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Annual Events:
March
Union County Museum & Store

April
River-to-River Relay

May
Cobden Community Yard Sale Day

August
Cobden Peach Festival

October
Cobden Colorfest

December
Christmas in the Village
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Dear Reader,

This guide is full of reasons to visit Southernmost Illinois. Discover the scenic Shawnee National Forest, our state parks, historical attractions, unique shops, fabulous restaurants, and casino action.

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We are eager to assist you in any way to make your stay in Southernmost Illinois memorable!

Sincerely,

Carol Hoffman
Executive Director
Southernmost Illinois Tourism Bureau
P.O. Box 378, Anna, IL 62906
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Bald Knob Cross

Alto Pass, Illinois

Perched atop Bald Knob Mountain, Southern Illinois’ most iconic monument and international landmark was completed in 1963 after decades of vision and sacrifice.

Today, more than 30,000 people visit Bald Knob Cross of Peace on an annual basis for signature events such as Easter Sunrise Service, Blessing of the Bikes, Blessing of the Jeeps, and Fall Colors at the Cross.

The mountaintop offers majestic views of the rolling vistas of Southern Illinois. Visitors are able to see hundreds of miles into three separate states.

Built on a foundation of unity and the four pillars of Faith, Hope, Charity, and Peace, Bald Knob Cross has inspired generations. It continues to be a place where people can find peace and experience the presence of God.

The Cross has an on-site Welcome Center open daily featuring historical exhibits, merchandise, and snacks.

For more information, visit www.baldknobcross.com

2022 Events

04.17.2022
Easter Sunrise Service

05.05.2022
National Day of Prayer

05.15.2022
Blessing of the Bikes

05.21.2022
Blessing of the Jeeps

05.22.2022
Family Fun Day

09.21.2022
Day of Giving

10.22-23.2022
Fall Colors at the Cross

12.3-4.2022
Christmas at the Cross
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Mobile Touring on the Shawnee
Look for QR code at Forest sites or visit
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For Shawnee National Forest Recreation site information see page 10.

Prior to, and during your adventure into the Shawnee National Forest, it’s always a great idea to:

1.) Let someone know where you are and what route(s) you plan to take.
2.) Check the local weather forecast.
3.) Review emergency phone numbers for the area(s) you plan to travel.
4.) Carry a GPS unit, compass and map.
5.) Carry basic first aid essentials.
6.) Carry rain gear and extra clothing.
7.) Check your cell phone service often.
(Please Note: A good majority of the Shawnee National Forest has little or no cell phone service.)
8.) Depending on your recreational activity, ALWAYS BE PREPARED!

In the event of an emergency, call 911.
Supervisor’s Office: 50 Highway 145 South, Harrisburg, 800-699-6637 OR 618-253-7114;
Hidden Springs Ranger District: 602 N. First St, Vienna, 618-658-2111; Mississippi Bluffs Ranger District: 521 N. Main St, Jonesboro, 618-833-8576.

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Alto Vineyards: www.altovineyards.net (pgs. 16 & 22)
Arrowhead Lodge: http://arrowheadlodge.net/
Bald Knob Cross: www.baldknobcross.com (pgs. 5, 22)
Blue Sky Vineyards: www.blueskyvineyards.com (pg. 3)
The Boars Lodge: www.greatboarsoffire.com
Cache River Basin Winery: www.crwinery.org (pg. 44)
Davie School Inn: www.davieschoolinn (pg. 14)
Giant City Lodge: www.giantcitylodge.com (pg. 16)
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Peachbarn Winery & Café: www.peachbarn.com (pg. 22)
Historic Bell Hill: www.historicbellhill.com
Honker Hill Winery: www.honkerhillwinery.com
Kellers Crossing: www.kellerscrossing.com
Lincoln Heritage Winery: www.lincolnheritagewinery.com (pg. 3)
Murphysboro Event Center: https://southernillinoisevents.org/
The Old Feed Store: www.theoldfeedstore.com
The Resort at Egyptian Hills: http://egyptianhillsresort.com/
St. Anne’s Church: www.pastonline.org (pg. 20)
St. Stephen on the Hill: http://ststephensonthehill.net
StarView Vineyards: www.starviewvineyards.com (pg. 3)
Touch of Nature: www.ton.siu.edu (pg. 17)
Von Jakob Vineyard & Brewery: www.vonjakobvineyard.com (pg. 22)
Walkers Bluff: www.walkersbluff.com (pg. 17)
**Welcome!** Shawnee National Forest’s natural beauty is ideal for all types of outdoor recreation. Nestled between the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers, the forest’s landscape features rolling hills, forests, open lands, lakes, creeks, and rugged bluffs. The area’s mild weather makes a visit during any season enjoyable.

