

Illinois Route 66 Visitor Guide



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You will want to capture and share your memories on Illinois' Route 66. Relive the nostalgia, experience the variety, and share on social media!

Photos: From top to bottom and left to right. Joliet Area Historical Museum, Polk-a-Dot Drive In, Old Joliet Prison, The Gemini Giant, The Original White Fence Farm, Joliet Iron Works Historic Site, Hollywood Casino Joliet, Illinois Route 66 Associatino Hall of Fame, Wine & Cheese by TCC



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Welcome to Illinois Route 66

THE EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME!



The Mother Road in Illinois is the place to search out the perfect piece of homemade pie, neon signs you won't see anywhere else, an honest-to-goodness rabbit ranch, and a whole slew of larger and small towns that truly are the "real America." For all event listings and other up-to-date information visit: illinoisroute66.org



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HISTORY

Route 66, known as the “Mother Road,” is the most famous highway in the world. In 1939 it was popularized in the classic novel, “The Grapes of Wrath” by John Steinbeck, where the victims of the dustbowl traveled with hope for a new life in California. The 1960’s television show, “Route 66” starring Martin Milner and George Maharis, was a hit then and has a devoted following of fans even today. Most recently in 2006, the Disney animated film, “Cars,” has introduced Route 66 to new generations of young fans that will ultimately insure the popularity of the road for years to come.

Illinois Route 66 offers a unique experience to the traveler from a number of perspectives related to its history. When Route 66 was commissioned in 1926, Illinois already had a modern (for its time) road infrastructure and transportation network resulting from the development of the railroad line from Chicago to St. Louis. That rail corridor is linked to the early work of Abraham Lincoln, one of the attorneys for the railroad in Illinois. Lincoln went on to implement a national railway system as President of the United States (Illinois is the only Route 66 state that also intersects with Abraham Lincoln’s history).

Thus, Illinois literally paved the way for Route 66, which took over the pre-existing State Route 4, an already well-traveled and concrete-slab two-lane road from Chicago to St. Louis. Illinois was also the only state for which the road traveled north to south and the only state on Route 66 that was east of the Mississippi River. The famous road that traveled 2448 miles from the shores of Lake Michigan in Chicago to the shores of the Pacific Ocean in Santa Monica, California, changed directionally to an east-west highway at St. Louis, making its way through Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Arizona, New Mexico and California.

Illinois Route 66 is marked with Historic Illinois Route 66 “brown signs” that also serve to distinguish the three major alignments that the highway traversed until it was decommissioned in 1985. The original 1926-1930 alignment took the traveler through the heart of each of the communities along the road. This alignment is signed today for the traveler as “1926-1930.” The 1930-1940 alignment (which is signed as “1930-1940”) was re-routed in some cases to bypass larger more congested communities.



Rich Henry, owner/operator of Henry's Rabbit Ranch, located on the original alignment of Route 66 in Staunton, entertains children in his shop with his newest trained rabbit. Gilbert is shown “autographing” a postcard for the kids. Rich opened the visitor center in 1993 in what is a replica of a vintage gas station, and the famous attraction features rabbits of all kinds - both the furry animals we know and love, and a collection of WW automobiles! You can also get a photo opportunity on the giant rabbit outside (featured on the front cover). Photos courtesy of Dan Bruce Creative.

The 1940-1977 alignment (which is signed as “1940-1977”) was expanded into one of the earliest four-lane highways to accommodate the transportation needs of the military during World War II. Eventually Route 66 in Illinois was replaced by the adjacent Interstate 55. However, nearly all of Illinois Route 66 is still traversable today. Illinois Route 66 was designated as a scenic byway by the U.S. Department of Transportation in 2005. The byway is over 400 miles long and passes through 90 communities along the three alignments.

Communities along Illinois Route 66 have embraced the famous road and have worked to preserve their unique attractions. These cities and towns provide shopping, dining, lodging amenities and other services that make the trip a convenient one for the traveler. Though some iconic sites and personalities are no longer with us, the vibrancy of Route 66 continues to spawn new attractions, businesses and entrepreneurs along the road.

Illinois has plenty of enjoyable and quirky sites to see, like the famous giant-sized muffler men statues, historic gas stations and classic diners that serve tasty meals. In addition you will find Illinois Route 66 Scenic

Byway wayside exhibits, experience hubs and interpretive statues strategically located along the way to enhance your understanding of the experience. There are also plenty of vibrant shopping districts, beautiful parks, community events and outdoor activities for you to enjoy. While traveling Route 66 through Illinois, you’ll have the opportunity to visit the many Abraham Lincoln sites. You will also be able to stop at our great Illinois wineries, enjoy our many wonderful state parks and take a side trip to Amish Country.

Route 66 will turn 100 years old in 2026. That significant anniversary led Illinois to be the first state to introduce legislation to establish a State Route 66 Centennial Commission. This Legislation was passed unanimously by the Illinois House and Senate and has been signed into law by the Governor. In Congress, the Bill to establish the Federal Route 66 Centennial Commission has been passed unanimously by the House of Representatives and sent on to the Senate. These important steps have positioned Illinois to be ready for a unique tourism event.

Enjoy!

Restaurants



PAISANS PIZZERIA & BAR *Berwyn*



COZY DOG, *Springfield*



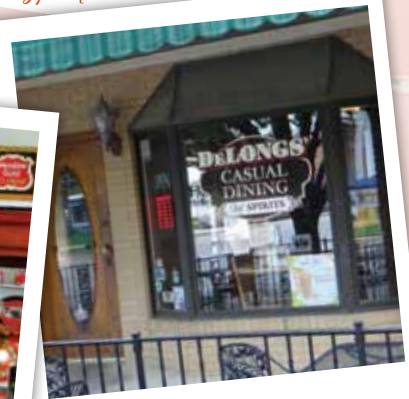
THE CHILI PARLOR, *Springfield*



STEAK 'N EGGER *McCook*



DOC'S SODA FOUNTAIN, *Girard*



DELONG'S CASUAL DINING *Pontiac*



KELLY'S ON 66 *Lexington*



OLD ROUTE 66 FAMILY RESTAURANT *Dwight*



WEEZY'S *Hamel*



LUCCA GRILL *Bloomington*



MALDANER'S RESTAURANT *Springfield*



BLUE DOG INN *Lincoln*

GUEST CHECK

DATE	SERVER	TABLE	GUESTS	CHECK NUMBER
				689561
<i>Don't miss these classics!</i>				
LOU MITCHELL'S RESTAURANT				Chicago
DELL RHEA'S CHICKEN BASKET				Willowbrook
WHITE FENCE FARM				Romeoville
FULGENZI'S PIZZA & PASTA				Springfield
MARIO'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT AND PIZZA				Springfield
ROUTE 66 MOTORHEADS				Springfield
JUBELT'S				Litchfield
ARISTON CAFE				Litchfield
DECAMP STATION				Stanton
				TAX
				TOTAL
Thank You - Please Come Again				

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*Museums, Murals,
Merchants, and More!*

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MUSEUMS

Illinois Route 66 Hall of Fame and Museum

110 West Howard Street
(815) 844-4566

Livingston County War Museum

321 North Main Street
(815) 842-0301

Museum of Gilding Arts

217 North Mill Street
(815) 842-1848

Pontiac-Oakland Automobile Museum & Resource Center

205 North Mill Street
(815) 842-2345

EXHIBITS

Pontiac Museum Complex
110 West Howard Street
(815) 844-5847

Walldog Mural and Sign Art Exhibit
Life in the 1940s
The Bob Waldmire Experience
Music of the Civil War

ATTRACTIONS

Looking for Lincoln Exhibits
Route 66 Wayside Exhibits
Colorful Art Cars
3 Swinging Pedestrian Bridges
Humiston Wood Nature Center
Murals on Main Street



visitpontiac.org 815.844.5847

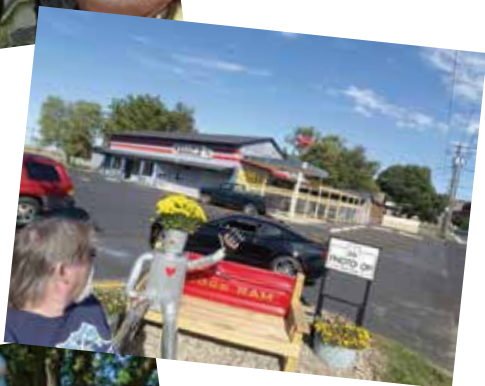
pics on 66

#MyIL66

We want to see YOU on 66! Share photos of you at your favorite attractions, restaurants, stores, landmarks, and everywhere else along Route 66 in Illinois. Selfies, group shots, staged photos, drone selfies and pet photos are all welcome! Share your photos with our #MyIL66 hashtag on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter!



Each month, we'll select three photos to be highlighted on our social media outlets, and the photo with the most votes will win an Illinois Route 66 prize - a commemorative Illinois Route 66 license plate and baseball hat! Plus- a chance to win the grand prize at the end of the year! Open to US residents ages 18 and over.



IL Route 66 Breweries

North to South

CHICAGO

Motor Row Brewery
Gino's Brew Pub
Eataly Birreria Microbrewery
& Restaurant
Cruz Blanca Brewery & Taquería
Haymarket Pub and Brewery

HERITAGE CORRIDOR ALE TRAIL

Berwyn

Flapjack Brewery

Lyons

BuckleDown Brewing

Hodgkins

Blue Nose Brewery

Willowbrook

Black Horizon Brewing Company

Darien

Miskatonic Brewing Company

Woodridge

Skeleton Key Brewery

Bolingbrook

Rock Bottom

Romeoville

Metal Monkey Brewing

Plainfield

Nevin's Brewing
Werk Force Brewing Company
Midnight Pig Beer

Joliet

Elder Brewing Company
MyGrain Brewing

Shorewood

Will County Brewing Company

Channahon

River Hawk Brewing



NORMAL

DESTIHL Brewery
White Oak Brewery



BLOOMINGTON

Lil Beaver Brewery
Keg Grove Brewing Company
Fat Jacks



LINCOLN

Spirited Republic/
Limerick Brewing



SPRINGFIELD

Obed and Isaac's Microbrewery
Buzz Bomb Brewing Company
Anvil & Forge Brewing & Distilling
Rolling Meadows Farm Brewery
Springfield Beer Company
Engrained Brewery

CHATHAM

Sangamo Brewing



EDWARDSVILLE

Recess Brewing

COLLINSVILLE

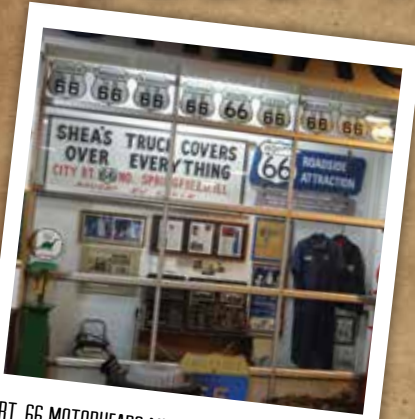
Old Herald Brewery
& Distillery



MUSEUMS



ILLINOIS COAL MUSEUM, *Gillespie*



RT. 66 MOTORHEADS MUSEUM, *Springfield*



JOLIET AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM/ROUTE 66 WELCOME CENTER, *Joliet*



MILL MUSEUM ON 66, *Lincoln*



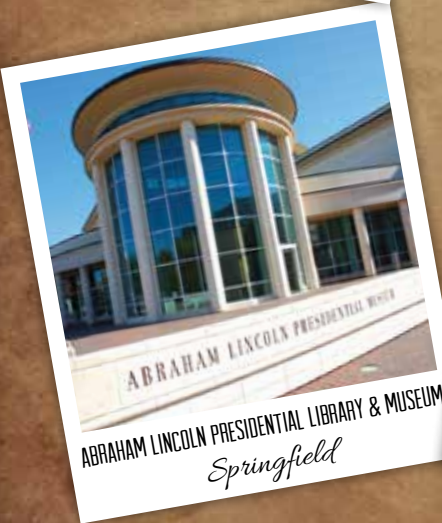
ROUTE 66 HALL OF FAME & MUSEUM, *Pontiac*



PONTIAC-OAKLAND AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM & RESOURCE CENTER, *Pontiac*



GLEN CARBON MUSEUM, *Glen Carbon*



ABRAHAM LINCOLN PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY & MUSEUM, *Springfield*



LIVINGSTON WAR MUSEUM, *Pontiac*



CAHOKIA MOUNDS, *Collinsville*



LITCHFIELD MUSEUM & ROUTE 66 WELCOME CENTER, *Litchfield*

Discover more!

PRITZKER MILITARY MUSEUM, *Chicago*
 INTERNATIONAL WALDOOG MURAL AND SIGN ART MUSEUM, *Pontiac*
 THE MUSEUM OF THE GILDING ARTS, *Pontiac*
 CHILDREN'S DISCOVERY MUSEUM, *Normal*
 MCLEAN COUNTY MUSEUM OF HISTORY, *Bloomington*
 ARCADE MUSEUMS, *McLean and Atlanta*

HAWES GRAIN ELEVATOR MUSEUM, *Atlanta*
 LINCOLN HERITAGE MUSEUM, *Lincoln*
 ILLINOIS STATE MUSEUM, *Springfield*
 LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE, *Springfield*
 KIDZEUM OF HEALTH AND SCIENCE, *Springfield*
 ACE SIGN COMPANY MUSEUM, *Springfield*

Discover Lincoln on Illinois Route 66



Visit LookingForLincoln.org to plan your adventure today!

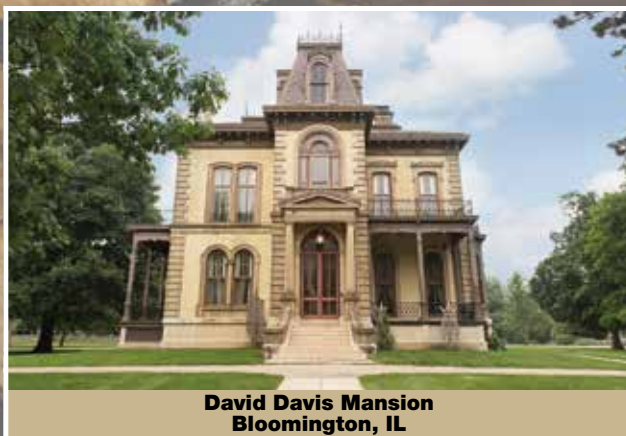


**Lincoln-Herndon Law Office/
Official Springfield Visitors Center**

Looking for Lincoln? Illinois is the only Route 66 state that also intersects with Abraham Lincoln's history! You'll find Abe here – in the many places in Illinois that Lincoln lived and traveled for nearly 30 years. Throughout 42 counties, you'll have a front row seat as the life and times of Abraham Lincoln unfold before your eyes through amazing historic attractions, living history special events, and stories of the people and places that would shape the man who would become our nation's 16th president. Drive the most famous road in the world, Route 66, to discover one of the most famous persons who ever lived, Abraham Lincoln! For more info, visit: lookingforlincoln.org or illinoisroute66.org



**McLean County Museum of History
Cruisin' with Lincoln on 66 Visitors Center**



**David Davis Mansion
Bloomington, IL**



**Postville Courthouse
Lincoln, IL**



**Lincoln Heritage Museum
Lincoln College**

ROUTE 66 EVENTS

Berwyn Car Show

Last Saturday in August
berwynrt66.com

Red Carpet Corridor

First Saturday in May
ilroute66redcarpetcorridor.com

Route 66 Association of Illinois Motor Tour & Hall of Fame Banquet

Second Weekend in June
il66assoc.org

Lincoln's Festival on Route 66

Mid-July
lincolnsfestival.net

Illinois State Fair

Mid-August
illinoisstatefair.info

International Mother Road Festival

Last Full Weekend in September
route66fest.com

Route 66 Miles of Possibility Conference

Late October
route66milesofpossibility.com

**For more events along
Route 66 in Illinois visit
illinoisroute66.org**



BERWYN CAR SHOW



RED CARPET CORRIDOR



ROUTE 66 ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS
MOTOR TOUR



ILLINOIS STATE FAIR



INTERNATIONAL MOTHER ROAD FESTIVAL



Named one of

Top 10 coolest license plates

by roadandtrack.com

WHERE THE MOTHER ROAD BEGINS



ILLINOIS ROUTE 66 LICENSE PLATES

How to register with the Illinois Secretary of State

Online

www.cyberdriveillinois.com

Find us under "Specialty Plates" in the Pick-a-plate section.

By Phone

(800) 252-8980 or (217) 785-5215

In Person

Inquire at your local Secretary of State's Facility.

Availability

Illinois Route 66 license plates may be displayed on passenger vehicles, sports utility vehicles, trucks and vans weighing 8,000 pounds or less.

Illinois Route 66 license plates now available for motorcycles.

Renewal Methods

Illinois Route 66 license plates can be renewed online, by mail, phone, or visit a Secretary of State Facility.

A portion of the proceeds Helps support Route 66

When you purchase an Illinois Route 66 Specialty Plate, you are helping to increase the economic impact of tourists visiting the communities and attractions along the Mother Road in Illinois.

These funds are used by the Illinois Route 66 Scenic Byway to enhance the Route 66 experience in our State for all travelers through education, interpretation, preservation and promotion programs.

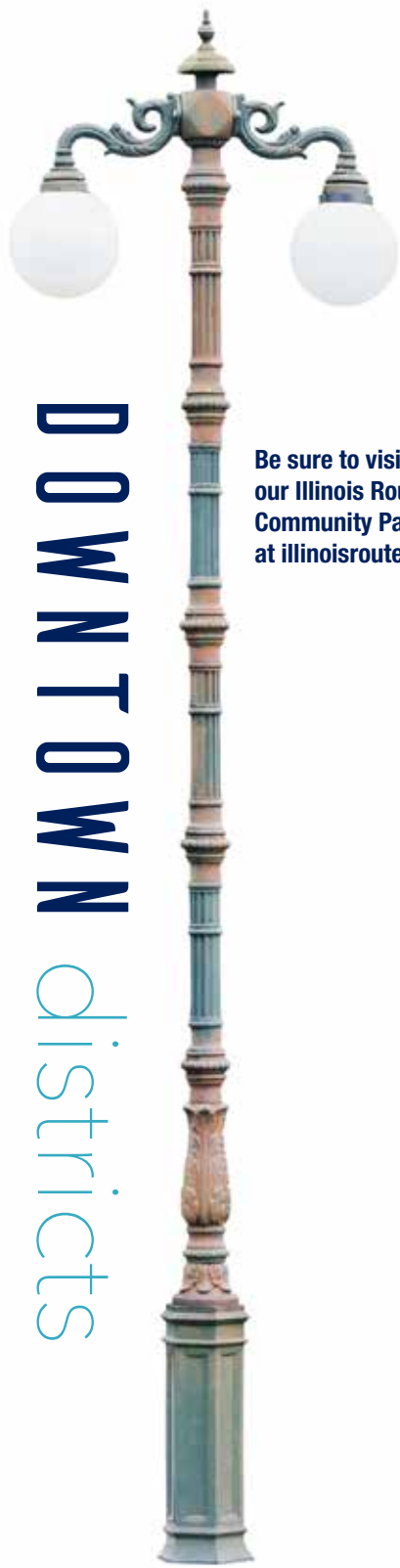
illinoisroute66.org



Jessie White, Secretary of State

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DOWNTOWN districts

Be sure to visit all our Illinois Route 66 Community Partners at illinoisroute66.org



LITCHFIELD PICKERS MARKET



CARLINVILLE SQUARE



DOWNTOWN JOLIET



DOWNTOWN WILMINGTON



HISTORIC ATLANTA



OGDEN AVENUE IN BERWYN



DOWNTOWN PLAINFIELD



UPTOWN NORMAL



DOWNTOWN SPRINGFIELD



HISTORIC PONTIAC



DOWNTOWN LINCOLN



DOWNTOWN VIRDEN



DOWNTOWN BLOOMINGTON

GIANTS



- 1 Bunyon's Statue, Atlanta
- 2 Kidzeum Active Alex, Springfield
- 3 Gemini Giant, Wilmington
- 4 Brooks Catsup Bottle, Collinsville
- 5 Carl's Ice Cream Giant, Normal
- 6 Pink Elephant Antique Mall, Livingston
- 7 Lauterbach Giant, Springfield
- 8 World's Largest Covered Wagon, Lincoln

neon



Joliet Area Historical Museum,
Joliet



The Berghoff Restaurant, Chicago



The Tropics, Lincoln



Neon Arrow, Lexington



Lou Mitchell's Restaurant, Chicago



Vic Suhling Sign, Litchfield



Ace Sign Co. Museum, Springfield



Church of the Neon Cross, Hamel



Luna Cafe, Mitchell



Ariston Cafe, Litchfield



Dell Rhea's Chicken Basket, Willowbrook



Normal Theater, Normal

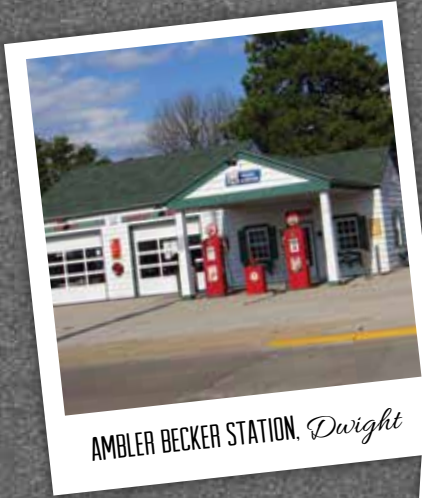
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RYBURN PLACE AT SPRAGUE SERVICE STATION, Normal



RIALTO SQUARE THEATRE, Joliet



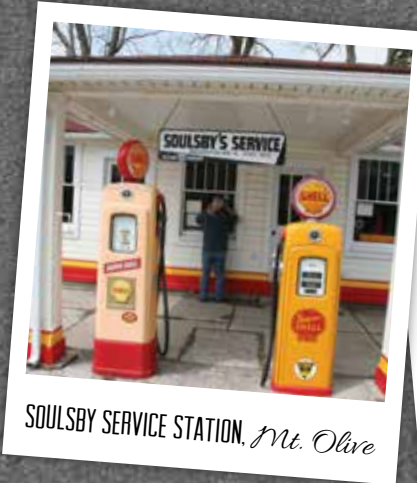
AMBLER BECKER STATION, Dwight



STANDARD OIL STATION, Odell



OLD JOLIET PRISON, Joliet



SOULSBY SERVICE STATION, Mt. Olive



NITE SPOT CAFE, Fairmont City



2 CELL JAIL, Gardner



SUNRISE DONUTS SIGN, Springfield



MAHAN'S FILLING STATION, Springfield



WILDEY THEATRE, Edwardsville



OLD CANNONBALL JAIL, Carlinville



WAYSIDE EXHIBITS

Each Illinois Route 66 Scenic Byway Wayside Exhibit tells a unique story about that location and Route 66. Travelers will be able to learn about the Marx Brothers Chicken Farm, a pitched gun battle between striking miners and mine guards, the World's Largest Covered Wagon, the art of cruising the Downtown and a State Police District Headquarters that is shaped like a gun.

The Route 66 stories on display at classic restaurants, service stations and attractions make those stops even more memorable. Because Route 66 has such a distinctive personality, the wayside exhibits themselves reflect the designs of the 1940's and 50's automotive industry. The streamlined shapes, angles and curves, chrome and neon of that era were the design elements that were used to develop the Exhibits for Illinois Route 66.

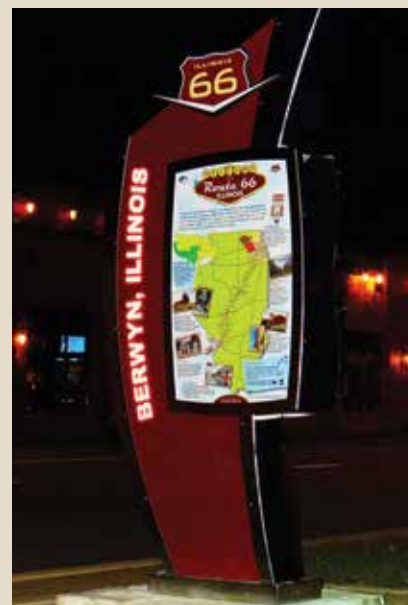
Wayside Exhibits (shown above) are located in the following Illinois Route 66 communities:

Berwyn, Countryside, Willowbrook, Romeoville, Dwight, Pontiac, Normal, Bloomington, Atlanta, Lincoln, Williamsville, Springfield, Virden, Carlinville, Litchfield, Staunton & Hamel.

EXPERIENCE HUBS

The Illinois Route 66 Scenic Byway Experience Hubs are Kiosks that help tell visitors the story of Route 66 in Illinois and help them find their way to the locations where those stories took place. Each of the Kiosks has an interpretive panel that talks about the history of Route 66 in that region and another panel that highlights the attractions in that area and how to find them.

There is also a large panel with a map of Route 66 throughout Illinois. Each of the Kiosks is nine feet tall and is lit at night with the name of the host community. Visitors can also listen to Bobby Troup singing his song, "Route 66" at every Experience Hub.



INTERPRETIVE STATUES

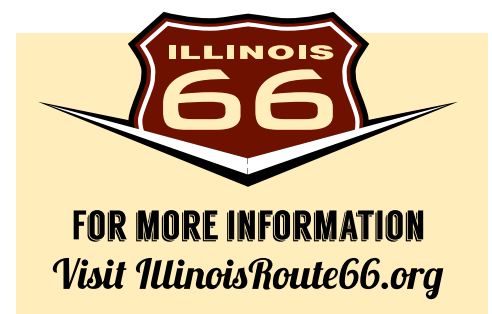
A series of Illinois Route 66 Scenic Byway Interpretive Statues and corresponding wayside panels are located in nine Route 66 communities. The statues tell the story of The Road in a way that is unique and unexpected by visitors. They also serve as a fun photo opportunity. The "shadow statues" are so nicknamed because they are two-dimensional iron statues depicting a famous scene from the history of Route 66 in Illinois.

Interpretive Statues (shown above) are located in the following Illinois Route 66 communities:

Pontiac, Elwood, Godley, McLean, Elkhart, Sherman, Benld, Gillespie and Staunton.

Experience Hubs (shown left) are located in the following Illinois Route 66 communities:

Berwyn, Romeoville, Joliet, Wilmington, Dwight, Pontiac, Bloomington, Normal, Lincoln, Springfield, Carlinville, Litchfield, Edwardsville, Chain of Rocks (Madison).



CHICAGO

Begin/End Route 66 Signs

East Adams Street/Jackson Boulevard
& South Michigan Avenue

These unique "Begin" & "End" Historic Illinois Route 66 brown signs mark the beginning of Route 66 traveling westward and the end of Route 66 traveling eastward. The signs are a popular roadside attraction and are photographed often by tourists from all over the world.

The Art Institute of Chicago

111 South Michigan Avenue
(312) 443-3600
artic.edu

One of the world's leading art museums houses an extensive collection of French Impressionist masterpieces. Make sure to take the self-guided tour of the Route 66 exhibit. Learn about the Mother Road from a unique perspective then visit the gift shop to purchase a memento to help you remember your adventure.

Pritzker Military Museum

104 South Michigan Avenue
(312) 374-9333
pritzkermilitary.org

Located within a block of the starting point of Route 66 in Chicago, Pritzker Military Museum & Library is a nonpartisan research institution dedicated to enhancing public understanding of military history and the sacrifices made by men and women who have served. Pritzker Military Museum & Library acquires and maintains an accessible collection of materials and to develop appropriate programs focusing on the citizen soldier in the preservation of democracy.

