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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 was linked to the early work of Abraham Lincoln, one of the attorneys for the railroad in Illinois. Lincoln went on to implement a national railway system as President of the United States (Illinois is the only Route 66 state that also intersects with Abraham Lincoln’s history).

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

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

The 1930-1940 alignment (which is signed as “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 muffin men statues, historic gas stations and classic diners that serve tasty meals. In addition you will find Illinois Route 66 Scenic Byway roadside exhibits, experience hubs and interpretive statues strategically located along the way to enhance your understanding of the experience. There are also plenty of vibrant shopping districts, beautiful parks, community events and outdoor activities for you to enjoy. While traveling Route 66 through Illinois, you’ll have the opportunity to visit the many Abraham Lincoln sites. You will also be able to stop at our great Illinois wineries, enjoy our many wonderful state parks and take a side trip to Amish Country.

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

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Rich Henry, owner/operator of Henry’s Rabbit Ranch, located on the original alignment of Route 66 in Staunton, entertains children in his shop with his newest trained rabbit. Gilbert is shown “autographing” a scrapbook for the kids. Right opened the visitor center in 1989 in what is a replica of a vintage gas station, and the famous attraction features rabbits of all kinds - both the furry animals we know and love, and a collection of UV animals! You can also get a photo opportunity on the giant rabbit outside (featured on the front cover). Photos courtesy of Dan Brocks Creative.
Restaurants

- The Chili Parlor, Springfield
- Cozy Dog, Springfield
- Delong’s Casual Dining, Pontiac
- Old Route 66 Family Restaurant, Dwight
- Blue Dog Inn, Lincoln
- Weezys, Hamel
- Doc’s Soda Fountain, Girard
- Lucca Grill, Bloomington
- Maldaner’s Restaurant, Springfield

**Guest Check**

Don’t miss these classics!

1. Hot Dogs
2. Burgers
3. Fries
4. Milkshakes

**EXHIBITS**

- **Illinois Route 66 Hall of Fame and Museum**
  110 West Howard Street
  (815) 844-5847

- **Livingston County War Museum**
  201 North Main Street
  (815) 842-0301

- **Museum of Gilding Arts**
  217 North Mill Street
  (815) 842-1848

**ATTRACTIONS**

- Lincoln Exhibits
- Route 66 Murals
- Colorful Art Cars
- Swinging Pedestrian Bridges
- Humiston Woods Nature Center
- Murals on Main Street

#playinpontiacil

visitpontiac.org 815.844.5847
Out exploring Route 66 in Illinois? Take a selfie at any Illinois Route 66 landmark and post it on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram with the hashtag #MyIL66. Each month, we’ll select three photos to be highlighted on our social media outlets, and the photo with the most likes/comments/shares will win a commemorative Illinois Route 66 license plate and baseball hat! Plus a chance to win the grand prize! Open to US residents ages 18 and over.

For more info, visit selfieson66.com

IL Route 66
Breweries

North to South

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

HERITAGE CORRIDOR
ALE TRAIL
Berwyn
Flapjack Brewery
Lyons
BuckleDown Brewing
Hodgkins
Blue Nose Brewery
Willowbrook
Black Horizon Brewing Company
Darien
Miskatonic Brewing Company
Woodridge
Skeleton Key Brewery
Bolingbrook
Rock Bottom
Romeoville
Metal Monkey Brewing
Plainfield
Nevin’s Brewing
Werk Force Brewing Company
Midnight Pig Beer
Joliet
Elder Brewing Company
MyGrain Brewing
Shorewood
Will County Brewing Company
Channahon
River Hawk Brewing

NORMAL
DESTIHL Brewery
White Oak Brewery

SPRINGFIELD
Obed and Isaac’s Microbrewery & Eatery
Buzz Bomb Brewing Company
Anvil and Forge
Rolling Meadows
Hand of Fate Brewing Company
nearby Petersburg (Winner of the Illinois Bicentennial Craft Beer Award)

BLOOMINGTON
Lil Beaver Brewery
Keg Grove Brewing Company
Fat Jacks

CHATHAM
Sangamo Brewing

EDWARDSVILLE
Recess Brewing

LINCOLN
Spirited Republic/ Limerick Brewing
Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum, Springfield
Route 66 Hall of Fame & Museum, Pontiac
Mill Museum on 66, Lincoln
Rt. 66 Motorheads Museum, Springfield
Museums
Joliet Area Historical Museum/Route 66 Welcome Center, Joliet
Pritzker Military Museum, Chicago
International Walldog Mural and Sign Art Museum, Pontiac
The Museum of the Gilding Arts, Pontiac
Children’s Discovery Museum, Normal
Mclean County Museum of History, Bloomington
Arcade Museums, McLean and Atlanta
Ace Sign Company Museum, Springfield
Lincoln-Herndon Law Offices/Official Springfield Visitor Center
McLean County Museum of History
Cruisin’ with Lincoln on 66 Visitors Center
Lincoln, IL
Looking for Lincoln? Illinois is the only Route 66 state that also intersects with Abraham Lincoln’s history! You’ll find Abe here – in the many places in Illinois that Lincoln lived and traveled for nearly 30 years. Throughout 42 counties, you’ll have a front-row seat as the life and times of Abraham Lincoln unfold before your eyes through amazing historic attractions, living history special events, and stories of the people and places that would shape the man who would become our nation’s 16th president. Drive the most famous road in the world, Route 66, to discover one of the most famous persons who ever lived, Abraham Lincoln! For more info, visit: lookingforlincoln.com or illinoisroute66.org
Berwyn Car Show
Last Saturday in August
berwynrt66.com

Red Carpet Corridor
First Saturday in May
ilroute66redcarpetcorridor.com

Miners Mobsters and the Mother Road Passport Run on the Blue Carpet Corridor
Third Weekend in May
bluecarpetcorridor.org

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

Lincoln’s Festival on Route 66
Mid-July
lincolnsfestival.net

Illinois State Fair
Mid-August
illinoisstatefair.info

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

Route 66 Miles of Possibility Conference
Late October
route66milesofpossibility.com

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

Named one of
Top 10 coolest license plates
by roadandtrack.com

How to register with the Illinois Secretary of State

Online
www.cyberdriveillinois.com
Find us under “Specialty Plates” in the Pick-a-plate section.

By Phone
(800) 252-4680 or (217) 785-5215

In Person
Inquire at your local Secretary of State’s Facility.

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

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

A portion of the proceeds Helps support Route 66
When you purchase an Illinois Route 66 Specialty Plate, you are helping to increase the economic impact of tourists visiting the communities and attractions along the Mother Road in Illinois.
These funds are used by the Illinois Route 66 Scenic Byway to enhance the Route 66 experience in our State for all travelers through education, interpretation, preservation and promotion programs.

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

1. Bunyon's Statue, Atlanta
2. Kidzreum Active Alex, Springfield
3. Gemini Giant, Wilmington
4. Brooks Catsup Bottle, Collinsville
5. Carl's Ice Cream Giant, Normal
6. Pink Elephant Antique Mall, Livingston
7. Lauberbach Giant, Springfield
8. World's Largest Covered Wagon, Lincoln
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 sits 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, Urbana, Carlinville, Litchfield, Edwardsville, Chain of Rocks (Madison).

INTERPRETIVE STATUES

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

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

- Pontiac, Edward, Godfrey, McLean, Elkhart, Sherman, Benld, Galespie and Staunton.

Chicagoparkdistrict.com/parks/grant-park

Lake Shore Drive

Downtown Chicago Lakefront

Fountain

Modeled after the Latona Fountain in the city’s skyline to offer visitors breathtaking views from one of the tallest buildings in the world, of downtown Chicago the lakeshore and four neighboring states. The view also includes the new “TH” window that extends out at an angle for a more exhilarating view, and convenient access to the 94th Floor Café.

Navy Pier

Located on East Adams Street/Jackson Boulevard (312) 374-9333

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Skydeck Chicago

Willis (formerly Sears) Tower and find out. 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.

