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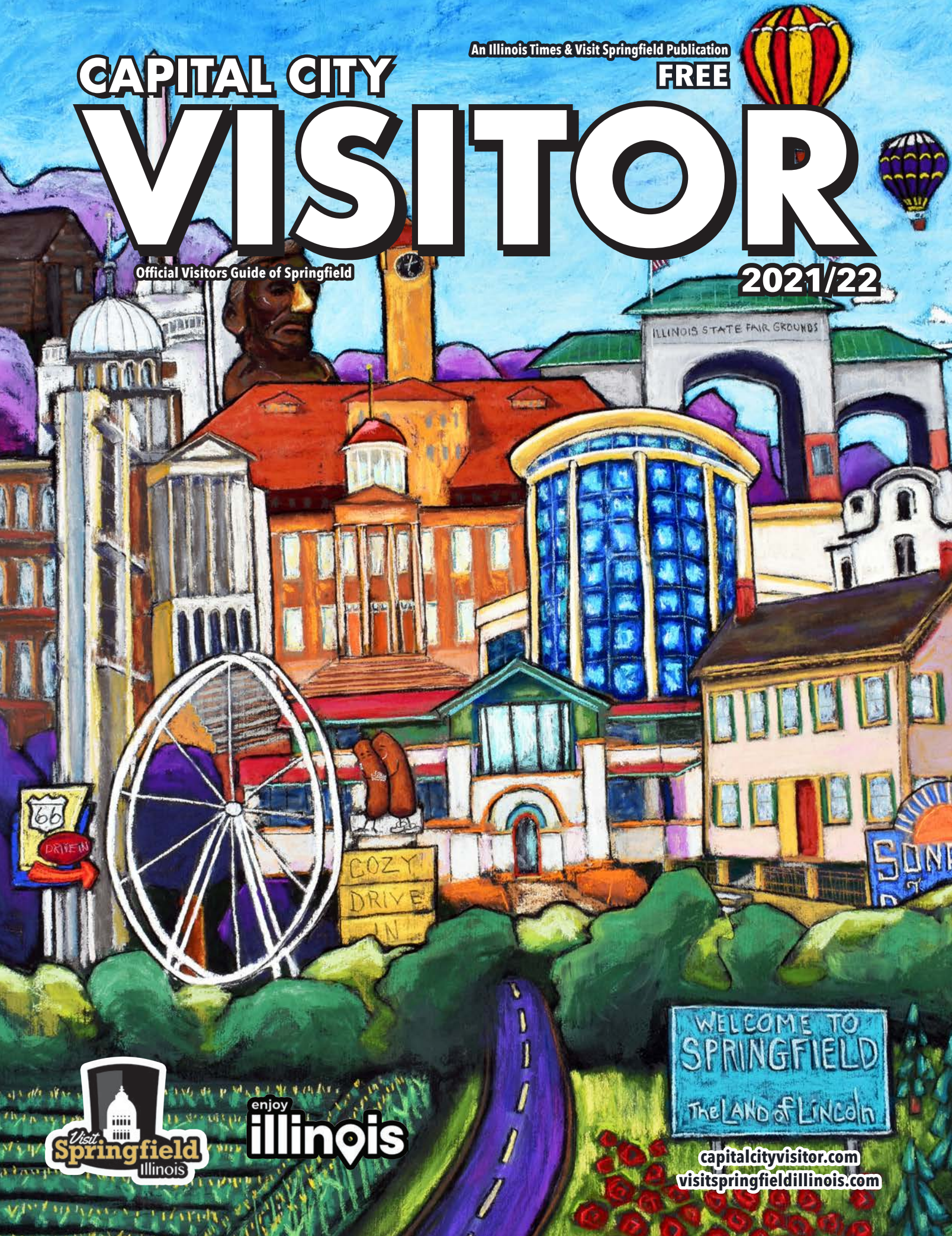
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Greetings!

It is with great pride that I welcome you to our Abe-mazing city of Springfield, Illinois! We understand 2020 impacted each one of us differently, but we all learned the importance of time and cherishing the moments we have with one another. That is why I am honored you chose to spend your time here in the Land of Lincoln.

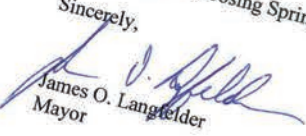
You may be here to walk in the footsteps of our most famous resident, President Abraham Lincoln or see where our 44th President Barack Obama spent his time in the state legislature and announced his candidacy for president. On the steps of the Old State Capitol is the same location where he also announced his Vice Presidential selection, our current 46th President, Joe Biden. We are proud of our history, and we encourage you to explore any of our great stories.

The Elijah Iles House was home to the first merchant in Springfield and a friend and supporter to Abraham Lincoln. This is the oldest surviving home in our city. Or another resident, Susan Dana, gave world-renowned architect Frank Lloyd Wright his first "blank check" to design her 12,000 square feet of living space now called the Dana-Thomas House.

These are a few examples of the sites and stories of Springfield. We hope you use this guide as your first step to opening the door to Springfield. From local flavors and shops, to entertainment and stops along Route 66, you will understand why experiencing Springfield takes more than one day.

Our staff at the Visitors Center, located on the first floor of the Lincoln-Herndon Law Office, can share with you what events are occurring during your visit, answer your questions, and make the most of your stay.

Thank you for choosing Springfield. We are glad you are here!

Sincerely,

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Mayor

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About the cover artist **David Hinds**

This year's cover, "Welcome to Springfield," is by David Hinds of Springfield, winner of this year's *Capital City Visitor* cover art contest, which drew more than 40 entries. Hinds and the other entrants will have their artwork on display at the Old State Capitol beginning April 24, and cash prizes were awarded to the top three winners.

Hinds is a self-taught artist who works predominantly in pastels after observing folk artist George Colin's mastery of the medium. George and his wife, Winnie, were treasured neighbors and friends. Hinds grew up on a farm situated between Lincoln's New Salem and Springfield and has many fond memories to draw from, including summer vacation adventures across America in the family's tiny camper.

Hinds shares his love of art with his wife, Lynn Snyder-Hinds, whose art graced the cover of the 2019-2020 *Capital City Visitor*. Hinds says he is still experimenting and learning as he goes, and the best compliment is hearing his work brings happiness to those viewing it. He hopes his "Welcome to Springfield" piece reflects that every day is a celebration in the Land of Lincoln.

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The president and his family greet visitors in the museum's entry plaza, with a replica of the White House in the background.

Abe's hometown

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Two centuries after his birth, Springfield's best-known resident remains a revered icon, a leader who bore the weight of destiny to his untimely demise. Born in dire poverty and self-educated, Abraham Lincoln rose to lead our nation during its darkest time. His words inspired Americans during the Civil War, and they inspire us today.

Lincoln was born in Kentucky, grew up in Indiana and came into his own in Illinois. As a young man, he arrived in New Salem. A year later, he was elected captain of a militia company in the Black Hawk Indian wars. When the

pioneer village helped elect Lincoln to the state legislature, he had to borrow money to purchase a suit. At the age of 28 he moved to Springfield without enough money to buy a bed. Through initiative, hard work and talent, he became an established and respected lawyer, was elected to the U.S. Congress, debated Stephen Douglas in an unsuccessful bid for the U.S. Senate, and in 1860 was elected the 16th president of the United States.

As Lincoln left for the nation's capital in 1861 and the Civil War appeared imminent, he prophetically told a crowd assembled at the train station in Springfield: "I now leave, not knowing when, or whether ever, I may return, with a task before me greater than that which rested on

Washington."

After Lincoln's assassination, a grieving nation cast him as a mythic figure. Over the years Springfield has become a destination for many American pilgrimages. But in Lincoln's hometown you'll find not only the remnants of Honest Abe the rail-splitter, you'll also discover a more complex, shrewd and wondrous man than the one likely encountered in your high school textbooks.

Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum

212 N. Sixth St.

217-558-8948

presidentlincoln.illinois.gov

Admission

Whether you're a Lincoln researcher or

just curious about the life of the Great Emancipator, you should begin your visit at the museum, on the northeast corner of Jefferson and Sixth streets. The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum parking ramp is off Sixth Street between Madison and Mason streets.

All museum exhibits are located on the ground floor, and all facilities are in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. On the entryway floor, a compass points visitors to the plaza where the historical tour begins. Visitors see a replica of Lincoln's boyhood home in Indiana and the front of the White House as it appeared in 1861. From that sunny atrium-like area, with its 70-foot ceiling, visitors may proceed to any of

the display areas.

This state-of-the-art facility was carefully designed with exacting historical detail. Amazingly well-preserved artifacts tell the entire life story of our nation's 16th President. Dedicated to the life and legacy of Abraham Lincoln, the Presidential Museum, unlike any other in the U.S., features high-tech exhibits, interactive displays, and multimedia programs, as well as a reproduction of the White House as it looked in 1861.

The holographic and special effects theaters will entertain, educate and mesmerize you with ghostly images, live actors and high action. Witness the 1860 Presidential Election as though it were happening today, complete with television news coverage and campaign commercials.

Items from the institution's world-class Lincoln Collection, numbering in the tens of thousands, are exhibited on a rotating basis in the Museum's Treasures Gallery, including an original hand-written copy of the Gettysburg Address, the evening gloves in President Lincoln's pocket the night he was assassinated, and the quill pen used to sign the Emancipation Proclamation.

In Mrs. Lincoln's Attic, kids can play with a model of the Lincoln Home, try on period clothing, perform chores from the 1800s, and play with reproduction historic toys. They can also have their photos take with life-size models of Abraham Lincoln as a boy and an adult, as well as with Mary Todd and the Lincoln children.

Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library

112 N. Sixth St.

800-610-2094

presidentlincoln.illinois.gov

Free

The Lincoln Presidential Library is just across Jefferson Street from the museum and contains an overwhelming treasury of carefully preserved Lincoln documents and artifacts, including more than 12 million items from the Illinois State Historical Library. The Lincoln Collection is also housed in the library, as is the Papers of Abraham Lincoln research project.

The library is home to a rotating display of paintings, sculptures and other creations from local arts

organizations. Whether learning more about the life and times of President Lincoln or following your own family's genealogical ties to Illinois, the Presidential Library is an amazing resource of information for families, historians and scholars.

Union Square Park

Union Square Park, also located across the street from the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, is home to two Abraham Lincoln statues and "Acts of Intolerance," a sculpture by Preston Jackson commemorating the Springfield Race Riot of 1908. The park is the site of occasional concerts and special events hosted by the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum.

Lincoln Home National Historic Site

426 S. 7th St.

217-391-3221

nps.gov/liho

Free (free ticket required for home tour)

The National Park Service invites you to walk in the footsteps of Abraham Lincoln at Lincoln Home National Historic Site. Conveniently located in downtown Springfield, the four-square-block historic site is within easy walking distance of several other historic sites, hotels and restaurants.

In 1861, Abraham Lincoln left his home of 17 years – the only home he ever owned – to serve as the 16th President of the United States. The Lincoln Home has been completely restored to its 1860

The Illinois Gallery

hosts a changing variety of presentations about Illinois history and art. Upcoming exhibits:

The State of Sound (April 30, 2021 – Jan. 23, 2022)

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Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum

Lincoln's Life in Letters (Coming in 2021)

At its heart, the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum is a showcase for the millions of items housed in its collection devoted to Illinois history and Abraham Lincoln. On any given day, at least 100 of those items are on display. Included in the collection are more than 1,600 documents in Lincoln's hand. Explore Lincoln's life through some of the documents that shaped the museum exhibits and the stories they tell.

Written by ALPLM historians, designed and created by ALPLM's exhibit team, *Lincoln's Life in Letters* will be installed throughout the first-floor atrium of ALPLM's Library building. Lincoln's life, from childhood through his presidency, will be told through his own correspondence in a semi-permanent display. The exhibit will feature 10 facsimiles of letters from ALPLM's collection which are curated and interpreted to help illuminate significant milestones in Lincoln's life.



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8/14	Reg. 9 American Iris Society Plant Sale
9/11 - 9/12	Art Spectacular
9/18 & 9/25	Leaf Identification Hikes
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9/26	Citywide Hymnfest
10/9 - 10/10	Carve for the Carillon
10/15 - 10/16	Jack-O-Lantern Spectacular
10/17	Great Pumpkin Toss
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appearance and reveals much about Lincoln as husband, father, neighbor and politician.

Tours of this national treasure are conducted by National Park Service Rangers. Free tickets are required for house tours and may be obtained at the Lincoln Home Visitors Center – which also houses a scaled model of 1860 Springfield. A complete tour of the historic site takes approximately two hours. Onsite parking is \$2 per hour, and admission to the Lincoln Home, exhibits and movies are free.

A variety of historic exhibits are located throughout the four-block neighborhood surrounding the Lincoln Home and can be viewed on a self-guided basis.

Old State Capitol

1 Old State Capitol Plaza
217-785-7960

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Before his days as president of the United States, Abraham Lincoln spent countless hours at the building we now call the Old State Capitol. It is also the place where Lincoln served his final term (1840-1841) as an Illinois state legislator.

As an attorney, Lincoln tried several hundred cases before the Illinois Supreme Court housed here. It is also the site where Lincoln delivered his famous House Divided speech. During the 1860 presidential campaign,

he was flanked by rooms interpreting government offices, a library and the Supreme Court room. Also, a new video room and artifact gallery are located on the first floor. The second-floor rooms were recreated to include a magnificent rotunda, legislative chambers and smaller offices and meeting rooms. Visitors can take a 30-minute guided tour or view the rooms on their own. The State Historic Sites at Springfield are managed by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Land Management.

Lincoln-Herndon Law Offices

1 S. Old State Capitol Plaza
217-785-7960

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Free

The first floor has recently reopened as the Springfield Visitors Center, operated by Visit Springfield. Visitors can also see a re-creation of a post office that was in the building during Lincoln's time. The two upper floors are currently closed for reconstruction.

Though Lincoln practiced law at a variety of locations, Springfield's Lincoln-Herndon Law Office is the only such structure still in existence today. Originally designed as a commercial structure, Lincoln and law partner William H. Herndon rented space in the building to practice law from 1843 to about 1852.

Edwards Place Historic Home

700 N. Fourth St.
217-523-2631

edwardsplace.org

Admission

This antebellum mansion has recently undergone a full-scale restoration to its 1850s appearance. Visitors will see the house as it appeared when it was owned by Benjamin S. Edwards and his family, who were relatives of Abraham Lincoln through marriage. The Lincolns were frequent guests in the home. Another Lincoln connection is the "courting couch" and "wedding piano" now displayed in the front parlor of Edwards Place. Both originally belonged to Mary Lincoln's sister, Elizabeth, with whom Mary lived before her marriage. Closed January-February.

Lincoln Tomb

1500 Monument Ave.

Oak Ridge Cemetery

217-782-2717

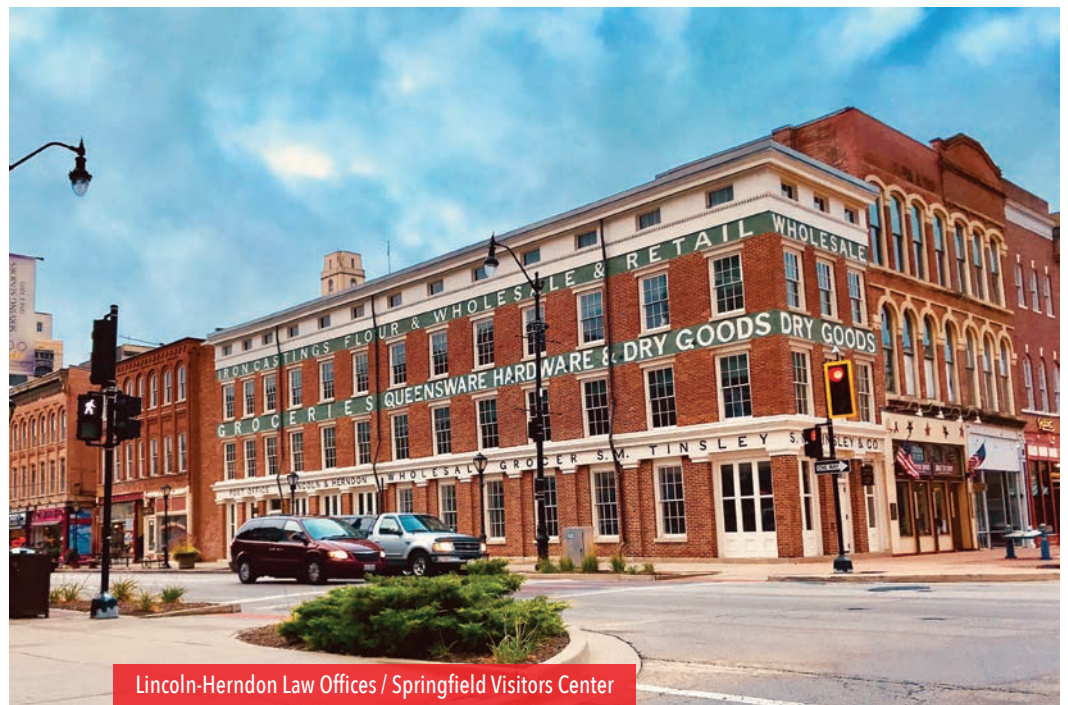
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A 117-foot granite tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery houses the remains of Abraham Lincoln, his wife and three of their four sons (Lincoln's oldest son, Robert, is buried in Arlington National Cemetery). Designed by famed sculptor Larkin Mead and completed



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PHOTO BRANDON TURLEY



The Lincoln Family Pew

in 1874, this beautiful landmark is nestled in Oak Ridge Cemetery. The cemetery also contains a public receiving vault, which was constructed in 1860 and served as the scene of President Lincoln's funeral.

At the entrance to the Tomb itself, there is a bronze bust of Mr. Lincoln where visitors from around the world have stopped to rub the nose of the statue for good luck.

While at the cemetery, you can visit the gravesites of a number of other prominent Illinoisans, including governors, poet Vachel Lindsay and United Mine Workers leader John L. Lewis. The State Historic Sites at Springfield are managed by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Land Management.

Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site

15588 History Lane, Petersburg
(about 20 miles NW of Springfield on Route 97)

217-632-4000

lincolnsnewsalem.com

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A visit to Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site will transport you to a century long gone, while giving you a better understanding of life as a pioneer. See where Abraham Lincoln split rails, clerked in a store and served as postmaster, among other positions

that influenced him to eventually become the Great Emancipator. Watch and interact as history comes to life through the costumed characters of the people who lived here more than 150 years ago.

While many of the structures were rebuilt over the original sites in the early 1930s, the town adheres to an impressive and painstaking attention to 1830s authentic detail. Interpreters in period dress effectively explain and demonstrate life in the 1800s.

