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Located just 30 minutes south of Galena, Carroll County is a great destination for a weekend get-away and more.

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In the rolling hills and old-growth forests of beautiful northwest Illinois, Blackhawk Waterways is a world away from your regular day. This region encompasses the four counties of Carroll, Lee, Ogle and Whiteside – 2,700 square miles of genuine smiles, outdoor adventure and charming villages that dot a landscape watered by the Rock River and the mighty Mississippi. Scenic byways, rich history and outstanding special events make Blackhawk Waterways a preferred destination for hundreds of thousands of visitors each year.

So, whether you’re searching for a family outing, a great escape or a romantic getaway, you’ll discover hidden treasures and unique pleasures in this special place in the pines.
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, streams, rivers and lakes provide anglers with the perfect settings 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!

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**CARROLL**

### BED & BREAKFASTS/COUNTRY INNS

**Ecology Inn**


ecologyinn.com

Savanna • 321 Main St
815-273-0336

**Country Palmer House**

Two guest rooms with private baths, WiFi, full country breakfast included. Fireplace in TV room. Hilltop views. Outside hot tub.

Mt. Carroll • 17035 Elizabeth Rd
815-244-2343

**The Inn at Molly’s**

Our historic, restored 1865 building features two 600 sq. ft. suites, combining rural charm with contemporary amenities and style. Guests are treated to a delicious continental breakfast featuring baked goods from Molly’s Kitchen & Bar. Spend the day exploring the historic buildings and architecture of Mount Carroll, then come home to cocktails and a delicious meal downstairs at Molly’s. Note: our suites in this historic building are located on the second floor, accessible by stairs only.

mollysmountcarroll.com

Mt. Carroll • 110 W. Market St.
815-684-5411

**Prairie Path Guest House**

We offer three guest rooms where you are surrounded by antiques and sleep under handmade quilts. Wake up to the smell of coffee and fresh baked cinnamon rolls and enjoy our hearty country breakfast including Swedish pancakes, sausage or bacon & our own jams & jellies. Relax while sitting on the wicker porch swing on the upstairs veranda and enjoy our peaceful countryside. Make time to bird watch, shop in our quilt & gift shop or explore the historic community we call home. No pets. Free Wi-Fi. Check us out on Facebook!

bbonline.com/il/prairiepath

Mt. Carroll • 1002 N. Lowden Rd.
815-541-0753

**Standish House Bed & Breakfast**

Antique canopy beds, breakfast by candlelight.

standish@aeroinc.net

Lanark • 540 W. Carroll St.
815-493-2307

**Two Wheel Inn**

Located above the Iron Horse Social Club, a Vintage Motorcycle Museum & Bar and offers a unique overnight destination. We’re on Main Street in downtown Savanna along the bluffs of the beautiful Mississippi River. Come enjoy the camaraderie – awesome museum, great people, great music and ice cold beer.

Savanna • 314 Main St.
815-273-2661

**Hickory Hideaway**

Escape to our wooded property in either a cozy cabin or cottage equipped with all the comforts of home including whirlpool tubs, fireplaces and bonfire pits. We are located a short distance from state parks and Mississippi River.

hickoryhideaway.com

Shannon • 24366 Payne Rd.
815-864-2099

**The Nest at Palisades Cabins**

1 bdrm., private cabins, wooded acreage above the Mississippi. Jacuzzi, gas/wood stove, satellite TV, VCR/CD/DVD. Complimentary bicycles.
	henestatpalisades.com

Savanna • Scenic Ridge Rd.
815-273-7824

**Rustic River Cabins**

Log cabins in the Bluffs overlooking the Mississippi River. Each cabin can sleep up to 6, kitchenette with fridge & microwave, central heat + air, spacious loft, 50 inch flat-screen TV & private deck.

Airbnb.com

Savanna • 1000 Calhoun Street
708-906-4515

**Seven Eagles Cabins**

3 log cabins, AC, TV, microwave, refrigerator, private baths. Linen, towels and firewood included. Free WiFi.

goseveneagles.com

Savanna • 0724 IL Rt. 84
815-273-7301

**Timber Lake Resort**

New 1 & 2 bdrm. cabins sleep 6, full bath, kitchenette, AC, TV, porches, view.

timberlakeresort.com

Mt. Carroll • 8216 Black Oak Rd.
815-244-1600

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### CAMPGROUNDS

**Fin & Feather Campground**

7 acres riverfront camping, hunting, fishing on backwaters of Mississippi River. Boat, motor, canoe rental & access. Bait shop & concessions.

Thomson • 6284 Riverview Rd.
815-273-3302

**Mississippi Palisades State Park**


Convenience store open during summer.
www.dnr.illinois.gov/Parks/Camp/Pages/MississippiPalisades.aspx

Savanna • 16327A IL Rt. 84
815-273-2731
Seven Eagles RV Resort & Campground
Open year round. Located next to Great River Bike Path and Spring Lake Wildlife Refuge. Camping, RV sites, Log Cabins & Motel, In-Ground Pool, 6-in-1 sports court, playground, clubhouse, Free Wi-Fi, private fishing, miles of hiking trails around wildlife refuge. Close to Mississippi River and Boat Ramps.

gosevaneagles.com
Savanna • 9734 IL Rt. 84
815-273-7031

Spring Lake Resort
Electric & water hook-ups, boat rental, gas, bait & tackle, ice, supplies. Closed during duck hunting season. Ice fishing after duck hunting season.
Savanna • 8048 Rt. 84 S.
815-273-4595

Timber Lake Resort
New facilities, 100+ campsites, RV sites with water, sewer, electric hookups. Log cabin rentals, lakeside rustic camping. 800 sq. ft. pool, group pavilion rental, recreation center, general store, lakeside deck, two spring-fed lakes & Timber Lake Playhouse.

Mt. Carroll • 8216 Black Oak Rd.
815-244-1600

U.S.A.C.E. Thomson Causeway Recreation Area
131 sites located on 64 acres on a backwater island of the Mississippi River. RV, tenting, shower houses, dump station, fishing, hiking & biking paths & boat launch area. Open Apr. – Oct.
www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/233651

Thomson • 1 Main Ave.
815-259-2353

HOUSING

Knights Inn
40 rooms, microwave, refrigerator, laundry. Whirlpool suite available. New restaurant/bar. Free WiFi. Pets OK
Thomson • 800 One Mile Rd.
815-259-7378

The Bridgewater Inn
1886 historic hotel/boutique. Shopping, restaurants, nightcaps in walking distance. Furnished apt., 2 rooms, 2 suites. Cycling info. Pets OK
ourbridgewaterinn.com
Mt. Carroll • 116 E. Market St.
815-244-0201

L&M Motel
Two miles from Mississippi River. Remodeled, 32 themed rooms, microwaves, refrigerators, coffee, AC. Biker-friendly. Free WiFi.
Immotel.com
Savanna • 2000 N. Oakton Rd.
815-273-7728

Sandburr Run Golf Resort
46 rooms including King suites with kitchenettes. We also offer a 9 hole golf course and The Sand Trap Bar & Grill.
thesandburr.com
Thomson • 5020 IL Rt. 84
815-902-6063

Savanna Inn & Suites
savannainnsandsuites.com
Savanna • 101 Valley View Dr.
815-273-2288

Seven Eagles RV Resort & Campground
Microwave, refrigerator, coffee, patio, grill, laundry, heated outdoor pool, new theater room. Free WiFi.
gosevaneagles.com
Savanna • 9734 IL Rt. 74
815-273-7301

Trailside Inn
12 rooms, TV, AC, refrigerator, microwave, hair dryers, jacuzzi/fireplace rooms. General Store, Gift Loft, mini golf. Panoramic views. Free WiFi.
trailsideinc.com
Lake Carroll • 2178 Lake Carroll Blvd.
815-493-8484

VACATION RENTAL HOMES

Betty’s Bell-House
Were located one block from the Great River Bike Trail in the heart of Downtown Savanna. This upstairs vacation rental offers a full kitchen, 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths and can accommodate up to 10-12 people (depending on sleeping arrangements) because we offer 2 queens, 2 full, 1 twin, a futon and a pull-out couch. We also offer washer & dryer in a laundry/mud room.
csavanna.club
Savanna • 30 3rd St.
815-905-1227

Billy’s Den
Billy’s Den sleeps 6 guests - 2 bedrooms/1 bath LR, DR, Full Kitchen, along with a 3-season porch and backyard dog pen. Billy’s Den is near the heart of Downtown Savanna and offers all the amenities.
csavanna.club
Savanna • 22958206
815-905-1227

Bluriver Canopy
Bluriver Canopy is a 2nd floor apartment located close to downtown and Mississippi River and has two BR, kitchen/ living room layout, bath and more! Check out website for details.
csavanna.club
airbnb.com/rooms/21345998
Savanna • 34 3rd St.
815-905-1227

Bluriver Nest
Vacation rental lodging near the hearth of Savanna downtown and just minutes from the Great River Bike Trail and the Mississippi River. We offer a main level 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom apartment with a full kitchen and dining and living rooms.
csavanna.club
Savanna • 34 3rd St.
815-905-1227

The Driftless Muse
2 BR & 2 bath, LR, kitchen and small art studio located on a quiet street just 2 blocks from downtown. Enjoy a pleasant walk on the beautiful brick paved streets to find coffee & lattes, great food, antiques, local music, a haunted house and a 10 minute drive from the Mississippi River.
airbnb.com
Mt. Carroll • 104 N. Carroll St.
708-334-4978

Grandpa’s Cabin
Come spend the night in peaceful seclusion at Grandpa’s Cabin offering tranquil & unique lodging in a restored 1837 Log Cabin situated in the rolling hills minutes from the Mississippi River. Call for details and rental information.
airbnb.com/rooms/14959821
Savanna • 104/2 Zion Rd.
815-273-2803

Hillside 702
This woodsied hillside location has over 1/2 acre and is an easy walk to the Mississippi River front & downtown Savanna. 2 BRs, 1 bath and kitchen & LR.
airbnb.com/rooms/32742681
Savanna • 702 Cooley Ave

Hillside 711
One BR, one bath ranch home on a hillside location with off street parking, garage for motorcycles, large deck, covered porch. There are also stairs next to the home to access Main floor dining, shopping and river front. Completely furnished. Close to Paliades State Park, Great River Bike Trail and 30 minutes to Gales & Cresten Mountain Ski Lodges are approx. 25 miles north.
airbnb.com
Savanna • 711 N Fourth Street
815-238-2414

Inn at 1833
Historic home located in the heart of Savanna. Families and pets welcome. 4 BR, 2 baths, LR, DR, kitchen inn-at-1833-house.business.site
Savanna • 623 Chicago Ave
779-861-4245

Mississippi River Lodge
Located on the banks of the Mississippi River between Savanna and Thomson Illinois with awe-inspiring views from every angle. 4 BR, 3 baths, LR, fireplace & big screen TV, deck with grill, a fully stocked kitchen and more. Go to our website for a full listing of all the amenities, printable maps, pictures and more.
mississippiriverlodge.com
Thomson • 5642 Riverview Circle Dr.
815-273-1003

The Outback Inn
This country vacation rental is located 2 miles from downtown Savanna & the Mississippi River. This is a fully furnished ranch style home that includes LR, dining area, kitchen, 1 BR, 1 bath, sleeper sofa in LR, wood burning stove and more.
airbnb.com
Savanna • 11963A Oakton Rd

The River House
Beautiful home on the Mississippi River ready to welcome you for a family vacation or getaway weekend. Fully furnished – you all add is food and time to relax! Full kitchen, LR with fireplace, 2 BR, 2 bathrooms, washer & dryer, deck overlooking the river and more.
vrbo.com/4304484
Thomson • 4008 Grandview Pl.
815-823-5925

Roberts’ Roost Guest House
900 plus sq. ft., one bathroom bungalow that features 2 BRs. Panoramic country views from every angle and located just minutes away from the Mississippi River, Great River Bike Trail and Paliades State Park. It’s also 35 minutes from Galena and the perfect place to spend the weekend with nature. Please visit us on Facebook. RobertsRoostCustomerGuestHouse.com
Savanna • 12143B Roberts Rd.
815-565-0024 or 815-656-1542

Savanna Vista
3 BR, 3 baths, LR, DR, kitchen. Enjoy beautiful views of Savanna, the Mississippi River, and sunsets all from the front room of this home. The Paliades State Park is only a short 5-minute drive. The trailhead of the 62-mile Great River bike trail begins 7 blocks away.
airbnb.com/rooms/27677569
Savanna • 720 N 4th St.

