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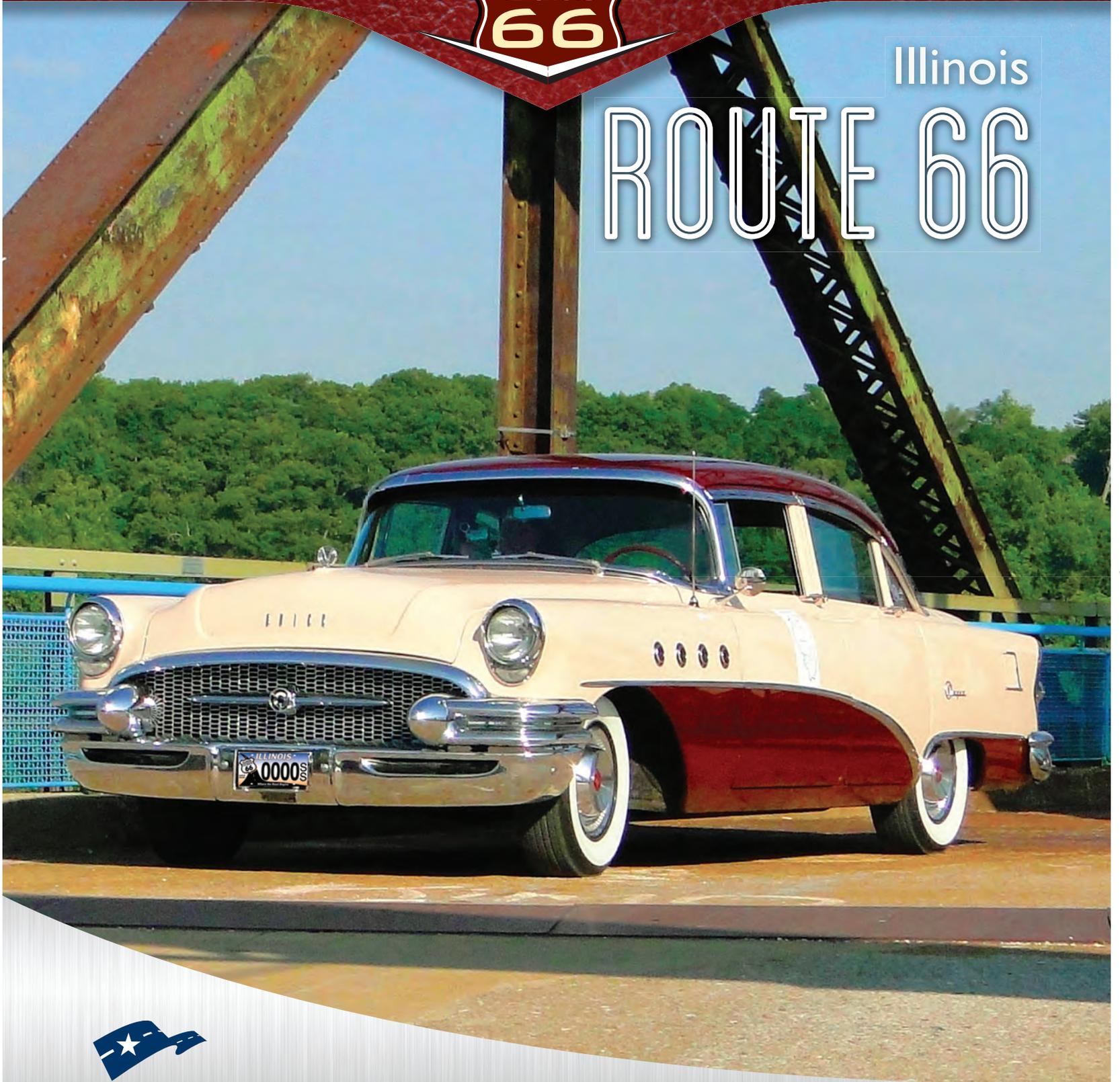
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Buckle up folks - check your oil and the air in those tires, because you're about to take off on the ride of a lifetime! And here's your guide as you head off on Route 66—Illinois' only 426-mile-long, living, breathing heritage museum.

The Mother Road in Illinois is the place to search out the perfect piece of homemade pie, neon signs the likes of which you just don't see anywhere else, an honest-to-goodness rabbit ranch, and a whole slew of large and small towns that truly are the "real America".

Come discover all the old and new treasures Route 66 has to offer. All you have to do is open these pages and go—it's time for your adventure. See you on the road!

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HISTORY

Route 66 is the “Mother Road” and Illinois is where it all begins. From the majestic skyline of Chicago to the Mighty Mississippi, you’ll experience the romance of the road and discover the legendary people and places that have given millions of travelers their “Kicks on Route 66.”

Unlike traditional highways that ran north-south or east-west, Route 66 followed the trail blazed by American history itself. A look at 66 on the map is a glimpse at the direction of transportation and commerce of the country from the 1830’s to the present. From the beginning, this is a story that “begins” with Chicago as the gateway to an “end” in the great American west...a compelling story of modern American freedom and mobility.

In 1926, America was on the move and Route 66 became the way to “motor west.” The road gave birth to service stations, motels, diners and of course, often kitschy roadside attractions to entertain travelers on their journey. Today, Illinois 66 is a continuum of one-of-a-kind connections to the old road...neon signs, filling stations, mom and pop diners and unique roadside attractions, all set against the backdrop of America’s agricultural heartland.

From 1926 to the period just after World War II, a significant cultural change transformed America. People’s worlds expanded outside their communities and their ability to move about the country was enabled by the relative affordability of personal transportation. Route 66 represented the opportunity of freedom on the open road – empowerment for all classes of people.

Route 66 symbolized the renewed spirit of optimism that pervaded the country after the economic catastrophe and global war. Route 66 made things happen. It transformed people and places. It is romantically believed that these transformations were mostly improvements – that Route 66 was a product of a Golden Age for America and its people.

The individuals who lived during the Depression, World War II and the Cold War may have disagreed with that glittering assessment of the era. Nonetheless, even during the anxious periods in our nation’s history, the power of Route 66 to transform travelers into new people and the American landscape into new opportunities was acknowledged.

By the time Americans were heading west in the 1960’s, Route 66 and its many points of interest along the way were familiar landmarks. The television show, “Route 66” starring Martin Milner and George Maharis featured a convertible view of America, with stories of discovery, hope, fortune, rebellion, empowerment and change. The show captivated an entire post-WWII generation and instilled the sense of adventure that Route 66 travelers still seek today.

Route 66 is arguably one of the most famous roadways in the world. It has come to represent the American Dream – the freedom, passion and spirit of the people whose lives intertwined with 2448 miles of pavement to make an eternal mark on our country’s cultural landscape. U.S. Route 66 is legendary, and the legacy of Route 66 is reflected in special people and places through the poignant stories they tell. And, Illinois is where it all begins.

For over 50 years, between 1926 and 1977, U.S. Highway 66 was the principal roadway that connected Illinois with the Great West. As Tom Teague wrote in *Searching for 66*,



“At its birth in 1926, this road was hailed as a great agent of progress – concrete ribbon tying the west coast to the rest of America. And for a wondrous half-century, it embraced and embodied this nation like few institutions can. TV glorified it. Song-writers romanticized about it. Okies drove it out of the Dust Bowl. And scarcely an American alive did not dream at some time of setting wheel to pavement along its way.”

“Route 66,” declared Congress in legislation passed in 1990, “has become a symbol of the American people’s heritage of travel and their legacy of seeking a better life.” This Congressional finding concluded by stating that it “has been enshrined in American popular culture.”

Historically, the road reflects a time in our country of tremendous achievement in commerce, particularly reflected by the mass-production of the automobile, the development of the nation’s road system and the travel services that were spawned by a nation of motorists.

Culturally, Route 66 became the icon for this dynamic shift in American life. Nearly everything we did as Americans, particularly as it related to travel, was impacted by the evolution and revolution of this amazing road.





Throughout the world, Route 66 came to symbolize the freedom, opportunity and mobility of the nation through its appreciation in classic literature, music, film, television and the arts.

The national significance of Route 66 is undeniable. Thousands of travelers from throughout the United States, as well as from around the world make driving Route 66 their “destination.” The road continues to be a source of inspiration for artists, authors, film-makers and musicians and the power and romance of this road continue to be discovered. And, as it was in the beginning, the road continues to be a powerful driver of commerce and economic opportunity.

Illinois, the only Route 66 state east of the Mississippi River, is where the road begins. Chicago, a well-established transportation hub and international destination, anchors the road at its eastern terminus and launches a driver on an unforgettable American journey.



AUTO MILESTONES

Milestones. Each person’s life has them, and so does the life of the auto industry. Some auto milestones, such as the introduction of hydraulic brakes and the automatic transmission, are big. Others, such as power windows, are smaller – but still significant.

Here are some of the most significant milestones:

- 1896: pneumatic tires
- 1897: auto insurance
- 1901: speedometers and license plates
- 1902: speed limits and speeding tickets
- 1905: installment plan for auto purchase
- 1908: Cadillac presents interchangeable auto parts
- 1911: electric self-starter and painted highway lines
- 1912: first gas station
- 1914: first stop sign and stoplight
- 1915: all-steel car body
- 1916: brake lights and review mirror
- 1920: hydraulic brakes
- 1921: automatic windshield wipers
- 1922: first suburban shopping center, gas gauges and back-up lights
- 1923: car radios
- 1924: four-wheel brakes
- 1925: first coast-to-coast highway: Lincoln Highway links New York to San Francisco
- front and rear bumpers
- 1926: shatter-resistant glass, Route 66 opens from Chicago to Los Angeles
- 1928: first coast-to-coast bus service
- 1933: first drive-in theater
- 1935: first parking meters
- 1936: first drive-in restaurant
- 1937: power brakes
- 1938: electric turn signals and air conditioning
- 1939: automatic transmission
- 1940: first limited-access highway: The Pennsylvania Turnpike
- 1946: first auto advertising on national television
- 1948: tubeless tires
- 1949: ignition key
- 1950: power windows
- 1951: power steering
- 1958: price stickers and cruise control
- 1960: car sunroof
- 1964: front seatbelts become standard
- 1967: ignition key reminder buzzer
- 1971: anti-lock brakes
- 1972: air bags and radial tires
- 1975: catalytic converter to reduce emissions
- 1984: mini spare tire
- 1989: traction control
- 1996: guidance systems that summon help after accident





WAYSIDE EXHIBITS AND EXPERIENCE HUBS

Wayside Exhibits

We are proud to showcase the Wayside Exhibits for the Illinois Route 66 Scenic Byway. These Exhibits offer the traveler a distinct and interactive opportunity to connect with each community through the history of Route 66.

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The state of Illinois, the only Route 66 state east of the Mississippi River, is Where the Mother Road Begins. Chicago launches drivers down this historic ribbon as it unwinds through unique communities, large and small, all the while telling tales of traveling musicians, famous outlaws and folks just looking to head west.

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.

Each Wayside Exhibit tells a unique story about



WAYSIDE EXHIBIT

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.

You will now be able to enjoy the Wayside Exhibits as you stop and explore the Byway communities on your Illinois Route 66 adventure.

Experience Hubs

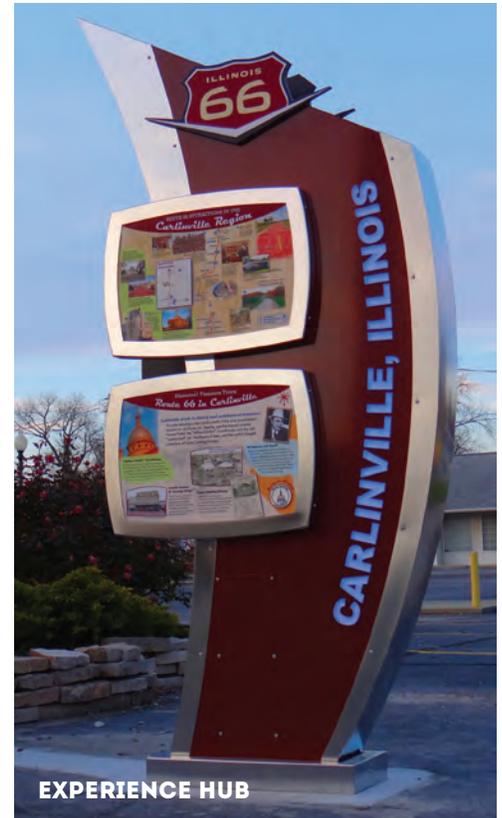
We are very pleased to introduce travelers on the Mother Road to the Illinois Route 66 Scenic Byway Experience Hubs. These Experience Hubs are Kiosks that help tell visitors the story of Route 66 in Illinois and help them find their way to the locations where those stories took place.

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 will be lit at night with the name of the host community. Visitors will also be able to listen to Bobby Troup singing his song, "Route 66" at every Experience Hub.

Wayside Exhibits are located in the following Illinois Route 66 communities:

- Berwyn
- Countryside
- Willowbrook
- Romeoville
- Dwight
- Pontiac
- Normal
- Bloomington
- Atlanta
- Lincoln
- Williamsville
- Springfield
- Viriden
- Carlinville
- Litchfield
- Hamel



EXPERIENCE HUB

Experience Hubs are located in the following Illinois Route 66 communities:

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



For up-to-date information contact:

Illinois Route 66 Scenic Byway

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illinoisroute66.org





SHOW YOUR PRIDE!

ROUTE 66 LICENSE PLATES! GET YOURS TODAY!



Route 66 is a cultural icon that represents the spirit of America and reflects the modern expansion of transportation and commerce in our county. The roadway gets its start right here in Illinois and connects with nearly 90 communities between Chicago and the Mississippi River. **Availability:** Illinois Route 66 license plates are multi-year and may be displayed on passenger vehicles, trucks, sport utility vehicles and vans weighing 8,000 pounds or less. **How to Register:** Online at cyberdriveillinois.com or call 800-252-8980 or 217-785-5215 or visit any license service facility.

THE MOTHER ROAD BEGINS HERE. NOW. WITH YOU.

Become a member of the Illinois Route 66 Scenic Byway and help to preserve and promote the unique and nostalgic cultural and tourism experiences on Illinois Route 66.

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THE ALIGNMENTS

THE ROUTE 66 ALIGNMENTS IN ILLINOIS

As the automobile culture in America evolved, so did the Mother Road. Each of the three alignments of Route 66 in Illinois has a history that offers travelers a unique experience.

1926 - 1930

While Route 66 did not exist until 1926, in 1924, State Bond Issue 4 (SBI 4) is a route that became an all weather road that connecting Chicago to St. Louis. The 1926 alignment of Route 66 follows SBI 4 and is the reason that Illinois was the first state to boast having Route 66 paved from end to end. Prohibition was in effect from 1920 until 1933 and an all weather road made the transportation of illegal alcohol possible virtually all year long. Production stills located in central and southern Illinois could easily ship alcohol on Route 66 to speakeasies in Chicago and St. Louis. There is still pavement in use today that was laid between 1922 and 1924 (SBI 4, later Rte. 66) and is characterized by a road width of only 18'-20'. The average speed was 25 mph. Cars share the road with horse-drawn vehicles and tractors as they pass through the many small towns on this alignment.