Lake Shore Drive

Downtown Chicago Lakefront
Immortalized in song by Aliotta Haynes Jeremiah, Lake Shore Drive in Chicago is a uniquely scenic extended stretch of urban parkway, bordered for over 15 miles mostly by the beaches of Lake Michigan on the east side and parks, skyscrapers and luxury apartments on the west side. For the visitor experience, most travelers prefer driving south to north on this famous road, which is very close to the Mother Road as well.

Grant Park/Buckingham Fountain/ Cloud Gate

337 East Randolph Street
(312) 742-3918
chicagoparkdistrict.com/parks/grant-park
Dubbed "Chicago's Front Yard," Grant Park consists of the Museum Campus and Millennium Park. The site of many annual festivals, the park is also home to Buckingham Fountain. Modeled after the Latona Fountain basin at Versailles in France, but twice its size, the fountain is the centerpiece of Grant Park. From summer through the end of fall, evening light shows enhance the spectacle. Also found here is Cloud Gate, a giant stainless-steel sculpture by Anish Kapoor, also known as "The Bean."

Skydeck Chicago

233 South Wacker Drive
(312) 875-9696
theskydeck.com

How does it feel to be on top of the world? Take an elevator to the 103rd floor of the Willis (formerly Sears) Tower and find out. Experience the Ledge at Skydeck Chicago while enjoying 360-degree views spanning four states, 50 miles, 1,353 feet up, the glass ledges look straight down. The trip includes the "Chicago Experience," a seven-minute multi-image presentation movie.

360°Chicago

(formerly John Hancock Observatory)
875 North Michigan Avenue, 94th Floor
(888) 875-8439
360chicago.com

Located along Chicago's Magnificent Mile®, 360 soars 1000 feet above Lake Michigan and the city's skyline to offer visitors breathtaking views from one of the tallest buildings in the world, of downtown Chicago the lakefront and four neighboring states. The view also includes the new "Tilt" window that extends out at an angle for a more exhilarating view, and convenient access to the 94th Floor Café.

Navy Pier

600 East Grand Avenue
(800) 595-7437
navypier.com

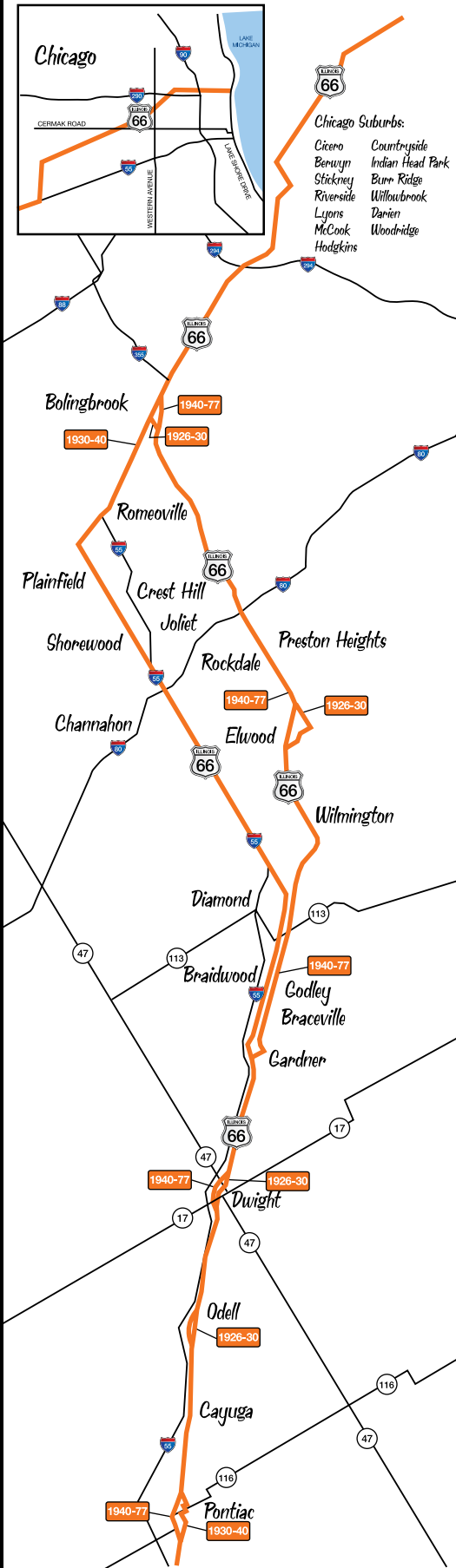
This historic maritime landmark includes 50 acres of promenades, gardens, shops, restaurants, live music, an IMAX theatre and the 1,500-seat Skyline Stage. The pier is home to the Chicago Children's Museum, the Chicago Shakespeare Theater and the Smith Museum of Stained Glass Windows. Take a ride on the merry-go-round or the sky-scraping Ferris wheel or stroll through the glass-enclosed Crystal Gardens. Fireworks displays take place every Wednesday and Saturday from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

Lou Mitchell's Restaurant and Bakery

565 West Jackson Boulevard
(312) 939-3111
loumitchellsrestaurant.com
Located on Jackson Boulevard since 1923, Lou Mitchell's offers great food and quality baking while continuing the unique tradition of giving every female customer a free box of Milk Duds; everyone gets a donut hole.

Berghoff Restaurant

17 West Adams
(312) 427-3170
theberghoff.com
Owned and operated by the Berghoff family since 1898, the restaurant has celebrated their Dortmund-style beer and fed the people of Chicago for over 100 years.



Scale: 1 inch = approx. 10 miles



AL CAPONE GRAVESITE,
near Berwyn

The Field Museum

1400 South Lake Shore Drive
(312) 922-9410
fieldmuseum.org

The Field Museum is one of the world's greatest natural history museums. View exhibits and displays of more than 26 million artifacts including SUE, the world's largest T. Rex. Explore dazzling Gems, the Aztec empire, 23 Egyptian mummies and 3D theater.

Shedd Aquarium

1200 South Lake Shore Drive
(312) 939-2438
sheddaquarium.org

See the world's largest indoor aquarium with more than 20,000 animals. Watch divers hand-feed sea turtles and other underwater creatures, and don't miss the shark exhibit. The Oceanarium shows marine life of the Pacific Northwest region-home to whales, dolphins, sea otters and other marine mammals. Call about free admission days.

Museum of Science and Industry

5700 South Lakeshore Drive
(773) 684-1414
mschicago.org

This mammoth-sized museum includes more than 800 interactive exhibits. Explore the full-scale replica of a coal mine or climb aboard a World War II German U-boat. Visit the Apollo 8 spacecraft, go for a simulated space-shuttle ride or see the latest Omnimax presentation in the Henry Crown Space Center.

Adler Planetarium

1300 South Lakeshore Drive
(312) 922-7827
adlerplanetarium.org

Known as America's first planetarium, the Adler Planetarium is a beautiful space museum with amazing shows - astronomer's dream! Choose from programs and exhibitions in three full-sized theaters, including the Grainger Sky Theater - Adler's most technologically advanced. The planetarium was built in the 1930s on what once was an artificial island on the shore of Lake Michigan. The Adler houses one of the world's finest collections of astronomical artifacts.

Buddy Guy's Legends

700 South Wabash Avenue
(312) 427-1190
buddyguy.com

Chicago's premier blues club now at its new location, owned by Buddy Guy; local and national blues bands every night. Enjoy a full menu and bar.

CICERO

Henry's Drive-In

6031 Ogden Avenue
(708) 656-9344
facebook.com/henrys66

Make sure to stop in at Henry's if you are interested in the best Chicago-style hot dog around. This drive-in not only caters to the hot dog lover but also offers a variety of edible treats to satisfy any craving; a Route 66 original.

BERWYN

WeatherTech's Berwyn Route 66 Car Show

Ogden Avenue between Oak Park and Ridgeland
(708) 788-8100
berwynrt66.com

WeatherTech's Berwyn Route 66 Car Show is the area's best and biggest car show. Held annually on the last Saturday in August, the family-friendly Car Show takes visitors on a stroll through 600+ vintage and custom cars, trucks and motorcycles along with live music and automobile flame throwing that will thrill everyone. Plan to make your trip to Route 66 a weekend getaway and enjoy the sights and restaurants in the Berwyn area.

Paisans Pizzeria & Bar

6226 Ogden Avenue
(708) 484-5325
paisanspizza.com

Paisans Pizzeria is a cool place for Route 66 fans! They provide a fun, family-friendly atmosphere filled with custom motorcycles, gorgeous fish tanks, and big screen TV's in the 20,000-square foot, full service restaurant with a Top Fuel Dragster hanging over their bar. Paisans Pizza strives to blow away their guests with every bite. They serve gourmet

burgers, fresh salads, handmade pastas and their pizza is out of this world. It's the perfect place to meet with friends, bring your family and enjoy the Paisans Pizzeria experience!

Berwyn's Toys & Trains

7025 Ogden Avenue
(708) 484-4384
facebook.com/berwynstoytrains

A family-owned and operated business, the independent retailer carries a wide array of model trains and accessories, toys, remote controlled and slot cars, models, and other items for the serious collector and hobbyist as well as for the entire family. Come operate the giant train set!

White Castle

7155 Ogden Avenue
(708) 795-6811
whitecastle.com

Berwyn's location is the oldest original site of the hamburger chain on the entire stretch of the "Mother Road." Route 66 veterans and rookies alike can satisfy their craving for "sliders" at the Castle. Located at the intersection of Harlem Avenue and Ogden Avenue, White Castle serves hundreds of thousands of patrons annually.

Ogden Top & Trim

6609 Ogden Avenue
(708) 484-5422
ogdentopandtrim.com

Founded by Frank Nesladek in 1919 with third generation family member Carol Nesladek carrying on the family business. Ogden Top and Trim caters to and celebrates a deep-rooted car culture that is the heart of Route 66. Carol continues an over 97-year tradition of serving the automotive enthusiast and the sheer volume of vehicles that have won major awards for their interiors has shown that Ogden Top and Trim is one of the premier upholstery shops in the nation.

Cigars & Stripes BBQ Lounge

6715 Ogden Avenue
(708) 484-1043
stripesbbq.com

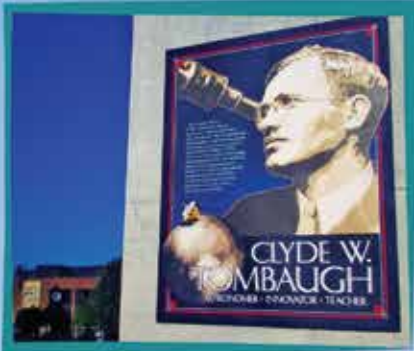
"A strange place for nice people," the eclectic pub features an outstanding selection of imported and domestic beers, as well as products from local breweries. They also offer a great barbecue menu, with award-winning chicken wings as the highlight. The smoke shop sells premium cigars, collectible lighters and other accessories. Take in the lively comedy and music as well.

Al Capone Gravesite

Mount Carmel Cemetery
1400 South Wolf Road
Hillside, IL (located 15 minutes northwest of Berwyn)
(331) 903-6940 ext. 308

Take an interesting side trip, while in Berwyn, to visit the Capone family gravesite, which includes the marker for the famous American gangster, Al Capone (1899-1947). The Chicago Mob boss came to fame during the

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Prohibition era, where he reigned supreme for seven years, culminating with the deadly Saint Valentine's Day Massacre in 1929. After that incident, the government named him Public Enemy #1 and was able to convict Capone for tax evasion in 1931. He spent eight years in prison and died in 1947 from cardiac arrest. Al Capone's headquarters of operation was in Cicero, and the folklore is that he was a driving force in getting Route 66 developed as a paved highway so he could distribute illegal alcohol as part of his business activities.

MCCOOK

Steak N Egger

8408 Joliet Road
(708) 853-9240

steaknegger.com

Steak N Egger opened their first restaurant in 1955 and has been in continuous operation under the watchful eye of three generations of the founding family for more than 50 years. The McCook location is the site of the Route 66 iconic Snuffy's Restaurant that closed its doors in 2010. The exterior of the building was built in 1926 from Joliet limestone that was mined from less than a mile away. Steak N Egger prides themselves on putting you, the customer first and striving to make your dining experience a pleasant one.

McCook Quarry

5500 Joliet Road
(866) 713-4862

Spanning both McCook and Hodgkins, this quarry is a 650-acre limestone pit that Route 66 spanned on a precipitous ribbon of road until recently, when it was declared unsafe for travel. The quarry has been a visual focal point since the heydays of 66. Its immense size and depth, not to mention the ominous looking abandoned roadway, demand a traveler's attention.

INDIAN HEAD PARK

Wolf 's Head Inn

6937 Joliet Road
(708) 246-0400

wolfsheadrestaurant.com

This restaurant is filled with curiosities and good food in the Route 66 tradition. Many of the curiosities were salvaged from historical places around Chicago and tell the story of the area and provide a unique look at travel.



WILLOWBROOK

Dell Rhea's Chicken Basket

645 Joliet Road (I-55 and Route 83)
(630) 325-0780

chickenbasket.com

The Rhea family has welcomed Route 66 travelers since the 1940's, when the restaurant served as a Blue Bird bus stop. Today, they serve some of the best fried chicken you'll eat! Make sure to save some room to browse through all the great 66 memorabilia and their incredible collection of chickens. Be sure to see the newly-restored Chicken Basket neon sign. Featured on the Food Network show "Diners, Drive-ins & Dives" with Guy Fieri. Recipient of the "Enjoy Illinois: Delicious Destination" award by the Illinois Office of Tourism.

BOLINGBROOK

The Promenade Bolingbrook

631 East Boughton Road
(630) 296-8340

thepromenadebolingbrook.com

Visit this new lifestyle center where trees and sky meet shops and cafes. Anchored by Macy's and Bass Pro Shops, The Promenade features a great mix of retail and restaurants, including Coach and the Rock Bottom Restaurant & Brewery.

CHANNAHON

Channahon State Park

Story Street along the DuPage River
(815) 467-4271

dnr.illinois.gov

Channahon State Park provides the perfect historical experience for visitors of all ages. This 21-acre site was established in 1932 and is considered to be the official trailhead for the Illinois & Michigan Canal State Trail. In the park, visitors can tour Locks 6 & 7 and the original lock tender's house at Lock 6. It also features camping, picnicking, fishing, trail access and canoeing. An Interpreter is on site four days a week to provide information. Public programs and tours are available as well as organized group and school group programs.

McKinley Woods

McKinley Woods Road
(815) 722-9470

reconnectwithnature.org

This 525-acre preserve is home to a variety of plant species, the queen snake and over 99 bird species, such as the cedar waxwing, bald eagle, and purple martin. It offers a variety of amenities and activities, that include a canoe/kayak launch, access to shoreline fishing, geocaching and 1.75 miles of paved trails on the peninsula that lead cyclists, hikers, and cross-country skiers through woodlands and wetlands, with beautiful waterfront views. Kerry Sheridan Grove and Frederik's Grove are the two access areas to the preserve.

Briscoe Burial Mounds

Front Street along the Des Plaines River
dnr.illinois.gov

The Briscoe Burial Mounds are among 20 to 25 of their kind along the Upper Illinois River Valley. These Native American burial mounds were constructed in 1200 to 1500 A.D., during the Mississippian Period. In 1940 and 1964 the mounds were excavated and revealed nine distinctive pieces of pottery and the remains of sixteen bodies. The mounds were restored, and the bodies remain there.

Dollinger Family Farm

7502 East Hansel Road
(815) 467-6766

dollingerfarms.com

At this 158-year-old family farm, visitors can take a stroll through history and visit the old Catholic Cemetery on the hill, a place where many stories rest. This little part of the world also hosts one of the best Civil War Reenactments in the state. With over 500 reenactors, this experience is sure to make you relive a piece of American History. That's not all, Dollinger Farms also hosts the world's largest obstacle race, the Warrior Dash.

Four Rivers Environmental Education Center

25055 South Walnut Lane
(815) 722-9470

reconnectwithnature.org

Four Rivers Environmental Education Center rests within a picturesque setting. Nestled among oak trees and positioned where the Des Plaines, DuPage, and Kankakee Rivers meet to form the Illinois River. Four Rivers offers a stunning view of the outdoors and peaceful surroundings for conferences, banquets, weddings and more! Located at McKinley Woods and Kerry Sheridan Grove, this center offers a variety of public programs and events throughout the year, including nature programs and interpretive hikes.

I&M Canal National Heritage Area

(815) 220-1848

iamcanal.org

History buffs, nature lovers and sportsmen will thrill to the sights and sounds of the 96-mile route of the I & M Canal. Along its banks are numerous state parks, restored historical sites, and abundance of wildlife and distinctive landscapes, ranging from bluffs to rolling hills. Channahon State Park is considered the official trailhead for the Illinois & Michigan Canal State Trail.

Manor Motel

23926 West Eames Street
(815) 467-5385

manor-motel.com

Located along the Route 66 alignment in Channahon, the motel has offered travel weary motorists a comfortable and affordable place to spend the night since 1954. The facility is newly remodeled, with 57 rooms. Illinois' 32nd governor, William Stratton, stayed at the Manor Motel and it is rumored that rock star Eddie Van Halen did as well.

ROMEDEVILLE

White Fence Farm

1376 Joliet Road
(630) 739-1720
whitefencefarm-il.com

This restaurant dating to the 1920's serves the "World's Greatest Chicken" family style. Play with and observe a large collection of antique machines, cars, and other artifacts in a rambling building that feels like it dates to the 1920's.

Isle a la Cache Museum

501 East Romeo Road
(815) 886-1467
reconnectwithnature.org

This museum is situated on an island in the Des Plaines River. Meaning "Island of the Hiding Place," it is a historic fur trade site operated by the Forest Preserve of Will County. Kid-friendly hands-on exhibits deal with the fur trade of the late 18th Century including trade items and the lifestyles of the Native American people and the voyageurs who traded for animal pelts.

PLAINFIELD

Historic Downtown Plainfield

24401 West Lockport Street
(312) 898-2794

plainfield-il.org/pages/downtownplainfield
Downtown Plainfield has the honor of being one of fifteen downtowns in the State of Illinois to be on the National Register of Historic Places. The downtown area has become a central location for pedestrians to take in the classic charm, while providing a vibrant destination for shopping, dining, and entertainment. In 1913, Plainfield's main thoroughfare, Lockport Street, was chosen as part of the route for the Lincoln Highway. Later, in 1940, U.S. Route 66 crossed the Lincoln Highway in the heart of the Village, making Plainfield a host to the intersection of the two longest highways in the world.

Plainfield Route 66/Lincoln Highway Alignment

Downtown Plainfield
(815) 436-4431
plainfieldchamber.com

Plainfield hosts a unique shared alignment of Route 66 (Highway 59) and the Lincoln Highway (Highway 30) that traverses three blocks in the downtown district (Division Street between Main Street & Joliet Road).



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Just Off 66

22629 West 143rd Street
(815) 405-9714

Re-experience your memories of the Route 66 while surrounded by authentic gas station mementos, vintage Coca-Cola™ advertising & products, restored juke boxes, iconic old-time merchandise and advertising and mid-century arcade games. This unique collection is sure to take you back to a simpler time when Route 66 was where American memories were made. A short distance outside of Chicago and—literally—just off the 1939 alignment of historic Route 66. Open by appointment only.

Plainfield Texaco Oil Gas Station

24103 (600) West Lockport Street
(815) 436-7093

plainfield-il.org/pages/hptour/tour41#

Though now re-purposed, this is the only remaining gas station in Plainfield's downtown historic district. The former Texaco Oil Station, a one-story stucco clad structure with steeply-pitched gabled roofs, was built by the James Newkirk Construction Company to serve drivers on the Lincoln Highway in 1928 and later, on Route 66. The original structure was a small office with a canopy extending out to cover the pumps. At the rear was a garage bay for auto repairs. The original structure was extensively added to and altered in 1985. Another renovation in the 1990s returned the exterior to its original material and color scheme, including the pre-formed metal roof with an appearance of Spanish tiles. Despite these alterations, the building still retains enough original character to be of architectural interest. It remained a gas station until 1984 under the name Welco Gas Port and is now the home of Andreasen Travel & Tours.

The Plainfield Inn

15106 South Fox River Street
(312) 898-2794
theplainfieldinn.com

The historic Plainfield Inn is located in the heart of downtown Plainfield, a perfect place to stay and enjoy all the Village has to offer. The historic building began its journey as a schoolhouse in 1851 built at Division and Chicago Street, and later became a home in 1882, when it was moved to its current location on Fox River Street. Stay at the Inn in one of the three suites.

JOLIET

Joliet Area Historical Museum and Route 66 Welcome Center

204 North Ottawa Street
(815) 723-5201

jolietmuseum.org

Stop in to view the free, interactive Route 66 Experience exhibit, located at the crossroads of Route 66 and Lincoln Highway. Visit the award-winning, two-story permanent exhibit with our Route 66 guide that identifies Route 66 items in the main gallery. Get help planning the rest of your trip along the Mother Road at our Route 66 Information Center and browse our Gift Shop's large selection of Route 66 items.

Joliet Route 66/Lincoln Highway Intersection

Downtown Joliet
(815) 723-5201

jolietmuseum.org

Joliet hosts the intersection of the two most famous Roads in America, Route 66 (Highway 59) and the Lincoln Highway (Highway 30.) This meeting of these legendary Roads (at Chicago and Cass Streets,) is highlighted by a 7-foot-tall marker erected in 2016.

Rich & Creamy

920 North Broadway Street
(815) 740-2899

visitjoliet.org or heritagecorridorcvb.com

On a hot summer day, stop by the Rich & Creamy for a cold treat before enjoying the park. Rich & Creamy is typical of ice cream stores that dotted Route 66 in its heyday, when Broadway was a leg of the highway in Joliet. City leaders restored Rich & Creamy back to the retro appearance from its heyday. Jake and Elwood, The Blues Brothers, dance atop the tower wrapped in neon lights. The adjoining Route 66 Park has an eclectic collection of public art works that celebrate Joliet's rich and vibrant art culture. Don't miss the overlook for a bird's eye view of the Collins Street Prison. There are informational kiosks that highlight Route 66 attractions throughout the park.

Joliet Kicks on 66 Tours

Downtown Joliet
(877) 456-5438
jolietkicks.com

Route 66 themed murals, sculptures, mosaics and antique replica has pumps are found throughout Joliet's New City Center. These and other downtown attractions are part of the Joliet Kicks on 66 driving and walking tours.

Old Joliet Prison (Collins Street Prison)

1125 Collins Street
(815) 723-5201

jolietprison.org

The Old Joliet Prison has hosted some of the most infamous criminals around, including Leopold, Loeb, Speck, Gacy and Nelson. They've also hosted Joliet "Jake" Blues (The Blues Brothers), Michael Burrows (Prison Break) and John Lyshitski (Let's Go to Prison). Now, it's your turn. Take a guided tour of the historic site, which operated from 1858-2002, and get a glimpse of life on the other side.

Billie Limacher Bicentennial Park

201 West Jefferson at Bluff Street
(815) 724-3760

bicentennialpark.org

Built along the river on land that had been Joliet's first street, Bicentennial Park was opened in 1976 to celebrate the nation's 200th birthday. The park features a beautiful Riverwalk Promenade with views of Joliet's bridges, metal silhouette sculptures and interpretive panels that describe local history, a lighted fountain named "Frannie," and entertainment stage.

Rialto Square Theatre

102 North Joliet Street
(815) 726-6600

rialtosquare.com

Elegantly restored, the Rialto presents a variety of entertainment while retaining the grandeur and ambiance of a lavish 1926 vaudeville movie palace. Family friendly priced individual tours are available most weekends. Group tours and tour/dining packages are also available.

Illinois Rock & Roll Museum on Route 66

9 West Cass Street
(815) 927-1540

roadtorock.org

The new Road to Rock Museum honors and celebrates the musical contributions of Illinois to the world. Based in Joliet, and opening soon, the museum will feature artifacts from musicians and bands from across all of Illinois, jam sessions and vinyl listening stations, musical story times and crafts, school tours and networking and business skills for artists. Programs and workshops will connect and support musicians and music lovers of all ages in Illinois and around the world.



Splash Station Waterpark

2780 Channahon Road
(815) 741-7275
jolietsplashstation.com

Enjoy a railroad-themed outdoor water park featuring a six-person racing slide, body slides, tube slides, lazy river and zero-depth pool.

Joliet Union Station

50 East Jefferson Street
(815) 727-1200
visitjoliet.org or heritagecorridorcvb.com

Union Station, built in 1912, once catered to the glamorous rail travelers of the early 1900's, is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Grand Ballroom features classic architecture with crystal chandeliers and 45-foot ceilings.

Joliet Iron Works Historic Site

Columbia Street
(815) 727-8700
visitjoliet.org or heritagecorridorcvb.com

The Joliet Iron Works Historic Site was the site of an iron manufacturing facility from the late 1800s to the early 1900s. Cultural resources protected at the preserve include foundations of the blast furnaces and other structures from the dismantled factory. Iron Works Historic Site features 0.59 mile of paved trail that provides a self-guided interpretive tour of the

site's historical significance and also provides access to the 10.81-mile, crushed limestone/paved Centennial Trail/I&M Canal Trail.

Chicagoland Speedway

500 Speedway Boulevard
Joliet, IL 60443
(815) 722-5500
chicagolandspeedway.com

Chicagoland Speedway is a 1.5-mile, paved oval race track located in Joliet, Ill. The track has hosted racing events of the major U.S. racing series, and currently conducts races in all three NASCAR national series, including the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series, the NASCAR XFINITY Series, and the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series. This world-class motorsports complex is perfect for fans of all ages.

Route 66 Raceway

500 Speedway Boulevard
Joliet, IL 60443
(815) 722-5500
route66raceway.com

Route 66 Raceway is a multimillion-dollar complex that includes a ¼ mile stadium-style drag strip and a ½ mile dirt oval track. This historic motorsports facility hosts annual NHRA National Drag Racing events, iconic and themed spectaculars, demolition derbies

and more. The World's First True Stadium of Drag Racing, Route 66 Raceway, delivers adrenaline pumping excitement.

Joliet Route 66 Diner

22 West Clinton Street
(815) 723-3865
jolietrest.com

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The Joliet Slammers are a professional baseball team based at Joliet Route 66 Stadium in Joliet and part of the independent Frontier League. Home games May-September, check website for game schedule, fireworks nights and weekly promos.

Route 66 Food N Fuel

2401 South Chicago Street
(815) 724-0066
Route66FoodNFuel.com

Route 66 Food N Fuel is conveniently located along Route 66 (IL 53) on the southern edge of Joliet and near Elwood. The facility features a "Bluesmobile" built by Bob's Prop Shop. It is a 1974 Plymouth Fury III resting up on a pole, with Jake & Elwood in the car. It has become a very popular photo opportunity along Route 66.

ELWOOD

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 West Hoff Road
(815) 423-9958
cem.va.gov

Established in 1999 on 982 acres of the former U.S. Army Ammunition Plant, the cemetery's monuments and garden niches make it well

worth a visit. Most days, the melodic sound of Taps can be heard echoing throughout the serene cemetery grounds as the ALNC Memorial Squad performs burial honors for passed veterans. The national cemetery is named for our nation's beloved 16th President. On May 3, 1865, Abraham Lincoln's funeral train stopped at Hampton Station, an historic site which is currently located on the grounds of Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery.

