play areas & Lincoln statue.

Redfield Park
Sterling • 14th Ave. & 2nd St.
colomataparkdistrict.com
Playground equipment, open play areas, trail, biking/walking path.

Robert A. Millikan Park
Morrisson • W. Main St.
Icons of Morrison’s past: hitching post, railroad crossing signal, horse trough, & historic brick pathways.

Scheid Park
Sterling • 1102 Woodburn Ave.
colomataparkdistrict.com
Outdoor basketball courts, playground, open play areas, shelters & soccer fields.

Seward Riverside Park
Rock Falls • E. 2nd St. & Ave. C
815-625-0272
colomataparkdistrict.com
Boat launch area, picnic area, playground & ducks to feed.

Sieglinger Memorial Park
Rock Falls • 9th Ave. & W. 22nd St.
815-626-0272
colomataparkdistrict.com
Picnic tables, playground, ball diamonds, horseshoe courts, concessions.

Sinnissippi Park
Sterling • Sinnissippi Rd.
815-622-6200
colomataparkdistrict.com
Outdoor basketball courts & ice skating, picnic area, playground & open play areas.

Wallfording Park
Rock Falls • E. 8th St. & Ave. C
815-625-0272
colomataparkdistrict.com
Playground, picnic, & an ice skating pond, concession stand, a family picnic shelter, outdoor basketball court & playground.

WaterWorks Park
Morrisson • W. Winfield St.
12.4 acres: baseball diamond, sand volleyball courts, tennis courts, playground, picnic area, new playground, walking path & new shelter.

FAMILY FUN/AMUSEMENT

Andresen Nature Center
Fulton • 400 N. 4th St.
815-499-5869
Displays of local wildlife, insects, and flora found along the local watershed of the upper Mississippi River.

Blue Goose Run
Sterling • 14609 Blue Goose Rd.
815-772-7200
bluegooserun.com

Cage, Thos.
Morrisson • 222 W. Main St.
815-441-8566
Indoor Batting , Pitching Mounds, Golf Tees

Crystal Lake Recreation Park
Rock Falls • 511 E. Rt. 30
815-622-5974
crystallake1.com
Go-karts (500-foot track), sun bathing, trampoline, big floating raft, food & more.

Deitricks’ Alpaca Ranch
Prophetstwon • 1120 Lomax Rd
815-373-5281
deitricksalpaca ranch.com
Alpaca ranch open by appt only.

Dillon Home Museum
Sterling • 1005 E. 3rd St.
815-622-6202
colomataparkdistrict.com
Tours, Weddings & Formal Events

Duis Recreation Center
Sterling • 211 E. St. Mary’s Rd.
815-622-6200
colomataparkdistrict.com
Indoor swimming pool, outdoor skatepark, diving well, gymnastics & tumbling; full fitness facility available.

Fun Jump
Sterling • 505 W Lynn Blvd.
815-535-1520
funjump.us
We offer 8,140 sq ft of fun! We are a children’s activity center with 6 inflatable structures that are a combination of bounce houses, obstacle courses and slides. We host birthday parties, events and school groups. Check website for details.

Happy Trails
Sterling • 2300 W. LeFevre
815-626-3115
5-acres: walking paths, water gardens, greenhouse, 5-hole mini golf, swings & gardens. All designed & maintained by the developmentally disabled.

Hilltop Lanes
Morrisson • 629 E. Lincolnway
815-772-2217
Open & league bowling.

Midway Drive-In Theater
Sterling • 91 Palmyra Rd
815-647-3134
www.themidwaydrivein.net
Pack up the kids and enjoy the nostalgia, comfort and fun of attending a drive-in theater! One of only 20 remaining drive-in theaters in Illinois. Go to our website for a full listing of upcoming movies & events and friend us on Facebook!

Millview Disc Golf Course
Fulton • S. 4th St.
815-589-3925
A nine-hole disc golf course on the banks of the Mississippi River.

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NASCAR-Themed Event Planning
Sterling • 866-416-0083
chapman-motorsports.com
Everything you need for NASCAR-themed events for special occasions.

Pono’s Blackhawk Lanes
Sterling • 2325 E. Lincolnway
815-622-0771
blackhawklanes.com
20-lane bowling, pro shop, lounge

Rainbow Falls Adventure Golf
Rock Falls • 1109 W. Rt. 30
815-535-6555
MIni golf fun for the whole family.

Rock Falls Billiards Club
Rock Falls • 211 First Ave.
815-718-0202
We offer darts, video games, disc jockey, air hockey, pool and dart supplies and pool cue repair. We also sell pizza, candy, chips. Next door is The Other Side Teen Club/Family Center. It offers pool, darts, air hockey, and a disc jockey every Friday and Saturday. It’s a club for people 13 and older. Children younger than 13 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Check us out on Facebook.