1930 - 1940

Rum running is in full swing until prohibition is repealed in 1933. Cars now have a top speed of 60 - 80 mph. Speed limits are now set by states and municipalities and the moniker "Bloody 66" is widely used. By 1936 the Chicago to St. Louis portion of Route 66

is the heaviest traveled long-distance highway in the state. As a result the Road is re-routed to bypass larger more congested communities such as Springfield and Joliet. By 1940, a maximum speed limit is set at 70mph. It is also during this period that picnic and rest areas are recognized as a necessary part of highway planning.

1940 - 1977

In June of 1940, as WWII rages in Europe and Asia, President Roosevelt asks for a study on the use of the Nation's highways to meet defense needs. The result is the Highways for the National Defense report which identified two types of defense roads; Roads required for defense operations and roads required to improve the strategic network of defense roads. Route 66 plays a strategic role in the war effort through transportation of personnel, equipment and munitions. The next significant redesign occurs in 1951 and exceeds all other redesigns since 1928. The 1956 Highway Act begins the construction of the Interstate Highway System which ultimately replaces Route 66 as the main transportation route west. Many sections of Route 66 become I-55 by the end of 1956. By 1977 the Mother Road is deemed obsolete in Illinois, as much of it had been replaced by Interstate 55. The last sign is removed on January 17, 1977. The entire road is decommissioned on June 27, 1985.





NORTHERN

CHICAGO

Grant Park & Buckingham Fountain

Grant Park at Congress Parkway

(312) 742-PLAY

chicagoparkdistrict.com

Dubbed "Chicago's Front Yard," Grant Park consists of the Museum Campus and Millennium Park. The site of many annual festivals, the park is also home to Buckingham Fountain. Modeled after Latona Fountain basin at Versailles in France, but twice its size, the fountain is the centerpiece of Grant Park. From summer through the end of fall, evening light shows enhance the spectacle.

The Art Institute of Chicago

111 South Michigan Avenue

(312) 443-3600

artic.edu

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

Berghoff Restaurant

17 West Adams

(312) 427-3170

theberghoff.com

Owned and operated by the Berghoff family since 1898, the restaurant has celebrated their Dortmunder-style beer and fed the people of Chicago for over 100 years. Open for lunch and dinner daily.

Skydeck Chicago

233 South Wacker Drive

(312) 875-9696

the-skydeck.com

How does it feel to be on top of the world? Take an elevator to the 103rd floor of the Willis (formerly Sears) Tower and find out. The trip includes the "Chicago Experience," a seven-minute multi-image presentation movie.

Lou Mitchell's Restaurant and Bakery

565 West Jackson Boulevard

(312) 939-3111

loumitchellsrestaurant.com

Located on Jackson Boulevard since 1923, Lou Mitchell's offers great food and quality baking while continuing the unique tradition of giving every female customer a free box of Milk Duds; everyone gets a donut hole.

The Field Museum

1400 South Lake Shore Drive

(312) 922-9410

fieldmuseum.org

The Field Museum is one of the world's greatest natural history museums. View exhibits and displays of more than 15 million artifacts and specimens. Call about free admission days.

Navy Pier

600 East Grand Avenue

(312) 595-PIER

navypier.com

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

Fireworks displays take place every Wednesday and Saturday from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

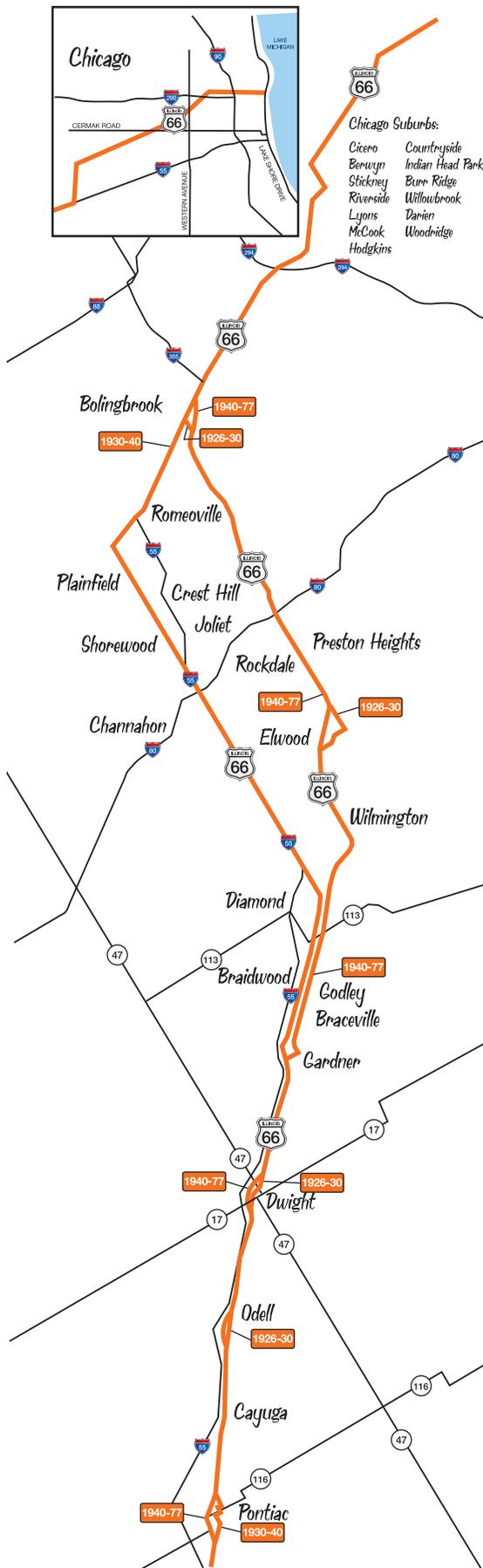
Shedd Aquarium

1200 South Lake Shore Drive

(312) 939-2438

sheddaquarium.org

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





Museum of Science and Industry

5700 South Lakeshore Drive
(773) 684-1414
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 Apollo 8 spacecraft, go for a simulated space-shuttle ride or see the latest Omnimax presentation in the Henry Crown Space Center. Call about free admission days.

Castle Car Wash

3801 West Ogden Avenue
landmarks.org/2008_1.htm

This castle-like car wash built in 1925 was once a hideout for the infamous gangster Al Capone. Great photo opportunity!

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information visit us online:
illinoisroute66.org

CICERO

Cindy Lyn Motel

5029 West Ogden Avenue
(708) 656-1730
cindylynmotel.com

Opened in 1960 on Route 66 with only 18 rooms, the Cindy Lyn motel stands as a prime example of Googie architecture. Known as the "last motel before the city," the cost of a room was only \$6.18 and cab drivers who dropped off customers would receive a free Zippo lighter. Still owned and operated by the same family, the Cindy Lyn exemplifies American entrepreneurship.

Henry's Drive-In

6031 West Ogden Avenue
(708) 565-9344

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

BERWYN

Ogden Top & Trim

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

Founded by Frank Nesladek in 1919, third generation family member Carol Nesladek carries on the family business. Ogden Top and Trim caters to and celebrates a deep rooted car culture that is the heart of Route 66. Carol continues a 90 year tradition of serving the automotive enthusiast and the sheer volume of vehicles that have won major awards for their interiors has shown that Ogden Top and Trim is one of the premier upholstery shops in the nation.

Cigars & Stripes

6715 West Ogden Avenue
(708) 484-1043
cigarsandstripes.com

"A strange place for nice people," the eclectic pub features an outstanding selection of imported and domestic beers, including Belgian-style ales, as well as products from local breweries. It also offers a great menu, with chicken wings as the highlight. The smoke shop sells premium cigars, collectable lighters and other accessories. Live comedy and music is presented regularly. The place has to be seen to be believed!

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One Beautiful City!



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Livingston County
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815-844-5847 • visitpontiac.org • tourism@pontiac.org





Berwyn Route 66 Museum

7003 West Ogden Avenue
(708) 484-9349

berwynrt66museum.org

The museum discovers and preserves the history of Route 66 as it passes through Berwyn. Among the collection is an original neon "Welcome to Berwyn" sign that greeted travelers as they entered the town; and miniature version of the famous Car Spindle (featuring two of the original cars). The Spindle was created in 1989 by artist Dustin Shuler and was located in the Cermak Plaza Shopping Center until it was removed in May 2008.

Berwyn's Toys & Trains

7025 West Ogden Avenue
(708) 484-4384

berwyntoytrains.com

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

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information visit us online:
illinoisroute66.org

White Castle

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

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

LYONS

Chicago Portage National Historic Site

4800 South Harlem Avenue
chicagoportage.org

This historic site has a marker and 20-foot statue of Louis Joliet and Pere Marquette who, in 1673, realized that a canal would permit continuous water travel from Lake Michigan to the Illinois River. Be sure to check out the website for tour information.

MCCOOK

Steak N Egger

8408 Joliet Road
(708) 853-9240

steaknegger.com

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

HODGKINS

McCook Quarry

5500 Joliet Road
(866) 713-4862

vmcmcook.com

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

INDIAN HEAD PARK

Lyonsville Church

6871 Joliet Road

Lyonsville, the oldest Congregational Church in Cook County, was organized in 1843 as the Congregational Church of Flagg Creek. The Lyonsville Cemetery was organized in 1848. The original sanctuary was built in 1858, and the new sanctuary in 1960.

Wolf's Head Inn

6937 Joliet Road
(708) 246-0400

wolfsheadrestaurant.com

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

WILLOWBROOK

Dell Rhea's Chicken Basket

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

chickenbasket.com

The Rhea family has welcomed Route 66 travelers since the 1940's, when the restaurant served as a Blue Bird bus stop. Today, they serve some of the best fried chicken you'll eat! Make sure to save some room to browse through all the great 66 memorabilia and their incredible collection of chickens. Featured on the Food Network show "Diners, Drive-ins & Dives" with Guy Fieri. Closed Mondays.

DARIEN

National Shrine of St. Therese Carmelite Visitor's Center

8501 Bailey Road
(630) 969-3311

saint-therese.org

This museum and shrine, situated on a 50 acre campus, are dedicated to the life and work of St. Therese. The collection is the largest Lisieux and includes several examples of her drawings and art works. The chapel houses the world's largest wood carving that depicts the life stages of St. Therese. The priory house also has the distinction of being a scaled version of the U.S. White House.

BOLINGBROOK

Hidden Lakes Historic Trout Farm & Hidden Oaks Nature Center

419 Trout Farm Road
(630) 739-2600

bolingbrookparks.org

Experience the beauty of fishing at four small lakes stocked every summer. Perfect for families! Uncover the past, explore the present and imagine the future at one of Chicagoland's newest "green" nature centers. Open Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday noon to 5 p.m.

Illinois Aviation Museum

130 South Clow International Parkway
(630) 771-1937

illinoisaviationmuseum.org

The museum is housed at Clow International Airport in Hangar One, which was donated by the Village of Bolingbrook. The museum boasts an impressive number of restored and replica aircraft including significant experimental aircraft and those of historical military value. Open Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.





ROMEOVILLE

White Fence Farm

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

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

Isle a la Cache Museum

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

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

Philip Lynch Theatre

1 University Parkway
(815) 836-0500
lewisu.edu

The theater offers a variety of comedic, dramatic and musical performances from Lewis University and touring companies.

JOLIET

Haunted Trails Family Entertainment Center

1423 North Broadway Street
(815) 722-7800
hauntedtrailsfun.com

Children and adults will have a blast at this 14-acre indoor and outdoor entertainment center. Choose from three go-cart tracks, two miniature golf courses, batting cages, rides and hundreds of games.

Route 66 Park

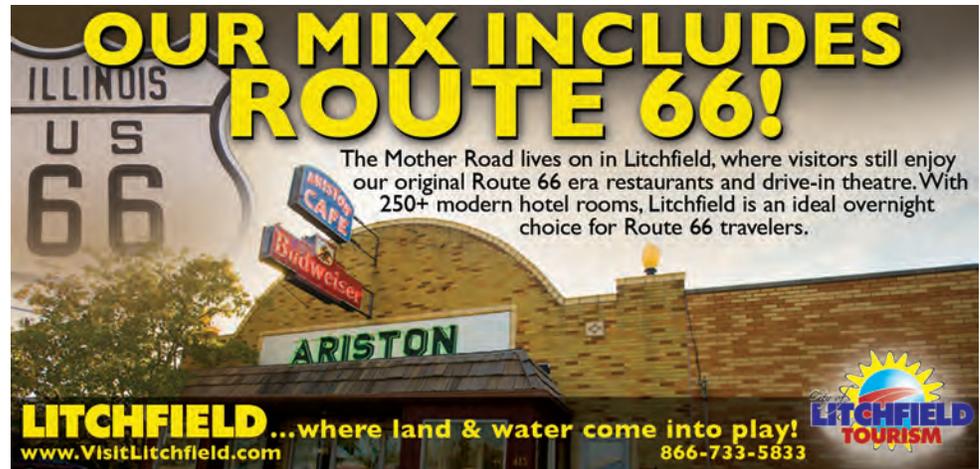
920 North Broadway Street
illinoisroute66.org

The Route 66 Park has an eclectic collection of public art works that celebrate Joliet's rich and vibrant art culture. Don't miss the overlook for a bird's eye view of the Collins Street Prison. There are informational kiosks that highlight Route 66 attractions throughout the park. On a hot summer day, stop by the Rich & Creamy for a cold treat before enjoying the park.

Rich & Creamy

920 North Broadway Street
(815) 740-2899

visitjoliet.org or heritagecorridorcvb.com
Rich & Creamy is typical of ice cream stores that dotted Route 66 in its heyday, when Broadway was a leg of the highway in Joliet. City leaders restored Rich & Creamy back to the retro appearance from its heyday. Jake and Elwood, The Blues Brothers, dance atop the tower wrapped in neon lights.



Slovenian Women's Union of American Heritage Museum

431 North Chicago Street
(815) 727-1926
swua.org

The museum was founded in 1978 by Irene Odorizzi and was dedicated in 1983. Exhibits and displays contain artifacts, memorabilia, ancestral keepsakes, photos, rare books, and mementoes from Slovenia that have been donated by those wishing to keep their heritage and culture alive.

Joliet Area Historical Museum and Route 66 Welcome Center

204 North Ottawa Street
(815) 723-5201
jolietmuseum.org

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

Rialto Square Theatre

102 North Joliet Street
(815) 726-6600
rialtosquare.com

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

Joliet Union Station

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

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

Chicagoland Speedway

500 Speedway Boulevard
(815) 722-5500
chicagolandspeedway.com

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

Route 66 Raceway

500 Speedway Boulevard
(815) 722-5500
chicagolandspeedway.com

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






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1.800.BEERNUTS | BEERNUTS.com

Collins Street Prison & Prison Park

visitjoliet.org or heritagecorridorcvb.com
Also known as the Joliet Correctional Center, the prison was built here in 1858 by prison labor. It's 25-foot-high, 5-foot-thick walls are made of pure Joliet limestone. It operated until 2002, having housed up to 1300 inmates. The classic prison architecture and atmosphere has been the set for several movies and television productions including "The Blues Brothers". An exhibition at the Joliet Area Historical Museum interprets the prison.