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BED & BREAKFASTS

Crawford House Inn
3 bdrms, shared 1 bath, new with private bath. Italianate-style mansion, year-round, king-sized feather beds, reasonable rates. Full breakfast, corporate discounts, AC, Jacuzzi, fireplace, TV, VCR. No pets.
crawfordhouseinn.com
Dixon • 204 E. 3rd St.
815-288-3351

Lincoln Way Inn B&B
Located on the historic Lincoln Highway in Franklin Grove, the Lincoln Way Inn features five locally themed rooms, each with a unique design and décor.
lincolnwayinn.com
Franklin Grove • 409 N. State St.
815-456-7700

CABINS/COTTAGES

Woodcote
1909 stone/timber cabin in historic Lowell Park for corporate retreats, weddings, receptions, showers, events.
dixonparkdistrict.com/rentals/woodcote
Dixon • 2114 Lowell Park Rd.
815-284-3306

CAMPGROUNDS

Green River Oaks Camping Resort
225 sites, 11 trailer rentals, water, electric, some sewer hook-ups. Swimming pools, fishing, basketball, tennis, mini golf, shuffleboard, horseshoe pits, volleyball, softball, store, snack bar, LR gas sales. Weekend rec programs Memorial Day–Labor Day. Reservations required.
greenriveroaks.com
Amboy • 1442 Sleepy Hollow Rd.
815-857-2815

Mendota Hills Camping Resort
Large lakefront & wooded sites available. Secluded sites, sanitary station, modern restrooms, showers, store, firewood, laundry, boat rental, hiking, game room, family activities.
mendotahillscampground.com
Amboy • 642 U.S. Rt. 52
815-849-5930

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O’Connell’s Yogi Bear Jellystone Park Camp Resort
Tent camping, hookups, cabins, fully-equipped units. Fishing, 3 heated pools, spas, kiddie pools, beach, waterslide. Mini-golf, game room, arts/crafts, hay wagon rides, karaoke, dances.

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BED & BREAKFASTS

Barnacopia
Barnacopia is a farm museum, events venue and Bed & Breakfast featuring two fully appointed guest rooms with full bathrooms and hot tubs all located in a silo next to the barn and the top floor of the silo is a library.

Patchwork Inn
Casual elegance in a historic setting. Nine immaculate guest rooms with private baths, individual climate control and flat screen LCD/DVR television. Rates include a delicious homemade breakfast. No children or pets.

Pinheill Inn
An 1847 Iatian country mansion located on 2 acres. 6 guest rooms, 7 fireplaces, free WiFi, modern amenities. Perfect for weddings, events and parties. No pets.

Rochelle Railroad Diamond Lodge
3 suites, caboose, picnic tables, no pets. rochefarmandmotel.com

Cabins/Cottages
White Pines Inn Cabins
Huge log lodge, 25 small, one-room cabins, TVs, phones, heat/A/C, gas fireplaces, open Mar.– Dec. Free WiFi.

Magnuson Hotel of Dixon, The
Free breakfast, wi-fi, cable, business center, in-room microwave, refrigerators & coffee makers. We also offer meeting space, outdoor swimming pool, jacuzzi suites and adjoining rooms.

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Quality Inn & Suites - Dixon
Huge log lodge, 25 small, one-room cabins, TVs, phones, heat/A/C, gas fireplaces, open Mar.– Dec. Free WiFi.

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Franklin Creek Cabin
This spacious 3 bed 2 bath getaway sits adjacent to Franklin Creek State Natural area. Literally out your backdoor is access to hiking, trail running, birding, fishing and equestrian activities. The Franklin Creek Grill is nearby and Nachusa Grasslands is 2 miles.

King Family Homestead
This is a 4 bedroom, 2 bath cozy brick bungalow that can sleep 8. It’s nestled on 80 mostly wooded acres of recreational land.

Lake LaDonna Family Campground & Cabins
Beach lake, waterfall, rope swing, diving boards, slides, tire swing, lifeguards, store, playground, sports courts, horseshoes, showers, water/electric hook-ups, dump station, AC cabins.

Lake Louise
Sand beach, 13-acre spring-fed lake, 300 campsites, slides, raft, kiddie beach, paddleboat, rowboat rentals, pool & hot tub, beach house offers food and gifts. Open Apr. – Oct. lakelouisesusa.com

Lowden State Park
Camping sites, limited electricity, shower building, dump station, summer refreshment stand.

River Road Camp & Marina
30-acre campground, public heated pool, canoe rental, boat ramp & launch, gas, general store, volleyball, basketball, game room, playground, open Apr. – Nov.

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Quality Inn & Suites - Dixon
63 rooms, cable TV, HBO, queen/king beds, AC, reasonable rates, TV.

Magnuson Hotel of Dixon, The
Free breakfast, wi-fi, cable, business center, in-room microwave, refrigerators & coffee makers. We also offer meeting space, outdoor swimming pool, jacuzzi suites and adjoining rooms.

Blackhawk’s Trail Lodge
6-room lodge, all-season porch with fireplace, breakfast for groups, AC, TV, microwave, refrigerator, coffee, private boat ramp, open year-round, pets ok.

Chateau Lodge
12-room lodge, renovated theme rooms. Free WiFi, pets welcome

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Hillcrest Motel
10 rooms w/ new electric, heat & AC, reasonable prices, TV.

Holiday Inn Express
Voted BEST complimentary hot breakfast in town. Heated indoor pool and fitness center, FREE WiFi, 80 rooms, meeting space and more. Mention “Blackhawk Waterways” to receive a discounted rate on your next stay.

Paddle Wheel Inn
On the Rock River in Oregon, suites with a balcony offer panoramic views of the river and the famous Black Hawk statue. Restaurant next door, continental breakfast, spa, sauna, meeting and banquet facilities. Microwave & refrigerator in each room.

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Rock River Christian Camp & Retreat Center
Open year round, planned programing for youth & adults, facility rentals, groups from 15 to 250, providing recreation & AV equipment, housing meals.

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VACATION RENTAL HOMES

The Artists Garden Suites
Vacation rental suites located in the heart of downtown Rochelle. Lovely and full of urban elegance yet all set in a charming small-town setting. Amenities of a luxury boutique hotel, yet the low price of a standard room. Airbnbs.com
Rochelle • 407 Lincoln Hwy. 630-673-8714

Sunriver Inn
Rochelle • 134 E. Lincolnway 815-970-0305

HOTELS/MOTELS

Crow Valley Inn
2 bed B&B serving continental breakfast. 2 bed. 2 bath. 2 chairs. 2 tables. Covered parking for motorcycles. Pets and children welcome. crowvalleyinn.com
Rochelle • 302 E. Lincolnway 815-970-0305

Sinnissippi Dam Walkway and Hennepin Canal.

Prophetstown State Park
Prophetstown State Park, on the northeast edge of Prophetstown along the south bank of the Rock River in Whiteside County, is a scenic and historic area offering a variety of recreational facilities. It is an open, well-shaded area available for both tent and trailer camping. There are electrical outlets and a dump station, water hydrants and private toilets. Once the site of an American Indian village, the 53-acre park derives its name from the Native American prophet Wa-bi-ke-shie-k. The campground at Prophetstown is open from May 1st through October 31st annually. Prophetstown State Park
Prophetstown • 102 Lafayette Rd. 815-823-2700

Country Inn & Suites of Rock Falls
This new Holiday Inn Express & Suites offers 68 rms, an exquisite indoor pool, a huge work-out room and a complimentary hot breakfast and free WiFi. Located right off the banks of the Rock River and close to both downtown districts in Sterling and Rock Falls. We’re moments away from the Sinnissippi Dam Walkway and Hennepin Canal. ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/reservation
Rock Falls • 301 E. 2nd St. 815-622-4000

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Cable TV, AC, kitchenette, refrigerator, microwave, direct-dial phone, truck parking, and low daily and weekly rates in a friendly environment. Parkview Motel
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815-537-2926

Crystal Lake Recreation Park
River & park campgrounds plus a man-made lake for swimming, a go-kart track, aqua-golf range & more. Easy access from Exits 41 or 44 off I-88, the park is located adjacent to the Herrnenn Canal Parkway and offers 70 miles of canoeing and kayaking in a slow current, along with a paved bike path that runs adjacent to the canal itself. We also offer canoe & kayak rental. crystallake1.com
Rock Falls • 600 E. 17th St. 815-622-5974

Leisure Lake Campground
68 full hook-up sites, 32 pull-thrus 20-30 amp hook-up, 50-amp available, full laundry, next to 10-acre stocked lake. Open Apr. to Nov. leisurelakecampgroundil.com
Rock Falls • 2304 French St. 815-626-0005

Days Inn by Wyndham
All guest rooms, indoor heated pool, All American bar & grill, free local calls, cable TV, banquet & meeting facilities for up to 400, kids eat free, exercise facility. Free WiFi, small pets allowed. Wyndhamhotels.com / FB
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M & M Bed and Breakfast
2 bedroom & breakfast serving continental breakfast. We also have a covered outdoor fire pit and covered parking for motorcycles. Pets and children welcome. (no crib available). Complete country getaway. mandmbedbreakfast.com
Morrison • 16477 Capp Rd. 815-641-6897

H.A. Boyd Guest Room
This unique property located above an art gallery offers Victorian elegance with many modern conveniences. Amenities include a full kitchen, washer/dryer, luxurious queen bed, full size pull-out couch, Roku Smart TV, and high speed wi-fi. airbnb.com/rooms/31209379
Morrison • 112 E. Main St 815-499-4885

North House
Enjoy the privacy of this historic guest house featuring a large front porch, 4 bedrooms and a 3-season sleeping porch. North House easily accommodates large groups of family and friends. Also, consider North House for meetings, reunions, receptions or any special occasion! northhouseprophetstown.com
Prophetstown • 102 Lafayette 815-590-1060

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Crow Valley Campground
Grassy shaded lots with gravel pad on Rock River. Electric & water or primitive sites, basketball court, playground, fishing, pool, bath facilities. Open Apr. 15 – Oct. 15. crowvalleycampground.com
Sterling • 32807 Moline Rd. 815-626-5376

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Rock Falls • 600 E. 17th St. 815-622-5974

Erie Campground Inc.
200 sites on Rock River & lake, open to the public, electric, water, playground, restrooms, dump station, pavilion. Erie • 9480 Erie Rd. 309-659-7160
FB

Discover diverse lodging choices that range from primitive campsites and rustic cabins to pampering B&Bs, comfortable country inns and award-winning hotels.
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.