Skydeck Chicago

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

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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 Artic empire, 23 Egyptian mummies and 3D theater.

Shedd Aquarium
1200 South Lake Shore Drive
(312) 939-2438
shedd Aquarium.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 Shedd Aquarium shows marine life of the Pacific Northwest region—home to whales, dolphins, sea otters and other marine mammals. Call about free admission days.

Museum of Science and Industry
5700 South Lakeshore Drive
(312) 922-9410
msichicago.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 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.

Al Capone Gravesite
near Berwyn
(331) 903-6940 ext. 308
alcaponegravesite.com
Take an interesting side trip, while in Berwyn, to visit the Capone family gravesite, which includes the marker for the famous American gangster, Al Capone (1899-1947). The Chicago Mob boss came to fame during the Chicago mob wars, serving three years in Sing Sing prison for “outlawry.” He died on January 25, 1947, of peritonitis from a perforated ulcer. His remains were interred in a simple crypt with his wife, Alma, at the All Saints Cemetery in Hillside, Illinois. The marker is located at 1400 South Wolf Road, Hillside, IL (located 15 minutes northwest of Berwyn).

Paisans Pizzeria & Bar
6226 Ogden Avenue
(708) 484-5225
paisanspizza.com
Paisans Pizzeria is a cool place for Route 66 fans! They provide a fun, family-friendly atmosphere filled with custom motorcycles, gory fish tanks, and big screen TVs in the 20,000-square foot, full service restaurant with a Top Fuel Dragster hanging over their bar. Paisans Pizza strives to blow away their guests with every bite. They serve gourmet burgers, fresh salads, handmade pastas and their pizza is out of this world. It’s the perfect place to meet with friends, bring your family and enjoy the Paisans Pizzeria experience.

Cigars & Stripes BBQ Lounge
6715 Ogden Avenue
(708) 484-1043
stripesbbq.com
“An eclectic pub features an outstanding selection of imported and domestic beers, as well as products from local breweries. They also offer a great barbecue menu, with award-winning chicken wings as the highlight. The smoke shop sells premium cigars, collectible lighters and other accessories. Take in the lively comedy and music as well.”

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 cars, and custom cars, trucks and motorcycles along with live music, automobile flame throwers and a candyfloss stand 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.

CICERO
Henry’s Drive-In
6031 Ogden Avenue
(708) 656-9344
facebook.com/henry66
Make sure to stop in at Henry’s if you are interested in the best Chicago-style hot dog历史上最著名的热狗店之一。位于6031 Ogden Avenue的Henry’s Drive-In以其正宗的芝加哥热狗而闻名。

Adler Planetarium
1300 South Lakeshore Drive
(312) 922-7827
adlerplanetarium.org
Known as America’s first planetarium, the Adler Planetarium is a beautiful space museum with amazing shows - astronomer’s dream! Choose from programs and exhibitions in three full-sized theaters, including the Grainger Sky Theater – Adler’s most technologically advanced. The planetarium was built in the 1930s on what once was an artificial island on the shore of Lake Michigan. The Adler houses one of the world’s finest collections of astronomical artifacts.

Buddy Guy’s Legends
150 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.

The Original White Castle
7175 Ogden Avenue
(708) 795-6811
whitecastle.com
White Castle was founded in 1921 with the first drive-in hot dog stand in the United States. The concept was to offer a quick, affordable meal to drivers on the road. The original White Castle restaurant was built in 1924 and is located at 7175 Ogden Avenue in Berwyn. The menu features classic White Castle burgers, fresh salads, handmade pastas and their pizza is out of this world. It’s the perfect place to meet with friends, bring your family and enjoy the White Castle experience.

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**WILLIBROOK**

Dell Rhea’s Chicken Basket

645 Joliet Road (I-55 and Route 83)

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 the 1000s of memorabilia and treasured collection of chickens. Be sure to see the newly-restored Chicken Basket neon sign.

**BOLINGBROOK**

The Promenade Bolingbrook

631 East Boughton Road

(630) 296-8340

promenadebolingbrook.com

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

**CHANNNAHON**

Channahon State Park

Story Street along the DuPage River

(815) 467-4271
dnpaillinois.org

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, visit the lock house, Four Locks 6 & 7, and the original lock tender’s house at Lock 6. It also features camping, picnicking, fishing, trail access, and canoeing. An Interpreter on is 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**

Four Rivers Environmental Education Center

2000 South Walnut Lane

(815) 722-9470
reconnectwithnature.org

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

**I&M Canal National Heritage Area**

(815) 220-1848
landcanal.org

History buffs, nature lovers and sportmen will thrill to the sights and sounds of the 9.6 mile route of the I & M Canal. Along its banks are numerous state parks, restored historical sites, and the abundance of wildlife and distinctive landscapes, ranging from bluffs to rolling hills. Channahon State Park is considered the official trailhead for the Illinois & Michigan Canal State Trail.

**PLAINFIELD**

Manor Motel

6966 West State Street

(630) 467-5385

manor-motel.com

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

**ROMEOVILLE**

White Fence Farm

137-151 Joliet Road

(800) 523-7120

whitefencefarm-il.com

This restaurant dating to the 1920’s serves the “World’s Greatest Chicken” family style. Play with and observe a large collection of antique machines, cars, and other artifacts in a rambling building that feels like it dates to the 1930’s.

**PLAINFIELD**

Historic Downtown Plainfield

24401 West Lockport Street

(312) 698-2794

plainedgepages/downtownplainfield

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

Plainfield Route 66/Lincoln Highway Alignment

Division Street Plainfield

(815) 436-4431

plainfield-il.org/pages/plainedgepages/downtownplainfield

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

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the home of Andreasen Travel & Tours.

It remained a gas station until 1984 enough original character to be of architectural

Despite these alterations, the building still retains an appearance of Spanish tiles. Despite the exterior to its original material and color

Another renovation in the 1990s returned

Drivers on the Lincoln Highway in 1928 and these structures from

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WILMINGTON
The Launching Pad Drive-in
Restaurant/Garage Giant
810 East Baltimore Street
(815) 476-6622
facebook.com/thelaunchingpadroute66
The Launching Pad Drive-In Restaurant is home to the famous Gemini Giant, one of the iconic fiberglass “Muffler Man” sporting a space helmet and holding a rocket ship. The location is a remnant of America’s fascination with space travel in the 1960s with the Gemini Space Missions. The restaurant also houses a Route 66 Welcome Center, an American Museum for Hollywood and Rock & Roll and a gift shop. Stop in and taste some classic foods and drinks and get your picture made with the Gemini Giant. This location has been fully restored by new owners, Holly Barker and Tully Garrett and is now fully open. Don’t forget to try the pineapple Dole Whip or the new dessert the bananas Foster sundae!

Historic Water Street Shopping District
North & South Water Street
route66atwilmington.com
Conveniently located just off Route 66, downtown Wilmington is home to an assortment of shops offering antiques, collectibles and other unique items, including Paraphernalia Antique, Rick’s Relics, Sincerely Sally’s, The Flower Loft, Chic Geek & Antique, Treasure Cove and much more.

Midwest Classics on 66
706 West Baltimore Street
(815) 926-2542
mco66.com
Midwest Classics on 66 has been a 10-year dream of Mike Bell & Jeff Hubrich, and beautifully showcases a collection of Classic Cars, American Muscle Cars and Vintage Bikes. Located in the old Franks building right on Route 66 in Wilmington. Their dream was to have a modern facility to show their passion to the Wilmington locals and the many tourist from around the world traveling old Route 66.

Route 66 Antiques
603 West Baltimore Street
(815) 926-2203
facebook.com/r66antiques Rt. 66 Antiques in Wilmington is a Veteran Owned Business specializing in Antique and Vintage items. In addition to this, they also carry a variety of Authentic Irish items made in Ireland, some locally handcrafted products as well. Route 66 Antiques offers a big selection of products for all different types of consumers while giving exceptional customer service. We sell Vintage, Antiques, Irish items and much more.