Billie Limacher Bicentennial Park

201 West Jefferson at Bluff Street
(815) 724-3760
visitjoliet.org or heritagecorridorcvb.com
Built along the river on land that had been Joliet's first street, Bicentennial Park was opened in 1976 to celebrate the nation's 200th birthday. The park features a beautiful Riverwalk Promenade with views of Joliet's bridges, metal silhouette sculptures and interpretive panels that describe local history, a lighted fountain named "Frannie," and entertainment stage.

Jacob Henry Mansion

20 South Eastern Avenue
(815) 722-2465
jacobhenrymansion.com
This elegant 1873 National Historic Landmark Victorian Home is open for group tours, specialty events, wedding receptions, conferences and seminars. Tours by appointment.

Abbey Theater

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

Forest Preserve District of Will County

17540 West Laraway Road
(815) 727-8700
fpdwc.org
Enjoy camping, picnicking, fishing, canoeing, hiking, bicycling, sledding, ice-skating and other activities.

Splash Station Waterpark

2780 Channahon Road
(815) 741-7250
jolietpark.org
Enjoy a railroad-themed outdoor water park featuring a six-person racing slide, body slides, tube slides, lazy river and zero-depth pool.

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cpxsports.com
At this extreme-sports theme park, you can challenge your friends to a paintball game, go mountain biking, practice skateboarding moves, attend concerts, and more.

Joliet Slammers Baseball Club

1 Mayor Art Schultz Drive
(815) 722-2287
joliet slampammers.com
The Joliet Slammers are a professional baseball team based at Silver Cross Field in Joliet and part of the independent Frontier League. Home games May-September; check website for game schedule, fireworks nights and weekly promos.

Joliet Iron Works Historic Site

Columbia Street
(815) 727-8700
fpdwc.org/ironworks.cfm
Take a free, naturalist tour of blast furnace ruins.

Joliet Kicks on 66 Tours

(877) 456-5438
jolietkicks.com
Route 66 themed murals, sculptures, mosaics and antique replica has pumps are found throughout Joliet's New City Center. These and other downtown attractions are part of the Joliet Kicks of 66 driving and walking tours.

ELWOOD

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 West Hoff Road
(815) 423-9958
cem.va.gov
Established in 1999 on 982 acres of the Joliet Army Ammunition Plant, the cemetery has many monuments and garden niches that make it well worth a visit. Adjacent to the main entry is a monument to ammunition workers killed in an explosion. This grim memorial is testament to the wartime manufacture of munitions. This vast reservation was placed here to be near the Route 66 and railroad transportation corridors.

WILMINGTON

Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie Preserve

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

Launching Pad Drive-In and Gemini Giant

810 East Baltimore Street
(815) 476-6535
wilmington-il.com
Founded in 1960, the Launching Pad first sold only hot dogs and ice cream, but now has a full service menu. It is also home to the Gemini Giant, a fiberglass "muffler man" sporting a space helmet and rocket ship, a remnant of our fascination with space travel. This is a friendly little establishment where the travelers feel welcome and can easily chat with locals. It is reminiscent of drive-ins before corporate chains standardized them.

Lickety Split Ice Cream Shoppe

507 East Baltimore Street
(815) 476-1980
licketyspliticecreamshoppe.net
We have the best of both worlds...soft serve and hand dipped ice cream. Our hand dipped ice cream taste the way grandma and grandpa used to make it in the hand turned churn. From our famous Butter Pecan to our Signature Vanilla, I'm sure we have just about everything to satisfy your taste. We also specialize in our gourmet cheese popcorn made with real cheddar cheese melted over delicious freshly popped corn.

Mar Theater

121 South Main Street
(815) 476-4662
the-mar.com
Built in 1937, the building has only been used as a movie theatre. The original auditorium comfortably seats 300 moviegoers with a new second auditorium accommodating 64 patrons. Outside, the original marquee is still used to inform moviegoers of current shows. The Mar is still a first run theatre and is one of the oldest and the only privately owned operating movie theatre in the Will County Area.

Eagle Hotel

100 Water Street
The Eagle Hotel was built as a stage stop and hotel by David Lizer in 1836. Since then it has also been a warehouse, tavern, bank, and storefront. The hotel may be one of the oldest commercial structures on Illinois Route 66.

Old Theatre Antique Mall

114 South Water Street
(815) 476-9335
This antique mall offers more than antiques! Find a large selection in fossils, geodes, and military surplus as well. Find that perfect memento to commemorate your adventure.





Hayden's Crossing

107 North Water Street
(815) 476-5925
hadenscrossing.com
Pub Burgers, Pub Sticks, specialty dishes and draft on tap; great food and a great atmosphere! Route 66 has the greatest road food around and this place delivers on that promise!

Paraphernalia Antiques

112 North Water Street
(815) 476-9841
facebook.com/paraphernaliaantiques
Stop in to view the selection of estate jewelry, antiques, and European imports. This family owned and operated antique store has been in operation since 1963. Find that special something to remember your trip.

Trinity Knot

121 North Water Street
(815) 926-2184
thetrinityknow.com
Celtic and high fashion jewelry, accessories, and hand tweeds direct from Ireland. The store also features original art, home décor, and wood turning. Stop by for a unique experience on a unique road.

Treasure Cove

215 North Water Street
(815) 476-7555
abstractionz.com/treasurecove
Antiques, collectibles, and specialty items; a little of everything for everyone, kind of like Route 66!

Michelle's Restaurant

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

BRAIDWOOD

Polk-A-Dot Drive-In

222 North Front Street
(815) 458-3377
polk-a-dot.com
In 1956, Chester "Chet" Fife began taking fast food orders in his school bus painted in rainbow Polk-a-Dots. In 1962, he moved the business into the current building, which today continues to be a popular stop along Route 66. The drive-in has inside booths along with outdoor seating. Fiberglass figures of Elvis Presley, Marilyn Monroe, Betty Boop, James Dean, and the Blues Brothers adorn the outside. Travelers are quickly engaged by the light-hearted, fun atmosphere.

Braidwood Zoo

41.2643, -88.2103
(815) 458-2333
braidwood.us
Braidwood's newest attraction is its zoo, consisting of metal folk art created by the late Jack Barker of nearby Essex, IL. The sculptures are whimsical animals and include a pink elephant, a polar bear, giraffe, cow and steer. At Christmas they are decorated in lights and create a fanciful attraction. The welcome center advises visitors of nearby points of interests.

Karen's Resale and Consignment Shop

195 North Front Street
(815) 390-5258
karensresaleandconsignment.com
The shop, has been voted "the most talked about Resale Shop South of I-80." Everything from household goods to clothing for everyone, formal wear, shoes, furniture, antiques, trinkets, motorcycle parts, man cave items and so much more!

GODLEY

Burma Shave Signs

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

Illinois Route 66 Mining Museum

150 South Kankakee Street
(815) 704-2373
illinoisroute66miningmuseum.org
Many towns along Route 66 in Illinois exist only because of coal mining. This is a community facility dedicated to the stories of some of those miners, and their hardships. Also learn about the extraordinary fossil discoveries and the various forms of mining that took place locally and all along Route 66 in Illinois.

Stumble Inn

201 South Kankakee Street
(815) 458-0538
The Stumble Inn has a warm atmosphere and is a prime example of a Route 66 roadhouse. Stop in for delicious food and quench your thirst.

K Mine Park

500 South Kankakee Street
(815) 458-6133
This large community recreation park is named for the mine that created the community of Godley. It has a children's zoo, playground, and statues of children at play. It also features pavilions, a community recreation center, ball fields, a dog park and jogging trails.

BRACEVILLE

JK Harrison Pub & Grill

103 South Route 53
(815) 237-2953
jkharrisons.tripod.com
The bar is a family owned business dedicated to bringing you a safe place to enjoy yourself, with a friendly staff, great entertainment and awesome home style food.

Mazonia/Braidwood Fish & Wildlife Area

(815) 237-0063
dnr.state.il.us
Built on an old strip mine, the area consists of 1,017 acres dedicated to fish and wildlife management. Mazonia is well known among fossil collectors for its Pennsylvanian fossils. The maze of finger lakes created from surface coal mining is well worth the visit—a rare chance to experience the dramatic physical changes that mining has on the landscape.

For complete and up-to-date
information visit us online:
illinoisroute66.org

GARDNER

The 2 Cell Jail and Christiansen Memorial

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

Historic Streetcar Diner

illinoisroute66.org
A historic Kankakee streetcar from the early 20th century was moved to Gardner in 1932 to serve as a diner along Route 66. In 1937, the streetcar became a cottage and playhouse. It was restored by the Illinois Route 66 Association and inducted into the Route 66 Hall of Fame in 2001.

Vino's Bar & Grill

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

DWIGHT

Pioneer Gothic Church

201 North Franklin Street
(815) 584-1959
dwightillinois.org
Built in 1858, the Association of Illinois Architects in 2007 named this building as one of the "150 Architectural Treasures" in the State of Illinois due to its Carpenter Gothic Architecture. Listed on the National Register, the Prince of Wales, King Edward VII, worshiped here in 1860, while on a hunting expedition in the area.

Ambler/Becker Texaco Station

417 West Waupansie Street
(815) 584-3077
dwightillinois.org
This historic 1933 filling station is identified as the longest operating gas station along Route 66. It dispensed fuel for 66 continuous years until 1999. After major restoration work, the building reopened as a Route 66 visitor center in May 2007. It was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2001. It features a digital audio player for visitors when the building is closed.





Bank of Dwight

132 East Main Street
(815) 584-1855

The Bank of Dwight, opened in 1855 by David McWilliams, is the oldest state chartered bank still in operation under its original charter and the third oldest bank in Illinois. The current building was built in 1910 and features an original dome mural painted by Viennese artist, Oskar Gross.

Keeley Institute/William Fox Development Center

134 West Main Street
(815) 584-1652
dwrightillinois.org

The former Keeley Institute for the treatment of alcoholism and drug addiction is known for its stained glass windows (depicting the five senses) and for the rich and famous patients treated there. With prohibition and the downsizing of the Keeley Institute, the building served as a Veteran's Administration Hospital from 1926-1966. The building today serves as the William W. Fox Development Center.

First National Bank of Dwight

122 West Main Street
(815) 584-1210

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

Chicago & Alton Railroad Depot/Dwight Historical Society Museum

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

This limestone structure, built in 1891, was designed by famed Chicago architect Henry Ives Cobb. The building was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1982. The depot continues to serve Amtrak passenger traffic between Chicago and St. Louis. It also serves as the Dwight Historical Society Museum, which preserves the history and culture that pertains to the Dwight area. The museum is open Saturdays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and by appointment.

The Oughton Estate Windmill

101 West South Street
(815) 584-3077

The windmill is a prominent landmark on the John Oughton estate property. The 5-story, eight-sided, steel-framed windmill was built in 1896 to help pump water for the Oughton estate, which included the buildings that now house Country Mansion Restaurant and the Public Library. The estate, including the windmill, was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1980.

The Oughton House/Country Mansion Restaurant

101 West South Street
(800) 892-5969
thecountrymansion.com

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

When Oughton died in 1925, the home became lodging for patients for the Keeley Institute. When the institute folded in 1965, Oughton's grandson converted the building into a restaurant. The handcrafted oak and maple woodwork and original fireplaces in the lounge area can be seen while eating lunch or dinner.

Prairie Creek Public Library

501 Carriage House Lane
(815) 584-1652
prairiecreeklibrary.org

The library is located in the carriage house built around 1895 that served the John R. Oughton Estate. It was referred to as the Dwight Public Library from 1926-1992.

ODELL

Wishing Well Café

110 Tremont Street
(815) 998-2100

Travelers along 66 love discovering this hidden little gem. Enjoy a homemade meal prepared by a professionally trained chef.

Rentz's Tap & Dining

210 South Waupansie Street
(815) 998-2383

Stop in for a great steaks and chops at this Odell landmark. Don't fill up on the amazing appetizers or generous sides!

Standard Oil Gasoline Station

400 South West Street
(815) 998-2133
il66assoc.org

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

Odell Subway Tunnel

il66assoc.org

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

CAYUGA

Meramec Caverns Barn

il66assoc.org

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





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Betty Estes

If you knew Betty Estes for any amount of time, you knew a woman who was passionate about life and the things she loved within it. As she readily admitted whenever someone would listen - her faith, family and friends were at the top of the list. But very, VERY close behind, was her beloved Pontiac, Illinois and its famous landmark, Rt. 66.

Although Betty was nearing 70 when she became the first tourism director of Pontiac in 1999, she embraced the role with her trademark energy, zeal and creativity. For Betty and her "unpaid assistant", her husband Dal, the preservation and celebration of Rt. 66 was deeply rooted in their love of history, and their belief that "America's Main Street" should never be forgotten.

Creating a great first impression of Pontiac for anyone and everyone who visited was Betty's goal. Frequently, she would make breakfast or dinner at her home for a group of traveling tourists journeying down Rt. 66. Often she would join them at the Old Log Cabin to continue their personal tour. Although Rt. 66 brought these strangers to Pontiac, Betty's warmth ensured they left as friends. More often than not, they would return and bring others to Pontiac, which for her was the greatest reward. She received cards and letters of thanks from all over the world, and kept up correspondence with many throughout the years.

In 2002 she created the "Red Carpet Corridor" a joint project with the towns of Dwight and Odell to promote the "Mother Road".

In 2004, she convinced the Pontiac Mayor and City Administrator to find the funding needed to bring the Rt. 66 Museum to Downtown Pontiac. Because of these efforts, the Illinois Rt. 66 Heritage project recognized her work and created a scholarship at the University of Illinois in her name. Additionally, one of her greatest honors was being inducted into the Rt. 66 Hall of Fame. But more than the awards and honors, Betty was blessed to make wonderful lifelong friends along Rt. 66, including Lenore and John Weiss, Kevin McNamara of Dwight and many others. She was always grateful for their presence in her life.

Although Betty was battling cancer, her spirit and energy for Pontiac never diminished. When she was undergoing chemotherapy treatment in Chicago, Betty would bring Rt. 66 and Pontiac brochures and leave them on the tables in the waiting room at Northwestern University. Even as she was hooked up to IV's, she would enthusiastically encourage the nurses and the techs to come visit "her Pontiac". Betty Estes was truly one of a kind.

She passed away June 20, 2012, at her home, surrounded by her family. She and her husband Dal had six children, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Her legacy and spirit continues through them, and through the Betty Estes Community Scholarship, a fund created in her memory to encourage community involvement by the youth.