Selm’s Farm Market
Rock Falls • 1208 Dixon Ave. 815-622-3830
seml.com
Haunted house & wagon ride, corn maze, little spookies house, petting farm, outdoor play area, & more! Fun Pumpkins, gourds, home decorating, Pumpkin Masters, Pez Candy dispenser headquarters.

Triple Play Bowling Center
Fulton • 1601 9th Ave. 815-589-3215

Westwood Fitness & Sports Center
Sterling • 1900 Westwood Dr. 815-622-6201
stergingparks.org
6 lane 200 meter indoor track, indoor 60 AstroTurf football/soccer field, indoor tennis courts, outdoor tennis courts, racquetball/wallyball courts, batting cages, wrestling room, 12,000+ square foot fitness center, CrossFit, 8 indoor basketball/volleyball courts, special events space.

FARM TOURS/AGRI TOURISM
Circle C Alpacas
Fulton • 21919 Hillside Rd. 815-772-3175
Alpaca farm.

Deitrick’s Alpaca Ranch
Prophetstown • 1120 Lomax Rd 815-373-5281
deitricksalpacaranch.com
Alpaca ranch open by appt only.

Muller’s Lane Farm
Rock Falls • 9767 Hickory Hills Rd. 815-625-2607
mullerlanefarm.com
A working homestead offering tours and lessons in the homesteading lifestyle. Animal care, gardening, blacksmithing, soapmaking, spinning and more. By appointment only.

Spring Valley Farm
Fulton • 21919 Hillside Rd. 815-772-3175
springvalleyfarm4mg.com
Dairy farm offering tours by appt.

GOLF
Cross Creek Golf Course
Morrison • 1525 Henry Rd. 815-772-7966
crosscreekgolfandestates.com
9-hole public course, clubhouse, pro shop, cart/equip. rental, banquet facilities.

Deer Valley Golf Club
Deer Grove • 3928 Hoover Rd. 815-438-GOLF
deervalleygolfclubil.com
18-hole public course; clubhouse, pro shop, cart/equip. rental, driving range, banquet facilities.

Emerald Hill Golf Course
Sterling • 16802 Prairieville Rd. 815-622-6204
emeraldhillgolf.com
18-hole public course: clubhouse, pro shop, cart/equip. rental, driving range, banquet facilities.

Lake Erie Golf Course
Eric • 900 Lakeside Dr. 309-659-2250
9-hole course at the Lake Erie Country Club facility: 3,069 yards of golf from the longest tees for a par of 36, course rating 34.5 & slope of 108.

Prophet Hills Country Club
Prophetstown • 4319 Bishop Rd. 815-537-5226
9-hole public course: clubhouse, pro shop, cart/equip. rental & banquet facility.

Rock River Golf & Pool
Rock Falls • 3901 Dixon Ave. 815-625-9287
rrgp.org
18-hole public golf course with clubhouse, pro shop, cart/equip. rental, driving range and banquet facilities.

HISTORY/HERITAGE
Albany Indian Mounds State Historic Site
Albany • Cherry St. & 12th Ave. 309-857-4335
Free! One of the largest prehistoric Hopewell Mound groups in Illinois. Interpretive displays, bike trails, cross-country ski trails, picnic table.

Asa Crook Home
Prophetstown • 680 E. 3rd St. 815-537-5139
prophetstown.net
First frame house built in 1839 by Whiteside County’s first settler. Restoration in progress.

Civil War Cannon
Prophetstown • 400 Block of Washington & Riverside Dr. 815-537-5139
prophetstownill.com
WWI brass naval cannon on carriage.

Civil War Monument
Prophetstown • 400 E. 3rd St. 815-537-5139
prophetstown.net
Shaped like Civil War soldier.

Covered Bridge
Morrison • Crosby Rd. 815-772-3757
On the road to Morrison-Rockwood State Park, at 148 feet, the two-span covered bridge is much larger than those you will find elsewhere.

Dillon Home Museum
Sterling • 1003 E. 3rd St. 815-622-6202
stergingparks.org
Built in 1855, Italian Renaissance period, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Features: history of Dillon family, NW steel, wire & fine antiques, belonging to Dillon family.

de Immigrant Dutch Windmill
Fulton • First St. & 10th Ave. 815-589-3925
cityoffulton.us
Authentic Dutch Windmill prefabricated in The Netherlands & erected by Dutch craftsmen. Fully operational we incline on the flood control dike overlooking the Mississippi River. Fresh ground flour available. Open May-Oct.

Eclipse Square Memorial Park
Prophetstown • 301 Washington St. 815-537-5598
Named for the Eclipse Lawmower which originated in Prophetstown, park was created to honor all those who served such as veterans, law enforcement, fire fighters, & EMTs.

Firehouse Ministries Fire Museum
Rock Falls • 402 W. 2nd St. 815-622-9490
firehouseofgodministries.com/firemuseum.htm
The museum displays vintage firefighting equipment and offers family friendly tours and children’s educational activities.