Douglas Street Route 66 Pavement & Workers Roadside Exhibit

Southeast Corner, Mississippi Avenue & Douglas Street
(815) 423-5011
villageofelwood.com

The original Route 66 traveled through Elwood on what is now Douglas Street. The original pavement, once buried under years of "progress" and asphalt, has been brought to the surface thanks to a recent renovation project. A quick jog off the busy state route takes you onto the genuine Mother Road. Travel over the original roadway and visit the worker statues and wayside exhibit while enjoying Elwood's peaceful hometown district.

WILMINGTON

The Launching Pad Drive-in Restaurant/Gemini Giant

810 East Baltimore Street
(815) 476-6535
geminigiant.com

The newly renovated Launching Pad Drive-In Restaurant is home to the famous Gemini Giant, one of the iconic fiberglass "Muffler Man" sporting a space helmet and holding a rocket ship. The location is a remnant of America's fascination with space travel in the 1960's with the Gemini Space Missions. The restaurant houses a Route 66 Welcome Center, a Route 66 Americana Museum and a gift shop full of one of a kind gifts from the Mother Road! Enjoy an authentic Chicago-style hotdog and a slice of freshly baked apple pie or other great food items and get your picture made with the Gemini Giant! This location has been fully restored by new owners, Holly Barker and Tully Garrett and is now fully open. And try the pineapple Dole Whip soft-serve dessert!

Historic Water Street Shopping District

North & South Water Street
route66wilmington.com

Located just off Route 66, downtown Wilmington is home to an assortment of shops offering antiques, collectibles and other unique items, including Paraphernalia Antiques, Rick's Relics, Sincerely Salli's, The Flower Loft, Chic Geek & Antique, Treasure Cove and much more.

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- Down Home Christmas Parade

Route 66 Antiques

603 West Baltimore Street
815-926-2230

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Rt. 66 Antiques in Wilmington is a Veteran Owned Business specializing in Antique and Vintage items. In addition to this, they also carry a variety of Authentic Irish Items made in Ireland and many other new products as well. Route 66 Antiques offers a big selection of products for all different types of consumers while giving exceptional customer service. We sell Vintage, Antiques, Irish Items and much more.

Mar Theater

121 South Main Street
(815) 476-4662

the-mar.com

Built in 1937, the building has only been used as a movie theatre. The original auditorium comfortably seats 300 moviegoers with a new second auditorium accommodating 64 patrons. Outside, the original marquee is still used to inform moviegoers of current shows. The Mar is still a first run theatre and is one of the oldest and the only privately owned operating movie theatre in the Will County Area.

Midwin National Tallgrass Prairie Preserve

30239 South State Route 53
(815) 423-6370

fs.usda.gov/midwin

Midwin National Tallgrass Prairie is an 18,500-acre unit within the USDA / U.S. Forest Service system. Volunteers, partners and staff are working with hundreds of species of native Illinois prairie plants. The prairie restoration project is prolonged and will happen in small steps – it's an annual cycle of planting and harvesting to seed cleaning and mixing in the winter. Conservation happens year-round. In 2015, a small herd of bison was introduced. The bison project is a 20-year experiment in conservation to see if the herd's grazing, which creates more varied grass lengths, will encourage the return of a more diverse array of native wildlife.

Sinclair Dinosaur

200 East Baltimore Street
(815) 476-7744

route66wilmington.com

When a Sinclair service station opened here in 1963, a Dino the dinosaur was installed on top of the building. Over time it was removed and disappeared. In 2001, the current business owner purchased this replacement in Chattanooga, Tennessee, where it once stood over another Sinclair station. The International Fiberglass Company began constructing the dinosaurs for Sinclair Oil Corporation in 1930.



Lickety Split Ice Cream Shoppe

507 East Baltimore Street
(815) 476-1980

licketyspliticecreamshoppe.net

We have the best of both worlds...soft serve and hand dipped ice cream. Our hand dipped ice cream tastes the way grandma and grandpa used to make it in the hand turned churn. From our famous Butter Pecan to our Signature Vanilla, I'm sure we have just about everything to satisfy your taste. We also specialize in our gourmet cheese popcorn made with real cheddar cheese melted over delicious freshly popped corn.

Nelly's Restaurant

140 Bridge Street
(815) 476-9590

nellysonroute66.com

Nelly's has become a favorite restaurant on Route 66. The handmade 100% Angus burgers and large selection of specialty sandwiches to choose from makes this a frequent return stop. Italian beef, pulled pork, Reuben, wraps, all kinds of hot dogs, hand cut fries and lightly battered onion rings are among the favorite selections. While you wait for all your food to be cooked fresh, write on our marker boards or sign the ceiling! Many visitors from around the world traveling Route 66 have made their mark here. Flags hang from Nelly's beams from visitor countries, some as far away as Australia.

Wilmington Area Historical Society

114 North Main Street
route66wilmington.com

The mission of the Wilmington Area Historical Society is to collect, preserve, display and interpret the documents, photographs and artifacts that tell the unique story of how the people of this small town with big ideas have adapted and survived in the beautiful environment of the Midwest.

BRAIDWOOD

Polk-A-Dot Drive-In

222 North Front Street
(815) 458-3377

braidwood.us or heritagecorridorcvb.com

In 1956, Chester "Chet" Fife began taking fast food orders in his school bus painted in rainbow Polk-a-Dots. In 1962, he moved the business into the current building, which today continues to be a popular stop along Route 66. The drive-in has inside booths along with outdoor seating. Fiberglass figures of Elvis Presley, Marilyn Monroe, Betty Boop, James Dean, and the Blues Brothers adorn the outside. Travelers are quickly engaged by the light-hearted, fun atmosphere.

Braidwood Zoo

Front Street
(815) 458-2333

braidwood.us

Braidwood's newest attraction is its zoo, consisting of metal folk art created by the late Jack Barker of nearby Essex, IL. The sculptures are whimsical animals and include a pink elephant, a polar bear, giraffe, cow and steer. At Christmas they are decorated in lights and create a fanciful attraction. The welcome center advises visitors of nearby points of interests.

GODLEY

Illinois Route 66 Mining Museum

150 South Kankakee Street
(815) 458-2222

Many towns along Route 66 in Illinois exist only because of coal mining. This is a community facility dedicated to the stories of some of those miners, and their hardships. Also learn about the extraordinary fossil discoveries and the various forms of mining that took place locally and all along Route 66 in Illinois.

BRACEVILLE

Mazonia/Braidwood Fish & Wildlife Area

IL-53 & East Huston Road
(815) 237-0063

dnr.illinois.gov

Built on an old strip mine, the area consists of 1,017 acres dedicated to fish and wildlife management. Mazonia is well known among fossil collectors for its Pennsylvanian fossils. The maze of finger lakes created from surface coal mining is well worth the visit—a rare chance to experience the dramatic physical changes that mining has on the landscape.



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Lexington, IL
309-826-6916
castlegardens.us

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GARDNER

The 2 Cell Jail and Christiansen Memorial

Center Street

The Gardner two-cell jail was built in 1906 and is a popular photo opportunity for travelers. A memorial adjacent to the jail honors Rev. Christian Christiansen for his contributions that helped prevent the construction of Nazi atomic bombs.

Historic Streetcar Diner

5650 Highway 53 South
(815) 588-7940

A historic Kankakee streetcar from the early 20th century was moved to Gardner in 1932 to serve as a diner along Route 66. In 1937, the streetcar became a cottage and playhouse. It was restored by the Illinois Route 66 Association and inducted into the Route 66 Hall of Fame in 2001.

DWIGHT

Ambler/Becker Texaco Station

417 West Waupansie Street
(815) 584-3077
dwightillinois.org

This historic 1933 filling station is identified as the longest operating gas station along Route 66. It dispensed fuel for 66 continuous years until 1999. After major restoration work, the building reopened as a Route 66 visitor center in May 2007. It was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2001. It features a digital audio player for visitors when the building is closed.

Peoples National Bank of Kewanee - Dwight Banking Center

122 West Main Street
(815) 584-1212
dwightillinois.org

Designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, this bank was constructed in 1905. It housed the real estate office and bank of Frank L. Smith, a prominent local citizen, U.S. Congressman and Senator. It was remodeled in the 1960's using Wright's original ideas and remains the only one of his three bank designs still standing. The building is part of the Illinois Office of Tourism Frank Lloyd Wright Trail.

Chicago & Alton Railroad Depot/ Dwight Historical Society Museum

119 West Main Street
(815) 584-3077
dwightillinois.org

This limestone structure, built in 1891, was designed by famed Chicago architect Henry Ives Cobb. The building was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1982. The depot serves as the Dwight Historical Society Museum, which preserves the history and culture that pertains to the Dwight area.

Pioneer Gothic Church

201 North Franklin Street
(815) 584-1959
dwightillinois.org

Built in 1858, the Association of Illinois Architects in 2007 named this building as one of the "150 Architectural Treasures" in the State of Illinois due to its Carpenter Gothic Architecture. Listed on the National Register, the Prince of Wales, King Edward VII, worshiped here in 1860, while on a hunting expedition in the area.

The Oughton Estate Windmill

101 West South Street
(815) 584-3077
dwightillinois.org

The windmill is a prominent landmark on the John Oughton estate property. The 5-story, eight-sided, steel-framed windmill was built in 1896 to help pump water for the Oughton Estate, which includes the Oughton House residence and the Prairie Creek Public Library building. The estate, including the windmill, was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1980.

The Oughton House

101 West South Street
(815) 584-3077
dwightillinois.org

Built in 1891 on a different site, the Scott Boarding House was moved to the Keeley Estate in 1894. The building was remodeled into a home for John Oughton, a co-founder of the Keeley Institute. When Oughton died in 1925, the home became lodging for patients from the Keeley Institute.

Old Route 66 Family Restaurant

105 South Old Route 66
(815) 584-2920
route66restaurant.com

Follow the Mother Road to great food at the Old Route 66 Family Restaurant in Dwight. Open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner, this restaurant features homemade chili and soups and a variety of homemade entrees. Delivery and carry-outs available, and catering and banquets also. Stop by and choose from the selection of Route 66 souvenirs and keepsakes.

Unpossible Mead

111 East Chippewa Street
(815) 496-0369
unpossiblemead.com

Meadery of the Mother Road™ - Illinois's Newest Meadery, located 80 miles Southwest of Chicago. Specializing in world-class wines made from honey, fruits, and spices. Unpossible Mead offers tastings and bottles to go.

ODELL

Standard Oil Gasoline Station

400 South West Street
(815) 998-2133
odell-il.com

On the National Register of Historic Places, this gas station was built in 1932 and served travelers until 1975. It was restored with the help of the Illinois Route 66 Association's Preservation Committee. A digital audio player makes audio messages available to visitors at any time.

Odell Subway Tunnel

Corner of Hamilton & West Streets
(815) 998-2133
odell-il.com

Across from Saint Paul's Church is an entrance to a 1937 pedestrian tunnel under Route 66, known locally as the "subway." The entrance was sealed in the 1950's. The first 3 steps and the railing were replaced in the spring of 2006 by the Route 66 Association of Illinois. The fact that this tunnel was a necessity to safely cross Route 66 is a surprise to anyone standing on the quiet corner today. It is a dramatic reminder of the importance of Route 66 as a national travel corridor.

CAYUGA

Meramec Caverns Barn

Old Route 66

Also known as the Cayuga Barn, this is a restored example of early highway advertising (Meramec Caverns is in Stanton, Missouri). A pull-off area from Route 66 was created so travelers could safely exit the road and take photographs. It is the only remaining Meramec Cavern advertisement barn along Illinois Route 66. It was restored by the Route 66 Association of Illinois Preservation Committee.



Show your Pride!
Route 66 License Plates
Now available for motorcycles!!

See page 11 for details.

PONTIAC

Route 66 Hall of Fame and Museum

110 West Howard Street
(815) 844-4566
il66assoc.org

Housed in a historic firehouse, this facility tells the story of the people and places that have been inducted into the hall of fame. The museum displays significant Illinois artifacts from along Route 66. Upstairs is the exhibit "Route 66 — A Photo Journal," a series of pictures by Michael Campanelli, that captures the true spirit of Route 66. The Life in the 1940s exhibit features four rooms, completely furnished with furniture and knick-knacks from the era. The Titanic exhibit on the second floor of the Pontiac Museum Complex portrays the life and times of the ship, its passengers, and the elegant Edwardian Age. The items on display are contemporaries of those that sank on the famed ship as well as items from the rescue ship. Be sure to also stop into the "Stage Door Canteen" to enjoy some vintage 1940s music. The museum is home of the Bob Waldmire Experience exhibit and Bob's famous Road Yacht and VW Bus. Painted on the back of the building is the famous gigantic Route 66 shield mural.

Pontiac-Oakland Automobile Museum & Resource Center

205 North Mill Street
(815) 842-2345
pontiacoaklandmuseum.org

This museum is one of the world's greatest collections of Pontiac and Oakland brand automobile artifacts located in downtown Pontiac. Enjoy antique and classic cars, dealer memorabilia, and a full library of print resources. Free admission.

Murals on Main Street Tour

Downtown Pontiac
(815) 844-5847
visitpontiac.org

A unique collection of more than 20 outdoor murals located in and around the historic downtown district. The murals, created in four days during the Walldogs Summer Bash in June 2009, honor the commercial, social and political history of the city. Enjoy beautiful art in a Norman Rockwell town-like setting.

The International Walldog and Sign Art Exhibit Pontiac Museum Complex

110 West Howard
(815) 844-5847
visitpontiac.org

Dedicated to the preservation of the history, techniques and stories associated with the development of outdoor advertising. The exhibit contains images, videos, artifacts, and a small library which will help the visitor understand how the early outdoor wall advertisements evolved.

The Museum of the Gilding Arts

217 North Mill Street
(815) 842-1848
visitpontiac.org

The focus of the Museum of the Gilding Arts is the history, craft, and use of gold and

silver leafing in architecture and in decoration throughout a history that dates back to the days of the ancient Pharaohs of Egypt. There are examples of gold and silver leaf, artifacts used in the application of the precious metal leaf and displays showing how leaf was manufactured. The museum features items from the Society of Gilders' Swift Collection. The M. Swift and Sons company manufactured gold leaf in Hartford, CT, and began its operations in 1887.

Livingston County War Museum and Dal Estes Education Center

321 North Main Street
(815) 842-0301
livingstoncountywarmuseum.com

This incredible museum features educational displays including artifacts, films, books, weapons and hundreds of uniforms that interpret World War I to the present. It is staffed by veterans and is located in the Old City Hall next to the Route 66 Museum.

Home Again on Route 66

321 North Main Street
(815) 674-5062
facebook.com/homeagainonroute66
Home Again carries a wide variety of Route 66 souvenirs, original artwork, and handpicked antique and vintage items...all housed in the historic Old 1900 City Hall Building next to the Route 66 Hall of Fame Museum.

Dargan Park Sculptures

Madison and Fountain
(815) 844-5847
visitpontiac.org
Large metal sculptures entitled "All Things Change and We Change with Them" depict the changes that humans experience while growing. Bary Tinsley, sculptor and artist, completed the design, construction, and erection of the figures in 1998.

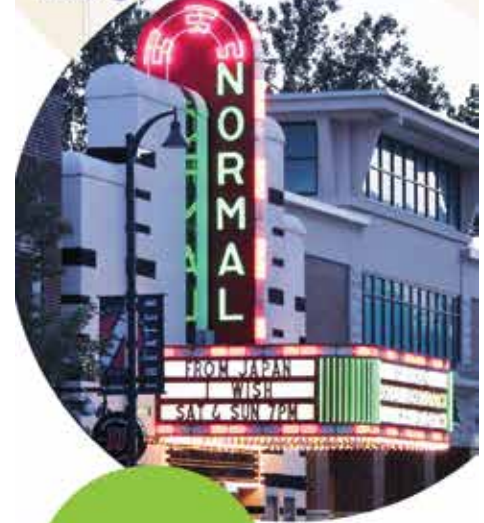
Illinois State Police District 6 Headquarters

Route 66 South of Pontiac
(815) 844-5847
visitpontiac.org
Built in 1941, the old Illinois State Police District 6 headquarters was inducted into the Route 66 Hall of Fame in 2000. The unique building was constructed in the shape of a pistol and served as the base for state troopers who patrolled roads from Dwight to McLean. It was vacated in 2004 when a new state police headquarters was built nearby.

Swinging Bridges of Pontiac

Throughout Pontiac over the Vermilion River
(815) 844-5847
visitpontiac.org
Pontiac is the only city in central Illinois with three swinging bridges. The bridges span the Vermilion River and were originally built so residents could get to work. The bridges were constructed in 1898, 1926 & 1978.

UPTOWN NORMAL



UptownNormal.com



BRAIDWOOD ZOO, Braidwood

Three Roses Bed & Breakfast

209 East Howard Street
(630) 999-0420
threerosesbedandbreakfast.org

This Victorian home, built circa 1890, boasts "where breakfast is an event!" Guests have their choice of four guest rooms on the second floor as well as a selection from a large breakfast menu where everything on the menu is made from scratch! Three Roses B&B is the recipient of the Guest Favorite Award for 2007, 2011, 2012 and 2013 from BnBfinder.com and is the only B&B in Illinois to win the award 4 times. Three Roses was also awarded the Property of Distinction award for excellence in the bed and breakfast category.

Livingston County Courthouse

112 West Madison Street
(815) 844-2006
visitpontiac.org

Located on the square, the courthouse was built in 1875 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. J.C. Cochrane designed the historic edifice of the county's third courthouse. An Abraham Lincoln statue on the south side of the courthouse lawn memorializes the numerous visits Lincoln made to Pontiac between 1840 and 1860.

Yost House Museum

298 West Water Street
(815) 844-5847
visitpontiac.org

Built in 1898, this Queen Anne style home contains the history and family artifacts from the Yost family who lived in the home for nearly 100 years. Visiting the house is truly stepping back into time.

Jones House

314 East Madison Street
(815) 844-5847
visitpontiac.org

A Gothic Revival brick house built in 1858. It is named for Henry C. Jones, founder of the Pontiac Ice & Fuel Company, and is the oldest brick home in Pontiac. It is maintained by the Livingston County Historical Society.

Strevell House

401 West Livingston Street
(815) 844-5847
visitpontiac.org

The only remaining house in Livingston County where Abraham Lincoln spent considerable time. Home of local politician and lawyer, Jason Strevell. Restoration completed in 2018.

Eagle Performing Arts and Conference Center

319 North Plum Street
(815) 844-1187
pontiaceagle.com

The new Eagle Performing Arts and Conference Center in Pontiac provides dinner theater productions by the Vermillion Players, as well as concerts, meetings, and other events. The Eagle motion picture house was originally built in the 1930s as the city's second movie theater.

Dongbai International Airbrush Art School

425 West Madison Street
(815) 842-1848
visitpontiac.org

Tang Dongbai, an internationally known, award winning artist, opened his art school in Pontiac, Illinois in April 2012. At his school, Dongbai offers classes in basic, intermediate, and advanced airbrush painting techniques. He also instructs students in his unique UV Invisible Art style. Dongbai is a native of Beijing, China. He graduated from the prestigious Lu Xun Academy of Fine Arts and is the founder of Dong Ning UV Painting and the originator of the UV Pretty Dress Painting process. He has been creating masterpieces on cars, motorcycles, trucks, helmets, t-shirts, and murals for years. His company published the first Chinese language books on fine art automobile painting techniques and created the first DVD airbrush painting courses.

DeLong's Casual Dining and Spirits

201 North Mill Street
(815) 844-1983
delongscasualdining.com

DeLong's Casual Dining and Spirits located in beautiful downtown Pontiac, IL offers the highest quality food in a relaxed setting. DeLong's food is made-to-order with homemade recipes using the freshest, local ingredients. The steaks and chops are cut onsite, the salads are crisp, and the frozen custard is homemade. DeLong's uses a frozen marble top so you can make your own frozen creation. You select the candies, nuts, and other treats and then they use the frozen top to mix them into the custard of your choice. Be sure to also ask your server about their famous Chicken Pot Pie and Hand Patted Burgers!

Bernardi's II

123 North Mill Street
(815) 842-1198
bernardirestaurants.com/pontiac-il

Bernardi's II restaurant opened in downtown Pontiac in 2005 and is known for Italian cuisine and their famous fried chicken.

Old Log Cabin Restaurant

18700 Old Route 66
(815) 842-2908
route66oldlogcabin.com

Built in 1926, the restaurant originally faced the older Route 66 alignment. It is claimed to have been lifted and turned 180 degrees when the alignment changed at the intersection of Pontiac Road (two-lane 66) and the four-lane 66 on the north edge of town. The building has been expanded over the years. It is a classic example of the economic significance that Route 66 had on roadside businesses.

Humiston Woods Nature Center

2100 North Road
(815) 844-5831
humistonwoods.org

The 335 acre hardwood forest and 8 acre restored prairie along the Vermilion River in Livingston County offers a variety of outdoor experiences for all seasons. The Nature Center offers 7 trails, 2 pavilions, 4 picnic areas, a fishing pond, a canoe dock and includes 3 handicapped accessible areas.



CHENOA

Matthew T. Scott House

227 North First Street
(815) 945-4555
chenoail.org

The rear section of the house was built in 1855 with the front (Georgian) section added in 1863. The house was built by noted agriculturalist Matthew T. Scott who laid out Chenoa in 1854. His wife Julia Green Scott was one of the founders of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The house was the site of the marriage of Adlai Stevenson I and Letitia Green, sister to Julia. The house is listed on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places.

Chenoa Pharmacy

209 Green Street
(815) 945-4211
chenoapharmacy.com

Schuirman's Drug Store was founded in 1889. The pharmacy has been in operation continuously since it open, making it one of the longest running businesses in the area. The original wood floor and many original fixtures add to the ambiance and charm of this historic building and business. It was inducted into the Illinois Route 66 Hall of Fame in 2005.

Selz Royal Blue Shoes Mural

224 Green Street
(815) 945-7619
chenoail.org

This mural was recreated after being discovered when an adjoining building was demolished. It is a beautiful example of outdoor advertising.

LEXINGTON

Route 66 Memory Lane

Original Route 66 Alignment
(309) 365-3331
lexingtonillinois.org

A one mile stretch of original Route 66 that was dedicated in 1926, has been restored back to the 1940's era with vintage billboard and Burma Shave signs. It can be walked year-round and is open to vehicular traffic during festivals.

Lexington Neon Arrow Sign

1103 West Main Street
(309) 365-3331
lexingtonillinois.org

Originally erected in the late 1940's on Route 66, the arrow pointed the way east to the central business district of Lexington. The sign has recently been restored and is in the original location. It is reminiscent of the neon era on the road.

Lexington Route 66 Park

West Main Street & Route 66
(309) 365-3331
lexingtonillinois.org

The small wayside park along Route 66 provides information about historic Lexington and serves as a trailhead for the "Lexington Parkway" Route 66 Bike Trail.

Thrift Avenue, LLC

1003 West Main Street
(309) 365-7467

facebook.com/karensthritavenue

Can a Thrift shop on Route 66 be a worthwhile and enjoyable stop? If surprising you with a broad array of both new and almost new merchandise displayed in a welcoming, bright, clean, and friendly atmosphere where you can still find bargains and awesome gifts? Then the answer is yes! Route 66 travelers and area shoppers can expect the merchandise in this 3,000-square foot shop to be constantly changing as they are always adding new merchandise from purchasing estates, finding new consignors, and always searching for super cool and interesting items. Along with being right on Route 66, Thrift Avenue is also next to the Route 66 walking/bike trail. The famous Lexington Neon Arrow is located on this property.

Thrift Avenue's Estate Warehouse

414 South Grove Street
(309) 242-4774

facebook.com/karensthritavenue

It's worth the trip to come see what's in the warehouse! There is currently over 4,000 square feet of estate merchandise in this building. There's plenty more stockpiled so that it can be continuously loaded up with new "stuff" as fast as it can get it unpacked! There's everything you'd expect to find at an estate sale: furniture, home décor, collectibles, vintage, antiques, hand & garden tools, rugs, lamps, architectural salvage, one-of-a-kind items, seasonal/holiday, and so much more. A different sale is announced each week. Thrift Avenue is super thrilled to have this 2nd location on Route 66 for you to enjoy as you travel on this great historic road through Lexington, IL! Days & hours, sales, and event information will always be available on Facebook.

Kelly's on Route 66

905 West Main Street
(309) 365-7777

facebook.com/Kellyson66

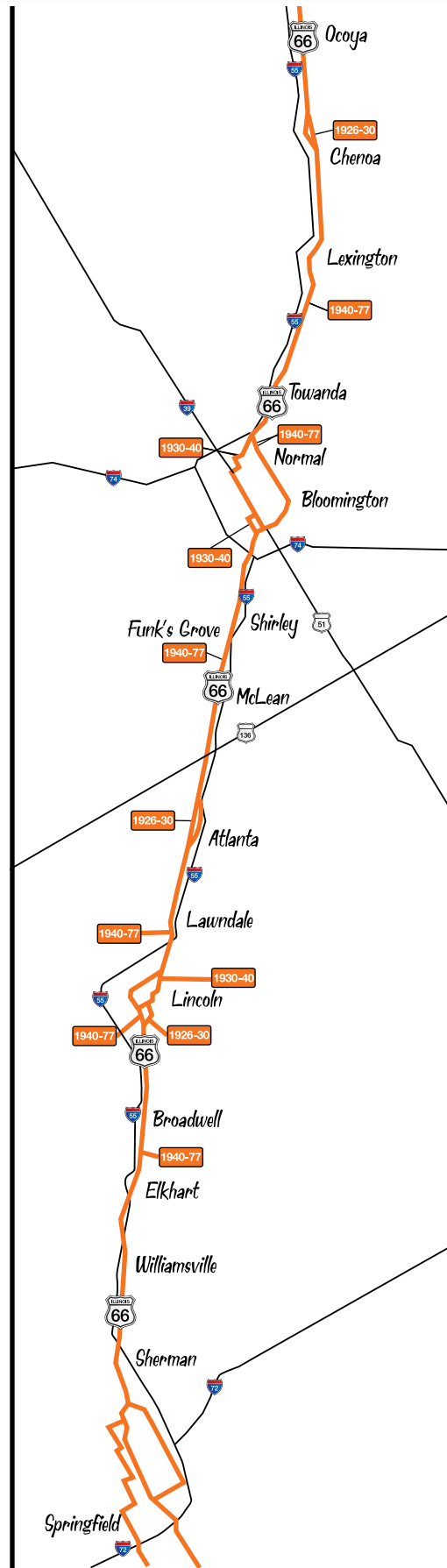
Kelly's on Route 66 is now open and serving Pizza, Pasta, Sandwiches, Salads & Desserts! This family-friendly restaurant is located in the historic building that was home to Skelley's Service Station and Toby's Mesa Cafe. Featuring homemade pizza and homemade pies and cakes all made from scratch, as well as the occasional "blue plate special." Wine and beer are also served. Check out all the interesting artifacts that are part of the decor!

Castle Gardens

1280 P J Keller Highway
(309) 826-6916

castlegardens.us

Nestled less than one mile from Interstate 55 and historic Route 66 in Lexington, is Castle Gardens, a truly unique estate. Castle Gardens features the nationally recognized David Hyatt Van Dolah house, a MTC 36-passenger train, and a locally restored Allan Herschell 36-horse carousel. The beautiful 1898 high style Queen Anne home boasts a sweeping



Scale: 1 inch = approx. 10 miles

wrap around porch, three story turret, and five Flemish stepped gables to name just a few of its fine details. Castle Gardens is perfect for Weddings, Anniversaries, Family Reunions and Photo Shoots. Visit the Castle Gardens website for information about Home and Garden Tours and Train Day.