Lincoln's New Salem has a visitor center where guests can view the film Turning Point - an introduction to Abraham Lincoln's New Salem experience. The visitor center also contains a museum exhibit, highlighting artifacts used by original New Salem residents. A souvenir shop and restaurant are also available on site. Theatre in the Park presents musicals and plays in the outdoor theater during the summer.

The site hosts a variety of special events throughout the year, such as the Candlelight Walk and Pioneer Life Summer Day Camp. Lincoln's New Salem is also home to a well-equipped campground. You can easily spend at least a day here, if not a weekend, depending on when you're visiting.

Lincoln Family Pew

First Presbyterian Church
321 S. Seventh St.

217-528-4311

lincolnschurch.org

Free

For 12 years, Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln paid a fee to rent pew 20 at the First Presbyterian Church when they attended services at the church's former location at Washington and Third streets. Despite the pew rental, Abraham Lincoln never joined this - or any - church. Since then, the church

has moved to South Seventh Street, which also served as the location for funeral services for Mary Todd Lincoln. Between 1890 and 1922, seven memorial windows by the world-famous glassmaker and artist Louis Comfort Tiffany were installed. Until air conditioning proliferated beyond movie houses and taverns, their bottom portions swung open to permit better air circulation during sweltering



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Lincoln-related stories extend far beyond Springfield in the 43 counties of the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area. The Looking for Lincoln Story Trail includes 265 wayside exhibits in more than 55 communities throughout central Illinois. The displays tell the Lincoln stories that are unique to each community and were developed by local historians and Lincoln enthusiasts. From Ottawa to Vandalia, Danville to Nauvoo, and communities throughout central Illinois, there are Lincoln stories to explore. For a complete description of the Looking for Lincoln Story Trail, complete with GPS listings for each location, and to download a template to make your own rubbing, go to www.lookingforlincoln.org.

summer Sunday services. Sealed and protected against the elements since the mid-1960s, they are a historical testament to a unique art form – symphonies of sunlight for Springfield citizens and tourists.

Lincoln Ledger

Chase Bank lobby
531 E. Washington St.
217-527-3860

Free

While Lincoln is often referred to as The Great Emancipator, a glimpse at Lincoln's banking ledger shows that his life was not much different than that of the average citizen. The exhibit features bank statements for expenditures for everyday necessities, such as groceries and monthly mortgage payments. What did he buy? Visit and see for yourself!

Lincoln Depot

930 East Monroe St.
217-544-8695
lincolndepot.org

Free

When Lincoln left Springfield by train from the Great Western Depot on the morning of Feb. 11, 1861, he was headed for Washington, D.C., to assume the presidency.

"To this place and the kindness of these people, I owe everything," Lincoln said, addressing the crowd which gathered to bid him farewell. His assassination in 1865 ensured he would never return alive, making that train station the last place he ever set foot in Springfield. Now called the Lincoln Depot, the station still stands at the intersection of the 10th Street

rail corridor and Monroe Street. Although the depot has been remodeled several times – once due to a suspicious fire in 1968 – its appearance remains largely true to how it appeared the day of Lincoln's departure from Springfield. The first floor is open to visitors for self-guided tours, while the second floor, added around 1900, serves as a private law office, befitting Lincoln's profession. As fate would have it, Springfield attorney Jon Noll, husband of depot owner Pinky Noll, is a descendant of Lincoln's law partner, William Herndon. The depot was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2014. A short film entitled "Abraham Lincoln's Inaugural Journey" is on continuous display in the lobby.

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Dana-Thomas House - A Frank Lloyd Wright design

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217-782-6776

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A visit to Springfield is not complete without touring the magnificent Frank Lloyd Wright-designed Dana-Thomas House. The home contains the largest collection of site-specific, original Wright art glass and furniture and was Wright's first "blank check" commission.

In 1902, Susan Lawrence Dana commissioned architect Frank Lloyd

Wright to design a new residence around the existing family home. Dana spared no expense, and Wright went all-out in what's considered one of his first full expressions of the Prairie Style. When it was finished in 1904, the \$60,000 project was the largest residence Wright had built - 35 rooms on three levels, encompassing 12,000 square feet of living space. Dana loved to entertain, and her house was designed with that purpose in mind. The grand entrance is theatrical; one enters the house as though walking onto a stage. The three floors contain 16 varying levels.

In the early 1980s, to preserve this architectural gem, the state of Illinois acquired the residence from then-owner Thomas Publishing.

The house contains the largest collection of Wright furniture and art-glass windows in the world. The house also features a panoramic mural,

created by internationally renowned artist George Niedecken, who painted many murals for Wright. Susan Lawrence Dana was a Springfield-area leader of the suffrage movement and advocated for an equal rights amendment during the 1920s.

Events at the Dana-Thomas House include concerts, tours, and floral designs during the holidays. The State Historic Sites at Springfield are managed by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Land Management.

Elijah Iles House

628 S. Seventh St.

Open Sat. 12-4 p.m., or call

217-679-0797

ileshouse.org

Donations accepted

The Elijah Iles House is thought to date from 1837. Elijah Iles, a founder of Springfield, and wife Malinda lived

here; it is the city's oldest home still in original design. There is evidence that the same architect who designed the Old State Capitol built it. It is one of the state's earliest residences in the Greek Revival style. Two of Springfield's most famous citizens, Abraham Lincoln and poet Vachel Lindsay, are known to have visited the house later. Lincoln was a guest of Robert Irwin, and they enjoyed many a card game in the parlor. Because of the house's impressive architecture and rich history, it was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1978. It had to be moved from two earlier locations, finding its current home at the corner of Seventh and Cook streets in 1998. An elevator, accessible from special parking behind the house, provides access to visitors with limited mobility. The Farrell and Ann Gay Museum of Springfield History is in the lower

level. Upstairs is an all-new exhibit: art and furnishings from the home of Phyllis Herndon Brissenden (d. 2019).

Illinois State Museum

502 S. Spring St.

217-782-7386

illinoisstatemuseum.org

Admission

Visitors to the Illinois State Museum are treated to world-renowned exhibits and engaging educational programs. The Museum tells the rich story of Illinois' land, life, people and art. Three floors of permanent and changing exhibits display a vast array of items drawn from the Museum's collection of over 13.5 million objects. Adults and children alike will enjoy traveling back in time to the days when a shallow, tropical sea-covered Illinois or Ice Age behemoths roamed the glacial expanses, as well as learning about 12,000 years of Illinois' human history. Rotating art exhibitions demonstrate the rich tradition of both decorative and fine art within Illinois. This museum truly is a Springfield gem.

Route History, Inc.

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www.routehistory.net

Admission

A museum and souvenir shop where visitors can experience and learn about the tragedy, resilience and excellence of Black people, Black-owned businesses and related events and places located along historic Route 66. Learn about pioneers that made significant contributions to Illinois, the city of Springfield and the greater society. Of note are Springfield's roles as a haven along the Underground Railroad, the Race Riot of 1908 which led to the formation of the NAACP and the lifesaving commodities and guidance provided by Black-owned businesses during the Jim Crow era.

Vachel Lindsay Home State Historic Site

603 S. Fifth St.

217-524-0901

<http://historicspringfield.dnr.illinois.gov/>

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"Prairie troubadour" Vachel Lindsay captured the attention of audiences around the world during the early 1900s. He was born on Nov. 10, 1879, and died on Dec. 5, 1931. Both events took place in the Lindsay family home



PHOTO JOSEPH COPLEY

across the street from the Illinois Governor's Mansion. Lindsay's father, Thomas, was a physician; his mother, Catherine, was an artist and social reformer. Lindsay was supposed to follow in his father's footsteps, and after high school he attended Hiram College in Ohio to study medicine, but he eventually dropped out to attend art schools in Chicago and New York.

In the early 20th century, Lindsay set out on a series of tramps across America. At the conclusion of one of these trips, his poem "General William Booth Enters into Heaven," a eulogy to the founder of the Salvation Army, was published in Chicago's *Poetry* magazine. The poem brought him national attention, and subsequent works garnered international acclaim. Some of his best-known poems include "The Congo" and "Abraham Lincoln Walks at Midnight."

Lindsay's family home, now a state historic site, has been restored to depict life in 1917, when Lindsay's parents still played an active role in community life. Examples of Lindsay's poetry and art, not a part of the house at that time, have been added to showcase the poet. Events include poetry readings and writing workshops. The State Historic Sites at Springfield are managed by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Land Management.

Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Museum

629 S. Seventh St.

217-522-4373

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Donations accepted

As the soldiers who fought in the bloody Civil War returned to civilian life, many retained the bonds of brotherhood forged in battle. Several fraternal organizations of Civil War veterans sprang up, and the Grand Army of the Republic, established in Decatur in 1866, became a leader among them, with more than 409,000 members who previously served in the Union forces. The Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Museum in Springfield memorializes those veterans and sits within walking distance of the Lincoln Home and across the street from the Elijah Iles House.

The collection includes tintype photos by Mathew Brady, rare drawings of the infamous Andersonville and Libby prison camps, and a complete list of Union soldiers held there during the war. Owned by the National Woman's Relief Corps, an auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, the museum also maintains many volumes of Civil War history that may be examined on-site.

NORTH OF DOWNTOWN SPRINGFIELD

Springfield and Central Illinois African American History Museum

1440 Monument Ave.

217-391-6323

spiaahm.org

Donations accepted

The Museum opened in 2012, and is located at the main entrance to Oak Ridge Cemetery, within walking distance of Lincoln's Tomb. Exhibits tell authentic stories about African American life in central Illinois, past and present. Some of the exhibits featured include: The Middle Passage, documenting the slave trade; "Something So Horrible, The Springfield Race Riot of 1908," which led to the formation of the NAACP; Oldest Springfield African American Churches dating back to 1838 and Central Illinois Pioneer Families from the 1800s to the present. These extensively researched exhibits are interactive and have audio visual components.

Illinois War Memorials

1441 Monument Ave.

217-782-2717

<http://historicspringfield.dnr.illinois.gov/>

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World War II Illinois Veterans

Memorial in Oak Ridge Cemetery was constructed to honor the 987,000 men and women from Illinois who served our country during World War II, when 22,000 Illinois citizens gave their lives in pursuit of liberty. The memorial design centerpiece is a globe 12 feet in diameter, which represents the world in conflict during World War II. It is surrounded by a granite wall engraved with the names and dates of major battles of the Pacific and European theaters of war. A central plaza of personalized engraved bricks completes the design.

The Illinois Korean War Memorial, dedicated on June 16, 1996, is also located in Oak Ridge Cemetery. The monument's centerpiece is a 12-foot bronze bell surrounded by four larger-than-life warriors representing the five branches of the armed forces – Army, Navy, Coast Guard, Air Force and Marines. The names of over 1,700 Illinoisans killed in Korea are inscribed along eight walls of the memorial's granite base.

The Illinois Vietnam Veterans Memorial was dedicated in May 1988. The memorial incorporates five black granite walls upon which are inscribed the 2,970 names of Illinoisans who died or are still missing. The five black granite walls form interior courtyards, one for each of the five branches of service. Each branch of service is designated by its insignia, which is etched on inner 15-foot-high gray granite walls. Also inscribed on the gray granite walls are the names of those listed as missing in action or as prisoners of war, as well as the names of the highest decorated veterans in each branch of service. An eternal flame burns atop the memorial where the gray granite walls converge.

Dedicated in 2016, **The Illinois Purple Heart Memorial** honors recipients of the Purple Heart killed or wounded from all wars the United States has participated in. The center of the Memorial includes an eight-foot piece of black granite with an engraving of a Purple Heart on it. The other side of the stone features a quote from William Shakespeare's Henry V: "We few, we happy few, we band of brothers; For he to-day that sheds his blood with me shall be my brother." Two smaller black granite stones to the left and right of the centerpiece of the Memorial feature the engravings of four soldiers.

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Illinois State Military Museum

Camp Lincoln
1301 N. MacArthur Blvd.
217-761-3910
facebook.com/illinois.state.military.museum
Donations accepted
Located on the grounds of Camp Lincoln, headquarters of the Illinois National



Illinois State Military Museum

Guard, the Illinois State Military Museum is dedicated to the state's military heritage and collecting, preserving, interpreting and exhibiting the military artifacts associated with the citizen-soldier of Illinois. The Citizen-Soldier exhibit features the military experiences of famous Illinois soldiers such as Carl Sandburg, Robert McCormick, John A. Logan and Abraham Lincoln.

While you're there, take a close look

at the target board used by Abraham Lincoln in 1863 to test-fire the new Spencer rifle, or ask about the museum's collection of Civil War flags currently held in storage but viewable by the public. A realistic World War II scene depicts Illinois' 132nd Infantry in combat on Guadalcanal in 1942. Displayed outside are restored Vietnam War-era AH-1 Cobra and UH-1 "Huey" helicopters and an M60A-3 tank.

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Located in the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, this teaching museum covers various aspects of healing, including pharmaceutical, surgical, dental and alternative medicine. Treatments through the centuries come to life in permanent and changing exhibits. Named for long-practicing Springfield physician Emmett Pearson, the museum features a dental exhibit, a complete homeopathic dispensary and an entire 1900 drugstore from Canton, Illinois, with its many apothecary jars and vials. School groups and practicing physicians often visit the museum to hear lectures. Open by appointment.

Air Combat Museum

Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport

835 S. Airport Rd.

217-522-2181

aircombatmuseum.org

Donations accepted

The Air Combat Museum showcases the role of military aviation and features a collection of historic aircraft and aviation memorabilia including a P-51 Mustang, a Vought F4U-5 Corsair, a P40 under restoration, a Beechcraft AT-11 used to train bombardiers in World War II, a 1931 Fleet Model 9 biplane and a Soko G-21 Galeb Yugoslavian jet, among others. A WWI-replica Sopwith Camel is being built on the premises. For individual visits, donations are suggested. Group tours are \$40, by appointment only.

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War Museum

503 S. Walnut St.

217-544-0616

duvcw.org

Free

The museum preserves countless artifacts of Civil War history, including rifles, medals, photographs, currency, drums, uniforms and letters from soldiers at the front. A gift shop offers a variety of books about the Civil War and other memorabilia. Located next to the Museum is an American foursquare-style house built in 1898, dedicated as the Dr. Benjamin Franklin Stephenson Library and Research Center, the founder of the Grand Army of the Republic. The library houses a complete set of "War of the Rebellion: Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies." Numerous other volumes are also available for on-site research.

NEARBY

Camp Butler National Cemetery

5063 Camp Butler Rd.

217-492-4070

www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/campbutler.asp

One of 14 sites designated national cemeteries by President Abraham Lincoln, Camp Butler was also used to train Union troops and served as a prisoner-of-war camp during the Civil War. Some 800 Confederate



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Clayville Historic Site

12828 State Route 125 (about a mile east of Pleasant Plains)

From Springfield, take Jefferson Street west and stay to the left on 125 where Route 97 (the road to New Salem) breaks north.

217-481-4430

clayville.org

Donations accepted

Visit the oldest brick building in Sangamon County and second-oldest in the state of Illinois. Built in 1824 by the Broadwell family, it was the stagecoach stop, inn and tavern on the old post road to Beardstown. The 14-acre pioneer site includes two log cabins, both moved to the site in the early 1960s. The Batterton cabin was constructed in 1817 and represents early pioneer life, perhaps similar to the cabin John Broadwell would have constructed when he arrived in 1819. Two large 1850s-era barns were also moved to the site and reconstructed. One barn holds the pioneer agriculture museum and the other has been updated as a venue rental space and includes an open-air pavilion with a large stone fireplace. The Rustemeyer Blacksmith Shop, the last active blacksmith shop in Springfield, has also been relocated here. Don't forget to stop by the reconstructed school house; rumor has it that a young Abraham Lincoln would stop and visit his friend Mentor Graham, who was a teacher at the school, and listen to the students read their lessons. In 1842, the first Whig Party state convention was held at Clayville, named after candidate Henry Clays. Guided tours are available by appointment, or visitors may just wander the grounds.

Abraham Lincoln Long Nine Museum

200 S. Main St., Athens (12 miles north of Springfield on Rte. 29; also take I-55, Williamsville Exit 109, then west seven miles. Athens is seven miles east of Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site).

217-361-7857

Abrahamlincolnlongninemuseum.com

Donations accepted

Located in the original 1831-32 Col. Matthew Rogers Building. On Aug. 3, 1837, Abraham Lincoln and most of the other "Long Nine" legislators from Sangamon County were present at the Rogers Building to be honored at a banquet for helping pass the bill to move the state capital to Springfield. Exhibits include recreated banquet area, audio-narrated dioramas showing Lincoln's activities in the Athens area while he was living in nearby New Salem, a biography room, history room and remnants of the "Lincoln Stairs" – used by Lincoln and the others to reach the second-floor banquet area. Tours are self-guided. Open Tuesday-Sunday, 1-5 p.m., from June 1 through Aug. 29.



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African American History Museum**

1440 Monument Ave, Springfield, IL (217) 391-6323 www.spiaahm.org
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Please check our website for upcoming events. Special Events and Private Guided Tours Can be made outside of general admission times.

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Illinois Prairie Pastel Society show at the SAA Collective gallery

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Historic Edwards Place, art galleries and family events

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The Springfield Art Association is at the heart of Springfield's thriving arts and culture scene. Boasting two art galleries, an art school, a Lincoln-era historic house museum and a calendar packed with family-friendly events, there is always something to see or do at the SAA.

For the art aficionado, the Springfield Art Association offers two galleries that are open to the public free of charge. The M.G. Nelson Family Gallery keeps its

finger on the pulse of contemporary art by hosting monthly exhibits featuring local, regional and international artists. In the mood to see or buy what central Illinois' top artistic talent has created? Head downtown to the SAA Collective gallery at Fifth and Washington streets in the historic Broadwell Pharmacy Building. The SAA Collective showcases the work of more than 70 member artists in a variety of media, including painting, photography, ceramics, fibers and jewelry. It's the perfect place to go for a one-of-a-kind gift.

If you are looking for a unique

experience, the SAA offers "One Nighters," these one-night workshops are a chance to make something in one night in the ceramics, metals or glass studios on the SAA campus.

The Springfield Art Association's main campus and historic Edwards Place are located at 700 N. Fourth Street. Parking is free in the adjacent lot or on the street.

The M.G. Nelson Family Gallery is open Mondays-Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., admission is free.

Historic Edwards Place is open March through December on Tuesday-

Saturday with guided tours at 1 p.m. and self-guided tours from 2 to 3 p.m. Tours are \$5 per person; children 10 and under are free. Tours by appointment in January and February and on Mondays throughout the year.

The SAA Collective gallery is located at 105 North Fifth Street. It is open Wednesday through Saturday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Check www.springfieldart.org and www.edwardsplace.org for more information about the Springfield Art Association, Edwards Place and all the events they offer.