Sinar Lion’s Den
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 accomodating 64 patrons. The original marquee is still used to inform moviegoers of current shows. The Lion’s Den is a step back in time one of the oldest and the only privately owned operating movie theatre in the Will County Area.

Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie Preserve
30209 South State Route 53
(815) 663-6570
fs.usda.gov/midewin
Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie is an 18,500-acre unit within the USDA / U.S. Forest Service system. Volunteers, partners and staff are working with hundreds of species of native Illinois prairie plants. The prairie restoration project is ongoing and will happen in small steps - it’s an annual cycle of planting and harvesting to seed cleaning and mixing in the winter. The Midewin happens year-round. In 2015, a small herd of bison was introduced. The bison project is a 20-year experiment in conservation to see if the herd’s grazing, which creates more varied grass lengths, will encourage the return of a more diverse array of native wildlife.

Braceville Illinois Route 66 Historical Society
114 North Main Street
route66wilmington.com
The mission of the Wilmington Area Historical Society is to collect, preserve, display and interpret the documents, photographs and artifacts that tell the unique story of how the people of this small town with big ideas have adapted and survived in the beautiful environment of the Midwest.
Old Route 66 Family Restaurant
105 South Old Route 66
(815) 584-2903
route66restaurant.com
Follow the Mother Road to great food at the Old Route 66 Family Restaurant in Dwight. Open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner, this restaurant features homemade chili and soups and beef and sausage homemade entrees. Delivery and carry-out available, and catering and banquet facilities also. Stop by and choose from the selection of Route 66 souvenirs and keepsakes.

The Oughton House
101 West South Street
(815) 584-3077
dwightillinois.org
Built in 1891, this limestone structure was built in 1891, 1926 & 1978. It was sealed in the 1950’s. The first 3 steps and the railing were replaced in the spring of 2006. The Oughton House has been converted to the Prairie Queen Library and Library Foundation building. The estate, including the winfield, was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1980.

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Ohio Route 66 Museum
205 North Mill Street
(815) 844-2345
ponicamuseum.com
This museum is one of the world’s greatest collections of Pontiac and Oakland brand automobile artifacts located in downtown Pontiac. Enjoy antique and vintage cars, dealer memorabilia, and a full library of print resources. Free admission.

PONTIAC
Route 66 Hall of Fame and Museum
110 North Mill Street
(815) 844-4566
800asouvenir.com
House in a historic firehouse, this facility tells the story of the people and places that have shaped our history and culture that pertains to the Dwight area.

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(815) 588-7425
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800asouvenir.com
House in a historic firehouse, this facility tells the story of the people and places that have shaped our history and culture that pertains to the Dwight area. The museum displays significant Illinois artifacts from along Route 66. Upstairs is the exhibit “Route 66 — A Photo Journal,” a series of pictures by Michael Campanelli, that captures the history and spirit of Route 66. The Life in the 1940s exhibit features four rooms, completely furnished with furniture and brick-knocks from the era. Be sure to also stop into the “Stage Door Canteen” to enjoy some vintage 1940s music. The museum is home of the Bob Wadlinier Experience exhibit and Bob’s famous Road Yacht and VW Bus. Painted on the back of the building is the famous gigante Route 66 shield mural. Open 7 days a week excluding major holidays.

Dodge Park Sculptures
Madison and Fountain
(815) 844-5847
visitspringfield.org
Large metal sculptures entitled “All Things Change and We Change with Them” depict the changes that humans experience while growing, becoming, becoming and imagining. Large metal sculptures entitled “All Things Change and We Change with Them” depict the changes that humans experience while growing, becoming, becoming and imagining.

The International Walldog and Sign Art Exhibit
110 West Howard
(815) 844-5847
visitpontiac.org
The International Walldog and Sign Art Exhibit contains images, videos, artifacts, and exhibits related to the history of outdoor advertising. The exhibit is located in the City of Pontiac, Illinois. The exhibit is open year-round and is located in the International Walldog and Sign Art Exhibit Building.

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Swining Bridges of Pontiac
Throughout Pontiac over the Vermilion River
(815) 844-5847
visitpontiac.com
PONTIAC is the only city in central Illinois with three swinging bridges. The bridges span the Vermillion River and were originally built so residents could get to work. The bridges were constructed in 1898, 1906, and 1976.

TUCSON
The Museum at the Gilding Arts
217 North Mill Street
(815) 842-1848
visitpontiac.com
The focus of the Museum of the Gilding Arts is the history, craft, and use of gold and silver leafing in architecture and decoration throughout a history that dates back to the days of the ancient Pharaohs of Egypt. There are examples of gold and silver leaf, artifacts used in the application of the precious metal leaf, and displays showing how leaf was manufactured. The museum features items from the Society of Gilders’ Swift Collection. The M. Swift and Sons company manufactured gold leaf in Hartford, CT, and kept its operations in 1898.

Livingston County War Museum and Dal Esates Education Center
321 North Main Street
(815) 841-9021
livingtoncountymuseum.com
This incredible museum features educational displays including artifacts, films, books, weapons and hundreds of uniforms that interpret World War I to the present. It is staffed by veterans and is located in the Old City Hall next to the Route 66 Museum.

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

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Three Roses Bed & Breakfast
209 East Howard Street
(803) 999-0420
threerosesbedandbreakfast.com
This Victorian home, built circa 1890, boasts "where bedbugs are an event!" Guests have their choice of four guest rooms on the second floor as well as a selection from a large breakfast menu where everything on the menu is made from scratch! Three Roses B&B is the recipient of the Gold Award for 2007, 2011, 2012 and 2013 from BnBFinder.com and is the only B&B in Illinois to win the award 4 times. Three Roses was also awarded the Property of Distinction award for excellence in the bed and breakfast category.

Livingston County Courthouse
112 West Madison Street
(815) 844-2006
vistacentro.org
Located on the square, the courthouse was built in 1875 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. J.C. Cochran designed the historic edifice of the county's Register of Historic Places. J.C. Cochrane, located on the square, the courthouse was built in 1875. It is named for Henry C. Jones, founder of the Pontiac Ice & Fuel Company, and is the oldest brick house in Pontiac. It is maintained by the Livingston County Historical Society.

Strevell House
401 West Livingston Street
(815) 844-5847
vistacentro.org
The only remaining house in Livingston County where Abraham Lincoln spent considerable time. Home of local politician and lawyer, John Strevell. Restoration completed in 2018.

Eagle Performing Arts and Conference Center
319 North Plum Street
(815) 844-1189
PontiacEagle.com
The new Eagle Performing Arts and Conference Center in Pontiac provides dinner theater productions by the Vermilion Players, as well as concerts, meetings, and other events. The Eagle motion picture house was originally built in the 1900s as the city's second movie theater.

Dongbai International Airbrush School
425 Madison Street
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DeLong's Casual Dining and Spirits
201 North Mill Street
(815) 844-1983
de longscasualdining.com
DeLong's Casual Dining and Spirits located in beautiful downtown Pontiac, IL offers the highest quality food in a relaxed setting. DeLong's food is made-to-order with homemade recipes using the freshest, local ingredients. The steaks and chops are cut on-site, the salads are crisp, and the frozen custard is homemade. DeLong's uses a frozen marble top so you can make your own frozen creation. You select the candies, nuts, and other treats and then they use the frozen top to mix them into the custard of your choice. Be sure to also ask your server about their famous Chicken Pot Pie and Hand Patted Burgers!

Barnard's II
123 North Mill Street
(815) 844-1198
barnardsrestaurants.com/pontiac-il
Barnard’s II restaurant opened in downtown Pontiac in 2005 and is known for Italian cuisine and their famous fried chicken.

Old Log Cabin Restaurant
18700 Old Route 66
(309) 242-2998
route66eldogcabin.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) 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.