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Old Log Cabin Restaurant

18700 Old Route 66
(815) 842-2908

route66oldlogcabin.com

Built in 1926, the restaurant originally faced the older Route 66 alignment. It is claimed to have been lifted and turned 180 degrees when the alignment changed at the intersection of Pontiac Road (two-lane 66) and the four-lane 66 on the north edge of town. The building has been expanded over the years. It is a classic example of the economic significance that Route 66 had on roadside businesses. The restaurant still serves food to travelers. Open Monday through Saturday 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. Closed Sundays.

Pontiac-Oakland Automobile Museum & Resource Center

205 North Mill Street
(815) 944-5847

visitpontiac.org

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

Murals on Main Street Tour

(800) 835-2055

visitpontiac.org

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

The International Walldog Mural and Sign Art Museum

217 North Mill Street
(800) 835-2055

visitpontiac.org

Dedicated to the preservation of the history, techniques and stories associated with the development of outdoor wall advertising. The museum contains images, videos, artifacts and a small library which help the visitor understand how the early outdoor wall advertisements evolved, as well as an art gallery where works of the modern day Walldogs are on display with select artworks available for purchase.

Livingston County Courthouse

visitpontiac.org

Located on the square, the courthouse was built in 1875 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. J.C. Cochrane designed the historic edifice of the county's third courthouse. An Abraham Lincoln statue on the south side of the courthouse lawn memorializes the numerous visits Lincoln made to Pontiac between 1810 and 1860.



Route 66 Hall of Fame and Museum

110 West Howard Street
(815) 844-4566

il66assoc.org

Housed in a historic firehouse, this facility tells the story of the people and places that have been inducted into the hall of fame. The museum displays significant Illinois artifacts from along Route 66. The upstairs features "Route 66—A photo Journal," a series of pictures by Michael Campanelli, that captures the true spirit of Route 66. Summer hours: Monday through Friday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Winter hours: Monday through Friday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Livingston County War Museum and Dal Estes Education Center

321 North Main Street

(815) 842-0301

visitpontiac.org

Educational displays interpret World War I to the present. It is staffed by veterans and is located in the Old City Hall next to the Route 66 Museum.

Old City Hall Shoppes

321 North Main Street

(815) 842-1343

visitpontiac.org

Located next to the Route 66 Hall of Fame Museum are several craft and antique shops in Pontiac's Old 1900 City Hall. The shops offer Route 66 souvenirs.

Jones House

314 East Madison Street
(815) 842-3457

visitpontiac.org

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

Dargon Park Sculptures

Madison and Fountain
(815) 844-7350

visitpontiac.org

Large metal sculptures entitled "All Things Change and We Change with Them" depict the changes that humans experience while growing. Barry Tinsley, sculptor and artist, completed the design, construction, and erection of the figures in 1998.

Yost House Museum

298 West Water Street
(815) 844-5846

visitpontiac.org

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

Illinois State Police District 6 Headquarters

(815) 844-5847

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Built in 1941, the old Illinois State Police District 6 headquarters was inducted into the Route 66 Hall of Fame in 2000. The unique building was constructed in the shape of a pistol, and served as the base for state troopers who patrolled roads from Dwight to McLean. It was vacated in 2004 when a new state police headquarters was built nearby. 40.8507935718209, -88.6562776565552

Swinging Bridges

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Pontiac is the only city in Central Illinois with three swinging bridges. The bridges span the Vermilion River and were originally built so residents could get to work.

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CENTRAL

CHENOA

Matthew T. Scott Home

227 North First Street
(815) 945-4555
bloomingtonnormalcvb.org
The rear section of the house was built in 1855 with the front (Georgian) section added in 1863. The house was built by noted agriculturalist Matthew T. Scott who laid out Chenoa in 1854. His wife Julia Green Scott was one of the founders of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The house was the site of the marriage of Adlai Stevenson I and Letitia Green, sister to Julia. The house is listed on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places. Open Sunday 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Chenoa Pharmacy

209 Green Street
(815) 845-4211
Schuirmans' 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 ambience and charm of this historic building and business. It was inducted into the Illinois Route 66 Hall of Fame in 2005. Open Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to noon. Closed Sundays.

Selz Royal Blue Shoes Mural

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

Red Bird Antique Mall

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

LEXINGTON

Lexington Neon Arrow Sign

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

Route 66 Memory Lane

(309) 365-8105
lexingtonillinois.org
A one mile stretch of original Route 66 that was dedicated in 1926, has been restored back to the 1940's era with vintage billboard and Burma Shave signs. It can be walked year-round and is open to vehicular traffic during festivals.

The Shake Shack

512 West Main Street
(309) 365-3005
Don't let the name fool you, this place has amazing burgers and daily specials as well. And nothing completes a meal like a well made shake!

Lexington Route 66 Park

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

Patton Cabin

(309) 365-8531
pattoncabinolasite.com
Located in P.J. Keller Park, the cabin was built by the area's first settler, John Patton in June 1829 with the help of the Kickapoo and Delaware Indians. This cabin is listed on the National Register of Historic places. Open Sundays in June, July and August from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

TOWANDA

Kick's Bar & Grill

19578 North 1960 East Road
(309) 728-2060
kicksbaronroute66.com
Get your kicks on 66 at Kick's Bar & Grill. This is a great place to stretch your legs and order some of that famous Route 66 Road Food.

"A Geographical Journey" Parkway

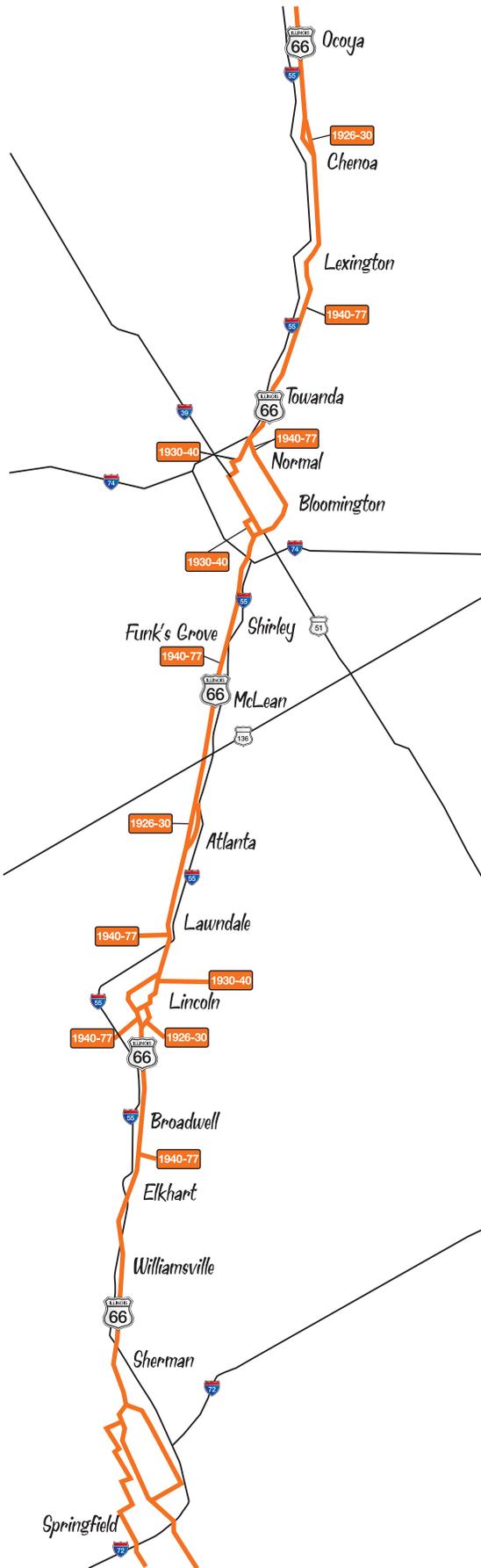
towandahistory.org
The Parkway is a 1.6 mile stretch of Route 66 (an abandoned lane of the 1954 four-lane alignment) with educational kiosks that interpret each state along the road. The walking tour has fliers printed in several languages for international tourists and a collection of Burma Shave signs.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

Towanda Dead Man's Curve

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

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BLOOMINGTON/NORMAL

Sprague Super Service Station

305 East Pine Street
(309) 452-5325

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

Quinn's Shell Station

802 North Main Street
(309) 827-9188

Need to fill 'er up? This neighborhood service station has been serving travelers and locals alike for over 70 years and is one of the few stations still offering full service. The station has been in Elmo Quinn's family since 1941 and Elmo has run things since 1978.

McLean County Courthouse and Museum of History

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

The museum is housed in the Old McLean County Courthouse, built in 1903, which served the McLean County Circuit Court until 1976. This example of monumental architecture is well preserved. National award winning exhibits guide visitors through the county's history. It is also one of the top five genealogical reference libraries in the country.

Eric's Restaurant

903 West Wood Street
(309) 828-5588

This little oasis of mexican-style cuisine is a great place to stop while in the Bloomington area for a bite to eat. The generous portions and the close proximity to Miller Park make this a great place to pick up a picnic lunch and enjoy nature.

Miller Park and Zoo

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

The park features a restored 1906 pavilion, lake, war memorials, and a preserved steam locomotive, coal car, and caboose from the Nickel Plate Railroad. The zoo has an indoor tropical rain forest that houses exotic birds and an outdoor exhibit with lions, red wolves, snow leopards, and more.

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springfieldantiquemall.com

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5029 Snell Road, Auburn
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beckysbarn.com

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10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
(off hour appts. welcome)

Antiques, collectibles, souvenirs, Amish jams, jellies and candies. View our collection of highway signs, hot rod goodies, or stop in the Rt. 66 Snack Shop for free information and conversation.

Children's Discovery Museum

101 East Beaufort Street
(309) 433-3444
childrensdiscoverymuseum.net
Explore, imagine, create and play with three floors of unique, hands-on, larger than life exhibits; climb into the two-story lucky climber; join in the fun of new exciting educational programs and shop at the Discover More! store.

Historical Normal Theater

209 North Street
(309) 454-9722
normaltheater.com
The theater has been completely restored to its original condition when it opened in 1937. The first theater designed for sound films, today it shows classic films and hosts live theater and music.

Prairie Aviation Museum

2929 East Empire Street
(309) 633-7632
prairieaviationmuseum.org
The museum features a collection of preserved aircraft, revolving aviation exhibits and memorabilia, and a mini-theatre. Exhibits include a Bell Sea Cobra, Huey Helicopter, and F-14 Tomcat. The museum's DC-3 Flagship is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

David Davis Museum State Historic Site

100 Monroe Drive
(309) 828-1084
daviddavis mansion.org
Also called Clover Lawn, this Victorian home was built in 1872 for U.S. Supreme Court Justice David Davis. In his early days, Davis rode the circuit with Abraham Lincoln. As president, Lincoln appointed Davis to the U.S. Supreme Court. The Davis Mansion served as a focal point for the social, cultural, and political life of Bloomington. Today, it is operated by the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency.

Beer Nuts Factory and Company Store

103 North Robinson Street
(309) 827-8580
beernuts.com
In 1937, Edward Shirk took over Caramel Crisp confectionery store in downtown Bloomington. One of their products was called "Redskins," glazed peanuts with their red skins intact. The name changed to "Beer Nuts" in 1953 when the Shirks began packaging the nuts for the National Liquor Stores in Bloomington. The company moved into their current processing plant in 1973. The plant includes a public company store with nuts and souvenirs. A video tour of the plant is also available.

First Steak 'n Shake

1219 S. Main Street, Normal
Gus and Edith Belt owned a Shell Gas Station in Bloomington in the 1920's. They attached a dining room and began selling "Shell Chicken." Gus quickly realized that the area had plenty of chicken restaurants, however, and changed his line to steak burgers and the first Steak 'n Shake was born in 1934.

SHIRLEY/FUNK'S GROVE

Funk Prairie Home

10875 Prairie Home Lane
(309) 827-6792
funkspuremaplesirup.com
This is the restored 1864 home of one of McLean County's most famous citizens, Lafayette Funk. Lafayette was co-founder and director of the Chicago Union Stockyards and served as an Illinois State Senator. The house features memorabilia and antiques owned by the Funk family, including a working Victrola and first ever electric kitchen island.

Funks Grove Pure Maple Sirup

5257 Historic U.S. 66
(309) 874-3360
funkspuremaplesirup.com
Debbie and Mike Funk continue the family traditions laid down by the previous six generations. Funk descendants have been making maple sirup here since the town was founded in 1824. The Funk's Grove Maple Sirup business was established in 1891. Sirup is correctly spelled this way to distinguish it from sugar-based syrup. This was and continues to be a major stopping point along Route 66. The gift shop features maple sirup seasonally and Route 66 souvenirs.

Funks Grove Cemetery

funkspuremaplesirup.com
A beautiful site nestled beneath the large maple trees of Funk's Grove. It includes an outdoor "Chapel of the Templed Trees." Visitors can enjoy the sanctuary-like peace of the grove and stroll through the cemetery and get a feel for the span of generations that have called this place home.

Sugar Grove Nature Center

4532 North 725 East Road
(309) 874-2174
sugargrovenaturecenter.org
The center is located among over 1,000 acres of high quality natural areas. Funks Grove is the largest remaining intact prairie grove in the state of Illinois. It contains four dedicated nature preserves and has been designated as a National Natural Landmark by the U.S. Department of Interior. Over five miles of well maintained trails take visitors through prairie, forest, and river habitats. The center has interpretive exhibits, sensory displays, and live animals. Open Tuesday through Saturday.

Funk Gem and Mineral Museum

10875 Prairie Home Lane
(309) 827-6792
funkspuremaplesirup.com
The museum houses a large number of fossils, petrified wood, Native American artifacts and rocks that Lafayette Funk II collected from all over the world. It also interprets the Funk Brothers Seed Company. Eugene Funk, son of Lafayette, pioneered the use of hybrid corn. Open Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., or by appointment. Closed January and February.

MCLEAN

Dixie Truck Stop

501 Main Street
(309) 874-2323
In 1928, J.P. Walters and John Geske rented part of a mechanic's garage here to sell sandwiches to Route 66 travelers and truckers. By the 1930's, the operation had grown to a full-fledged restaurant, cabins, and a cattle pen. The Dixie was owned and operated by the Geske family from 1928-2003 and was only closed one day after a fire in 1965. The truck stop has changed hands, but still serves travelers along Route 66 and I-55, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.



Carlinville

"Where Lincoln Walked and Route 66 Rolled"...
 halfway between Springfield, IL and St. Louis, on the old "Mother Road".

Dine and shop on the only Town Square in Illinois that Route 66 goes completely around. You'll find brick-paved streets and cast-iron Victorian storefronts. Buildings that date back to when Abraham Lincoln practiced law here. An 1869 grand hotel some say is haunted today. The original location of Route 66 landmark Ariston cafe. And a gazebo where bands still play summer evening concerts.