**CARROLL**

Lake Carroll Golf Course
18 holes
Lake Carroll • 29-22 Ironwood Drive
815-493-2810
golakecarroll.com

Palisades Golf Course
9 holes
Savanna • 18280 IL Rt. 84
815-273-2141
palisadesgolfcourse.com

Sandburr Run Golf Resort
9 holes
Thomson • 5020 IL Rt. 84
815-902-6063
thesandburr.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
shadoaksgc.com

Timber Creek Golf Course
18 holes
Dixon/729 Timbercreek Rd
815-288-4653
FB

**OGLE**

Fairways Golf Course
18 holes
Rochelle • 533 S. 7th St.
815-562-6666
fairwaysgolfcourse.com

Prairie Fire Golf
Driving Range
Byron • 6734 N. German Church Rd.
815-234-3473
prairiefiregolf.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
silverridgesgolf.com

Skare Park Driving Range
Driving range
Rochelle • Flagg Rd.
815-562-7813
rochelleparkdistrict.org

Sunset Golf Club
18 holes
Mt. Morris • 216 Sunset Hill
815-734-4839
sunsetgolfmm.com

**WHITESIDE**

Deer Valley Golf Club
18 holes
Deer Grove • 3298 Hoover Rd.
815-438-GOLF
dvforegolf.com

Emerald Hill Golf Course
18 holes
Sterling • 16802 Prairieville Rd.
815-622-6204
emeraldhillgolf.com

Lake Erie Golf Course
9 holes
Erie • 900 Lakeside Dr.
309-659-2250
lakeeriecountryclub.com

Prophet Hills Country Club
9 holes
Prophetstown • 4319 Bishop Rd.
815-537-5226
prophethills.com

Rock River Golf & Pool
18 holes
Rock Falls • 3901 Dixon Ave.
815-625-2322
rrgap.com
Nychusa 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, bottomland hardwood forest, sloughs, natural springs, and wetland.
MORE INFO: 815-456-2340

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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. www.dnr.illinois.gov/parks/pages/castlerock.aspx
MORE INFO: 815-732-7329

Edward F. Vassallo Land & Water Reserve
Mt. Morris
The Edward F. Vassallo Land and Water Reserve is a preserve that was established 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. FACEBOOK: 312-343-7315
MORE INFO: 815-732-7329

Elkhorn Creek Biodiversity Preserve
Forrester
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. Great for bird & butterfly watching.
WEBSITE: www.nwilaudubon.org

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
WEBSITE: www.dnr.illinois.gov

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
WEBSITE: www.dnr.illinois.gov

White Pines Forest State Park
Mt. Morris
Located in the heart of the Rock River valley, this charming 385-acre park is the southern boundary of the old Chicago-Iowa Tract. 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 amongst a beautiful forest.
MORE INFO: 815-772-4708
WEBSITE: www.dnr.illinois.gov

Hennepin Feeder Canal
Rock Falls
The Hennepin Feeder Canal extends from Rock Falls to Sheffield IL, and opens the door to the pathway 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 1988 and is the first such constructed in Illinois since 1927. Enjoy biking, hiking, fishing, boating & canoeing.
MORE INFO: 815-380-2300
WEBSITE: www.dnr.illinois.gov

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-ki-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 1,164-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
Towering over the **Mississippi River** with a commanding view of the valley and forests below, the **2,500-acre Palisades State Park** in Carroll County is a scenic wonderland and a hiking haven.

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 to 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.
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**ATTRACTIONS**

**Adventure Sports**

**McMotoPark**  
Mt. Carroll • 13137 IL Rt. 78  
815-239-1614  
mcmotopark.com / FB  
1 mile north of Mount Carroll. 40 acres of fun, challenging track of natural terrain. Elevation changes, jumps, obstacles for beginners to pros.

**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  
85 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  
savannail.com  
Professional skate park. Open to all skaters, dawn to dusk daily. Helmets are mandatory.

**Thomson**

**Lazy River Marina**  
Boat & canoe rental.  
815-273-4487

**Fin & Feather**  
transportation. boats. We also provide drop in and pick up Rentals by the hour or the day for kayaks, FB  
james@csavanna.club  
815-905-1227

**Savanna Marketplace Bike Rentals**  
Savanna • 331 Main St.  
815-273-0336  
ecologylinn.com / FB  
Bicycle rentals available April-Sept. at the Savanna Marketplace located in the heart of downtown Savanna. Just minutes off the Great River Bike Trail.

**Savanna Train Car Museum**  
Savanna • Wayne King Dr.  
815-273-4487  
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) 273-2722  
1800s life.

**Dane Gardner Veterans Memorial Bridge**  
Savanna  
815-273-2722  
FB  
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 • 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.  
563-212-8515  
thomsondepotmuseum.webs.com  
BUILT in the late 1800s. Exhibits, old photographs, newspapers, land grants, railroad memorabilia, furniture & clothing.

**Guides**

**Rack & Wing**  
Lanark • 29232 Harvest Rd.  
815-493-6443  
rackandwing.com  
Game bird preserve. NW Illinois hurns, white-tail, wild turkey & sporting clays.

**Marinas/Boat Ramps**

**Savanna Marina**  
Savanna • 1 Main St.  
815-273-2955  
Four launches, campsites, dry dock spaces with unlimited launching privileges, wet slips & winter storage. Concessions, restrooms, showers, gas, pump out, bait.

**T.U.S.A.C.E. Thomson Causeway Recreation Area**  
Thomson • Lewis Ln.  
815-259-2353  
64 acres. Restrooms, parking, boat launches.

**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.

**Boat/Canoe Rentals**

**Savanna Kayak & Watersports Rental**  
Savanna  
815-905-1227  
james@csavanna.club  
csavanna.club/en/1346996/adventure-rentals  
FB  
Bicycle rental to explore Savanna or the Great River Bike Trail which travels 62 miles from Savanna to the Quad Cities and passes through refuges, parks, and river towns. We also provide drop off and pick up service.

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

**Bridge**

**Savanna Bridge**  
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**Golf**

**Lake Carroll Golf Course**  
Lake Carroll • 2011 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  
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Nine-hole public golf course. Clubhouse, proshop, cart/equipment rental, driving range.

**History & Heritage**

**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 agritourism 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 northeasterm & oldest section of the current courthouse built in 1843; on the National Register for Historic Places.

**LaNark’s Historic Business District**  
LaNark • Downtown  
815-493-2307  
LaNark’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  
800-244-9594  
Visit Mt. Carroll’s Historic District. More than 30 different historic sites.

**Oakville Complex**  
Lanark • 29232 Harvest Rd.  
815-244-3474  
Consists of an 1888 schoolhouse, two log cabins, a blacksmith shop and granary. Open by appointment.

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Recreation Centers
Answer Fitness & Tanning
Savanna • 319 Main St.
815-273-3747
fitness-tanning.com / FB

B-Fit Community Fitness Center - Mt. Carroll
Mt. Carroll • 855 S. Mill St.
815-704-2049
b-fittoday.com / FB

Hiher Ryde
Thomson • 2511 Market Street
815-499-3821
FB

Iron Horse Fitness Club
Savanna • 510 Main St.
563-242-2576
ironhorsefitnessclub.com

On The Move Community Fitness Center
Lanark • 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.

Cafes & Delis
Café Crumbles
Savanna • 411 Main St.
815-273-0210
FB

Molly’s Bakery
Mount Carroll • 108 W Market St
815-906-0040
FB

Shaw’s Express-Subway
Mt. Carroll • 855 S. Mill St.
815-244-3739
FB

Tina’s Ice Cream Shoppe
Mt. Carroll • 409 N. Main St.
815-906-0084
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815-906-0040
FB

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

Ethnic
Ancho Burrito
Thomson • 800 One Mile Rd.
815-901-5832
anchoburrito.com

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

Family Restaurants
Brothers Inn Family Restaurant
Lanark • Hwys. 73 & 52
815-493-2555
FB

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

The Crooked Roof
Lanark • 109 E. Carroll St.
815-493-6838
FB

JJ & Freddie’s @ Sieverts
Mt Carroll • 121 W Market St
815-244-1700

Kountry Kettle
Savanna • 1811 Chicago Ave.
815-273-2700
FB

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
815-273-2363
poopys.com

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

Fine Dining
Circa 1888
Savanna • 305 Main St
815-565-7294
FB

The Clubhouse Restaurant
Lake Carroll • 99 Lake Carroll Blvd.
815-493-2810
golakecarroll.com

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

Pizza/Grills/Pubs
Bella Pizza
Lanark • 119 N. Broad St.
815-493-8003

Betty’s Bar
Savanna • 939 Chicago Ave
815-565-7011
FB

Charlie’s II Bar & Grill
Mt. Carroll • 123 W Market St.
815-244-0777

Dusty’s Pizza Plus
Thomson • 817 Main St.
815-299-4511

Henry’s Double K
Mt. Carroll • 834 S Jackson St.
815-244-0181
FB

Iron Horse Social Club
Savanna • 314 Main St.
815-273-2600
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The “Workin’ on the Railroad” Exhibit on the second floor
of the Savanna Museum includes a 1000 sq. ft. HO model
railroad that tells the story of Savanna’s transcontinental
railroad history. This meticulously crafted display was
developed through the artistry of area scale model club
members and model railroad buffs.
When the world was deciding the locations for historic sites, Lee County may have been first in line. In the small towns of this unique and exciting county, visitors encounter the boyhood home of President Ronald Reagan, the National Headquarters of the Lincoln Highway Association, railroading history, art galleries, and locally coveted fried-chicken dinners served in virtually every restaurant and roadside tavern.