Fulton Lincoln Highway Interpretive Gazbo & Mural
Fulton • 10th Ave. & 3rd St. drivelincolnhighway.com
Fulton’s Ronald Reagan Trail Link Fulton Catholic Cemetery 815-589-3925 ronaldreagantrail.net
Ronald Reagan’s ancestral lineage began in Fulton in the mid-1800s. President Reagan’s parents were born & married in Fulton, IL. The former President’s father, John Edward Reagan, worked in a dry goods store in downtown Fulton & his mother, Nellie Clyde Reagan, worked as a milliner in Fulton. Several of the former President’s relatives including grandparents, aunts & uncles, are buried in the Fulton Catholic Cemetery.

Henry C. Adams Memorial Library
Fulton • 707 10th Ave. 815-589-3925 cityoffulton.us
The Fulton Historical Society is located in this Civil War-era home which houses several antiques and Fulton memorabilia.

Heritage Canyon
Fulton • 515 N. 4th St. 815-589-3925
cityoffulton.us
A restored late-1800s settlement including home sites, church, one-room school house, doctor’s office, covered bridge, swinging bridge & more.

Historic Lyndon Bridge
Lyndon • 126 6th Ave. W. The Lyndon Bridge, located on the Rock River Trail, is a metal Parker Pratt through-truss bridge built in the late 1890s and restored by the village of Lyndon in 2003 to be used as a walking bridge.

Lincoln Manahan Museum
Sterling • 607 E. 3rd St. 815-622-6215 srths.com
Abraham Lincoln, then 47, came to Sterling to speak at a rally for presidential candidate, John C. Fremont. On July 18, 1856, a twist of fate brought Mr. Lincoln to the home of Sheriff William Manahan to spend the night. He slept on a sofa with two chairs placed at its end to accommodate his long legs. In the morning he left Sterling for a speaking engagement in Chicago and the rest is history! The home has been restored & its interior, furnishings, & facade reflect the time when Lincoln visited in the late 1850s.

Little Red Schoolhouse Museum
Rock Falls • 512 E. 11th St. Replica of an early 19th-century American one-room schoolhouse.

Lyndon Area Historical Society Museum
Lyndon • 405 W 4th St. 815-499-4015 lyndonareahistoricalsociety.org
Located in a 130 yr old former church. The chapel has beautiful stained glass windows and is an ideal setting for small intimate weddings and events. The lower level showcases the area’s history through both permanent and seasonal displays. Open by appt.

Martin House Museum
Fulton • 707 10th Ave. 815-589-3925
cityoffulton.us
The Fulton Historical Society is located in this Civil War-era home which houses several antiques and Fulton memorabilia.

Morrison's Heritage Museum
Morrison • 202 E. Lincolnway 815-772-8889
collections include: toys, Post Office, antique farm tools, women’s finery, one-room school house, wooden trains & local Morrison history.

Morrison Lincoln Highway Interpretive Mural
Morrison • 208 E. Main St. drivelincolnhighway.com
Morrison Welcome Center
Morrison • 221 W. Main St. 815-772-3757
morrisonchamber.com
Maps & visitor info available.
Morrison Veteran's Park
Morrison • E. High St.
Dedicated to area veterans' flags, memorial tablets & Howitzer field artillery.

Muller's Lane Farm
Rock Falls • 9767 Hickory Hills Rd.
815-625-2927
mullerslanefarm.com
A working homestead offering tours and lessons in the homesteading lifestyle. Animal care, gardening, blacksmithing, soapmaking, spinning and more. By appointment only.

Murals of Prophetstown
Prophetstown • Downtown business district
815-537-5139
prophetstownil.com
Depicts the history of the community & received a state of Illinois 2005 “Arts-Friendly Community” award.

Rock Falls Lincoln Highway Interpretive Mural
Rock Falls • 1412 W. Rock Falls Rd.
815-772-2405
rockfallslincolnhighway.com
Sterling • 1005 E. 3rd St.
815-622-6215
srfhs.com
This great man.

Sterling Rock Falls Historical Museum
Sterling • 119 S. Main St.
815-590-2143
tampicohistoricalsociety.citymax.com
Includes: family history library & research center, family & local histories, Ronald Reagan photos & documents, memorabilia from the HYT railroad & more.

Windmill Cultural Center
Fulton • 111 10th Ave.
815-589-3925
cityoffulton.us
Dedicated to area veterans' flags, military, etc., and a research center for Northern Illinois.  All murals.

Fancy Boot Riding Ranch
Prophetstown • 29366 E. 2400 St.
815-537-2299
Fancy Boot Riding Ranch. Board your horses here or rent ours, lessons & trail rides. Lessons for beginners, training, beautiful setting. Enjoy the other animals: miniature donkeys, goats, cows, bull, calves, peacocks, pheasants, bunnies, kittens, deer, wild turkey.