Hunston Woods Nature Center
2100 North Road
(815) 844-5831
hunstonwoods.com
The 335 acre hardwood forest and 8 acre restored prairie along the Vermilion River in Livingston County offers a variety of outdoor experiences for all seasons. The Nature Center offers trails, 2 pavilions, 4 picnic areas, a fishing pond, a canoe dock and includes 3 handicapped accessible areas.

Chenoa Zoo
209 Green Street
(815) 945-4211
chenoazoo.com
Schurman’s Drug Store was founded in 1889. The pharmacy has been in operation continuously since it open, making it one of the longest running businesses in the area. The original wood floor and many original fixtures add to the ambiance and charm of this historic building and business. It was included into the Illinois Route 66 Hall of Fame in 2005.

Selz Royal Blue Shoes Mural
224 Green Street
(815) 945-4199
chenoa-il.org
This mural was recreated after being destroyed when an adjoining building was demolished. It is a beautiful example of outdoor advertising.

Lexington Route 66 Memory Lane
Original Route 66 Alignment
(309) 365-3331
lexingtonillinois.org
A one mile stretch of original Route 66 that was dedicated in 1926, has been restored back to the 1940’s era with vintage billboard and Burma Shave signs. It can be walked year-round and is open to vehicular traffic during construction.

Lexington Neon Arrow Sign
36-horse carousel. The beautiful 1898 high train, and a locally restored Allan Herschell 36-passenger Service Station and Toby’s Mesa Cafe. This family-friendly restaurant is located in the historic building that was home to Skelley’s Service Station and Toby’s Mesa Cafe. Featuring homemade pizza and homemade pies and cakes all made from scratch, as well as the occasional “blue plate special.” Wine and beer are also served. Check out all the interesting artifacts that are part of the decor!

Castle Gardens
120 P.J. Keen Highway
(309) 826-6916
castlegardens.org
Nestled less than one mile from Interstate 55 and historic Route 66 in Lexington, is Castle Gardens, a truly unique estate. Castle Gardens features the nationally recognized David Hyatt Van Dolah house, a MTC 36-passenger train, and a locally restored Allen Herschell 36-horse carousel. The beautiful 1898 high style Queen Anne castle boasts a sweeping wrap around porch, three story turret, and five Flemish stepped gables to name just a few of its 36 art pieces. Castle Gardens is perfect for Weddings, Anniversaries, Family Reunions and Photo Shoots. Visit the Castle Gardens website for information about Home and Garden Tours and Train Day.

Thrift Avenue
900 West Main Street
(309) 365-7777
facebook.com/KarenThriftavenue
Can a Thrift shop on Route 66 be a worthwhile and enjoyable stop? If surprising you with a broad array of both new and almost new merchandise displayed in a welcoming, bright, clean, and friendly atmosphere where you can still find bargains and awesome gifts? Then the answer is yes! Route 66 travelers and area shoppers can expect the merchandise of purchasing estates, finding new consignors, and always searching for super cool and interesting items. Along with being right on Route 66, Thrift Avenue is also next to the Route 66 walking/bike trail. The famous Lexington Neon Arrow is located on this property.

Kelly’s on Route 66
900 West Main Street
(309) 365-7777
facebook.com/Kellyson66
Kelly’s on Route 66 is now open and serving Pizza, Pasta, Sandwiches, Salads & Desserts! This family-friendly restaurant is located in the historic building that was home to Skelley’s Service Station and Toby’s Mesa Cafe. Featuring homemade pizza and handmade pies and cakes all made from scratch, as well as the occasional “blue plate special.” Wine and beer are also served. Check out all the interesting artifacts that are part of the decor!

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Yost House Museum
208 West Water Street
(815) 844-5847
vistapontiac.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. Visit the house is truly stepping back in time.

Jones House
314 East Madison Street
(815) 844-5847
vistapontiac.org
A Gothic Revival brick house built in 1858. It was 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.

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and pamphlets depicting the historical and geographical features of each of the eight states were created and placed at the site. Flower gardens were planted along with many trees and shrubs to create a beautiful walkway. Benches, split-rail fencing, sidewalks, Burma Shave signs, flagpoles, bridges, and entrance signs have been added. A large outline map of the United States was painted on the roadbed showing Route 66 from Chicago, Illinois to Santa Monica, California. Historical placards were placed on Old Route 66 describing the human activity occurring along this piece of the “Mother Road.” This marked the beginning of Towanda’s Historic Route 66: A Geographic Journey. Visit Towanda’s scenic walkway and go back in time to experience Route 66.

Towanda Dead Man’s Curve

Old Route 66
route66towanda.org

Part of the original Route 66 before the 1940’s this dangerous curve on Old Route 4 caught travelers unaccustomed with the curve off-guard, often misjudging its sharpness and narrow width. Many accidents were caused by travelers from Chicago speeding on this unfamiliar stretch of the road. A house located west of the curve was removed after a truck ran off the road, knocking the structure off its foundation. The 3.3-acre property on which it stands has undergone quite a transformation since new owner Jo Monroe arrived in 2010. With significant transformation inside and an addition to the south end, the main floor now is open and has 2400 square feet while the loft has about 1000 square feet. Enjoy the professional murals painted by The Barn Artist Scott Hagan and the 17 barn quilts displayed on all the buildings. The barn quilt at the very top on the barn is believed to be the first in McLean County. The facility is available for just about any type of event imaginable! Weddings/ receptions, parties, reunions, team building, corporate retreats, musical performances, practice rooms, and seasonal outside events are underway to bring attention to Duncan Manor, and assist the owners in funding renovations.

Duncan Manor

1002 North Towanda Barnes Road
(309) 340-4491
duncmanor.com

Duncan Manor was built in 1870, on a small rise that allowed it to be seen for miles; newspaper articles from the 1940s stated that Duncan Manor attracted attention from travelers on U.S. Route 66. Musical performers and seasonal outside events are underway to bring attention to Duncan Manor, and assist the owners in funding renovations.

BLOOMINGTON/NORMAL

Uptown Normal

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

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

Children’s Discovery Museum

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

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

Carl’s Ice Cream/Carl The Giant

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

The original Carl’s site was a Cities Service Gas Station from the 1930’s through the early 1960’s. The building was vacant until the late 1960’s when it became the home of Mt. Soothe. Carl Garbe bought and renamed the store Carl’s Ice Cream in 1980. Carl and his wife, Betty, managed it and started making hard ice cream there. It was, and still is, the only ice cream store in Bloomington/Normal that makes its own premium hard ice cream. In March of 2016, “Carl” the 14 foot tall giant arrived at the College Avenue location and has become a favorite photo opp ever since! The Bloomington restaurant is located at 601 West Locust Street.

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First Steak ‘n Shake

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

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Avanti’s Italian Restaurant

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

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Spend the day at Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie and observe buffalo herd preservation or at Lake Lou Yaegar there is a good chance you will also spot beautiful Bald Eagles in their natural habitat.
McLean County Museum of History
200 North Main Street
(309) 827-0428
museum@illinoismuseum.org

The museum is located on a public square in the heart of downtown Bloomington. The Bloomington Central Business District is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, which makes it a great visit for history buffs.

Grady's Family Fun Park
1501 Morrissey Drive
(309) 662-3332
gradyfamilyfunpark.com

Grady's is a family-friendly fun park located on Route 66. They offer a variety of rides, games, and attractions, including the Fun House, Kids' Funworld, and the Grady's Drive-In. The park is open from Memorial Day to Labor Day and is a great spot for families to have fun together.

The Lucca Grill
116 E Market Street
(309) 628-7521
luccagrill.com

The Lucca Grill is located in downtown Bloomington and is a popular spot for lunch and dinner. They offer a variety of Italian dishes, including pasta, pizza, and sandwiches, as well as a selection of salads and appetizers. The restaurant has a cozy atmosphere and is a great place to grab a bite to eat.