For history lovers, the Art Association offers the opportunity to tour historic Edwards Place. This antebellum mansion was the Art Association's headquarters in the early 20th century and has recently undergone a full-scale interior restoration to its 1850s appearance.

Today, visitors to Edwards Place will see the house as it appeared when it was owned by Benjamin S. Edwards and his family. Benjamin was the youngest son of Illinois territorial and third governor, Ninian Edwards. His brother, Ninian W. Edwards, was married to Elizabeth Todd, Mary Lincoln's oldest sister, making the Edwards family relatives of Abraham Lincoln through marriage. The Lincolns were frequently guests at the Edwards' elaborate dinners, parties and picnics.

No Lincoln buff should leave Springfield without seeing the "courting couch" or "wedding piano," both now displayed in the Edwards Place front parlor. Both originally belonged to Mary Lincoln's sister Elizabeth, with whom Mary lived before her marriage. Lincoln and Mary would sit together on the sofa while they were courting and listen to Elizabeth play the piano. In 1842, both the sofa and piano were silent witnesses to the Lincolns' wedding ceremony, which took place in Elizabeth's parlor.

You won't find velvet ropes or designated pathways in Edwards Place. Rather, you are invited in without boundaries to fully explore the house's history and secrets: fragments of original wallpaper and plaster left in place and on display, original family furnishings and archaeological artifacts recovered on site. There are also regular special events designed to bring the past to life, such as visits from Abraham Lincoln, tea parties, piano concerts, plays and even murder mysteries.



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Visual and performing arts

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Due to COVID-19 restrictions, many performing arts venues have postponed or cancelled their regularly scheduled seasons. Check the individual websites for up-to-date performance information as well as virtual offerings.

Performing arts

Hoogland Center for the Arts

420 S. Sixth St.

217-523-2787

hcfa.org

The Hoogland Center for the Arts is the home of the arts in downtown Springfield. Over 20 different arts and civic organizations call the Hoogland home. The building has three performance spaces, two art galleries, a dance studio, a full-service kitchen, private offices and plenty of meeting space. The Springfield Area Arts Council, a nexus of information for artists of all stripes, also has office space at the Hoogland. Every year a variety of organizations hold meetings at the Hoogland, thanks to its location in the heart of downtown Springfield surrounded by the city's best restaurants, hotels and tourist stops. The Hoogland's website provides an updated

calendar of events and links to other area arts organizations.

Illinois College TheatreWorks

300 Lockwood Ave., Jacksonville

217-245-3471

ic.edu/theatre/tickets

The producing arm of the Illinois College department of theater presents both faculty and student-directed work at the McGaw Fine Arts Center in Jacksonville. It is a campus-driven program that consists of a variety of performances including MainStage plays, student-directed one-acts and an improv troupe.

Illinois Symphony Orchestra

524 1/2 E. Capitol Ave.

800-401-7222 (Admin)

217-206-6160 (Tickets)

ilsymphony.org

Led by music director Ken Lam, Illinois Symphony Orchestra performances are held at both the UIS Performing Arts Center and at First Presbyterian Church in downtown Springfield, bringing live musical experiences to audiences of all ages and backgrounds.

Springfield Ballet Company

420 S. Sixth St.

217-544-1967

springfieldballetco.org

Housed at the Hoogland Center for the Arts, this nonprofit ballet company has been entertaining and educating audiences since 1975. The company's diversity is evident in its repertory programs, which feature classical ballet, contemporary ballet, jazz, modern, tap, theatre and character with three major and several minor performances each season. Major productions are held at the UIS Performing Arts Center..

Springfield Municipal Band

springfieldmunicipalband@gmail.com

This year marks the municipal band's 85th anniversary of providing free music in the city's parks for both residents and visitors. It is directed by Tom Philbrick and includes approximately 80 musicians who alternate on the various performances. The schedule includes outdoor concerts in Douglas Park on Tuesdays from June through the first week in August, 7:30-9 p.m., and in other parks and events throughout the summer.

Springfield Theatre Centre

420 S. Sixth St.

217-523-0878

springfieldtheatrecentre.com

Housed at the Hoogland Center for the Arts, this local theater group has year-round performances as well as summer performing arts camps for children, providing central Illinois with quality theatre, educational opportunities and a creative outlet for live theatrical arts.

The Legacy Theatre

101 E. Lawrence Ave.

217-528-9760

atthelegacy.com

This intimate, jewel-box theater is an eclectic voice in the area arts landscape. Built in 1950 and lovingly rescued and renovated by a grassroots group in 2011, The Legacy Theatre presents plays and musicals, concerts, comedy, film and events for families.

The Springfield Muni

815 East Lake Shore Dr.

217-793-6864

themuni.org

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Theatre in the Park

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theatreinthepark.net

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UIS Performing Arts Center

One University Plaza
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Visual arts

SAA Collective

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James S. Murray Gallery

5250 Shepherd Rd.
217-786-2216
llcc.edu/art/JamesSMurrayGallery
Located on the campus of Lincoln Land Community College, the gallery exhibits

creative work from a wide array of artists, including faculty and students.

M.G. Nelson Family Gallery

700 N. Fourth St.
217-523-2631
springfieldart.org/mg-nelson-family-gallery.html

Located on the campus of Springfield Art Association, the gallery brings a variety of high-quality visual arts from the traditional to the most contemporary and features a variety of visual arts from around the globe. An average of twelve exhibitions rotate through the gallery each year. These exhibitions represent art from as close as the elementary school across the street and as far away as Russia. The gallery is free and open to the public.

The Pharmacy Gallery & Art Space

623 E. Adams St.
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Ever-changing themed art exhibitions and open concept studio space located in a huge downtown gallery space. The Pharmacy is dedicated to cultivating and celebrating expressions of multidimensional artists. Features contemporary art and hosts a variety of cultural events throughout the year.

Visual Arts Gallery - University of Illinois Springfield

One University Plaza
217-206-6506

uis.edu/visualarts/gallery

Located on the UIS campus in the Health and Sciences Building (Room 201), the gallery seeks to expand and enrich understanding of the visual arts for Illinois citizens, artists, and students through diverse quality exhibitions. It holds regular exhibits by visiting artists, faculty and students. The gallery benefits the Illinois art community by increasing public awareness of the visual arts and by exhibiting artists of regional and national importance. Events are free and open to the public.

DIM Art House

1613 S. MacArthur Blvd.
dimartthouse.com

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Are you ready to discover your legendary couple's getaway, family vacation or weekend with your best girlfriends? Check inside to discover what's new in Springfield for 2021. Grab our Explorer Passport, filled with 20 sites, attractions and culinary delights in one convenient passport of fun! You'll also find a complete listing of lodging and camping options, along with travel tips to make navigating the area a breeze.

We are your authority on all things Springfield and are here to help! Visit our website, VisitSpringfieldIllinois.com, or stop by the Springfield Visitors Center at the Lincoln-Herndon Law Office upon your arrival. One of our travel specialists will help you plan the perfect stay!

Share your legendary moments with us and you may be featured in our marketing!



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WALK, HIKE AND BIKE HISTORY - PRESENTED BY ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

IDNR's State Historic Sites in Springfield invite you to check out Walk, Hike and Bike History, a brand new way to explore Illinois' capital city in 2021. Walk, Hike and Bike History is a series of inspiring outdoor experiences, taking place mid-April through mid-November, that connect you to "must see" museums and monuments in the capital city. Guided by history education interpreters from IDNR's Office of Land Management, Walk, Hike and Bike History experiences range in duration from one to two hours. 2021 Walk, Hike and Bike History tours include:

**Friends of Lincoln Hike
History Bike Tour
1908 Race Riot Walking Tour**

**Military History Hike
African American History Hike
Dana-Thomas House Exterior Tour**

<http://historicspringfield.dnr.illinois.gov/>

DANA-THOMAS HOUSE – A FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT DESIGN

The Dana-Thomas House is one of the most unique and lavish structures designed by Frank Lloyd Wright during his early Prairie period. The home was built for Springfield socialite Susan Lawrence Dana. She was known for her hospitality, unforgettable parties and concerts as well as community, social and political involvement. Perhaps the most complete of all early Wright dwellings, it was never significantly altered and has over 100 pieces of original Wright-designed oak furniture, 250 examples of art glass windows, light fixtures and lamps. Connecting the main living quarters to the gallery and library is a sixty-foot long pergola hallway beneath which is a bowling lane, billiard room and walk-in vault.

**301 E. Lawrence Ave.
217-782-6776**

<http://historicspringfield.dnr.illinois.gov/>



ROUTE 66 SHIELD AT MOTORHEADS

Introducing the new, World's Largest Outdoor Route 66 Shield, installed in 2020! If you are a fan of vintage gas stations, Route 66 memorabilia, or classic cars, Route 66 Motorheads Bar, Grill & Museum is the place to visit! See signs and items from Springfield's historic past, including several items from Shea's Gas Station Museum, the iconic Sonrise Donut Sign, and motel signs of Springfield past. This is a must see for all Route 66 lovers!!

**600 Toronto Road
217-679-7923
66motorheads.com**

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AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

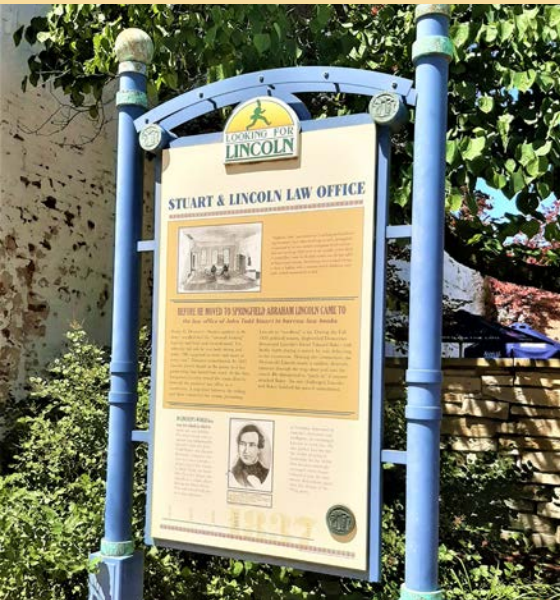
Embark on a historic and emotion filled journey through Springfield with a self-guided walking tour exploring the occurrences that led to the Springfield 1908 Race Riots and the birth of the NAACP. View two of artist Preston Jackson's pieces, inspired by the Race Riots: Acts of Intolerance sculpture on 6th and Madison Ave. in Union Station Park and the 1908 Race Riot mural inside HSHS St. John's Hospital. The Springfield and Central Illinois African American History Museum, located on Monument Ave., tells the stories of African American life in central Illinois as well as hosts several temporary exhibits. Route History on Cook St. sheds light on local tragedy, resilience and the excellence of African Americans along Route 66 in Springfield.

Locations throughout Springfield
visitspringfieldillinois.com/blogs

ABRAHAM LINCOLN PRESIDENTIAL MUSEUM PRESENTS: THE STATE OF SOUND

From Muddy Waters to REO Speedwagon, Cheap Trick to Earth Wind and Fire and Chance the Rapper, the Land of Lincoln has produced some of the most highly celebrated music in rock history. Musicians, legendary radio stations, and musical gear have shaped the sonic history of Illinois and the world. This exhibit will showcase the achievements of Illinois' finest in music. Written by award-winning author, documentary-producer and former Chicago Sun-Times Columnist and Critic, Dave Hoekstra.

April 30, 2021 - January 23, 2022
212 N. 6th St.
217-558-8844
presidentlincoln.illinois.gov



LOOKING FOR LINCOLN "HERE I HAVE LIVED" INTERPRETIVE SIGN TRAIL

Looking to visit and learn about our 16th President, but prefer to stay outside? The "Here I Have Lived" wayside exhibit trail was made just for you. Walk through historic downtown Springfield and beyond, taking in the exteriors of our Lincoln sites while navigating the nearly 50 wayside exhibits that chronicle Lincoln's time in Springfield. Add an extra layer of fun for those younger Lincoln fans and bring your rubbing supplies. Each exhibit has bas relief (raised image), suitable for rubbing.

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lookingforlincoln.org

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HISTORY COMES ALIVE

This summer, History Comes Alive returns for its 12th season as Abraham and Mary Lincoln lead a cast of characters for a trip back in time that you won't want to miss. Meet the Lincolns at historic sites throughout the city where you can hear about their lives in Springfield, listen to Abraham deliver some of his most famous speeches or enjoy an ice cream social at Edwards Place, where the Lincolns would visit their friends, Benjamin and Helen Edwards.

There will be music too, from a variety of performers, as well as historic portrayals at locations such as Lincoln Home National Historic Site, the Old State Capitol, New Salem and Lincoln Tomb, with its Flag Raising Ceremony each Tuesday evening during the summer, featuring the 114th Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry Reactivated.

Listen to concerts at Thomas Rees Memorial Carillon, one of the largest carillons in the world. Visit the Illinois State Military Museum where a veteran shares stories of service and the nearby Springfield and Central Illinois African American History with appearances from important figures in African American history. We'll see you there!



*We took a trip
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Travel along iconic Route 66 to Springfield, the history-filled capital of Illinois. Experience one of America's most beloved presidents, Abraham Lincoln. Pick up the complimentary Explorer Passport and prepare to engage all of your senses.



1 ABE'S HAT HUNT

Join us for a scavenger hunt throughout Springfield to find President Lincoln's hidden hats. Start the adventure by picking up a pocket-sized Abe's Hat Hunt Passport containing a map, clues and stickers at any of the four Passport & Prize Stop locations.

Start your detective work by visiting at least 6 of the 12 Abe's Hat Hunt sites, spot the hidden hat, and match the correct hat color to the corresponding location. Once you've successfully filled your passport, head to a Passport Prize Stop location to collect your Abe-mazing prize.

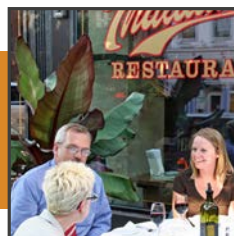
2 LIVING LEGENDS

Experience Route 66 through Springfield's most legendary local entrepreneurs on the "Living Legends" tour! Your challenge? Start your tour by picking up a pocket-sized Living Legends Passport containing a map and list of Legends at any of the four Passport Prize Stop locations.

Then try catching each of the Living Legends in action to learn a little bit about their story. Grab a pic and autograph as a memento of your visit and bring your completed passport to a Passport Prize Stop for a unique gift!



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ROUTE 66

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Historic Route 66 goes right through the heart of Springfield. For a complete listing of Route 66 stops in the area visit IllinoisRoute66.org.



People from around the world are drawn to the aura of Route 66, dreaming to harness the 2448 miles of open road from Chicago to Santa Monica in their classic car, on a Harley Davidson or in an RV. Coming through the heart of the city, the road is alive in Springfield as we embrace the 66 attractions that have existed for generations and welcome new attractions opened by visionaries with a passion for the road.

Join us as we celebrate Route 66 at one of our iconic diners like Cozy Dog Drive In, see the neon signs that made history at Ace Sign Museum, catch a movie at the Route 66 Drive-In and visit our newest legends, Route 66 Motorheads Bar, Grill and Museum and Route History. Top it all with your Instagrammable photo on the stretch of Historic Route 66 Brick Road just outside the city. This and so much more is waiting for you on your Route 66 journey through Springfield.



ACE SIGN COMPANY SIGN MUSEUM

2540 S. 1st St.
217-522-8417
acesignco.com

Ace Sign Company is a 75+ year old family company. The museum has a large collection of signs, featuring neon signs and local Route 66 historic signage.

HISTORIC ROUTE 66 BRICK ROAD

Snell and Curran Roads
Auburn, Illinois
217-525-9308
illinoisroute66.org

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, this beautiful 1.4-mile-long piece of restored hand-laid brick road is a segment

of 66 done in 1931 and placed over a concrete roadbed. Don't miss this excellent photo stop during your journey on Route 66.

CHILI PARLOR

820 S. 9th St.
217-523-4989
thechiliparlaronline.com

Located on Historic US Route 66, the Chili Parlor is a Mother Road icon - serving up some of the best chili anywhere.

COZY DOG DRIVE IN

2935 S. 6th St.
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.





INTERNATIONAL ROUTE 66 MOTHER ROAD FESTIVAL

Celebrating 20 years, the International Route 66 Mother Road Festival brings street machine, muscle car and hot rod enthusiasts to historic downtown Springfield for an incredible weekend of family entertainment.

Be amazed at the Friday night cruise as over 2,000 cars parade through the city into downtown to kick off the event. Enjoy live entertainment, a burn-out contest, multiple aftermarket and food vendors and so much more at this CASI certified national judging competition with over 40 classes of car awards.

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LAUTERBACH GIANT

1569 Wabash Ave.
217-546-2600
lauterbachtire.com

Lauterbach Tire and Auto Service has a fiberglass "muffler man" giant standing in the parking lot. He was recently

upgraded to be more patriotic with a U.S. flag.

MAHAN'S FILLING STATION

1168 Sangamon Ave.
217-544-8520
fulgenzis.com

A unique example of the earliest of gas stations is now on display at Fulgenzi's Pizza & Pasta located across from the historic Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield. The roadside attraction is accessible as a great photo and souvenir opportunity for Route 66 visitors.

MAID RITE

118 N. Pasfield
217-523-0723

This friendly, quaint, original old-school diner was built in 1921, one of only a few remaining Maid Rite franchises. You can still get a steamed "Loose Meat Sandwich"

on super soft bread and a tasty root beer float. The Springfield location on the old Route 66 is also credited with being the first fast food drive-thru in America.

MALDANER'S RESTAURANT

222 S. 6th St.
217-522-4313
maldaners.com

Creative American dining using local products, when available. Relaxed, semi-formal atmosphere in a historical Springfield building. Two blocks from hotels and Lincoln sites. Buffet style meals also available. Oldest continually operated restaurant in Springfield since 1884.

ROUTE HISTORY

737 E. Cook St.
217-503-4129
Facebook:
visitroutehistory

Route History is where visitors can experience and learn about the tragedy, resilience, and excellence of Black people, Black-owned businesses and related events and places located along historic Route 66. Learn about pioneers that made significant contributions to Illinois, the city of Springfield, and the greater society. Of note are Springfield's role as a haven along the Underground Railroad, the Race Riot of 1908 which led to the formation of the NAACP, and the lifesaving commodities and guidance provided by Black-owned businesses during the Jim Crow era.

ROUTE 66 MOTORHEADS BAR AND GRILL

600 Toronto Rd.
217-679-7323
66motorheads.com

Not only are we home to one of the coolest restaurants and bars you have ever seen, we are also home to a Route 66 museum showcasing some of Springfield's historic past. A great place for lovers of Route 66, old cars and vintage signs.