Hunting/Preserves/Guides
Big Bend State Fish & Wildlife Area
Prophetstown • Van Damme Rd.
815-537-2270
118-acre state fish & wildlife area. Fishing, hunting, hiking.

Ezner's Sportsman's Paradise
Morrison • 101 W. Lincolnway
815-772-2405

Hilltop Meadows Hunt Club
Fulton • 7737 Long Rd.
815-535-1056
hilltopmeadowshuntclub.com
Hunt club with 350 acres of grasslands, 5-stand sporting clays, ponds & wooded areas.

Morrison Pheasant Hunting Club
Morrison • 4167 Pigeon Rd.
815-772-3394

Lakes/Rivers
Lawrence Park
Sterling • 13650 Ave. G
Comments:

Sterling Parks
Sterling • 2301 12th Ave.
815-622-6203
Sterlingparks.org

Nishkawee Preserve
Morrison • 21887 Pigeon Rd.
815-772-3394
Hunting Pheasants, Chuckars, Quail & Hungarian Partridges. Memberships & daily hunting for nonmembers.

Marinas/Boat Ramps
Albany Marina
Albany • First Ave. & Water St.
309-887-4064

Biller Marina
Albany • 202 2nd Ave. N.
309-887-4804
fishingworld.com/vDealers/IL/
BillerMarine/

Cattail Park
Fulton • 100 19th St.
815-589-3902
Boat launches, fishing, hiking, restrooms.

Cattail Slough
Fulton • Diamond Rd.
815-259-3628
Mississippi River boat launching, parking, restrooms, fishing.

Attractions
Andresen Nature Center
De Immigrant Windmill
Downtown Shopping Dist.
Fulton Marina
Great River Road
Great River Trail
Heritage Canyon
Lincoln Highway
Lock & Dam 13
Martin House Museum
Mississippi River
Ronald Reagan Trail
Windmill Cultural Center

Events
Dutch Days
1st Fri & Sat in May
Blessing of the Bikes
1st Sun in June
Fulton Summer Nights
2nd Thurs in June/Jul/Aug
Bluegrass Festival
3rd Sat in June
Culinary Walk (Becario's)
2nd Thurs in Sept/Oct
Fall Festival
Last Sat in Sept
Baggage's Walk
1st Sat in Oct
Christmas Walk
1st Fri in Dec

For more information, visit www.cityoffulton.us or call 815-589-3925

Welcome to Fulton

#NWIllinoisIRL · www.VisitNorthwestIllinois.com
It is doubtful that on May 8, 1932, when Blackhawk and his warriors followed paths that are now our paved streets, he or anyone else could imagine where the roads would someday lead.

The trail they followed goes from present-day Prophetstown Road, to 11th Avenue, down 5th street, across 8th Avenue and north toward the Rock River and 2nd Street, and finally to Dixon Avenue to the Dixon Ferry via Rock Island Road.

In the 1830s, nearly 1,900 U.S. troops camped in area while pursuing Chief Black Hawk back in those days. Among them were Jefferson Davis, Zachary Taylor, and Samuel Whiteside, along with a 23-year-old Abraham Lincoln who traveled from New Salem to lead a company of volunteers.

In 1867, A.P. Smith bought 65 acres of land on the south side of the Rock River. He hired John Arey to survey and lay out the town of Rock Falls, thus our journey begins. And now, 150 years later, we are making plans and preparations to celebrate our Sesquicentennial. Our celebration will take place July 29-August 5, 2017. We ask you to come to Rock Falls and join us in the week-long celebration and historical revival that is being planned.

As we look back over our 150 years, we see that many changes have occurred. The rapids of the Rock River are still here, though covered by several feet of water; our forefathers are still here; though buried in mother earth. The history, sacrifices, struggles and stories of our descendants must be told to keep the memories alive. We hope that you will join us as we share 150 years of Rock Falls, Illinois.
Fulton Marina
Fulton • 1800 4th St. 815-589-2222
Boat launches, camping, fishing, concessions, restrooms.

Glen Miller Marina
Erie • Erie Rd. 815-946-2108
Rock River boat launches, fishing & parking.

Oppold Marina
Sterling • Stouffer Rd. 815-622-6203
sterlingparks.org
35-acre marina on the Rock River: boat launches, fishing, restrooms, picnic areas, playground equipment.

Jim Arduini Boat Launch Area
Prophetstown • Park Ave. & River Dr. 815-704-2049
815-772-4708
Prophetstown State Recreation Area
concessions, hiking, cross-country skiing & more
815-772-4708
Morrison • 9585 Henry Rd. 815-625-4500
Oppold Marina
815-625-5566
Boat launches, fishing, restrooms, parking.

Lawrence Park
Morrison • 126 E. Lincolnway 815-625-5451
815-625-5566
Asian Buffet
815-626-7838
Morrison • 222 W. Main St.