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.
My Play Village
Dixon • 1347 N Galena Ave
815-677-9428
mplayvillagekids.com / FB
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Amboy • 970 Green Wing Rd.
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3 heated pools, 3 kiddie pools,
5 bathhouses, double flume
waterslide, paddle boats, kayaks,
imini-golf & more.
Page Park
Dixon • 251 Custer Ave.
815-284-3306
dixonparkdistrict.org
45-acres next to Rock River, boat ramp,
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Dixon • 1935 IL Rt. 26
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bowldixon.com
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Dixon • 251 Custer Ave.
815-284-3306
dixonparkdistrict.org
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Amboy • US Rt. 52 & Mormon Rd.
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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.
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Franklin Grove • 1872 Twist Rd.
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664-acre nature preserve and park offers a
variety of recreational opportunities: hiking,
swimming, snowmobile and cross-country
skiing trails, fishing, hunting, picnic shelters,
areas and the Franklin Creek Grist Mill.
Green River Cyclery
Dixon • 205 E. 1st St.
815-622-8180
greencriverycycling.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
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Lost Nation Golf Course
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
shadyoaksscc.com
18 holes, clubhouse, proshop, club/
equipment rental, banquet facilities.
History & Heritage
Amboy Depot Museum
Dixon • E. Main St.
815-857-4700
ambdepotmuseum.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.
Ashston Lincoln Highway
Interpretive Mural
Ashston • 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
sublettextweb.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
10am-4pm, or by appointment.
Dixon Area Museum Alliance
dixonaareumuseumalliance.org
This website contains information on
historic sites, museums and galleries that
are aligned to promote cultural and historic
travel in Lee and Whiteside Counties.
Dixon Lincoln Highway
Interpretive Gazebo
Dixon • S. Galena & River St.
866-455-4249
drivelincolnhighway.com
Dixon Lincoln Highway
Interpretive Mural
Dixon • 83 Peoria Ave.
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drivelincolnhighway.com
Dixon’s Railroad Street Arches
Dixon • First, Second & Third Sts.
815-284-1134
leecountyhistory.com
On National Register of Historic Places,
three limestone arches built in 1855 to
support IL Central Railroad tracks 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, & opened a dry goods
store called Carson Pirie & Company, it became
the foundation of the retail department
department store chain.
Franklin Creek Grist Mill &
Interpretive Center
Franklin Grove • 1893 Twist Rd.
815-456-2718
franklinckreekconservation.org
A reconstructed, timber frame, four-story
1847 grist mill located within the Franklin
Creek State Natural Area. Watch a four-ton
waternwheel as it powers pulleys and gears
to turn the 4-ton millstone to grind corn
like in the 1850s. Many other displays and
a self-guided interpretive trail. Wheelchair
accessible. Open April–October.
Franklin Grove Lincoln Highway
Mural
Franklin Grove • 11 W. Elm St.
866-455-4249
drivelincolnhighway.com
Heritage Crossing
Dixon • River St.
815-288-6008
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 1866 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 renovation & again hosts
concerts & acclaimed performances.

#NWIllinois4RL • www.VisitNorthWestIllinois.com
Historic Lee County Courthouse
Dixon • 112 E. Second St.
815-288-5676
Completed in 1901 & built on land donated by the founder of Dixon, “Father” John Dixon. A stone marker commemorates Abraham Lincoln’s address to an assembly on the courthouse lawn.

Lee County Historical & Genealogical Society
Dixon • 113 S. Hennepin Ave.
815-284-1134
leecountyghs.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
815-420-8715
Contains the grave of one of Brigham Young’s wives.

Mormon Plaque
Amboy • 59 E. Ave.
815-288-3814
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.
815-284-1134
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
ronaldreagantrail.net
13 Communities in NW Illinois celebrating the legacy of President Ronald Reagan. Many historic landmarks, museums, & events honoring this great man.

Steward Depot
Steward • 206 Tyler Ave.
stewardil.com
Built in 1936, it was deeded to the village in 1976 by the Burlington Northern Railroad.

Sugar Grove Church & School
Dixon • 352 Timbercreek Rd.
815-284-9881
Over 100 years old, it’s been restored & used for social gatherings.

Veteran’s Memorial Arch
Dixon • S. Galena Ave.
Lighted historic memorial arch has honored veterans of war since 1919.

Veteran’s Memorial Park
Dixon • IL Rt. 2 W.
honorovets.org
Dedicated to all veterans of military service. Fountain, flags, Lest We Forget arbor, & artifacts from war such as a 155 Howitzer, a Cobra AH-1 Helicopter, & M-60 tank.

Reagan Peace Park
Dixon • Galena Ave. & 2nd St.
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.

Mills & Petrie Memorial Building
Ashton • 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.

Wood Carvings at Amboy City Park E.
Amboy • E. Main St.
815-857-3814
More than 30 tree trunk wood carvings depict the lives of Reagan, Lincoln & Grant.

Theatre/Nightlife
Dixon Stage Left
Dixon • 306 W. 1st St.
312-420-8715
dixonstageleft.com
Historic Dixon Theatre
Dixon • 114 S. Galena Ave.
dixontheatre.com
Rosbrock Studio
Dixon • 107 S. Peoria Ave.
swcc.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 • Washington Ave.
815-284-3306
dixonparkdistrict.org
567 acres, restrooms, fishing, bike & horse trails, hunting.

Hunting/Preserves/Guides
Amboy Sporting Goods
Amboy • 42 E Main Street
815-857-2382
F
Green River State Wildlife Area
Harmon • 375 Game Rd.
815-379-2324
2563 acres, parking, dump station, camping, hiking, horse trails, hunting.

Rogers Hunting Club, Inc.
Ohio • 727 Maytown Rd.
815-379-2427
rogershuntclub.com
Public hunting & memberships for pheasant, quail, chukar partridge, Hungarian partridge, wild turkey, doves & deer in season.

Lakes/Rivers
Lowell Park
Dixon • 2114 Lowell Park Rd.
815-284-3306
dixonparkdistrict.org
240 acre Nature Center, restrooms, boat launches to Rock River, fishing, hiking, nature preserve, cross country skiing, shelters, grills, playground & more. Young Reagan saved 77 lives here as a lifeguard.

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.

Marinas/Boat Ramps
Custer Avenue Boat Dock
Dixon • 2000 W. First St.
815-284-3306
dixonparkdistrict.org
Parking lot, boat launches, canoe access, fishing.

Dixon Boat Ramp
Dixon • 1485 Fellows Ave.
815-288-1485
dixonparkdistrict.org
Boat launches, canoe access, fishing.

Lowell Park 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.
ilinoisaudubon.org
272 acre 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.

Franklin Creek State Natural Area
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.

Gremel Wildlife Sanctuary
Amboy • 1881 Lewis Rd
305 acres owned by the Illinois Audubon Society located within two miles of the Amboy Marsh Nature Preserve. It expand critical wildlife habitat that was once part of the magnificent 100,000-plus acre complex of wetlands in Lee County.

Nachusa Grasslands
Franklin Grove • 8772 S Lowden Rd.
815-456-2340
nachusalands.org
Hiking, bird watching, 1500 acres includes dry gravel hill prairie, black oak & bur oak savanna, calcareous fern & seeps & sedge meadows.
While the name “John Deere” makes most folk think about tractors, the man behind the name arrived in the town of Grand Detour, Illinois in 1836 as a blacksmith specializing in the simplest of farm tools: the plow. Responding to frustrated farmers who struggled with the sticky soil of this American frontier, Deere created the first commercially successful steel plow, replacing the cast iron plows that had been used for generations.

Visitors to the John Deere Historical Site can step back into the 1830s for a taste of the hard work and skill that led to this renovation in the agricultural industry. Daily demonstrations by a master blacksmith allow guests to feel the heat of the furnace and hear the ring of hammer against hot steel first hand. The archaeological site which preserves the foundations and artifacts of Deere’s original blacksmith shop tells more of the story, and a tour through Deere’s 1836 home allows visitors to see how one successful family would have lived life on the American frontier.

The John Deere Historic Site is open Monday through Saturday, closed on Sundays and is free to all visitors.
Dixon Heritage Crossing
Riverfront Renewal project which turned two blocks of riverfront parking into a downtown gathering place.

Features walking & biking trails, performance space, restrooms, and a life-sized statue of Dixon native, Ronald Reagan. There is also a 4 slip boat dock affording boaters easy access to the downtown area. Tents and an amphitheatre are available for weddings, receptions, parties and events.

Galena Steak House
Dixon • 1101 N. Galena Ave.
815-285-1625

Long Branch Saloon
Amboy • 55 SE. Ave.
815-857-3486

Orom Restaurant
Dixon • 308 W. First St.
815-677-9341
ormorrestaurant.net

Pizza/Grills/Pubs

Abi’s Hideaway Gaming Parlor
Dixon • 1933 State Rt. 26
815-271-4101
bowldixon.com

Al & Leda Pizzeria
Dixon • 325 W. Everett St.
815-284-3932

Alley Loop Saloon
Dixon • 80 S. Hennepin Ave.
815-285-2253

Amboy Family Restaurant & Pizza Junction
Amboy • 211 Main St.
815-857-3985

Angelo’s III
Dixon • 800 N. Galena Ave.
815-285-0055
angelospizzeria.net

Bogeys Dixon
Dixon • 729 Timber Creek Rd
815-288-4653
FB

Cademon Brewing West Pub
Dixon • 1933 State Rt 26
815-271-4101
bowldixon.com

Don’s Alley
Lee • 101 S. Viking Vie
815-824-8405

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Dixon • 222 W. 1st St.
815-288-2395

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Paw Paw • Chicago Rd
815-627-3421

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Ashton • 802 Main St.
815-453-2677
huddlecafe.com

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Dixon • 119 S. Peoria Ave.
815-288-3371

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Paw Paw • Chicago Rd.
815-627-8971

Last Alarm Firehouse Pub, The
Amboy • 43 S. East Ave.
815-857-3483

Lil’ Smoked Bar & Grill
Dixon • 609 Depot Avenue
815-677-9867
FB

Mama Cimino’s
Dixon • 114 N. Peoria Ave.
815-288-4448

MaMa Maria Pizzaria
Amboy • 203 E. Short St.
815-857-4477

Maria’s Pizza

Maria Pizzaria
Dixon • 420 W. 3rd St.
815-288-6969

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

Palmrya Pub & Eatery
Dixon • 628 Palmrya Rd.
815-288-6300
thatplaceonpalmrya.com

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Dixon • 222 W. 1st St
815-288-2395
FB

Porky’s Bar & Grill
Dixon • 1315 E River Rd
815-288-4053
FB

Poor Boys West
Paw Paw • 347 Chicago Rd
815-627-3212

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

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

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

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

Shamrock Pub
Dixon • 1401 Chicago Ave.
815-288-4163
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Sublette Saloon
Sublette • 1831 Tower Rd.
815-849-5470
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The Stables
Dixon • 67 S. Galena Ave.
815-288-9329

The Centennial Bar & Grill
Paw Paw • 347 Chicago Rd.
815-627-3212

The Corner Spot
Dixon • 510 Chicago Ave.
815-677-9095

The Depot
Amboy • 40 SE. Ave.
815-857-3555

The Gathering Place
Paw Paw • Chicago Rd.
815-627-3421

The Royal Palms
Dixon • 63 S Galena Ave
815-288-6180
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The Stables
Dixon • 87 S. Galena Ave. 815-288-9329

The Last Stop
Dixon • 1914 Lowell Park Rd. 815-285-3140 FB

Triple P BBQ II
Dixon • 1600 Miller Rd. triplepbbq.com

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Dixon • 79 S. Hennepin Ave. 815-288-1119 FB

Quick-Service Food
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Dixon • 216 W. River Rd. 815-288-4991