Casey's Garden Shop
103 North Robinson Street
(309) 827-6022
caseygardenshop.com

Casey's Garden Shop is a full-service florist and garden center located on Route 66. They offer a wide variety of plants, flowers, and garden supplies, as well as a selection of gifts and home decor items. They are open year-round and are a great spot for anyone looking to add some greenery to their home or garden.

Fat Jacks Bar
511 North Main Street
(309) 621-9222
fatjacksbar.com

Fat Jacks Bar is a popular spot for grabbing a drink and some food in downtown Bloomington. They offer a variety of beers and a selection of snacks, as well as a selection of bar food. The bar is open late and is a great place to socialize with friends.

Tobin's Pizza
1513 North Main Street
(309) 828-0410
tobinspizza.com

Established in 1963, Tobin's is known for its thin-crust, no-toppings, no-frills pizza. The red-ripe tomato sauce and buttery cheese create an unforgettable dining experience.


Gene's Ice Cream
19 South Main Street
(309) 829-6022
genesicecream.com

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

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atlantaillinois.org

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**Prairie Aviation Museum**

260 East Erkle Street

(309) 633-7632

prairieaviationmuseum.org

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

**Sugar Grove Nature Center**

4562 North 725 East Road

sugargrovenaturecenter.org

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

**Arcadia America's Playable Arcade Museum**

107 South Hamilton Street

(309) 287-1725

vintagevideogames.com

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

**McLean Diner Truck Stop**

501 Main Street

(309) 287-2323

In 1928, J.P. Walters and John Geske rented part of a mechanic's garage here to sell sandwiches to Route 66 travelers and truckers. By the 1930s, the operation was grown to a full-raged restaurant, cabinets, and a cattle pen. The Diner was owned and operated by the Geske family from 1928-2003 and was only closed one day after a fire in 1968. The truck stop has changed hands, but still serves travelers along Route 66 and 1-55, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

**McLean Depot Train Shop**

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

**McLean Pinball Museum**

102 East Morgan Street

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**Shorty's Barber Shop & Route 66 Walldogs Mural**

Downtown McLean

(309) 244-5900

mcleancity.com

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

**Route 66 in Logan County**

destinationlogancountyil.com

Our History. Your Adventure.

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

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103 Southwest Arch Street

atlantaillinois.org

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5257 Historic U.S. 66

Funks Grove, IL 61536

(309) 287-6792

funkspuremaplesirup.com

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Atlantic Public Library & Clock Tower
100 Southeast Race Street
(217) 648-2112

Built in 1908, this National Register Property is Illinois' only octagonal-shaped public library. Its gilded rotunda and interior rooms, filled with solid-oak woodwork, reflect its classic architecture. Another place where you can stop 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.A. Hesew Grain Elevator & Museum
301 Southwest Second Street
(217) 630-8306

This is the site where Abraham Lincoln christened the town with the juice of a grape that didn't make it down the road. The Mill was built in 1895, the red brick for the building from Illinois' plentiful red clay. After over a decade of renovation, The Mill was reopened in 2016. Great memories for locals and travelers alike. After closing in 1996, it sat empty and neglected until 2006, when it was saved by the non-profit Route 66 Heritage Foundation of Logan County.

The Colav Rooming House
204 Northwest Vine Street
(217) 671-1219
thecolawhouse.com

Return to Route 66, circa 1947, when you overnight at The Colav Rooming House – where you’ll experience travel on the Mother Road before Interstates and motel chains were the norm. Located just two blocks from Route 66 in quaint Atlanta, Illinois, The Colav 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, your stay includes a complimentary breakfast at The Palms Grill Café – Atlanta's fully restored, 1920's eatery featuring both lunch and drink specials. The Palms Grill café now serves up delicious brew and bar food, and the building where a group of conspirators planned to steal Lincoln's body after it was returned to Springfield. One block south of the square is Scully Park, named for the late Violet Scully, a local philanthropist. Latham Park is one block north of the square, across the street from the new city park, and is graced with a bandstand that is the stage for summer concerts.

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lincolndepot.org

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The Tropics Restaurant
1109 Hickox Drive
(217) 732-8687

Recognized by the Guinness World Records as the "World's Largest Covered Wagon," and rated as a top roadside attraction by Readers Digest, the Railsplitter and its driver, Abe Lincoln, welcome visitors throughout the year. Opened in 1911, the Spanish Mission style is unique in Lincoln's downtown. Alton Railroad in the early twentieth century would have stepped inside this impressive brick depot to purchase tickets and wait for the train. Opened in 1911, the Spanish Mission style is unique in Lincoln's downtown. After being closed as a railway station in 1972, it was converted into a restaurant under several owners before closing a few years ago. The vintage building is now restored by the City of Lincoln to its original Roysian and appearance. Enjoy a visitor friendly area around the facility, including off-street parking, Amtrak passenger waiting room in an annex of the main building. The Logan County Tourism Bureau is housed inside the main building where you can find information and artifacts on the county.

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738 South Washington Street
(217) 671-3790
millmuseum.com

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Logan Lanes 1700 5th Street (217) 735-2043 loganlanies.com Located nearby the World’s Largest Covered Wagon (a famous “selfie stop”), Logan Lanes offers state-of-the-art bowling, cosmic bowling, youth bowling, simulators, video gaming and great food at their Sports Bar & Grill. Drop in for food and beverage along your Route 66 journey. Enjoy a delicious and style meal while watching multiple TV screens with your favorite sporting events. The indoor gelling features 40 courses to choose from including Poolside Beach. You can even use your own golf clubs! And don’t forget Cosmic Bowling Friday and Saturday nights - featuring black lights, a light show, music and fog!

Walldogs Murals Downtown Lincoln (217) 732-8687 destinationlogancounty.com Explore downtown Lincoln to discover all different, beautiful painted murals. Main Street Lincoln was charged with bringing these murals to the community. See if you can find them all. The Cow in the Corn Sculpture Sangamon & Pulaski Streets (217) 651-8355 facebook.com/walldogsllc “The Cow in the Corn” in historic downtown Lincoln, Illinois is a collaboration from two local artists, Moses Pinkerton and Jason Hoffman, who designed the 22' tall x 25' wide outdoor sculpture. The Logan County Courthouse 601 Broadway Street (217) 732-2184 facebook.com/LoganCountyCt The courthouse was erected in 1905, this is the third Logan County courthouse to stand in downtown Lincoln. The sandstone, three-story structure is considered the second most architecturally impressive historic courthouse in Illinois. It is topped by a large dome with a clock face on each side. Inside the courthouse can see the interior design of the sandstone, glass and a larger-than-life statue of Abraham Lincoln. Outside the courthouse, there is a newer statue of Abraham Lincoln commemorating the speech he delivered from the courthouse steps in 1958, a marble statue of a Native American mother and child, a Civil War soldier statue and veterans memorial, and a Vietnam War cannon. At the northeast intersection are signs that guide travelers along historic Route 66.

Lincoln Public Library 725 Park Street (217) 732-8878 lincolnlibrary.org The Lincoln Library Association formed in 1874 for the purpose of creating a permanent library for the public. A bequest of two city lots from former librarian Isabel Nash, gifts equalling $7,000 from two local donors, and a $25,000 gift from philanthropist Andrew Carnegie allowed the construction of the public library to proceed. The building was dedicated in 1903. The stately appearance of the library reflects the architectural style associated with most Carnegie libraries. Lincoln Public Library was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1992.

Lincoln Art Institute 112 South McLean Street (217) 651-8355 facebook.com/LincolnArtInstitute The Lincoln Art Institute hosting the Logan County Traveling Art Festival, a juried art show featuring the World’s Greatest Unknown Artists. Located across from the Historic Logan County Courthouse. Mose Pinkerton is the artist in residence.