RECREATION CENTERS

B-Fit
Morrison • 126 E. Lincolnway 815-704-2049

Duis Recreation Center
Sterling • 211 E. 23rd St. 815-622-6200
sterlingparks.org
5-lane pool, fitness center, gymnastics & tumbling, diving well, skate park.

Prophetstown Pool & Recreation Center
Prophetstown • Park Ave. & River Dr. 815-537-2093
Indoor/outdoor pool, aerobic classes, open swims, volleyball, basketball court. Fully equipped weight & training paraphernalia.

Sterling-Rock Falls YMCA
Sterling • 2505 YMCA Way 815-535-9622
srymca.org
Indoor pool, gymnasium, wellness & fitness centers, programs for all.

Triple Play Bowling Center
Fulton • 1601 9th Ave. 815-589-3215

Westwood Fitness & Sports Center
Sterling • 1900 Westwood Dr. 815-622-6201
sterlingparks.org
6-lane, 25-meter indoor track, indoor & outdoor tennis courts, racquetball/wallyball courts, batting cages, wrestling room, 12,000+ square foot fitness center, CrossFit, 8 indoor basketball/volleyball courts, special events space.

Woodlawn Arts Academy Dance Studio
Woodlawn • 3807 Woodlawn Rd. 815-626-4278
woodlawnartsacademy.com

STATE PARKS/FORESTS

Hennepin Feeder Canal
Rock Falls 815-625-4500
5.400-acre recreation area boasts boating, fishing, hiking/biking trails, horse trails, nature preserves & more

Prophetstown State Recreation Area
Prophetstown • Park Ave. & River Dr. Near Rt. 172 & 78 815-537-2926
53-acre state park: boat launches, fishing, camping, electrical service, restrooms/showers, playground, small picnic shelter, horseshoe pits, dump station, hiking, Between Rock River & Coon Creek & nature trail.

RKR & Associates Arboretum
Morrison • 9585 Henry Rd. 815-778-3664
7-acre mini arboretum over 250 different trees, shrubs & perennials, prairie grass & more

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SWIMMING

Duis Recreation Center
Sterling • 211 E. St. Mary’s Rd. 815-622-6200
sterlingparks.org
Indoor swimming pool, diving well, gymnastics & tumbling, outdoor skate park, fitness facility.

Morrison Swimming Pool
Morrison • 643 Genesee Ave. 815-772-7570
Indoor pool located in the Morrison High School. Call for hours.

Prophetstown Park District Pool
Prophetstown • 410 W. Riverside Dr. 815-537-2093

Sterling-Rock Falls YMCA
Sterling • 2505 YMCA Way 815-535-9622
srymca.org
Indoor pool, gymnasium, fitness center

THE ARTS

Woodlawn Arts Academy
Sterling • 3807 Woodlawn Dr. 815-626-4278
woodlawnartsacademy.com

THEATRE/NIGHTLIFE

Starlight’s Theatre & Lounge
Sterling • 314 1st Ave. 815-564-9430
starlightstheatre.com
Premier venue ready to accommodate private or semi-private party & special event. VIP lounge area & balcony available for private use. Formerly the old “State Movie Theater” renovated into “big city style” nightclub, feature a pre-event lobby/reception area, full service cocktail bar, 35th stage & large dance floor.

Sauk Valley Cinemas
Sterling • 4110 E Lincolnway 815-626-2344
carmike.com
Sterling Theatre
Sterling • 402 Locust St 815-632-3708
sterlingtheatres.com

FOOD & DINING

BAKERY

Aurelio’s Bake Shop
Sterling • 517 Locust St. 815-626-2253
Baked by Liz
Morrison • 119 E. Main St. 815-772-2253
bakedbyliz.com
Folsom’s Bakery
Rock Falls • 319 1st Ave. 815-622-7870
folsombakery.com

Krupmuts Café & Bakery
Fulton • 1016 4th St. 815-208-7143

CAFÉS & DELIS

Arthur’s Garden Deli
Rock Falls • 1405 1st Ave. 815-625-5566
Arthur’s Garden Deli
Sterling • 2312 E. Lincolnway 815-625-5566
Cobblestone Ice Cream & Deli
Sterling • 603 Freeport Rd. 815-626-9999
cobblestoneicecream.com
Ellis’s Bistro
Prophetstown • 348 Washington St. 815-537-9019

Harbor Cafe & Pizzeria
Fulton • 1901 S. 4th St. 815-589-4747
Krupmuts Café & Bakery
Fulton • 1016 4th St. 815-208-7143

Mom’s Diner
Sterling • 23 E. 3rd St.