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Sublette • 1922 Tower Rd. 815-849-9013

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Dixon • 92 S. Peoria Ave. 815-288-1234

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Wineries/Wine Bars/Tasting Rooms
The Crystal Cork Wine Shoppe
Dixon • 219 W. 1st St. 815-285-3496 thecrystalcork.com

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Crystal Cork Art Quarterly
Dixon • 219 W. First St. 815-285-3496 thecrystalcork.com

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Dixon • 725 N. Brinton Ave. 815-288-3335 rusticrootsil.com / FB

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Dixon • Hay Market Square 815-284-3306 dixonparkdistrict.com

Paw Paw Farmer's Market
Paw Paw • Community Center 815-627-9404

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Sublette • Sublette Centennial Park 3rd & W. St. 815-849-5425 subletteweb.com

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

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Dixon • 210 W. First St. 815-288-2400

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Dixon • 1103 Palmyra St 815-288-3335 efflowersetc.com

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

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

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

Rustic Roots
Dixon • 725 N. Brinton Ave. 815-288-3335 rusticrootsil.com / FB

Unique Embroidery
Franklin Grove • 123 Rf. 38 815-456-3023

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

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Asterisk Boutique
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Dixon • 202 W. First St. 815-285-2665 booksonfirst.com / FB

Iron Tree
Amboy • 205 N. Jefferson Ave. 779-861-0839 FB

J Boutique
Dixon • 115 S. Hennepin Ave. 815-440-9686 JBoutiqueil.com / FB

Revive Boutique
Dixon • 116 E. 1st St. 815-590-1493 revive815.com / FB / IG

Shabulous Vintage Treasures
Dixon • 212 W. 1st St. 815-288-1960 FB

Stone Bridge Running
Dixon • 107 S. Hennepin Ave. 815-677-9492 FB

The Crystal Cork Wine Shoppe
Dixon • 219 W. First St. 815-285-3496 thecrystalcork.com

The Warehouse Boutique
Amboy • 204 N. Jefferson Ave. Suite B 815-857-9273 thewarehouseboutique.com / FB

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

Revive Boutique
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The Warehouse Boutique
Amboy • 204 N. Jefferson Ave. Suite B 815-857-9273 thewarehouseboutique.com / FB

Weeds Floral & Gifts
Dixon • 732 N. Galena Ave. 815-288-3041 weedsdesigns.com / FB

Built in 1908, the school system could no longer support the old building. Norm Wymbs was offered, and purchased, the building and grounds for $500. Being a visionary, author and entrepreneur, Mr. Wymbs generated ambitious ideas for utilizing the old school.
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.

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 Candlelight 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.  
815-291-0000 • Weekends: 815-234-8405  
ByronDragway.com / FB  
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 Motorsports Park**  
Byron • 2525 Ash Rd.  
motobyron.com  
Byron Motorsports Park is Northern Illinois’ premiere motocross facility. The park draws riders from in 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.

**Chicagoland Skydiving Center**  
Rochelle • Koritz Field, 1207 Gurler Rd.  
815-297-9277  
skydiveccc.com / FB / IG  
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 skydive aircraft & we maintain our safety record & reputation as the best.

**He-Leo Forest Preserve Kayak Launch**  
Oregon • 6065 North Illinois Route 2  
815-234-8535  
byronforestpreserve.com  
Kayak launch and floating boat docks located at the confluence of the Rock River and Leaf River. 48 acre preserve with a picnic shelter, portable toilets, hiking trails, restored oak savannas and wetland areas. Wide variety of birds and other wetland wildlife species.

**Kathryn A. Hamas Kayak Launch**  
Byron • 108 E Diamond St  
Byronparks.org / FB  
Kayak launch and floating boat docks along the Rock River along with walking trails, playground, shelter and fishing piers.

**Rock River Riders M/C**  
Polo • 6712 W. Pines Rd.  
815-732-3101  
rrockrider.com / FB / IG  
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!

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rockertrail.com / FB  
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**Biking/Hiking**

**Carnation Park**  
Oregon • 1 Webster St.  
815-732-3101  
Oregonparks.org / FB  
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**  
Forreston • Corner of W. Grove & Freerport Rd.  
wildsouthern.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.

**Four Sisters Bike Path**  
Rochelle • 325 E 2nd St.  
815-562-7813  
rchelleparkdistrict.org / FB  
4-mile bike path along beautiful Kyle River.

**Jarrett Prairie Preserve Biking Trails**  
Byron • 2793 North River Rd.  
815-234-8535  
Byronforestpreserve.com / FB  
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.

**MC Patch**  
Monroe Center • 400 West St.  
815-263-4088  
whiteneican.com / FB  
White Pelican Canoe Rental.

**Mix Park**  
Oregon • IL Rt. 2S.  
815-752-3101  
Mixpark.org / FB  
Mix Park hosts annual Fields Project Art Festival & showcases sculpture.

**Ogle County**

**Oregon Park District**  
Oregon • 304 S. Fifth St.  
815-732-3101  
Oregonparks.org / FB  
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 West**  
Oregon • Oregon Trail Rd.  
815-732-3101  
Oregonparks.org / FB  
Tennis courts, lighted basketball courts, baseball diamonds, soccer fields, sand volleyball courts, horseshoe pits, playgrounds, shelters, & more. Includes Historic Stark Homestead Museum.

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

**Skare Park**  
Rochelle • Flagg & Brooklyn Rd.  
815-562-7813  
Rochellechamber.org/parkdistrict / FB  
Shoreline Park.

**Weld Memorial Park**  
Stillman Valley • 1535 Weld Park Rd.  
10-acre county park with hiking, recreation areas, parking, restrooms.

**Family Fun/Amusement**

**Barnacopia**  
Oregon • 201 N 2nd St.  
815-238-1417  
Barnacopia.org / FB  
Barnacopia.

**Birdland Skate Park**  
Polo • 112 E Mason St.  
Byronparks.org / FB  
Birdland Skate Park.

**Mix Park**  
Oregon • IL Rt. 2S.  
815-752-3101  
Mixpark.org / FB  
Mix Park.

**Byron Dragway**  
Byron • 7287 River Rd.  
815-234-8405  
Byrondragway.com / FB  
The playground of power! ¼ mile IHRA dragstrip.
The Eternal Indian Stands Whole Once Again

When sculptor Lorado Taft completed his 48-foot tall concrete statue on a bluff above the Rock River in 1911, he titled it “The Eternal Indian.” The sculpture is also known locally as the Black Hawk Statue, since Lorado was inspired by Black Hawk, a leader of the Sauk tribe - though the artwork wasn't meant to be an exact likeness. The artist intended that both the image and the title would evoke the unconquerable spirit of the Native Americans.

The title was also a nod to the notion that concrete - at the time a new medium in the world of sculpting - was thought to last forever. By 1944, however, the statue had suffered major damage from a lightning strike, and so the first round of repairs was made. The statue received additional patch-ups in the 1980s and 1990s, but then public interest (and funding) faded out, and the statue began to fall once more into disrepair.

The Oregon Trail Days Committee launched an effort to restore the Black Hawk statue in 2008, and it was added to the U.S. National Register of Historic Places in 2009. But repair work was plagued by delays, stemming from state budgeting gridlock and a dispute between the project manager and the conservator. But now the protective tarps and scaffolding surrounding the statue have been removed.

Though foundation work will continue in 2020, the main restoration work is complete. The community icon is once again whole and proud, towering over the Rock River and all who visit beautiful Lowden State Park.
The Soldier’s Monument
Oregon • Ogle County
Courthouse Lawn
815-732-1110
Sculpted by Lorado Taft, serves as a permanent record & reminder of the contribution of the men of Ogle County who served in the Civil War.

Horse/Equestrian
Diamond “G” Ranch & Western Store
Rochelle • 4564 Knoll Rd.
815-562-4050
Large western store stocked with everything for horse & rider. Indoor/outdoor arenas; boarding.

Plumcreek Stable
Rochelle • 7135 S. Locust Rd.
815-384-5031
Training, sales, teaching for beginner to advanced & boarding facility. American saddle-bred horses, Morgans & Arabians.

White Pines Ranch
Oregon • 3561 Pines Rd.
815-732-7923
Whitepinesranch.com / FB
A real dude ranch on 200+ acres! Offers a variety of horse riding experiences; youth summer camps & outdoor education programs. Bunk houses, swimming pool, great food; open all year.

He-Leo Two Rivers Preserve
Byron • IL Rt. 2
Byronforestpreserve.com / FB
The entrance is adjacent to the Rockvale Township Building on Ill Rt 2 south of Byron and offers amenities for boating traffic. There are boat slips, restrooms, a picnic shelter with grills, and sand volleyball for boaters to take a break in the shade. Please note that this property is not a boat launch area.

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.

Lakes/Rivers
He-Leo Forest Preserve Kayak Launch
Oregon • 6605 North Illinois Route 2
815-234-8535
byronforestpreserve.com
Kayak launch and floating boat docks located at the confluence of the Rock River and Leaf River. 48 acre preserve with a picnic shelter, portable toilets, hiking trails, restored oak savannas and wetland areas. Wide variety of birds and other wetland wildlife species.

Lowden State Park Boat Launch
Oregon • 1902 IL Rt 2 N
Boat launching ramp and boat docks located across the river from Lowden State Park, 1 mile north of the town of Oregon.

Bait & Tackle
Jess and Jay’s Bait & Tackle
Oregon • 114 N River Rd
630-800-0683
FB
Da Worm Wagon Bait & Tackle
Byron • Rock River Boat Dock - River Rd.
815-871-2150

Miscellaneous
Byron Dragway
Byron • 696 N. Colfax St.
815-234-8435
byronparks.org
NHRA championship drag racing.

Recreation Centers
Byron Park District
Byron • 696 N. Colfax St.
815-234-8435
byronparks.org
Aquatic programs & lap/open swim times. Fitness & weight room, indoor jogging track & courts, golf/batting cages, racquetball/wallyball courts.

Nash Recreation Center
Oregon • 304 S. 5th St.
815-732-3101
oregonpark.org
25-meter indoor pool, whirlpool, locker rooms, 2 racquetball courts, a double gym, adult fitness center, indoor track, snack bar, children's center, multi-purpose rooms.

On The Move Fitness Center
Polo • 317 N. Jefferson Ave.
815-946-2883
onthemovefc.com
Cardio equipment, strength machines, weights, group exercise classes, more.

Regn XT
Oregon • 404 W Washington St
815-505-5827
FB

Rochelle Swim & Fitness
Rochelle • 1127 N. 7th St., IL Rt. 38
815-561-8504
rochelleswimfitness.com / FB
Swimming pool and full range of strength training and workout equipment. Personal training, team fitness, group fitness, pool classes.

Some of the most notable artifacts at the Flagg Township Museum include the Partin-Palmer automobile which is the only known one in existence.
State Parks/Forests

Bald Hill Prairie Preserve
Mt Morris • 5902 N. Silver Creek Rd
815-234-8535
byronforestpreserve.com / FB
A 380-acre preserve offering spectacular views of the surrounding countryside. Several rare gravel hill prairie and savanna plants plus rare migratory birds can be seen here. Also found is the biggest tree in the State of Illinois, a huge Eastern cottonwood that is 285 feet in circumference and 122 feet tall.