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* Concessionaire Operated—Jennifer Haner (618) 638-3246 or www.lakeglendale.net

** Campground maintained by the Friends of Turkey Bayou - They accept donations at the campground to help with maintenance costs. All picnic areas and the Observation Trail at Garden of the Gods are open daily 6 am to 10 pm. Sites are open year-round, except where noted.

All campsites and picnic areas are first come-first serve – We do not accept reservations.
Whether you’re looking for one-of-a-kind art, wine, or antiques, or exploring the great outdoors, the Shawnee Hills can take you there. The Shawnee National Forest is waiting for your adventures. For fun on the water you can make a splash at Kinkaid Lake, go fishing at Lake Murphysboro or bait your hook at the serene Cedar Lake. Golf and orchards also offer a fantastic opportunity to get outdoors and have some fun. As you travel the rolling Southern Illinois countryside you can sip your way along and discover truly surprising and authentic wine culture in the Shawnee Hills American Viticultural area, Illinois’ first region acknowledged for its distinctive winemaking properties.

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ALEXANDER COUNTY

“Where Two Great Rivers Meet”

With two great rivers at its doorstep, historic Cairo houses many landmarks that hint at its once important Civil War role and its flirt with greatness in river and rail commerce. Founded as a commercial center joining river and rail traffic, Cairo expanded to meet the enormous demands of the Civil War. This strategic location became headquarters, supply depot, and hospital for the Western front. You can learn more about the area’s history at the Custom House Museum, the Safford Memorial Library and Magnolia Manor. Today Cairo remains a place where history lovers can revisit the romance and charm of a 19th century river town. The National Register of Historic Places lists it as ‘one of the most fascinating cities in the State of Illinois.’

High on a hill above the Mississippi River in Thebes sits the 1848 Court House. Standing for more than 160 years, this landmark on the National Register of Historic Places is a testament to architect H. A. Barkhausen and extensive preservation efforts.

Visit Tamms and you will find the 1899 Depot. This building has unique style and served both the M&O and C&EI Railroads at one time.

Take a scenic drive through the countryside to see nine barn quilts mounted on historic and present day farm buildings. And, during your visit to Alexander County, be sure to sample one of our ever-so-popular barbecues.

For the outdoors enthusiast, Alexander County offers acres of farming and prime hunting, especially the Horseshoe Lake Area known as the ‘Goose Capital of Illinois.’ Horseshoe Lake is a paradise for bow and arrow hunters, fishermen, photographers, bicyclers and picnickers.

Outdoor Opportunities for the Disabled

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources is committed to providing greater access and more programs for persons with disabilities. The IDNR’s goal is to make it easier for disabled persons to hunt, fish, and pursue outdoor activities. In 1999, the IDNR addressed these issues establishing a new program entitled, “Disabled Outdoor Opportunities.” Disabled hunters can participate in deer, pheasant, waterfowl, and dove hunting at various sites throughout Illinois. A number of fishing events are held each year as well.

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DNR Direct

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1-888-6PERMIT (673-7648)
www.dnr.illinois.gov
**History:** Jackson County is the home of Civil War General John A. Logan who established the national Memorial Day holiday in 1868. (Oral tradition holds Logan was the keynote speaker at an early memorial observation in Carbondale’s Woodlawn Cemetery.) The General John A. Logan Museum is located in Murphysboro his birthplace. The museum tells Logan's story from his proslavery roots through the Civil War and his eventual evolution to become an advocate of civil rights for America’s formerly enslaved citizens.

**Culture:** We know how to throw a party in Jackson County! Every year we have a St. Patrick’s Day Celebration, Apple Festival, Praise the Lard Barbeque Cook-Off, Big Muddy Monster Brew Fest, Makanda Vulture Fest, Riverside Art, Wine, and Blues Festival, and more. Murphysboro features great venues, including the Riverside Park Band Shell and the restored Liberty Theater. Carbondale is home to Southern Illinois University, with a modern arena and football complex, and the elegant Shryock Auditorium and McLeod Theater. In addition, there are several local businesses that offer a wide variety of weekly entertainment.

