Illinois Route 66 Visitors Guide

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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 smaller towns that truly are the “real America.”

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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).

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. 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.

Enjoy!
Popular PHOTO STOPS

More Photo Opportunities

- Willis Tower Skydeck, Chicago
- Grant Park/Buckingham Fountain/Cloud Gate, Chicago
- Collins Street Prison, Joliet
- Lexington Memory Lane, Lexington
- Atlanta Murals, Atlanta
- Cow in the Corn Sculpture, Lincoln
- Pig Hip Sign, Broadwell
- Lauterbach Giant, Springfield
- Sugar Creek Covered Bridge, Chatham
- Pink Elephant Antique Mall, Livingston
- Brooks Catsup Bottle, Collinsville
- Old Chain of Rocks Bridge, Madison
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
Classic Dining Stops

Weezy’s, Hamel

Hamel Palms Grill, Atlanta

Del Rhea’s Chicken Basket, Willowbrook

Polk-A-Dot, Braidwood

Luna Café, Mitchell

Ariston Café, Litchfield

Old Log Cabin Restaurant, Pontiac

Berghoff Restaurant, Chicago

Charlie Parker’s Diner, Springfield

Steaks Chicken Sea Food

Deli 7 pm

Cozy Dog, Springfield

White Fence Farm, Romeoville

Henry’s Drive-In, Cicero

Del Rhea’s Chicken Basket, Willowbrook

The Chili Parlor, Springfield

Magnolia Restaurant, Carlinville

Decamp Junction, Stauton

Fulgenzi’s Pizza & Pasta, Springfield

Old Route 66 Family Restaurant, Dwight

Nelly’s, Wilmington

Palm’s Grill, Atlanta

Guest Check

Server | Table | Guests | Check Number

Henry’s Drive-In, Cicero
White Fence Farm, Romeoville
Steak & Egger, McCook
Nelly’s, Wilmington
Old Route 66 Family Restaurant, Dwight
Fulgenzi’s Pizza & Pasta, Springfield
The Chili Parlor, Springfield
Magnolia Restaurant, Carlinville
Decamp Junction, Stauton

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TOTAL

Thank You - Please Come Again

Dine In, Take Out, Delivery

Don’t miss these classics!
Vintage 66

More Old-School Destinations!

- Jubelt’s, Litchfield
- Just Off 66, Plainfield
- 2 Cell Jail, Gardner
- Beer Nuts Factory, Bloomington
- Dixie Truck Stop, McLean
- Henry’s Rabbit Ranch, Staunton
- Mill on 66, Lincoln
- Sky View Drive-In, Litchfield
- Soulsby Service Station, Mt. Olive
Must-See MUSEUMS

The Art Institute, Chicago
PONTIAC-OAKLAND AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM & RESOURCE CENTER, Pontiac
THE ART INSTITUTE, Chicago
BERwyn ROUTE 66 MUSEUM, Berwyn
Pontiac
BERwyn ROUTE 66 MUSEUM, Berwyn
McLean County Courthouse Museum/Route 66 Visitors Center, Bloomington
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The Field Museum, Chicago
Illinois Route 66 Mining Museum, Godley
THE MUSEUM OF SCIENCE & INDUSTRY, Chicago
INTERNATIONAL WALLDOG MURAL AND SIGN ART MUSEUM, Pontiac
Atlanta Museum, Atlanta
Route 66 Arcade Museum, Atlanta
Atlanta Museum, Atlanta
Route 66 Memories Museum, Atlanta
Atlanta Museum, Atlanta
Hawes Grain Elevator Museum, Atlanta
Atlanta Museum, Atlanta
Illinois State Museum, Springfield
Lincoln Heritage Museum at Lincoln College, Lincoln
Lincoln Heritage Museum at Lincoln College, Lincoln
Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum, Springfield
LITChFIELD HISTORIC MUSEUM & ROUTE 66 WELCOME CENTER, Litchfield
Livingston County War Museum, Pontiac
LITChFIELD HISTORIC MUSEUM & ROUTE 66 WELCOME CENTER, Litchfield
Museum of the Gilding Arts, Pontiac
Children's Discovery Museum, Normal
Discover more!

Lincoln Home National Historic Site, Springfield
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Illinois State Museum, Springfield
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ROUTE 66 EVENTS

Berwyn Car Show
Last Saturday in August
berwynrt66.com

Red Carpet Corridor
First Full Weekend in May
il66redcarpetcorridor.org

Blue Carpet Corridor
Second Weekend in June
bluecarpetcorridor.org

Route 66 Association of Illinois Motor Tour & Hall of Fame Banquet
Second Weekend in June
il66assoc.org

Illinois State Fair
Mid-August
illinoisstatefair.info

International Mother Road Festival
Last Full Weekend in September
route66fest.com

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

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.

Experience Hubs (shown left) are located in the following Illinois Route 66 communities:
Berwyn, Romeoville, Joliet, Wilmington, Dwight, Pontiac, Normal, Lincoln, Springfield, Carlinville, Litchfield, Edwardsville, Chain of Rocks (Madison).

INTERPRETIVE STATUES
A new series of Illinois Route 66 Scenic Byway Interpretive Statues and corresponding wayside panels are now 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.

Show your Pride!
Route 66 License Plates
See page 43 for details.
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.

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 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”.

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.

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 Chicago soars 1,000 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 also 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. Take a ride on the merry-go-round or the sky-scrapping Ferris wheel or stroll through the glass-enclosed Crystal Gardens. Fireworks displays take place every Wednesday and Saturday from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

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

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.

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) 939-2436
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.

Wrigley Field
1060 West Addison Street
(773) 404-2827 or (866) 800-1275
cubs.com

Historic Wrigley Field was built in 1914, is the home of the Chicago Cubs. It is the second oldest ballpark in the country, and features the famous ivy outfield walls, the manual scoreboard built in 1937 and the “Wrigleyville” rooftop viewing venues overlooking the park.

Museum of Contemporary Art
220 East Chicago Avenue
(312) 280-2660
mcachicago.org

Located just one block from Michigan Avenue, the Museum of Contemporary Art offers exhibitions of the most thought-provoking art, all created since 1945.

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.

Pullman National Monument
11111 S Forrestville Ave
(773) 660-2341
pullman-museum.org

The Pullman National Monument, also known as the Pullman Historic District, was the first model, planned industrial community in the country. George Pullman, who made his fortune by manufacturing the railroad sleeper car, built this carefully planned community, famous for its urban design and architecture, on what became Chicago’s Far South Side. The Pullman community, at its peak, supported 20,000 employees who worked, shopped and lived in the company town that was designed with them in mind — a place to provide these workers with a safe community and a better standard of living. But when the workers went on strike in 1894, the once-model community became increasingly fractured and was eventually sold off. In 2015 the monument was designated as a National Historic Site.

Blue Man Group - Briar Street Theatre
3133 North Halsted Street
(773) 348-4000
blueman.com/chicago

An audience-interactive multimedia performance piece unlike anything ever witnessed. Don’t miss the show USA Today calls an ecstatic experience.

Lincoln Park Zoo
Cannon Dr. at Fullerton Pkwy.
(312) 742-2000
lpzoo.org

See lions, meerkats and majestic gorillas just minutes from downtown Chicago. Lincoln Park Zoo is free, open and amazing every day of the year.

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.

House of Blues
329 North Dearborn
(312) 923-2000
houseofblues.com/chicago

Offering live music every night of the week starting at 9pm. Also, enjoy a blues acoustic set during dinner.

The Second City
1616 North Wells Street
(312) 337-3992
secondcity.com

Celebrating over 50 years as the legendary home of Chicago-style improv and sketch comedy. The Second City is a must-see show in Chicago.

Frank Lloyd Wright’s Robie House
5757 South Woodlawn Avenue
(312) 994-4000
flwright.org

One of world-renowned architect Frank Lloyd Wright’s greatest buildings. Guided interior tours and neighborhood walking tours offered Thurs.–Mon. 11am–4pm. Special weekend programs.