Castle Rock 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.

Edward F. Vassallo Land & Water Reserve
Mt Morris • 7578 W. Pines Rd.
312-343-7315
The Edward F. Vassallo Land & Water Reserve borders the White Pines State Park and was designated in 2014 as a state Land & Water Reserve by the Illinois Nature Preservation 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.

Howard Colman Hall Creek Preserve
Rockford • 12749 Weldon Road
815-234-8535
byronforestpreserve.com
281-acre preserve featuring rolling hills made up of mature oak-hickory woodlands. Limestone bluffs or dells are found along the clear-running Hall Creek which flows through the entire length of the preserve. Many rare birds and plants can be found here.

Jarrett Prairie Nature Preserve
Byron • 7993 North River Road
815-234-8535
byronforestpreserve.com / FB
Founded to protect 120 acres of rare dolomite prairie, this preserve is made up of 420 acres of rolling hills of rare dolomite tallgrass prairie, oak savannas and woodlands. The Jarrett Prairie Center houses the national award-winning Jarrett Prairie Center Museum and a 2,600 square ft. Prairie Overlook Deck. The preserve also has the Wedskof Observatory, the Keller Education Center, three picnic shelters, a playground, sledding hill and miles of hiking trails. The preserve is adjacent to the Districts Prairie View Golf Club, Prairie Fire Golf & Grill and a Toptracer year-round driving range facility.

Lowden State Park
Oregon • 1411 N. River Rd.
815-732-6828
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, towering White Pines, concessions, hiking, picnic areas, shelters, & more.

Swimming

Rochelle Swim & Fitness
Rochelle • 1127 N. 7th St., IL Rt. 38
815-561-8504
Rochelleswimfitness.com / FB
Olympic size pool and full range of strength training and workout equipment. Personal training, team fitness, group fitness, pool classes.

Splash Canyon Spray Park
Oregon • Oregon Trail Rd.
815-732-3101
Oregonpark.org / FB
Spring Lake Aquatic Park
Rochelle • Ave. B & 8th St.
815-562-6659
Rochelleparkdistrict.org / FB
Outdoor Olympic-size pool, 150-foot water slide, two diving boards & large wading pool.

FOOD & DINING

Bakeries

Hazel's Café
307 Washington St.
815-732-7017
hazels-cafe.com / FB / IG
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Jen's Artisan Breads
Mt. Morris • 500 Evergreen Ln.
815-978-3185
jensbread.com

Sunshine Bakery & Cafe
Rochelle • 354 May Mart Dr
815-561-6001
Sunshinewaterdiscount.com / FB

Cafes/Delis

10th Street Café
Oregon • 810 S. 10th St.
815-732-3252
FB

Artists Garden/Acres Bistro
Rochelle • 407 Lincoln Hwy
630-673-8714
FB

Blackhawk Nutrition
Oregon • 312 Washington St., Suite B
FB

Chili Pepper Cafe
Oregon • 416 W. Washington St.
815-732-1583
FB

The Coffee Cup
Rochelle • 408 4th Ave.
Located inside Bill’s Trading post. 815-562-2627

The Cypress House
Rochelle • 718 10th Ave
815-562-4159
Cypresshouse.net / FB

Hazel’s Café
Oregon • 307 Washington St.
815-732-7017
hazels-cafe.com / FB / IG

McKendrie Street Café
Mt. Morris • 500 Evergreen Ln.
815-734-9484
FB

O’s Bakery
Oregon • 302 W Washington St.
815-440-9637
FB

Rich’s Kitchen at The Polo Room
Rochelle • 712 N. Division St.
815-946-2886

Sweetbean Café & Bakery
Rochelle • 404 W. Blackhawk Dr.
815-234-4989
Sweetbeancafe.net / FB

Scoops Steam Powered Subs & Deli
Oregon • 117 N 4th St.
815-936-1010

Sunshine Bakery & Cafe
Rochelle • 346 May Mart Dr
815-561-6001
Sunshinewaterdiscount.com / FB

The Village Bakery
Oregon • 101 N 3rd St.
815-732-3830
Villagebakery.org / FB

Ethnic

Alfano’s Pizzeria
Rochelle • 1115 Turckington Terrace
815-562-3312
FB

China Wok
Rochelle • 233 May Mart Dr.
815-562-8879

Costa’s Italian Ristorante
Byron • 133 E. Blackhawk, Rt. 2
815-234-4707

Costasbyron.com / FB

Dos Amigos
Byron • 523 W. Blackhawk Dr.
815-234-8567

China King
Oregon • 509 W Washington St
815-732-0887

El Sol
Rochelle • 509 4th Ave.
815-562-1851
FB

El Tapatio
Rochelle • 1310 N. 7th St
815-561-6590
FB

Hector’s Cocina
Oregon • 201 N 3rd St. (Conover Square)
815-881-8338
FB

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Rochelle • 108 N. Franklin Ave.
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**The Cypress House**
Rochelle • 718 10th Ave.
815-562-4199
cypresshouse.net

**Sunshine Bakery & Cafe**
Rochelle • 346 May Mart Dr
815-561-6001
Sunshinebakery.org / FB

**Family Restaurants**

**Bela's Cafe**
Oregon • 317 Washington Street
815-732-0991

**Butterfly Restaurant**
Rochelle • 1155 Lincoln Hwy.
815-562-5530

**Dad's Bar & Pinericcer Cafe**
Polo • 124 E. Mason St.
815-946-3321
FB

**The Depot**
Forreston • 314 W. Main St.
815-938-2025

**Dogwood Inn Restaurant**
Polo • 2452 N. IL 26
815-946-2499

**Farmers Family Restaurant**
Forreston • 317 E. Main St.
815-938-3653
FB

**Fritz Wooden Nickel**
Stillman Valley • 208 N. Walnut St.
815-645-9828
FB

**Grubsteakers Restaurant**
Rochelle • 14698 E. State Rt. 64
815-562-3430
FB

**Iron Skillet Restaurant**
Rochelle • 900 Petro Rd.
815-562-5840

**Mason’s Restaurant**
Polo • 118 W. Mason St.
815-946-3703

**The Pepper Mill**
Mt. Morris • 10 E. Hitt St.
815-563-7141

**Salt 251**
Rochelle • 531 S. 7th St.
815-561-2727
FB

**Campus Café**
Mt. Morris • 101 South Wesley ave
815-545-0007

**The Garden Restaurant**
Mt. Morris • 312 E Hitt St
815-734-0333

**Cardinal Café & Pizzaria**
Stillman Valley • 130 N Walnut St
815-645-7129

**The Roadhouse**
Oregon • 807 S. 7th St. (Pines Rd. & Rt. 2)
815-732-2300
Rhousen.org / FB

**Smoking Harry’s Fine Foods**
Creston • Rt 38 E. & Woodlawn Rd.
815-384-6702

**The Spanky’s Byron Inn**
Byron • 216 N. Union St.
815-234-2692

**Spring Valley Restaurant**
Oregon • 300 E. Washington St.
815-732-4877

**Sunrise Family Restaurant**
Rochelle • 1181 N. 7th St.
815-562-4877

**Sunrise Family Restaurant**
Byron • 101 W. 2nd St.
815-234-4229

**Sunrise III Family Restaurant**
Oregon • 116 N. 4th St.
815-732-2022

**Swedish Pancake House**
Byron • 127 W. 2nd St.
815-234-7600

**The Lodge Restaurant at White Pines Resort**
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815-946-3817
Whitepinesinn.com / FB

**Fine Dining**

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815-732-2500
blackhawksteakpit.com

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Oregon • 2190 S. Daysville Rd.
815-732-4413
FB

**Maxson’s Riverside Restaurant**
Oregon • 1469 IL Rt. 2
815-732-6761
Maxsons.net / FB

**White Pines Resort**
Mt. Morris • 6712 W. Pines Rd.
815-946-3817
whitepinesinn.com / FB

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**2nd Chance Tavern**
Byron • 109 W 2nd St.
815-234-3000
FB

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

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Rochelle • 418 Lincoln Hwy.
815-562-3456

**Alfano’s Pizzeria**
Rochelle • 1115 Turkington Terrace
815-562-3312

**Alfano’s Restaurant**
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815-732-4110

**Aero Ale House**
Byron • 120 N Union St.
815-406-8053
Aeroaletavern.com / FB

**Breaker’s Saloon & Eatery**
Oregon • 100 S. 2nd St.
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815-946-9123
FB

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815-734-6660
FB

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815-677-6776
Corkntap.com / FB

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FB

**DJ’s Arcade Bar**
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815-732-9700
FB

**Fibbers Bar & Grill**
Leaf River • 110 N. Main St.
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FB

**Flight Deck Bar & Grill**
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Flightdeckbar.com / FB

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**Fritz’s Wooden Nickel**
Stillman Valley • 208 N. Walnut St.
815-645-9828
FB

**Fuzions Bar & Grill**
Rochelle • 200 N Washington St.
815-888-7175
FB

**Hub City Express**
Rochelle • 900 Petro Rd.
815-561-9595

**J’s Burgers & Beer**
Davis Junction • 13939 E IL Rt. 72
815-874-2337
FB

**Jeff’s Refs**
Polo • 113 W. Mason St.
815-561-2860
Jeffsrefsleopol.com / FB

**Kenny’s Place**
Rochelle • 411 Cherry Ave.
815-562-6568
FB

**LaRosa’s Pizza & Pasta**
Stillman Valley • 402 W. Roosevelt Rd.
815-645-1100
FB

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

**Mullarkey’s Bar & Grill**
Mt. Morris • 12 West Main St.
815-734-0759
FB

**MC Tap**
Monroe Center • 303 Pacific St.
815-393-3503
FB

**Messenger’s Bar & Grill**
Oregon • 133 S 4th St
815-881-8227
FB

**Prairie Grass Pub**
Byron • 6734 Germam Church Rd.
815-234-4653 (GOLF)
prairieviewgolf.com

**Rosati’s Pizza**
Rochelle • 1233 N Caron Rd.
815-562-5000

**Sledgehammer’s**
Oregon • 1450 Rt 2 Oregon
815-762-7395
FB

**The Cave**
Byron • 111 W. 2nd St.
815-234-3401
Thecavebyron.com / FB

**The Hunt Club**
Oregon • 408 E. Washington St.
815-881-8074
Thehuntcluboregon.com / FB

**The Idle Hour**
Mt. Morris • 115 S Wesley Ave
815-734-4110
FB

**The Rack Bar & Grill**
Rochelle • 406 Cherry Ave.
815-561-6254
FB

**Theo’s Thirsty Cow**
Stillman Valley • 9042 IL 72
815-245-8820
FB
Skydiving Over Blackhawk Waterways

More than 400,000 people have jumped out of an airplane operated by the Chicagoland Skydiving Center during the past half century - and they had a blast doing it.