Old Town Pub & Grub
Tampico • 124 S Main St 815-438-3323
Steam Anchor Coffee Co.
Fulton • 1310 17th St. 815-208-7074
steamanchormor.com

Sunnyside Café
Rock Falls • 606 12th Ave. 815-535-0805

ESPRESSO/COFFEE BAR
Air Play Sports Espresso Bar
Sterling • 115 E. 3rd St. 815-564-2787
airplaysports.com

Beans Coffeehouse & Music Café
Sterling • 121 E. 3rd St. 815-590-2752
beansbooksandbeliefs.org

Blooms-a-Latte
Prophetstown • 319 Washington St. 815-537-2000
facebook.com/blooms.alatte

Flip Side Coffee and Espresso Bar
Rock Falls • 116 W. Second St.
Steam Anchor Coffee Co.
Fulton • 1310 17th St. 815-208-7074
steamanchormor.com

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Angelo’s I
Rock Falls • 608 12th Ave. 815-625-5163

Angelo’s II
Sterling • 2525 E. Lincolnway 815-625-5451

Asian Buffet
Sterling • 3106 E Lincolnway 815-625-7838
asianbuffetmenu.com

China House, The
Morrison • 222 W. Main St. 815-772-8968

Dynasty
Sterling • 110 W 3rd St 815-622-5051

El Jacalito
Sterling • 1225 W. 4th St. 815-625-3404

El Tapatio
Rock Falls • 1100 1st Ave. 815-564-0510

Kelly’s
Sterling • 218 Locust St. 815-622-5551

La Familia Restaurant
Rock Falls • 201 W. Second St. 815-626-0158
lafamilia1.com

Niccol’s
Prophetstown • 44 Grove St. 815-999-6016

Original Taco
Morrison • 123 E. Main St. 815-772-8226
FAMILY RESTAURANTS

Albany Mississippi Cafe
Albany • 306 S. Main (Rt. 84)
309-887-9014

Arnie’s Happy Spot
Deer Grove • 1667 Hoover Rd.
815-438-5282

Blue Goose Run
Sterling • 14609 Blue Goose Rd.
815-772-7200
bluegooserun.com

Don’s Seafood & Chicken
Prophetstown • 1501 W. 4th St.
815-622-0258

Eggs in Paradise
Sterling • 3506 E. Lincolnway
815-654-0735

Eureka Inn
Prophetstown • 110 E. 3rd St.
815-537-5571

Family Chef
Morrison • 701 W. Lincolnway
815-772-4785

Family Table Restaurant
Rock Falls • 1204 W. Rt. 30
815-626-0305

Gazi’s Restaurant
Rock Falls • 901 1st Ave.
815-626-4294

Happy Joe’s
Morrison • 109 W. Main St.
815-772-7840

Isle of Rhodes
Morrison • 111 W. Main St.
815-772-7431

Manny’s Too
Fulton • 305 11th St.
815-589-2520

Maple Pancake House
Sterling • 405 5th Ave.
815-564-0542

Morrison Rockwood Restaurant & Marina
Morrison • 18301 Lake Rd.
815-772-3613

Parkway Village Family Restaurant
Sterling • 1804 E. 4th St.
815-625-7801

Prophet Family Restaurant
Prophetstown • 344 Washington St.
815-537-9959

Red Apple Restaurant
Rock Falls • 200 W. 2nd St.
815-625-6574

Red Apple Restaurant
Sterling • 2511 N. Locust St.
815-625-5180

Smoked on 3rd BBQ Bistro
Sterling • 14 East 3rd Street
815-632-3773
smokedon3rd.com

Spot, The
Sterling • 2900 E Lincolnway
815-535-0031

Sunrise Family Restaurant
Fulton • 927 14th Ave.
815-569-4880

The Dog House
Sterling • 2235 E Lincolnway
815-622-9184

Wagon Wheel Restaurant & Lounge
Sterling • 1711 W. 4th St.
815-625-6680

FINE DINING

Blue Goose Run
Sterling • 14609 Blue Goose Rd.
815-772-7200
bluegooserun.com

Candlelight Inn
Rock Falls • 2200 First Ave.
815-626-1897

Candlelight Inn
Sterling • 2907 N. Locust St.
815-625-2560

Forest Inn Restaurant & Lounge
Morrison • 20657 Lincoln Rd.
815-772-4557

Martin’s Steaks & Spirits
Sterling • 14 E 3rd St.
815-632-0761

Toby’s
Deer Grove • 3298 Hoover Rd.
815-631-8080

PIZZA/GRILLS/PUBS

All American Bar & Grill
Rock Falls • 2106 First Ave.
815-626-5501

Angelo’s I
Rock Falls • 608 12th Ave.
815-625-5163

Angelo’s II
Sterling • 2525 E. Lincolnway
815-625-5451

Applebee’s Neighborhood Grill & Bar
Sterling • 3920 E. Lincolnway
815-535-0528

Champ’s Sports Bar & Grill
Sterling • 216 Locust St.
815-626-6003

Corner Tap
Rock Falls • 102 W 2nd St
815-625-4463

Co-Z Corner Pizza
Morrison • 401 Tech Dr.
815-772-2343

De Bar
Morrison • 109 E. Main St.
815-772-4415

Dead Tree Tavern
Rock Falls • 102 W 2nd
309-716-8572
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Ell’s Bistro
Prophetstown • 348 Washington St.
815-537-9019