Chicago History Museum
1601 North Clark Street
(312) 642-4600
chicagohistory.org

With millions of authentic pieces of Chicago and U.S. history, the Chicago History Museum is the authority on all things Chicago, and focuses on the city’s past, present, and future through various exhibitions and events.

The Chicago Theatre
175 North State Street
(312) 462-6300
thecitchicagotheatre.com

The legendary Chicago Theatre is a designated Chicago landmark. The theatre is located downtown and features events of every caliber and weekly tours.

CICERO

Henry’s Drive-In
6031 West Ogden Avenue
(708) 565-9344

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

Berwyn Route 66 Car Show
Ogden Avenue between Oak Park and Ridgeland
(708) 788-8100
berwynrt66.com
The Berwyn Route 66 Car Show is the area’s best and biggest car show. Held annually on the last Saturday in August, the Car Show takes visitors on a stroll through 500+ vintage and custom cars, trucks and motorcycles along with live music, automobile flamethrowing and a cacklefest of dragsters 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.

Berwyn Route 66 Museum
7003 West Ogden Avenue
(708) 484-9349
berwynrt66museum.org
Make this your first “must see” stop on the Mother road. Boasting an eclectic collection of Route 66 artifacts, aerial photos and historic signs, the compact Rt66 museum is a great beginning for your journey. Be sure to check out their selection of Route 66 travel guide books, attraction brochures and Route 66 memorabilia. Remember to ask for your free Route 66 maps and free Memory Maker Rt66 Passport. Open weekdays 9 am to 5pm. May 1st to October 30th, open Saturday 9 am to 3 pm. No charge for admission.

Berwyn’s Toys & Trains
7025 West Ogden Avenue
(708) 484-4384
berwyntoytrains.com
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 West 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.

World Famous Fried Chicken, Chicken Wings, Mac & Cheese!
Check out our
Blue Rooster Lounge
Full Bar ~ Over 50 Different Beers
Live Video Gaming ~ Now Delivering!
630-325-0780
645 Joliet Road, I-55 & Route 83
Willowbrook, IL 60527

As Seen On:

Visit us at: www.chickenbasket.com
Like us on Facebook!
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.

HODGKINS

McCook Quarry
5500 Joliet Road
(866) 713-4862
vmcmcook.com

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 is a visual focal point, and has been throughout 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 offers 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. 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 Gordon Biersch Brewery.

Celebrate Route 66 in Braidwood
Where there’s always something new to see!

braidwood.us  815.458.2333
Illinois Aviation Museum
130 South Clow International Parkway
(630) 771-1937
illinoisaviationmuseum.org
The museum is housed at Clow International Airport in Hangar One, which was donated by the Village of Bolingbrook. The museum boasts an impressive number of restored and replica aircraft including significant experimental aircraft and those of historical military value. Open Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Hidden Lakes Historic Trout Farm & Hidden Oaks Nature Center
419 Trout Farm Road
(630) 739-2600
bolingbrookparks.org
Experience the beauty of fishing at four small lakes stocked every summer. Perfect for families! Uncover the past, explore the present and imagine the future at one of Chicagoland's newest “green” nature centers. Open Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday noon to 5 p.m.

Plainfield
Just Off 66
22629 West 143rd Street
(815) 405-9714
justoff66.com
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. Amassed over five decades, 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, this is one stop that is worth the effort to find.

Channahon
Channahon State Park/I&M Canal Trail
Story Street along the DuPage River
(815) 467-4271
dnr.illinois.gov/recreation
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 also 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/preserves-trails/McKinley-Woods-Fredericks
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 also 1.75 miles of paved trails on the peninsula that lead bicyclists, 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.

Visit the David Davis Mansion

David Davis was a US Supreme Court justice, appointed by his friend, Abraham Lincoln. In 1872, Davis, and his wife, Sarah, built this elegant Victorian Mansion. Tours of the site also include a formal garden and an exhibit on Lincoln and the Eighth Judicial Circuit.
Largest obstacle race, the Warrior Dash. You relive a piece of American History. That's reenactors, this experience is sure to make reenactments in the state. With over 500 world also hosts one of the best Civil War where many stories rest. This little part of the old Catholic Cemetery on the hill, a place take a walk through history and visit the at this 158-year-old family farm, visitors can through the park. 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 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.

Abbey Theater
15 South Richards Street
(815) 722-2465
visitjoliet.org or heritagecorridorcvb.com
Located on the Jacob Henry Mansion Estate, the Abbey Theater offers matinee and dinner theater packages including estate tours or excursions into Joliet’s vibrant downtown.

Chicagoland Speedway
500 Speedway Boulevard
(815) 722-5500
chicagolandspeedway.com
The largest sporting facility in the state of Illinois, this 1.5 mile D-shaped oval kicks-off the Chase for the NASCAR Sprint Cup along with hosting the NASCAR Nationwide Series, NASCAR Camping World Truck Series and the ARCA Racing Series. This world-class motorsports complex is perfect for fans of all ages.

Route 66 Raceway
500 Speedway Boulevard
(815) 722-5500
route66raceway.com
Consisting of a 1/4 mile drag strip and a 1/2 mile dirt oval, Route 66 Raceway is a historic motorsports facility which annually hosts NHRA National Drag Racing events and Demolition Derbies. The best state-of-the-art drag racing facility, Route 66 Raceway delivers adrenaline pumping excitement.

Haunted Trails Family Entertainment Center
1423 North Broadway Street
(815) 722-7800
hauntedtrailsfun.com
Children and adults will have a blast at this 14-acre indoor and outdoor entertainment center. Choose from three go-cart tracks, two miniature golf courses, batting cages, rides and hundreds of games.

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 Route 66 Diner
22 West Clinton Street
(815) 723-3865
jolietrest.com
For a dining experience that brings you back to the 1950s and 1960s, stop in for comfort food at its finest. A small town experience in a large city.

Harrah’s Joliet Casino & Hotel
151 North Joliet Street
(815) 740-7800
harrahsjoliet.com
Featuring 1100+ slot machines, the most video poker in town, over 30 table games and WSOP poker room. Experience a taste of Las Vegas at Flavors the Buffet, exceptional dining at the Reserve Steakhouse and luxurious comfort at the hotel.

Hollywood Casino Joliet
777 Hollywood Boulevard
(888) 436-7737
hollywoodcasinojoliet.com
Featuring over 1100 of the most popular slot and video poker machines, and heart-pounding table action. Conveniently located restaurants and an on-site hotel and RV park.

Local Events:
-Red Carpet Corridor Festival
- Buzz the Gut Cruise Night
- Harvest Days Festival Weekend
- Illinois Bassett Waddle
- Down Home Christmas Parade

Discover Delightful Dwight
Dwight, Illinois
www.dwightillinois.org & facebook.com/DwightTourism
Joliet Slammers Baseball Club
1 Mayor Art Schultz Drive
(815) 722-2287
jolietslammers.com
The Joliet Slammers are a professional baseball team based at Silver Cross Field in Joliet and part of the independent Frontier League. Home games May-September, check website for game schedule, fireworks nights and weekly promos.

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
SE 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 of 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

Gemini Giant at Launching Pad
810 East Baltimore Street
wilmington-il.com
The old Launching Pad Drive-In is the home to the Gemini Giant, a fiberglass “Muffler Man” sporting a space helmet and rocket ship. It is a remnant of our fascination with space travel in the 1960s. Come on by and take a picture with a piece of history.

Historic Water Street Shopping District
North Water Street
(815) 476-2175
wilmington-il.com
Conveniently located off Route 66, downtown Wilmington is home to an assortment of shops offering antiques, collectibles and other unique items, including the Old Theatre Antique Mall, Hayden's Crossing, Paraphernalia Antiques and the Treasure Cove.

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.