**The Great Outdoors:** Jackson County has all the hunting, boating, fishing, hiking, bird-watching and camping you need. The Shawnee National Forest is waiting for your adventure. Cross the Pomona Natural Bridge, see the bluffs of Giant City, or walk the trails of Little Grand Canyon. For fun on the water make a splash at Kinkaid Lake, go fishing at Lake Murphysboro or canoe serene Cedar Lake. Golf courses and orchards also offer fantastic opportunities to get outdoors and have some fun.

**Other Things to Do:** A monthly Cruise Night in Murphysboro, the historic Makanda Boardwalk, Unique Shops of Murphysboro, the Riverside Park Dog Park, the Shawnee Hills Wine Trail, several independent breweries, world famous cuisine, and much, much more.
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As you explore the wonders of the Shawnee Hills you will find Bald Knob Cross which stands high on the most prominent elevation in Southern Illinois. Surrounded by the scenic beauty of the Shawnee National Forest, Bald Knob rises more than 1,000 feet above sea level.

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Nestled in Shawnee Hills, Union County has many bluffs and wilderness areas scattered among the sprawling Shawnee National Forest and Giant City State Park that are ideal for camping, hiking, horseback riding, hunting, and numerous other outdoor activities. Shawnee Bluffs Canopy Tour consists of eight zip lines, eleven platforms high in the trees, three aerial suspension bridges, the longest spanning 180 feet, and two short ground hikes. Inns, cabins, cottages and bed & breakfasts dot the region and are great launching pads for wine tasting and hiking or biking enthusiasts, many offering a secluded getaway.

Built in 1854, the Illinois Central Railroad was instrumental in converting the river to rail traffic. The railroads were used for shipping apples, peaches, strawberries, peppers, and melons to Chicago and New Orleans in refrigerated cars, first developed in Cobden. Flamm Orchards and Rendleman Orchards Farm Market are two popular stops for area produce and serve up yummy fresh desserts with apples, peaches or strawberries.

The Annabelle Hydrangea was discovered in Anna, Illinois. The native shrub Hydrangea Arborescens 'Annabelle' grows wild in partly shady and moist soils in southern Illinois. It grows four feet tall with large white flowers and dark green foliage, and blooms from early to late summer.

Jonesboro was the site of the third Lincoln-Douglas debate in 1858 and is a Looking for Lincoln Heritage site.
ANNA

Anna Farmers Market
Every Tuesday Farmers Market, 8 am - noon, May - mid October. Downtown Anna.

Camp Ground Church and Cemetery
50 Tunnel Lane; 618-697-0097
Cumberland Presbyterian Church in continuous operation since 1850 on the site of a winter encampment during the Trail of Tears. Cemetery is first site certified in Illinois by the National Park Service and recognized by the national Trail of Tears Association as a Trail of Tears burial ground. According to the NPS, it is the only continuing cemetery with scientifically documented, multiple Cherokee burials along the trail from the eastern states to Oklahoma.

St. Anne’s Church
South Main St; 618-833-2521
pastonline.org
Nestled in the middle of a long block of beautiful turn-of-the-century homes in the small town of Anna, the diminutive church is an important reminder of our past. The cornerstone is dated 1886. St. Anne’s is the perfect place for intimate events—such as small weddings, renewal of vows, anniversary gatherings, baby showers or christenings, receptions, art shows, recitals, and other appropriate theatrical or musical events.

Stinson Memorial Library
409 South Main; 618-833-2521
Named for a Civil War veteran, Robert B. Stinson, who left his estate for the establishment of a library. The building is made from native limestone and was dedicated in 1914. This unique design was the work of Walter B. Griffin, in a Frank Lloyd Wright style.

Union County Country Club and Golf Course
430 E. Jefferson St; 618-833-7912
ucccgolf.com
An 18-hole course with four tee boxes on each hole, pro shop.

ALTO PASS

Alto Clay Works
595 Main St; 618-697-4258
www.altoclayworks.com
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A showroom for handmade functional pottery, a classroom for adult and youth pottery classes, and resident artist studios.

Alto Vineyards
8515 HWY 127 N; 618-893-4898
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A family owned winery and vineyard located in the foothills of the beautiful Shawnee National Forest. Featuring award-winning wines since 1988 from their high quality grapes, and offering music, wine tastings, and an outdoor wedding location. Member of The Shawnee Hills Wine Trail.