ROUTE 66 TWIN DRIVE-IN THEATRE

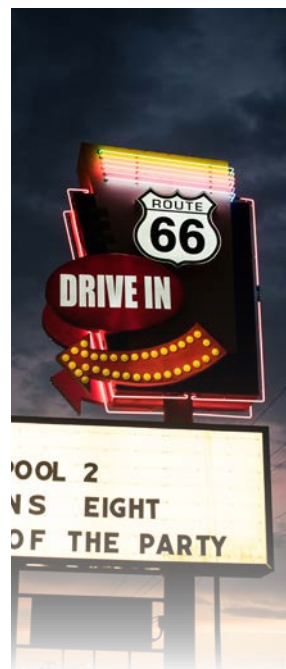
1700 Recreation Dr.
217-546-8881
route66-drivein.com

The remodeled twin drive-in, located on Route 66 in Springfield, is next to Knights Action Park. Enjoy affordable family fun with concessions and double features on both screens. Open April through September—show starts at dusk.

THE CURVE INN

3219 S. 6th St. Rd.
217-529-5806
thecurveinn.com

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





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innat835.com

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pasfieldhouse.com

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3440 E. Clearlake Ave.
217-525-7420
bestwestern.com

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217-522-5100
candlewoodsuites.com

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217-793-7670
hamptoninn.com

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217-529-7171
springfieldil.gardeninn.com

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hiexpress.com

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217-697-5686
800-SLEEPLQ
laquinta.com

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888-771-7171
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217-529-1633
800-466-8356
motel6.com

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217-541-8762
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qualityinn.com

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217-523-4000
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redroof.com

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agr.state.il.us/spacerental/ property/
campgrounds

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15588 History Ln. (Rt. 97),
Petersburg
217-632-4003
lincolnsnewsalem.com/
camping.html

RIVERSIDE PARK CAMPGROUNDS

4105 Sandhill Rd.
217-753-0630
springfieldparks.org/facilities/campgrounds

SANGCHRIS LAKE STATE PARK

9898 Cascade Rd., Rochester
217-498-9208
dnr.illinois.gov/Parks/Pages/
SangchrisLake.aspx

SPRINGFIELD KOA

320 KOA Rd., Rochester
217-498-7002
koa.com/campgrounds/springfield





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amtrak.com

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2815 N. Dirksen Pkwy.
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DOWNTOWN PARKING LOTS

7th St. at Lincoln Home
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2nd St. and Cook St. at Dana-Thomas House

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6th St. and Capitol Ave.
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7th St. and Washington St.

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7th St. and Capitol Ave. at Lincoln Library

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6th St. and Madison St.
at Presidential Library and Museum



SANGAMON MASS TRANSIT

(SMTD) - Public buses are available to most areas of the city, including a route around the downtown historic sites. Buses run Monday through Saturday from 6am—6pm, except holidays. For bus schedules and maps go to smtd.org



TAXIS, UBER & LYFT

A variety of taxi companies service the Springfield area. Uber and Lyft are also available.

yellowpages.com/springfield-il/taxis
uber.com/cities/springfield-il
lyft.com/cities/springfield-il



BUS PASSES

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Lincoln Library | 326 S. 7th St. | 217-753-4900



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DOWNTOWN SITES + ATTRACTIONS

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- B. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum**
212 N. 6th St. | 217-558-8948
- C. Acts of Intolerance:**
1908 Race Riot Sculpture
6th & Madison St. | 217-558-8948
- D. Dana-Thomas House -**
A Frank Lloyd Wright Design
301 E. Lawrence Ave. | 217-782-6776
- E. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Statue**
2nd & Capitol Ave.
- F. Elijah Iles House**
628 S. 7th St. | 217-492-5929
- G. Governor's Mansion**
410 E. Jackson St. | 217-782-6450
- H. Grand Army of the Republic
Memorial Museum**
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Capitol Complex | 217-782-0600
- J. Illinois Police Officers Memorial**
Capitol Complex | 217-782-2099
- K. Illinois State Capitol**
401 S. 2nd St. | 217-782-2099
- L. Illinois State Library**
300 S. 2nd St. | 217-785-5600
- M. Illinois State Museum**
502 S. Spring St. | 217-782-7386
- N. Illinois State Police Memorial Park**
6th & Lawrence St. | 217-525-1922
- O. Kidzeum of Health and Science**
412 E. Adams St. | 217-971-4435
- P. Lincoln Depot**
930 E. Monroe St. | 217-544-8695
- Q. Lincoln Family Pew - First
Presbyterian Church**
321 S. 7th St. | 217-528-4311
- R. Lincoln Home National Historic Site**
426 S. 7th St. | 217-391-3221
- S. Lincoln Ledger**
531 E. Washington St. | 217-527-3860
- T. Old State Capitol**
1 Old State Capitol Plz | 217-785-7960
- U. Route History**
737 E. Cook St. | 217-503-4129
- V. Vachel Lindsay Home**
603 S. 5th St. | 217-524-0901

EAT + DRINK

- 1. Anvil & Forge Brewing | Distilling
- 2. Anchor's Away
- 3. Boone's
- 4. Brewhaus
- 5. Buzz Bomb Brewing Company
- 6. Cafe Moxo
- 7. Cold Stone Creamery
- 8. Custom Cup Coffee
- 9. Di Piero's
- 10. Gallina's Pizza
- 11. Grille at City Centre
- 12. Head West Sub Stop
- 13. Incredibly Delicious
- 14. Jerk Shop Go
- 15. Jimmy John's
- 16. La Piazza Cucina Italiana
- 17. Lindsay's Gallery
- 18. Loukinens' on 4th
- 19. Lulu's Diner
- 20. Maid Rite Sandwich Shop
- 21. Maldaner's Restaurant
- 22. Nick & Nino's Steakhouse
- 23. NuVoh at the St. Nicholas
- 24. Obed & Issac's Microbrewery & Eatery
- 25. Rumberger's Lounge
- 26. Saputo's
- 27. Springfield Carriage Co.
- 28. Subway
- 29. The Chili Parlor
- 30. The Feed Store
- 31. Whimsy Tea Company
- 32. Wm. Van's Coffee Shop
- 33. 6th St. Cafe

DOWNTOWN HOTELS + B&BS

- 34. Carpenter Street Hotel
525 N. 6th St. | 217-789-9100
- 35. Inn at 835 Boutique Hotel
835 S. 2nd St. | 217-523-4466
- 36. Mansion View Inn & Suites
529 S. 4th St. | 217-544-7411
- 37. Pasfield House Inn
525 Pasfield St. | 217-525-3663
- 38. President Abraham Lincoln
Springfield - A DoubleTree by Hilton
701 E. Adams St. | 217-544-8800
- 39. State House Inn-Trademark Collection
by Wyndham
101 E. Adams St. | 217-528-5100
- 40. Wyndham Springfield City Centre
700 E. Adams St. | 217-789-1530

PUBLIC PARKING

- 41. 6th St. & Capitol Ave. - Multi Level
- 42. Presidential Museum - Multi Level/RV
- 43. 7th St. & Monroe St. - Multi Level
- 44. 7th St. & Washington St. - Multi Level
- 45. Old State Capitol - Underground
- 46. Lincoln Library (public) - Underground
- 47. Lincoln Home - Lot
- 48. Edwards St. & College St. - Lot
- 49. Dana-Thomas House - Lot

VISITORS CENTER

Springfield Visitors Center
1 S. Old State Capitol Plaza | 217-789-2360
Monday - Friday: 9am - 5pm
Weekends: Seasonally

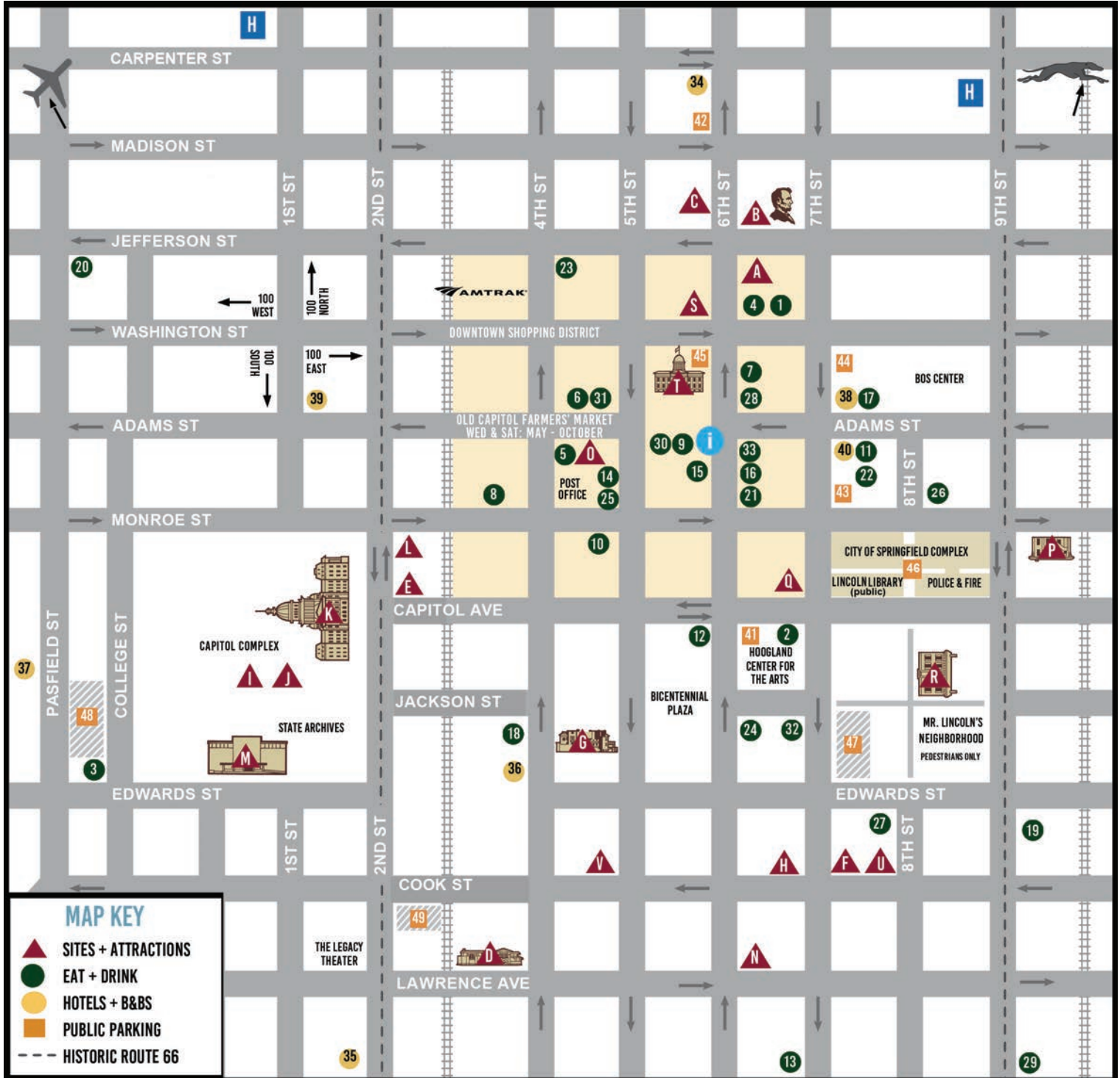
HOSPITALS

Memorial Medical Center
701 N. 1st St. | 217-788-3000
HSBS St. John's Hospital
800 E. Carpenter St. | 217-544-6464

RESOURCES

Lincoln Library (public)
326 S. 7th St. | 217-753-4900
Illinois State Archives
Capitol Complex | 217-782-4662

NOTES:



Visitors Map

SPRINGFIELD OVERVIEW

SITES + ATTRACTIONS



- A. Abraham Lincoln Long Nine Museum**
200 S. Main St., Athens | 217-636-8755
- B. Adams Wildlife Sanctuary**
2315 Clearlake Ave. | 217-544-5781
- C. Air Combat Museum**
835 S. Airport Dr. | 217-522-2181
- D. Camp Butler National Cemetery**
5063 Camp Butler Rd. | 217-492-4070
- E. Clayville Historic Site**
12828 Rt. 125, Pleasant Plains | 217-572-4984
- F. Cozy Dog Drive In**
2935 S. 6th St. | 217-525-1992
- G. Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War Museum**
503 S. Walnut St. | 217-544-0616
- H. Edwards Place**
700 N. 4th St. | 217-523-2631
- I. Henson Robinson Zoo**
1100 E. Lake Shore Dr. | 217-585-1821
- J. Illinois Fire Museum**
Main St., Illinois State Fairgrounds | 217-785-7487
- K. Illinois Korean War Memorial**
1500 Monument Ave., Oak Ridge Cemetery
217-782-2717
- L. Illinois State Military Museum**
1301 N. MacArthur Blvd. | 217-761-3910
- M. Illinois Vietnam Veterans Memorial**
1500 Monument Ave., Oak Ridge Cemetery
217-782-2717
- N. Knight's Action Park & Route 66 Twin Drive-In**
1700 Recreation Dr. | 217-546-8881
- O. Lincoln Memorial Garden & Nature Center**
2301 E. Lake Shore Dr. | 217-529-1111
- P. Lincoln Tomb**
1500 Monument Ave., Oak Ridge Cemetery
217-782-2717
- Q. Lincoln's New Salem**
15588 History Ln. Rt. 97, Petersburg
217-632-4000
- R. Motorheads Route 66 Museum**
600 Toronto Rd. | 217-679-7323
- S. Prairie's Edge Farm**
8300 Hendrickson Rd., Rochester (by appt. only)
217-498-8251
- T. Purple Heart Memorial**
1500 Monument Ave., Oak Ridge Cemetery
217-782-2717
- U. Springfield & Central IL African American History Museum**
1440 Monument Ave. | 217-391-6323
- V. Thomas Rees Memorial Carillon**
1740 W. Fayette Ave., Washington Park
217-546-3853
- W. Trutter Museum**
5250 Shepherd Rd. | 217-786-4510
- X. Washington Park Botanical Garden**
1740 W. Fayette Ave. | 217-546-4116
- Y. World War II Illinois Veterans Memorial**
1500 Monument Ave., Oak Ridge Cemetery
217-782-2717

HOTELS + B&BS



- 1. Baymont Inn & Suites**
5871 S. 6th St. | 217-529-6655
- 2. Best Western Clearlake**
3440 E. Clearlake Ave. | 217-525-7420
- 3. Candlewood Suites**
2501 Sunrise Dr. | 217-522-5100
- 4. Comfort Inn & Suites**
3675 S. 6th St. | 217-529-8898
- 5. Comfort Suites**
2620 S. Dirksen Pkwy. | 217-753-4000
- 6. Country Inn & Suites**
3092 Stevenson Dr. | 217-544-5151
- 7. Courtyard by Marriott**
3462 Freedom Dr. | 217-793-5300
- 8. Crowne Plaza Springfield Convention Center**
3000 S. Dirksen Pkwy. | 217-529-7777
- 9. Days Inn by Wyndham**
5970 S. 6th St. | 217-529-1410
- 10. Drury Inn & Suites**
3180 S. Dirksen Pkwy. | 217-529-3900
- 11. Fairfield Inn**
3446 Freedom Dr. | 217-793-9277
- 12. Flagg Farmstead B&B**
500 Old Tipton School Dr. | 217-816-8569
- 13. Hampton Inn & Suites**
2300 Chuckwagon Dr. | 217-793-7670
- 14. Hilton Garden Inn**
3100 S. Dirksen Pkwy. | 217-529-7171
- 15. Holiday Inn Express & Suites**
3050 S. Dirksen Pkwy. | 217-529-7771
- 16. Homestyle Inn & Suites**
500 N. 1st St. | 217-522-1100
- 17. LaQuinta Inn & Suites**
1121 Lejune Dr. | 217-697-5686
- 18. Microtel Inn & Suites**
2636 Sunrise Dr. | 217-753-2636
- 19. Motel 6 - Airport**
1701 J. David Jones Pkwy. | 217-541-8762
- 20. Motel 6**
6011 S. 6th St. | 217-529-1633
- 21. Northfield Inn, Suites & Conference Center**
3280 Northfield Dr. | 217-523-7900
- 22. Quality Inn**
3442 Freedom Dr. | 217-787-2250
- 23. Ramada by Wyndham Springfield North**
3281 Northfield Dr. | 217-523-4000
- 24. Red Roof Inn**
3200 Singer Ave. | 217-753-4302
- 25. Residence Inn by Marriott**
2915 E. Stanford Ave. | 217-527-1100
- 26. Route 66 Hotel & Conference Center**
625 E. St Joseph St. | 217-529-6626
3470 Freedom Dr. | 217-787-6200
- 27. Sleep Inn**
3470 Freedom Dr. | 217-787-6200
- 28. SpringHill Suites by Marriott**
3921 MacArthur Blvd. | 217-789-0000
- 29. Staybridge Suites**
4231 Schooner Dr. | 217-793-6700
- 30. Super 8 East**
1330 S. Dirksen Pkwy. | 217-528-8889
- 31. Wingate by Wyndham Springfield**
3185 S. Dirksen Pkwy. | 217-529-1100

RECREATION



CAMPING

- 32. Double J Campground
- 33. Illinois State Fair Campground
- 34. KOA Campground
- 35. Lincoln's New Salem Campground
- 36. Riverside Park Campground
- 37. Sangchris Lake State Park

TRAILS

- 38. Bunn to Lost Bridge Trail
- 39. Interurban Trail
- 40. Lost Bridge Trail
- 41. Sangamon Valley Bike Trail
- 42. Wabash Trail

COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

- 43. Lincoln Land Community College
- 44. SIU School of Medicine
- 45. University of IL at Springfield

GOLF COURSES

- 46. Bergen Golf Course
- 47. Brookhills Golf Club
- 48. Bunn Park Golf Course
- 49. Lincoln Greens Golf Course
- 50. Long Bridge Golf Course
- 51. Pasfield Golf Course
- 52. Piper Glen Golf Club
- 53. The Rail Golf Club
- 54. The Oaks Golf Club