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DestinationLoganCountyIL.com

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Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie Preserve
30239 South State Route 53
(815) 423-6370
Encompassing 18,000 acres of the former Joliet Army Ammunition Plant, this is the largest tallgrass prairie restoration in North America. Historic Route 66 bisects the preserve. The immensity of this open grassland contrasts with the urban landscape of Chicagoland. It is a visual introduction to the prairie farmland of Illinois Route 66.

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 taste 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.

Michelle’s Restaurant
1049 South Water Street
(815) 476-0556
Michelle’s features breakfast, lunch and dinner menus by Master Chef Dean, a graduate of Le College of Culinary Arts. He makes sure every dish is perfection ready to wow your taste buds.

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
(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.

Explore Litchfield
where land and water come into play!

Litchfield has long been a destination of choice for Route 66 travelers. Discover our iconic restaurants, The Litchfield Museum & Route 66 Welcome Center, enjoy the outdoors at our lakes and parks, walk our historic downtown and relax in one of our 250+ hotel rooms. We are classic Route 66!

VisitLitchfield.com
866-733-5833

Illinoisroute66.org
Illinois Route 66 Mining Museum
150 South Kankakee Street
(815) 704-2373
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.

Burma Shave Signs
A series of classic Burma Shave advertising signs with catchy phrases can be seen between Route 66 (Highway 53) and the railroad tracks on the edge of Godley.

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.

Vino’s Bar & Grill
120 Depot Street
(815) 237-8888
Arguably the best pizza in Grundy County, this quaint roadhouse offers twelve different beers on tap. In true 66 fashion, daily lunch and dinner specials are available.

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.

For more information, visit IllinoisRoute66.org

Amish Country
Just A Trip Off Route 66
Step into the past and experience the richness of a simpler time while discovering the “soul of a culture.” Drive the rich countryside and treat yourself to local foods and exquisite, Amish handcrafted furniture. Your Amish Country adventure is located just 70 miles from Springfield off US-36 East.

www.amishcountryofillinois.com
www.visitlandoflincoln.com
First National Bank of Dwight
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.

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 continues to serve Amtrak passenger traffic between Chicago and St. Louis. It also serves as the Dwight Historical Society Museum, which preserves the history and culture that pertains to the Dwight area. The museum is open 2nd and 4th Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and by appointment.

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.

M2A Farm
32794 N 2300 East Road
(815) 584-9496
m2afarm.com
This farm is home for Suri alpacas, llamas, Turkish Akbash livestock guardian dogs, Patagonian maras and other farm animals. Call to schedule a visit.

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 included the buildings that now house Country Mansion Restaurant and the Public Library. The estate, including the windmill, was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1980.

The Oughton House/Country Mansion Restaurant
101 West South Street
(815) 584-2345 or (800) 892-5969
thecountrymansion.com
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 for the Keeley Institute. When the institute folded in 1965, Oughton’s grandson converted the building into a restaurant. The handcrafted oak and maple woodwork and original fireplaces in the lounge area can be seen while eating lunch or dinner.

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 fresh chili and soups and homemade desserts. Delivery and carry-outs available, and catering and banquets also. Stop by and choose from the selection of Route 66 souvenirs and keepsakes.

ODELL

Standard Oil Gasoline Station
400 South West Street
(815) 998-2133
nps.gov/nr/travel/route66
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
(815) 998-2133
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 dramatic reminder of the importance of Route 66 as a national travel corridor.

Pour Richards Tap & Dining
210 West Tremont Street
(815) 998-2556
Family dining with bar & banquet facilities. Homemade dinners, soups and home-baked bread. Family owned and operated since 1979.

CAYUGA

Meramec Caverns Barn
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 one of two remaining advertisement barns along Illinois Route 66. It was restored by the Route 66 Association of Illinois Preservation Committee.

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. The upstairs features “Route 66—A photo Journal,” a series of pictures by Michael Campanelli, that captures the true spirit of Route 66. Summer Hours: Monday through Sunday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Winter Hours: Monday through Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Pontiac-Oakland Automobile Museum & Resource Center
205 North Mill Street
(815) 842-2345
pontioaklandmuseum.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.

Muralson 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 Walldog’s 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 Mural and Sign Art Museum
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 wall advertising. The museum contains images, videos, artifacts and a small library which help the visitor understand how the early outdoor wall advertisements evolved, as well as an art gallery where works of the modern day Walldogs are on display with select artworks available for purchase. Hours: April – October Daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Nov – March Daily 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Museum of the Gilding Arts
217 North Mill Street
(815) 842-1848
visitpontiac.org
A museum dedicated to the history of gold and silver leaf used since the time of the ancient Egyptians in architecture and decoration. Includes the Swift Collection and many examples of gold leaf art. Hours: April – October Daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Nov – March Daily 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Livingston County War Museum and Dal Estes Education Center
321 North Main Street
(815) 842-0301
warmuseum.blogspot.com
Educational displays 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.

Old City Hall Shoppes
321 North Main Street
visitpontiac.org
Located next to the Route 66 Hall of Fame Museum are several craft and antique shops in Pontiac’s Old 1900 City Hall. The shops offer Route 66 souvenirs.

Dargon 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. Barry 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
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.

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. Open by appointment.

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 and is open by appointment.

Be sure to visit Springfield Antique Mall!
3031 Reilly Drive, Springfield
(1-55 Exit 96B, left at light, 1 mile on right)
217-522-3031
springfieldantiquemall.com
Hours: Daily 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Stop by and browse our selection of unique, high-quality items. Vintage, collectibles, contemporary, and much, much more!

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. The restaurant still serves food to travelers. Open Monday through Saturday 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. Closed Sundays.

DeLongs’ Casual Dining and Spirits
201 North Mill Street
(815) 844-1983
delongs Casualdining.com
DeLongs’ Casual Dining and Spirits located in beautiful downtown Pontiac, IL offers the highest quality food in a relaxed setting. DeLongs’ 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. DeLongs 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!

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.
CHENOA

Matthew T. Scott Home
227 North First Street
(815) 945-4555
visitbn.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. Open Sunday 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Chenoa Pharmacy
209 Green Street
(815) 945-4211
Schuirmans’ Drug Store was founded in 1889. The pharmacy has been in operation continuously since it opened, making it one of the longest running businesses in the area. The original wood floor and many original fixtures add to the ambience and charm of this historic building and business. It was inducted into the Illinois Route 66 Hall of Fame in 2005. Open Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to noon.

Selz Royal Blue Shoes Mural
224 Green Street
This mural was recreated after being discovered when an adjoining building was demolished. It is a beautiful example of outdoor advertising.

Red Bird Antique Mall
100 East Cemtery Avenue
(815) 945-5000
Just east of Morehead Street, over the railroad tracks, you can find an unusual antique mall. Not only does it have the expected antique booths full of books, glassware, furniture, and assorted collectibles, but it has numerous antique tractors as well. Open Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

LEXINGTON

Lexington Neon Arrow Sign
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.

Route 66 Memory Lane
(309) 365-8105
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 Route 66 Park
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.

TOWANDA

“A Geographical Journey” Parkway
towandahistory.org
The Parkway is a 1.6 mile stretch of Route 66 (an abandoned lane of the 1954 four-lane alignment) with educational kiosks that interpret each state along the road. The walking tour has fliers printed in several languages for international tourists and a collection of Burma Shave signs. It was created by volunteers from Towanda with students and teachers from the Normal Community High School.

Towanda Dead Man’s Curve
A dangerous curve on Old Route 4, Part of the original Route 66 before the 1940’s this dangerous curve on Old Route 4 caught travelers unaccustomed to the curve often misjudged its sharpness and narrow width – just 18 feet wide for two-way traffic. The curve was bypassed after WWII. This curve became a familiar site to patrolling District 6 State Highway Police. Many of these accidents were caused by travelers from Chicago speeding on an unfamiliar road. A house located west of the curve was removed after a semi-trailer truck ran off the road, knocking the structure off its foundation. Before this event, the homeowners had replaced the front porch numerous times because of the damage from cars and trucks crashing into it.