A block away is Macoupin County's magnificent "Million Dollar" Courthouse. Intended as a \$50,000 project, by the time work halted in 1870, the cost had ballooned to over \$1 million. (The County Clerk involved boarded a train one night and was never heard from

again!) One of Illinois' great political scandals, today the American Institute of Architects calls it one of the "150 Great Places in Illinois".

Right across Route 66 from the Courthouse, you'll find the Macoupin County Jail of 1869. Cannonballs from the Civil War were placed in the walls to prevent jailbreaks. It has housed bootleggers and bandits... a murderer was once hanged here, on a gallows out back.

In the Standard Addition District, visit the largest collection of Sears homes in the U.S. In 1918, when Standard Oil opened mines nearby, 156 kit homes were ordered from the Sears catalog, delivered and built within a year. 151 are still standing today.

Nearby, at the Macoupin County Historical Society, tour a Victorian mansion, a one-room schoolhouse, a country chapel, old-time blacksmith and print shops. Don't miss the Spring and Fall Festivals here, with antique steam farm machinery, craft demonstrations, live music, and home-made food— especially Strawberry Shortcake!

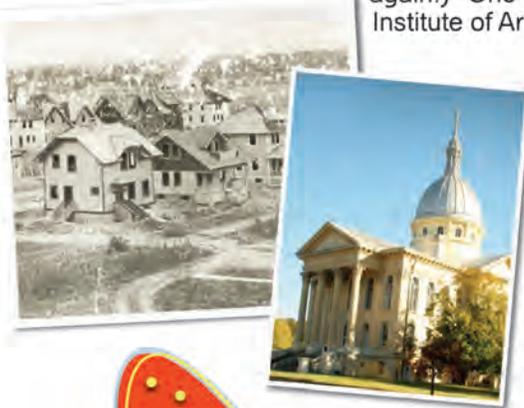
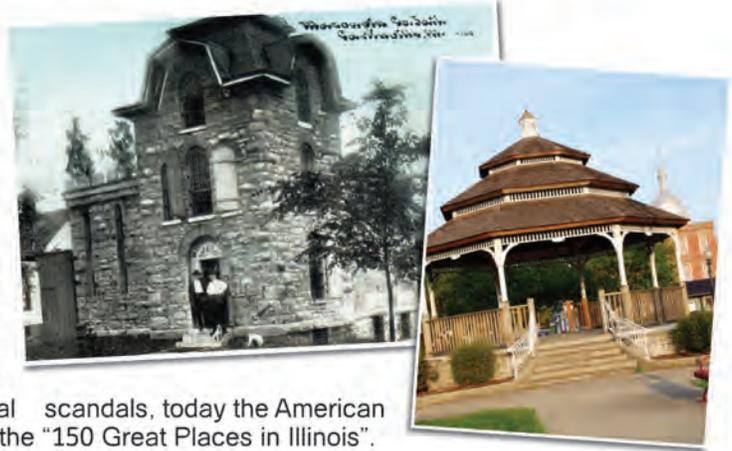
There's a classic car Cruise-In on the Square, July 27, with 1960s dances, a 50s-'60s dress contest, and an ice cream social— the largest nighttime Halloween Parade in Illinois each October— and the famous Carlinville Christmas Market, with craft vendors, live entertainment, trolley tours, food and fun every December. And in every season, all over

town, you'll find unexpected surprises— Magnolia's Restaurant, fine dining in the renovated hall of an old German Catholic Church; the Refuge Coffee House, in a former five-and-dime store on Route 66; the Body Depot salon, in the old interurban railroad station; Taylor's world-famous Chili Parlor; Crabby's 1950's era supper club. Try to get here just before noon, so you can hear the lunchtime siren that still blows every day from the bell tower of the old City Hall just off the Square.

It's all waiting for you in Carlinville, IL –

"Where Lincoln Walked and Route 66 Rolled"... and more!

Pictured above (top-bottom): Macoupin County Jail 1911 (Postcard), Historical Town Square & Pavilion 2012 (courtesy hello.design studios), Standard Addition Construction (1920 Sears catalog), "Million Dollar Couthouse 2012 (courtesy hello.design studios), Downtown Carlinville 1942 (Life Magazine, Alfred Eisenstadt), ITS Depot 1952 (courtesy Marsha Crane, Body Depot).



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ATLANTA

Gunnar Mast Trading Post

107 Southwest Arch Street
Filled with antiques, collectibles, rockabilly art, books, photos, toys, and hats, this trading post has something for everyone! Across from the Palms Grill!

Route 66 Memories Museum

Stop by this eclectic museum to explore the history of Route 66, car culture, and local history. There is even a Rolls-Royce on display! The collection was brought together by a local historian with great stories to share. Located just a few doors from the Palm's Grill this museum is a must see.

Atlanta's Bunyon Statue

103 Southwest Arch Street
atlantailinois.org
"Say Cheese" in front of this great Route 66 photo opportunity. Originally located in front of Bunyon's restaurant on Route 66 in Cicero, Illinois, the 19-foot tall Bunyon Statue now welcomes Route 66 travelers to Atlanta.

Palm's Grill Café

110 Southwest Arch Street
(217) 648-2233
atlantailinois.org
Blue-plate specials, bingo, and a bus stop! Lovingly restored to its circa 1935 appearance, the café now invites visitors to step back in time and experience the way it used to taste. Groups welcome. Open seven days a week, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Route 66 Murals & Outdoor Advertising

atlantailinois.org
Several, large outdoor murals on the sides of Atlanta's business buildings recreate the look and feel of what Route 66 travelers used to see as they motored the Mother Road.

Atlanta Museum

100 Southeast Race Street
(217) 648-5167
atlantailinois.org
Exhibits focused on Abraham Lincoln, Route 66, and other aspects of Atlanta's history are featured. The Museum's Local History Resource Center provides extensive genealogy materials accessible to the public. Housed in a beautifully restored 1867 building, the Atlanta Museum presents both permanent and new, rotating exhibits. Open Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Closed Sundays.

Atlanta Public Library

100 Southeast Race Street
(217) 648-2112
atlantailinois.org
Built in 1908, this National Register Property is one of Illinois' few octagonal-shaped public libraries. Its gilded rotunda and interior rooms, filled with solid-oak woodwork, reflect its classic architecture. Local volunteers who comprise the "Keepers of the Clock" take turns on a weekly basis hand-winding the 1909 Seth Thomas clock housed in the library's clock tower.

J.H. Hawes Grain Elevator & Museum

301 Southwest Second Street
(217) 648-2058
atlantailinois.org
Illinois' only fully restored wooden grain elevator listed on the National Register of Historic Places. An outdoor, self-guided interpretive tour allows visitors to experience the Elevator Museum anytime. Open June, July and August: Sundays 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., call ahead.

LINCOLN

Lincoln Christening Scene

101 North Chicago Street
(217) 732-8687
abe66.com
This is the site where Abraham Lincoln christened the town with the juice of a watermelon on August 27, 1853. A watermelon statue and interpretive panel mark the site.

Wall Dogs Murals

Downtown Lincoln
(217) 732-2929
Explore downtown Lincoln to discover all eleven different, beautifully painted murals. Main Street Lincoln was instrumental in bringing these murals to the community. See if you can find them all!

Phone Booth on Lincoln City Hall

700 Broadway Street
(217) 735-2815
cityoflincoln-il.gov
Built in 1895, the red brick for the building came from the Lincoln Coal Company. A unique telephone booth on the roof was added later and was used by weather spotters to phone in sighted storms. Lincoln City Hall anchors the downtown National Historic Registered District and is one of the city's most visible symbols.

Postville Courthouse State Historic Site

914 Fifth Street
(217) 732-8687
postvillecourthouse.com
The building is a reproduction of the first Logan County Courthouse in use from 1840 to 1847. Abraham Lincoln served as a lawyer on the Eighth Judicial Circuit.

Railsplitter Covered Wagon

1750 Fifth Street
(217) 732-8687
abe66.com
Recognized by the Guinness Book of World Records as the "World's Largest Covered Wagon" and rated as a top roadside attraction by Readers Digest, the Railsplitter and its driver, Abe Lincoln, welcome visitors throughout the year. Donated by well-known Lincoln philanthropist Larry Van Bibber.

The Mill on 66

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

Heritage In Flight Museum

1351 Airport Road
(217) 732-3333
heritageinflight.org
Located at the Logan County Airport, the museum is filled with memorabilia from all the military conflicts dating back to World War I.

Lincoln Heritage Museum at Lincoln College

300 Keokuk Street
(217) 735-5050
lincolncollege.edu/museum
The museum is a repository of a large collection of manuscripts, artifacts, and other memorabilia relating to the life of Abraham Lincoln. The college also houses the Museum of Presidents, to honor the Chief Executives from Washington to the present day. Open Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Closed Sundays.





Logan County Courthouse

601 Broadway Street
(217) 732-8687
abe66.com

Erected in 1905, the courthouse is located on the square, which is a historic district. The stone, three-story, domed structure is considered the second most architecturally spectacular historic courthouse in Illinois' 102 counties. It houses a statue of Lincoln, murals, plus historical display cases.

Hallie's Restaurant

111 South Kickapoo Street
(217) 732-6923

Owned and operated by the grandson of the Huffmans, who began making their famous schnitzel in the Mill Restaurant in 1945. The original schnitzel is now served here in downtown Lincoln.

The Lincoln Theater 4

215 S. Kickapoo Street
(217) 732-9600
lincolntheater4.com

Built in 1922, the theater built by Steve Bennis opened in 1923 showing "John Quincy Adams Sawyer." It was originally a single screen featuring an organ and live stage shows as well. The number of screens was doubled in 1985 and then again in the mid nineties. Downtown Lincoln is a great place to grab dinner and a movie while exploring the Mother Road.

BROADWELL

Pig Hip Marker

101 West Oak Street
(217) 732-8687
abe66.com

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

ELKHART

Historic Downtown Elkhart

abe66.com

Enjoy shopping, dining, and more in downtown Elkhart. Enjoy a light lunch and indulgent pies at the Wild Hare Café or try the classic American fare offered at Hudson's Talk of the Town just across the street. Shop for Route 66 memorabilia or vintage treasures at Horsefeathers and Birdsong. Stop by and discover a small slice of the "real America."

Elkhart Cemetery

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

This beautiful wooded 1874 cemetery is the last resting place of Captain Adam Borgardus, expert marksman and performer in Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show, John Dean Gillett, the cattle baron, and Governor Richard Oglesby. It is said to be haunted by the ghost of Emma Gillett Oglesby.

Gillett Memorial Arch Bridge

County Road 10
elkharthistoricalsociety.org

Commissioned by former Illinois first lady Emma Gillett Oglesby in 1915 as a memorial to her brother, this cast-concrete bridge serves as a link between the family cemetery and the grounds of the historic estate. The single-arch bridge is a unique visual feature along a scenic stretch of roadway. This bridge represents the oldest privately owned bridge in Illinois and has been maintained by family members and local residents, which accounts for the minimal appearance of wear.

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St. John the Baptist Chapel

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

In 1890, John Dean Gillett's wife, Lermira, had a chapel built in the Elkhart Cemetery in honor of her husband. This chapel, known as Chapel of St. John the Baptist, is the only privately owned chapel in the state of Illinois.

WILLIAMSVILLE

The Old Station

117 North Elm Street

This 1930's service station is a collector's dream with vintage gas pumps and signs on the outside of the building. Although the building is now closed, it is a classic photo opportunity for Route 66 travelers.

Williamsville Historic Depot and Box Cars

102 South Elm Street
(217) 566-3520

The museum contains a collection of photographs and other memorabilia reflecting the history of Williamsville. Open every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

SHERMAN

Double H Bar

121 North First Street
(217) 496-3811

The Double H Bar was built in 1946 from handmade concrete blocks, and has served Route 66 travelers continuously since that time. Open Monday through Friday 11 a.m. to 1 a.m., Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. to 1 a.m.

Ray's Route 66 Diner

110 Villa Parkway
(217) 492-9379

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

Carpenter Park Route 66 Pavement

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

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information visit us online:
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SPRINGFIELD

Illinois State Police Heritage Foundation & Museum

4000 North Peoria Road
(217) 525-1922
isphf.org

The museum honors the men and women who have served on Illinois' highways since its establishment in 1922. Route 66 ("Bloody 66" as it was called) was a major patrol venue. The museum has pictures, uniforms, equipment and vintage cars dating back to the earliest years of the Illinois State Highway Patrol. Open Thursday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. or by appointment. Admission is free, donations are accepted and appreciated.

Shea's Gas Station Museum

2075 Peoria Road
(800) 545-7300

A private museum loaded with gas station and oil company collectibles. It has been operated by Bill Shea for over half a century and has become an internationally renowned landmark on old 66. Open by appointment. Contact the Springfield Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Vic's Pizza

2025 North Peoria Road
(217) 522-2464

Home of the Route 66 Shield shaped pizza. Located a few doors down from Shea's Gas Station museum this landmark diner offers great specials and an amazing lunch buffet.

Jungle Jim's Café

1923 Peoria Road
(217) 789-6173

Just down from Bill Shea's museum, this café serves up racing nostalgia and Springfield famed "Horseshoe Sandwich" Open daily 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Union Station Visitors Center

500 East Madison Street
(217) 557-4588

presidentlincoln.org
Union Station was designed in the Richardson Romanesque style in 1896 as a combined passenger terminal for several railroads serving Springfield. The station closed in 1971 and was listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The building has been extensively restored, including its beautiful three story clock tower, as a state visitor center.

Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum

112-212 North Sixth Street
(217) 558-8882

presidentlincoln.org
This 200,000-square-foot complex includes an Archive, Library, and Museum. It features interactive exhibits, lifelike statues of Lincoln's life, and innovative theater presentations. It is over 50 percent larger than any other presidential library/museum and is the most visited.

Peases Candy Shop

531 East Washington Street
(217) 523-7581

peasescandy.com
Peases Candy Shop was founded by Martin A. Pease, Sr. sometime around the turn of the century. He began by making candies out of his

home in Canton, OH until he moved to Elgin, IL. He opened a candy store in 1918 with his six sons. His youngest son Martin A. Pease, Jr. moved to Springfield in 1930 to open his own store. Since then, Peases candies have become a local guilty pleasure.

Old State Capitol State Historic Site

1 South Old State Capitol Plaza
(217) 785-9363

illinoishistory.gov

This is considered by many to be Lincoln's capitol as it was here that he argued cases before the Illinois Supreme Court, served in the state legislature, first confronted Stephen Douglas, and where he delivered his famous "House Divided" speech.

Lincoln-Herndon Law Offices State Historical Site

112 North 6th Street
(217) 785-7960

illinoishistory.gov

Lincoln and his partner, William Herndon, occupied this building from 1843-1852. This is the only surviving building where Abraham Lincoln worked as a lawyer. It has been restored and tours are provided.

Illinois State Capitol

301 South Second Street
(217) 782-2099

cyberdriveillinois.com

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

Lauterbach Giant

1569 Wabash Avenue
(217) 546-2600

lauterbachtire.com

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

Route 66 Drive-In

1700 Recreation Drive
(217) 546-8881

route66-drivein.com

The Green Meadows Drive-In opened in 1978 and lasted just 4 years. Restored in 2002 as the Route 66 Drive-In, it now shows double features nightly from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day and on weekends through October.