Factory Pub & Grub, The
Sterling • 103 W. 3rd St.
815-548-9550

Fat Boy’s Bar & Grill
Morrison • 201 E. Main St.
815-772-3978

Froggy’s Bar & Grill
Rock Falls • 215 W. 2nd St.
815-625-4783

Happy Joe’s Pizza
Rock Falls • 109 1st Ave.
815-626-5000

Herb’s Tap
Morrison • 208 E. Main St.
815-772-8770

JW’s Third Base
Rock Falls • 207 W. 2nd St.
815-632-2074

JP’s Landing Bar & Grill
Albany • 102 N. Main St.
309-887-9850
jpslanding.com

KJ’s Bar & Grill
Morrison • 115 W. Main St.
815-772-8788

Long Shot’s Bar & Grill
Rock Falls • 3312 W. Rock Falls Rd.
815-625-7138

Manny’s Pizza
Sterling • 312 Locust St.

Manny’s Too
Fulton • 305 11th Ave.
815-589-2520

Maria’s Pizza
Morrison • 111 W. Main St.
815-772-7707

Outpost, The
Fulton • 6042 Penrose Rd.
815-589-3883

Paddle Wheel Pizza & Pub
Fulton • 1112 4th St.
815-589-2001

Par & Grill
Prophetstown • 4319 Bishop Rd.
815-537-5226

Precinct, The
Sterling • 113 E. 3rd St.
815-622-4078

Stars Pizzeria
Morrison • 633 E Lincolnway
815-772-8781

Warner’s MVP Lounge
Sterling • 3 E. 3rd St.
815-716-8408
warnermvplounge.com

Whiskey Barrel Saloon
Rock Falls • 305 W. Second St.
815-716-8081
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QUICK-SERVICE FOOD

Brenda’s Chicken Coop
Rock Falls • 208 W. 10th St.
815-622-4999

Carey’s Place
Prophetstown • 701 Swanson Dr.
779-200-5150

Dari-DeLite and Grill
Prophetstown • 710 Swanson Dr.
815-718-1650

Hardee’s
Morrison • 200 N. Base St.

Morrison BBQ Grill & Chill
Morrison • 200 N. Sawyer Rd.
815-772-7070

Subway - Morrison
Morrison • 412 E. Lincolnway
815-772-7827

Subway - Prophetstown
Prophetstown • 323 Washington St.
815-537-5888

WINE BARS/TASTING ROOMS

Grapevine Wine & Martini Bar, The Rock Falls • 205 W. 2nd St.
815-716-8649
thegrapevinewinebar.com

MEETING/CONVENTION/RECEPTION SPACE

Barn at Allen Acres Wedding and Reception Venue, The Rock Falls • 2206 Prophet Rd.
847-687-3348
thebarnatallenacres.com

Candlelight Inn
Rock Falls • 2105 1st Ave.
815-626-1397
candlelightinnrestaurant.com

Champs Banquet Venue
Sterling • 9 E 3rd St
815-626-6003

Days Inn
Rock Falls • 2200 1st Ave
815-626-5500
hotelrockfalls.com

Deer Valley Banquets
Fulton • 3230 Hoover Rd
815-438-4653
deervalleybanquets.com

Dillon Home Museum
Sterling • 1005 E 3rd St
sterlingparks.org

Lake View Club House
Sterling • 23319 Hazel Rd.
815-626-2866

Robert Fulton Community Center
Fulton • 912 4th St.
815-589-3925

Westwood Fitness & Sports Center
Sterling • 1900 Westwood Dr.
815-622-6201
sterlingparks.org