Kick’s Bar & Grill
19578 North 1960 East Road
(309) 728-2060
kicksbaronroute66.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.

BLOOMINGTON/NORMAL

McLean County Museum of History
200 North Main Street
(309) 827-0428
mchistory.org
The museum is housed in the Old McLean County Courthouse, built in 1903, which served the McLean County Circuit Court until 1976. This example of monumental architecture is well preserved. National award winning exhibits guide visitors through the county’s history. It is also one of the top five genealogical reference libraries in the country.
**“Cruisin’ with Lincoln on 66” Visitor Center**
200 North Main Street  
(309) 827-0428  
mchistory.org  
The new Route 66 and Abraham Lincoln themed Visitor Center is located on the first floor of the McLean County History Museum. This collaborative effort of local and state agencies showcases McLean County Route 66 and Abraham Lincoln stories for visitors from around the world.

**Sprague Super Service Station**
305 East Pine Street  
(309) 452-5325  
nps.gov/nr/travel/route66  
This two-story Tudor-Revival style building was built in 1931 to serve increasing traveler needs on Route 66. The building housed a café, gas station, and garage on the first floor, while the upstairs served as housing for the owner and station attendant. Several different café and auto-related businesses utilized the building until 1976, when it ceased auto-related service. The building has been approved by the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency and nominated by the agency to be placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Rehabilitation plans include an information center, diner/soda fountain, bed and breakfast and event space.

**David Davis Museum State Historic Site**
100 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 Historic Preservation Agency.

**Grady’s Family Fun Park**
1501 Morrissey Drive  
(309) 662-3332  
gradyssfunpark.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&1/2 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.

**Children’s Discovery Museum**
101 East Beaufort Street  
(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.

**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 caboose from the Nickel Plate Railroad. The zoo has an indoor tropical rain forest that houses exotic birds and an outdoor exhibit with a tiger, red wolves, snow leopards and more.

**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. A satellite location that also offers souvenirs and a video tour is located at The Shoppes at College Hills in Normal.

Spirits of Bloomington
Historic Downtown Bloomington
(309) 846-4306
spiritsofbloomington.com
Spirits of Bloomington, Central Illinois’ premier ghost and historical tour company, presents “Ghosts and Gangsters on 66” Tour. Take a walk in downtown Bloomington with Frankie (the Gangster) and Sally (his Floozy). Available most Friday nights - Spring through Fall. Step-On Bus Tours and Private Presentations also are available.

The Chateau Bloomington Hotel & Conference Center
1601 Jumer Drive
(309) 662-2020
bloomingtonchateau.com
Stay at the most unique hotel in Bloomington-Normal. The Chateau Hotel & Conference Center. They are close to where you need to be—Route 66! Enjoy the charming character of The Chateau, where unique architectural details create a distinctive ambiance. The warmth and elegance of The Bloomington Chateau makes this the preferred address for visitors to the Bloomington-Normal area.

Historical Normal Theater
209 North Street
(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.

Bloomington Center For The Performing Arts
600 North East Street, Bloomington
(309) 434-2777
www.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, by appointment or every first Friday from 5:00-7p.m.

U.S. Cellular Coliseum
101 S Madison Street Bloomington
(309) 434-2843
www.uscellularcoliseum.com
Premier venue for entertainment and recreation. The Coliseum hosts a variety of sporting events, concerts, ice shows, conferences and more.

First Steak ‘n Shake
1219 S. Main Street, Normal
(800) 433-8226
visitbn.org
In the 1920’s Gus and Edith Belt owned a Shell Gas Station in Bloomington. 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 Monical’s Pizza; famous for their delicious thin-crust pizza and French dressing.

Avanti’s Italian Restaurant
407 S Main Street, Normal
(309) 452-4436
www.avantisonormal.com
Established in Normal Illinois 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, and its open daily for lunch and dinner.
Spend your nights in our museum!

• Walk the halls of Route 66 history from times past!
• Enjoy the largest selection of memorabilia in the area!

Your family will love Yesterday’s Restaurant on site! Featuring:
• Only Broasted Chicken in Central IL!
• Walleye • Pizza • Kids’ Menu
• Famous Springfield Horseshoes

Have some laughs at Donnie B’s Comedy Club while you stay!

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6th & Stevenson Drive, Springfield, IL
Reservations: 1-888-707-8366 • RT66Hotel.com

Get your Kicks AT THE Route 66 Hotel!
Arcadia: America’s Playable Arcade Museum
107 South Hamilton Street
(309) 287-1725
tavagevideogames.com
Check out America’s Playable Arcade Museum where, as the name says, you can play fully functioning arcade game machines from the 80s. This experience is truly like walking into a fully-stocked arcade circa 1983. Open Friday evenings and all day/evening Saturday or by appointment.

ATLANTA

Atlanta’s Bunyon Statue
103 SW Arch Street
atlantaillinois.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 SW Arch Street
(217) 648-CAFE (2233)
thepalmsgrillcafe.com
Blue plate specials, bingo, and a bus stop - Welcome to the Palms Grill Cafe! Lovingly restored to its circa 1934 appearance, the cafe invites you to step back in time to experience a 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 dresses, who dish up equal portions of sweetness and sass. Bus and tour groups welcome. Recipient of the “Enjoy Illinois: Delicious Destination Award” by the Illinois Office of Tourism. Open Monday-Thursday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Fri & Sat 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sun 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Atlanta Museum
112 SW Arch Street
(217) 979-3171
atlantaillinois.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. Open during tourist season: Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Atlanta’s Smiley Face Water Tower
101 SW 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 Rt. 66 in Illinois. It offers a great photo opportunity while you visit this very small, very friendly, very Rt. 66 community.

Route 66 Murals & Outdoor Advertising
Downtown Atlanta
atlantaillinois.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 Wall Dogs and Letterheads, Atlanta’s murals offer a number of great photo opportunities.

The Colaw Rooming House
204 NW Vine Street
(217) 648-1219
thecolawhouse.com
Return to Rt. 66, circa 1947, when you overnight at The Colaw Rooming House - where you’ll experience travel on the Mother Road before Interstates and motel chains were the norm. Located just two blocks from Rt. 66 in quaint Atlanta, Illinois, 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, be sure to enjoy breakfast at The Palms Grill Cafe - Atlanta’s fully restored, circa 1934 small town diner.

HISTORY is here...
Route 66 Arcade Museum
201 SE Race Street
(217) 648-5077
vintagervideogames.com
Misspend your youth all over again – one quarter at a time! The Rt. 66 Arcade Museum is chock full of vintage pinball and video games from the 1930s-1970s - most of which can be played. Available for parties & events. Open Monday-Saturday 9:00am-4:00pm or by reservation.

Route 66 Memories Museum
104 SW Arch Street
(217) 671-1219
atlantailinois.org
Stop by this eclectic museum to explore the history of Route 66, car culture, and local history, where you’ll discover everything from a wooden cigar store Indian to a 1964 Rolls Royce. It’s the private, lifetime collection of a local resident who loves to share the hundreds of Rt. 66 and other antique items he’s acquired over the years. Located just a few doors from the Palm’s Grill Café, this museum is a must see. Days/hours of operation vary.

Atlanta Public Library & Clock Tower
100 SE Race Street
(217) 648-2112
aplinfo.org
Built in 1908, this National Register Property is Illinois’ only octagonal-shaped public library. Its glieded rotunda and interior rooms, filled with solid-oak woodland, 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 SW 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. Open June, July and August: Sundays 1:00pm-3:00pm. Or feel free to call and they’ll open up for you!

Arch Street Artisans Shop
303 SW 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, homemade candies, handcrafted wooden works of art, antiques, porcelain dolls, metalworking, paintings, antiques, and more.