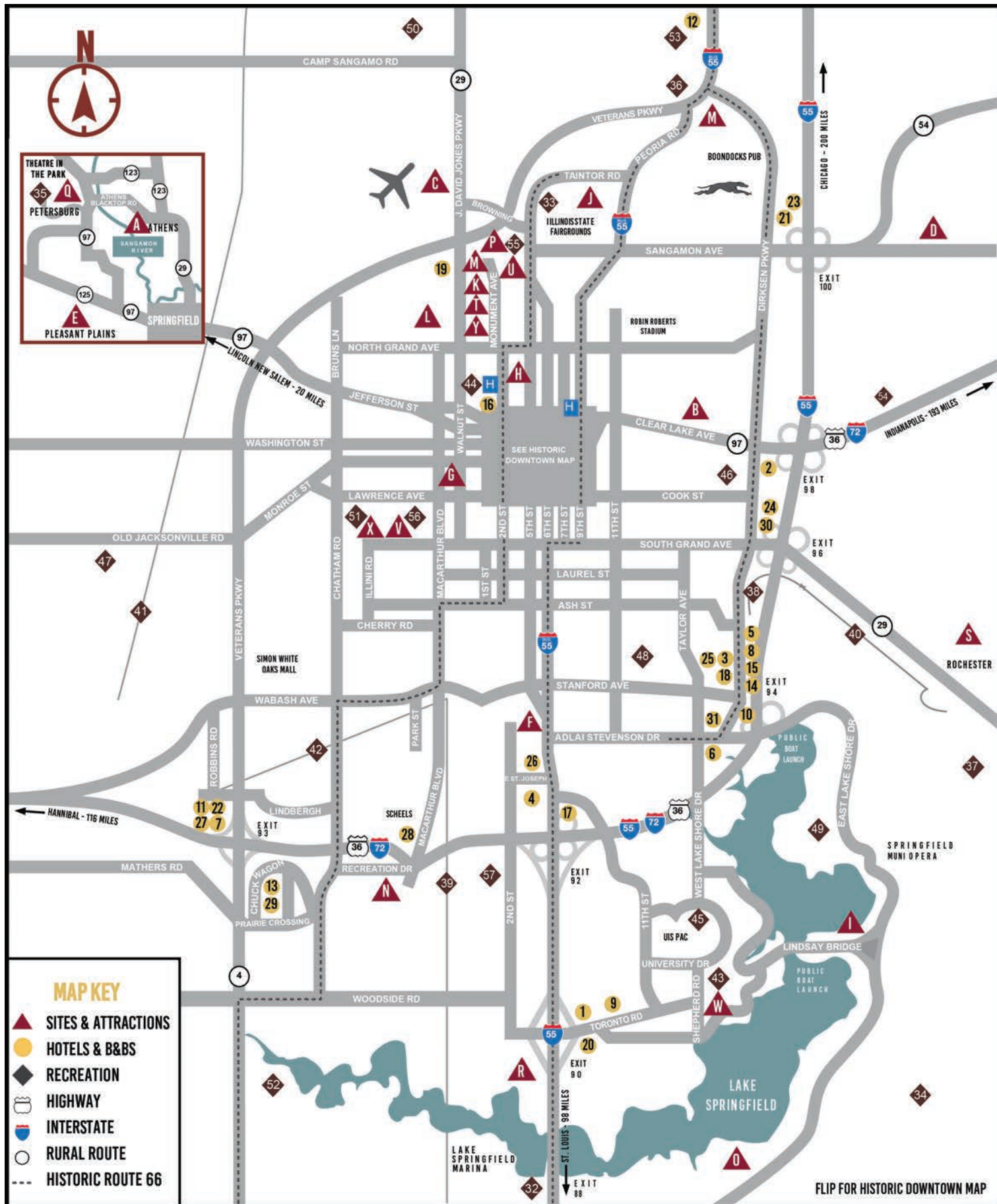
PARKS

- 55. Lincoln Park
- 56. Washington Park
- 57. Southwind Park

TRANSPORTATION

Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport
1200 Capital Airport Dr.

Greyhound Bus Depot
2815 N. Dirksen Pkwy.





Illinois State Capitol houses the executive and legislative branches of the Illinois government.

The capital city

Take in the sights and sounds of the seat of Illinois government

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Illinois State Capitol
401 S. Second St.
217-782-2099

Illinois boasts a stunning State Capitol, and in recent years the legislative chambers and multifloor west wing were magnificently restored. It is well worth visiting this National Historic Landmark. Construction began on the sixth and current Illinois Capitol in 1868 after officials determined that more space was needed for government business. The building took 20 years to complete and cost

more than \$4.5 million. The first legislative session in the new Capitol was held in 1877, but the structure wasn't finished for another decade. Designed in the shape of a Latin cross and capped by a 361-foot-high dome, the building stands 74 feet taller than the U.S. Capitol.

In addition to watching Illinois politicians from the balcony-level seating area, visitors can view the awe-inspiring artwork, statues and paintings inside the limestone Italian Renaissance Revival building. Murals, a variety of marbles and a unique architectural design add to the elegance and grace of Illinois' center of government.

Guided tours are the best way to learn more about the historic building,

Illinois state government and the history of Illinois represented by statues, murals, portraits, paintings and other artwork. Free tours are given every half-hour on weekdays and start on the first floor, north wing. Visitors must remain with the tour guide on weekends, so go during the week if you want to explore. Enter through the east door. Visitors must go through metal detectors. Park for free at the Capitol Complex Visitors Center, 425 S. College St.

Open many holidays, but call ahead first.

Illinois Governor's Mansion
410 E. Jackson St.
217-782-6450
www2.illinois.gov/sites/

Governors Mansion
Free

Built in 1855, the Illinois Governor's Mansion is one of the oldest and most historic governor's mansions in the U.S. The Mansion reopened in July 2018 after a spectacular, privately funded three-year renovation. It is now fully ADA accessible and has professionally trained docents for guided tours, as well as expanded programming and an all-new visitor center. Rooms are dedicated specifically to historic events, including the Columbian Exposition and past Illinois governors. Individuals and groups who would like to tour the Governor's Mansion are required to have a reservation in advance.

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Henson Robinson Zoo

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What the locals do for fun

Get off the tourist track and relax

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Haven't you seen enough sights? How about some fun? Take it from the locals – here are many ways to have a good time in the capital city that don't involve learning anything at all. Just enjoy.

FAMILY-FRIENDLY ENTERTAINMENT

AMF Strike N Spare Lanes

2660 W. Lawrence Ave.
217-787-6111
amf.com/strikensparelanesil
Traditional bowling on 36 lanes, plus a game room. Karaoke is offered every Saturday night in the lounge.

Bounce Tag

3720 Hollis Dr.
217-288-4386
bouncetag.com

An indoor play park for kids and teens. Bounce houses, activity areas, arcade and laser tag.

Ergadoozy Creative Play Center

1320 S. State St.
217-544-9477
ergadoozy.com
An indoor play center for kids under 12. Seven play spaces offer unique ways to run, crawl and slide, no matter the weather.

Henson Robinson Zoo

1100 E. Lake Shore Dr.
217-585-1821
springfieldparks.org
Just south of town near Lake Springfield, Henson Robinson Zoo features more than 90 species of animals from Africa, Asia, Australia and North and South America. Parking is free, and food is available for purchase or you can bring your own and have a picnic in the pavilion.

Kidzeum of Health and Science

412 E. Adams St.
217-971-4435
Kidzeum.org
Admission
Interactive exhibits where kids are encouraged to touch, jump, climb, play, create, be active and explore. Through state-of-the-art exhibits and programs, kids learn while they play.

King Pin Lanes Bowling Center

3115 E. Sangamon Ave.
217-544-0838
kingpinusa.com
This family-owned and operated bowling center can host your party or special event, or just a night out with the family.

Knight's Action Park and Route 66 Twin Drive In

1700 Recreation Dr.
217-546-8881
knightsactionpark.com
route66-drivein.com
Prepare to get wet and wild at Knight's

Action Park. In addition to pedal boats and water slides – including the four-story Devil Ray and the popular Splash Kingdom – this perennial local favorite also offers mini-golf, a driving range, batting cages, kiddie rides, go-karts, an arcade and more. After dark, have a nostalgic family movie night in the car. Route 66 features two screens, each showing double features that begin shortly after dusk on the weekends April through October and seven nights a week between Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day weekend.

Nelson Center

1601 N. Fifth St.
217-753-2800
springfieldparks.org
In the heart of Lincoln Park sits the Nelson Center, home to an ice rink that features year-round public ice skating sessions. Nelson Center also has an outdoor pool that includes a diving board, slide and separate kiddie pool. Open between Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day weekend.

Real Ax

2920 S. MacArthur Blvd.
217-622-8553

Realaxthrowing.com

A BYOB ax throwing facility where you can put your skills to the test. Five pits hold up to eight players per pit and can be reserved for parties or group outings.

Riverside Stables

2310 Chinchilla Rd.

217-522-7702

riversidestable.com

Take a scenic trail ride along the Sangamon River. You can also rent a canoe or kayak for a half day or full day excursion.

SCHEELS

3801 S. MacArthur Blvd.

217-726-6330

scheels.com

This destination shopping experience has a large selection of sporting gear and fashion, but also features a 16,000 gallon salt water aquarium, a 65-foot-tall Ferris wheel, putting greens, golf simulators and Walk of Presidents. Ginna's Café and Fuzziwig Candy Shop are located inside.

Skateland South

1500 Recreation Dr.

217-546-4543

skatelandofspringfield.com

Whether you're looking for an afternoon of fun or a venue for a celebration, Skateland is a family-friendly roller skating rink.

SkyZone Trampoline Park

3454 Liberty Dr.

217-331-6600

skyzone.com/springfieldil

This all-walled trampoline playing court features an array of fun activities ranging from fit to low-impact.

Springfield Walks

217-502-8687

travelersresttours.com

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SPECIAL EVENT AND CONCERT VENUES

Boondocks

2909 N. Dirksen Pkwy.

217-679-0145

boondockspub.com

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Baby Back Pork Ribs, full slab	13 Bones
Smoked Country Ham	1/2 lb. portion
Low Fat Smoked Turkey	1/2 lb. portion
Smoked Polish Sausage	
Smoked 1/2 Chicken Dinner	

TRY 'EM ALL

2 Meat Combo	2- 1/4 lb. portions
3 Meat Combo	3- 1/4 lb. portions
Smokehouse Combos	Ribs & Meat

SIDE ORDERS

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Pork Loin
Smoked Country Ham
Low Fat Smoked Turkey
BBQ Pork Ribs
BBQ Pork Ribs

Half slab, 7 bones
Full slab, 13 bones

OTHER FIXIN'S

Children's Plate: 3oz meat & 1 side or fries
3 Chicken Fingers & One Side or Fries
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Walk, Hike and Bike History

Illinois Department of Natural Resource's State Historic Sites in Springfield invite you to check out Walk, Hike and Bike History, a brand-new way to explore Illinois' capital city in 2021. Walk, Hike and Bike History is a series of inspiring outdoor experiences that connect you to "must-see" museums and monuments in the capital city. Guided by history education interpreters from IDNR's Office of Land Management, Walk, Hike and Bike History experiences range in duration from one to two hours. Reservations, which will be required, can be made on the IDNR website. All experiences will be limited in capacity per current guidelines outlined by the Illinois Department of Public Health. All experiences are free, but donations are appreciated.

Individuals or groups can visit the IDNR website at <http://historicspringfield.dnr.illinois.gov/> to learn more and make reservations, call (217) 524-3971 or e-mail DNR. HistoricSpringfield@Illinois.gov to inquire about scheduling tours. Scheduled tours will begin mid-April and continue through mid-November 2021.

Walk, Hike and Bike History experiences include:

- 1908 Race Riot Downtown Walking Tour
- Friends of Lincoln Oak Ridge Cemetery Hike
- Black History Walk at Oak Ridge Cemetery
- Military History Hike at Oak Ridge Cemetery
- History Bike Tour
- Design Like Frank Lloyd Wright Walking/Drawing Tour
- Designing for Change Women's History Walking Tour



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Donnie B's Traveling Comedy Club

217-391-5653

donniebs.com

Donnie B's is the premier comedy club in the Midwest, offering everything from nationally touring acts to open mic nights. The club, now in its 22nd season, hosts comedy shows at various locations around Springfield.

Illinois State Fairgrounds

801 E. Sangamon Ave.

217-782-1698

agr.state.il.us/spacerental/calendar-of-events/

If you happen to be visiting the capital city between Aug. 12 and 22, we recommend the spectacular Illinois State Fair, featuring all the animals, rides, tractors, concerts and attractions you can imagine. But nearly every weekend of the year there is something special happening on the fairgrounds, which is just a couple of miles north of downtown Springfield. Events run the gamut from horse shows and a giant flea market, to a weekly farmers market (spring through fall) and craft sales. Other weekend-long events include a home show, garden sale, motorcycle races and coin show, among many others. If you're looking for something fun to do on a weekend, visit the Illinois Department of Agriculture's calendar of non-fair events.

The BOS Center

One Convention Center Plaza

217-788-8800

TheBOSCenter.com

Located in the heart of downtown Springfield, this multi-purpose facility hosts many events open to the public including concerts, circuses, sports tournaments and much more. Check their calendar for upcoming events.

UIS Performing Arts Center

One University Plaza

217-206-6160

uispac.com

This auditorium located on the campus of University of Illinois Springfield hosts national tours for musicians, comedians, Broadway shows and more. Check their calendar for upcoming events.

SPORTS

MidState Mayhem Roller Derby

Skateland South

1500 Recreation Dr.

midstatemayhemrollerderby.com

This all-female, amateur roller derby team promotes and supports local athletics, charities, civic organizations and businesses.

Springfield Jr. Blues

1601 N. Fifth St.

Nelson Center

217-525-2589

jrblues.com

The season for this North American Hockey League team runs from September-March. All tickets are general admission.

Springfield Sliders

1415 N. Grand Ave.

Robin Roberts Stadium

217-679-3511

springfieldsliders.com

The Sliders are members of the Prospect League, a wood bat experience similar to most minor league parks around the country. All tickets are general admission, although party rooms are available for rent.

Springfield FC Soccer Semi-Pro Soccer

4600 11th St.

SASA Fields

spfldfc.com

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Long Bridge Golf Course

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The outdoors

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Boating and fishing

Lake Springfield
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cwlpc.com

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Lake Springfield Marina
17 Waters Edge Blvd.
217-483-3625
lakespringfieldmarina.com

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Biking and hiking

Bunn to Lost Bridge Trail

This 1.5 mile trail is an extension of the Lost Bridge Trail from Rochester. Street crossings on Dirksen Pkwy. and Taylor Avenue

Trail heads at IDOT Building (2300 Dirksen Pkwy. parking lot) and Abundant Faith Christian Center (2525 Taylor Avenue parking lot).

Interurban Trail

This bicycle and pedestrian trail is 8.3 miles long. It begins at the corner of Wabash Avenue and MacArthur Boulevard and proceeds in a southerly direction following the abandoned Interurban Railroad right-of-way to the town of Chatham. The asphalt surface trail is open year-round for biking, skating, jogging and hiking.

Trail heads at Wabash Avenue and Park Street (parking lot), Hazel Dell and West Grand, Woodside Road and Pedigo Lane (parking lot).

Lost Bridge Trail

This trail stretches nearly five miles,

from Springfield's east side to the town of Rochester, and is built on the Old Baltimore and Ohio Railroad line.

Trail head at Illinois Dept. of Transportation (2300 Dirksen Pkwy.) parking lot.

Sangamon Valley Trail

This 11.5-mile trail is a mostly shaded route from the southwest Centennial Park north to Stuart Park and extending further north to Irwin Bridge Road. It includes scenic bridges which puts hikers and cyclists at eye level with the tree tops.

Trail heads at Centennial Park (5751 Bunker Hill Road, parking lot), Stuart Park (1800 Winch Ln., parking lot) and a lot off Central Creek Road, about half a mile west of Brown Road and a mile from the Irwin Bridge Road endpoint.

Wabash Trail

The paved trail extends three miles along Springfield's southwest side, beginning at Robbins Road and continuing all the way to Park Street. Great for rollerblading,

hiking and biking. Also connects to the Interurban Trail via a connecting sidewalk.

Trail heads at BJ Grand Salon (3055 Robbins Road) and Wabash Avenue and Park Avenue.

For more information on bike and hike trails, call 217-544-1751 or visit springfieldparks.org/parks/biketrails.

Golf courses

Bergen Park Golf Course

200 Eastdale Ave.
217-753-6211
springfieldparkdistrictgolf.org/bergen.html
Established in 1930, Bergen Golf Course was built on fertile farm ground which to this day provides a lush terrain. The course features eight par fours and one par three. The course has no bunkers or water hazards which makes it playable for golfers of all abilities.

Brookhills Golf Club

5350 Old Jacksonville Rd.

217-787-8495

facebook.com/brookhillsgolfcourse/

Designed by Leon Howard, this course features a 9-hole golf course, driving range and pro shop. Relax in the Club House following a round of golf.

Bunn Park Golf Course

2500 S. 11th St.

217-522-2633 springfieldparkdistrictgolf.org/bunn.html

A regulation 18-hole facility, this tree-lined course has narrow fairways and challenging holes. Water comes into play on several holes throughout the course.

Lincoln Greens Golf Course

700 E. Lake Shore Dr.

217-786-4111

springfieldparkdistrictgolf.org/lincoln-greens.html

A challenging 18-hole course situated on 240 acres on the shores of Lake Springfield.

Long Bridge Golf Course

1055 Camp Sangamo Rd.

217-744-8311

longbridgegc.com

This 9-hole course overlooks the Sangamon River Valley. Besides a round of great golf, enjoy live entertainment at the clubhouse every Friday evening.

Pasfield Park Golf Course

1700 W. Lawrence Ave.

217-753-6226

springfieldparkdistrictgolf.org/pasfield.html

A historic 9-hole public golf course located in the heart of Springfield. Its narrow fairways, undulating hills and small greens will challenge your game.

Piper Glen Golf Club

7112 Piper Glen Dr.

217-483-6537

piperghen.com

Cited as a 4.5 star facility by *Golf Digest* and listed as a top central Illinois course by *Illinois Magazine*, this course provides dramatic elevation changes, prairie grass plantings and large undulating greens.

The Oaks Golf Course

851 Dave Stockton Dr.

217-528-6600

theoaksgolfcourse.com/

Opened in 1926, the 18-hole course features over 6,000 yards of golf from the longest tees for a par of 70.