Bald Knob Cross
located west off Rt 127; 618-893-2344
baldknobcross.com
Built as a monument of peace, the Cross at Bald Knob stands 111 feet tall and is 22 feet square at the base. Its arms extend to 63 feet horizontally. The highest landmark in Union County, the Cross can be seen over an area of 7,500 square miles when illuminated at night. An Easter sunrise service is held annually.

Cliff View Park
1 mile east off Rt 127, off Skyline Dr.

Peachbarn Winery & Café
560 Chestnut St.
618-893-4923, 618-521-2506
peachbarn.com
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rendlemanorchards.com
Nestled in the hills of Southern Illinois’ Shawnee National Forest since 1873, Rendleman Orchards has been committed to growing and shipping quality peaches, nectarines, apples and vegetables. Also offers farm-fresh, tree ripened peaches, nectarines and apples and a wide selection of other fruits, vegetables, jams, jellies, pickled items, baking and soup mixes, cider, salsas, and more. An Illinois Centennial Farm.

Von Jakob Vineyard & Brewery
30 State Rt. 127 N;
618-893-4600
vonjakobvineyard.com
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AVA
Scratch Brewing Company
264 Thompson Rd.
scratchbeer.com
A farmhouse brewery located 5 miles from the Shawnee National Forest. Named one of the top four breweries for foraged beer by Outside Magazine, and one of the most beautiful places to drink beer in the world by All About Beer Magazine. Scratch Brewing Company focuses on farmhouse beers and other styles brewed with home grown and locally farmed and foraged ingredients.

CAIRO
Cairo Custom House Museum
14th and Washington Ave;
618-734-9632
Completed in 1872, placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1973 and established as a Civil War and local history museum in 1992. House in the Museum is the desk used by Gen. U.S. Grant at his headquarters while being stationed in Cairo for six months during the Civil War and a new Lewis & Clark exhibit is on display. Call for hours. Small admission fee.

Church of the Redeemer - Episcopal
6th and Washington
Organized in 1840, the first church was replaced by the present building in 1888 at a cost of $30,899. The beautiful brown stone edifice boasts ornate, stained glass windows and gold gilded cross. Tours may be arranged with advance notice. Free admission.

Fort Defiance Park
Off Rt. 51 (2 miles south of Cairo)
Features a boatman’s Memorial dedicated to those who died on the river, and provides a compelling vantage point to observe the constant meeting of the vast Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. Camping available.

The Hewer Statue
9th & Washington (Halliday Park)
This sculpture, commissioned by the Halliday family in memory of Capt. W. P. Halliday, was executed by George Grey Bernard. Shown at the 1904 St. Louis, Mo., World’s Fair before being placed at Cairo.

Magnolia Manor
2700 Washington Ave;
618-734-0201
Built in 1869 by Charles Galigher, a friend of President Grant, the brick mansion boasts 14 rooms featuring Italianate architecture. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Open daily, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Sat. and 1-5 p.m. Sun. The Manor is closed Christmas Eve through Jan. 2. Admission fee.

Mighty Rivers Worship Center
10th and Poplar
Located across from The Hewer Statue, the Baptist Church was organized in 1880.

Safford Memorial Library, Cairo Public Library
1609 Washington Ave;
618-734-1840
This working library of Queen Anne architecture houses a valuable collection of Civil War documents and a museum-quality collection of antiques and paintings donated by patrons. Open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Donations appreciated.

St. Mary’s Park
28th and Park Place West
City park with tennis courts, ball park, picnic area. The restored pavilion was the site of President Theodore Roosevelt’s address during his visit to Cairo in 1907.

2022 COMMUNITY EVENTS
Jan. 30 Maple Syrup Production Demonstration
Feb. 26-27 Maple Syrup Festival and Pancake Breakfast
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May 21 Buffalo Tro Fundraiser
June 6-Aug. 5 Summer Camps
June 25 Catalyst Mountain Bike Race
Sept. 23-25 Catalyst Mountain Bike Festival
Oct. 7-9 Little Grassy Get Down Music Festival
Oct. 23 Haunted Hollow

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All 11 wineries of the Shawnee Hills Wine Trail have paired up to create three wonderful weekends of savory wine and food pairings. We invite you to join us for a progressive tasting along the trail and enhance your appreciation and enjoyment of our wines paired with delicious samples.