Gunnar Mast Trading Post
107 SW Arch Street
Filled with antiques, collectibles, rockabilly art, books, photos, toys, and hats the Gunnar Mast Trading Post has something for everyone! This Rt. 66 themed souvenir shop is a one-of-a-kind establishment and it’s right across the street from the Palms Grill Café! Days/hours of operation vary. In other words: In the independent spirit of Rt. 66, the Trading Post proprietor reports that the shop is open when he is there and closed when he isn’t.

217 Roadhouse Bar-n-Grill
2205 2400th Street (Old Rt. 66 Bypass)
(217) 648-2899
facebook.com/217roadhouse
Located in a former Standard Oil gas station on Rt. 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. Open Sunday-Thursday 11am-Midnight; Friday and Saturday 11am-2am. Kitchen Hours are 11am-9pm every day.

The Colaw Rooming House
204 NW Vine Street
(217) 671-1219
thecolawhouse.com
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Historic Downtown Lincoln
(217) 732-8687
destinationlogancountyil.com
Downtown Lincoln boasts beautiful parks, great restaurants and quaint boutiques. The city that was christened by Abraham Lincoln himself offers Route 66 visitors a one-of-a-kind experience. Be sure to visit downtown favorites including Guzzardo’s Italian Villa, Blue Dog Inn (a recipient of the “Enjoy Illinois: Delicious Destination” award by the Illinois Office of Tourism), Mama’s Arcade Restaurant and the historic Lincoln Theatre.

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 1959, 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.

Logan County Courthouse
601 Broadway Street
(217) 732-2184
co.logan.il.us
Erected in 1905, the courthouse is located on the square, which is a historic district. The stone, three-story, domed structure is considered the second most architecturally spectacular historic courthouse in Illinois’ 102 counties. It houses a statue of Lincoln, murals, plus historical display cases.

Wall Dogs 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
Downtown Lincoln
(217) 651-8355
destinationlogancountyil.com
“THE Cow in the Corn” in historic downtown Lincoln, Illinois is a collaboration from two Lincoln, Illinois artists, Moses Pinkerton and Jason Hoffman, who designed the 22’ tall x 25’ wide outdoor sculpture.
Railsplitter Covered Wagon
1750 Fifth Street
(217) 732-8687
destinationlogancountyil.com
Recognized by the Guinness Book of 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 Lincoln, welcome visitors throughout the year. Donated by well-known Lincoln philanthropist Larry Van Bibber.

The Mill on 66
738 South Washington
(217) 671-3790
savethemill.org
Opened in 1929 under the name of the Blue Mill, it served grilled sandwiches. The Dutch-themed building with blue trim featured a revolving windmill and waitresses dressed in blue with white aprons. In 1945, Albert and Blossom Huffman purchased the building, added a bar and dance hall, and painted the building barn red. Over the years, the restaurant became famous for its fried schnitzel. The Mill closed in 1996. In 2007 work began to restore the building as a roadside attraction, with plans in the future to become a museum. Open by appointment and for special events.

Postville Courthouse State Historic Site
914 Fifth Street
(217) 732-8930
illinois.gov/ihpa/Experience/Sites
The building is a reproduction of the first Logan County Courthouse in use from 1840 to 1847. Abraham Lincoln served as a lawyer on the Eighth Judicial Circuit.

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!

Edward R. Madigan State Fish and Wildlife Area
Route 66 just south of Lincoln
(217) 735-2424
dnr.illinois.gov/recreation
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.

Lincoln Speedway
Logan County Fairgrounds (11th & Jefferson Street)
(217) 735-1833
lincolnspeedway@gmail.com
This 1/4 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.

BROADWELL

Pig Hip Marker & Sign
101 West Oak Street
(217) 732-8687
destinationlogancountyil.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.

Deilkes’ Kustom Choppers & Rod Shop
102 S. Jacob Street
(217) 671-3288
Deilkes’ Kustom Choppers & Rod Shop 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 oilcans of days gone by.

ELKHART

Historic Downtown Elkhart
(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 Hudson’s Talk of the Town just across the street. Shop for Route 66 memorabilia or vintage treasures at Horsefeathers and Birdsong. Stop by and discover a small slice of the “real America.”

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. A shop within the shop is The Little Foxes which specializes in Amish made jams and jellies, mustards, noodles, salsas and apple butter as well as vintage kitchen crockery, gadgets and glassware. Open 10:00am to 3:00pm Wednesday through Sunday.

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. Lunch is served 11:00am to 2:30 pm Wednesday through Sunday Dinner is served Friday and Saturday nights from 5:00pm to 9:00pm.

The Country Bumpkin
103 Governor Oglesby Street
(217) 947-2200
The Country Bumpkin at 103 Governor Oglesby Street in Elkhart, is a boutique style antiques and collectibles shop, also featuring hand crafted original works in glass, carved wood, jewelry, and fabrics. 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. Additional plans for the future include seasonal plants, outdoor furniture, sculpture, fountains, bird baths and...
Illinoisroute66.org

Birdsong Books and Vintage
111 Gov. 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 collectables. It features books fit for any serious collector, specializing in children's literature, poetry, Civil War-history, classics, and cookbooks. All this and more in a lovely nostalgic setting. Make Birdsong Books and Vintage a stop on your visit to the picturesque village of Elkhart.

Hudson’s Talk of the Town Bar and Grill
115 Governor Oglesby Street
(217) 947-2770
HToTT.com

Feel right at home at Hudson’s 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, join us for Fried Chicken Wednesday and Fish Fry Friday to name a few local favorites. Have you ever tried a Horseshoe? You can here! Video gaming available.

Elkhart Cemetery
County Road 10
(217) 947-2238
elkharthistoricalsociety.org

This beautiful wooded 1874 cemetery is the last 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 Chapel of St. John the Baptist, 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, commissioned in 1915 by former Illinois first lady Emma Gillett Oglesby. The single-arch bridge is a unique visual feature along the adjacent scenic stretch of roadway.

WILLIAMSVILLE

The Old Station
117 North Elm Street
110 Villa Parkway
(217) 492-9379

This 1930’s service station is a collector’s dream with vintage gas pumps and signs on the outside of the building. Although the building is now closed, it is 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 Intercity 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

Grand Opening Summer 2016! View exhibits demonstrating the historic significance and unique character of the Village. Search our genealogy resources including a rich and deep local history collection. View our Looking for Lincoln signage, detailing Williamsville’s connection to President Lincoln.

Williamsville Park-Trail-Lake
706 East Main Street
(217) 566-3520
williamsville.illinois.gov

Samuel H. Jones Memorial Park, Susan Cook House Trail & Williamsville Lake 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.

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. Open daily 11a.m. to 1 a.m.

Ray’s Route 66 Diner
110 Villa Parkway
(217) 492-9379

A modern diner with inexpensive breakfast and lunch specials, Ray’s Route 66 Diner is an unusual shrine with a statue of Mary is located on a brick patio adjacent to the diner and visible from the road. The statue is elevated on bricks with a skylight above; true Route 66 kitsch. Open 7 days a week, 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

SPRINGFIELD

International Route 66 Mother Road Festival
Historic Downtown Springfield
(800) 610-2094 or (217) 782-5764
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.

Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum
112-212 North Sixth Street
(800) 610-2094 or (217) 782-5764
presidentlincoln.illinois.gov

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Union Station – History to Hollywood
500 East Madison Street
(217) 558-8934
presidentlincoln.illinois.gov

Union Station opened in 1896 as a combined passenger terminal for several railroads serving Springfield and closed in 1971. It has been extensively restored and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Today, as part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum complex, it houses “Lincoln: History to Hollywood,” an exhibition of sets, costumes and props from the Steven Spielberg movie “Lincoln.”
Old State Capitol State Historic Site
1 South Old State Capitol Plaza
(217) 785-7960
illinois.gov/ihpa/Experience/Sites
This is considered by many to be Lincoln’s capitol as it was here that he argued cases 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.