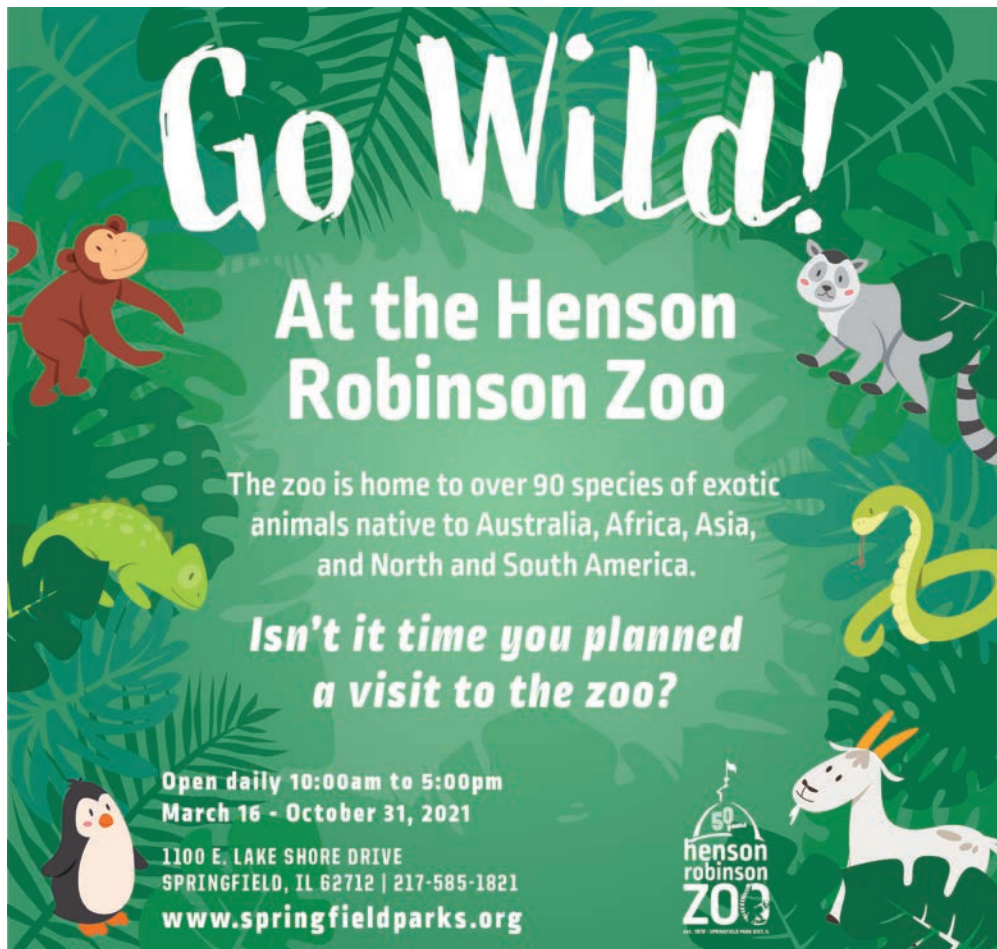
The Rail Golf Club

1400 S. Club House Dr., Sherman

217-525-0365

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A sprawling 240-acre dairy farm turned into The Rail, rated four stars by *Golf Digest* and continually voted as one of the best places to play golf in central Illinois.



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Springfield's parks

Adams Wildlife Sanctuary

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illinoisaudubon.org

This is the perfect place to take a quick nature walk without driving out of town. Just off one of Springfield's busiest streets, Clear Lake Avenue, the sanctuary is a hidden jewel that's accessible in minutes. Once a mid-19th-century farm, it's now a wooded haven for birds and is owned by the Illinois Audubon Society. One trail takes 15 minutes to complete; a longer trail takes 45 minutes. The visitor center offers information about the trees, plants and birds commonly encountered. Visitors can also tour the restored 1850s Margery Adams farmhouse.

Carpenter Park Nature Preserve

IL 124 and I-55

217-544-1751

springfieldparks.org

This lovely park has 434 acres, lined on one side by the shores of the Sangamon River and The Rail golf course on the other. It is located in the north side of town, west of Business Route 55 (Peoria Road). A winding park road leads to a clearing with a parking lot, historic stone shelter, a picnic area and a map. The park is primarily used for hiking and nature observation. Part of the park is an Illinois Nature Preserve.

Centennial Park

Bunker Hill Rd. and Lenhart Rd.

217-544-1751

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Part of southwest Springfield, this 190-acre park features skateboard facilities, bocce ball courts and a 100 ft. sledding hill, in addition to a playground and outdoor picnic areas.

Lincoln Memorial Garden & Nature Center

2301 E. Lake Shore Dr.

217-529-1111

lincolnmemorialgarden.org

A woodland and prairie garden with over five miles of trails lead you on a journey through the Illinois landscape Lincoln would have known. Depending on the season you visit, you could discover springtime dogwoods in full bloom, colorful prairie wildflowers of summer, burnished autumn leaves or snow-covered maple trees bursting with sap. Located on the shores of Lake Springfield and designed by landscape



Thomas Rees Memorial Carillon

PHOTO CREDIT THOMAS REES MEMORIAL CARILLON

architect Jens Jensen, the garden is open daily from sunrise to sunset. Be sure to visit the Garden's Nature Center and Split Rail Gift Shop.

Lincoln Park

1601 N. Fifth St.

217-753-2800

springfieldparks.org/parks/lincoln/

Lincoln Park, located on the north side of Springfield, is an 88-acre site added to the park district in 1905. Its design and many features date back to its original development, including a historic lagoon and pavilion. The park includes disc-golf courses, tennis courts, shuffleboard and a horseshoe park, plus the Nelson Recreation Center with an outdoor swimming pool and two indoor ice rinks.

Southwind Park and Erin's Pavilion

4965 S. Second St.

217-585-2941

springfieldparks.org

Every inch of this 80-acre park is ADA accessible, serving as a national model for inclusion for all people. Stroll 2.5 miles of urban trails and enjoy the sensory gardens, playground and fishing piers. The park also has eco-

friendly wetlands, a wind turbine, solar panels and a geothermal system.

Washington Park

South Grand Ave. and MacArthur Blvd.

217-544-1751

springfieldparks.org/parks/washington/

Washington Park is a 150-acre site just a couple miles from downtown Springfield. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, it is Springfield's largest and most active park. The Washington Park Botanical Garden, at the far west side of the park, features a glass-domed conservatory, gallery and greenhouses. The park is also home to Thomas Rees Memorial Carillon, the sixth largest in the world. Washington Park is also home to two fishing ponds stocked with catfish and trout, picnic shelters, playgrounds, public tennis courts, nature trails and bike and jogging paths.

Thomas Rees Memorial Carillon

1740 W. Fayette Ave.

217-546-3853

The Thomas Rees Memorial Carillon is an icon in Washington Park. It was a gift of Senator Thomas Rees, publisher of the Illinois State Register from 1881 until his death in 1933. Rees attributed his great interest in bells to visiting carillons

in Belgium and The Netherlands. He left specific instructions in his will regarding the number of bells and the location of the carillon.

A carillonneur plays the bells manually using a keyboard. To more fully appreciate the carillon, take in a carillon concert. From May 1 through Sept. 30 concerts are on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays at 2 p.m. From October through April, the concerts are on Wednesdays at noon and Sundays at 2 and 4 p.m. The world-renowned International Carillon Festival is held annually in June.

Take a carillon tour to see the bells up close, learn how the carillon is played and enjoy a spectacular view of Washington Park and surrounding landmarks. Tours are offered May 1-Sept. 30 on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 6 p.m. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$3 for children ages 5-15.

Springfield offers many other welcoming parks, nature spots, gardens and prairie wilderness. All Springfield parks are open dawn to dusk. For more information about Springfield's city-operated parks and golf courses, visit springfieldparks.org/parks.

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The nightlife

Where to find live entertainment in the capital city

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, it is advised to check individual websites for up-to-date information and offerings

The nightlife of Springfield and surrounding communities is diverse and robust. Blues, folk, jazz, rock, country, hip-hop, dance music, open mic events and karaoke nights are well represented on any given night in central Illinois and the capital city. Solid local acts playing original and cover material mix with national touring bands on the road from St. Louis to Chicago or between Indianapolis and Kansas City to create a fertile atmosphere for vibrant entertainment.

Local, regional and national touring acts of various genres take the stage weekly at several clubs around the city. Danenberger Family Vineyard's Wine Rocks (12341 Irish Road, New Berlin) and Weebles (4136 Peoria Road) host a variety of acts that run the gamut from singer-songwriter types to Americana groups and local cover bands. The Curve Inn (3219 S. Sixth St.) books live,

local music in a heated outdoor venue every weekend from 6 to 10 p.m., then continues the entertainment inside until 3 a.m. with a DJ.

There are too many venues to mention, ranging from coffee shops to bars and wineries, with local bands and musicians of all flavors, including rock, bluegrass, blues, country and pop



Stand-up comedian Jeff Tolbert performing at Mason City Limits.

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music. For a complete listing of what's going on in and around the capital city on any given week, check the arts and entertainment listings in *Illinois Times*, the city's free weekly newspaper, which also publishes *Capital City Visitor*. Look for the numerous *IT* newsstands throughout downtown, as well as at area hotels, restaurants and stores or check the online calendar at illinoistimes.com.

Blues

Every Monday night starting around 8 p.m., the Illinois Central Blues Club (ICBC) sponsors a different band at the Alamo (115 N. Fifth St.). Local, regional and national acts have enlivened this wonderful music experience during the 30-plus years of Blue Mondays. Watch for special blues events regularly sponsored by the active ICBC at different venues in town.

Jazz

Jazz in all its varied forms is represented at certain nightclubs and restaurants. On the near west side of town, the Lime Street Cafe (951

S. Durkin Dr.) serves up jazz-style musicians with an occasional foray into classic rock 'n' roll.

Comedy

If laughter is what you're after, look no further than Donnie B's Comedy Club (217-391-JOKE or donniebs.com for location and tickets) or head north of town to the Mason City Limits Comedy Club (114 E. Chestnut, Mason City). Both clubs feature nationally known touring comedians every Friday and Saturday night, with occasional open mics for the aspiring comic.

Acoustic

Singer-songwriters and acoustic music performers are in abundance around town and in the area. Venues with regular shows include Pease's at Bunn Gourmet (2941 Plaza Dr.), Always After Five (2741 S. Sixth St.), Hand of Fate Brewing Company (107 E. Douglas St., Petersburg) Farmhouse Restaurant (3001 Veterans Parkway, inside Harvest Market) and 3Sixteen Wine Bar (316 N. Main St., Chatham).



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2925 W. Iles Ave.
217-546-9773
114 Chatham Rd.
217-546-7020
jimmyjohns.com

McAlister's Deli

3130 S. Dirksen Pkwy.
217-210-0780
2917 W. Iles Ave.
217-210-0695
mcalistersisteli.com

Monty's Sub Shop

727 N. Bruns Ln.
217-546-6000
1700 E. Sangamon Ave.
217-789-4575
3124 Montvale
217-546-3020
montyssubs.com

Morning Star Mercantile & Café

6141 Main St., Rt. 97
Salisbury
217-626-2022
morningstar-cafe.com

Panera Bread

3019 S. Dirksen Pkwy.
217-529-6200
3101 W. White Oaks Dr.
217-726-5070
panerabread.com

Papo's Café

3290 W. Iles Ave.
217-679-6044
paposcafe.com

Penn Station East Coast Subs

2983 Lindbergh Blvd.
217-670-0389
2526 N. Dirksen Pkwy.
217-679-0057
penn-station.com

Quiznos

2701 W. Lawrence Ave.
217-787-7304

Subway

607 E. Adams St.
217-522-8772
Multiple locations

Sunrise Cafe

1201 S. Second St.
217-753-1311

Coffee Shops

Barnes & Noble Café

3111 S. Veterans Pkwy.
217-546-9440
barnesandnoble.com/h/cafe

Bean Counter Roastery & Coffee House

1911 W. Iles Ave.
217-546-4740
encounterthecounter.com

Uniquely Springfield Chilli (otherwise known as Chilli)

Chili is a popular menu item in Springfield, but here it is more commonly spelled chilli, not chili. The first chilli restaurant in Springfield, and the first to call it "chilli," was the Dew Chilli Parlor which opened in 1909. Although the original location is now closed, the secret recipe lives on at Dew Chilli at 2312 Wabash Ave., along with Dew Chilli Pub and Grill locations at 301 North Grand Ave. and 2690 S. Dirksen Parkway. Another local favorite, which was established by Joe Rogers in 1945 as the Den Chili Parlor, is now called The Chili Parlor, located at 820 S. Ninth Street. If you eat a bowl of Firebrand chili at The Chili Parlor, your name will be memorialized on the wall.

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Rosati's Pizza

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Custom Cup

321 E. Monroe St.
217-652-6154
customcupcoffee.com

Grab-A-Java

1702 S. Sixth St.
217-523-5282
3115 Hedley Rd.
217-698-9773
300 Chatham Road
latte1.com

Grateful Coffee Co.

1370 Toronto Road

Starbucks Coffee

3200 E. Clear Lake Ave.
217-525-7759
3412 Freedom Dr.
217-787-0764
2003 W. Monroe St.
217-793-2193
745 Stevenson Dr.
217-753-2978
2728 N. Dirksen Pkwy.
217-523-5599
3190 S. Dirksen Pkwy.
starbucks.com

Whimsy Tea Company

413 E. Adams St.
217-331-6920
whimsyteacompany.com

Wm. Van's Coffee House

503 S. Seventh St.
217-679-4726
connshg.com/wm-vans-coffee-house

Contemporary

The Barn

1501 Wabash Ave., Suite B
217-679-0610
thebarnspringfield.com

Cooper's Hawk Winery and Restaurant

2501 Wabash Ave.
217-321-9100
chwinery.com

Curate

2930 Plaza Dr.
217-679-3554
curatespringfield.com

Indigo

3013 Lindbergh Blvd.
217-726-3487
indigocuisine.com

Joseph's Fine Cuisine

3141 Hedley Rd.
217-210-257
chefjojocorp.com

Loukinens' on 4th

517 S. Fourth St.
217-670-1363
loukinenson4th.com

Luminary Kitchen & Provisions

3121 Hedley Road
217-679-1819
luminarychefs.com

Maldaner's

222 S. Sixth St.
217-522-4313
maldaners.com

Nick & Nino's Penthouse Steakhouse

Wyndham Springfield City Centre
217-789-1530
citycentrecuisine.com

Nu-Voh at the St. Nicholas

400 E. Jefferson St.
217-572-1994
nu-voh-at-the-saint-nicolas.business.site

PAO Bistro

2824 Plaza Dr.
217-546-4660
paobistro.com

Roots Latin Grill

4127 Wabash Ave.
217-679-7357
rootslatin.grill.com

VELE

3241 W. Iles Ave.
217-210-2177
velerestaurant.com

Ethnic

Gyros Stop

2907 S. MacArthur Blvd.
217-698-6463

Gyros Stop 2

2345 W. Monroe St.
217-546-3442

Flavor of India

3124 Montvale Plaza
217-787-8122

Gateway to India

3115 Chatham Rd.
217-726-6890

Jerk Shop Go

213 S. Fifth St.
217-717-0299

Mr. Gyros

1100 S. MLK, Jr. Dr.
523-2817

Taste of Jamaica

215 S. Fifth St.
217-670-2265

Yanni's Gyros

1814 Stevenson Dr.
217-585-9300

Italian

Bella Milano

4525 Wabash Ave.
217-547-0011
bellamilanos.com

Bernie & Betty's Pizza

1101 S. Spring St.
217-522-1821

Di Piero's

518 E. Adams St.
217-572-1410

Dillon's Pizza

500 N. Dirksen Pkwy.
217-544-3206
dillonspizza.com

Di Piero's Sicilian Culcina

518 E. Adams St.
217-572-1410

Gabatoni's

300 E. Laurel St.
217-528-9629
gabatonispizza.com

Gallina's Pizza

3133 S. Dirksen Pkwy.
217-529-0649
gallinapizzacapitolcity.com

Godfather's Pizza

1549 S. Dirksen Pkwy.
217-522-4886
1754 Wabash Ave.
217-726-2000
godfathers.com

Joe Gallina's Pizza & Restaurant

432 E. Monroe St.
217-522-5271
joegallinaspizza.com

Joe's Italian Pizza

1552 W. Jefferson St.
217-787-6005

La Piazza Cucina Italiana

220 S. Sixth St.
217-572-1442
lapiazzaci.com

Little Italy's Pizza

464 N. Main St., Chatham
217-483-7090
littleitalys-pizza.com

Luca Pizza

2937 W. Iles Ave.
217-787-8884
lucapizza.net

Mariah's Steakhouse & Pasta

3317 Robbins Rd.
217-793-1900
mariahsrestaurant.com

Mario's Italian Restaurant & Pizzeria

3073 E. Clear Lake Ave.
217-523-2211
2841 Mansion Rd.
217-483-6888
eatatmarios.com

MOD Pizza

2401 Wabash Ave.
modpizza.com

Uniquely Springfield

Mel-O-Cream Donuts

You may get your kicks on Route 66, but for a sugar fix go to Mel-O-Cream. Mel-O-Cream has been making donuts in Springfield for 80 years. Cake donuts, cream-filled donuts, old-fashioned, iced donuts, glazed donuts, apple fritters, long johns, cinnamon twists and donut holes are just some of the varieties. There are four locations in the Capital City to tempt you. Locations are 217 E. Laurel Street (217-544-4644), 1953 W. Monroe Street (217-546-4651), 525 E. North Grand Avenue (217-528-2303) and 3010 S. Sixth Street (217-529-7708).

Monical's Pizza
2640 Prairie Crossing Dr.
217-546-7258
monicalspizza.com

Nancy's Pizza
2301 W. Monroe St.
217-679-0456
nancyspizza.com

Olive Garden
2991 S. Veterans Pkwy.
217-793-0318
olivegarden.com

Papa Frank's
4111 Wabash Ave.
217-679-8700
papafranksspringfield.com

The Pasta House Co.
2599 Wabash Ave.
217-546-9880
pastahouse.com

Pie's the Limit
1710 S. MacArthur Blvd.
217-679-3846
piesthelimit.com

Pizza Ranch
1001 Lejune Dr.
217-679-8844
pizzaranch.com

Razzo's Family Pizzeria
129 John St., Rochester
217-498-9565
razzospizza.com

Ricco's Pizza
420 Crossing Dr., Sherman
217-496-2369
riccospizzaco.com

Rosati's Pizza
2934 S. Sixth St.
217-679-4778
myrosatis.com

Sam's Italian Pizza
731 North Grand Ave. E.
217-522-9111

Saputo's
801 E. Monroe St.
217-544-2523
saputos.com

The Spaghetti Shop
1869 E. Sangamon Ave.
217-788-0781
3114 S. Sixth St.
217-679-1998

Mexican

Abelardo's Mexican Fresh

1610 W. Jefferson St.
217-679-8092
abelardosmexicanfood.com

Aztca Mexican Grill
2753 Chatham Rd.
217-546-6906
aztcamexicangrill.com

Blue Margaritas Mexican Bar & Grill
3151 Horizon Dr.
217-670-1394
bluemargaritas.com

Cancun
3028 Stanford Ave.
217-753-1455
420 S. Crossing Dr.,
Sherman
217-496-3221

Casa Real Cocina Mexicana
3100 W. White Oaks Dr.
217-303-5323
mycasareal.com

Chadito's Mexican American Grill
3030 S. Sixth St.
217-529-8226
chaditos.com

Chipotle Mexican Grill
2579 Wabash Ave.
217-321-0500
chipotle.com

El Dorado Taqueria
1374 Toronto Rd.
217-679-5271

Jolly Tamale
803 S. Dirksen Pkwy.
217-523-2345

La Bamba
1731 S. MacArthur Blvd.
217-698-5945
labambaburritos.com

La Fiesta
6901 Preston Dr., Chatham
217-697-5588

La Fiesta Grande
2830 Stevenson Dr.
217-670-1042
lafiestagrande.us

Los Rancheros Authentic Mexican Restaurant
3458 Freedom Dr.
217-698-6240
losrancherosrestaurant.com

Moroleon Tropical Mexican Restaurant
1101 Wabash Ave.
217-679-0879

No Way Jose's
425 North Grand Ave. E.
217-391-4259

Qdoba Mexican Grill
2320 Wabash Ave.
217-698-7111
qdoba.com

Taco Gringo
975 Clocktower Dr.
217-546-9494
1851 North Grand Ave. E.
217-525-2666
125 South Grand Ave. E.
217-670-2905
tacogringo.com

Tacology 201
3266 W. Iles Ave.
217-679-6448
tacology201.com

Taqueria Moroleon
1101 S. Ninth St.
217-210-2600

Taqueria el Paisa
1827 N. Peoria Rd.