Kickapoo Creek Park 2000 North Jefferson Street (217) 735-2953 kickapoopeakespark.com Travelers who want to experience nature will find this 160-acre site more than what they could imagine. The front façade of 1977 alignment of Route 66. After passing through the split-rail entrance, the winding road leads travelers 200 acres across the preserve allowing visitors to sample the diverse settings – Kickapoo Creek as it winds through the trees, with waterfalls on its way to a northern hill the prairie, marsh, meadows with wildflowers and whitetail deer with a variety of habitats. The meadows is a bird sanctuary that is a large of small creatures. A very old and thick Osa Capella Oak can be found on the grounds of the park. Fishing is allowed in the creek and bike racks are available. The preserve contains picnic pavilions and playgrounds, picnic sites, and walking trails.

Postville Courthouse State Historic Site 514 Fifth Street (217) 732-8930 dnr.gov The town of Postville was named as the Logan County seat in 1839, with a declaration by the commissioners. Two years later the Illinois legislature confirmed the designation. A courthouse was built in 1840, at no cost to the town, by three Postville businessmen. The courthouse was on the Eighth Judicial Circuit – Abraham Lincoln’s territory – and he became a familiar face in the courtroom and in Postville. The current Postville Courthouse is a reproduction of the original and was constructed for the city of Lincoln’s centennial in 1953. On the first floor are two rooms which would have served for county business and meeting area. On the second floor are the courtroom and executive offices. The building is open to the public. A bequest of two city lots from the town, by three Postville businessmen. The museum’s WWII 800 million I, that have been donated by veterans and their families. The museum’s WWII 800 million I, that have been donated by veterans and their families. The museum’s WWII 800 million I, that have been donated by veterans and their families. The museum’s WWII 800 million...
**Elkhart Historic Route 66 Wall Mural**

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

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

**Historic Gillett Farm**

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

Established in the mid-1800’s, the Historic Gillett Farm includes the Gillett mansion, historic barns, a carriage house and an ornate water tower, style and view of the city’s central Illinois prairie, the Farm is surrounded by mature woodlands atop beautiful Elkhart Hills. For a restful break, you are hosting - the Historic Gillett Farm is the perfect destination for a truly magical event!

**Horsefeathers Antiques & Gift Shop**

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

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

**The Wild Hare Café**

104 Governor Oglesby Street  
(217) 947-2100  
whitewarecafe-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 unique dining room, glassware, and furnishings found in the dining rooms. It is truly a unique dining experience and the food is excellent.

**Little Foxes**

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

The Little Foxes shop sells Amish noodles and jellies and other specialty foods. The shop is located in the original 1899 building that at one time housed the Brennan’s Store and later Lanterman’s Store in historic downtown Elkhart. The original storefront of the building has been restored.

**The Country Bumpkin**

103 Governor Oglesby Street  
(217) 947-2288  
thecountrybumpkin1.com

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

**Birdsong Books and Vintage**

111 Governor Oglesby Street  
(217) 691-7966

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

**Elkhart Cemetery**

County Route 10  
(217) 947-2238  
elkharthistoricalsociety.org

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

St. John the Baptist Chapel  
County Road 10  
(217) 947-2238  
elkharthistoricalsociety.org

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

**John P. Gillett Memorial Bridge**

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

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

**Elkhart’s Heritage Corner**

(217) 947-2046  
elkharthistoricalsociety.org

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

**Veterans’ Memorial Park**

(217) 947-2046  
npirl.us/explore/vws/commission-main

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

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The Red Carpet Corridor Festival is held annually the first Saturday in May. Spend some time in the communities along the original Route 66 for festivals, fairs, sales and more!
Lincoln-Herndon Law Office/Official Springfield Visitor Center
1 South Old State Capitol Plaza
(217) 785-7960
visitspringfieldil.com/VisitorCenter.aspx

Lincoln-Herndon Law Office opened on the first floor of the Lincoln-Herndon Law Office across from the Old State Capitol. Step by step to find all the information you need to help create your legendary experience in Springfield. While the upper floors remain closed to tours, visitors can tour an exhibit of the law office on the first floor as well as the U.S. Post Office, located in the building from 1841-1849. Abraham Lincoln maintained a law office (1843-1845) first (1843-1844) with Stephen T. Logan and then (1844-1852) with junior partner William H. Herndon. During his 1847-1849 tenure as a United States Congress, Congressman, partner William H. Herndon maintained the practice. The building was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1978.

Lincoln Home National Historic Site
426 South 7th Street
(217) 522-4313
maldaners.com

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

Route 66 Motorheads Bar & Grill
600 Toronto Road
(217) 679-7323
66motorheads.com

Get ready Route 66...Motorheads is now fired up and serving customers! Over 18 different beers, 4 wines and 4 cocktails are on tap. Owner Ron Metzger has transformed the old Pizza Bin into a fascinating and grilling with video gaming, as well as a museum of Springfield, Route 66 and Car Racing artifacts. The museum contains a substantial portion of the former Shea's Gas Station museum collection and signage from the former 66-era Bel-Aire Motel. Several television screens in the bar area feature car racing events. The restaurant features an authentic "golf" menu. There is also a growing gift shop, with featured motorheads themed t-shirts available.

Kidzium of Health and Science
412 East Adams Street
(217) 971-4435
kidzium.org

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

Old State Capitol State Historic Site
1 South Old State Capitol Plaza
(217) 785-7960
visitspringfieldil.com

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.

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Obed & Isaac's Microbrewery & Eatery  
500 South Sixth Street  
(217) 522-4666  
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 outdoor patio for enjoying warm evenings in this historic district. This is a popular spot for locals and visitors alike.

Conn’s Catering & Events  
600 South Second Street  
(217) 523-4466  
connscateringandevents.com

Founded in 1949 by Roy Conn, Conn’s Catering & Events has been the “go-to” company for planning and executing events including weddings and corporate events. Still family owned, Conn’s Catering & Events offers a variety of services to meet most types of planning and budgeting needs. From intimate events to your big day, Conn’s Catering and Events provides excellence like no other.

Land of Lincoln Brew Bus  
500 South Sixth Street  
(217) 522-3123  
lodolincolnbrewbus.com

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

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

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

Inn at 835 Boutique Hotel  
635 South 2nd Street  
(888) 522-4665  
innat835.com

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

The Chili Parlor  
820 South 9th Street  
(217) 522-4999  
thechiparloronline.com

Formerly “The Den” and “Joe Rogers’ Chili Parlor,” founder Joe Rogers created his “petite chili” recipes, and on December 31, 1945 he opened his first chili parlor that consisted of only 11 lunch counter stools. Fast forward to today, and owners Roy and Stephanie Beal have continued the Chili Parlor tradition. Locals swear that the secret to their great chili is in the customers’ ability to order it “your way.” From mild to fiery, meat or no meat, beans or no beans, you order it and they’ll make it.

Jungle Jim’s Café  
1903 North Batey Road  
(217) 789-6173  
junglejimscafe.com

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

Charlie Parker’s Diner  
700 North Street  
(217) 241-2104  
charlieparkersdiner.com

Charlie Parker’s Diner has been serving up breakfast and lunch to locals and travelers alike in a Quonset hut since the early 90’s. The 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 1963, Fuller’s added the “World’s Greatest Hamburgers” and in 1987 they added pasta with homemade Italian sauce. The latest addition is the delicious thin-crust pizza, regarded by many as the best pizza in town.

Ace Sign Company Antique Sign Museum  
2540 South First Street  
(217) 522-8417  
acesignco.com/museum

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

Fulgenzi’s Pizza & Pasta  
1161 Sangamon Avenue  
(217) 544-8520  
fulgenzi.com

The family restaurant, Fulgenzi’s Pizza & Pasta, opened originally as “Custard Castle” in 1979 by John and Sandra Fulgenzi along with their three sons John-John, Jeff, and Joel. The facility started as a walk-up ice cream stand located across from the Illinois State Fairgrounds that also served Castle burgers and Chili Dogs. In 1963, Fuller’s added the “World’s Greatest Hamburgers” and in 1987 they added pasta with homemade Italian sauce. The latest addition is the delicious thin-crust pizza, regarded by many as the best pizza in town.