TOWANDA

Towanda, Illinois Route 66 Parkway

Historic Route 66 Trail

route66towanda.org

Following the construction of Interstate 55 around Towanda in 1977, a 3.5 mile section of Route 66 was abandoned and closed off to motorized traffic. Beginning in 1998, thousands of volunteer hours have made this portion of Old Route 66 an educational and enjoyable experience for visitors. An exhibit was developed, and work began to convert this portion of road into a park. Murals and pamphlets depicting the historical and geographical features of each of the eight states were created and placed at the site. Flower gardens were planted along with many trees and shrubs to create a beautiful walkway. Benches, split-rail fencing, sidewalks, Burma Shave signs, flagpoles, bridges, and entryway signs have been added. A large outline map of the United States was painted on the roadbed

showing Route 66 from Chicago, Illinois to Santa Monica, California. Historical placards were placed on Old Route 66 describing the human activity occurring along this piece of the "Mother Road." This marked the beginning of Towanda's Historic Route 66: A Geographic Journey. Visit Towanda's scenic walkway and go back in time to experience Route 66.

Towanda Dead Man's Curve

Old Route 66

route66towanda.org

Part of the original Route 66 before the 1940's this dangerous curve on Old Route 4 caught travelers unaccustomed with the curve off-guard, often misjudging its sharpness and narrow width. Many accidents were caused by travelers from Chicago speeding on this unfamiliar stretch of the road. A house located west of the curve was removed after a truck ran off the road, knocking the structure off its foundation.

Old Rugged Barn

18808 North 2000 East Road

(309) 830-5358

oldruggedbarn.com

The Old Rugged Barn is central Illinois' newest barn event venue and is now open and ready for business!! Originally built around 1920, McLean County Barn Keepers Association had designated this a Centennial Barn. The

barn and the 3.3-acre property on which it stands has undergone quite a signification transformation since new owner Jo Morrison arrived in 2010. With significant transformation inside and an addition to the south end, the main floor now is open and has 2400 square feet while the loft has about 1000 square feet. Enjoy the professional murals painted by The Barn Artist Scott Hagan and the 17 barn quilts displayed on all the buildings. The barn quilt at the very top on the barn is believed to be the first in McLean County. The facility is available for just about type of event imaginable! Weddings/receptions, parties, reunions, team recognitions, musical performances, practice and instruction, and more.

Kick's Bar & Grill

19578 North 1960 East Road

(309) 728-2060

kicksbarandgrill.com

Get your kicks on 66 at Kick's Bar & Grill. This is a great place to stretch your legs and order some of that famous Route 66 road food.

Duncan Manor

1002 North Towanda Barnes Road

(309) 340-4491

wrduncanmanor.com

Duncan Manor was built in 1870, on a small rise that allowed it to be seen for miles; newspaper articles from the 1940s stated

PLAN YOUR VISIT!

David Davis Mansion State Historic Site
1000 Monroe Drive, Bloomington, IL 61701 309-828-1084
 Tours: Wednesday - Saturday 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
 Closed legal holidays

Photo by Joe Horine / JH Photography & Design

This elegant Victorian Mansion was completed in 1872 for U.S. Supreme Court Justice David Davis and his wife Sarah. Davis played a major role in securing Abraham Lincoln's election to the presidency. Tours of the Davis Mansion include Sarah's formal garden and an exhibit featuring Lincoln and the IL Eighth Judicial Circuit.

2019/2020 Calendar of Events

Feb 9, 2019 & Feb 8, 2020

Mr. Lincoln's Birthday Celebration

Mar 16, 2019 & Mar 14, 2020

St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Apr 20, 2019 & Apr 11, 2020

Easter Egg Hunt - strictly outside

Jun 2, 2019 & Jun 7, 2020

Champagne British Car Festival

Jun 21-22, 2019 & Jun 19-20, 2020

Glorious Garden Festival, Garden Walk

Jul 20, 2019 & Jul 18, 2020

History of Bikes Exhibit

Aug 3, 2019 & Aug 1, 2020

Antique Auto Exhibit

Sep 14, 2019 & Sep 12, 2020

Cruise-In at the Mansion

Oct 31, 2019 & Oct 31, 2020

Halloween Trick-or-Treat at the Mansion

Nov 2, 2019 & Nov 7, 2020

A Bountiful Feast

Nov 1-16, 2019 & Nov 4-14, 2020

Thanksgiving at Clover Lawn

Nov 22-Dec 28, 2019 & Nov 27-Dec 31, 2020

Christmas at Clover Lawn

Dec 14, 2019 & Dec 12, 2020

Christmas at the Mansions

DavidDavisMansion.org



that Duncan Manor attracted attention from travelers on U.S. Route 66. Musical performers and seasonal outside events are underway to bring attention to Duncan Manor, and assist the owners in funding renovations.

BLOOMINGTON/NORMAL

Uptown Normal

11 Uptown Circle, Normal
(309) 454-9777
uptownnormal.com

Uptown Normal is a regional destination and local attraction everyone traveling on Route 66 should pay a visit to! A community changing the definition, Uptown Normal is continually reinventing itself. Landscaped with a mix of both old and new, from restored historic buildings that now house locally owned stores and restaurants, to multi-story apartments and offices, find yourself among unique stops with locally made goods you can't get anywhere else!

Ryburn Place at Sprague's Super Service

305 Pine Street, Normal
(309) 585-4103
ryburnplace.com

This Tudor-Revival building houses an information center and gift shop. It opened in 1931 to serve travelers on Route 66. It

housed a café, gas station, and garage, with upstairs apartments for the owner and station attendant. Now owned by the Town of Normal, it is on the National Register of Historic Places, is a Town of Normal Local Landmark, and is in the Route 66 Association of Illinois Hall of Fame.

Children's Discovery Museum

101 East Beaufort Street, Normal
(309) 433-3444
childrensdiscoverymuseum.net

Explore, imagine, create and play with three floors of unique, hands-on, larger than life exhibits; climb into the two-story lucky climber; join in the fun of new exciting educational programs and shop at the "Discover More" store.

Carl's Ice Cream/Carl The Giant

1700 West College Avenue, Normal
(309) 454-7732
carlsicecream.com

The original Carl's site was a Cities Service Station from the 1930's through the early 1960's. The building was vacant until the late 1960's when it became the home of Mr. Softee. Carl Garbe bought and renamed the store Carl's Ice Cream in 1980. Carl and his wife, Betty, managed it and started making hard ice cream there. It was, and still is, the only ice cream store in Bloomington/Normal

that makes its own premium hard ice cream. In March of 2016, "Carl" the 14 foot tall giant arrived at the College Avenue location and has become a favorite photo opp ever since! The Bloomington restaurant is located at 601 West Locust Street.

Historical Normal Theater

209 North Street, Normal
(309) 454-9722
normaltheater.com

The theater has been completely restored to its original condition when it opened in 1937. The first theater designed for sound films, today it shows classic films and hosts live theater and music.



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the outdoor experience



STATE PARKS

Channahon State Park/I&M Canal Trailhead, Channahon

Des Plaines State Fish and Wildlife Area, Wilmington

Mazonia-Braidwood State Fish and Wildlife Area, Braidwood

Edward R Madigan State Park, Lincoln

Sangchris Lake State Park, Rochester, near Springfield

Horseshoe Lake State Park, Pontoon Beach

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Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie, Wilmington

Kickapoo Creek Park, Lincoln

Carpenter Park, Springfield

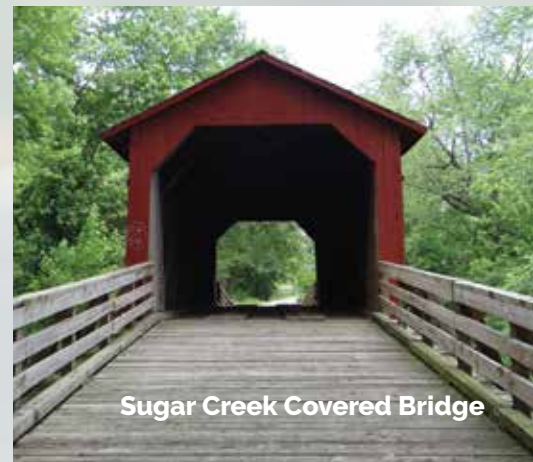
Channahon State Park / I&M Canal



ANIMAL AND WILDLIFE

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources and Illinois Department of Transportation are working to provide habitat by planting milkweed along Route 66 in an effort to assist Monarch Butterfly survival.

Spend the day at Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie and observe buffalo herd preservation or at Lake Lou Yaegar there is a good chance you will also spot beautiful Bald Eagles in their natural habitat.



Sugar Creek Covered Bridge



Midewin Prairie



Lake Lou Yaegar



Route 66 Bike Trail



RECREATION

- Route 66 Bike Trail, Statewide
- Route 66 Raceway/Chicagoland Speedway, Joliet
- Grady's Family Fun Park, Bloomington
- Miller Park & Zoo, Bloomington
- Knight's Action Park, Springfield
- Funks Grove Maple Sirup, Funks Grove
- Sky View Drive In, Litchfield

Funks Grove Maple Sirup



Knight's Action Park



Route 66 Raceway



Miller Park & Zoo



Grady's Family Fun Park



Sky View Drive In



First Steak 'n Shake

1219 South Main Street, Normal
(800) 433-8226
visitbn.org

In the 1920's Gus and Edith Belt owned a Shell Gas Station in town. They attached a dining room and began selling "Shell Chicken." Gus quickly realized that area had enough chicken restaurants; and changed his line to steak burgers and the first Steak 'n Shake was born in 1934. Now the location is a Monicalis Pizza.

Avanti's Italian Restaurant

407 South Main Street, Normal
(309) 452-4436
avantisnormal.com

Established in 1971 and known for their home-style pasta, pizza, salads, sandwiches and their famous trademark is fresh Italian bread. Located right on Historic Route 66.

McLean County Museum of History

200 North Main Street
(309) 827-0428
mchistory.org

The museum is located on a public square in the heart of the historical Bloomington Central Business District in the Old McLean County Courthouse, an American Renaissance style structure built between 1901-1903. Both the district and the courthouse are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Award winning exhibits guide visitors through the county's history, including Making a Home, Farming in the Great Corn Belt, and Abraham Lincoln in McLean County, Working for a Living and A Community in Conflict. The Pioneer Discovery Room is a hands-on experience very popular with kids and adults. The museum also has one of the finest genealogical reference libraries in the country.

"Cruisin' with Lincoln on 66" Visitors Center

200 North Main Street
(309) 827-0428
cruisinwithlincolnon66.org

The Cruisin' with Lincoln on 66 Visitors Center is located on the ground floor of the nationally accredited, McLean County Museum of History on Route 66 at Main and Washington Streets on the Museum Square in Downtown Bloomington. The Visitors Center serves as a gateway - the only one of its kind in the area. Discover the history of travel along the road through an interpretative exhibit and shop for unique gift items local to the area. A large kiosk allows visitors to explore the community and plan their next stop on Route 66. Visitors can also "Get Busted on 66," with a photo op in the county jail cell with paid admission to the Museum.

David Davis Mansion State Historic Site

1000 Monroe Drive
(309) 828-1084
daviddavismansion.org

Also called Clover Lawn, this Victorian home was built in 1872 for U.S. Supreme Court Justice David Davis. In his early days, Davis rode the circuit with Abraham Lincoln. As

president, Lincoln appointed Davis to the U.S. Supreme Court. The Davis Mansion served as a focal point for the social, cultural, and political life of Bloomington. Today, it is operated by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

Grady's Pizza

1501 Morrissey Drive
(309) 662-3333
gradyspizza.com

In 1959, James and Mary Grady created a recipe for a pizza with a sweet sauce that we are now famous for today. In 1982, the business was passed onto Jack & Bev Grady. They started a Family Fun Park with the same recipe for success; "If you keep the quality, you will keep the customers." - James Grady. Today these same family values and recipes go into each and every "World Famous-Grady's Pizza."

Grady's Family Fun Park

1501 Morrissey Drive
(309) 662-3332
gradysfunpark.com

Bloomington-Normal's premier Entertainment Center is nestled behind Grady's Pizza, where it all started in 1959 serving their "World Famous Pizza." The Fun Park has developed into a 5.5-acre entertainment center offering a wide range of attractions for all age groups. Race around in one of the race car themed go-karts, cool off in the bumper boats with water blasters, and bump around in bumper cars equipped with laser tag.

Miller Park and Zoo

1020 South Morris Avenue
(309) 434-2250
millerparkzoo.org

The park features a restored 1906 pavilion, lake, war memorials, and a preserved steam locomotive, coal car, and caboos from the Nickel Plate Railroad. The zoo opened in the late 1800's when it began to house exotic animals after a traveling circus left behind a lion cub. The Zoo features many large indoor and outdoor exhibits, including a Tropical America Rainforest, Wallaby WalkAbout, ZooLab, Children's Zoo, Animals of Asia, and the Katthoefer Animal Building. You'll see a Sumatran tiger, river otter, Galapagos tortoise, Amur leopard, sun bears, reindeer, sea lion, red pandas, lemurs, bald eagles, pallas cats and red wolves. In addition, Miller Park Zoo is also most likely the only actual zoo with live animals located directly on Route 66 in any of the eight states!

The Lucca Grill

116 E Market Street
(309) 828-7521
luccagrill.com

The Lucca Grill was established in 1936 by brothers Fred and John Baldini and was named for their hometown of Lucca, Italy. From the beginning, the Baldini brothers offered an outstanding menu in a friendly atmosphere, a way of business which has been sustained by succeeding generations and has become, indeed, a Tradition of Quality.

Customers always feel "at home" at the Lucca Grill, with the familiar antique mahogany bar, the ornate tin ceiling, the first pizza in Central Illinois, and the many framed newspaper feature articles about the Lucca Grill from local newspaper, *The Pantagraph*, to *The New York Times*, to *The Washington Post*. The feeling of "belonging" never ends. It has been nurtured for eight decades and is being continued by long time managers and now owners John Koch and Tony Smith.

Beer Nuts Factory and Company Store

103 North Robinson Street
(309) 827-8580
beernuts.com

In 1937, Edward Shirk took over Caramel Crisp confectionery store in downtown Bloomington. One of their products was called "Redskins," glazed peanuts with their red skins intact. The name changed to "Beer Nuts" in 1953 when the Shirks began packaging the nuts for the National Liquor Stores in Bloomington. The company moved into their current processing plant in 1973. The plant includes a public company store with nuts and souvenirs. A video tour of the plant is also available.

Fat Jacks Bar

511 North Main Street
(309) 821-9222
fatjacksbar.com

"Bloomington's Favorite Craft Beer Bar & Club" features Craft Beers from all of the local Bloomington/Normal microbreweries and two famous Chicago breweries, among the over 30 premium craft draughts on tap all in one location. Enjoy Keg Grove and Lil Beaver craft beers from Bloomington, as well as Destihl and White Oak from Normal. Also available from two famous Chicago breweries is Half Acre and Revolution craft beers. Fat Jacks features three full service bars, that can be rented out for private events, and a great New Orleans inspired kitchen with some amazing bar eats. Over the years additional extensions have been added from the original bar - a Dance Room, the Blue Room and the Pool Room.

Bloomington Center for The Performing Arts

600 North East Street
(309) 434-2777
artsblooming.org

Home of the American Passion Play and stage to a wide variety of many dance, music, and theatre performances. The unique structure houses the best entertainment. Take the insightful Behind the Curtain Tour and learn the history of the unique foundation.



INFO: *IllinoisRoute66.org*

Grossinger Motors Arena

101 South Madison Street
 (309) 434-2843
 grossingermotorsarena.com

Premier venue for entertainment and recreation. The facility hosts a variety of sporting events, concerts, ice shows, conferences and more.

Evergreen Memorial Cemetery

302 East Miller Street
 (309) 827-6950
 evergreenmemorialcemetery.com

Founded in the early 1820's, this historic cemetery is nestled in the heart of Bloomington. The 87-acre cemetery begins with a simple entrance, winding avenues, towering trees and an elaborate mausoleum. The cemetery is a wonderful example of preservation, culture and tradition in Central Illinois. It is the resting place of famous figures and ordinary people. People like former Vice President Adlai Stevenson, Revolutionary War soldier David Haggard and niece of L. Frank Baum, Dorothy Louise Gage, basis for the character Dorothy from his book The Wizard of Oz. There are two sections dedicated to children, three areas dedicated to veterans. Today, Evergreen Memorial Cemetery captures the imagination of the visitor and may be swept away by the quality which one might call the essential spirit of the place.

Gene's Ice Cream

1019 South Main Street
 (309) 829-6022
 genesicecream.com

Gene's is known for their amazing soft serve cones and the Avalanche. This has always been a favorite family stop on Route 66!

Tobin's Pizza

1513 North Main Street
 (309) 828-0410
 tobinspizza.com

Established in 1963, Tobin's is known for its not-too-thick, not-too-thin crust pizza. The red-ripe tomato sauce and buttery cheese create an unforgettable dining experience.

Casey's Garden Shop

1505 North Main Street
 (309) 828-1424
 caseysgardenshop.com

Originally a market that helped feed locals and Route 66 travelers, this family business is now a full-service florist and garden center that has served the surrounding area since 1949. Casey's was inducted into the Illinois Route 66 Hall of Fame on June 12, 1999.

Quinn's Shell Station

802 North Main Street
 (800) 433-8226

The Quinn family owned and operated this

full-service gas station for more than 70 years. The station was inducted into the Illinois Route 66 Hall of Fame just a few years before the Quinns retired. While it is closed today, it remains a drive-by attraction with original memorabilia displayed in the windows.

Prairie Aviation Museum

2929 East Empire Street
 (309) 633-7632
 prairieaviationmuseum.org

The museum features a collection of preserved aircraft, revolving aviation exhibits and memorabilia, and a mini-theatre. Exhibits include a Bell Sea Cobra, Huey Helicopter, and F-14 Tomcat. The museum's DC-3 Flagship is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Green Top Grocery

921 East Washington Street Bloomington
 (309) 306-1523
 greentopgrocery.com

At Green Top Grocery, fresh, delicious food is just the beginning. Nourish your family. Discover local foods. Connect with others and help build a strong community. It all comes together at Green Top Grocery. Eat well. Do good. Green Top Grocery is a full service, cooperative grocery store offering a wide selection of local products! Opened in May

2017 and owned by over 2100 community members (and growing!) Green Top Grocery plays an important role in growing the local economy, supporting local farmers, encouraging healthy lifestyles, and improving food insecurity in the community. Everyone is welcome to become a shopper and an owner and be a part of something amazing! You don't have to be an owner to shop at Green Top. Everyone is welcome!

DESTIHL Brewery & Beer Hall

1200 Greenbriar Drive, Normal

Since our opening, DESTIHL Brewery has been recognized and honored by numerous craft beer industry insiders, organizations and competitions. It was quickly recognized by the end of 2015 that there was more demand for DESTIHL beer than could possibly be produced at our original warehouse production facility, so in June 2016, construction began on DESTIHL Brewery's 47,000 sq. ft. complex in Normal, IL. The new Brewery & Beer Hall then opened to the public on May 27, 2017. At our Brewery & Beer Hall you will find a large selection of DESTIHL beers, beer-tails, and an impressive food menu, with brunch on weekends. Special events and brewery tours happen regularly, with a full list of events and tours on our website. Support Flavor, Boycott Bland.

DESTIHL Restaurant & Brew Works

318 S. Towanda Ave, Normal

DESTIHL is an independent, privately-owned company, and our plan is simple: to continue raising the bar whenever and wherever possible. We opened our first gastrobrewpub™ (DESTIHL Restaurant & Brew Works) in Normal, Illinois, on November 23, 2007. Located in a stand-alone building at the Shoppes at College Hills, DESTIHL Restaurant & Brew Works offers a bold, new take on the traditional brewpub dining experience. At our Restaurant & Brew Works location, you will find a large selection of DESTIHL beers, craft cocktails, and fine wines. DESTIHL Restaurant is also known for its American-inspired pub fair and global cooking style, with the addition of brunch on weekends. Check out our website for the full menu and our Chef's features. Support Flavor, Boycott Bland.

SHIRLEY/FUNK'S GROVE

Funks Grove Pure Maple Sirup

5257 Historic U.S. 66

(309) 874-3360

funkspuremaplesirup.com

Debbie and Mike Funk continue the family traditions laid down by the previous four generations. Funk descendants have been making maple sirup here since the town was founded in 1824. The Funk's Grove Maple Sirup business was established in 1891. Sirup is correctly spelled this way to distinguish it from sugar-based syrup. This was and



continues to be a major stopping point along Route 66. The gift shop features maple sirup seasonally and Route 66 souvenirs.

Funk Gem and Mineral Museum

10875 Prairie Home Lane

(309) 827-6792

funkspuremaplesirup.com

The museum houses a large number of fossils, petrified wood, Native American artifacts and rocks that Lafayette Funk II collected from all over the world. It also interprets the Funk Brothers Seed Company. Eugene Funk, son of Lafayette, pioneered the use of hybrid corn.

Funk Prairie Home

10875 Prairie Home Lane

(309) 827-6792

funkspuremaplesirup.com

This is the restored 1864 home of one of McLean County's most famous citizens, Lafayette Funk. Lafayette was co-founder and director of the Chicago Union Stockyards and served as an Illinois State Senator. The house features memorabilia and antiques owned by the Funk family, including a working Victrola and first ever electric kitchen island.

Funks Grove Heritage Fruits & Grains

5257 Historic U.S. 66

(508) 633-4323

facebook.com/funksgrovehfg

Funks Grove Heritage Fruits & Grains is a new specialty fruits and grains farm on historic Route 66 in central Illinois, that utilizes organic practices. The farm is operated jointly by Jonny Funk, Katie Funk, and Jeff Hake, and they work closely with Funks Grove Pure Maple Sirup. Already well known is their pancake mix, which uses which uses flour milled from their wheat and maple sugar from the trees in the farm's backyard. The farm is designed to honor the Funk family legacy by growing a new entity from its deep roots that embraces innovation, stewardship, and education.

Sugar Grove Nature Center

4532 North 725 East Road

(309) 874-2174

sugargrovenaturecenter.org

The center is located among over 1,000 acres of high quality natural areas. Funks Grove is the largest remaining intact prairie grove in the state of Illinois. It contains four dedicated nature preserves and has been designated as a National Natural Landmark by the U.S. Department of Interior. Over five miles of well-maintained trails take visitors through prairie,

forest, and river habitats. The center has interpretive exhibits, sensory displays, and live animals.

MCLEAN

Dixie Truck Stop

501 Main Street

(309) 874-2323

In 1928, J.P. Walters and John Geske rented part of a mechanic's garage here to sell sandwiches to Route 66 travelers and truckers. By the 1930's, the operation had grown to a full-fledged restaurant, cabins, and a cattle pen. The Dixie was owned and operated by the Geske family from 1928-2003 and was only closed one day after a fire in 1965. The truck stop has changed hands, but still serves travelers along Route 66 and I-55, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

McLean Depot Train Shop/A Home on the Road Interpretive Statue

200 East Dixie Road

(309) 244-5900

mcleandepot.com or mclean-il.com

Located in the restored old GM&O, Alton Route depot, McLean Depot Train Shop is a full line and growing hobby shop specializing in model railroading, offering kits, ready to run, starter sets, an extensive selection of new and out-of-print books and much more. Stop in and see the model railroad displays. Planning is underway for an expanded Route 66 attraction in the area south and west of the McLean Depot, anchored around the Illinois Route 66 Scenic Byway including a "Home on the Road" Interpretive Statue that pays tribute to the Dixie Truck stop located across the street.

Arcadia: America's Playable Arcade Museum

107 South Hamilton Street

(309) 287-1725

vintagevideogames.com

Check out America's Playable Arcade Museum where, as the name says, you can play 70+ fully functioning arcade game machines from the 70s onward. This experience is truly like walking into a fully stocked arcade circa 1983. Arcadia has something for everyone to play.

Hotel Arcadia

107 South Hamilton Street
(309) 287-1725

airbnb.com/rooms/5308078

Located in a historic downtown building, this private apartment is anything but old-fashioned. The two-bedroom accommodation has room for a party of six; includes a big screen TV, pinball machine and four arcade games. It is the only lodging space in the building, so laughter and fun won't bother the neighbors. The Hotel Arcadia is located next door to Arcadia: America's Playable Arcade Museum and the newly opened Pinball Paradise only a half block away. This unique lodging experience is also only a few blocks away from the iconic Dixie Truck Stop, three fast food options and the 1853 railroad depot.

Pinball Paradise: America's Playable Pinball Museum

102 East Morgan Street
(309) 287-1725

vintagevideogames.com

Pinball was born and raised in Illinois, and there are few places left in Illinois where the public can still play pinball games. Where can you play a classic Magic Town, Top Card, Baseball, Whirlwind, Bride of Pinbot, Super Mario Brothers, or Theatre of Magic pinball? Pinball Paradise! Located in the historic McLean State Bank building, they have about 40 playable pinball machines (to start, more later) from the 1960s through the 2000s.

Shorty's Barber Shop Route 66 Walldogs Mural

Downtown McLean
(309) 874-2102
mclean-il.com

Visit the exciting new downtown mural, officially created by the Walldogs – an international group of highly skilled sign painters and mural artists. This mural features a vintage Route 66 theme and honors local legend, Shorty Ruble, and his long-standing barbershop.

ATLANTA

Atlanta's Bunyon Statue

103 Southwest Arch Street
atlantailinois.org

"Say Cheese" in front of the only place on the planet you can do a selfie with a 19-foot-tall Bunyon Statue holding a hot dog! This famous Route 66 icon, originally located in front of Bunyon's restaurant on Route 66 in Cicero, now welcomes Route 66 travelers to Atlanta.

Palms Grill Café

110 Southwest Arch Street
(217) 648-2233
thepalmsgrillcafe.com

Blue plate specials, bingo, and a bus stop: Welcome to the Palms Grill Café! Lovingly restored to its circa 1934 appearance, the café invites you to step back in time and experience the taste of yesteryear. As you enjoy your blue



plate special, presented on a real china plate, you'll listen to tunes from the 1940s, and be served by waitresses in period uniforms, dishing up equal portions of sweetness and sass. Groups welcome. Delicious Homemade Pie! Meeting and event space available for up to 100+.

Atlanta Museum

112 Southwest Arch Street
(217) 648-2112

atlantailinois.org

Exhibits focused on Abraham Lincoln, Route 66, and other aspects of Atlanta's history are featured. The Museum's Local History Resource Center provides extensive genealogy materials accessible to the public. Housed in a beautifully restored 1867 building, the Atlanta Museum presents both permanent and new, rotating exhibits.

Enjoy Route 66 in Logan County destinationlogancountyil.com

OUR HISTORY.
Your Adventure.



Journey along the famous Illinois Route 66 in Logan County, see the World's Largest Covered Wagon, museums and many more roadside attractions. Experience the Legacy of Abraham Lincoln—travel where Lincoln traveled. Walk in Lincoln's footsteps. Ride on America's road. **All of this and more in Logan County where our great history began and your adventure is waiting.**





Atlanta's Smiley Face Water Tower

101 Southwest Arch Street
Standing like a bright yellow beacon, Atlanta's Smiley Face Water Tower welcomes visitors from far and wide to this quaint, rural community. Towering over the town, it is the only smiley face water tower on Route 66 in Illinois. It offers a great photo opportunity while you visit this very small, very friendly, very Route 66 community.