They’ve been operating from the Rochelle Municipal Airport since 2013 and before that, out of the Chicago area since 1968. Today, the CSC has become a major center for the sport in the United States. The 20,000 square-foot campus hosted the U.S. National Skydiving Championships in 2018, though the CSC team welcomes beginners and seasoned professionals alike. In fact, the facility runs Freefall University Skydiving School to train beginners, and it offers aircraft observer flights and a progressive student equipment program that provides the best available gear.

The campus also includes a gear store, a full-service RV park, a spectator courtyard, a volleyball court, a bonfire pit, and the Flight Deck Bar and Grill, which has an observation area, free wifi, and device charging stations.

CSC’s location in Rochelle is about 90 minutes from Chicago, Bloomington, the Quad Cities, and Madison, Wisconsin.
Rochelle Railroad Park
- the first park in the nation built just for visitors to see operating trains!

Located at the junction of two major railroads in Rochelle, IL, and open 24 hours a day, the Rochelle Railroad Park is a real “hot spot” for train watching from the observation area. Other park features and amenities include a Gift Shop, parking, public restrooms, picnic areas, railroad artifacts and information, and more.
During the first weekend in October, Stronghold transforms itself from a modern retreat and meeting facility to the site of the Olde English Faire. Wandering players perform both onstage and off as crafters and merchants display their wares.
Whether you’re getting lost in a corn maze, visiting a restored village from yesteryear or marveling at a massive barge maneuvering its way through a Mississippi River lock, when in Whiteside County you’ll never be at a loss for things to do and see.

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.

Escape back in time and visit Fulton’s de Immigrant Windmill (shown above). Manufactured in the Netherlands and delivered to Fulton, this massive 100 ft. tall fully-functional windmill showcases the amazing craftsmanship and ingenuity of the Dutch millwrights and masons that constructed it.

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. Speak to your outfitter about other canoeing or kayaking opportunities and examine local maps to find the trip that’s perfect for you, your family and your skill level. Now, throw on that life jacket, grab those paddles and go!
across the Rock River. bicyclists, runners, walkers and other Trail. The Sinnissippi Dam Walkway offers and becomes part of the Grand Illinois Canal ties into the main Hennepin Canal system in Sterling and the Hennepin a link between the ever expanding trail sites along the way.

From Rock Falls to Sheffield. Miles of bike & visitrockfalls.com 815-380-2300

Rock Falls • 209 Emmons Ave. corner of 13th Avenue and 2nd Street.

Great River Trail
Fulton • 815-589-3925 greatrivertrail.org / FB 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.

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/Sinissippi Dam Walkway
Sterling • 10 Broadway (behind Dillion Home Museum) 815-622-6200 sinissippiwalkway.org The Sinissippi 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 Sinissippi 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.

Morrison Rockwood State Park & Marina
Morrison • 18301 Lake Rd. 815-772-4708

Mountain Bike Pump Track
Sterling • 17th Ave. & 1st St. facebook.com/Sterling-IL-Pump-Track Built specifically for mountain bikers looking for a challenging and fun experience. The 1.5-acre site has two main sections, including space for beginners and a more advanced section. There’s no age limit and rules are posted. Helmets are strongly recommended.

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 Falls Bike Share Program
2 locations • RB&W Park & Days Inn April – October visitrockfalls.com These bikes are controlled by Bluetooth technology and users must download an application on their smartphones. Works with iPhone and Android and instructions are posted on the racks. Bikes are mainly sized for teens and adults.

Rock River Trail
rockrivrtrail.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/Canoe Rentals
Centennial Park
Rock Falls • E. 11th St. & Ave. D 815-625-0272 50-acre park with canoe rentals, fishing, hiking & more.

Crystal Lake Recreation Park
Rock Falls • 600 E. 17th St. 815-622-5974 crystallassal.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.

Morrison Rockwood Marina
Morrison • 18301 Lake Rd. 815-772-4708 www.dnr.illinois.gov

Community Parks

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

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

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

Centennial Park
Rock Falls • 11th St. & Ave. D 815-625-0272 colomaptownshipparkdistrict.com 50 acre park: canoe rentals, fishing, biking, picnic area, playgrounds & more.

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

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

Eberly Park
Sterling • 2699 W. LeFevre Rd. stergilingsparks.org Walking/running course

French Creek Park
Morrison • Portland Ave. S. IL Rt. 78 16-acre park, walking path, playground & picnic area.

Gartner Park
Sterling • 2121 W. LeFevre Rd. stergilingsparks.org Lighted & unlighted ball diamonds

Harry Kidd Field
Sterling • 1219 W. 7th St. stergilingsparks.org Football field

Hoover Park
Sterling • 3603 Woodlawn Rd. stergilingsparks.org 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. 815-625-0272 colomaptownshipparkdistrict.com 18 hole disc golf course, family picnic shelter, modern restrooms, basketball court, playground area, baseball diamond. Handicapped accessible parking lot.

Kelly Park
Morrison • 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. stergilingsparks.org 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.

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Morrison • N. Genesee St. Rolle Bollie court, playground & picnic area.

Lawrence Park
Sterling • 13650 Ave. G 815-622-6205 stergilingsparks.org Boat launches, fishing & recreational areas.

Logan Memorial Park
Rock Falls • E. Rt. 30 815-625-0272 colomaptownshipparkdistrict.com Ball diamonds, family picnic shelter, playground equipment, restrooms.

Lower Dam Park
Rock Falls • Downtown riverfront 815-625-0272 colomaptownshipparkdistrict.com 1-acre park: exciting view of the Rock River, excellent fishing, boat ramp just below the Lower Dam.

Morrison Sports Complex

Nims Park
Rock Falls • E. 3rd St. & Ave. E 815-625-0272 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 colomaptownshipparkdistrict.com Restrooms, playground, picnic tables & ball diamonds.

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

R&B/W District Park
Rock Falls • 301 E. 2nd St. 815-622-1106 Visitrockfalls.com / FB

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

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

Scheid Park
Sterling • 1102 Woodburn Ave. stergilingsparks.org Outdoor basketball courts, playground, open play areas, shelters & soccer fields.
Seward Riverside Park
Rock Falls • E. 2nd St. & Ave. C
815-625-0272
colomatownshipparkdistrict.com
Boat launch area, picnic area, playground & docks to feed ducks.

Siegelner Memorial Park
Rock Falls • 9th Ave. & W. 22nd St.
815-625-0272
colomatownshipparkdistrict.com
Pavilion, picnic tables, playground, baseball diamonds, horseshoe courts, concessions.

Sinnissippi Park
Sterling • Sinnissippi Rd.
815-622-6200
sterlingparks.org
150-acre park: playground equipment, picnic shelters, fishing, hiking, restrooms, recreational areas, disc golf.

Thomas Park
Sterling • 12th Ave.
sterlingparks.org
Outdoor basketball courts & ice skating, picnic area, playground & open play areas.

Wallingford Park
Rock Falls • E. 8th St. & Ave. C
815-625-0272
colomatownshipparkdistrict.com
3 baseball diamonds, restrooms, concession stand, a family picnic shelter, outdoor basketball court & playground.

WaterWorks Park
Morrison • 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 • 409 N. 4th St.
815-229-8500
cityoffulton.us
Displays of local wildlife, insects, and flora found along the local watershed of the upper Mississippi River.

The Cage
Morrison • 222 W. Main St.
815-641-8566
cagemorrison.com
Indoor Batting, Pitching Mounds, Golf Tees

Crystal Lake Recreation
Rock Falls • 511 E. Rt. 30
815-622-5974
crystallake1.com
Go-karts (800-foot track), sun bathing, trampoline, big floating raft, food & more.

Deitricks’ Alpaca Ranch
Prophetstown • 1120 Lomax Rd
815-373-5281
calpacas.50megs.com
Alpaca ranch open by appt only.

Selmi’s Farm Market
Rock Falls • 1206 Dixon Ave.
815-626-3830
semlis.com
Hausman house & wagon ride, corn maze, little spooks house, petting farm, outdoor play area, & more fun! Pumpkins, gourds, home decorating, Pumpkin Masters, Pez Candy dispensers headquarters.

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 200 meter indoor track, indoor 60 meter tartan Ricoh/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
cカルパカス50meigs.com
A nine-hole disc golf course on the banks of the Mississippi River.

NASCAR-Themed Event Planning
Sterling • 91 Palmrya Rd
815-647-3124
www.themidwaydrivein.net
We offer darts, video games, disc jockey, 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!

Rainbow Falls Adventure Golf
Rock Falls • 1109 W. Rt. 30
815-535-6556
Mini golf fun for the whole family.

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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.

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Lake Erie Golf Course
Erie • 900 Lakeside Dr.
309-659-2250
9-hole course at the Lake Erie Country Club facility. 3,000 yards of golf from the longest tees for a par of 36, course rating 34.6 & slope of 108.

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

Rock River Golf & Pool
Rock Falls • 3901 Dixon Ave.
815-625-3287
www.rrgap.com
18-hole public/golf course with clubhouse, proshop, cart/equip. rental, driving range and banquet facilities.

History/Heritage
Albany Indian Mounds State Historic Site
Albany • Cherry St. & 12th Ave.
309-887-4335
www.albanymounds.com
FB: @albanymounds
Free! One of the largest prehistoric Hopewell Mound groups in Illinois. Interpretive displays, bike trails, cross-country ski trails, picnic tables.

Barn Quilt Trail
Facebook.com/whitesidequilttrail
Whiteside County is fortunate to have many barn quilts located throughout our area and we encourage you to go to our Facebook page for a full listing and information.

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
prophetstown.net
Civil War Monument
Prophetstown • 400 E. 3rd St.
815-537-5139
prophetstown.com
Statue of Civil War soldier.

Covered Bridge
Morrison • Crosby Rd.
815-772-3757
On the road to Morrison-Rockwood State Park, at 1.48 feet, the spanned covered bridge is much larger than those you will find elsewhere.

Dillon Home Museum
Sterling • 1005 E. 3rd St.
815-622-6202
sterlingparks.org
Built in 1858, 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.
High-Tech Bike Sharing Comes to Rock Falls

Visitors to Rock Falls have a new way to explore the town thanks to a new bike sharing program.

The distinctive orange bikes are located on racks in two locations: one in RB&W District Park, which is located along the riverfront just north of downtown, and another on the south side of town where First Avenue crosses the Hennepin Canal. Riders can rent the bicycles for $1.50 per hour by downloading the Koloni app on their Android or iOS phone. After creating an account, users simply follow the prompts to unlock the bikes.

For safety, the bicycles are equipped with GPS trackers and Bluetooth technology, and they have to be returned to a rack before 9 p.m. Each bicycle has a basket, and city leaders hope that riders will use them to explore the city, do some shopping, and take a picnic along the canal trail system.

The bikes are placed in storage during the winter season, but they’ll be available for public rental between April and October, weather permitting. City officials are encouraging people to post photos of themselves enjoying the bikes to social media and tag @visitrockfalls.
Dillon Home Museum

The Dillon Home is a work of Italianate Architecture, built in 1858 for Civil War Brigadier General, Edward Needles Kirk.

Home to P.W. Dillon, President of Northwestern Steel and Wire, the homes' grandeur is a remarkable sight, as his wife, Crete, was an avid traveler, and collector of eclectic pieces and period furniture. Unique from most historic home museums, The Dillon Home retains all of the original furnishings and belongings.