Knight’s Action Park & Caribbean Water Adventure
1700 Recreation Drive
(217) 546-8881
knightsactionpark.com
Knight’s Action Park opened in 1952 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, and batting cages.

Route 66 Drive-In
1700 Recreation Drive
(217) 546-8881
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 nightly from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day and on weekends through October.

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 reach Taliesin West, and would periodically stop by the house.

Lauterbach Giant
1569 Wabash Avenue
(217) 546-2600
lauterbachtire.com
Lauterbach Tire and Auto Service has a fiberglass “muffler man” giant standing in the parking lot. He used to hold a tire, but was recently upgraded to be more patriotic with a U.S. flag. In 2006, the muffler man lost his head during a tornado, but was skillfully repaired by the station.

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.

Springfield Antique Mall
3031 Reilly Drive
(217) 522-3031
springfieldantiquemall.com
Located on the 1940 alignment of Route 66, this is mall is an antique lover’s dream! Over 50 booths to pick through.

Route 66 Hotel & Conference Center
625 East Saint Joseph Street (6th Street & Stevenson Drive)
(217) 529-6626
rt66hotel.com
The Route 66 Hotel & Conference Center, situated at 6th and Stevenson Drive, was originally built in 1957 as Illinois’ first Holiday Inn on the original Route 66. The hotel has been fully remodeled and the main hallways are literally covered with historical pictures among a wide variety of unusual collectibles that bring back lots of memories. There are even two original condition vintage cars in the front lobby. Some people spend hours looking at all of the memorabilia and then sit down for our famous broasted chicken, or Friday all-you-can-eat fish fry in the full service restaurant dubbed “Yesterdays.”

Illinois State Capitol
301 South Second Street
(217) 782-2099
illinois.gov
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 Memorial Garden
2301 East Lakeshore Drive
(217) 529-1111
lmgnc.org
Lincoln Memorial Garden was founded in 1936 as a living memorial to Abraham 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. A nature center and gift shop is open every day except Monday.
Lincoln Depot
930 E. Monroe Street
(217) 529-1111
nps.gov/liho/great-western-depot.htm
Take a self-guided exhibit 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. Open Monday through Friday, 10am to 4pm.

Illinois State Military Museum
1301 North MacArthur
(217) 761-3910
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.

Jungle Jim’s Café
1923 Peoria Road
(217) 789-6173
This café serves up racing nostalgia and the famous Springfield “Horseshoe Sandwich”. Open daily 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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 (the pancakes are pizza-sized, by the way) and they’re free. Recipient of the “Enjoy Illinois: Delicious Destination” award by the Illinois Office of Tourism.

The Chili Parlor
820 South 9th Street
(217) 523-4989
thechiliparloronline.com
Formerly Joe Rogers’ “The Den” 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. 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 they’ll make it.

Curve Inn
3219 South Sixth Street Road
(217) 529-5806
The Curve Inn opened on Route 66 south of Springfield in 1945. The original owner, Guido Manci, 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.

Lincoln’s New Salem State Historic Site
15588 History Lane (Rt. 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 lawyer and legislator leading to becoming President of the United States.

Merchant House
625 East Monroe Street
(217) 744-3735
merchanthouse.net
Formerly known as Widow at Windsor, this beautiful store is a place where European and Asian styles still abound. In addition to fine antiques, visitors will find a wide variety of contemporary home furnishings, accessories and gifts.

Wm. Van’s Coffee House
503 South 7th Street
(217) 679-4726
wmmanscoffee.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.

Historic Inn at 835
835 South 2nd Street
(888) 217-4835
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.

Ace Sign Company Antique Sign Museum
2540 South 1st Street
(217) 522-8417
acesignco.com
The Ace Sign Company Antique Sign Museum is located in the new location for the company on First Street in Springfield. Ace Sign Company is a 75+ year old company with four generations of family ownership and operation. The museum has a large collection of signs, featuring neon signs and also 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 and also served Castle burgers and Chili Dogs. In 1983, Fulgenzi’s added the “Worlds 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.

**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.

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 & RV Park
9683 Palm Road
(217) 483-9998
doublejcampground.com
Located right 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, miniature golf, tennis, and basketball. A great place to enjoy the outdoors and Route 66 all at the same time!

**AUBURN**

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

**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 local’s. A great place to stop and soak up some of the “real America.”

**VIRDEN**

Virden Miner’s Riot Memorial/Central Park
Virden Square
The town’s central park has a large granite and bronze three-dimensional memorial depicting the 1898 Virden Miner’s Riot. The memorial was dedicated in October of 2006. 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
A mural on the side of the Sav-Mor Building depicts events in the history of the town, including Route 66.

Silvernicks New & Used
231 East Jackson
(217) 891-6514
Silvernicks offers a wide variety of antiques, unique gift items, and Route 66 souvenirs. With a little of everything you’ll be sure to find the perfect memento.

**GIRARD**

Doc’s Soda Fountain and Deck’s Pharmacy Museum
133 South Second Street
(217) 627-3491
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 owners Robert & Renae Ernst with 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.

Whirl-a-Whip
309 South Third St.
(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. Closed during the winter season.

Henke’s Hidden Treasures
101 South Second Street
(217) 627-9999
facebook.com/HenkesHiddenTreasures
This “awesome little shop” has a variety of gifts, handmade crafts, toys, clothing and consignment items.
Carlinville

Carlinville Historic Square
(217) 854-2141
carlinvillechamber.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 downtown, including Cherry Tree Treasures, Karla’s Jewelry, Michelle’s Pharmacy, My Sister’s Closet, Main Street Florist and more!

Macoupin County “Million Dollar” Courthouse
200 East Main Street
(217) 854-2141
carlinvillechamber.com/courthouse.html
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 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 courthouses in Illinois.

Macoupin County Jail of 1869
205 East First South Street
(217) 854-2141
carlinvillechamber.com/jail.html
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 jail breaks. There is a local tale of a man who shimmied 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 in through the front door and put himself back into his cell.

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. Open Wednesdays April-November 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. or by appointment.

Standard Addition/Sears and Roebuck Mail Order Houses
Charles and Rice Streets
(217) 854-2141
carlinvillechamber.com/sears.html
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 guide available from most shops. The neighborhood is known as the Standard Addition and 152 of the 156 homes are still standing.

Michelle’s Pharmacy
494 West Side Square
(217) 854-4022
michellespharmacy.com
Michelle’s Pharmacy is located on the Historic Carlinville Square and occupies a location that has had a pharmacy in continuous operation since the 1940s. Originally the location of Steinmeir Drugs, makers of Minut Rub Cream. The pharmacy is more than just a place to get medications. In the tradition of pharmacies that could be found in small towns along Route 66 during its heyday, Michelle’s has gifts, souvenirs and items unique to Carlinville history.

The Refuge Coffee House, Inc.
242 East Side Square
(217) 854-3686
refugecoffeehouse.com
This eclectic coffee house is a great place to get recharged while on your Route 66 adventure. They offer breakfast, lunch, and dinner too. Let the kids out to play in the Rumpus room while you sit back and relax, surf the internet on the free Wi-Fi, or listen to the live entertainment that is often offered free of charge.

The Cherry Tree Treasures & Gifts
236 East Side Square
(573) 826-1515
cherrytree236.com
This vintage retail store showcases items that have withstood the test of time. Treasures that provide instant charm and character will help you to remember your Route 66 adventure. The store provides a mix of vintage merchandise, Route 66 and Carlinville gift options, postcards, and hand-crafted products by local artisans.

The Magnolia Restaurant and Banquet Center
531 South West Street
(217) 854-7167
magnolias531.com
Magnolias started out as an idea for a restaurant that was unique and different from any other. It had to have old world charm and be a relaxing place for a meal. Originally a German Catholic church and school, the structure has been transformed into a warm intimate dining room and banquet hall. Open Tue-Thu 7am - 2pm; Fri-Sat 7am -2pm & 5pm-8pm; Sun 7am -2pm.