Route 66 Murals & Outdoor Advertising

Downtown Atlanta
atlantailinois.org
Several, large outdoor murals on the sides of Atlanta's business buildings recreate the look and feel of what Route 66 travelers saw as they motored down the Mother Road. Lovingly painted in period style by the Walldogs and Letterheads, Atlanta's murals offer a number of great photo opportunities.

Route 66 Arcade Museum

201 Southeast Race Street
(217) 648-5077
vintagevideogames.com
Misspend your youth all over again – one quarter at a time! The Route 66 Arcade Museum is chock full of vintage pinball and video games from the 1930s-1970s, most of which can be played.

Route 66 Memories Museum & Shop

104 Southwest Arch Street
atlantailinois.org
Stop by this eclectic museum & shop to explore the history of Route 66 and find that great souvenir you're looking for! It's a combination Museum and gift shop featuring all sorts of Route 66 related items. Located just a few doors down from the Palms Grill Cafe, this place is a must see!

Atlanta Public Library & Clock Tower

100 Southeast Race Street
(217) 648-2112
apldinfo.org
Built in 1908, this National Register Property is Illinois' only octagonal-shaped public library. Its gilded rotunda and interior rooms, filled with solid-oak woodwork, reflect its classic architecture. Another place where you can

step back in time, Atlanta's public library is a center of activity, offering a wide selection of books and a large number of community programs for all ages. Local volunteers who comprise the "Keepers of the Clock" take turns on a weekly basis hand winding the town's 1909 Seth Thomas clock housed in the library's clock tower.

J.H. Hawes Grain Elevator & Museum

301 Southwest Second Street
(309) 830-8306
haweselevator.org
Illinois' only fully restored wooden grain elevator listed on the National Register of Historic Places. An outdoor, self-guided interpretive tour allows visitors to experience the Hawes Grain Elevator Museum anytime.

Arch Street Artisans Shop

101 Southwest Arch Street
(217) 648-5077
This small shop houses the handiwork of over 20 different local craftsmen and artisans. The Arch Street Artisans shop features handmade jewelry, sports memorabilia, license plates, handmade fabric items, handcrafted wooden works of art, antiques, porcelain dolls, metalworking, paintings, antiques, and more.

217 Roadhouse Bar-n-Grill

800 Southwest Arch Street
(217) 648-2899
facebook.com/217roadhouse
Located in a former Standard Oil gas station on Route 66, the 217 Roadhouse Bar-n-Grill now serves up delicious brew and bar food, featuring both lunch and drink specials. The atmosphere is relaxed, the food is great - it's a real taste of the Mother Road.



The Colaw Rooming House

204 Northwest Vine Street
(217) 671-1219
Return to Route 66, circa 1947, when you overnight at The Colaw Rooming House. While there, you'll experience travel on the Mother Road before interstate highways and motel chains were the norm. Located just two blocks from Route 66, The Colaw Rooming House offers three bedrooms, two full baths, a charming living room with fireplace, dining room, curved front porch, and delightful yellow & red 1940s kitchen. To further enhance your step back in time, enjoy breakfast at The Palms Grill Cafe - Atlanta's fully restored, circa 1936 small town diner. Make your reservations on AirBnB.

The Hieronymus Carriage House

303 Southwest Second Street
(217) 648-5077
Step inside Atlanta's last remaining wooden carriage house. Once a staple feature at homes throughout the city, this carriage house was built by John P. Hieronymus at the same time he constructed his new home in 1909. His carriage house provided a stable for John's horse and storage for the family's carriage. It even included its own hayloft. The Hieronymus Carriage House was purchased by the Atlanta Betterment Fund, moved several blocks from its original location to the new location next to the Hawes Grain Elevator Museum, and completely restored to its circa 1909 appearance.

Sip Shack on Route 66

204 SW Arch St.
The Sip Shack on Route 66 offers drive thru coffee, with efficient customizable coffees and drinks for all ages! Pups, too! The menu features sandwich wraps made quick to order, from delicious locally-sourced foods. Baked goods and seasonal items are also served. The front porch has room to sit and sip and there's a walk-in area for to-go orders. Be sure to check out the arts, crafts, and other items for sale. Whether it's your morning rush to work, mid-day pick-me-up, afternoon treat, or a quick refreshment along Route 66 – stop by and have a Sip!

LINCOLN

Historic Downtown Lincoln

Kickapoo & Broadway Streets (Old Route 66)
(217) 732-8687
destinationlogancountyil.com
The Courthouse Square Historic District was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1985. Most buildings around the downtown square and historic district are at least one hundred years old. Several shops, eateries and businesses are established within the historic district: Guzzardo's Italian Villa and Mama's Arcade restaurant, located in the Arcade Building; Blue Dog Inn, a recipient of the "Enjoy Illinois: Delicious Destination" award; Flossie and Delzena's eatery, in the old bank building; Abe's Carmelcorn & Sir Renna

Tea; and several more unique retail businesses on North Kickapoo (old Route 66). The downtown walking tour includes the site of the city being christened by Abraham Lincoln in 1853 and the building where a group of conspirators planned to steal Lincoln's body after it was returned to Springfield. One block south of the square is Scully Park, named for the late Violet Scully, a local philanthropist. Latham Park is one block north of the square, across the street from the new city park, and is graced with a bandstand that is the stage for summer concerts.

Lincoln Depot

101 North Chicago Street
(217) 732-8687

destinationlogancountyil.com

Passengers traveling on the Chicago and Alton Railroad in the early twentieth century would have stepped inside this impressive brick depot to purchase tickets and wait for the train. Opened in 1911, the Spanish Mission style is unique in Lincoln's downtown. After being closed as a railway station in 1972, it was converted into a restaurant under several owners before closing a few years ago. The vintage building is now restored by the City of Lincoln to its original floorplan and appearance. Enjoy a visitor friendly area around the facility, including off-street parking, Amtrak passenger waiting room in an annex of the main building. The Logan County Tourism

Bureau is housed inside the main building where you can find information and artifacts on the county.

Lincoln Christening Scene

101 North Chicago Street
(217) 732-8687
destinationlogancountyil.com

This is the site where Abraham Lincoln christened the town with the juice of a watermelon on August 27, 1853. A watermelon statue and interpretive panel mark the site.

Phone Booth on Lincoln City Hall

700 Broadway Street
(217) 735-2815
destinationlogancountyil.com

Built in 1895, the red brick for the building came from the Lincoln Coal Company. A unique telephone booth on the roof was added later and was used by weather spotters to phone in sighted storms. Lincoln City Hall anchors the downtown National Historic Registered District and is one of the city's most visible symbols.

Railsplitter Covered Wagon

1750 Fifth Street
(217) 732-8687
destinationlogancountyil.com

Recognized by the Guinness World Records as the "World's Largest Covered Wagon" and rated as a top roadside attraction by Readers Digest, the Railsplitter and its driver, Abe



412 E Adams St, Springfield, Illinois

Lincoln, welcome visitors throughout the year. Donated by well-known Lincoln philanthropist Larry Van Bibber.

The Mill Museum on 66

738 South Washington Street
(217) 732-8687
mill66.com

After over a decade of renovation, The Mill on 66 is now open as a museum, featuring businesses that have served travelers along the Logan County stretch of Route 66 and displaying rotating exhibits telling stories from local communities. This includes an extensive collection of rare items from The Pig Hip Restaurant, The Tropics Restaurant and the now famous "Illy the Robot." Built as a sandwich stand in 1929, three years after Route 66 was established, the Blue Mill sold grilled sandwiches at all hours of the day and night. Albert and Blossom Huffman purchased the business in 1945, extending the space with



a barroom and dance hall. Schnitzels became their signature meal; quirky decorations, friendly atmosphere and overall good times made memories for locals and travelers alike.

The Tropics Restaurant Neon Sign

1109 Hickox Drive
(217) 732-8687
destinationlogancountyil.com

The Tropics Restaurant Neon Sign is located at the original location of the famous Route 66 neon sign, which is now at the McDonald's restaurant in Lincoln. It was recently restored by Ace Sign Company through the efforts of the Tropics Legacy Campaign, which included a grant from the National Park Service Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program. In 2016, the Tropics was inducted into the Illinois Route 66 Hall of Fame.

Spirited Republic/Limerick Brewing Company

509B Pulaski Street
(217) 605-0475
facebook.com/spiritedrepublic

Opened in 2015, Spirited Republic Craft Beer & Wine Bar and Limerick Brewing Company are locally owned and operated in beautiful downtown Lincoln. Located on the square directly across from the historic Logan County Courthouse, Spirited Republic offers a charming atmosphere to enjoy a craft beer or a glass of wine. With 20 beers on tap as well as 40+ craft beers in bottles and cans, there is

something for everyone. If wine is your drink of choice, Spirited Republic offers 10 varietals by the glass and 80 labels in the wine selection. The spacious courtyard out back, which is shared with Lincoln favorite, Guzzardo's Italian Villa, is the perfect place to enjoy a drink and eat a pizza.

Lincoln Heritage Museum at Lincoln College

1115 Nicholson Road
(217) 735-7399
museum.lincolncollege.edu

Located on the campus of the only college named for Lincoln during his lifetime, the Lincoln Heritage Museum exhibits a rare and valuable collection of artifacts that tell the story of Abraham Lincoln – particularly his life in Illinois. On the second floor, the visitor will be brought into a unique interactive and immersive environment which puts the visitor in the shoes of Abraham Lincoln and allows the visitor to “experience” what Abraham Lincoln himself may have seen and heard throughout his life. Come see, hear, and touch history at the Lincoln Heritage Museum, named one of the *30 Most Amazing University Museums in the World!*

Blue Dog Inn

111 South Sangamon Avenue
(217) 735-1743
bluedoginn.net

The former Illinois Tavern opened as the Blue Dog Inn in 1979, making the Lincoln landmark 273 in dog years. Over the years, hundreds of dogs - in paintings, photographs, and other media - have come to call the Blue Dog Inn home and are displayed eclectically throughout the restaurant. The Blue Dog has aged well, expanding from a stand-up bar with cold sandwiches to today's full-service restaurant and bar serving its infamous Blue Dog-inspired menu. Everyone has a favorite Doggie Treats appetizer or Pick of the Litter sandwich, like the Pedigree or Best of Show.

Abe's Carmelcorn Shoppe

117 North Kickapoo Street (Route 66)
(217) 732-4564
facebook.com/abescarmelcorn

Established in 1983, Abe's offers a unique retail shopping experience. Merging the nostalgic small town Midwest feel, with a cutting edge selection of merchandise, this family owned and operated business awaits you. We take great pride in being the family responsible for keeping Abe's a special place to visit, shop and escape for the past 36 years. The atmosphere, as well as the store design, is geared to make memories which will be cherished for a lifetime. The Rainforth family invites you and your friends to stop by in the near future to experience for yourself the uniqueness known as Abe's.

Sir Renna Tea - Bubble Tea & Gifts

113 North Kickapoo Street (Route 66)
(314) 223-1833
sirrennatea.com

Enjoy a delicious bubble tea or a freshly brewed hot or iced tea. Shop for unique gift items including Route 66 and Lincoln souvenirs. Bubble Tea, a beverage created in Taiwan in the early 1980's, has no carbonation. Chewy tapioca pearls are added. Sir Renna Tea has over 30 base flavors of bubble tea and can custom blend for endless possibilities. They also carry over 150 gourmet loose teas source directly from artisan farmers. Choose your favorite, try something different, or have one brewed for you. Tea accessories, such as infusers, specialty cups, teapots, Japanese tea sets, and cozies are also available. Sir Renna Tea also carries fragrance and essential oils, oil burners, soy candles & melts, salt lamps, healing stones, dream-catchers, glass lamps, eclectic clothing & accessories, and many more items. Be sure to visit the Sir Renna T-Rex dinosaur mascot.

Mary Todd's Hallmark Gifts and More

610 Broadway Street
(217) 732-7504
facebook.com/MaryToddsHallmark

Mary Todd's is a great place to pick up souvenirs and gifts for all occasions like birthday, anniversary, new baby, new home, retirement and anything else you need a gift for. The friendly and knowledgeable staff will help you make the best selection. Shop for a wide selection of gifts in our 6,000 square foot store! You'll find quality products from Magnolia Home Candles, Vera Bradley, P Graham Dunn, E Cloth, Willow Tree, Simply Southern, Hallmark Cards & Gifts, and much more! Stop by today and have a look at what Mary Todd's has to offer, on the square in historic Downtown Lincoln since 2005.

Copper Penny

612 Broadway Street
(217) 871-2034
facebook.com/CopperPennyLincoln

Casual settings of antique and vintage items line the walls in this locally owned and managed antique shop. Collectors will appreciate the quality and casual shoppers will enjoy the variety of kitchen wares, tools, crocks, wooden boxes, trunks, furniture and so much more. Check out the Route 66 throw pillows!

Café Billiards on Route 66

1230 5th Street
(217) 651-8787
facebook.com/cafebilliardsil

Cafe Billiards Restaurant and Bar features a beautiful outdoor beer garden, a pool hall, weekend live music and entertainment. Video gaming and plenty of seating for dining in or out in the garden. Cafe Billiards is perfect for private parties, receptions, birthday parties and social gatherings. Located near the Heart of Lincoln on the original alignment of Route 66. The great selection of meals includes

Lincoln's famous Schnitzel sandwich and Schnitzel strips, as well as delicious Angus beef burgers, daily specials and so much more! Carry out and delivery are available.

Logan Lanes

1700 5th Street
(217) 732-2443
loganlanes.com

Located nearby the World's Largest Covered Wagon (a famous "selfie stop"), Logan Lanes offers state-of-the-art bowling, cosmic bowling, youth bowling, golf simulators, video gaming and great food at their Sports Bar & Grill. Drop in for food and beverage along your Route 66 journey. Enjoy a delicious diner-style meal while watching multiple TV screens with your favorite sporting events. The indoor golfing features 40 courses to choose from including Pebble Beach. You can even use your own golf clubs! And don't forget Cosmic bowling Friday and Saturday nights - featuring black lights, a light show, music and fog!

Walldogs Murals

Downtown Lincoln
(217) 732-8687
destinationlogancountyil.com

Explore downtown Lincoln to discover all eleven different, beautifully painted murals. Main Street Lincoln was instrumental in bringing these murals to the community. See if you can find them all!

The Cow in the Corn Sculpture

Sangamon & Pulaski Streets
(217) 651-8355
destinationlogancountyil.com


"The Cow in the Corn" in historic downtown Lincoln, Illinois is a collaboration from two local artists, Moses Pinkerton and Jason Hoffman, who designed the 22' tall x 25' wide outdoor sculpture.

Logan County Courthouse

601 Broadway Street
(217) 732-2184
co.logan.il.us

Erected in 1905, this is the third Logan County courthouse to stand on this site. The sandstone, three-story structure is considered the second most architecturally impressive historic courthouse in Illinois. The building is capped by a large dome with a clock face on each side. Inside the courthouse visitors can see the interior design of the stained-glass dome, and a larger-than-life statue of Abraham Lincoln. Outside the courthouse, there is a newer statue of Abraham Lincoln

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commemorating the speech he delivered from the courthouse steps in 1858, a marble statue of a Native American mother and child, a Civil War soldier statue and veterans memorial, and a Civil War cannon. At the northwest intersection are signs that guide travelers along historic Route 66.

Lincoln Public Library

725 Pekin Street
(217) 732-8878
lincolnpubliclibrary.org

The Lincoln Library Association formed in 1874 for the purpose of creating a permanent library for the public. A bequest of two city lots from former librarian Isabell Nash, gifts equaling \$7,000 from two local donors, and a \$25,000 gift from philanthropist Andrew Carnegie allowed the construction of the public library to proceed. The building was dedicated in 1903. The stately appearance of the library reflects the architectural style associated with most Carnegie libraries. Lincoln Public Library was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1980.

Lincoln Art Institute

112 South McLean Street
(217) 651-8355
facebook.com/lincolnartinstitute

The Lincoln Art Institute hosting the Logan County Arts, is a public gallery for the World's Greatest Unknown Artists. Located across from the Historic Logan County Courthouse. Monthly shows. Moses Pinkerton is the artist in residence.

Kickapoo Creek Park

2000 North Jefferson Street
(217) 735-2953
kickapooecreepark.com

Travelers who want to experience nature will find this 160-acre site more than what they could imagine. The front gate faces the 1940-1977 alignment of Route 66. After passing through the split-rail entrance, the winding road meanders around the park, allowing visitors to sample the diverse settings -

Kickapoo Creek as it winds through the trees, with a footbridge to a north trail; the hill prairie; meadows with wildflowers and whitetail deer; stands of timber with woodland animals and birds; tangled underbrush that is a world of small creatures. A very old and thick Osage Orange hedgerow lines a path on the east side of the park. Fishing is allowed in the creek and bikes are welcome. Amenities include picnic pavilions and playgrounds, grills at the picnic sites, and walking trails.

Postville Courthouse State Historic Site

914 Fifth Street
(217) 732-8930
dnr.illinois.gov

The town of Postville was named as the Logan County seat in 1839, with a declaration by the commissioners. Two years later the Illinois legislature confirmed the designation. A courthouse was built in 1840, at no cost to the town, by three Postville businessmen. The courthouse was on the Eighth Judicial Circuit - Abraham Lincoln's territory - and he became a familiar face in the courtroom and in Postville. The current Postville Courthouse is a reproduction of the original and was constructed for the city of Lincoln's centennial in 1953. On the first floor are two rooms which would have served for county business and meeting area. On the second floor is the courtroom where cases were heard. Wide floor planks, chinked walls and open rafters give visitors the impression they have stepped back in time, and Abraham Lincoln might walk in the door any minute. Postville Courthouse is in the Route 66 Association of Illinois Hall of Fame.

Edward R. Madigan State Fish and Wildlife Area

Route 66 just south of Lincoln
(217) 735-2424
dnr.illinois.gov

This 974-acre horseshoe shaped conservation area is home to several species of birds, trees and fish in the adjoining portion of Salt Creek. Enjoy canoeing, picnicking and walking trails.



INFO: IllinoisRoute66.org



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Lincoln Speedway

Logan County Fairgrounds
(11th & Jefferson Streets)
(217) 735-1833
lincolnspeedwayil.com

This quarter mile dirt race track is located right on Route 66 in Lincoln with races Friday nights April-October. Featuring Sprints, Modifieds, Midgets, Street Stocks, Hornets and more.

Heritage In Flight Museum

1351 Airport Road
(217) 732-3333
heritage-in-flight.org

Located at the Logan County Airport, the museum is filled with memorabilia from all the military conflicts dating back to World War I, that have been donated by veterans and their families. The museum's WWII 800 million candle power working search light can be seen from 35 miles away, and is available to rent for events.

Scully Building

125 North Kickapoo Street
explorelogancounty.com

The Scully Building is a beautiful example of red sandstone Richardsonian Romanesque architecture that prominently stands on the corner of N. Kickapoo & Pekin streets in downtown Lincoln, an original Route 66 corner from 1926-1930. The building was constructed in 1905 by the son and widow of William Scully and originally served as the headquarters of the Scully Estate operations which owned over 200,000 acres of tenant farm land in the Midwest. In September 2008, the historic structure was purchased with a vision to "restore the structure's beauty and elegance while paying respect

to the years of service it has rendered." On September 13th, 2010, the Scully Building reopened for business as the office for Integrity Data, a locally owned software company. The building and its owners were awarded the prestigious Landmark Illinois Richard H. Driehaus Foundation Preservation Award in 2011 for rehabilitation and preservation.

ExploreLoganCounty.com

Lincoln & Logan County, Illinois
ExploreLoganCounty.com is an informative, online resource showcasing the history, events and attractions of Logan County, Illinois to both residents and visitors. ExploreLoganCounty.com aims to do as the name implies, cause exploration into rich heritage and the great assets in our own backyards. Explore, Experience and Enjoy ALL that Logan County, Illinois has to offer!

BROADWELL

Pig Hip Marker & Sign

101 West Oak Street
(217) 732-8687
mill66.com

An icon of Route 66, the Pig Hip Restaurant was open from 1937 to 1991 and served as a popular museum from 1991 to 2007. The building caught fire on March 5, 2007 and was destroyed. The site is now identified with a stone marker that tells its story, and a photo opportunity at the recently restored bright red sign that brought customers off the road into the restaurant. The remaining artifacts from the Pig Hip are located at The Mill Museum on 66 in Lincoln.

Deilkes' Kustom Choppers & Rod Shop

102 South Jacob Street
(217) 671-3288

Deilkes' specializes in all your bike and rod needs. It's also an emporium of "Mantiques" – featuring a wide selection of gas and oil related antiques. The building harkens back to the days of the true automotive service and filling stations, complete with old-style gas pumps, rusty roadside signs, and oil cans of days gone by. Stop by to meet owner "Big Ed" Deilkes – a lifelong lover of all things automotive, a vintage collector, and a mechanic extraordinaire.

ELKHART

Historic Downtown Elkhart

Governor Oglesby Street
(217) 947-2046
elkhartillinois.us

Enjoy shopping, dining, and more in downtown Elkhart. Enjoy a light lunch and indulgent pies at the Wild Hare Café or try the classic American fare offered at Talk of the Town restaurant just across the street. Shop for Route 66 memorabilia or vintage treasures

at Horsefeathers, The Country Bumpkin and Birdsong. Stop by and discover a small slice of the "real America."

Elkhart Historic Route 66 Wall Mural

102 Governor Oglesby Street
(217) 947-2100
elkharthistoricalsociety.org

Come to Elkhart to view the newly created Historic Wall Mural commemorating the village of Elkhart and its long association with Route 66. According to the Elkhart Historical Society, "the colorful hand-painted mural measuring 36 feet long by 8 feet high depicts historic figures of the village and The Mother Road highlighted by the Route 66 shield and classic vintage cars." The mural is located on the side wall of Horsefeathers/Little Foxes on Latham Street in downtown Elkhart, facing Route 66.

Historic Gillett Farm

4-6 Drake Lane
(217) 947-2158
gillettfarm.com

Established in the mid-1800's, the Historic Gillett Farm includes the Gillett mansion, historic barns, a carriage house and an ornate water tower studio. With a panoramic view of the central Illinois prairie, the Farm is surrounded by mature woodlands atop beautiful Elkhart Hill. Whatever you are hosting - the Historic Gillett Farm is the perfect destination for a truly magical event!

Horsefeathers Antiques & Gift Shop

104 Governor Oglesby Street
(217) 947-2100
wildharecafe-elk-il.com

Established in 2004, this unique shop is located across two 19th century red brick buildings. The shop has a blend of antiques, vintage pottery, glass, art, paper goods, handmade gift items, one of a kind decorative items, and so much more.

The Wild Hare Café

104 Governor Oglesby Street
(217) 947-2100
wildharecafe-elk-il.com

Located within Horsefeathers is this café that specializes in home cooked, old fashioned comfort food from regional and family recipes. The setting is very special from the hand painted murals on the walls to the vintage crockery, glassware, and furnishings found in the dining rooms. It is truly a unique dining experience and the food is excellent.

Little Foxes

102 Governor Oglesby Street
(217) 947-2100
wildharecafe-elk-il.com

The Little Foxes shop sells Amish noodles and jellies and other specialty foods. The shop is located in the original 1889 building that at one time housed the Brennan's Store and later Lanterman's Store in historic downtown Elkhart. The original storefront of the building has been restored.

The Country Bumpkin

103 Governor Oglesby Street
(217) 947-2200

thecountrybumpkin1.com

The Country Bumpkin is a boutique style antiques and collectibles shop, also featuring hand crafted original works in glass, carved wood, jewelry, greeting cards, and hand spun knit and crocheted items. Treasures from the Old Gillett Farm estate give people a chance to own a part of the fascinating family history, some dating back to the era of Abraham Lincoln. Located in a beautifully restored circa 1899 building, The Country Bumpkin is not just antiques; it provides an interesting mix of old and new, polished and rustic, that is sure to please a large variety of tastes.

Birdsong Books and Vintage

111 Governor Oglesby Street
(217) 691-7966

Birdsong Books and Vintage is a circa 1914 storefront complete with stained glass backbar and soda fountain, molded tin ceiling, and original wooden booths. The store is loaded with vintage goods, linens, clothes, fabric, jewelry, kitchenware, and quirky collectibles. It features books fit for any serious collector, specializing in children's literature, poetry, Civil War-history, classics, and cookbooks.

Elkhart Cemetery

County Road 10
(217) 947-2238

elkharthistoricalsociety.org

This beautiful wooded 1874 cemetery is the resting place of Governor Richard Oglesby, Captain Adam Bogardus (expert marksman and performer in Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show) and John Dean Gillett, the cattle baron. In 1890, John Dean Gillett's wife had a chapel built in the Elkhart Cemetery in honor of her husband. This beautiful structure, known as St. John the Baptist Chapel, is the location for the Elkhart Historical Society's annual Christmas Candlelight Service. Another impressive feature at Elkhart Cemetery is the Gillett Memorial Arch Bridge. Get all the history from the Looking for Lincoln exhibit at the cemetery entrance.

St. John the Baptist Chapel

County Road 10
(217) 947-2238

elkharthistoricalsociety.org

This Episcopalian Chapel, built in 1890 and located within the cemetery on Elkhart Hill, is the only privately owned and operated church in Illinois. Constructed by the Culver Stone and Marble Company of Springfield, it is one of the few remaining Culver buildings in the area. Designed in Gothic Revival style with thick walls of Grafton Limestone, it houses one of the oldest working pipe organs in the state (built by Hook and Hasting Company and the inside walls of the chapel have most of the names of Elkhart's Civil War veterans. On April 28, 1899, the funeral of Governor Richard Oglesby was held in this chapel.

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John P. Gillett Memorial Bridge

County Road 10
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The John P. Gillett Memorial Bridge, built in 1915, is considered an Illinois landmark. The arched bridge is one of only two privately owned bridges in the state of Illinois. Originally a wooden bridge built in 1899, it was part of the Oglesby estate. The funeral processional for Governor Oglesby, which included Lincoln's son Robert, walked across the original bridge. The bridge was replaced in 1915 with the current concrete, closed-spandrel arch bridge.

Elkhart's Heritage Corner

(217) 947-2046

elkharthillinois.us

Elkhart has two Lincoln Heritage signs and an informational sign about Elkhart at the corner of the parking lot across from the Village Hall in historic downtown Elkhart. The Lincoln Heritage signs are part of the Illinois Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission program and were designed during the 2009 celebration of Lincoln's 200th birthday to celebrate and recapture the legacy of Abraham Lincoln's involvement in Logan County.

Veterans' Memorial Park

(217) 947-2046

pritzkermilitary.org/explore/wwi/commission-main

Located in historic downtown Elkhart on Governor Oglesby Street in the current Veterans' Park, Elkhart's historic "Order Arms" design WWI Doughboy statue was presented to the Village of Elkhart by the returning veterans of World War I in honor of the soldiers who did not return from the Great War. The Doughboy statue is listed in the Illinois statewide survey of monuments and honored with the official national designation as a "WWI Centennial Memorial."

Route 66 Model Raceway

109 Governor Oglesby Street
(217) 971-6408

Step back into the 60s when model car slot car racing was the thing to do! Route 66 Model Raceway, located in the historic Stahl building, has three slot car race tracks, including a huge super fast tri-oval track, a tight challenging dirt track oval, and a scale eighth mile drag strip. Get the same feeling and excitement of slot car racing of days past, on modern day computer-controlled tracks.

Talk of the Town Bar and Grill

115 Governor Oglesby Street
(217) 947-2770

Feel right at home at Talk of the Town! Located in Elkhart's beautiful downtown, this family friendly bar welcomes locals and weary travelers all year long. Offering a wide variety of pub foods.