The First Weekends in March, August and November

winery passport program
Winter is a great time to enjoy the slower, quieter side of Illinois wine country and our NEW winery passport program gives you a fun way to enjoy the wineries of the Shawnee Hills Wine Trail. With your purchase of a winery passport, you will receive great discounts at each of our member wineries and a chance to win wonderful prizes along the trail. The winter season offers a unique, unforgettable experience for guests. You have to see it to believe it.

Sign-up for E-News/Events/Promotions: www.shawneewinetrail.com
Shawnee Hills Wine Trail Map
www.shawneewinetrail.com
Call 1-800-248-4373 for more information.
Shawnee Hills Lavender Farm

St. Patrick Catholic Church
Ninth and Washington Ave; 618-734-3344
The present church, built in 1894, is a stately Romanesque structure of Bedford stone. The oldest church in Cairo, it has three bells and numerous stained glass windows.

RURAL CARBONDALE

Crab Orchard Lake
Rt. 13 East of Carbondale 618-997-3344
fws.gov/midwest CrabOrchard
The largest of the three refuge lakes, this 6,965-acre body of water has two marinas, 125 miles of shoreline and a maximum depth of 25 feet. Species include largemouth bass, bluegill, sunfish, crappie, channel catfish, bullheads, and carp.

Devil’s Kitchen Lake
South on Giant City Rd. East on Grassy Rd; 618-997-3344
This 810-acre lake is part of the Crab Orchard Refuge and is stocked with rainbow and brown trout. It has a maximum depth of 90 feet and a 24-mile shoreline. It also provides largemouth bass, bluegill, sunfish, crappie, channel catfish, bullheads and carp.

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4861 Spillway Rd; 618-549-5517
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approx 1 mile, this road turns into Mount Olive Rd. Follow to Bailey Rd., turn right and follow road to parking area; 618-634-2231. Highlights a 200-acre tract of contiguous forest. The site has received national recognition for its songbird populations and is a popular hunting and wildlife watching spot. Public facilities include a hiking trail, shelter, outdoor privy and parking area.

St. John’s Lutheran Church
off Rt. 127 on St. John’s blacktop; 618-827-3810
Built in 1855, this church represents Illinois’ first Lutheran congregation. The first church was built in 1818 on what is now the cemetery.

Grand Tower
Devil’s Backbone Horse Camp
Brunkhorst Ave; 618-684-6192
Grand Tower City Park features 2 acres fenced in for horses. Several sites have electric and water. There are bathrooms in the park.

Mississippi River Museum & Interpretive Center
604 Main St; 618-565-2227
Museum Director Capt. Jack Knupp, who served as a towboat captain for 44 years, oversees this museum housed in an 1892 building overlooking the levee on Front Street. Exhibits include steamboat models, buoys, a carbon arc searchlight, radar unit, deck equipment, gauges, rudder, dishes, etc. Of special interest are artifacts salvaged from the St. Golden Eagle, which sank at Grand Tower in 1947. Over 200 people from Grand Tower have worked on the river and the citizens value the importance of preserving their river heritage.

Jonesboro
Kornthal Church
Off Rt. 127 (2 miles south of Jonesboro Sq); 618-833-8576
Constructed in 1860, this church is a replica of churches usually native to Austria. The 12 stairs to the pulpit represent the 12 apostles. Open by appt. Free admission.

Lincoln Memorial Picnic Grounds & Lincoln-Douglas 3rd Debate Statues
Main St, north of Public Square; 618-833-8576
Part of the Shawnee National Forest, the park boasts picnic shelters, a gazebo and a pond. The monument commemorates the site of the 3rd 1858 United States Senatorial debate between Abraham Lincoln and incumbent Stephen Douglas. Follow the steps from town to the site and walk where Lincoln walked. Free admission.

P.A.S.T. Heritage House
102 S Main St; 618-833-8745
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The house dates to about 1850 and offers Lincoln-Douglas information and local history and genealogy.

Shawnee Hills EBike Rental
200 W Market; 618-967-4918
shawneehillsebike.com
Offering “Pedal Assist Power eBikes”, each rental includes an eBike, helmet, and an allotted amount of time and instruction.

Trail of Tears State Forest
5,114 acres of rugged terrain offers picnic sites and trails for hiking and horseback riding. The Trail of Tears commemorates the 1838-39 march of the Cherokee Indians from the Great Smokies area to Indian Territory, which is now Oklahoma. Free admission. Camping: 6 tent, 2 RV sites.