Knight's Action Park & Caribbean Water Adventure

1700 Recreation Drive
(217) 546-8881

knightactionpark.com

Knight's Action Park opened in 1952 as a golf driving range by George Knight Sr. It has evolved into a diverse family fun park with water slides, wave pool, go karts, pedal boats, bumper boats, miniature golf courses, and batting cages.





Joe Rogers' "The Den" Chili Parlor

820 South 9th Street
 (217) 522-3722
 joerogerschili.com
 Founder Joe Rogers created his "perfect chili recipe." December 21, 1945 he opened his first chili parlor that consisted of only 11 lunch counter stools. Since then, the spicy Firebrand has made Joe Rogers' chili renown worldwide. Locals swear that the secret to their great chili is in the customers' ability to order it "your way." From mild to Firebrand, meat or no meat, beans or no beans, you order it they'll make it.

Sonrise Donuts Neon Sign and The New Coney Island Café

1101 South 9th Street
 (217) 528-0339
 Sonrise Donut opened in 1947 and was the first Springfield donut shop to have a coffee bar. It remained in operation until 1998. Coney Island was originally opened at another location in 1919 and remained open until 2000. The New Coney Island is embracing the heritage of both famous restaurants and serves a menu that combines corn dogs, burger and fries and Mexican-American fare. The original luncheonette has been restored to resemble its 1940 - 50 likeness.



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Cozy Dog Drive-In

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

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

Mel-o-Cream

3010 South 6th Street
(217) 529-7708
mel-o-cream.com

Mel-o-Cream was founded in 1932 in Springfield by Kelly Grant, Sr. to sell donuts wholesale to restaurants and grocery stores. In 1964 the first franchise store was opened. Celebrating more than 75 years in business, this Springfield and Route 66 Landmark is still serving up warm donuts.

Hall's Harley Davidson

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

Stop in and check out the magnificent 10,000-square-foot Harley Davidson showroom. Hall's has a huge selection of motorcycles, apparel and customized collectibles for all ages. Open Tuesday through Sunday.

Springfield Antique Mall

3031 Reilly Drive
(217) 522-3031
springfieldantiquemall.com

Located on the 1940 alignment of Route 66, this mall is an antiques dream! Over 50 booths to pick through.

Curve Inn

3219 South Sixth Street Road
(217) 529-5806

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

Route 66 Hotel & Conference Center

625 East Saint Joseph Street
(217) 529-6626
rt66hotel.com

The Route 66 Hotel & Conference Center, situated at 6th and Stevenson Drive, was originally built in 1957 as Illinois' first Holiday Inn on the original Route 66. The hotel has been fully remodeled and the main hallways are literally covered with historical pictures among a wide variety of unusual collectibles that bring back lots of memories. There are even two original condition vintage cars in the front lobby. Some people spend hours looking at all of the memorabilia and then sit down for Broasted Chicken in the full service restaurant dubbed Yesterdays.

International Route 66 Mother Road Festival

Historic Downtown Springfield
(800) 545-7300
route66fest.com

Held annually the last full weekend of September, thousands of people from around the world flock to this event featuring hundreds of classic and vintage vehicles, live entertainment, celebrities, dozens of food booths, one-of-a-kind exhibits and more – all in a 20 block area of the historic downtown. (September 27-29, 2013 and September 26-28, 2014).

Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site

15588 History Lane (Rt. 97 Petersburg)
(217) 632-4000

lincolnsnewsalem.com

Just a few miles outside of Springfield in historic Petersburg, you can step back in time nearly 200 years as you walk through the reconstructed pioneer village of New Salem, where a young Abraham Lincoln lived and worked before he embarked on his career as lawyer and legislator leading to becoming President of the United States.

Lincoln Tomb State Historic Site

1500 Monument Avenue
(217) 782-2717

illinoishistory.gov

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

Illinois Vietnam Veterans Memorial

1500 Monument Avenue
(217) 782-2717

illinoishistory.gov

This memorial honors the 3,000 Illinois troops killed or listed as missing during the war. The center of the monument is an eternal flame supported by five vertical gray granite walls.

Illinois Korean War Memorial

1500 Monument Avenue
(217) 782-2717

illinoishistory.gov

This memorial honors the 1,748 Illinoisans killed during the war. It consists of a 12-foot tall bronze bell mounted on a granite base with a carillon system that plays music.

World War II Illinois Veterans Memorial

1500 Monument Avenue
(217) 782-2717

illinoishistory.gov

This memorial honors the 987,000 men and women from the State of Illinois who served in the war, including 22,000 who lost their lives. The design centerpiece is a globe 12 feet in diameter with metal buttons that show the locations of major battles.

Illinois State Military Museum

1301 North MacArthur
(217) 761-3910

springfield-il.com/attract/military.html

Located at the headquarters of the Illinois National Guard, this museum preserves a

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

Lincoln Home National Historic Site

426 South 7th Street
(217) 785-7289

Free ranger-led tours of the Lincoln Home are the central feature of the site. The Visitor Center offers orientation and interpretive films. Exhibits are located within the neighborhood. Stroll through the four-block historic area to see some houses in the Lincoln neighborhood.

Obed & Isaac's Microbrewery & Eatery

500 South Sixth Street
(217) 670-0627

obedandisaacs.com

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

Illinois State Museum

502 South Spring Street
(217) 782-7386

museum.state.il.us

Discover Illinois' diverse cultural heritage, experience various exhibitions showcasing the best of Illinois art, create and learn in the children's Play Museum, a hand-on children's area where kids can learn through play what it's like to work in a museum. Be sure to stop by the Illinois Artisan's Shop at the Museum for a wonderful array of handmade souvenirs and gifts.

Dana-Thomas House

301 East Lawrence
(217) 782-6776

dana-thomas.org

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

Lincoln Memorial Garden

2301 East Lakeshore Drive
(217) 529-1111

lmgnc.org

Lincoln Memorial Garden was founded in 1936 as a living memorial to Abraham Lincoln. All plants in the garden are native to the three states Lincoln lived in—Illinois, Indiana and Kentucky. Located on Lake Springfield, the gardens were designed by famed Chicago landscape architect, Jens Jensen. Because of this association with Jensen, the gardens were placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1992. A nature center and gift shop is open every day except Monday.






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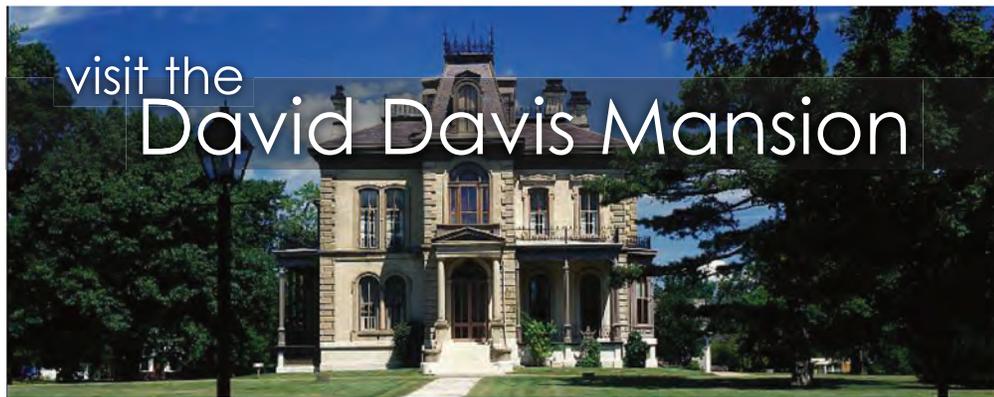
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McLean County Museum of History

Located on Route 66 / Main Street
200 North Main Street, Bloomington
309-827-0428 mchistory.org

Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Tuesday 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors (65 and up) and free for children to age 21 and students with ID. Free admission on Tuesdays.



visit the
David Davis Mansion



David Davis was the friend, mentor and campaign manager for Abraham Lincoln. As President, Lincoln appointed Davis as U.S. Supreme Court Justice in 1862.

Visit the commemorative exhibit on Lincoln and the Eighth Judicial Circuit in the Lincoln-era barn at the Victorian home of Eighth Circuit Judge, David Davis. Tours include the Victorian decorative arts, a formal garden, and stories about the Lincoln-Davis friendship.

David Davis Mansion State Historic Site
1000 Monroe Drive
Bloomington, Illinois

Ph. 309.828.1084
www.daviddavismansion.org

EVENTS AT THE MANSION

- 2013/14**
- June 2** Champagne British Car Show
 - June 14-15** Glorious Garden Festival
 - July 20-21** Civil War Days
 - August 3** Antique Auto Show
 - September 7** All Vehicle Show
 - November 1-17** Thanksgiving at Clover Lawn
 - November 2** A Bountiful Feast (special event)
 - Nov. 22-Dec. 29** Christmas at Clover Lawn
 - December 21** Christmas at the Mansions Tour
 - February 8, 2014** Lincoln's Birthday
 - March 15, 2014** St. Patrick's Day (special event)

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SOUTHERN

CHATHAM

Double J Campground & RV Park

9683 Palm Road
(217) 483-9998
doublejcampground.com
Located right on Route 66 just south of Springfield. Discover a magnificent campground for all size and type RVs and tents. Enjoy free Wi-Fi, on site laundry, a pool, miniature golf, tennis, and basketball. A great place to enjoy the outdoors and Route 66 all at the same time!

Again Antiques and Gifts

2775 Ostermeier Road
(217) 652-6887
again-antiques.com
Again, located just off of Route 66, offers a wide variety of antiques and vintage treasures. Bar ware, kitchenware, linens, clocks, furniture, lighting, toys, pottery, jewelry, and much more will transport you back in time and make you feel unexpectedly happy!

Becky's Barn

5029 Snell Road
(217) 836-3043
beckysbarn.com
Make sure you stop in and check out the unique collection of antiques and collectibles ranging from furniture to bird houses to lawn ornaments. Open Thursday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., or by appointment.

AUBURN

Historic Brick Road

Snell and Curran Roads
(217) 525-9308
illinoisroute66.org
This original 1.4 miles of hand-lain brick road was completed in 1931, and curves through corn fields near Auburn. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

THAYER

Pudock's Hideout

207 East Main Street
Small town charm abounds in this charming roadside bar and grill. Stop by to enjoy great bar food and enjoy the company of local's. A great place to stop and soak up some of the "real America."

VIRDEN

Virден History Mural

105 East Jackson
(217) 525-9308
illinoisroute66.org
A mural on the side of the Sav-Mor Building depicts events in the history of the town, including Route 66.

Silvernick's Antiques & Gifts

187 East Jackson
(217) 891-6514
Located on the Virден Square, Silvernick's offers a wide variety of antiques, unique gift items, and Route 66 souvenirs. With a little of everything you'll be sure to find the perfect memento.

Virден Miner's Riot Memorial/Central Park

Virден Square
The town's central park has a large granite and bronze three-dimensional memorial depicting the 1898 Virден Miner's Riot. The memorial was dedicated in October of 2006. The park has a historic bandstand that recalls an era of Saturday night band concerts and ice cream socials. A soldier's Monument commemorates local veterans who served in WWI.

GIRARD

Doc's Soda Fountain and Deck's Pharmacy Museum

133 South Second Street
(217) 627-3491
In 2007, the store reopened as Doc's Soda Fountain offering lunch, ice cream and old fashioned treats along with a free drug store museum displaying items dating back to 1884.

Girard History Museum and Community Center

125 West Madison
Created as a grass roots community effort the center was funded exclusively with private donations. Stop by to learn about Girard's Route 66 heritage in the Girard History Museum.

NILWOOD

Turkey Tracks in Pavement

South of Nilwood on Donaldson Road
(217) 525-9308
illinoisroute66.org
An original piece of the narrow 1926-30 Route 66 alignment winds south of Nilwood, parallel to the current straight configuration IL Route 4. Turkey tracks were imprinted in the 1920's when the original Route 4 concrete was poured, prior to its designation as Route 66. The story varies from a local farmer's escaped turkeys to wild turkeys as being the owners of the prints.

13 Star Flag Barn Painting

South of Nilwood on Illinois Route 4
(217) 525-9308
illinoisroute66.org
This 13-star "Betsy Ross" flag has been a photo favorite on Route 66 for years. This faded barn painting can be found in books, on websites, and photo albums around the world. This is a prime example of "barn art."

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illinoisroute66.org





CARLINVILLE

Carlinville Historic Square

(217) 854-2141

carlinvillechamber.com

The Carlinville square is the crown jewel of the large historic district that is on the National Register of Historic Places in Illinois since 1976. Most of the historic buildings were built in the 1880s and have been painstakingly restored to their original appearance. The beautiful gazebo that adorns the center of the park was graciously donated by the Milard family.

Reno's Pizzeria and Ristorante

518 North Side Square

(217) 854-6655

renositalianpizzeria.com

This family owned pizzeria opened in 2000 and showcases homemade Italian cuisine and the best pizza in town. Enjoy your meal under the Sistine Chapel ceiling and surrounded by Walldog murals or nestle yourself in nostalgia in the Route 66 Momma Road Room. The cornerstone of Carlinville's historic town square, Reno's brings a little of Sicily to Route 66.

Angus Bailey Restaurant

510 East Side Square

(217) 854-5250

angusbaileys.com

Located on Carlinville's Historic Square, Angus Bailey's has a wide variety of American cuisine. The main dining area is separate from the bar making it a family friendly environment. Large groups are welcome and reservations are available.

Michelle's Pharmacy

494 West Side Square

(217) 854-4022

michellespharmacy.com

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

My Sister's Closet

364 South Side Square

(217) 854-8215

Nestled on the corner of Carlinville's Historic Square, My Sister's Closet, is a unique shopping experience. Specializing in women's, juniors, and infant girls and boys clothing, you are sure to find your size and style.

Karla's Jewelry

258 South Side Square

(217) 854-8508

While Karla's Jewelry was established in 1988 by Karla Denby, this location has had a jewelry store for over 125 years! Located on Carlinville's Historic Square, the building and the store were painstakingly restored by Karla herself.

The Refuge Coffee House, Inc.