Elkhart Public Library

121 Bohan Street
(217)-947-2313

elkhartlibrary.lib.il.us

The Elkhart Public Library was started with funds from Lemira Gillett for the citizens of Elkhart – if they would vote the town dry for three years. This promise was made in an effort to keep alcohol away from her son, John P. Gillett. The library was built in 1904, and still stands today, as it did in then, including the original tables, bookshelves and interior woodwork.

Elkhart Grain Elevator & 1940s Gas Station

120 North Old Route 66

elkhartgrain.com

Logan County's largest grain elevator runs right along historic Route 66, and recently Elkhart Grain Company has also purchased and renovated the unique round-shaped 1940s gas station across the street from the elevator. These are photo opportunities only, while you are visiting Elkhart.

WILLIAMSVILLE

The Old Station

117 North Elm Street

This 1930's service station is a work in progress. Plans are in progress to restore its classic facade, utilizing its vintage gas pumps and signage. For now, it is still a classic photo opportunity for Route 66 travelers.

Historic Downtown Williamsville

(217) 566-3520

williamsville.illinois.gov

Take a walk around Williamsville's Downtown; stop, rest and enjoy the charm and nostalgia of what the area represents. Visit the interpretive signs depicting local history at the corners of Main and Pine Streets. The Northeast corner details local history about the Illinois Interurban Railway as well as Early Settlers and the first survey of the Village. Learn about how Williamsville was first named Benton. The Southwest corner details the Downtown Business District and Farm Community, as it was when Route 66, and the small towns along it, thrived. Enjoy a picnic on the Boulevard's green space.

Williamsville Public Library and Museum

217 North Elm Street

(217) 566-3520

williamsville.illinois.gov

View exhibits demonstrating the historical significance and unique character of the Village. Search our history and genealogy resources including an extensive collection of local artifacts, photos, objects and records. View the Looking for Lincoln byway signage detailing Williamsville's connection to President Lincoln.

Williamsville Park-Trail-Lake

706 East Main Street
(217) 566-3520

williamsville.illinois.gov

Williamsville's Lake, Trail and its Samuel H. Jones Park are an interconnected outdoor recreational experience. The village park offers plenty of green space to walk the dog, let the kids play or to have a picnic while taking a respite from the road. Get moving on the walking trail that surrounds Williamsville Lake where you can bike, fish or even catch a glimpse of our resident eagle pair.

Williamsville Railroad Depot and Box Cars

102 South Elm Street

(217) 566-3520

williamsville.illinois.gov

First constructed in 1854, the Railroad Depot was the foundation to Williamsville's growth and development. Visit the Route 66 Wayside Exhibit and an interpretive sign depicting the Railroad's significance to local history. Two Union Pacific rail cars were configured in the early 1990s as a structure, serving as a cultural resource that illustrates the significance of the Railroad to the Village.

Williamsville Celebrates Route 66 International Traveler Multi-Directional Sign

217 North Elm Street

(217) 566-3520

williamsville.illinois.gov

Williamsville's Route 66 multi-directional sign acknowledges the large number of international travelers that drive along Route 66. The sign was designed and produced by individual members of the Sangamon Valley Woodcarvers and includes: Germany, United Kingdom, Canada, China, Australia, Czechoslovakia, Japan, France, Italy and Holland. New York, Chicago and Los Angeles also have a place alongside the countries. A streaming web-cam allows travelers to connect with their loved ones around the world.

SHERMAN

Carpenter Park Route 66 Pavement

An abandoned stretch of early Route 66 (1926-1936) forms the eastern border of Carpenter Park. Now listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the curbed concrete provides a peek into the Mother Road's vintage past. It preserves the two-lane highway design, original cross-section with curbing, and original surface. The road travels past scenic bluffs to the Sangamon River.

Double H Bar

121 North First Street

(217) 496-3811

The Double H Bar was built in 1946 from handmade concrete blocks and has served Route 66 travelers continuously since that time. Now offering video gaming.

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The **Red Carpet Corridor Festival** is held annually the first Saturday in May! Spend some time in the communities along the original Route 66 for festivals, fairs, sales and more!

Fairlane Diner

300 Crossing Drive
(217) 303-9330
fairlanediner.org

Fairlane Diner sits on the Historic Route 66 in Sherman Illinois. This memorable diner will take you back in time to a place of happiness and excitement. Once you taste one of their burgers you will believe it is 1959 and Buddy Holly is playing on the jukebox.

SPRINGFIELD

International Route 66 Mother Road Festival

Historic Downtown Springfield
(866) 783-6645
route66fest.com

Held annually the last full weekend of September, thousands of people from around the world flock to this event featuring hundreds of classic and vintage vehicles, live entertainment, celebrities, dozens of food booths, one-of-a-kind exhibits and more – all in a 20-block area of the historic downtown.

Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum

112-212 North Sixth Street
(217) 782-5764 or (800) 610-2094
presidentlincoln.illinois.gov

Dedicated to the life and legacy of our 16th president, the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum holds the world's largest collection of documentary material related to Lincoln. It merges scholarship with showmanship, offering high-tech exhibits, interactive displays and multi-media programs, as well as a reproduction of the White House as it looked in 1861.

Historic Downtown Springfield

Downtown Springfield Incorporated
(217) 544-1723
downtownspringfield.org

Springfield's downtown district covers roughly 56 blocks which include: landmarks where our 16th President walked, worked and lived; the headquarters of Horace Mann Company designed by world-renowned architect Minoru Yamasaki in the neoformalism style; and iconic retailers and restaurateurs like The Card*ologist and Maldaner's sharing the street with up-and-comers like Corrine's Closet, Itty Bitty Fashion Trunk, Custom Cup Coffee and VELE Restaurant.

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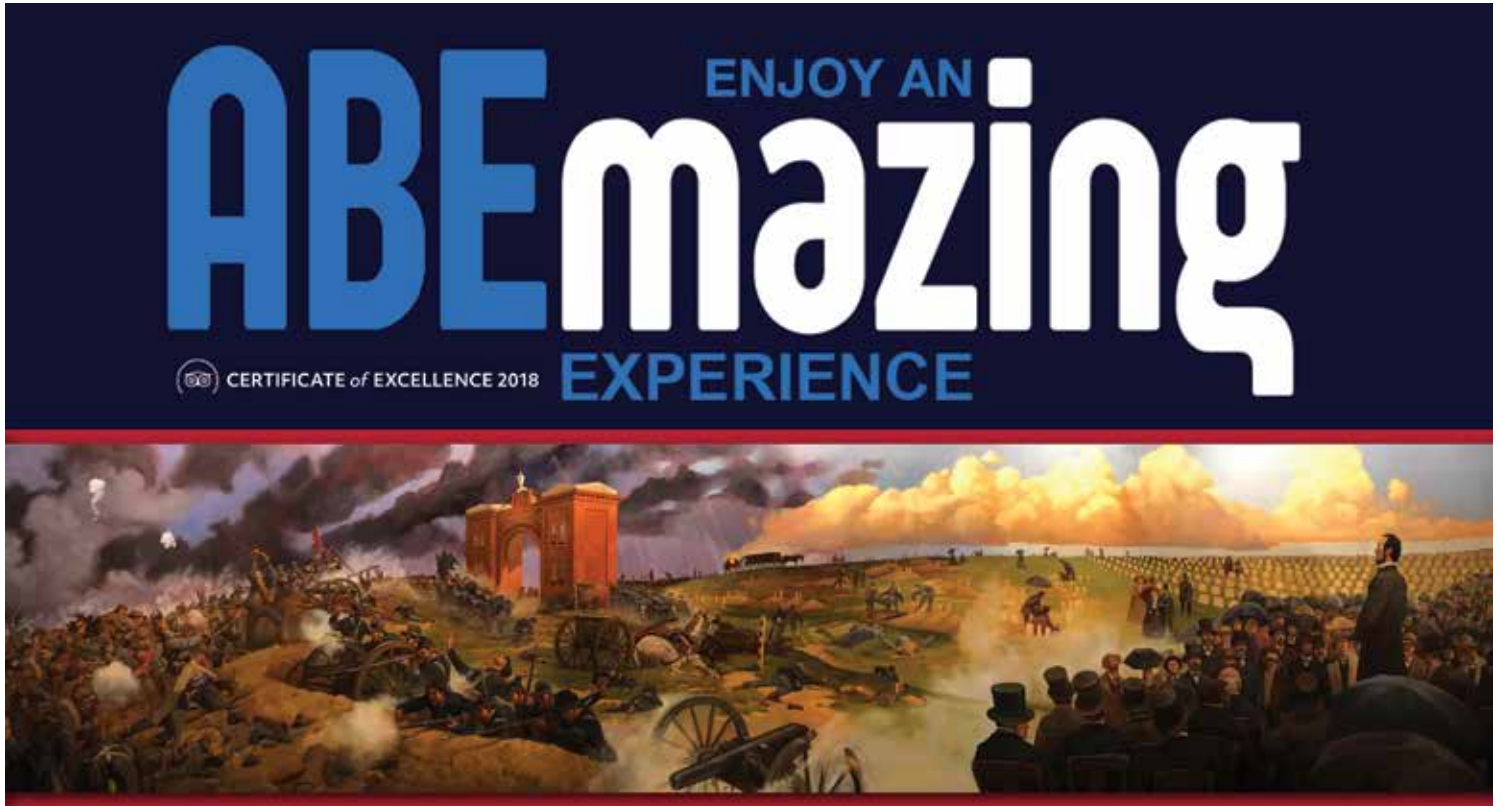
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Make your first stop the Springfield Visitors Center inside the Lincoln Herndon Law Office across from the Old State Capitol. Let us help you find all the information you need to help create your legendary experience in Springfield. Pick up your Explorer Passport and engage all of your senses as you take part in Abe's Hat Hunt and the Living Legends of Route 66 adventure throughout Springfield. One city, two adventures, including twenty sites, attractions, culinary treasures and museums in one passport of memorable fun. While your here tour an exhibit of the Lincoln Herndon Law Office on the first floor as well as the U.S. Post Office, located in the building from 1841-1849. Be sure to ask us about our signature summer program, History Comes Alive. Step back in time this summer with live performances by costumed actors and musicians from the 19th century and beyond as they entertain you at Springfield's historic attractions and museums. With a huge cast of characters including Abraham and Mary Lincoln, it's a trip back in time you won't want to miss!

Old State Capitol State Historic Site

1 South Old State Capitol Plaza
(217) 785-7960
visitspringfieldillinois.com

This is considered by many to be Lincoln's capitol as it was here that he argued cases



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before the Illinois Supreme Court, served in the state legislature, first confronted Stephen Douglas, and where he delivered his famous "House Divided" speech.

Lincoln Home National Historic Site

426 South 7th Street
(217) 391-3221
nps.gov/liho

The Lincoln Home has been restored to its 1860 appearance, revealing Lincoln as a husband, father and politician. Your tour of this national treasure will be conducted by National Park Service rangers. Free tickets are required and may be obtained at the Lincoln Home Visitor Center.

Cozy Dog Drive-In

2935 South Sixth Street
(217) 525-1992
cozydogdrivein.com

The restaurant is a shrine to Route 66 and to itself, packed with mementos, clippings, and old signs, as well as with Mother Road souvenirs for sale. The "corn dog on a stick" was invented during World War II by Ed Waldmire when he was in the Air Force stationed in Texas. Cozy Dogs were officially launched at the Lake Springfield Beach House in 1946, and a stand was opened on Ash and MacArthur.

Maldaner's Restaurant & Catering Since 1884

222 South Sixth Street
(217) 522-4313
maldaners.com

Established in 1884, Maldaner's Restaurant and Catering is one of Springfield's finest restaurants. The Oldest Restaurant on Route 66 now offers the experience of literally "Eating on 66," with outside patio seating including at the parklet, where you get to dine on the actual Mother Road pavement in historic downtown Springfield! This is truly a unique 66 experience. If you have visited The Old State Capitol, Frank Lloyd Wright's Dana-Thomas House or the State Capitol, you can imagine the wonderful celebrations held at Maldaner's from the turn of the last century to the present day. Maldaner's has been located on Historic Route 66 since the road began!

Route 66 Motorheads Bar, Grill & Museum

600 Toronto Road
(217) 679-7323
66motorheads.com

Rev up your mornings with a delicious breakfast, or keep your tank topped off with a variety of traditional pub food, uniquely named on the extensive menu! Burgers, wings, pizzas, or the famous "The Twist" Bavarian jumbo pretzel with Fat Tire beer cheese – whatever you're in the mood for, you'll find it here, in a fun and friendly atmosphere! Motorheads is the coolest place to bring your family and friends for great food and unique atmosphere! Every aspect of the bar, restaurant, and museum was designed with car and racing enthusiasts in mind. This historic Route 66 stop is home to a variety of motorcycle rallies,

car shows, and much more throughout the year. Whether you're looking for a delicious meal, cold drink, live music or just a nostalgic walk through the past, visit the coolest bar and grill in the Springfield, IL area!

Kidzeum of Health and Science

412 East Adams Street
(217) 971-4435
kidzeum.org

The Kidzeum is a new children's museum in the heart of the historic downtown Springfield. The museum is committed to nurturing health and wellness, promoting science education, and to developing environmental and global awareness through innovative programs. Be sure to see the three-story giant, Active Alex, an interactive exhibit of the human body.

Knight's Action Park & Splash Kingdom

1700 Recreation Drive
(217) 546-8881
knightsactionpark.com

Knight's Action Park opened in 1930 as a golf driving range by George Knight Sr. It has evolved into a diverse family fun park with water slides, wave pool, go karts, pedal boats, bumper boats, miniature golf courses, batting cages and more.

Route 66 Drive-In

1700 Recreation Drive
(217) 698-0066
route66-drivein.com

The Green Meadows Drive-In opened in 1978 and lasted just 4 years. Restored in 2002 as the Route 66 Drive-In, it now shows double features on Weekends April and May then nightly from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day and on weekends through October. The drive-in is located right next to Knight's Action Park.

The Original 1963 Corvette Split Window Hall of Fame Museum

Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport
(217) 698-3990
splitwindow.org

This unique museum features one of, if not the best original condition 1963 Corvette Split Window cars anywhere in the country! This riverside red vehicle is all original and only has been driven 80,000 miles, so it is in pristine condition. Gene Beenenga is the President, Director, Curator, Conservator, Appraiser and Consultant at this museum. Featuring preservation, education, restoration, collections, artifacts, archives, documents and media. Museum tours by appointment only.

Lauterbach Giant

1569 Wabash Avenue
(217) 546-2600

Lauterbach Tire and Auto Service has a fiberglass "muffler man" giant standing in the parking lot. He used to hold a tire, but recently upgraded to show his patriotism by holding a U.S. flag. In 2006, the muffler man lost his head during a tornado, but was skillfully repaired by the station.

Dana-Thomas House

301 East Lawrence
(217) 782-6776
dana-thomas.org

The Dana-Thomas House is a famous Frank Lloyd Wright prairie-style home. In 1902, architect Frank Lloyd Wright was commissioned to design a home for Susan Lawrence Dana, a forward-thinking socialite in Springfield. The building contains the largest collection of site-specific, original Wright art glass and furniture. Wright traveled Route 66 with his entourage of students to visit Taliesin West in Scottsdale, AZ and during the trip would periodically stop by the Dana-Thomas house.

Hoogland Center for the Arts

420 South Sixth Street
(217) 523-2787
hcfta.org

Originally built as a Masonic Temple in 1909, the Hoogland is an 80,000 square foot facility that houses three performance theaters and additional gathering areas. Home to a variety of concerts, plays, musicals, recitals, gallery showings and more.

Illinois State Capitol

401 South Second Street
(217) 782-2099
visitspringfieldillinois.com

Topped with a 405-foot dome, the Illinois State Capitol has served the people of the state as its seat of government since 1877. See politics in action from balcony level seating when the Illinois legislature is in session (January – May) and (October -November). Guided tours of this beautiful building are available year-round.

Lincoln Tomb State Historic Site

1500 Monument Avenue
(217) 782-2717
lincolntomb.org

On the day President Lincoln died, April 15, 1865, Springfield citizens began raising funds to build a memorial. On May 3, the body was delivered to Springfield and stored in a receiving vault at Oak Ridge Cemetery. The tomb, built of granite with a 117-foot high obelisk, was completed in 1874. This is the final resting place for Abraham Lincoln, his wife Mary Todd, and three of their four sons.

Illinois War Memorials

1500 Monument Avenue
(217) 782-2717
illinois.gov/veterans/features/memorials/pages/default.aspx

Oak Ridge Cemetery is home to the World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War and Purple Heart memorial exhibits, each with a distinctive design and a distinguished tribute to the surviving veterans and those who lost their lives during these conflicts.

Lincoln Memorial Garden

2301 East Lakeshore Drive
(217) 529-1111
lincolnmemorialgarden.org

Lincoln Memorial Garden was founded in 1936 as a living memorial to Abraham Lincoln.



ABE'S CARMELCORN, Lincoln

All plants in the garden are native to the three states Lincoln lived in—Illinois, Indiana and Kentucky. Located on Lake Springfield, the gardens were designed by famed Chicago landscape architect, Jens Jensen. Because of this association with Jensen, the gardens were placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1992. Visit the nature center and gift shop.

Lincoln Depot

930 East Monroe Street
(217) 544-8695
lincolndepot.org

Take a self-guided tour at the restored train depot built in 1852 from which President-Elect, Abraham Lincoln, departed for Washington D.C. on February 11, 1861. Lincoln gave one of his most compelling speeches from the back of the special train that would take him to Washington.

Illinois State Military Museum

1301 North MacArthur Boulevard
(217) 761-3910
facebook.com/Illinois.State.Military.Museum

Located at the headquarters of the Illinois National Guard, this museum preserves a diverse and rare military collection of artifacts, flags, uniforms, vehicles and weapons depicting Illinois' military history. You'll even find the artificial leg of Mexican General Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna, and the wooden target board Abraham Lincoln used to test the Spencer rifle in 1863.

Obed & Isaac's Microbrewery & Eatery

500 South Sixth Street
(217) 670-0627
obedandisaacs.com

Located in an historic mansion and carriage house – just steps from the Lincoln Home

National Historic Site, this locally owned establishment features an array of microbrews made on site, along with a great menu of delicious eats. There's a beautiful outside patio for enjoying warm evenings in this historic district. This is a popular spot for locals and visitors alike.

Conn's Catering & Events

835 South Second Street
(217) 523-4466
connscateringandevents.com

Founded in 1948 by Roy Conn, Conn's Catering & Events has been the "go-to" company for professionally designed and executed events including weddings and corporate events. Still family owned, Conn's Catering & Events offers a variety of services to meet most types of planning and budgeting needs. From intimate events to your big day, Conn's Catering and Events provides excellence like no other.

Land of Lincoln Brew Bus

500 South 6th Street
(217) 522-3123
landoflincolnbrewbus.com

Land of Lincoln Brew Bus was founded in 2018 on the premise that beer builds community, and community builds beer. The Brew Bus specializes in providing each customer with a day of fun, transportation and good beer. Whether you're looking to book a bachelor party, girls day out, or just meet new people, The Brew Bus can help you have a day you won't soon forget.

Wm. Van's Coffee House

503 South 7th Street
(217) 679-4726
wmvanscoffee.com

Wm. Van's is a classic coffee house experience situated in an 1850s mansion in which Abraham Lincoln himself assisted with the construction costs. Featuring coffees and specialty drinks from around the world, as well as sandwiches, salads and pastries.

Inn at 835 Boutique Hotel

835 South 2nd Street
(888) 523-4466
innat835.com

This elegantly restored 1909 apartment building is the only lodging facility in Springfield listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Thirteen guest suites and attached event space all reflect the original history of the building. Just blocks south of the Illinois Capitol Building.

The Chili Parlor

820 South 9th Street
(217) 523-4989
thechiliparloronline.com

Formerly "The Den" and "Joe Rogers' Chili Parlor," founder Joe Rogers created his "perfect chili recipe," and on December 31, 1945 he opened his first chili parlor that consisted of only 11 lunch counter stools. Fast forward to today, and owners Roy and

Stephanie Beal have continued the Chili Parlor tradition. Locals swear that the secret to their great chili is in the customers' ability to order it "your way." From mild to Firebrand, meat or no meat, beans or no beans, you order it and they'll make it.

Jungle Jim's Café

1923 North Peoria Road
(217) 789-6173

Jungle Jim's Café is a quintessential roadside diner located directly on the 1930-40 alignment of Route 66 in Springfield. The cafe is famous for their all-day breakfast & other homestyle American diner food with race car memorabilia and Route 66 décor covering the walls for ambiance. Chances are that Jungle Jim himself will be there to greet you. Featuring great home cooking, friendly service and very reasonable prices!

Charlie Parker's Diner

700 North Street
(217) 241-2104
charlieparkersdiner.com

Charlie Parker's Diner has been serving up breakfast and lunch to locals and travelers alike in a Quonset hut since the early '90's. The favorite eatery has won numerous awards and received regional and national press for their great food and outstanding service, including being featured by Guy Fieri on "Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives." Finish a stack of their giant pancakes (they're pizza-sized, by the way) and they're free. Recipient of the "Enjoy Illinois: Delicious Destination" award by the Illinois Office of Tourism.

Curve Inn

3219 South Sixth Street Road
(217) 529-5806
thecurveinn.com

The Curve Inn opened on Route 66 south of Springfield in 1945. The original owner, Guido Mancini, served the public in the main tavern area, while "special" customers could ring a buzzer at the bottom of the back stairs to gain entrance to the gambling parlor on the upper floor. It was inducted into the Illinois Route 66 Hall of Fame in 2007.

Ace Sign Company Antique Sign Museum

2540 South First Street
(217) 522-8417
acesignco.com/museum

The Ace Sign Company Antique Sign Museum is in its new location on First Street in Springfield. Ace Sign Company is a 75+ year old, fourth generation, family owned and operated business. The museum has a large collection of signs, featuring neon signs and artifacts from the Bel-Aire Motel in Springfield, including the fully restored Sputnik.

Fulgenzi's Pizza & Pasta

1168 Sangamon Avenue
(217) 544-8520
fulgenzis.com

The family restaurant, Fulgenzi's Pizza & Pasta, opened originally as "Custard Castle" in 1979 by John and Sandra Fulgenzi along with their three sons John-John, Jeff, and Joel.

The facility started as a walk-up ice cream stand located across from the Illinois State Fairgrounds that also served Castle burgers and Chili Dogs. In 1983, Fulgenzi's added the "World's Greatest Hamburgers" and in 1987 they added pasta with homemade Italian sauce. The latest addition is the delicious thin-crust pizza, regarded by many as the best pizza in town.

Mahan's Filling Station at Fulgenzi's

1168 Sangamon Avenue
(217) 544-8520
mahansfillingstation.com

Mahan's Filling Station, a unique example of the earliest of gas stations, is now on display at Fulgenzi's Pizza & Pasta located across from the historic Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield. The roadside attraction is now accessible as a great photo and souvenir opportunity for Route 66 visitors. Fulgenzi's restaurant property itself was once the site of two Route 66 motels and a car painting business in the heyday of the road. Fulgenzi's opened their original family restaurant in 1979 as a "Custard Castle," which has become a regular stop for 66 travelers.

Hall's Harley Davidson

2301 North Dirksen Parkway
(217) 528-8356
hallsh-d.com

Stop in and check out the magnificent 10,000 square foot Harley Davidson showroom. Hall's has a huge selection of motorcycles, apparel and customized collectibles for all ages. Located on the 1940-1977 Route 66 alignment in Springfield.

Nancy's Pizza

2301 West Monroe
(217) 679-0456
nancyspizza.com

Nancy's Pizza is well-known for their Chicago style stuffed pizza, thin crust pies, pastas, salads, wings and more. Dine in at Nancy's, featuring a full bar, and catch your favorite sports game or enjoy your meal in the dining room. Carry out or have delivered your favorite items! Holding a meeting or conference? Nancy's can cater! Nancy's is open daily for lunch and dinner. Check out their menu online.

Illinois State Museum

502 South Spring Street
(217) 782-7386
illinoisstatemuseum.org

The Illinois State Museum is dedicated to the collection, preservation, and interpretation of the natural history, anthropology, history, and

art of Illinois. Explore three floors of exhibits that display a vast array of items drawn from the Museum's collections of over 13.5 million artifacts including skeletal specimens of the Mastodon, and the giant Jefferson Ground Sloth, a variety of Illinois artist's work, native American history, and a selection of the Museum's extensive textile and dress collection illustrating women's history.

Sonrise Donut Sign

Ace Sign Company Museum &
Route 66 Motorheads Museum
(217) 789-2360

Opening in 1947, Sonrise founder Byron Figuera earned the title as: Springfield's First Doughnut Shop with a Coffee Bar. The business was christened with the unusual spelling of "Sonrise". In 1949, the 6' x 8' neon sign went up! 20 years later, the Sonrise Donut sign was purchased by the City of Springfield. Today, the two sections of the original sign, with working neon, can be seen at the Ace Sign Co. Sign Museum and at Motorheads Bar, Grill & Museum in Springfield.

Mario's Italian Restaurant and Pizza

3073 East Clear Lake Avenue
(217) 523-2211
eatatmarios.com

For 30 years Mario's has been serving Springfield with Homestyle Italian Cooking

Just minutes from Starved Rock State Park, nestled along the Illinois and Fox River, lies the best kept secret of the Midwest. Lush plantings and butterfly gardens line the streets filled with boutique shops and modern eateries. Stand in the shadows of Honest Abe and the Little Giant then learn the fine art of blown glass and craft brewing. Renowned architecture, massive murals, live music and theater bring culture to life in this historic canal town.



The Scenic Stay
OTTAWA
PICKUS OTTAWA IL.COM



and Pizza. The North location has many Lincoln site visitors, bus tours and school field trips during the week. The buffet for lunch at both locations is always a Big Hit with visitors and locals. South Springfield location - 2841 Mansion Road.

Springfield and Central Illinois African American Museum

1440 Monument Avenue
(217) 391-6323
spiaahm.org

The Springfield and Central Illinois African American Museum tells authentic stories about African-American life in Central Illinois, past and present. The museum celebrates and shares African American history and culture and planning for future through scholarship, oral histories, exhibits, and partnerships.

Elijah Iles House: Museum of Springfield History

628 South 7th Street
(217) 789-2360
visitspringfield.com

Elijah Iles was one of the city's founding fathers, Springfield's first merchant and friend of Abraham Lincoln. Iles served with Lincoln in the Blackhawk War. Though not on its original foundation, the house is the oldest surviving home in Springfield. Learn about Springfield's history in the home's lower level.

Vachel Lindsay Home

603 South 5th Street
(217) 524-0901
vachellindsay.org

Vachel Lindsay is an internationally known artist from the early 20th century. Lindsay was well known for the artwork he used to illustrate his poetry and his animated performances while presenting his work. He was born in Springfield at the house on Fifth Street and the house remained Lindsay's only home until he died there in 1931. The Vachel Lindsay Home is a National Historic Landmark.

GAR Memorial Museum

629 South 7th Street
(217) 522-4373
womansreliefcorps.org

The GAR Memorial Museum is dedicated to preserving the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) and the founders of the Woman's Relief Corps (WRC). Caring for the legacy of those who fought to preserve the Union with displays of memorabilia and artifacts from the GAR & WRC as well as from the Civil War.