Reno’s Pizzeria and Ristorante
518 North Side Square
(217) 854-6655
renositalianpizzeria.com
This family owned pizzeria opened in 2000 and 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. The cornerstone of Carlinville’s historic town square, Reno’s brings a little of Sicily to Route 66.

Camden’s Art & Wine
366 South Side Square
(217) 854-3409
camdensartandwine.com
Camden’s is a new business on the square in Carlinville, with the upstairs being a neat boutique and the downstairs is an outstanding wine bar with 40+ beers. Their two chefs have made a stellar tapas menu which is available on the website. Everything is homemade and they offer items from lobster ravioli with a vodka cream sauce, to steak crostini and a caprese salad.

The Carlin Villa
18891 Illinois Route 4
(217) 854-3201
carlinvillao66.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

Canna Theater
108 East Chestnut Street
(217) 839-2222
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. Rent a couch, kick back and watch current quality movies in a clean comfortable setting of yesteryear.

Michelle's Pharmacy
120 S. Macoupin Street
(217) 839-9901
michellespharmacy.com
Michelle’s Pharmacy opened the Gillespie branch in 2009. Like the Carlinville store, the Gillespie store is in location that has had a working pharmacy owned by the Dippold family since the 1940s. In keeping with pharmacies that would have been found on Route 66 during its heyday, Michelle’s offers more than just medication. Michelle’s has gifts, souvenirs and items unique to Gillespie history.

BENLD

Holy Dormition Orthodox Parish
304 North Fourth Street
(217) 835-2202
holydormitionthotokos.org
Benld is noted for its Italian and Russian miner, 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 Ave
(217) 835-4476
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.

STAUNTON

Henry’s Ra66it Ranch
1107 Historic Old Route 66
(618) 635-5655
henrysrout66.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 or the furry kind.

Decamp Junction Roadhouse
8767 State Route 4
(618) 637-2951
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. Open Wednesday through Sunday 4 p.m. to Midnight.

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 400 classics under the roof. The gift shop is loaded with reproduction collectible and Route 66 memorabilia.

LITCHFIELD

Litchfield History Museum & Route 66 Welcome Center
334 North Historic Route 66
(217) 324-3510
litchfieldmuseum.org
This new museum 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. Open Monday through Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm and 1-4 on Sunday. Closed Monday during November-March. 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. The family still offers the same wonderful food and great service that it has for 90 years. It is said to be the oldest café on Route 66. The Ariston was named to the National Register of Historic Places in 2006 and is in 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.

Lake Lou Yaeger Park
3 Primitive Lane
(217) 324-8147
visitlitchfield.com/lake-lou-yaeger/
Lake Lou Yaeger is a 1,400-acre lake popular with boaters and fishers. A 300-acre park along its shores includes picnic areas, playgrounds, campgrounds, and a beach. Located on the South-East side of Lake Lou Yaeger, the 266-acre Shalol 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 also enjoy magnificent views of the lake and surrounding area.

**Sky View Drive In Theatre**
1500 North Historic Route 66
(217) 324-4451
litchfieldskyview.com
The Sky View 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.

**Litchfield Carnegie Library**
400 North State Street
(217) 324-3866
litchfieldpubliclibrary.org
The Litchfield Carnegie Library is a public library originally funded by, industrialist and notable philanthropist, Andrew Carnegie, in 1904. The library is located in downtown Litchfield in the original building designed by architect Paul Moratz in the Classical Revival style.

**Niehaus Cycle Sales**
718 North Old Route 66
(217) 324-6565
niehauscycle.com
Niehaus Cycle Sales, Inc. is a family owned business that started in 1970 by the late William Niehaus, and now is 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 12,000+ square ft main showroom offers, in addition to the latest Yamaha and Honda motorcycles, more than 10,000 parts and accessories that are on display.

**Scott Outdoor Adventure Retreat and Campground**
3279 Honey Bend Avenue
(888) 623-1237 ext. 1609
campsoar.org
Create your next special memory at Camp SOAR, a beautiful 70-acre property containing campgrounds and event facilities. With its picturesque rolling hills and meadows, a meandering creek, and four fishing lakes, Camp SOAR is the perfect place for outdoor adventures. Open for camping April 15 - October 31 to Girl Scouts and the public.

**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 wifi, 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 and currently also own the Baymont Inn & Suites in Litchfield.

**MT. OLIVE**

**Soulby's Service Station**
201 S. Route 66
nps.gov/nr/travel/route66
In 1926 Henry Soulby and his son Russell built a Shell gas station. Today it ranks as one of the oldest filling stations still standing on Route 66. The original 1926 station was a mere 13 x 20 feet wide and had just enough room for a desk, cash register, battery charger, and a few supplies. The Soulby's doubled the size of the station in the 1930's, but it was never big enough to be called a garage. A drive up ramp located outside of the station was used for oil changes and minor repairs now has a large tree growing inside it. Russell learned about electronics in the Navy during WWII and started a TV repair business in the 1950's, which allowed him to survive the opening of I-55. After Henry died, Russell and his sister Ola ran the station until 1991, and continued to greet visitors until 1997. The new station owner is working with the Soulby Station Society and the Route 66 Association of Illinois to maintain this classic filling station as a historical and educational attraction.

**Mother Jones Monument and Union Miners Cemetery**
700 North Lake Street
(217) 395-4261
illinoislaborhistory.org/union-miners-cemetary.html
Miners killed in the Virden Mine Riot were denied burial in the established cemeteries. In response, the local union purchased a one acre site and the bodies were moved to the new Union Miner's Cemetery in 1899. Over the years, additional land was acquired and a monument was dedicated on October 11, 1936. The cemetery is the final resting place of Mary Harris “Mother” Jones, a fierce advocate for the rights of both miners and children. Before her death at the age of 100 in 1930, Mary Jones requested to be buried with “her boys” – the coal miners that she championed for decades. The cemetery is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

**Friends of Mother Jones Museum**
215 A East Main Street
This new museum presents the life of Mother Jones and the era of Illinois coal mines and miners.

**LIVINGSTON**

**Pink Elephant Antique Mall**
908 Veterans Memorial Drive
(618) 633-2228
This unique antique mall sports larger than life sculptures of a pink elephant, a male swimmer, and two normal-colored elephants emerging from an exterior wall of the old Livingston High School building. A visit inside the building reveals another “shorter” muffler man of Route 66 fame. A newer edition to the collection of oddities is the Futuro House, a bright green UFO visible from the road.

**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 travelers since the late 1930’s. In the past, it was named “Tourist Haven,” “Village Inn,” and “Earnie’s Roadhouse” “Scotty’s Route 66 Bar & Grill”, the 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 Ridez**
230 North Old Route 66
(877) 767-4339
route66ridez.com
Stop in and get your Route 66 souvenirs and stretch your legs while checking out this recently restored structure that is unique in character. Open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**St. Paul Lutheran Church**
6969 West Frontage Road
(618) 633-2209
stpaullutheranchurchhamel.org
North of town is the St. Paul Lutheran Church and its large blue neon cross. Placed there during WWII by the Brunnworth family in memory of 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. Free Stroll-goer’s Guides available at Museums and local businesses.

**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) 307-2053
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.

**Springers Creek Winery**
817 Hillsboro Avenue
(618) 307-5110
springerscreekwinery.com
The winery is housed in a historic 1910 storefront grocery and an adjacent historic house. Many classic decorative features still exist, including an awning over the entrance with original pressed metal enhancements. The residence has a unique copper Lincoln head embedded into its front steps. Locally produced wine is served and sold in this cozy, restored environment. The old building is full of antiques, comfortable spaces, and a wine garden where the owner, a professional musician, provides evening entertainment with acoustical instruments.