242 East Side Square

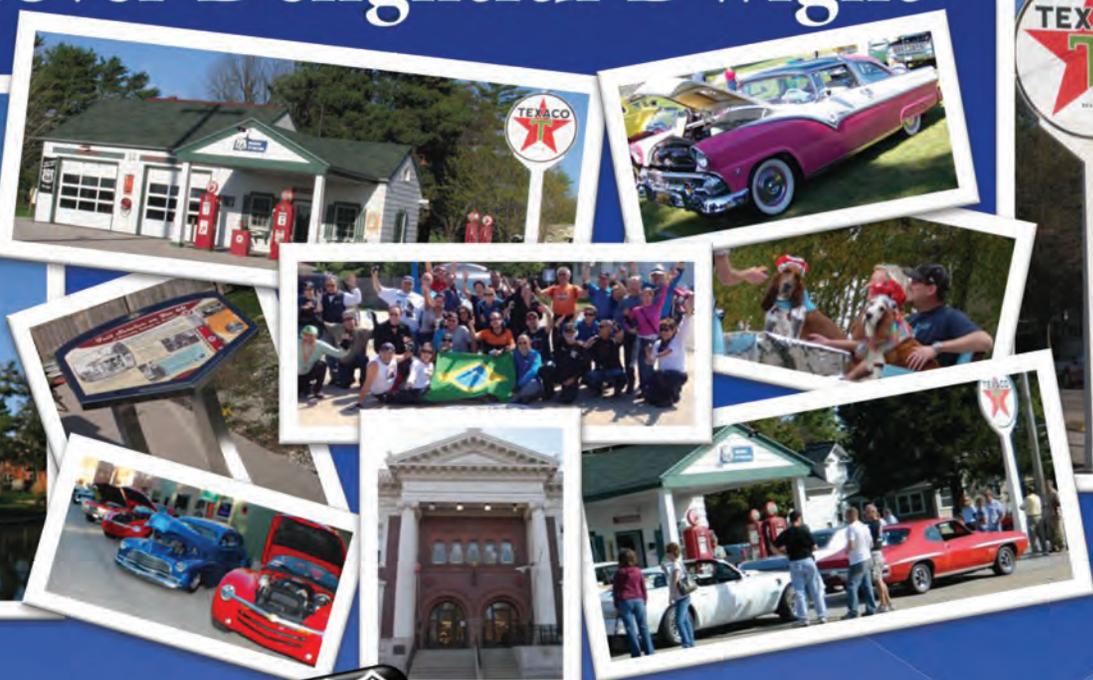
(217) 854-3686

facebook.com/RefugeCoffeeHouse

This eclectic coffee house is a great place to get recharged while on your Route 66 adventure. They offer breakfast, lunch, and dinner too. Let the kids out to play in the Rumpus room while you sit back and relax, surf the internet on the free Wi-Fi, or listen to the live entertainment that is often offered free of charge.

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Local Events:

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



Dwight, Illinois

www.dwightillinois.org & facebook.com/Dwight Tourism





Main Street Florist

240 East Side Square
(217) 854-8224

main-street-florist.com

While Main Street Florist offers beautiful unique floral arrangements, this locally owned shop also offers gift and souvenir items.

The Cherry Tree Treasures & Gifts

236 East Side Square
(573) 826-1515

cherrytree236.com

This vintage retail store showcases items that have with stood the test of time. Treasures that provide instant charm and character will help you to remember your Route 66 adventure. The store provides a mix of vintage merchandise, Route 66 gift options, postcards, and hand-crafted products by local artisans.

The Magnolia Restaurant and Banquet Center

531 S. West Street
(217) 854-7167

magnolias531.com

Magnolias started out as an idea for a restaurant that was unique and different from any other. It had to have old world charm and be a relaxing place for a meal. Originally a German Catholic church and school, the structure has been transformed into a warm intimate dining room and banquet hall. Open Tue-Thu 7am - 2pm; Fri-Sat 7am -2pm & 5pm-8pm; Sun 7am -2pm.

Macoupin County "Million Dollar" Courthouse

200 East Main Street
(217) 854-3211

macoupincountyil.gov

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

Macoupin County Jail of 1869

205 East First South Street
(217) 854-2141

carlinvillechamber.com

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

The Carlin Villa

18891 Illinois Route 4
(217) 854-3201

carlinvillaon66.com

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

Macoupin County Historical Museum

432 Breckenridge Street
(217) 854-8916

macsociety.org

Housed in the Victorian-style Anderson Mansion, the museum consists of two stories of antiques and collectibles from Macoupin County's past. Open Wednesday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. or by appointment.

Standard Addition/Sears and Roebuck Mail Order Houses

Charles and Rice Streets
macoupincountyil.gov

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

GILLESPIE

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

107 West Elm Street
(217) 839-2500

zionluthgillelca.org

The Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church adjacent to Route 66 in Gillespie has neon cross that is lit up at night. The church was built in 1901. Train tracks once ran next to the church. On November 25, 1967, a train wreck destroyed the church steps and entrance canopy, while one freight car leaned dangerously close to the sacristy. Services were still held the next day.

Michelle's Pharmacy

120 S. Macoupin Street
(217) 839-9901

michellespharmacy.com

Michelle's Pharmacy opened the Gillespie branch in 2009. Like the Carlinville store, the Gillespie store is in location that has had a working pharmacy owned by the Dippold family since the 1940s. In keeping with pharmacies that would have been found on Route 66 during its heyday, Michelle's offers more than just medication. Travelers will find unique gifts and items that are unique to Gillespie and local history.

Canna Theater

108 East Chestnut Street
(217) 839-2222

bestmoviedeal.com

Known as the Lyric Theatre until the early 1960s has been redefined as a single screen movie theater that provides a unique viewing experience. Come and enjoy a movie in a classic 1920s Hollywood atmosphere. Rent a couch, kick back and watch current quality movies in a clean comfortable setting of yesteryear.

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information visit us online:
illinoisroute66.org



BENLD

Holy Dormition Orthodox Parish

300 North Fourth Street
(217) 835-2202

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

Capone's

410 East Central Ave
(217) 835-4476

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

The Cabin

200 South 8th Street
(217) 835-7994

Typical of Road Houses that were found along Route 66, the Cabin offers a relaxed atmosphere where you can grab a bite to eat and stretch your legs. Shoot a game of pool or chat with the friendly patrons while enjoying some of the delicious road food 66 is famous for.

STAUNTON

Henry's Ra66it Ranch

1107 Historic Old Route 66
(618) 635-5655

henrysroute66.com

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

Decamp Junction Roadhouse

8767 State Route 4
(618) 637-2951

This historic roadhouse on Route 66 had tourist cabins, a dance hall, gambling, and a brothel. In 1930, gangsters arrived in a black sedan with guns drawn and robbed the bar of slot machines, alcohol, guns, and cash. This historic tavern displays the photographs of the old dance hall that was there. Open Wednesday through Sunday 4 p.m. to 11 p.m.

WILLIAMSON

The Winery at Shale Lake

1499 Washington Ave
(618) 637-2470

shalewine.com

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

GLENARM

Sugar Creek Covered Bridge

500 Block of Covered Bridge Road
(217) 525-9308

http://4sq.com/iaVRzp

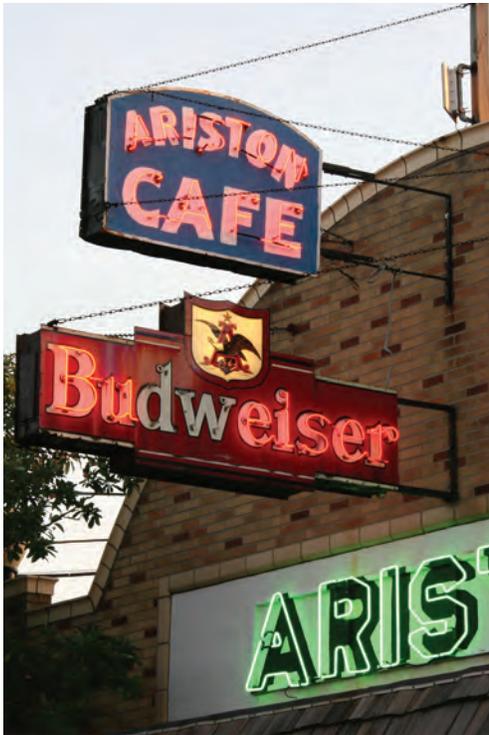
This historic 1880 bridge was built by Thomas Black. It spans 60 feet across Sugar Creek. The bridge was restored in 1965 and is open to foot traffic. A quaint park adjacent to the bridge and creek is an ideal place for a picnic.

*Enjoy the Real Rt. 66
in Braidwood, Illinois*

Fun Around Town
 Red Carpet Corridor Festival
 City wide garage sales
 Snow Angels lighted parade
 Rt. 66 Cruisin' (Car Show)
 Braidwood Summerfest
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Visit our new Rt.66 attraction, The Braidwood Zoo
Featuring the folk art created by local artist, Jack Barker

Go back into time at the classic Rt.66 drive-in diner,
The Polk-A-Dot



FARMERSVILLE

Art's Motel and Restaurant

101 Main Street
(217) 277-3277
Art McAnamey opened a restaurant and gas station here in 1937 and rented six cabins to overnight guests. In 1952, his two-story building caught fire, and he rebuilt a single-story restaurant. After he died in 1960, his sons replaced the cabins with a 13-room L-shaped motel. The motel and restaurant are still open to travelers. In 2007, the Route 66 Association restored the classic motel sign, including the replacement of neon on the "Art's."

RAYMOND

Magnuson Grand Hotel

19067 West Frontage Road
(217) 324-2100
magnusongrandhotel.com
Located on the 1940 alignment of Route 66 and only a few miles east of the 1926 alignment in Carlinville, the Magnuson Grand Hotel features a nautical theme which culminates in a large paddle boat named the Carlin Belle on a large pond.

LITCHFIELD

The Wooden Nickel Winery & Saloon

3225 County Road 1750 N
(217) 324-4446
woodennickelwinery.com
Swagger in to enjoy old country charm and rustic elegance while sampling our selection of spirits including a variety of Crown Valley wine and beer. Challenge your friends to a dual in our gaming room, listen to local live music and taste our hearty snacks from our in-house bistro. Be sure to stop in the gift shop for a souvenir. The Wooden Nickel has a little bit for everyone.

SkyView Drive-In Theatre

1500 North Old Route 66 N
(217) 324-4451
litchfieldskyview.com
Skyview opened in the spring of 1951 and has been in seasonal operation since. It is the last remaining original operating drive-in theatre on Route 66 in Illinois.

Ariston Café

413 North Old Route 66 N
(217) 324-2023
ariston-cafe.com
Pete Adam started the Ariston Café in Nearby Carlinville in 1924. When the Mother Road was rerouted in 1929, Pete leased a new building in Litchfield. The Ariston's great reputation for service, excellent food and unbelievable desserts led Pete to relocate across the street in 1935 to his own building that still stands today. The family still offers the same wonderful food and great service that it has for more than 80 years. It is said to be the oldest café on Route 66. The Ariston was named to the National Register of Historic Places in 2006 and is in the Route 66 Hall of Fame.

Jubelt's Bakery

303 North Old Route 66
(217) 324-5314
jubelts.com
Jubelt's was originally opened in Mt. Olive, IL in 1922. The Litchfield store was opened in 1952 by John and Iris Jubelt. As supermarkets and big box stores spelled doom for small independent bakeries including Jubelt's. As a result only the Litchfield restaurant remains. Stop in a try some of the local favorites like the Unburger, Pimento Cheese Salad, and Ham Salad.

Litchfield History Museum & Route 66 Welcome Center

334 Historic Old Route 66
(217) 324-3510
litchfieldmuseum.org
The museum is located where the Vic Suhling gas station once stood. Designed to resemble a 1950s gas station complete with iconic neon, the museum will house historical artifacts from Litchfield and will showcase Litchfield's relationship with Route 66.

Lake Lou Yaeger Park

3 Primitive Lane
(217) 324-8147
cityoflitchfieldil.com
Lake Lou Yaeger is a 1,200-acre lake popular with boaters and fishers. A 300-acre park along its shores includes picnic areas, playgrounds, campgrounds, and a beach.

Niehaus Cycle Sales

718 North Old Route 66
(217) 324-6565
niehauscycle.com
A family-run business since the early 1970's, Niehaus Cycle Sales sells motorcycles, trailers, clothing and accessories. It is housed in a retro building with exterior neon trim themed to Route 66.

MT. OLIVE

Mother Jones Monument and Union Miners Cemetery

700 North Lake Street
(217) 999-4261
illinoislaborhistory.org/union-miners-cemetery.html
Miners killed in the Virden Mine Riot were denied burial in the established cemeteries. In response, the local union purchased a one acre site and the bodies were moved to the new Union Miner's Cemetery in 1899. Over the years, additional land was acquired and a monument was dedicated on October 11, 1936. The cemetery is the final resting place of Mary Harris "Mother" Jones, a fierce advocate for the rights of both miners and children. Before her death at the age of 100 in 1930, Mary Jones requested to be buried with "her boys" – the coal miners that she championed for decades. The cemetery is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Soulsby's Service Station

201 S. Route 66
rt66il.com
In 1926 Henry Soulsby and his son Russell built a Shell gas station. Today it ranks as one of the oldest filling stations still standing on Route 66. The original 1926 station was a mere 13 x 20 feet wide and had just enough room for a desk, cash register, battery charger, and a few supplies. The Soulsby's doubled the size of the station in the 1930's, but it was never big enough to be called a garage. A drive up ramp located outside of the station was used for oil changes and minor repairs now has a large tree growing inside it. Russell learned about electronics in the Navy during WWII and started a TV repair business in the 1950's, which allowed him to survive the opening of I-55. After Henry died, Russell and his sister Ola ran the station until 1991, and continued to greet visitors until 1997. The new station owner is working with the Soulsby Station Society and the Illinois Route 66 Association to maintain this classic filling station as a historical and educational attraction.

Immanuel Lutheran Church

111 East Main Street
(217) 999-7442
Located on the main street of Mt. Olive, the Missouri Synod Lutheran Church boasts of the only hand wound tower clock in Macoupin County. The congregation was founded in 1881, and the church was completed in 1884.

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**Country Classic Cars**

2149 East Frontage Road
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A family owned and operated business along historic Route 66 that features classic cars and trucks displayed outside and in an indoor showroom. The gift shop is loaded with reproduction collectable and Route 66 memorabilia.

LIVINGSTON**Pink Elephant Antique Mall**

908 Veterans Memorial Drive
(618) 637-2366

This unique antique mall sports larger than life sculptures of a pink elephant, a male swimmer, and two normal-colored elephants emerging from an exterior wall of the old Livingston High School building. A visit inside the building reveals another "shorter" muffler man of Route 66 fame.

HAMEL**St. Paul Lutheran Church**

6969 West Frontage Road
(618) 633-2209

stpaulchurchhamel.org

North of town is the St. Paul Lutheran Church and its large blue neon cross. Placed there during WWII by the Brunsworth family in memory of their son, the large cross has signified safe travels for those driving Route 66. Route 66 was always dangerous. Lonely and vulnerable travelers sought guidance along the road. This cross offered that guidance.

Route 66 Ridez

230 North Old Route 66
(877) 767-4339

route66ridez.com

Stop in and get your Route 66 souvenirs and stretch your legs while checking out this recently restored structure that is unique in character. Open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Weezy's Route 66 Bar & Grill

108 South Old Route 66
(618) 633-2228

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

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EDWARDSVILLE**Springers Creek Winery**

817 Hillsboro Avenue
(618) 307-5110

springerscreekwinery.com

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

Downtown Historic District

North Main Street

cityofedwardsville.com

This quaint tree lined street with its charming light posts and flower pots offers a variety of locally owned shops and eateries. Come and spend the day where timeless buildings and modern conveniences meet to create an enjoyable experience in Illinois' third oldest city. Free Stroll-goer's Guides available at Museums and local businesses.