Springfield Art Association of Edwards Place

700 North 4th Street
(217) 523-2631

springfieldart.org or edwardsplace.org

The Springfield Art Association (SAA) was established in Edwards Place in 1913. Today it is a Community Visual Art Center with an exhibition gallery that is free and open to the public. The exhibitions change out monthly. The SAA houses the Michael Victor II Art Library, an art school with studios for all media

including specialized studios for ceramics, metals, glass and fibers. Historic Edwards Place is now a house museum on the SAA campus. Built in 1833, Edwards Place tells the story of social and domestic life in antebellum Springfield. A center for social activity, prominent citizens and politicians such as Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas were entertained at lavish dinner parties and picnics here. Your visit to Edwards Place will include a guided tour of this Italianate mansion and its collection of furnishings, including the courting couch on which Mary and Lincoln sat.

Carpenter Street Hotel

525 North Sixth Street
(217) 789-9100
carpenterstreethotel.com

When Carpenter Street Hotel opened in 1997, its mission was catering to patients and their families from Prairie Heart Institute/St. John's Hospital. Visitors to other medical facilities, as well as Route 66 travelers, tourists and business travelers, soon discovered the establishment. The hotel is within walking distance of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum and Library, Lincoln's Home and the surrounding historic district, the Old State Capitol, Route 66 and countless shops, eateries and night spots. Shuttle Service is available daily and weekends upon request and will transport within 5 miles radius of hotel. During the 10-day Illinois State Fair, shuttle service will drop off and pick up at the front gate.

Illinois Governor's Mansion

410 East Jackson Street
(217) 782-6450
illinoismansion.org

The Illinois Governor's Mansion (official residence of Illinois governors since 1855) reopened in the Summer 2018 as part of the Illinois Bicentennial, after an extensive \$15 million-dollar renovation funded entirely from private donors. The renovation includes the revitalization of the mansion and grounds and will include a visitor center, historic exhibits as well as a showcase for Illinois arts.

Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area

(217) 782-6817
lookingforlincoln.org

Looking for Lincoln? You'll find him here - in the many places in Illinois Lincoln lived and traveled for nearly 30 years. Throughout 42 counties, you'll have a front row seat as the life and times of Abraham Lincoln unfold before your eyes through amazing historic attractions, living history special events, and stories of the people and places that would shape a man who would become our nation's 16th president.

Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site

15588 History Lane (Route 97 Petersburg)
(217) 632-4000
lincolnsnewsalem.com

Just a few miles outside of Springfield in historic Petersburg, you can step back in time nearly 200 years as you walk through the

reconstructed pioneer village of New Salem, where a young Abraham Lincoln lived and worked, before he embarked on his career as a lawyer and legislator prior to becoming President of the United States.

SHEELS

3801 South MacArthur Boulevard
(217) 726-6330
facebook.com/springfieldsheels

Springfield is home to the 200,000 square foot SCHEELS retail shopping experience that showcases Illinois largest selection of sports, sportswear, and footwear under one roof. Unlike a typical sporting goods store or department store, the Springfield SCHEELS is a collection of entertainment venues, including a 65', 16 car ferris wheel, 16,000 gallon salt water aquarium, Fuzziwig's Candy Factory, Roller Ball Bowling, SCHEELS Arcade and more! Ginna's Cafe located on the first floor serves up gourmet soups and sandwiches, Starbucks Coffee and over 24 flavors of homemade fudge.

Route History

737 East Cook Street
routehistory.net

RouteHistory is a space to experience and learn about the tragedy, resilience, and excellence of African Americans along the Historic Route 66 and in the city of Springfield. Route History is a collective of social entrepreneurs that lend intellectual and financial resources to aid in the implementation of sustainable and transformative community projects. Using digital media, events, and collectible items, Route History, seeks to educate, train, and engage all ages using positive and relevant images and experiences.

Pasfield House Inn

525 South Pasfield Street
(217) 525-3663
pasfieldhouse.com

Designated a Springfield Landmark, the 1896 Georgian-style residence is a remarkably preserved architectural treasure that has a most distinctive antebellum flair and is within easy walking distance of the State Capitol and downtown Springfield. Proprietor, Tony Leone, has opened as a Bed and Breakfast. The building has been totally renovated to high commercial standards and has been used for the last twelve+ years as a reception and meeting facility. A popular place during the legislative session for state capitol visitors, it often houses legislators and lobbyists, former Illinois Governors, corporate presidents and Hollywood celebrities like Bo Derek. The Pasfield House is also just down the street from the Maid Rite - the first drive-thru restaurant that is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places. While you are visiting, be sure to purchase an autographed copy of Springfield's Celebrated Horseshoe Sandwich book by Carolyn Harmon and Tony Leone, owner of the Pasfield House.

CHATHAM

Sugar Creek Covered Bridge

1 Covered Bridge Road
(217) 483-2451

facebook.com/SugarCreekCoveredBridge

This historic 1880 bridge was built by Thomas Black. It spans 60 feet across Sugar Creek. The bridge was restored in 1965 and is open to foot traffic. A quaint park adjacent to the bridge and creek is an ideal place for a picnic.

Chatham Depot & Railroad Museum

100 North State Street
(217) 483-7792

chathamil.net/railroadmuseum

The station is owned by the Village of Chatham and was restored by the Friends of the Depot in 1991. In 1999 the Chicago & Illinois Midland Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society signed an agreement with Chatham to re-restore the station and create the Chatham Railroad Museum. The museum will preserve the station and area railroad history for the benefit of the community.

Sangamo Brewing & Sangamo Breweriana Museum

109 East Mulberry Street
(217) 697-8026

sangamobrewing.com

Sangamo Brewing is now open and located in the former Fat Willy's Bar in downtown Chatham. The Brew Pub Bar & Restaurant features a selection of craft beers from Sangamo Brewing and other local brewers. The menu features straight-forward, simple "comfort" food that satisfies those who want to eat. The future beer garden will offer outside grilling along with a stage for music and viewing sporting events. The Sangamo Breweriana Museum is located within the Sangamo Brewing Co. in Chatham Illinois. The brewery museum showcases a collection of original vintage breweriana from downstate Illinois. From Peru to Cairo, Quincy to Danville, Springfield to Alton, the museum highlights collectible neon signs, beer crates, trays, cans, bottles and labels representing breweries of the past. Beer garden and special event services will be available. Stay tuned for monthly "picker" events - browse and/or buy original breweriana from pickers all over the midwest!

Again Antiques and Gifts

2776 Ostermeier Road
(217) 652-6887

againantiques.com

Again, located just off of Route 66, offers a wide variety of antiques and vintage treasures. Bar ware, kitchenware, linens, clocks, furniture, lighting, toys, pottery, jewelry, and much more will transport you back in time and make you feel unexpectedly happy!

Double J Campground

9683 Palm Road
(217) 483-9998

doublejcampground.com

Located on Route 66 just south of Springfield. Discover a magnificent campground for all size and type RVs and tents. Enjoy free wi-fi, on

site laundry, a pool, goofy golf, tennis, and basketball. A great place to enjoy the outdoors and Route 66 all at the same time!

Fulgenzi's Catering

214 West Chestnut Street Chatham
(217) 971-7517

FulgenzisCatering.com

Fulgenzi's Catering has been catering for families and corporate events since 1997. John John Fulgenzi is one of the largest caterers in the area. The full-service banquet hall offers a taste of Italy in Central Illinois, with Italian and American cuisine. Whether you are looking for a unique space for your special occasion or off-site catering to another facility or outdoor space, Fulgenzi's Catering is ready to serve your needs.

GLENARM

Corvair Museum

10041 Palm Road
(217) 494-7105

corvair.org

The Corvair Museum is located directly on Route 66 just south of Springfield in Glenarm, Illinois (adjacent to Lucky Moon Saloon & just south of Double J Campground). The Museum is operated by the Corvair Preservation Foundation as a tribute to the many varieties of the Chevrolet Corvair built from the first 1960 model to the next to the last Corvair built #5999. The exhibit features cars of each year and varies time to time as the exhibits are changed out often to give the visitor always a different flavor of this unique air cooled Chevrolet. Today the exhibit includes feature Corvair Race Cars, Prototypes, one of a kind and a vast collection of history documentation from the development through the entire production run for Corvair automobile and trucks.

AUBURN

Historic Brick Road

Snell and Curran Roads

This original 1.4 miles of hand-laid brick road was completed in 1931, and curves through corn fields near Auburn. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

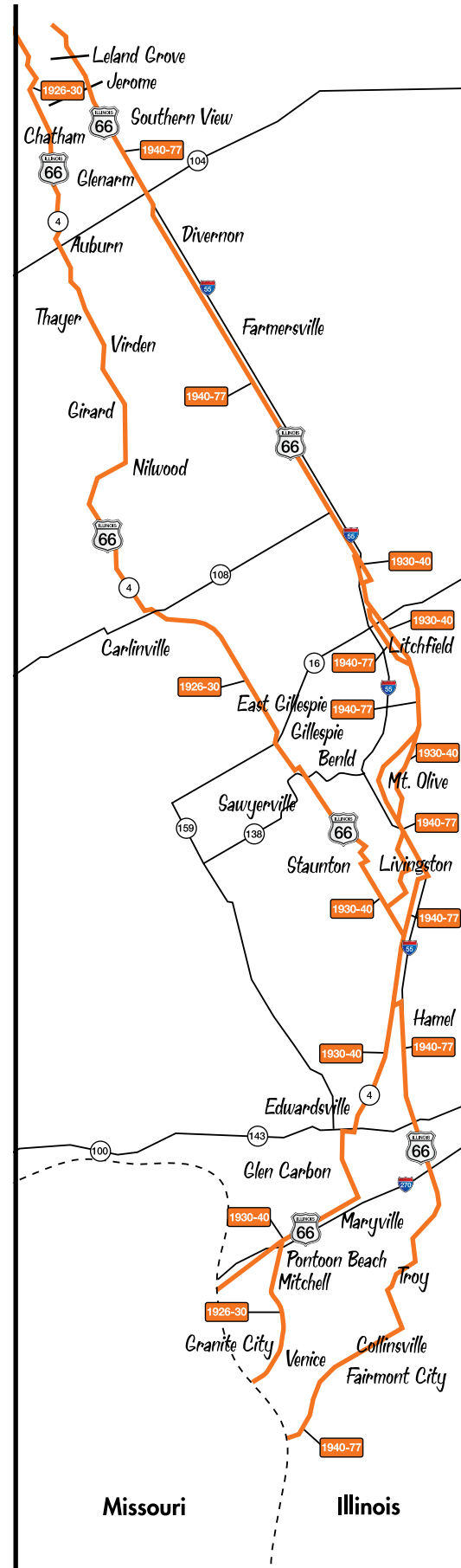
DIVERNON

Rusty Star Marketplace & Route 66 Welcome Center

14335 Frazee Road
(217) 628-1122

facebook.com/rustystarmarketplace

Discover a unique and charming marketplace with 80 small business shoppes under one roof. You will be pleasantly surprised at the fabulous lobby displays that change with the seasons and the holidays! Rusty Star Marketplace offers a wide variety of merchandise; antique, vintage, new, all displayed nicely in room settings, and for the ladies - jewelry, purses, clothing and accessories. Something for everyone!



Scale: 1 inch = approx. 10 miles

THAYER

Pudock's Hideout

207 East Main Street
(217) 965-2273

Small town charm abounds in this charming roadside bar and grill. Stop by to enjoy great bar food and enjoy the company of locals. A great place to stop and soak up some of the "real America."

VIRDEN

Virden Miner's Memorial/Central Park

Virden Square
virdenonline.org

The town's central park has a large granite and bronze three-dimensional memorial depicting the Virden Mine Battle of 1893. The park has a historic bandstand that recalls an era of Saturday night band concerts and ice cream socials. A soldier's monument commemorates local veterans who served in WWI.

Virden History Mural

105 East Jackson Street
virdenmural.com

The Virden History Mural, which has been in place since 2004 along the original Route 66, recently received a major revision thanks to the talented team of artists DL and Bernie Gietl from Carlinville. The mural highlights Virden's history starting from a stagecoach stop to a coal mine town to the original Route 66 that travels through the middle of town. Two well-known individuals are featured on the mural, including Charles Lindbergh, who spent a night here prior to his pioneer flight across the Atlantic. Also pictured is former Illinois Governor Adlai Stevenson. He spoke at the town's 1952 Centennial just days before becoming his party's presidential candidate. The new mural, unlike the one it replaces, is painted directly on a brick wall. Virden is also home to two other murals worth a look. One is in the town square, the other in the nearby post office. The latter was done in oil by nationally known author/illustrator James Daugherty. This work, titled "Illinois Pastoral," was completed in 1939 during the Depression era. And finally, the town's fifteen minutes of fame, the 1898 Virden mine battle, is captured in bronze on granite by sculptor David Seagraves. This beautiful mural was made possible by generous public and private gifts. All three murals are within a block of each other, making it easy to get your mural kicks on the original Route 66 in Virden.

Silvernicks New & Used

231 East Jackson Street
(217) 891-6514

Located on the Virden Square, Silvernicks is home to the "Virden Welcome Center." In addition to Route 66 souvenirs, Silvernicks offers a wide variety of antiques, vintage and unique gift items. With a little of everything you'll be sure to find the perfect memento. Silvernicks has anything and everything from antiques to brand new. They have many vendors with great treasures too!

GIRARD

Doc's Soda Fountain and Deck's Pharmacy Museum

133 South Second Street
(217) 627-3491

facebook.com/DocsSodaFountain

Doc's Soda Fountain was established as Deck's Drug Store in 1884. The original soda fountain was added in 1929. After three generations running the drug store, Bob and Bill Deck retired in 2001. In 2007, Doc's Soda Fountain was reopened by new owner Robert & Renae Ernst with the late Bob and Bill Deck adding their Pharmacy Museum to the store, displaying items back to the late 1800s. Doc's Soda Fountain offers lunch, pies, ice cream and old-fashioned sodas.

Hidden Ridge at Otter Lake

Otter Lake
(217) 416-6394

hiddenridge-atotterlake.com

Hidden Ridge is a private wooded hideaway located at Otter Lake, just ten minutes west of Route 66. Enjoy an authentic camping experience in a 14 x 16 canvas tent furnished with a comfortable queen-size bed. More than two of you? There is plenty of space for additional tents, cots or air mattresses. The entire site is yours to enjoy including a bathroom facility. Otter Lake surrounds the ridge on three sides. Views are beautiful from the ridge regardless of the season. Sit quietly and watch the fish jump - you may even see an eagle fly by. Bring your boat and enjoy the lake!

Whirl-a-Whip

309 South Third Street
(217) 627-9447

Re-opened in 2013, this tasty favorite serves over 50 flavors of ice cream, malts, shakes, banana splits, sundaes and more. The menu also includes burgers, horseshoes and fried treats.

NILWOOD

Turkey Tracks in Pavement

South of Nilwood on Donaldson Road, an original piece of the narrow 1926-30 Route 66 alignment winds south of Nilwood, parallel to the current straight configuration IL Route 4. Turkey tracks were imprinted in the 1920's when the original Route 4 concrete was poured, prior to its designation as Route 66. The story varies from a local farmer's escaped turkeys to wild turkeys as being the owners of the prints.

13 Star Flag Barn Painting

South of Nilwood on Illinois Route 4

This 13-star "Betsy Ross" flag has been a photo favorite on Route 66 for years. This faded barn painting can be found in books, on websites, and photo albums around the world. This is a prime example of "barn art."

CARLINVILLE

Carlinville Historic Square

(217) 854-2141
carlinville.com

The Carlinville Square is the crown jewel of the large historic district that is on the National Register of Historic Places in Illinois, since 1976. Most of the historic buildings were built in the 1880s and have been painstakingly restored to their original appearance. The beautiful gazebo that adorns the center of the park was graciously donated by the Milard family. Visit all the great shops and businesses downtown, including historical structures such as the Loomis House and the Marvel Theatre. Be sure to attend downtown events, including Market Days held on the first Saturday of each month, Illinois Route 66 Blue Carpet Corridor, and numerous holiday festivals throughout the year!

Macoupin County "Million Dollar" Courthouse

200 East Main Street
(217) 854-2141

carlinville.com/historical-carlinville

Designed by famed architect E. E. Meyers in 1867, the building began as a \$50,000 project supported by bonds and taxes. Through a series of political and social scandals, the courthouse construction was halted in 1870 with a total cost of \$1.3 million (1870 dollars) and at the time was the second largest courthouse (the one in New York City was the largest) in the U.S. The 3rd floor courtroom was never completed, and the planned ornamental statues were never commissioned. It took the county 40 years to pay off the debt and inspired the nickname, "The Million Dollar Courthouse." It is recognized as the most magnificent courthouse in Illinois.

Macoupin County Jail of 1869

205 East First South Street
(217) 854-2141

carlinville.com/historical-carlinville

The historic jail was in service from 1869 to 1988. This Gothic Revival stone structure has leftover Civil War cannonballs embedded within the walls to prevent jailbreaks. There is a local tale of a man who shimmed through the narrow-slit windows to escape. He walked to the town square where he had a beer at a local tavern and then walked back to the jail where he walked through the front door and put himself back into his cell. The site is now open for tours!

Macoupin County Historical Museum

432 Breckenridge Street
(217) 854-8916 or (217) 854-8500

macsociety.org

Housed in the Victorian-style Anderson Mansion, the museum consists of two stories of antiques and collectibles from Macoupin County's past. Home of the Macoupin County Historical Society.

Standard Addition/Sears and Roebuck Mail Order Houses

Charles and Rice Streets
(217) 854-2141

carlinville.com/sears-homes

This largest U.S. collection of 156 Sears and Roebuck mail order houses, built in 1918 for the mine workers of the Standard Oil Company, can be toured using a brochure available from most shops. The neighborhood is known as the Standard Addition and 152 of the 156 homes are still standing.

Cherry Tree Treasures & Gifts General Store

236 East Side Square
(217) 854-4535

cherrytree236.com

This vintage retail store showcases a variety of special gifts, souvenirs & memorabilia for Carlinville & Route 66. Including postcards, tee shirts, caps, metal signs, lapel pins, magnets and much more. They also have cold Route 66 soda as well as other brands of beverages. Stop in say hello, sign the guest book and enjoy a cold drink.

Reno's Pizzeria and Ristorante

518 North Side Square
(217) 854-6655

renositalianpizzeria.com

This family owned pizzeria showcases homemade Italian cuisine and the best pizza in town. Enjoy your meal under the Sistine Chapel ceiling and surrounded by Walldog murals or nestle yourself in nostalgia in the Route 66 Momma Road Room.

Mother Road Antique Mall

106 North Side Square
(217) 854-8029

facebook.com/motherroad2

The Mother Road Antique Mall is located along Route 66 on the historic downtown Carlinville Square - the only round-about square on old Route 66 - with numerous vendors featuring antiques and collectibles of all shapes and sizes, in all price ranges. Owner Virginia Brown has been in the antique business for over 50 years and invites you to stop by Route 66's prime destination for antiques and collectibles.

The Carlin Villa Motel

18891 Illinois Route 4
(217) 854-3201

carlinvillaon66.com

The Carlin Villa is a traditional motel like those that were born and grew up on Route 66, with a few modern upgrades. All the rooms feature hi-speed internet access, cable television, direct dial phones, and air conditioning. The motel is located close to the Carlinville Historic Square for easy access to shopping and restaurants.

GILLESPIE

Illinois Coal Museum at Gillespie

121 South Macoupin Street
(833) 228-8603

gillespiecoalmuseum.org

This new museum in Gillespie is designed to stimulate appreciation for and knowledge of

the role of coal mining in Illinois. The Illinois Coal Museum offers more than a collection of coal mining memorabilia. Visitors can take a walk through the coal mining past but also have a look into the future of the industry. Exhibits include: the Gillespie Story, the Story of Coal, the Mines, the Miners, the Unions of Macoupin County and Children's Features. The museum is an ongoing work in progress with new exhibits and displays being continuously added or enhanced. For example, the story of the famous Coliseum Ballroom is now featured with accompanying videos. Located here is also Route 66 information and memorabilia available for the travelers.

Downtown Gillespie

Gillespie City Hall & Civic Center
115 North Macoupin Street

(217) 839-2919

Get your visitor information at city hall and be sure to visit the tourist-friendly businesses and restaurants in downtown Gillespie. Check out the historic Canna Theatre and learn about the mining heritage of the area at the Illinois Coal Museum. Dine at Miners Restaurant or Rocco's Italian Pizzeria. Shop for unique items at The Village Toy Chest and Route 66 souvenirs at Michelle's Pharmacy. Check out the interpretive coal mining exhibit and the downtown mural. Starting in early 2019, Gillespie will be implementing a \$2 million streetscape design to support existing businesses and attract new development and tourism. Stop by this year and return in 2020 to see Gillespie grow!

Canna Theatre

108 East Chestnut Street
(217) 617-5101

One of the earliest theatres in Illinois from the 1920's known then as the Pert Theatre and later known as the Lyric Theatre until the early 1960s has been redefined as a single screen movie theater that provides a unique viewing experience. Come and enjoy a movie in a classic 1920s Hollywood atmosphere, a musical or other live entertainment on historic Route 66.

BENLD

Holy Dormition Orthodox Parish

304 North Fourth Street
(217) 835-2202

holydormitiontheotokos.org

Benld is noted for its Italian and Russian miners, and the picturesque onion-domed Russian Orthodox Church was established there in 1907. The parish has become a historical site because it is the only Russian Orthodox Parish under the Moscow Patriarchate in the state of Illinois. The church was rebuilt after a fire in 1915 and renovated in 1989.

Capone's Saloon

410 East Central Avenue
(217) 835-4476

Embracing Benld's gangster past, Capone's is a tribute to the King Alphonse himself. Be sure to stop by for a frosty beverage and a quick game of darts.



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STAUNTON

Henry's Ra66it Ranch

1107 Historic Old Route 66
(618) 635-5655

henrysroute66.com

This modern attraction celebrates Route 66 and the people along the highway with its emporium of highway and trucking memorabilia that includes a collection of Campbell's 66 Express "Humpin' to Please" trailers next to a replica of a vintage gas station. This attraction offers all things about rabbits: Volkswagens and the friendly furry kind!

DeCamp Station

8767 State Route 4
(618) 637-2951

decampstationil.com

This historic roadhouse on Route 66 had tourist cabins, a dance hall, gambling, and a brothel. In 1930, gangsters arrived in a black sedan with guns drawn and robbed the bar of slot machines, alcohol, guns, and cash. This historic tavern displays the photographs of the old dance hall that was there.



RUSTY STAR MARKETPLACE,
Divernon

Country Classic Cars

2149 East Frontage Road
(618) 635-7056
countryclassiccars.com

A family owned and operated business along historic Route 66 that features classic cars and trucks displayed outside and in an indoor showroom, with 600 classics under the roof. The gift shop is loaded with reproduction collectible and Route 66 memorabilia.

Stanton Route 66 Mural

Corner of Elm & West Main Streets
(618) 635-2233
cityofstantonil.com

Stanton's new Route 66 mural is located in the downtown shopping district. Titled "Where the Three Roads Come Together," the mural highlights all three alignments of Route 66 that went through town.

Mother Road Guest House B&B

703 West 6th Street
(618) 980-1964
facebook.com/MotherRdBnB

The Mother Road Guest House is a Route 66 themed Bed & Breakfast located 1/2 mile from the Historic Illinois Route 66 Scenic Byway. The guest house provides a cozy and comfy place for travelers to relax on route to their next destination, or stay a while and enjoy the many convenient sights within an hour's drive of this "hub" location. The Mother Road Guest House offers convenient access to the bike/walking trail with picnic area and playground as well as an upstairs suite including two spacious bedrooms, a sitting area, private bathroom and breakfast room and laundry area for guest use. Wi-Fi access and TV are free for guest use during their stay along with a full or continental breakfast served each morning. This lodging option is located on AirBnB, Homeaway and VRBO.

WILLIAMSON

The Winery at Shale Lake

1499 Washington Ave
(618) 637-2470
shalewine.com

One of 22 coal mines operating in the area at the turn of the 20th century, the Mount Olive-Staunton Coal Company Mine Number 2 was sunk 1904 and closed in 1957. The Wesa family bought the property in 2006 and have, through hard work and perseverance, turned the old mine into a successful winery. The winery features a "country chic" tasting room, a lake, stables, and cabins. A great place to relax after getting your kicks on 66!

RAYMOND

The Shrine of Our Lady of the Highways

22353 West Frontage Road
ourladyofthehighways.com

The Shrine of Our Lady of the Highways, a marble statue of Mary, has watched over travelers along Route 66 and Interstate 55 since the late 1950s and remains a testament to the weary traveler; providing guidance and protection over the highway and her travelers.

Magnuson Grand Hotel

19067 West Frontage Road
(217) 324-2100
magnusongrandhotel.com

Located on the 1940 alignment of Route 66 and only a few miles east of the 1926 alignment in Carlinville, the Magnuson Grand Hotel features a nautical theme which culminates in a large paddle boat named the Carlin Belle on a large pond.

LITCHFIELD

Litchfield Museum & Route 66 Welcome Center

334 North Historic Route 66
(217) 324-3510
litchfieldmuseum.org

The Litchfield Museum & Route 66 Welcome Center is located where the Vic Suhling gas station once stood. The retro design of the building, with exterior neon trim and restored neon Suhling sign welcomes visitors. The museum houses historical artifacts of Litchfield and showcases Litchfield's relationship with Route 66. Admission is free.

Ariston Café

413 North Historic Route 66
(217) 324-2023
ariston-cafe.com

Pete Adam started the Ariston Café in nearby Carlinville in 1924. When the Mother Road was rerouted in 1929, Pete leased a new building in Litchfield. The Ariston's great reputation for service, excellent food, and unbelievable desserts led Pete to relocate

across the street in 1935 to his own building that still stands today. After three generations, the café is under new ownership of Martin and Kara Steffens, and Will and Michelle Law. The Ariston is said to be the oldest café on Route 66 and was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2006 and the Route 66 Hall of Fame.

Jubelt's Bakery

303 North Historic Route 66
(217) 324-5314
jubelts.com

Jubelt's is a third-generation family business that began as a bakery in Mt. Olive, IL in 1922. Jubelt's has been in Litchfield since 1952 and on Route 66 since 1982. In the last 90 years, the bakery has adapted to meet the changing lifestyles and the demands of customers, much like The Mother Road. A full-service bakery, Jubelt's features homemade soups, salads, hand formed burgers, specialty sandwiches, dinners, and fresh bakery items such as donuts, Danish, cinnamon rolls, pies, pastries, cookies, cakes, bread, and much more. Stop by and bring a healthy appetite. Jubelt's was inducted in 2017 into the Route 66 Association of Illinois Hall of Fame.

Lake Lou Yaeger Recreation Area

4313 Beach House Trail
(217) 324-5832
visitlitchfield.com/lake-lou-yaeger

Lake Lou Yaeger is a 1,400-acre lake popular with boaters and fishermen. A 300-acre park along its shores including: Milnot Beach, a public swim beach complete with a rentable meeting and party room, multiple picnic areas and playgrounds, horse trails, hiking and biking trails, and multiple campgrounds. On the west side of the Lake the Route 66 Hike & Bike Trail is 6.6 miles of hiking and biking pleasure. This unpaved marked trail is great for every skill level and is complete with bike repair stations and benches along the trail. Located on the South-East side of Lake Lou Yaeger, the 266-acre Shoal Creek Conservation Area has two easy hiking trails. This beautiful area is home to well over 700 species of plants, 70 species of butterflies, and 70 species of breeding birds. During your self-guided tour, you will walk through native prairie lands, shoreline woods, and enjoy the magnificent views of the lake and surrounding areas. To get the most out of your visit to Lake Lou Yaeger, bring a pair of binoculars and try to spot the majestic Bald Eagles.