**Madison County Historical Society Museum and Archival Library**
715 North Main Street
(618) 656-7562
MadCoHistory.org
Come learn about the people, places and events that have shaped Madison County throughout its century plus history. Located in the second oldest brick house in Edwardsville, the 1836 Weir House depicts the county’s history through displays of antiques, costumes, quilts, and Native American artifacts. Open Wednesday through Friday: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sunday: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission.

**The 1820 Colonel Benjamin Stephenson House**
409 S. 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 Happy Oak 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. Chef Eric Heath and Chef Jennifer Cleveland both graduated from the Culinary Institute of America at Greystone in The Napa Valley, California. The couple have worked at restaurants such as Jole, Ad Hoc, Farmstead, and the French Laundry before opening their own restaurant. Recipient of the “Enjoy Illinois: Delicious Destination” award by the Illinois Office of Tourism.

**The Hi-Way Tavern**
463 E. Vandalia Street
(618) 307-5892
facebook.com/TheHiWayTavern
The Hi-Way Tavern opened in 1934 advertising, “Good Beer and Good Cheer.” The same can be said for the newly renovated Hi-Way Tavern on Old Route 66 in Edwardsville. A joint tavern and café for many years, the Hi-Way Tavern hopes to reopen the kitchen within a few years. Until then, visitors can spend an afternoon or evenings enjoying a cold brew at the original bar. The Hi-Way Tavern and Café along with founders Frank and Dora Catalano were inducted into the Illinois Route 66 Hall of Fame in 2013. The Hi-Way Tavern opens at noon, 7 days a week.

**Robust Wine Bar**
126 North Main Street
(618) 307-3203
robustwinebar.com
Formerly Errato Wine Bar, this award-winning establishment serves great food using local ingredients whenever possible, and has a terrific selection of wines. Open evenings Tuesday-Saturday and also for brunch hours on Saturday and Sunday.

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**Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site**
30 Ramey St., Collinsville, IL
618-346-5160
www.cahokiamounds.org

and Dora Catalano were inducted into the Illinois Route 66 Hall of Fame in 2013. The Hi-Way Tavern opens at noon, 7 days a week.
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.

FAIRMONT CITY

Classic Neon Signs
Fairmont City has a number of significant 1950’s-era neon signs along the Route 66 alignment. The Nite Spot Café (4448 Collinsville Road approx.), now closed, features a classic arrow neon sign. Beckys’ Carpet and Tile Superstore (6401 Collinsville Road) has a neon Veterans Carpet sign attached. A “Surrey Restaurant” sign with an antique car on top is hidden by vines.

COLLINSVILLE

Historic Downtown Collinsville
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 Ramsey Street
(618) 346-5160
cahokiamounds.com
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 Archeological Day.

Collinsville Historical Society Museum
406 W. Main Street
(618) 344-1834
collinsvillemuseum.org
Local and world history comes alive in this state-of-the-art facility. The museum is a repository for unique historical artifacts from 1767 through the present.

Willoughby Heritage Farm & Conservation Reserve
631 Willoughby Lane
(618) 346-7529
collinsvilerec.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.

Fairmount Park Racetrack
9301 Collinsville Road
(618) 346-2800
fairmountpark.com
Opened in 1925, this popular horse racing track is the only one in Illinois outside of the Chicago metro area. It currently offers 52 live racing days per year.

PONTOON BEACH

Horseshoe Lake State Park
3321 Highway 111
(618) 931-0270
dnr.state.il.us
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 4-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 did operate as a café on the main floor, but had a gambling operation in the basement and a “house of ill repute” upstairs. The neon sign out front, still standing, has a cherry which used ruby glass to enhance its red glow. It is said that 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. There is an ongoing effort to have the neon sign restored to its former glory.

Bel-Air Drive-In Sign
1117 East Chain of Rocks Road
A historic drive in theater sign along Route 66. The drive in was opened in the 1950’s and showed movies until 1987. The theater no longer exists, but the landmark sign was saved when the land was converted to other uses.

GRANITE CITY

Lewis & Clark State Historic Site Interpretive Center
1 Lewis and Clark Trail
(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 the expedition was prepared and launched. 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. Open Wednesday through Sunday 9am to 5pm.

TROY

Transportation Mural
201 E. market Street
(618) 667-1040		
troyil.us
The Troy Transportation Mural is located on the Times-Tribune Newspaper building, with an additional mural planned by the Walldogs mural painters in the summer of 2015.

MADISON

Old Chain of Rocks Bridge
(314) 436-1324
The Old Chain of Rocks Bridge, at 5,353 feet long, is one of the world’s longest bicycle and pedestrian bridges. The bridge spans the Mississippi River and provides a vital link in the b-state trail system, connecting to the MCT Confluence Trail in Illinois and the St. Louis Riverfront Trail in Missouri. The bridge has a rich history and was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2006.
Atlanta
Atlanta Inn
217-648-2322

Bloomington/Normal
America's Best Value Inn
309-454-4070 or 888-315-2378
Baymont Inn & Suites
309-662-2800 or 877-229-6668
Candlewood Suites Hotel
309-862-4100 or 877-CANDLEWOOD

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309-662-2020 or 866-690-4006
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309-452-8588 or 800-4-CHOICE
Comfort Suites West
309-834-4700 or 800-224-6423
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309-862-1166 or 800-321-2211
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309-829-2021 or 800-225-2397
Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Bloomington
309-664-6446 or 800-222-TREE
Eastland Suites Hotel & Conference Center
309-662-0000 or 800-53-SUITE
Econolodge
309-829-3100 or 800-4-CHOICE
Extended Stay America
309-662-8533 or 800-EXT-STAY
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309-827-8000 or 800-228-2800
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309-829-3700 or 800-HAMPTON
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309-862-1600 or 800-HOLIDAY

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309-820-9990 or 800-HOLIDAY
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309-662-4700 or 800-HOLIDAY

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309-828-6000 or 800-424-6423
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309-829-7602 or 800-424-6423
Ramada Limited & Suites
309-828-0900 or 800-2-RAMADA
Red Roof Inn
309-827-5333 or 800-RED-ROOF
Super 8 Motel Bloomington
309-663-2388 or 800-800-8000
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309-454-5858 or 800-800-8000

Bolingbrook
Aloft Bolingbrook
630-410-6367 or 877-GO-ALOFT
Hampton Inn & Suites
630-759-7100 or 800-HAMPTON
Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
630-679-1600 or 800-HOLIDAY
La Quanta Inn
630-226-0000 or 800-531-5900
Quality Inn
630-378-5300 or 800-4-CHOICE
Ramada Limited
630-972-9797 or 800-2-RAMADA
Springhill Suites
630-759-0529 or 888-287-9400

Carlinville
Carlin Villa
217-854-3201

Magnuson Grand Hotel & Conference Center (Raymond, IL)
217-324-2100

Channahon
Manor Motel
815-467-5385

Chenoa
America's Best Value Inn
815-945-5900

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The Peninsula Chicago 312-337-2888
Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel 312-565-5258 or 800-395-7046
Renaissance Blackstone Chicago Hotel (Formerly The Blackstone) 312-447-0955
Renaissance Chicago Downtown Hotel 312-372-7200
The Ritz-Carlton Chicago (A Four Seasons Hotel) 312-266-1000
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The Silversmith Hotel 312-372-7696
 Sofitel Chicago Water Tower 312-324-4000 or 800-763-4835
Swissotel Chicago 312-565-0565
The Talbott Hotel 312-944-4970 or 800-825-2688
theWit - A DoubleTree by Hilton 312-467-0200 or 855-277-4931
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Wyndham Grand Chicago Riverfront 312-346-7100 or 800-207-4421

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Days Inn 618-345-2000 or 800-329-7466
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Drury Inn 618-345-7700 or 800-378-7946
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Hampton Inn 618-346-4400 or 800-HAMPTON
Super 8 Motel 618-345-8008 or 800-800-8000

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Budget Motel 618-931-1414
Midwest Motel 618-797-2400
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Hamel
InnKeeper Motel 618-633-2111

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618-667-2222
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217-671-1219

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