Madison County Historical Society Museum and Archival Library

715 North Main Street

(618) 656-7562

madisoncountymuseum.org

Come learn about the people, places and events that have shaped Madison County throughout its century plus history. Located in the second oldest brick house in Edwardsville, the 1836 Weir House depicts the county's history through displays of antiques, costumes, quilts, and Native American artifacts. Open Wednesday through Friday: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sunday: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission.

Leclaire Village Historic District

In 1890, industrialist N.O. Nelson chose a tract of land just south of Edwardsville to locate his plumbing manufacturing company. He would also create a model "utopian" village here called Leclaire, where everyone had their own home, access to schools, parks, lectures, recreation and employment. Nelson believed in profit-sharing and all employees had a stake in the company. Nelson was a visionary and is considered to be a renaissance man, years ahead of his time. It remains a vibrant area with a beautiful lake and park, baseball field, the Edwardsville Children's Museum that is located in the former Leclaire Academy and the factory buildings that are now the home of Lewis and Clark Community College. In 1979, the village was placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Each year in October, the "Friends of Leclaire" host an annual Parkfest with food, live music, activities, a tractor parade, pony rides, a book sale, and much more.

St. Louis Street Historic District

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Built in the 1880's and 90's, the homes on St. Louis Street represent several architectural styles. Located on St. Louis Street, just west of where Route 66 turns to the east.

Willey Theatre

252 North Main Street
(618) 307-2053

willeytheatre.com

Come out and catch a classic movie or watch a live performance at this recently renovated 102 year old theater house. Built in 1909 and named after the founder of the International Order of Odd Fellows, the Willey offers a full range of events, including movies, musicals, and concerts—all conveniently located in the diverse downtown historic district. Admission charge.

Cleveland-Heath

106 North Main Street

(618) 307-4830

clevelandheath.com

Stop by for one of the best dining experiences you will ever have, in a great environment, surrounded by happy people, awesome drinks and fun food. Chef Eric Heath and Check Jennifer Cleveland both graduated from the Culinary Institute of America at Greystone in The Napa Valley, California. The couple have worked at restaurants such as Jole, Ad Hoc, Farmstead, and the French Laundry before opening their own restaurant.

Mustang Corral

5446 Chain of Rocks Road

(618) 656-5428

mustangcorral.com

Located just south of Edwardsville along Old Route 66, the Mustang Corral sells Mustang cars and parts.

GLEN CARBON**Yanda Log Cabin**

148 South Main Street
(618) 288-7271

glen-carbon.il.us

This historic cabin is believed to have been built by blacksmith William Yanda in 1853. William Yanda (1818-1885) and his wife Anne Zeola (1823-1901) were immigrants from Bohemia, Austria. William and Annie and their ten children lived in the cabin. Frank (1846-1912), their oldest son also became a blacksmith. He practiced his craft in other towns in the area and eventually moved back to the "homeplace" in 1882 with his Anna Benda (1845-1912). Frank and Anna raised eleven children in the cabin. He sold the cabin to his son Frank Jr. (one of the early mayors of the Village of Glen Carbon). The Village of Glen Carbon bought the lot and cabin in 1989. A cabin renovation began in 1989 and was concluded in time for the Village's Centennial Celebration in June 1992.

Glen Carbon Covered Bridge

South Main Street

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





COLLINSVILLE

Brooks Catsup Bottle Water Tower

800 South Morrison Avenue
(618) 344-8775
catsupbottle.com

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

Historic Downtown Collinsville

Downtown Collinsville has a well preserved historic district with quaint shops and beautiful architecture. Visitors can experience the area by taking a self guided tour that interprets a 1908 Bull Durham Tobacco sign, the 150-year-old Blum House, the D.D. Collins House, and the old Miner's Theater.

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collinsvillerec.com

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

Fairmount Park Racetrack

9301 Collinsville Road
(618) 346-2800
fairmountpark.com

Opened in 1925, this popular horse racing track is the only one in Illinois outside of the Chicago metro area. It currently offers 52 live racing days per year.

Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site & Interpretive Center

30 Ramey Street
(618) 346-5160
cahokiamounds.com

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

FAIRMONT CITY

Classic Neon Signs

Fairmont City has a number of significant 1950's-era neon signs along the Route 66 alignment. The Nite Spot Café (4448 Collinsville Road approx.), now closed, features a classic arrow neon sign. Becky's Carpet and Tile Superstore (6401 Collinsville Road) has a neon Veterans Carpet sign attached. A "Surrey Restaurant" sign with an antique car on top is hidden by vines (38.6516107 -90.1025398).

Gateway Classic Cars

5401 Collinsville Road
(618) 271-3000
gatewayclassiccars.com
Classic car consignment sales house that sells cars for private owners, collectors, and estates. The 105,000-square-foot showroom and museum houses hundreds of classic cars.

PONTOON BEACH

Horseshoe Lake State Park

3321 Highway 111
(618) 931-0270
dnr.state.il.us

This 2,960-acre park is situated around an oxbow lake formed from a cut-off meander of the Mississippi River and was an important resource for Native Americans. A 4-mile self guided nature trail on Walker Island features several observation areas ideal for bird watching. Fishing, boating, picnicking, and camping are popular activities.

MITCHELL

Bel-Air Drive-In Sign

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

Luna Café

201 East Chain of Rocks Road
(618) 931-3152
The café was built in 1924, two years prior to the establishment of Route 66. It is rumored to have been frequented by gangsters like Al Capone. The Luna did operate as a café on the main floor, but had a gambling operation in the basement and a "house of ill repute" upstairs. The neon sign out front, still standing, has a cherry which used ruby glass to enhance its red glow. It is said that if the cherry was lit, the girls were in. At one time, the café was a "fine dining establishment" and so expensive that most law-abiding citizens could not afford to eat there. There is an ongoing effort to have the neon sign restored to its former glory.

GRANITE CITY

Lewis & Clark State Historic Site Interpretive Center

1 Lewis and Clark Trail
(618) 251-5811
campdubois.com

This state-of-the-art interpretive center is located at the winter camp area of the Lewis and Clark expedition. It focuses on the often-untold Illinois story, where the expedition was prepared and launched. The focal point exhibit is a 55-foot full-scale replica of the expedition's keel boat. This is the starting point for the National Lewis and Clark Heritage Trail. Open Wednesday through Sunday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

MADISON

Old Chain of Rocks Bridge

(314) 436-1324
trailnet.org

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

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Bill Shea

Born only a block away from Route 66, Bill Shea has practically built his whole life around The Mother Road. After serving his country in all five campaigns of WW II and having landed on Utah beach on D-Day, Bill came home and opened his first Texaco service station on Route 66. The station moved a few blocks down and eventually started pumping Marathon gas, but Bill and his family never left The Road. He has spent practically his entire life helping and entertaining travelers from all over the world.

Bill Shea's Gas Station Museum grew out of Bill Shea Sr., and his son Bill, Jr.'s passion for gas station and Route 66 memorabilia. You will find everything from old gas pumps, a streamliner trailer, phone booths, and vintage advertisements. If you pay attention, you can catch some of Mr. Shea's wit in his displays and famous hand-made signs (such as 'I started out with nothing, and I have half of it left.')

Bill's Route 66 journey has been captured by the thousands of photos that journalist and visitors from all over the world take of him and his collection.



Mr. Shea celebrated his 66th year on Route 66 in 2012 and had a representative from his 90th country sign his guest book recently. When asked 'How do you and your family feel about Route 66?' Bill will often reply, "We're a part of it [Route 66] and it is part of us."

While Bill can no longer be at the gas station museum, his son, Bill Jr. will open up by appointment whenever he can. For more info call the Springfield Convention & Visitors Bureau at 800-545-7300.



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The Herrington Inn & Spa
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Super 8 Motel South
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The Statehouse Inn – An Ascend
Collection Hotel
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Family Funventure Tour

After you leave Millennium Park in Chicago start your adventure on Illinois Route 66 and discover the journey can be as much fun as the final destination.

Dell Rhea's Chicken Basket, Willowbrook

Relax for a bit with a homemade meal and a Route 66 soda pop.

Route 66 Welcome Center: Joliet Area Historical Museum, Joliet

Check out the retro Route 66 exhibit and buy some cool souvenirs in the gift shop.

City of Pontiac

A Route 66 "must stop." Walk the International Walldog Mural and Sign Art Museum, take the Murals on Main Street Tour and stop by the Route 66 Hall of Fame and Museum.

Funks Grove Pure Maple Sirup, Shirley

Check out this family owned and operated maple orchard—maple treats are sold year round in the gift shop.

Bunyon Statue, Atlanta

Stop and get your picture taken with the Hot Dog Man!!! Across the street is the Palm's Grill Café serving famous homemade pie.

Railsplitter Covered Wagon, Lincoln

A great opportunity to get your picture taken with Abe Lincoln and the "World's Largest Covered Wagon."

City of Springfield

Another Route 66 "must stop." Be sure to check out Shea's Gas Station Museum, Cozy Dog Drive-In, Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, Knight's Action Park Route 66 Drive In.

Doc's Soda Fountain/Deck's Pharmacy Museum, Girard

Stop in for an old fashioned treat, and browse the free museum.

Ariston Café, Litchfield

Stop in for a bite at one of the oldest cafes' along Route 66.

Henry's Ra66it Ranch, Staunton

Come check out the best collection of everything Ra66it along Illinois Route 66.

Cahokia Mounds, Collinsville

Check out the largest Pre-Columbian settlement north of Mexico.

Car Culture Tour

Travel the road and see the gleaming classic cars that changed a nation and once cruised the Mother Road at its start, Illinois Route 66.

White Fence Farm Restaurant, Lemont

Stop in for some fried chicken served family style and browse the classic cars on display in the lobby.

Ambler-Becker Texaco, Dwight

Visit this unique filling station on Route 66 that now serves as a visitor's center.

Standard-Sinclair/Odell Gas Station, Dwight

This landmark was built in 1932 and is listed on the Register of National Historic Places.

Pontiac Route 66 Mural, Pontiac

Get your picture taken with your car in front of this amazing mural!

Shea's Gas Station Museum, Springfield

Stop in and check out this fantastic gas station museum and have a chat with the "father" of the Mother Road.

Soulsby Service Station, Mt. Olive

Built in 1926 as a Shell gas station, today it ranks as one of the oldest filling stations still standing on Route 66.

Henry's Ra66it Ranch, Staunton

Stop by and check out the one of a kind collection of Campbell's Express 66 "Humpin' to Please" trailers and Volkswagen Ra66its!

Country Classic Cars, Staunton

See the unique collection of classic cars and pick up a reproduction collectible in the gift shop.

Gateway Classic Cars, Fairmont City

Check out the 105,000-square-foot showroom that houses hundreds of classic cars.



Architecture Tour

A drive through Illinois communities along this iconic road reveals architectural gems and affords the visitor a glimpse into the history and origin of the spirit that created this famous ribbon of blacktop—Illinois Route 66, Where the Mother Road Begins.

The Chicago Architecture Foundation, Chicago

Located in Chicago's historic Santa Fe Building, the foundation offers a long list of architectural tours throughout the Chicago metro area designed to showcase Chicago's outstanding architectural history.

Rialto Square Theater, Joliet

Opened in 1926, this lovely and impressive theatre reflects Greek, Roman and Byzantine architecture.

City of Dwight

This community offers a variety for the architecture enthusiast! Stop by the First National Bank of Dwight, Chicago and Alton Railroad Depot/Dwight Historical Society Museum and the Ambler-Becker Texaco Station to marvel at the historical designs.





City of Pontiac

Another community along Illinois Route 66 that offers a variety for the architecture lover! See fantastic examples like the Old City Hall Building, The Jones' House, Livingston County Courthouse and the Yost House.

Dana-Thomas House, Springfield

A "must see" in Springfield, one of the best-preserved and most complete of the early prairie-style homes designed by Frank Lloyd Wright.

Macoupin County "Million Dollar" Courthouse, Carlinville

A marvelous structure, this building started as a \$50,000 project but ballooned to cost more than \$1 million by its completion in 1870.

Standard Addition/Sears and Roebuck Mail Order Houses, Carlinville

These "Mail Order" homes were ordered and built in 1918 from the Sears and Roebuck Co. catalog for mine workers of the Standard Oil Company.

Holy Dormition Russian Orthodox Church, Bend

This is one of only a few Russian churches still associated with Moscow. It is the future site of a monastery for retired priests and nuns from Moscow.

Red Carpet Corridor

Get out of your car to receive the "Red Carpet" treatment along this 90-mile corridor of Illinois Route 66.

Joliet

Route 66 Welcome Center: Joliet Area Historical Museum—Check out the retro Route 66 exhibit and buy some cool souvenirs in the gift shop. Rialto Square Theatre—Opened in 1926, the theatre is known as the "Jewel of Joliet" and was originally conceived as "A Palace for the People."

Elwood

A great stop for history buffs is the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, a last resting place that honors those who have served and fallen.



Wilmington

Will County's antique capital, Water Street offers many antique shops for the avid antique collector. No trip along the Mother Road is complete without a stop at the Launching Pad Drive-In to get your picture taken with the Gemini Giant.

Braidwood

The Polk-A-Dot Drive-In is a great place to stop and say "Hello" to Betty Boop, Marilyn Monroe, Elvis, James Dean and the Blues Brothers.

Gardner

No trip down Route 66 is complete without a stop in Gardner! Get your photo taken at the 2-Cell Jail, absorb the history of Gardner at the Gardner Memory Gazebo, and stop in for a bite to eat at the legendary Riviera Restaurant.

Dwight

This community has something to offer everyone. Places to see include the Ambler-Becker Texaco Station, Chicago and Alton Railroad Depot/Dwight Historical Society Museum, First National Bank of Dwight, Fox Development Center (the Keeley Institute) and the Country Mansion and landmark Windmill.

Odell

Known as the "house with canopy," this 1932 Standard Oil Filling Station is a classic and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Pontiac

Take in a tour of the Murals on Main Street, stop by the Route 66 Hall of Fame and Museum, walk through the International Walldog Mural and Sign Art Museum and check out the Jones House and Yost House Museum.

Chenoa

A great place to stop and check out the Chenoa Pharmacy and Matthew T. Scott house both built in the 1800's.

Lexington

Take a stroll down Memory Lane, an original stretch of Route 66 great for walking and biking. Stop and check out the Scrogin Cemetery with headstones dating back to the late 1800's, and be sure to check out the downtown Mural that features the history of Lexington.

Towanda

Take a walking tour along the defunct roadway on the Historic Route 66 Illinois "A Geographic Journey." The trail is complete with displays honoring all eight states and "Burma Shave" signs.

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Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport
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Illinois Association of Park Districts
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