Lake Lou Yaeger Campgrounds

3 Primitive Lane
(217) 324-4771
visitlitchfield.com/lake-lou-yaeger/camping
There are four camping options at Lake Lou Yaeger to fit any need: primitive, RV/bicentennial, equestrian, and camping cabins. Each area features different amenities. Campgrounds are open seasonally from April 1 to October 31.

Kamper Kompanion

18388 East Frontage Road
(217) 324-4747

kamperkompanion.com

Kamper Kompanion RV Park is located off of I-55 (Exit 60), just 8 miles north of Litchfield, Illinois, and is within commuting distance to both St. Louis, Missouri and Springfield, Illinois. The RV park is located 60 minutes from the famous St. Louis Arch & 40 minutes from the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum. The park rests on 10+ acres of property and offers pull-thru and back-in sites that will accommodate all RV sizes and styles. The park caters to families of all ages as well as the adult crowd. All sites have full hookups and offer free WiFi! Propane is also available for sale. Kamper Kompanion RV Park is open year-round.

Sky View Drive-In Theatre

1500 North Historic Route 66
(217) 324-4451

litchfieldskyview.com

The Sky View Drive-In opened in the spring of 1951 and has been in seasonal operation since. It is the last remaining original operating drive-in theatre on Route 66 in Illinois. Inducted, in 1998, into the Route 66 Association of Illinois Hall of Fame.

Historic Carnegie Library Building

400 North State Street
(217) 324-5253

litchfieldpubliclibrary.org

The Historic Carnegie Library Building was funded by, industrialist and notable philanthropist, Andrew Carnegie, in 1904. The library is the centerpiece of downtown Litchfield. This historic building was designed by architect Paul Moratz in the Classical Revival style.

Niehaus Cycle Sales

718 North Old Route 66
(217) 324-6565

niehauscycle.com

A family owned business that started in 1970 by the late William Niehaus, is now operated by all three of his sons. In 1971, the business was incorporated and acquired a Yamaha franchise. In 1976 a Honda franchise was added. The current location, which was renovated in 1999, is housed in a retro building with exterior neon trim themed to Route 66. The main showroom offers the latest Yamaha and Honda motorcycles, more than 10,000 parts and accessories on display. Niehaus hosts an annual gathering in May that attracts over 5000 people.

Holiday Inn Express & Suites Litchfield West

4 Thunderbird Circle
(217) 324-4556

hiexpress.com/litchfieldwest

Litchfield's newest hotel is located just off I-55 and nearby Route 66. The beautiful four story facility has 79 rooms, a salt water pool with therapeutic jets, well equipped fitness center, high speed wi-fi, 24 hour business center

and an over 1,000 square foot well equipped meeting room. The hotel is custom decorated with beautiful Route 66 photography and décor throughout. This facility is owned by descendants of the Mansholt family of Litchfield, who owned several hotel properties in the city in the heyday of Route 66.

Nancy's Pizza

13 Thunderbird Circle
(217) 324-0707

nancyspizza.com

Located right next to the Hampton Inn in Litchfield right off I-55, Nancy's Pizza is well-known for their Chicago style stuffed pizza, thin crust pies, pastas, salads, wings and more. Dine in at Nancy's, featuring a full bar, and catch your favorite sports game, enjoy the patio or have your meal in their spacious dining room. Or carry out or have delivered your favorite items! Holding a meeting or conference? Nancy's can cater! Nancy's is open daily for lunch and dinner. Enjoy the new gaming room when you dine in. Check out their menu online.

Walton Park

(217) 324-9075

10207 Niemanville Trail

litchfieldparkdistrict.com/walton-park.html

The park is open to the public from April 1 to October 31, and offers open picnic areas, four pavilions with barbecue grills, picnic tables, playground equipment, a lighted softball/baseball diamond, a basketball court, horseshoe pits, disc golf, RC course, stage, and a 40-acre lake complete with a covered bridge and fountain. The main pavilions offer restrooms, electricity, and water. A handicap walkway leads the way to two observation decks overlooking the lake with a full view of the wildlife and sunsets. Fishing is allowed in the lake, but swimming is not. Canoes, row boats or boats with a trolling motor are allowed.

Nana's Hidden Attic

18395 West Frontage Road
(217) 324-0404

facebook.com/NanasHiddenAttic

Nana's Hidden Attic is located at Exit 60 off Interstate 55, and has over 16 thousand square feet containing over 80 individual booths. The merchandise ranges from antiques to vintage, as well as collectible and specialty merchandise, including Watkins, Boyd's Bears, Our Candle Company, Mary Kay and hand-made rugs. Nana's provides a clean, friendly Atmosphere for your shopping experience!

MT. OLIVE

Soulsby's Service Station

710 West First Street (Old Route 66)
(217) 999-4261

nps.gov/nr/travel/route66

Soulsby's Route 66 Shell Service Station is the oldest, most original station (along the route in Illinois) that has not been completely rebuilt. In 1926 Henry Soulsby opened his gas station



on what was the far western edge of Mt. Olive. He intended to capitalize on the opening of the nation's first transnational highway U.S. Route 66. However, the road took a different route than Soulsby anticipated. But four years later, Route 66 was relocated and zipped right in front of his station. A handful of volunteers turned the roadside distraction into a roadside attraction re-creating the Soulsby's of the 1950's with sunshine yellow pumps and matching yellow and red stripes along the base of the small landmark. Soulsby Service Station is also in the Illinois Route 66 Hall of Fame. The station is a frequent stop for many visitors from the U.S. and foreign countries.

Union Miners Cemetery and Mother Jones Monument

700 North Lake Street
(217) 999-4261

illinoislaborhistory.org

There is a shrine in Mt. Olive worthy of a pilgrimage by all labor-minded persons. This is the resting place of that "grandma of agitators," Mary (Mother) Jones. It is also the cemetery for the union coal miners she called her "boys" among whom she asked to be buried with at the time of her death at the age of 100. Beyond the wrought iron gate entrance rises an eight-ton Minnesota granite monument, standing twenty-two feet high, of Mother Jones. Union Miner's Cemetery was designated a National Historic Place in 1972 and is in the Illinois Route 66 Hall of Fame.

Mother Jones Museum

215 East Main Street
(217) 999-4261

facebook.com/therealmotherjonesmuseum

Located in Mt. Olive's new city hall is the Mother Jones Museum, which is still fundraising and in its early stages of development. The museum preserves and interprets materials that relate to the life of Mother Jones and the issues with which she was involved. By 1900, Jones had gained a reputation as the most effective organizer of coal miners and their communities. She sought to build a labor movement that bridged racial, ethnic and gender divisions. The museum tells stories that are not often found in the history books about that important era of our history.

LIVINGSTON

Pink Elephant Antique Mall

908 Veterans Memorial Drive
(618) 637-2366

This unique antique mall sports larger than life sculptures, including a pink elephant and a



NIEHAUS CYCLE SALES, Litchfield

large male statue from the movie “Flatliners” (both relics from the Coliseum Ballroom). There’s also a large woman statue (one of only about a dozen Uniroyal Gal statues remaining worldwide who was designed in the likeness of Jacqueline Kennedy), a shorter “muffler man statue, a giant bicycle, the Futuro House bright green UFO, and two normal-colored elephants emerging from an exterior wall of the old Livingston High School building. In addition to a retro-looking ice cream shop, the newest edition is the Mother Road Fudge-n-Candy shop. Enjoy retro candy, chocolates and homemade fudge. And don’t forget the two floors of antiques with a wide range of merchandise from over 50 vendors. Member, Route 66 Association of Illinois Hall of Fame. The Pink Elephant certainly has a unique selection of roadside attractions. Lots of Facebook photo ops!

HAMEL

Weezy’s Route 66 Bar & Grill

108 South Old Route 66
(618) 633-2228

This roadhouse at the intersection of Route 66 and IL Route 140 has been serving traveler since the late 1930’s. In the past, it was named “Tourist Haven,” “Village Inn,” “Earnie’s Roadhouse,” and “Scotty’s Bar & Grill.” These old signs still decorate the walls along with historic photographs. The dining room has a Route 66 theme, and the beautiful exterior brickwork connotes its place in the evolution of travel on the old Mother Road.

Route 66 Creamery

11 South Old Route 66
(618) 960-3540

The Route 66 Creamery ice cream shop now open on Old Route 66 in Hamel, at the

renovated Hamel Train Depot. The family-run business was started by owners Andy and Terri Hoedebecke. Andy’s dream has been to open an ice cream store for decades. Terri’s Turtle Sundae is already very popular favorite! This delight is handmade roasted with butter, and includes pecans, vanilla ice cream, caramel, hot fudge, whipped cream, Himalayan salts and organic maple syrup.

Neon Cross at St. Paul Lutheran Church

6969 West Frontage Road
(618) 633-2209

stpaulchurchhamel.org
North of town is the St. Paul Lutheran Church and its large blue neon cross. Placed there during WWII by the Brunworth family in memory their son, the large cross has signified safe travels for

those driving Route 66. Route 66 was always dangerous. Lonely and vulnerable travelers sought guidance along the road. This cross offered that guidance.

EDWARDSVILLE

Downtown Edwardsville Historic District

North Main Street
cityofedwardsville.com

This quaint tree lined street with its charming light posts and flower pots offers a variety of locally owned shops and eateries. Come and spend the day where timeless buildings and modern conveniences meet to create an enjoyable experience in Illinois’ third oldest city.

Edwardsville Historic Districts

In addition to the historic downtown district, Edwardsville also is home to the St. Louis Street historic district, built in the late 1800s, and known for homes that represent several architectural styles. Also, just south of town, is the LeClaire Village historic district, a vibrant area with a beautiful lake and park, baseball field, the Edwardsville Children’s Museum that is located in the former LeClaire Academy and the factory buildings that are now the home of Lewis and Clark Community College.

Wildey Theatre

252 North Main Street
(618) 307-1750

wildeytheatre.com

Come out and catch a classic movie or watch a live performance at this recently renovated theater house. Built in 1909 and named after the founder of the International Order of Odd Fellows, the Wildey offers a full range of events, including movies, musicals, live theatre and concerts- all conveniently located in the diverse downtown historic district. Admission charge.

The 1820 Colonel Benjamin Stephenson House

409 South Buchanan Street
(618) 692-1818

stephensonhouse.org

This two-story Federal home is the oldest brick building in Madison County. Col. Stephenson, who was a contemporary of the first territorial governor, Ninian Edwards, completed the home in 1821. The beautifully restored Stephenson House offers tours by costumed docents who represent the Stephenson family, their neighbors and servants. Discover how the house is linked to the earliest days of the Illinois Territory and the establishment of Edwardsville as a center of government and commerce.

Edwardsville Children’s Museum

722 Holyoake Road
(618) 692-2094

edwardsvillechildrensmuseum.org

Education stations in the historic LeClaire School House include an ice cream parlor, florist shop, bank, fire station, and a YMCA fitness center, plus areas for dress-up play where imagination can go wild!

Cleveland-Heath

106 North Main Street
(618) 307-4830

clevelandheath.com

Stop by for one of the best dining experiences you will ever have, in a great environment, surrounded by happy people, awesome drinks and fun food. Recipient of the “Enjoy Illinois: Delicious Destination” award by the Illinois Office of Tourism.

Stagger Inn...Again

104 East Vandalia Street
(618) 656-4221

This legendary bar was originally established in 1974 and re-established in 1985, this is a very popular hangout amongst locals and the university community. Good food and live music most weekends.

Recess Brewing

307 North Main Street
(618) 692-5101

recessbrewing.com

Recess Brewing bills themselves as a “community supported” brewery. The new brewery provides locally crafted beer and gives visitors the experience of how the beer is made. The location houses a 1500 square foot brewery and an 1100 square foot taproom which is open to everyone.

Bigelo’s Bistro

140 North Main Street
(618) 655-1471

bigelosbistro.com

A favorite dining experience in Edwardsville, featuring “inventive” food and drink in a casual, relaxed atmosphere. Featuring a combination of unique pasta dishes, specialty entrees, pizzas, sandwiches, salads and daily specials. Also enjoy 12 different taps of American craft beers, featuring a rotating selection of local and national breweries.

Lewis & Clark State Historic Site Interpretive Center

1 Lewis and Clark Trail
Hartford, IL (located 15 minutes northwest of
Edwardsville)
(618) 251-5811
campdubois.com

This state-of-the-art interpretive center is located at the winter camp area of the Lewis and Clark expedition. It focuses on the often untold Illinois story, where they prepared and launched the beginning of their voyage to the Pacific coast. The focal point exhibit is a 55-foot full-scale replica of the expedition's keel boat. This is the starting point for the National Lewis and Clark Heritage Trail.

GLEN CARBON

Glen Carbon Covered Bridge

South Main Street
The bridge was constructed in 1976 to celebrate the 200th birthday of the United States. Today, it serves as a Village focal point.

Glen Carbon Heritage Museum

124 School Street
(618) 288-7271
glen-carbon.il.us
Built in 1914 as the community's school, this red brick, two-story landmark has the original hardwood floors and tin ceilings. Treasures inside include a recreated classroom setting, a doll collection, military uniforms representing various eras, and a display of arrowheads and Native American artifacts Show your Pride! gathered from the Glen Carbon area.

Yanda Log Cabin

148 South Main Street
(618) 288-7271
glen-carbon.il.us
Discovered within the walls of a modern home purchased by the Village of Glen Carbon, this pioneer cabin is believed to have been built in 1853 by William Yanda. A blacksmith by trade, Austrian-born Yanda and his wife, Anna Zeola, raised 10 children in the home. The cabin underwent renovations that allowed it to welcome visitors during the town's centennial in 1992. It now serves as a satellite center for the Glen Carbon Heritage Museum.

TROY

Transportation Mural & Bob Turley Mural

201 East Market Street
(618) 667-1040
troyil.us
The Troy Transportation Mural is located on the Times-Tribune Newspaper building, and the nearby "Bullet" Bob Turley mural is a recent addition by the Walldogs mural painters.

COLLINSVILLE

Historic Downtown Collinsville

collinsvilleil.org
Downtown Collinsville has a well-preserved historic district with quaint shops and beautiful

architecture. Visitors can experience the area by taking a self-guided tour that interprets a 1908 Bull Durham Tobacco sign, the 150-year-old Blum House, the D.D. Collins House, and the old Miner's Theater.

Brooks Catsup Bottle Water Tower

800 South Morrison Avenue
(618) 344-8775
catsupbottle.com
Standing proudly next to Route 159, this unique 170-foot water tower is the world's largest catsup bottle. It was built in 1949 for the bottlers of Brooks old original rich and tangy catsup. In 1995, due to the efforts of the Catsup Bottle Preservation Group, this landmark roadside attraction was saved from demolition and beautifully restored to its original appearance. In August of 2002 it was named to the National Register of Historic Places.

Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site & Interpretive Center

30 Ramey Street
(618) 346-5160
cahokiamounds.org
Discover the largest historic Native American settlement north of Mexico. It is a prestigious UNESCO World Heritage Site and preserves Monk's Mound, the largest prehistoric earthwork in the America's. Visit the world-class Interpretive Center, gift shop and roam the hiking trails with friends and family. Don't miss the special events that take place throughout the year, including the Spring/Fall Equinox Sunrise Observance, Contemporary Indian Art Show, and Archaeological Day.

Old Herald Brewery & Distillery

115 East Clay Street
(618) 855-8027
oldheraldbrewing.com
This former site of the Collinsville Herald newspaper has been transformed into a full service restaurant, production brewery, and craft distillery. Craft beers such as Proofreader Pale and Printer's Ink harken back to the site's printing history. Spirits are available under their Ardent Spirits label and includes gin, rum & vodka. Lunch and dinner are served daily. Private event space is available for parties, meetings and special occasions.

Ramon's El Dorado Restaurant

1711 Saint Louis Road
(618) 344-6435
ramonseldorado.com
In 1967, the late Raymundo "Ramon" Otero, a Mexican immigrant with a family to feed, was down to the last \$5 he had to his name, after a work accident left him nearly paralyzed and fully penniless. Long story short, Raymundo discovered an opportunity in a modest chicken joint in town. He convinced the owner to let him sell his Mexican delicacies to visitors, trading a portion of the profits for a place to sell. Eventually, he earned enough to purchase the small establishment from his friend, and named his establishment Ramon's El Dorado, a thriving Mexican restaurant to this day. Some of the recipes date back two centuries,



Hidden Ridge at Otter Lake, Girard



Double J Campground, Sherman



Kamper Kompanion, Litchfield



INFO: IllinoisRoute66.org

handed down from generation to generation. The building has been re-purposed from an old Standard Oil fueling stop, the Bluff View Super Service Station, which operated in the day along a shared section of Route 66 and the National Road, and still retains some of the characteristics of the unique structure.

Mungo's Italian Eatery

100 East Main Street
(618) 632-6864
mungosrestaurant.com

Since 1983, Mungo's Italian Eatery has proudly served the finest, classic Italian dishes. Owner Tony Mazzola selects the freshest meats and ingredients to ensure your dining experience is superb. One of Tony's most popular dishes is the Beef Tony: a charbroiled tenderloin topped with provol cheese sauce, fresh mushrooms and chopped green onions. The menu includes handmade pasta dishes, salads, chicken, seafood, beef, veal and pizza. Wine and mixed drinks are also available.

The Red Bar & Grill

416 Beltline Road
(618) 223-8822
theredbarandgrill.com

The Red Bar is located on the 1940-1977 alignment of Route 66. It was the site of the Pines Lounge and Motel in the late 1940s and in the 1950s. It is now the location of The Red Bar & Grill, which opened in 2009. It is a favorite local sports bar where you can "root on your favorite St. Louis team." The grill features tasty diner food and they occasionally have live bands. The staff are very friendly, and the regulars make the visiting travelers feel right at home.

Collinsville Historical Museum

406 West Main Street
(618) 344-1834
collinsvillemuseum.org

The Collinsville Historical Museum is a one-of-a-kind repository for unique historical artifacts from 1767 through the present and is home to the Collinsville Historical Society. The displays appeal to all ages and feature treasures from the community and the surrounding area. This state-of-the-art facility is ADA accessible with restrooms on each floor and an elevator. Come once and come back again, as displays are constantly changed. Be sure to see the Collinsville 1918 display. Free admission and free parking.

Miner's Theatre

204 West Main Street
(618) 972-4236
historicminersinstitute.org

The Miner's Institute Foundation is raising funds for the rehabilitation and support of the Miner's Theatre, including hosting special events at the location. Coal mining started up in Collinsville in 1857. The town grew with the industry and within a few decades one could travel underground through connecting tunnels between the mines from one edge of the city limits to the other. In 1916, United Mine Workers of America Local 264 began construction of the combination union hall and public theatre. The second and third floors gave a permanent home for the union offices and provided a central meeting place for the mining locals.

Willoughby Heritage Farm & Conservation Reserve

631 Willoughby Lane
(618) 346-7529
collinsvillerec.com

This 40-acre farmstead dates from the 1900's and is the last significant tract of open space along the Collinsville bluff line. The goal of the restoration project is to educate the public about the family farm of the 1920's-1950's, as well as the region's natural history. A restored barn, historic farm house, chicken coop, gardens, and interpretive trails are located on the site. This is an opportunity to experience local farm heritage and feel the geographic transition from Illinois prairies to Mississippi bluffs.

FAIRMONT CITY

The Nite Spot Cafe

4448 Collinsville Road
facebook.com/TheNiteSpotCafe

Located near Cahokia Mounds, this former restaurant along Route 66 in Fairmont City (45th Street and Collinsville Road), features an iconic mid-century, neon sign outside. The Nite Spot Cafe closed in 1984 and remains vacant, but plans are under way to bring it back to life. Purchased in 1947 when it was just a one-room building in a junkyard, Adam and Anne Galas renovated the building in order to turn it into a 24/7 restaurant for tourists and truckers traveling on Route 66. The prominent neon sign in front of the restaurant was added in 1953 after the interstate was built adjacent to Route 66. It was meant to grab the attention of those traveling on the new bypass and has been a Route 66 icon ever since.

PONTOON BEACH

Horseshoe Lake State Park

3321 Highway 111
(618) 931-0270
dnr.illinois.gov

This 2,960-acre park is situated around an oxbow lake formed from a cut-off meander of the Mississippi River and was an important

resource for Native Americans. A four mile self-guided nature trail on Walker Island features several observation areas ideal for bird watching. Fishing, boating, picnicking, and camping are popular activities.

MITCHELL

Luna Café

201 East Chain of Rocks Road
(618) 931-3152

The café was built in 1924, two years prior to the establishment of Route 66. It is rumored to have been frequented by gangsters like Al Capone. The Luna operated as a café on the main floor, a gambling operation in the basement and a "house of ill repute" upstairs. The neon sign located out front has been restored to its former glory, and displays a cherry made of ruby colored glass to enhance its red glow. It is said that back in the day if the cherry was lit, the girls were in. At one time, the café was a "fine dining establishment" and so expensive that most law-abiding citizens could not afford to eat there.

GRANITE CITY

O'Brien Tire & Auto Care

3924 Nameoki Road
(618) 876-7616
obrientire.com

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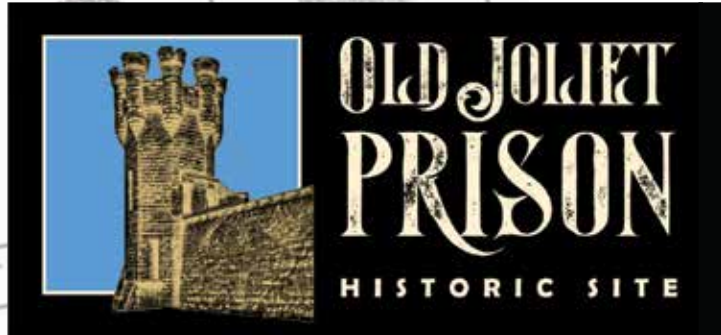
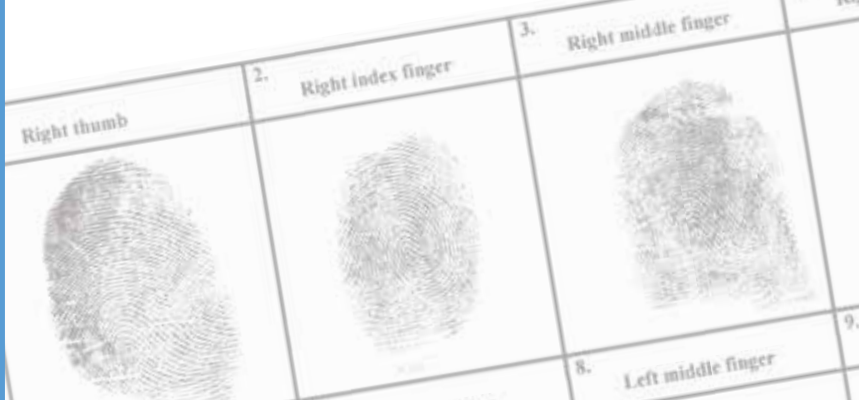
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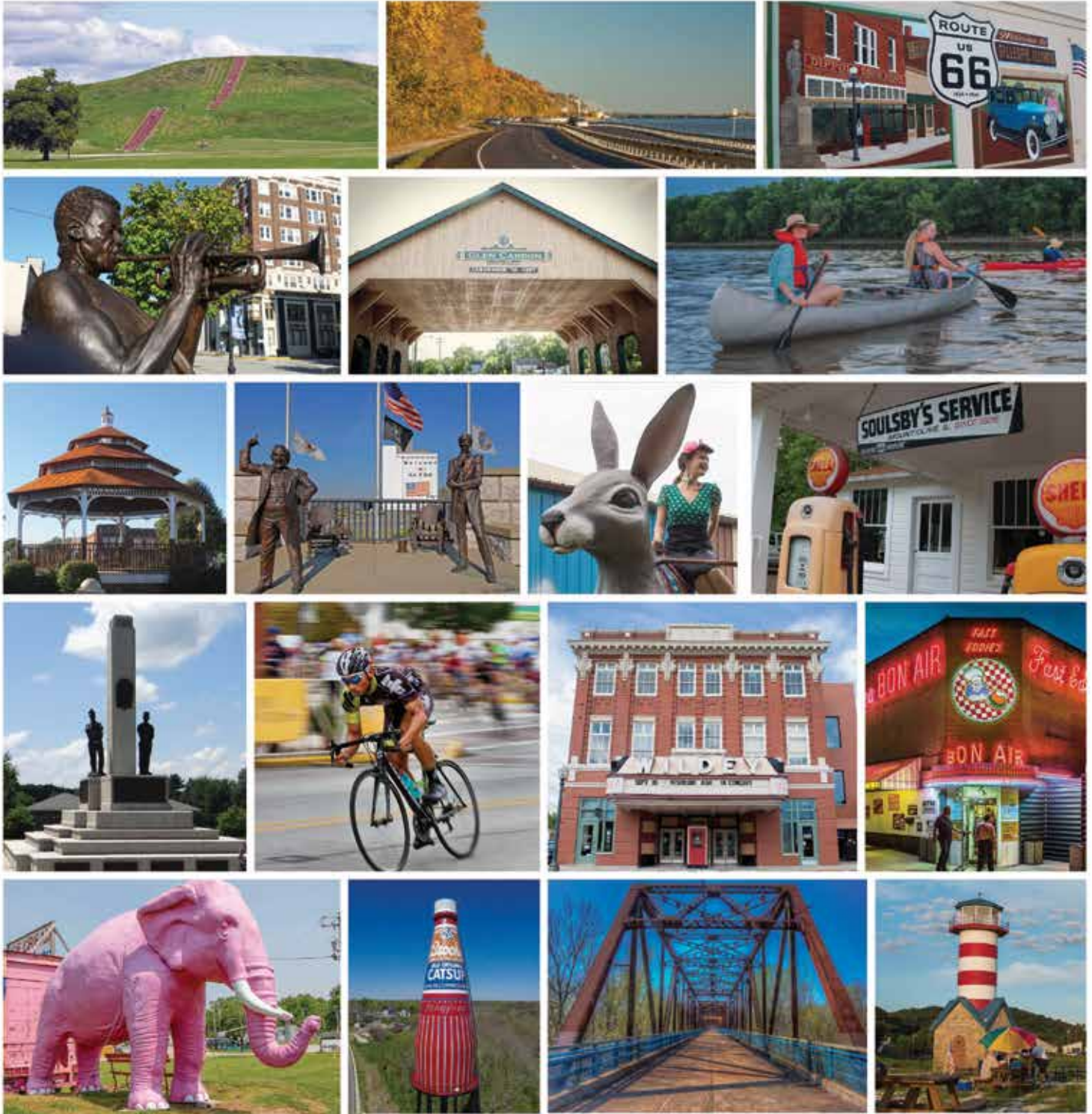
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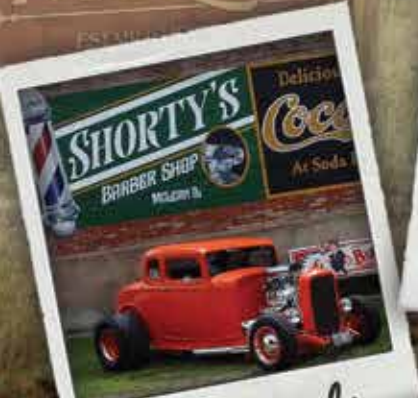
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