Lincoln Memorial Garden  
2301 East Laketown Drive  
(217) 529-1111  
lincolnmemorialgarden.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 garden was designed by famed Chicago landscape architect, Jens Jensen. Because of this association with Jensen, the gardens were placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1992. Visit the nature center and gift shop.

Lincoln Depot  
900 East Monroe Street  
(217) 544-8695  
lindondepot.org

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

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

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 wood target board Abraham Lincoln used to test the Spencer rifle in 1863.

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is a National Historic Landmark. Vachel Lindsay Home and Museum was drawn from the Museum’s collections of over 13.5 million artifacts including skeletal specimens of the Mastodon, and the giant Jefferson Ground Sloth.

Mario’s Italian Restaurant and Pizza
1037 East Clear Lake Avenue
(217) 523-2211
eatatmarios.com
For 30 years Mario’s has been serving Springfield with Homestyle Italian Cooking and Pizza. The Restaurant has many Lincoln site visitors, bus tours and school field trips during the week. The buffet for lunch at both locations is always a Big Hit with visitors and locals. South Springfield location - 2841 Mansion Road.

Springfield and Central Illinois African American Museum
1440 Monument Avenue
(217) 523-6253
springfieldmuseummoms.org

Elijah Iles House: Museum of Springfield History
620 South 7th Street
(217) 789-2360
visitspringfield.com
Elijah Iles was one of the city’s founding fathers, Springfield’s first merchant and friend of Abraham Lincoln. Iles served with Lincoln in the Blackhawk War. Though not on its original site, the Elijah Iles House now serves as an atrium for exhibits about Abraham Lincoln’s life and times in Springfield. It is a historic landmark and serves as the entrance to the Illinois State Museum. The Elijah Iles House is now located at 529 South 7th Street and serves as a visitor center, historic exhibits as well as a showcase for Illinois arts.

Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area
(217) 782-6817
lincolnheritagearea.org
Looking for Lincoln? You’ll find him here – in the many places you’ll find Lincoln throughout nearly 30 counties in the 42 counties. You’ll have a front row seat as the life and times of Abraham Lincoln unfold before your eyes through a series of artistic attractions, living history special events, and stories of the people and places that would shape who a man would become our nation’s 16th president.

Lincoln’s New Salem State Historic Site
15584 History Lane (Route 97 Petersburg)
(217) 620-4000
lincolnnewsalesmuseum.org
Just a few miles outside of Springfield in historic Menard County, you can step back in time nearly 200 years as you walk through the reconstructed pioneer village of New Salem, where a young Abraham Lincoln lived and worked, before he embarked on his career as a lawyer and politician prior to becoming President of the United States.

Sangamo Brewing
105 East Mulberry Street
(217) 453-9699
sangamobrewing.com
Sangamo Brewing is located in the former Fat Willy’s Bar in downtown Chatham opening Spring-Summer 2019. The Brew Pub Bar & Restaurant will feature a selection of craft beers from Sangamo Brewing and other local brewers. The Bar will be a living history museum with memorabilia - beer memorabilia and collectibles. Sangamo Brewing will focus on the pre-prohibition era and central Illinois brewing history. The Brew Pub will also offer a concession room for patrons to purchase unique original breweriana. The menu features simple “comfort food” that satisfies those who want to eat. The Beer Garden will offer outside grilling along with a stage for live music and viewing sporting events. Beer Garden and special event services will be available. Stay tuned for monthly “picky” events - browse and/or buy original breweriana from pickers all over the Midwest!

Route History
737 East Cook Street routestory.net
Route History is space to experience and learn about the tragedy, resilience, and excellence of African Americans and vintage treasures. Bar, kitchenware, linens, clocks, furniture, lighting, toys, pottery, jewelry, and much more. Transport you back in time and make you feel unexpectedly happy!

Double J Campground
1600 South 9th Street
(217) 483-9998
doublejcampground.com
Located just off Route 66 just south of Springfield. Discover a magnificent campground for all size and type RVs and tent. Enjoy free Wi-Fi, on site laundry, a pool, goody golf, tennis, and basketball. A great place to relax and enjoy the outdoors and Route 66 all at the same time!
The entire site is yours to enjoy including a furnished with a comfortable queen-size bed.

Hidden Ridge at Otter Lake
Displaying items back to the late 1800s. Doc’s retirement in 2001. In 2007, Doc’s Soda Pharmacy Museum GIRARD Antiques to brand new. They have many offers a wide variety of antiques, vintage and is home to the “Virden Welcome Center.” In 2018, was finished on August 12, 2018. D.L. Gietl, and help from other Walldogs mural was never completed, and the planned ornamental courthouse (the one in New York City was the courthouse construction was halted in 1870 supported by bonds and taxes. Through 1867, the building began as a $50,000 project Designed by famed architect E. E. Meyers in 1885. The Carlinville Square was never commissioned. It took the county 40 years to pay off the debt and the courthouse in Illinois. The church was rebuilt after a fire in 1907. The parish has become a historical site because it is the only Russian Orthodox Parish in the state of Illinois. The church was rebuit after a fire in 1914 to last 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 1950s Hollywood atmosphere, a musical or other live entertainment on historic Route 66.

Gillespie Illinois Coal Museum at Gillespie 121 South Macoupin Street (217) 835-2626 gillespiecomuseum.org This new museum in Gillespie is designed to stimulate appreciation for and knowledge of the role of coal mining in Illinois. The Coal Museum offers more than a collection of coal mining memorabilia. Visitors can take a walk through the coal mining past but also have a look into the future of the industry. Exhibits include: the Gillespie Story, the Story of Coal, the Mines, the Miners, the Unions of Coal, the Mines, and the Miners of Illinois. The museum is an ongoing work in progress with new exhibits and displays being continuously added or enhanced. For example, the story of the famous Coal Mine, Dinner is now featured with more drinks. Laid here is also Route 66 information and memorabilia available for the travelers.
**Staunton Route 66 Mural**
Corner of Elm & West Main Streets (1816) 633-2233
citystaunton.com

Another of the 66 murals in Staunton is located in the downtown shopping district. Titled “Where The Three Roads Come Together,” the mural highlights all three alignments of Route 66 that went through town.

**Williamson**

The Whistle at Shale Lake
1499 Washington Ave (1816) 637-2470

One of 22 coal mines operating in the area at the turn of the 20th century, the Mount Olive- Staunton Coal Company Mine Number 2 was sunk in 1904 and closed in 1957. The Wesa Staunton Coal Company Mine Number 2 was rerouted in 1929, Pete leased a new building in Litchfield. The Wesa Staunton Coal Company Mine Number 2 was designated a National Historic Place in 2006 and the Route 66 and was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2006 and the Route 66 Hall of Fame.

**Lake Lou Yaeger Campgrounds**
3 Primitive Lane (217) 324-4771
visitlitchfield.com/lake-lou-yaeger/camping

There are four camping options at Lake Lou Yaeger campgrounds. There is a RV/bicentennial, equestrian, and camping cabins. The features differ between campgrounds. Campgrounds are open seasonally from April 1 to October 31.

**Kamper Kompanion**
18388 East Frontage Road (217) 324-4747
kamperkompanion.com

Litchfield’s newest hotel is located just off I-55 and nearby Route 66. The beautiful four story facility offers 79 rooms, a salt water pool with therapeutic jets, well equipped fitness center, high speed wifi, 24 hour front desk and an over 1,000 square foot well equipped meeting room. The hotel is custom decorated with beautiful Route 66 photography and decor throughout. This facility is owned by descendants of the Marshfield family of Litchfield and has several hotel amenities.

**Mother Jones Museum**
10207 Niemanville Trail (217) 999-4261
facebook.com/therealmotherjonesmuseum

This is the resting place of that “grandma of agitation”,Mother Jones, who owned several hotel properties with beautiful Route 66 photography and nearby Route 66. The beautiful four story facility was built by the late William Niehaus, is now operated by the Illinois Route 66 Hall of Fame. Union Miners Cemetery was designated a National Historic Place in 1972 and is in the Illinois Route 66 Hall of Fame.