SHOPPING

Antiques
Albany True Value Antiques
Albany • 305 S. Main St.
309-887-8450

Color of Country Antique Mall
Rock Falls • 1118 1st Ave.
815-625-5860
Derek’s Antiques
Albany • 301 S. Main St.
815-887-9275
flashbacksforyou.com
Great River Road Antiques
Fulton • 23080 Waller Rd.
815-589-3350
Jim’s Barnyard Antiques
Fulton • 8020 Fulton Rd. (Rt. 136)
563.249.2624
barnyardantiques.net
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Morrison • 130 E. Main St.
815-772-4810
River Huis Traders
Fulton • 1105 4th St.
815-589-3160
Showplace Antiques & Treasures
Sterling • 301 1st Ave.
815-537-2490
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Added Touch Gallery
Erie • 8549 Springhill Rd.
309-659-2851
Between Friendz
Morrison • 112 E Main St.
815-537-2490
Country at Heart Quilt & Gift Shop
Prophetstown • 338 Washington St.
815-772-3619
Country Orchids
Fulton • 1050 4th St.
815-589-4045
countryorchids.com
Golden Key Gifts
Sterling • 702 W. 4th St.
815-622-3903
Imprintable Memories, Inc.
Rock Falls • 106 E. 3rd St.
815-535-0931
Imprintablememories.com
Lacy’s Amazing Vase Too
Morrison • 104 E. Main St.
815-537-2731
lacysamazingvase.net
Little Chocolatier, The
Sterling • 317 First Ave.
815-626-2752
Lundstrom Florist
Sterling • 1709 E. 3rd St.
815-625-0080
McCormick’s Nursery & Florist
Sterling • 3602 E. Lincolnway
815-626-4422
Selmi’s
Rock Falls • 1206 Dixon Ave.
815-626-8330
selmi.com
Sweet Woodruff
Fulton • 222 4th St.
815-589-2989
sweetwoodruff.com
Wilson’s Greenhouses & Florists
Fulton • 1006 4th St.
815-589-2128
wilsonsfloral.com
Words of Wisdom Christian Books & Gifts
Fulton • 1021 4th St.
815-589-2998
MALLS
Northland Mall
Sterling • 2900 E. Lincolnway
815-626-5390
shopsatnorthland.com
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A Cook’s Corner
Sterling • 2501 Ave. E.
815-625-7040
BB Children’s Boutique
Sterling • 313 First Ave.
815-632-3171
uoionline.com/collections/bb-kids
Behrz Bloomz
Sterling • 2503 N Locust St
815-625-5116
behzrbloomz.com
Blooms-e-Latte
Prophetstown • 319 Washington St.
815-537-2000
facebook.com/blooms.e.latte
Country at Heart Quilt & Gift Shop
Sterling • 1910 E. 4th St.
815-625-7484
Country Lane Market
Tampico • 4515 Tampico Rd.
815-438-3022
Country Orchids
Fulton • 1019 4th St.
815-589-4045
countryorchids.com
Dancer’s Hut
Morrison • 123 W. Main St.
815-772-4635
Ferguson Pharmacy
Morrison • 124 E. Main St.
815-772-3415
Free Rein Farm Tack Shop
Prophetstown • 13760 Cooper Rd.
815-537-5100
Fulton Meat Market
Fulton • 211 11th Ave.
815-589-3213
Girlfriends Boutique
Prophetstown • 338 Washington St.
815-772-3619
Grama’s Healing Porch
Sterling • 705 E 3rd St
815-590-0200
shop.gramashealingporch.com
Interiors, Etc.
Fulton • 1102 4th St.
815-589-9014
Jackie’s Custom Interiors
Rock Falls • 1001 Regan Rd.
815-626-2121
Jamie’s Candle Loft
Sterling • 2713 Locust St.
815-626-0048
K & R Greenhouse
Morrison • 15543 Bishop Rd.
815-772-4595
Long’s Garden
Fulton • 18510 Sand Rd.
815-589-4121
longsgarden.com
Mead’s Bike Shop
Sterling • 414 Locust St.
815-626-4601
meadsbikeshop.com
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Sterling • 703 W 3rd St.
815-625-682
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Sterling • 607 Griswold Ave.
815-499-7754
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Rock Falls • 620 E. Route 30
815-622-9413
quiltsuppliesforu.com
Rigler’s Sports Supply
Sterling • 1111 First Ave.
815-626-3319
Selmi’s Bridal & Special Events
Rock Falls • 223 1st Ave.
815-622-8040
selmibridal.com
Simply Sweet, Inc
Sterling • 2522 E. Lincolnway, Suite E.
815-632-3577
candybouquet.com
Spangler’s Landscape Design
Morrison • 12540 Lincoln Rd.
815-772-4318
spanglerlandscapedesign.com
Susan’s Calico Creations
Fulton • 1108 4th St.
815-589-2221
susancalicoCreations.com
Tegeler’s Amish Furniture
Morrison • 13459 Crosby Rd.
815-772-3533
tegeleramishfurniture.com
The Gaming Goat
Rock Falls • 1023 First Ave.
815-213-7119
TLC Country Store and Timber Lane
Fulton • 7250 Garden Plain Rd.
309-887-4892
timberlanetreefarm.com
Treasure Chest
Rock Falls • 221 1st Ave
815-716-8147
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Treasurers of the Blue Iris
Morrison • 100 W. Main St.
815-400-9044
Treasurersoftheblueiris.com
Tuff Dog Bakery & Boutique
Sterling • 7 E 3rd St
815-625-5725
tuffdogbakery.com
Twin City Popcorn
Rock Falls • 109 1st Ave.
815-535-0540
twincitypopcorn.com
UOI Boutique
Sterling • 311 1st Ave.
815-564-9417
uoionline.com
Wilson’s Floral & Gifts
Fulton • 1006 4th St.
815-589-2221
wilsonfloral.com
Wilson’s Greenhouse & Florists
Morrison • 103 N. Heaton St.
815-772-2126
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815-716-8490
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