217-572-1510

Taqueria el Pollo
635 W. Jefferson
217-753-9083

Xochimilco
3210 Northfield Dr.
217-544-9206
2941 W. Iles Ave.
217-546-3116
xochimilcorestaurant.com

Pub/Brew

The Alamo
115 N. Fifth St.
217-523-1455

The Alibi
320 E. Main St., Rochester
217-498-1129
the-alibi.com

Boone's Saloon
301 W. Edwards St.
217-679-3752
boonessaloon.com

Brewhaus Bar
617 E. Washington St.
217-525-6399

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Brewski's Pub

605 W. Jefferson
217-670-1462

Brickhouse Grill and Pub

3136 W. Iles Ave.
217-546-2745
brickhousegrill.net

Burger Bar and Backdoor Lounge

2765 S. Sixth St.
217-528-9030

Casey's Pub

2200 S. Meadowbrook Rd.
217-241-7101

Corner Pub & Grill

3271 W. Iles Ave.
217-546-3600
thecornerpubandgrill.com

Cousin Eddie's Sports Bar & Grill

1951 W. Monroe St.
217-679-5777
cousineddies.net

The Creek Pub & Grill

1081 Jason Place, Chatham
483-8282

Curve Inn

3219 S. Sixth St.
217-529-5806
thecurveinn.com

D'Arcy's Pint

661 W. Stanford Ave.
217-492-8800
darcypintonline.com

Dublin Pub

1975 Wabash Ave.
217-793-6871
springfielddublinpub.com

Engrained Brewing Company

1120 W. Lincolnshire Blvd.
217-546-3054
engrainedbrewing.com

Finley's Tap House Restaurant & Craft Beer Bar

3236 Ginger Creek
217-572-1996
finleystaphouse.com

Home Plate Bar and Grill

2571 Koke Mill Rd.
217-679-3313

JT Costelloe's Pizza Pub and Grill

7024 Kingsmill Ct.
217-697-8250
518 Bruns Ln.
217-679-2046
costelloes.com

Lake Springfield Tavern

1221 Stevenson Dr.
217-679-1455

Long Bridge Club House

1055 Camp Sangamo Rd.
217-744-8311
longbridgegc.com

Main Gate Bar & Grill

2143 N. 11th St.
217-528-8940
maingatebar.com

Obed & Isaac's Microbrewery & Eatery

500 S. Sixth St.
217-670-0627
obedandisaacs.com

The Office Sports Bar and Grill

1919 W. Iles Ave.
217-546-0580

Public House 29

312 Sattley St., Rochester
217-576-7024
pubhouse29.com

Route 66 Motorheads Bar and Grill

600 Toronto Rd.
217-679-7323
66motorheads.com

Sangamo Brewing Co.

109 E. Mulberry St., Chatham
217-697-8026

Sportsman's Lounge

229 W. Mason St.
217-492-1110

Starship Billiards and Enterprise Grill

2301 Stevenson Dr.
217-585-8888

The Stadium Bar & Grill

2300 N. Peoria Rd.
217-241-0905
thestadiumbarandgrill.net

Track Shack

233 E. Laurel St.
217-522-0444

Trade Winds Pub & Eatery

1700 Recreation Dr.
217-679-5482

Weebles

4136 N. Peoria Rd.
217-528-3337

Westwoods Lodge Pub & Grill

2406 W. Jefferson St.
217-698-9256
westwoodslodge.com

Whiskey Jack's Sports Bar

430 E. Monroe
217-679-1414

Sweets/Treats

Baskin Robbins

106 Chatham Rd.
217-787-3013
1700 S. MacArthur Blvd.
217-528-3131
baskinrobbins.com

Cocoa Blue Chocolates

117 E. Main St., Rochester
217-498-1261
cocoabluechocolates.com

Cold Stone Creamery

124 S. Sixth St.
217-523-6666
coldstonecreamery.com

Del's Popcorn Shop

3013 Lindbergh Blvd.
217-698-8552
delspopcornshop.com

Dunkin' Donuts

102 Chatham Rd.
630-560-1153
2744 S. Sixth St.
217-210-9112
dunkindonuts.com

Fannie May Candies

2939 S. Veterans Pkwy.
217-546-2845
fanniemay.com

Krispy Kreme Doughnuts

2301 W. Monroe St.
217-718-6200
krispykreme.com

Mel-O-Cream Donuts

217 E. Laurel St.
217-544-4644
3010 S. Sixth St.
217-529-7708
1953 W. Monroe St.
217-546-4651
525 North Grand Ave.
217-528-2303
mel-o-cream.com

Nothing Bundt Cakes

2476 Wabash Ave.
217-210-7450
nothingbundtcakes.com

Pease's Candy Shop

1701 S. State St.
217-523-3721
peasescandy.com

Pittman's Popcorn Shop

1500 Wabash Ave.
217-717-1114
pittmanspopcornshop.com

The Salted Lemon - Market & Creamery

2671 Chatham Rd.
217-679-7652
thesaltedlemonco.com

Smallcakes

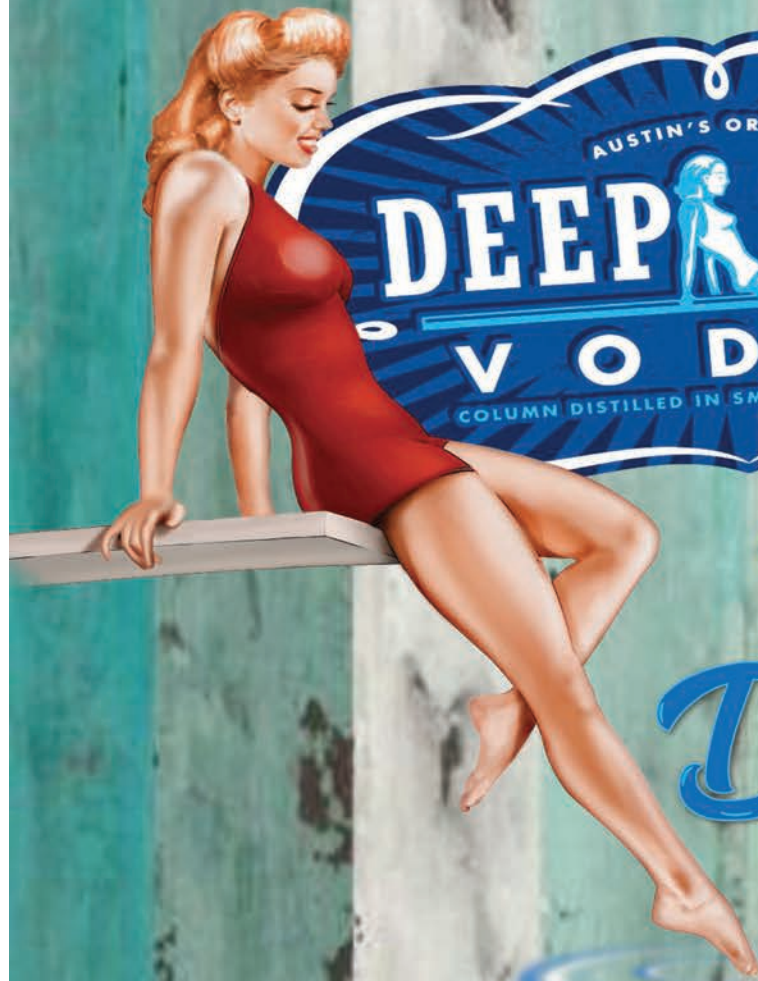
2300 Wabash Ave.
217-679-0683
smallcakescupcakery.com

Three Twigs Bakery

3429 Freedom Dr.
217-652-9120
2601 Chatham Rd.
217-652-9120
threetwigsbakery.com

Uniquely Springfield Horseshoes

You haven't truly experienced Springfield until you've eaten a horseshoe (or at least a ponyshoe). Springfield originated this concoction, consisting of thick-cut slices of bread topped with meat, then potatoes, and cheese sauce over the top. Chef Joe Schweska of the Leland Hotel created the horseshoe in the late 1920s. The Leland Hotel, now an office building, was located on the corner of Sixth and Capitol streets. The original horseshoe was made with ham cut in the shape of a horseshoe, wedges of potato (the nails), a Welsh rarebit-type cheese sauce and was served on a hot metal plate (the anvil). Today's horseshoe typically has two slices of Texas toast, your choice of meat (hamburger, ham, turkey, chicken or shrimp), French fries and a rich cheese sauce smothered over the top. Most people believe the secret is the cheese sauce. A smaller version with just one slice of bread is called a ponyshoe. You can find horseshoes on many menus in Springfield with different variations on the classic version.



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Springfield Beer Co.

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Drink up

Microbreweries and wineries in Springfield

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Microbreweries

Anvil & Forge Brewing and Distilling

619 E. Washington St. (downtown)
217-679-1195
anvilandforge.com

One of a burgeoning number of craft breweries in the capital city, Anvil & Forge opened in late 2018. The place has a no-nonsense vibe, with walls made from metal siding and reclaimed barn wood, a cement floor and a mix of fluorescent and incandescent lighting. There's as much space devoted to brewing and planned distilling operations, and you can see it all from the bar. Early offerings have featured off-the-beaten path versions of IPAs and wheat beers.

Buzz Bomb Brewing Co.

406 E. Adams St. (downtown)
217-679-4157
buzzbombbrewingco.com
Buzz Bomb opened in 2018 to bring together art and science to create delicious tasting craft beer that is both sophisticated and accessible to everyone. A selection of 10 or so beers runs the gamut from IPA to milk stout. The tastefully decorated place features DIY steampunk-inspired lighting, a gorgeous antique tin ceiling and beer served in beakers, like the kind you used back in high school chemistry class. A fantastic place to sip a cold one while taking a break from seeing the downtown sights.

Obed and Isaac's Microbrewery and Eatery

500 S. Sixth St. (downtown)
217-670-0267
connshg.com/obed-and-isaacs
Obed and Isaac's opened in 2012 and

proved that brewpubs could be as popular here as anywhere else. Housed in an historic mansion nestled against a sizeable outdoor beer garden to accommodate summertime crowds, Obed's is a comfortable walk from Lincoln's Home and other downtown historic sites. Most of the inside is used for restaurant space, but there is also a good-sized bar inside and plenty of outdoor seating. The food is excellent and affordable, with lunches in the \$8 to \$10 range and dinner offerings less than twice that. Tap offerings are expansive and often adventuresome. Try a flight of micro brewed beers, and be sure to sample the flatbread pizza, made from grains left over from the brewing process. The atmosphere is laid back, with the beer garden featuring bocce ball courts and welcoming dogs.

Engrained Brewery and Restaurant

1120 W. Lincolnshire Blvd.

217-546-3054

engrainedbrewery.com

Located conveniently at the Interstate 72 and MacArthur Boulevard interchange, Engrained opened in 2013 and has become a must-stop for anyone who appreciates fine beer served tastefully. The oatmeal stout at Engrained is beyond exquisite, one of a half-dozen selections brewed and offered year-round, augmented by five or so offerings that come and go. It's also a farm-to-table restaurant with food offerings that range from hamburgers and entrees that cost around \$10 to steaks, pork and salmon that top out at \$25 or so. Great surroundings with soft lighting that makes you relax even before the first glass.

Hand of Fate Brewing Co.

107 E. Douglas St., Petersburg
217-691-1098
handoffatebrewing.beer

This place is run by a former funeral director who parlayed a home brewing hobby into statewide fame by winning a competition in 2017 to receive the honor of producing Illinois' official bicentennial beer. What The Fuzz, the winning beer that's a Hand of Fate staple, is a cream ale infused with ginger, peaches and tea, which is as perfect for the summer as it sounds. The brewery, a few miles from Springfield, is a destination beer parlor that employs such ingredients as cucumbers and honey for adventurous drinkers who aren't afraid to stray from traditional stouts and ales. The food is good and simple – nothing fancier than salads, sandwiches and flatbread pizza – and cheap, with everything priced below \$10.

Sangamo Brewing Co.

109 E. Mulberry St., Chatham
217-697-8026

[Facebook.com/SangamoBrewing](https://www.facebook.com/SangamoBrewing)

The newest addition to the craft brewing scene, Sangamo Brewing Co. combines the concept of a craft brewery with a living history museum of beer advertisement known as "breweriana."

The memorabilia highlights brands from across the U.S., with a special focus on historic Illinois beer brands. There are also plenty of family-friendly collectibles, including historical sodas and trains. A full menu is available, ranging from appetizers and tacos to salads, horseshoes and sandwiches.

Springfield Beer Co.

3788 W. Wabash

217-441-2780

[spfldbeercompany.com](https://www.spfldbeercompany.com)

A locally owned microbrewery with a tasting room serving award-winning beer brewed on-site and available on draft or in growlers to go. No food service, but feel free to bring your own.

Wineries

Cooper's Hawk Winery and Restaurant

2501 W. Wabash Ave., White Oaks Mall
217-321-9100

[chwinery.com](https://www.chwinery.com)

This upscale casual restaurant offers a signature menu featuring dishes designed to pair perfectly with Cooper's Hawk wines. You can also

sample the wines in the tasting room and take home a bottle of your favorite from the gift shop.

Danenberger Family Vineyards

12341 Irish Rd., New Berlin

217-488-6321

[danenbergerfamilyvineyards.com](https://www.danenbergerfamilyvineyards.com)

Bring your picnic basket or enjoy appetizers and wood-fired pizzas prepared on site. With live music, outdoor movie nights, bocce ball courts and special events throughout the year, there are plenty of reasons to spend time here.

Hill Prairie Winery

23753 Lounsbury Rd., Oakford

217-635-9900

[hillprairiewinery.com](https://www.hillprairiewinery.com)

Located just 30 minutes north of Springfield on Route 97 near Oakford, Hill Prairie is nestled among a vineyard and native Illinois prairie grasses. The winery, tasting bar and banquet facility are housed in a renovated barn, circa 1911. Hill Prairie has live music every Sunday, festivals, murder mystery dinner theaters and more, plus award-winning wines to sample.

Sheedy Shores WineGarden

10300 Johns Creek Rd., Loami

217-624-2024

[sheedyshoreswinery.net](https://www.sheedyshoreswinery.net)

Enjoy the countryside and lake view while sipping on a glass of wine and listening to live music on the outdoor patio.

Walnut Street Winery

309 S. Walnut St., Rochester

217-498-9800

[walnutstreetwinery.com](https://www.walnutstreetwinery.com)

Walnut Street Winery makes fine wines in small batches using the best raw materials available. Amenities include a wine garden, food and a bocce ball court.

West of Wise Winery

14096 State Highway 97, Petersburg
217-632-6003

[westofwise.com](https://www.westofwise.com)

This small-batch winery located south of Petersburg near Lincoln's New Salem features wines produced on-site from locally grown grapes. Food is available during musical events, otherwise, bring a picnic basket and enjoy the scenery.



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- Noodles • Stir Fried Entrees
- Traditional Vietnamese Dishes





Prairie Archives in downtown Springfield.

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Shopping/Retail

Where to go in Springfield when it's time to shop

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Antiques and Flea Markets

Abe's Old Hat Antiques & Country Store

111 N. Sixth St.
217-414-3320

Abe's Tradin' Post

2704 Peoria Rd.
217-753-2237

Barrel Antique Mall

5850 S. Sixth St. Rd.
217-585-1438
barrelantiquemall.com

Hilda's Antique Mall

14266 Frazee Rd., Divernon
217-628-9192

Lisa's Antique Mall

I-55 and Route 104, Divernon
217-628-1111

Northfield Flea Market

3226 E. Sangamon Ave.
217-306-1873

Rusty Star Marketplace

14335 Frazee Rd., Divernon
217-628-1122

Sangamon Antique Mall

3050 E. Sangamon Ave.
217-522-7740

Springfield Vintage

215 S. Fifth St.
217-652-8413
springfieldvintage.com

Boutiques

Bella Boutique

2805 W. White Oaks Dr.
217-726-6500
bellaspringfield.com

Corrine's Closet

223 S. Sixth St.
217-210-2060
corrinescloset.com

Daisy Jane's Gifts

424 E. Monroe St.

217-622-7183
daisyjanesgifts.com

District 23 Boutique

830 South Grand Ave. W.
217-679-1352
district23.com

E.P. Boutique

4302 Wabash Ave.
217-433-1444
earthenpotteryboutique.com

Eye Candy Boutique

3001 W. White Oaks, Suite B
217-414-7751
eyecandyonline.shop

Gypsy Soul

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This year's big events

Noteworthy happenings in and around the capital city

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MAY

Abe's Mini Triathlon

May 8, Sat, 8:30am. 100-yard swim, 5-mile bike ride and 1-mile run. triharderpromotions.com. Porta High School, Petersburg, 17651 Bluejay Road, 217-341-1309.

Mother's Day Remembrance Tribute

May 8, Sat, 10-11am. Honoring all mothers and the important roles they have played in our lives. The brief ceremony will be led by a certified celebrant. CDC guidelines will be followed. Roselawn Memorial Park, 1735 S. Camp Butler Road, 217-525-1661.

Hammer-In

May 15, Sat, 9am-4pm. A bunch of blacksmiths sharing stories and making metal parts the old-fashioned way. The historic buildings will be open for small, socially distanced tours. Beverage service and popcorn available. clayville.org. Clayville Historic Site, 12828 State Route 125, Pleasant Plains, 217-481-4430.

Spring Market

May 15, Sat, 9am-2pm. Local vendors and artisans. sangamonfb.org. Sangamon County Farm Bureau, 2631 Beechler Court, 753-5200.