MuralsofProphetstown
Prophetstown • Downtown business district
815-537-5139
prophetstownill.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. Rt 30 muralsoftheLincolnhighway.com
Depicts the history of the community & received a state of Illinois 2005 “Arts-Friendly Community” award.

Ronald Reagan Birthplace
Tampico • 111 S. Main St.
815-438-2100
tampicohistoricalsociety.com
Apartment where Ronald Reagan was born, restored & decorated in early 1900s. Gift shop & museum. Donations. Open Apr. – Oct. or anytime by appointment 815-622-8705

Ronald Reagan Trail
ronaldreagantrail.net
13 communities in NW Illinois celebrating the legacy of President Reagan. Historic landmarks, museums, & events honoring this great man.

Sterling Lincoln Highway Interpretive Mural
Sterling • 424 Locust St.
866-455-4299
drivelincolnhighway.com

Sterling Mural Society
Sterling • Downtown
815-626-8610
sterlingmainstreet.org
The Sterling Mural Society, originally established in 1995, includes 20 hand-painted, historical murals that adorn the walls of downtown Sterling. Go to website for pictures and a full listing of locations of all murals.

Sterling Rock Falls Historical Museum
Sterling • 1005 E. 3rd St.
815-622-6215
srhhs.com
Museum traces history from prehistoric days to the modern industrial era.

Tampico Area Historical Museum
Tampico • 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 H&Y&T railroad & more.

Windmill Cultural Center
Fulton • 111 10th Ave.
815-589-4033
cityoffulton.us
Collection of 21 European windmills in sizes between 3 ft. & 6 ft. tall from 10 European countries. Interpretive exhibits, children's activities, gift shop, fresh stone-ground flour, Delft pottery & souvenirs of Fulton. Special exhibits will be featured throughout the year. Open May to mid Nov. – call for days & hours of operation

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Horse/Equestrian

Fancy Boot Riding Ranch
Prophetstown • 29368 E. 2400 St.
815-537-2299
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.

Free Rein Tack Shop
Prophetstown • 13760 Cooper Rd.
815-537-5100
Tack shop, horse supplies, feed, bedding, antiques, collectibles, crafts, gifts. Western setting.

Hollow Crest Farm
Morrison • 11417 Loron Rd.
815-590-1144
hollowcrestfarm.com
Full-service training facility. We welcome visitors to our farm to see beautiful Arabian horses, take lessons, or just visit. Call or go to our website for more information and check us out on Facebook.

Morrison Rockwood State Park
Morrison • 18750 Lake Rd.
815-772-4708

Hunting/Preserves/Guides

Big Bend State Fish & Wildlife Area
Prophetstown • Van Damme Rd.
815-537-2270
1188-acre state fish & wildlife area: fishing, hunting & hiking.

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

Morrison Pheasant Hunting Club
Morrison • 21887 Pigeon Rd.
815-772-3394
Morrisonhuntclub.com / FB
224 acres: hunting Sept. 1 – Apr. 15. Sporting clay courses, dog training area, camping & fishing nearby at Lake Carlton in Morrison-Rockwood State Park.

Morrison Hunt Club 2
Morrison • 21887 Pigeon Rd.
815-772-3394
Morrisonhuntclub.com / FB
Members only hunt club on 223 acres of prime hunting habitat stocked with pheasants, partridges, deer & turkey.

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

Lawrence Marina
Sterling • 13650 Ave. G
sterlingparks.org
Free boat launch facilities, fishing, horsehoe courts, picnic area, playground, open play areas, shelters.

Oppold Marina
Sterling • 532 Stouffer Rd.
815-622-6203
sterlingparks.org
Free boat launching facilities, boat slip rentals, picnic shelters restrooms, fishing, playground equipment and open play areas.

Thomas Park
Sterling • 2301 12th Ave.
sterlingparks.org
Outdoor basketball & tennis courts& ice skating, picnic area, playground, open play areas.

Marinas/Boat Ramps

Albany Marina
Albany • First Ave. & Water St.
309-887-4064
Boat launching & marina services

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

Cattail Slough
Fulton • 1800 4th St.
815-589-2222
Boat launches, camping, fishing, concessions, restrooms.

U.S.A.C.E. Lock & Dam 13
Fulton • 4999 Lock Rd.
815-259-3628
Summer, view the big barges traveling the Mississippi. Winter, watch eagles dive for fish. Fishing, hunting, primitive campsites, picnic shelter, grills, public parking, restrooms, boat launches, more

Recreation Centers

B-Fit
Morrison • 126 E. Lincolnway
815-704-2049
B-fittoday.com / FB

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

KT3 Fitness
Fulton • 912 4th St.
563-219-2187
Kt3fitness.com / FB

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

Sterling-Rock Falls State Park
Morrison • 18750 Lake Rd.
815-772-4708
1152-acre state park: fishing, boating, concessions, hiking, cross-country skiing & 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, horsehoe 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 & pine trees, natural habitat for animals.
Forest Inn Restaurant & Lounge  
Morrison • 20657 Lincoln Rd.  
815-772-4557  
FB

Fulton Steak and Ribs  
Fulton • 1107 4th St  
815-208-7890  
fultonsteakandribs.com

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

Pizza/Grills/Pubs

All American Bar & Grill  
Rock Falls • 2105 First Ave.  
815-626-5501

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

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

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

Bartini’s  
Rock Falls • 205 W. 2nd St.  
815-632-3493  
FB

Brick Block Pub  
Morrison • 105 W. Main St.  
815-772-8022  
FB

Bushy’s Bar & Grill  
Lyndon • 407 1st Ave.  
815-778-1007  
FB

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

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

Cragel’s  
Prophetstown • 345 Washington St  
815-989-6018

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

Dead Tree Tavern  
Rock Falls • 102 W 2nd  
309-716-8572  
FB

Elli’s Bistro  
Prophetstown • 348 Washington St.  
815-537-9019

Ellie’s Gaming Cafe and Spirits  
Sterling • 1202 W. Fourth St.  
815-632-3521  
FB

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

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

Jane’s Place  
Rock Falls • 110 W. 2nd St.  
815-716-8062  
FB

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

JW’s 3rd Base  
Rock Falls • 207 W. 2nd St.  
815-632-2074  
FB

Kegger’s Tap House  
Sterling • 13464 Galt Road  
815-716-8969  
FB

King Pins Saloon and Dance Hall  
Fulton • 18675 13th St  
(815) 208-7066  
kingpinsaloonanddancehall.com/ FB

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

Legends Sports Bar & Grill  
Erie • 921 8th Ave.  
309-659-9293

Lisa’s Brick House  
Sterling • 216 Locust St.  
815-590-5472  
FB

Manny’s Pizza  
Sterling • 312 Locust St.  
815-537-9019

Manny’s Too  
Sterling • 111 W. Main St.  
815-589-2520

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

Nick’s Tap & Grill  
Rock Falls • 1301 Prophetstown Rd.  
815-626-1470

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

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

Stars Pizzeria  
Morrison • 633 E Lincolnway  
815-772-8690

Stumble Inn  
Prophetstown • 213 Washington St.  
815-718-1894  
FB

The Boulevard Pub and Grill  
Sterling • 2501 Avenue E  
815-905-2583  
theblvdpub.com

The Break Room Pub & Grub  
Tampico • 122 S. Main St.  
815-982-0014  
FB

The Rock Falls Sculpture Walk  
a public art sculpture exhibition located at the RB&W Park and features Illinois artists’ work that complement our outdoor public space along the banks of the Rock River.
Heritage Canyon

Heritage Canyon is a 12-acre wooded structure and nature walk dotted with buildings that take the visitor back to the 1800’s.

Self-guided walking tours marked by numbered yellow arrows on brick paths will guide you through a pleasant experience.
The welcome mat is always out for visitors to Rock Falls Illinois and the Sauk Valley Area. As one of Illinois’s hidden gems, Rock Falls is the center of your stay in Northwest Illinois. We are just two short hours west of downtown Chicago, part of the Rock River Trail, and right on the banks of this important waterway.

**EVENTS**

The Art in the Park Sculpture & Outdoor Art Gallery is a celebration of art. Each year 10 sculptures are selected and installed and RB&W Park turns into an outdoor art gallery. Food Truck Fridays brings a variety of cuisine, and always features live entertainment. Rock Falls’ Big Cat Quest is an annual draw for sport fishermen. The Rock River is one of the premier catfish catching rivers. Summers are full of family-friendly activities like the Rock Falls River Chase, Sauk Valley Water Ski Show, Taste of Fiesta and Fiesta Days Parade. Our yearly events continue with Summer Splash, Hops on the Rock, Hometown Holidays, and so many more!

Selmi's Greenhouse, Farm, and Pumpkin Patch is widely known for their sweet corn, pumpkin patch, and famous Cliff’s Apple Cider Donuts, and their new apple orchard has visitors delighted to come back. If you enjoy the spooky, Haunted Haven is an annual seasonal attraction that thousands of visitors come for every year. Our golf travel packages are a great incentive for a golf getaway. Centennial Park is ready to host your soccer games and let the kids (and sometimes adults) be kids on the playgrounds and paddle boats.

**OUTDOORS**

The Hennepin Feeder Canal and trail start in Rock Falls and continues for 100 miles throughout Illinois and is part of the Hennepin Canal State Park, and the duo play host to thousands of recreation enthusiasts every year. Kayaking, biking, walking, and running fill Didn’t bring your bike? We have some to rent with racks at the Days Inn and RB&W Park. Look for the orange bikes and follow instructions on how to download the app and set up your account. In the winter months, eagles flock to the riverfront to fish along the dams. This yearly migration has been a fascination for visitors and residents for years. The Canal is used in the winter as well.

**ARTS, CULTURE, AND HISTORY**

The sculpture walk in RB&W Park hosts a new set of sculptures each year and is also featured on the OtoCast application for smartphones. Visit the Firehouse Museum, Lincoln-Manahan Home Museum, Historical Society, Dillon Home, and the birthplace of Ronald Reagan in Tampico. The Corner Gallery and Woodlawn Arts Academy keep the arts alive and well in the Sauk Valley area. The murals around Sterling add a little visual interest to every day buildings.

**NIGHTLIFE**

Theater, live music, gaming, dining, and comedy nights create a tapestry of nightlife options for every taste. Book your stay in one of our many hotels or even one of our 3 campgrounds if roughing it is more your style. See the sites, hike or bike the trails, kayak the canal, then relax with a nice cup of coffee at Flip Side or grab some lunch at Arthur's Deli, then head out on the town to suit your inner night owl. The Sauk Valley is home to numerous cafes, diners, restaurants for every craving you might have.

All year long there is a reason to be out experiencing all that the Sauk Valley and surrounding areas have to offer. With a variety of hotels, restaurants, recreational activities, nightlife, family-friendly events, attractions, and more, Rock Falls charms. Visit our website for more information on the area, the calendar of events, and to view our online Visitors Guide. Be sure to like Visit Rock Falls on Facebook as well. We are looking forward to the future of Rock Falls and to seeing you soon.
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