**Mother Jones Museum**
215 East Main Street (217) 999-4261
facebook.com/theremouthofmothersmuseum

Located at Mt. Olive’s new hall is the Mother Jones Museum, which is still fundrasining and in its early stages of development. The museum preserves and interprets materials that relate to the life of Mother Jones and the issues with which she was involved. By 1900, Jones had gained a reputation as the most effective organizer of coal miners and their union through her labor movement that bridged racial, ethnic and gender divisions. The museum tells stories about that important era of our history.

**Livingston**

**Pink Elephant Antique Mall**
908 Veterans Memorial Drive (1816) 637-2266

This unique antique mall sports larger than life sculptures, including a pink elephant and a large pink elephant trunk. The movie “Pink Elephant” was filmed at the mall (both relics from the Coliseum Balloon). There’s also a large woman statue (one of only about 15 such statues worldwide, designed by artist Jacques Kennedy), a shorter “muffin man” statue, a Bicycle, the Future House bright green UFO, and two normal-colored elephants emerging from an exterior wall of the old Livingston High School building. In addition to a retro-looking ice cream shop, the newest addition of this unique mall is the “Pink Elephant Candy Shop”. Enjoy retro candy, chocolates and ice cream! This unique mall is a must stop for visitors to the old Livingston High School building.

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The 1820 Colonel Benjamin Stephenson House
409 South Buchanan Street
(618) 692-1818
stephensonhouse.org
This two-story Federal style 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
720 Holyoke Road
(618) 692-2094
edwardsvillechildrensmuseum.org
Education stations in the historic Leclaire School Building, and an ice cream store for decades. Terri’s Turtle Business was started by owners Andy and Terri (618) 960-3540. Route 66 Creamery of travel on the old Mother Road.

Stagger Inn…Again
108 South Old Route 66
(618) 307-1750
252 North Main Street
Wildey Theatre
207 North Main Street
(618) 655-1471
Bigelo’s Bistro
140 North Main Street
(618) 605-1471
bigelosbistro.com
A favorite dining experience in Edwardsville, featuring ecological food and drinks in a casually relaxed atmosphere. Featuring a combination of unique pasta dishes, specialty entrees, pizza, salads, sandwiches, salads and daily specials. Also enjoy 12 different taps of American craft beers, featuring a rotating selection of local and national breweries.

Edwardsville Historic District
In addition to the historic downtown district, Edwardsville also is home to the St. Louis Sioux historic district, built in the late 1860s, 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 bike and park, baseball field, the Edwardsville Children's Museum that is located in the former Leclaire Academy and the factory buildings that are now the home of Lewis and Clark Community College.

Wildey Theatre
252 North Main Street
(618) 307-1750
wildeytheatre.com
Come out and catch a classic movie or watch a live performance at this recently renovated theater house. Built in 1909 and named after the founder of the International Order of Odd Fellows, the Wildey offers a full range of events, including movies, musicals, live theatre and concerts - all conveniently located in the diverse downtown historic district. Admission charge.

The Illinois Route 66 Museum
101 East Main Street
(618) 692-2330
illinoisroute66.org
The Illinois Route 66 Museum is located in the former Blum House, the D.D. Collins House, and the old Miller’s Theater.

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101 East Main Street
(618) 692-2330
illinoisroute66.org
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Ramon's El Dorado Restaurant
1711 Saint Louis Road
(618) 344-6435
ramoneldorado.com
In 1967, the late Raymundo “Ramon” Otero, a Mexican immigrant with a family to feed, was down to the last $5 he had to his name, after a work accident left him nearly paralyzed and fully penniless. Long story short, Ramundo discovered an opportunity in a modest chicken joint in town. He convinced the owner to let him sell his Mexican delicacies to visitors, trading a portion of the profits for a place to eat. Eventually, he earned enough to purchase the small establishment from his friend, and named his establishment Ramon’s El Dorado, a thriving Mexican restaurant to this day. Some of the recipes date back two centuries, handed down from generation to generation. The building has been repurposed from an old Standard Oil fueling stop, the Bluff View Super Service Station, which operated in the day along a shared section of Route 66 and the National Road, and still retains some of the characteristics of the unique structure.

Miner’s Theatre
204 West Main Street
(618) 972-4236
historicianstitute.org
The Miner’s Institute Foundation is raising funds for the rehabilitation and support of the Miner’s Theatre, including hosting special events at the location. Coal mining started up in Collinsville in 1857. The town grew with the industry and within a few decades one could travel underground through connecting tunnels between the mines from one edge of the city limits to the other. In 1916, United Mine Workers of America Local 264 began construction of the combination union hall and public theatre. The second and third floors gave a permanent home for the union offices and provided a central meeting place for the mining locals.

Willowby Heritage Farm & Conservation Reserve
631 Willowby Lane
(618) 346-7529
willowbyerec.com
This 40-acre farmstead dates from the 1900’s and is the last significant tract of open space along the Collinsville bluff line. The goal of the restoration project is to educate the public about the family farm of the 1920’s-1950’s, as well as the region’s natural history. A restored barn, historic farm house, chicken coop, gardens, and interpretive trails are located on the site. This is an opportunity to experience local farm heritage and feel the geographic transition from Illinois prairies to Mississippi bluffs.

Fairmont City
The Nite Spot Cafe
4448 Collinsville Road
facebook.com/TheNiteSpotCafe
Located near Cahokia Mounds, this former restaurant along Route 66 in Fairmont City (45th Street and Collinsville Road), features an iconic mid-century, neon sign outside. The Nite Spot Cafe closed in 1984 and remains vacant, but plans are under way to bring it back to life. Purchased in 1947 when it was just a one-room building in a junkyard, Adam and Anne Galas renovated the building in order to turn it into a 24/7 restaurant for tourists and truckers traveling on Route 66. The prominent neon sign in front of the restaurant was added in 1953 after the interstate was built adjacent to Route 66. It was meant to grab the attention of those traveling on the new bypass and has been a Route 66 icon ever since.

Pontoon Beach
Horseshoe Lake State Park
321 Highway 111
(618) 931-0270
dnr.illinois.gov
This 2,960-acre park is situated around an oxbow lake formed from a cut-off meander of the Mississippi River and was an important resource for Native Americans. A four mile self-guided nature trail on Walker Island features several observation areas ideal for bird watching. Fishing, boating, picnicking, and camping are popular activities.

Mitchell
Luna Café
201 East Chain of Rocks Road
(618) 931-3352
The café was built in 1924, two years prior to the establishment of Route 66. It is rumored to have been frequented by gangsters like Al Capone. The Luna operated as a café on the main floor, a gambling operation in the basement and a “house of ill repute” upstairs. The neon sign located out front has been restored to its former glory, and displays a cherry made of ruby colored glass to enhance its red glow. It is said that back in the day if the cherry was lit, the girls were in. At one time, the cafe was a “fine dining establishment” and so expensive that most law-abiding citizens could not afford to eat there.

Madison
Old Chain of Rocks Bridge
201 East Chain of Rocks Road
(314) 436-1324
traillink.com/old-chain-of-rocks-bridge
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 8-state trail system, connecting to the Mississippi 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.

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Illinois State Fairgrounds
217-782-1698
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Phone: 217-525-9308
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Joliet, IL 60435
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120 East Ryder Street
Litchfield, IL 62056
Phone: 217-324-8147
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1505 5th Street
Lincoln, IL 62656
Phone: 217-732-4867
destinationlogancounty.com

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1010 Lake St #402
Oak Park, IL 60301
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Springfield, IL 62701
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visitspringfieldil.com

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4387 North Illinois Street, Suite 200
Swansboro, IL 62226
Phone: 618-257-1488
ilinoisouth.org

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Illinoisairports.org

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