Springfield Area Highland Games and Celtic Festival

May 15, Sat, 9am-10pm. Competitions for Highland dancers, individual pipers and drummers, bagpipe bands and athletes, demonstrations, storytelling, music, animal exhibits,

children's area, merchandise and food vendors, many of which will be showcasing Scottish and Irish goods. \$8-\$15. Children under 5 are free. Tickets are available online only. centralillinoiscelts.com. Sangamon County Fairgrounds, 318 W. Birch, New Berlin, 217-488-2685.

Abstract Self-Portrait Gallery Show

May 21-22, Fri and Sat, 6-8pm. Variations on reality ... really. dimarthouse.com. Dim Art House, 1613 S. MacArthur Blvd., 773-235-5600.

"Playing with Fire"

May 28, Fri. Part of the Movie in the Park Series. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and snacks. Film begins at dusk. springfieldparks.org. Free. Lincoln Park, Fifth Street and Sangamon Avenue, 217-544-1751.

JUNE

International Carillon Festival

June 3-6, Thu-Sun. Begins at 6:30pm each evening. Fireworks at dusk on Friday. Lauded as one of the world's most important and prestigious carillon events, the festival has earned an unsurpassed tradition of presenting the finest carillonneurs from around the world. carillon-rees.org. Free. Thomas Rees Memorial Carillon, 1740 W. Fayette Ave., 217-306-1838.

History Comes Alive

June 5 - Aug 7. Meet Abraham and Mary Lincoln at historic sites throughout the city where you can hear about their lives in Springfield, listen to Abraham deliver some of his most famous speeches or enjoy an ice cream social with them at Edwards Place. Various locations. Schedule to be determined. visitspringfieldillinois.com. 217-789-2360.





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www.abrahamlincolnlongninemuseum.com
ph 217-361-7857

Rochester Public Library Farmers Market Opening Day

June 6, Sun, 12-3pm. Shop local farmers' and vendors' products. Held rain or shine on pavement. Rochester Public Library, Rochester, 1 Community Dr., 217-498-8454.

"Field of Dreams"

June 11, Fri. Part of the Movie in the Park Series. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and snacks. Film begins at dusk. springfieldparks.org. Free. Bergen Golf Course, 2900 E. Clear Lake Ave., 217-544-1751.

Sangamon County Fair

June 16-20, Wed-Mon. A classic Midwestern county fair with livestock shows, a queen contest, midway and top-notch entertainment. sangocfair.com. Sangamon County Fairgrounds, 316 W. Birch, New Berlin, 217-488-2685

Juneteenth Celebration Weekend

June 18-20, Fri-Sun. A community-wide Juneteenth celebration with a variety of family friendly events, music and special displays at area museums. Find more information on the Juneteenth Celebration- Springfield, IL Facebook page. 217-572-0234.

Paint the Street

June 26, Sat. Reserve a 6 ft. x 6 ft. square and getting to painting beginning at 12pm. Live music will begin at 7pm and food will be available. Paint the Driveway is also an option this year. Admission is free, squares are \$30-\$35. springfieldart.org. Downtown Springfield, Washington Street between Fourth and Eighth streets. 217-523-2631.

JULY

Legacy of Giving

July 2-3, Fri-Sat. Musical acts, children's area and food trucks. All proceeds benefit local charities. logmusicfest.org. Downtown Springfield, Old State Capital Plaza, 217-361-5678.

Morgan County Fair

July 5-11. Mon-Sun. Cross the border to fill up on more corn dogs and lemonade shakeups. Livestock shows, carnival, exhibits and stage shows. Morgan County Fairgrounds, 110 N. Westgate, Jacksonville, 217-245-6800.

"Flipper"

July 9, Fri. Part of the Movie in the Park Series. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and snacks. Film begins at dusk.

springfieldparks.org. Free. Veterans Memorial Pool, 2700 Ely St., 217-544-1751.

"The Music Man"

July 9-11, July 14-18, July 21-25 and July 28-Aug 1. Wed and Thu at 7pm, Fri and Sat at 8pm and Sun at 2pm. A fast-talking traveling salesman brings trouble to River City, Iowa when he cons the townspeople into buying instruments for an imaginary band, but his plans are foiled when his heart is stolen by the town librarian. atthelegacy.com. The Legacy Theatre, 101 E. Lawrence Ave., 217-528-9760.

Women's Distance Festival

July 10, Sat, 8am. Bring your mother, daughter, sister or friend and run or walk this beautiful two-mile course through the park. For women and girls of all ages, whether you are a competitive runner or just plan to take a stroll. Registrants get a race shirt and an awesome swag bag. src.net. Washington Park, 1501 South Grand Ave. W., 217-544-1751.

Memorial Health Championship

July 15-18, Thu-Sun. Official PGA Korn Ferry Tour golf tournament. memorialhealthchampionship.com. Panther Creek Golf Course, 3001 Panther Creek Dr., 217-416-1535.

Stoneman Sprint Triathlon, Abe's Olympic and Route 66 Half Triathlon

July 31, Sat. One day, three races. Staggered start times. triharderpromotions.com. Lake Springfield Beach House, 100 Long Bay Dr., 217-341-1309.

AUGUST

"Avengers: Endgame"

Aug 6, Fri Part of the Movie in the Park Series. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and snacks. Film begins at dusk. springfieldparks.org. Kiwanis Park, 3050 Stanton Drive, 217-544-1751.

Powerlight Abe Lincoln Car Show

Aug 6-7, Fri-Sat. Super cruise at 7pm on Friday and car show spectacular 8am-4pm on Saturday. Free admission. Knight's Action Park, 1700 Knights Recreation Dr., 217-553-5271.

Illinois State Fair

Aug 12-22, Thu-Sun. So much to do it's impossible to list everything. Food, entertainment, grandstand shows, midway, exhibit, agricultural shows and more. Admission. Visit the Facebook page for event updates. Illinois State Fairgrounds, 801 Sangamon Ave., 217-782-6661.

ONGOING EVENTS

"STATE OF SOUND: A World of Music from Illinois"

April 30 through Jan 23. From Muddy Waters to REO Speedwagon, Cheap Trick to Earth Wind and Fire and Chance the Rapper, the Land of Lincoln has produced some of the most highly celebrated rock music. This exhibit will showcase the achievements and contributions of Illinois' finest musicians. Open during normal museum hours. presidentlincoln.illinois.gov. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 212 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

Free weekly carillon concerts

May-Sep, 6:30pm Wed-Sun and 2pm Sat-Sun. Oct-Dec, Wed 12pm and Sun 2pm and 4pm. Carlo van Ulft, Springfield Park District's master carillonneur, and local assistant carilloners play a variety of music from original carillon compositions to arrangements of popular classics and pop music. Enjoy the beauty of Washington Park and the adjacent Botanical Garden with the unique accompaniment of carillon music. Free. carillon-rees.org. Thomas Rees Memorial Carillon, Washington Park, 1740 W. Fayette Ave., 217-306-1838.

Old Capitol Farmers Market

May 12-Oct 30. Wednesdays and Saturdays, 8am-1pm. Local cheese, produce, meats, art and more. downtownspringfield.org. Downtown Springfield. Adams Street between Fifth and Second streets, 217-544-1723.

Artist on Adams

Every Wednesday through Sep 1, 12-1pm. Featuring Springfield-area performers. Accessible. Seating available or bring your own. Food and drink available for purchase. Hosted by the SAAC and Café Moxo. Free. Adams Family Patio, Adams Street between Fourth and Fifth streets, 217-753-3519.

Moonlight Market

First Wednesday of every month, 6-9pm. Highlighting local crafters, farmers, artists and artisans from around the central Illinois area, plus live music. On Jackson Street between Fifth and Sixth streets, 217-670-0627.

Levitt AMP Springfield Music Series

A variety of outstanding music acts perform Thursdays from June 3 through July 29, 6:30-9:30pm. Free. downtownspringfield.org. Downtown Springfield, north of the Governor's Mansion, 217-544-1723.

Friday Salon Nights

Every Friday, 6-8pm. Visit with the artists and discuss their work, bring your own materials and make artwork or show your work for critiquing. You can also just browse through the gallery. Masks and social distancing are required. Free. dimarthouse.com. Dim Art House, 1613 S. MacArthur Blvd., 773-235-5600.

Small Town Dreamers Outdoor Market

First Saturday of every month, 3-7pm. Shop locally owned businesses while enjoying live music and great food and drinks. Farmersville Square, Downtown Farmersville.

Second Saturday Open Studio

Second Saturday of every month, 12-4pm. Watch Pharmacy member artists at work, ask questions to learn about their methods and also view the exhibit, "Transformation." Masks and social distancing are required. Free. pharmacygallery.com. The Pharmacy Gallery and Art Space, 623 E. Adams St., 801-810-9278.

"Something So Horrible, The Springfield Race Riot of 1908"

This exhibit seeks to understand how our past speaks to us today, expose our tradition of violence and reaffirm our commitment to justice and equality. Open during normal museum hours. spiaahm.org. Free. Springfield and Central Illinois African-American History Museum, 1440 Monument Ave., 217-391-6323. spiaahm.org.

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Abe's Amble

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"Raya and the Last Dragon"

Aug 27, Fri. Part of the Movie in the Park Series. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and snacks. Film begins at dusk. springfieldparks.org. Henson Robinson Zoo, 1100 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-585-1821.

SEPTEMBER

"Negro League Baseball"

Sep 4-Oct 30. Explore the connections of African-American baseball history with Hispanic cultures, communities and countries. Features profiles of significant baseball players including several local players and other country's baseball histories. Open during regular museum hours. spiaahm.org. Free. Springfield and Central Illinois African-American History Museum, 1440 Monument Ave., 217-391-6323.

Springfield Mile 1 and 2

Sep 4, Sat. The greatest spectacle in motorsports racing on the fastest one-mile dirt track in the world. \$35 in advance, \$45 week of the race. springfieldmile.org. Illinois State Fair Grandstand, 801 E. Sangamon Ave., 217-632-0277.

Springfield Oyster and Beer Festival

Sep 4, Sat, 12-5pm. This event has raised over \$87,000 for area charities. Features over 130 different types of craft beers, 5000+ gourmet oysters, live music and local food trucks. Having a good time is much easier when it's for a great cause. sobfestival.com. \$20-\$25. The Inn at 835, 835 S. Second St., 217-523-4466.

9/11 Ride to Remember

Sep 11, Sat. A free memorial event to remember the victims of the 9/11 attacks. Ride begins at Hall's Harley Davidson and ends with a ceremony at the state capitol. Hall's Harley Davidson, 2301 N. Dirksen Parkway, 217-528-8356.

Capital City Century Ride

Sep 11, Sat. One of the oldest and

most popular recreational bicycle rides in Illinois. A scenic, one-day ride on low-traffic roads. Five route options. Hosted by the Springfield Bicycle Club. spfldcycling.org. Centennial Park, 5529 Bunker Hill Road. 217-899-9175.

Art Spectacular

Sep 11-12, Sat-Sun. A juried fine art and craft fair, ranked by Sunshine Artist Magazine as one of The Best 200 Art Fairs in the United States every year from 2015 to 2020. Free. Thomas Rees Memorial Carillon, 1740 W. Fayette Ave., 217-306-1838.

Edwards Place Fine Art Fair

Sep 18-19, Sat, 10am-5pm and Sun 10am-4pm. Shop over 70 different art vendors, take tours of Edwards Place Historic Home and join in other fun family activities. springfieldart.org. Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

Fall Festival

Sep 18-19, Sat-Sun. A local favorite with music, food, crafts, children's activities and historic buildings to tour. clayville.org. Clayville Historic Site, 12828 State Route 125, Pleasant Plains, 217-481-4430.

International Route 66 Mother Road Festival

Sep 24-26, Fri-Sun. Celebrating 20 years, this festival brings street machines, muscle cars and hot rod enthusiasts to historic downtown Springfield for an incredible weekend of family entertainment. route66fest.com. Downtown Springfield, between Washington and Capitol streets and Fourth and Seventh streets, 217-789-2360.

OCTOBER

Fat Ass 5K and Street Party for Charity

Oct 8-9, Sat-Sun. Craft Beer and Cigar Festival on Friday evening. Saturday's race is a professionally timed 5K that has generated over \$1.5 million for charity since 2008. The race includes stops for beer, corn dogs, donuts and ice cream, along with live music and entertainment throughout the race route. It is followed by a street party that includes cold drinks, barbecue and more live music. fatass5k.com. Downtown Springfield, Sixth and Adams streets, 217-525-1111.

Roasted

Oct 9, Sat, 3-9pm. Join in this unique

ceramic raku fundraiser event. Glaze a pot and while it's firing in an outdoor kiln, enjoy the fire, food and live music. Admission \$20 or \$30 with a pot, children 12 and under \$15. Members receive 10% off. All prices increase \$5 on the day of event. springfieldart.org. Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

Ron White

Oct 14, Thu, 7:30pm. The cigar-smoking, scotch-drinking funnyman from the Blue Collar Comedy Tour phenomenon, has long since established himself as a star in his own right. \$39-\$95. uispac.com. UIS Performing Arts Center, One University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

Whose Live Anyway?

Oct 16, Sat, 8pm. Improvised comedy and song all based on audience suggestions. \$35-\$69. uispac.com. UIS Performing Arts Center, One University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

NOVEMBER

Josh Turner

Nov 19, Fri, 8pm. Nashville recording artist, multi-platinum-selling star and a country music fan first and foremost. \$19-\$85. uispac.com. UIS Performing Arts Center, One University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

Holiday Indoor Farmers Market

Nov 20, Sat. Local produce and art, plus holiday treats and gifts. A great way to get a jump on holiday shopping. Anvil and Forge Brewing and Distilling Company, 619 E. Washington St., 217-494-6200.

Styx

Nov 20, Sat, 7:30pm. The band draws from over four decades of barn-burning chart hits, joyous singalongs and hard-driving deep cuts. \$54-\$149. uispac.com. UIS Performing Arts Center, One University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

Old Capitol Holiday Walks

Mid-November – Mid-December.

Downtown Springfield Inc. presents the annual Old Capitol Holiday Walks with a variety of special events each weekend throughout the holiday season. downtownspringfield.org. 217-544-1723.

Light up the Gables

Nov 26, Fri. Annual holiday event with the lighting of the tree by celebrity guests and special events. thegablespringfield.com. The Gables, 2800 Plaza Dr., 217-793-3344.

DECEMBER

Christmas with Santa

Dec 4, Sat. Clayville Historic Site, 12828 State Route 125, Pleasant Plains, 217-481-4430.

Holiday Lights Parade

Dec 4, Sat. A dazzling event for the season with a possible sighting of the jolly old elf himself. Hosted by the Springfield Jaycees. Parade begins at dusk. Downtown Springfield, Jefferson Street to Fifth Street to Monroe Street to Sixth Street, 217-544-1723.

Candlelight Christmas

Dec 10-11. Fri-Sat. Experience the sights and smells of Christmas long ago in the candlelit historic buildings. If you catch a chill from the nippy weather, warm up by the stone fireplace. Clayville Historic Site, Pleasant Plains, Route 125, 217-481-4430.

Holiday Indoor Farmers Market

Dec 18, Sat, 9am. Local produce and art, plus holiday treats and gifts. Anvil and Forge Brewing and Distilling Company, 619 E. Washington St., 217-494-6200.

First Night Springfield

Dec 31, Fri. An annual celebration of the arts with live music, dance and art exhibits at various downtown venues. A family-friendly, handicapped-accessible, and affordable event. Snacks available for purchase. \$20, children \$5. Hosted by the Springfield Area Arts Council. springfieldartsco.org. Downtown Springfield, 217-753-3519.

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Join this 90-minute award winning 5-block walking tour that uses Lincoln sites as the backdrop for strange and bizarre stories surrounding Lincoln's life and death: his Christian values, bizarre visions and foreboding dreams, Mary's White House seances, Spiritualism, his funeral in the old capitol, and skullduggery at the tomb site. This is a factual history tour that includes the accepted ghostly lore of the Lincoln's. Suitable for kids.



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Dates: March 16 to September 30
Tuesday – Saturday nights at 7:30pm
October: Fridays & Saturdays only at 7:30pm
Cost: \$15 adults, \$12 seniors, \$8 kids 7-17, free under 7
Text name and number of people for required reservations – 217-502-8687

Tour minimum: 6 adult minimum/equivalent, weather permitting. Rated as the 3rd best activity in town by the New York Times and has become a "must do" while in town.



Haunted Dead Walk

If you dare, join this expanded tour of Springfield's haunted history over a near three hour chilling experience. It's an easy walk with places to sit along the way. Hear bizarre and strange stories of benevolent and malevolent spirits, talking shadow men, hidden cemeteries, poltergeists, ghosts and more! Enjoy a balance of history and ghostly tales hopefully making for a restless night's sleep!

Dates: September 17, 18, 25 • October 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30, 31

Downtown hotel pick-up possible

Cost: \$20 per person On-line reservations required please www.travelersresttours.com

Time: 7:30pm – Please do not be late, plan ahead. Tour starts on time.

Location: Tour begins and ends in the parking lot of the Inn at 835 located at 835 S. 2nd St., Springfield, Illinois. Check-in begins at 7:00pm. Please come early and enjoy complimentary Halloween treats and hot chocolate! (October tours only). Mid-point bathroom break and drink refreshers. Cameras and ghost hunting equipment welcome.



The Lincoln Experience

This is a 4-hour private guided tour that includes entry into 3 main Lincoln sites; the Lincoln home, the Old State Capitol, and the Lincoln Tomb. You'll be guided through the sites and hear stories well beyond the constraints of site interpreters. Hear the human stories about Lincoln: the father, a husband, a lawyer, and an aspiring politician. You'll also hear about Lincoln's funeral in Springfield, his "final farewell." You'll hear Lincoln stories relative to your own interests so that you can connect to Lincoln in your own way and have a memorable Lincoln Experience! This is not an average site tour, it is intensive Lincoln and may not be for everyone. This is a tour that you hire, not a tour you join.

Cost: \$150.00 total for small groups up to 5-6 Great tour for anyone wanting an elevated experience in Springfield

Dates: This private tour is available all year

Call or text 217-502-8687 to check for availability and to discuss tour details.

This tour garners positive reviews and is in high demand during peak season, availability can fill quickly. Make your reservation today to secure your tour date.

Complimentary water/ drinks and road snacks provided. This tour is led by Garret Moffett who also represents Ward Hill Lamont in Springfield for the Lincoln sites. Lamont was Lincoln's former law partner, they were best of friends, and he was Lincoln's personal bodyguard, but he was not on duty that fateful night.



Due to ongoing COVID issues any historical interpretation at the sites is going to be limited or not offered at all. This tour service may be the only historical interpretation offered at times this year.

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