MAKANDA
Blue Sky Vineyard
3150 S. Rocky Comfort Rd; 618-995-9463
blueskyvineyard.com
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Feather Hills Vineyard
Rocky Comfort Rd; 618-713-1350
featherhillsvineyard.com
Family owned and operated winery and vineyard located on one of southern Illinois’ highest ridge tops, deep in the heart of the Shawnee Hills A.V.A. Featuring a tasting room and an outdoor patio. Member of the Shawnee Hills Wine Trail.

Flyway Family Farms
2060 Camp Cedar Point Ln; 618-319-2168
flywayfamilyfarm.com
Gourmet mushrooms grown in the heart of southern Illinois.

Giant City Stables
722 Giant City Rd; 618-529-4110
giantcitystables.com
Located at the entrance to Giant City State Park with more than 16 miles of trail paths. Riding programs include trail rides, breakfast rides, day camps, and private lessons. Open March to November, 5:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily (closed Tuesdays).
Keller’s Crossing at Stone Creek Golf Course
503 Stone Creek Dr; 618-351-4653
kellerscrossing.com
18 hole course. Rental cabins available.

Little Grassy Fish Hatchery
1258 Hatchery Ln; 618-529-4100
Little Grassy is open to the public daily from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. during both production season and non-production season. Walk-in visitors, as well as scheduled tour groups, are welcome.

Rolling Oak Alpaca Ranch
1335 Hall Church Rd; 618-201-2822
rollingoakalpacaranch.com

Rose O’Sharon Equine Farm
830 Rowan Rd; 618-201-9668
roseosharonfarm.com
A wonderful facility offering pasture board with run-ins, 24hr. monitoring, free choice on hay and minerals, large indoor riding arena (80x180), lots of trail riding opportunities, horse training, lessons, by the hour trail rides.

Shawnee Bluffs Canopy Tour
635 Robinson Hill Rd; 855-FUN-ZIPS
shawneezip.com
Located on 83 acres surrounded by the Shawnee National Forest. Shawnee Bluffs Canopy Tour consists of 8 zip lines, the longest stretching more than 1,100 feet, which zig-zags across the property’s bluffs and through the valley. The tour also includes 11 platforms high in the trees, 3 aerial suspension bridges, the longest stretching 180 feet, and 2 short ground hikes. The 3 hour tour is an exciting way to experience the flora, fauna, geology and history of the outdoors. Now offering night tours.

Touch of Nature Environmental Center’s Multiuse Trail System
618-453-1121
https://ton.siu.edu/
The first 10 miles of trail is open for bikers, hikers, walkers and runners. Plans call for the ultimate goal of constructing 30 miles of trails at Touch of Nature.

MCCLURE

Rest In Peace Campground
On Grapevine Trail, 6 miles from Rt. 3 between McClure and Tamms; 618-747-9344
Primitive sites as well as full hookups, along with a shower house and dump station. In the Shawnee National Forest.

MURPHYSBORO

Big Muddy Brewing
1430 N 7th St; 618-684-8833
bigmuddybrewing.com
Big Muddy Brewing began in Murphysboro. This microbrew quietly puts out small batches of craft beer for beer enthusiasts to enjoy. Stop on in for a tour of the operation and stick around for a sampling.

General John A. Logan Statue
2125 Spruce St.
The marble and bronze statue depicts the Civil War hero and national figure of the 19th century on horseback. It was erected by the State of Illinois in 1928.

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General John A. Logan Museum
1613 Edith St; 618-684-3455
loganmuseum.org
The museum tells the story of the lives and times of General John A. Logan and his family through photographs, portraits, maps, political memorabilia, antiques and weapons. In 1868, Memorial Day was established as a national holiday through his General Order No. 11. The museum has expanded from a single building to a neighborhood including a walking trail (with interpretive signposts) on the grounds that passes by Logan’s birthplace, now an archaeological site, and the house of Samuel H. Dalton, a freed slave who served in the Union Navy, a print shop and two additional historic homes. Please call for museum hours.

Jackson Country Club and Golf Course
6070 Country Club Rd; 618-684-2387
jacksoncc.com
A private club chartered in 1914. Measuring 6,776 yards from the championship tees the 18-hole course plays to a par 72.

Jackson County Historical Society
1616 Edith St; 618-684-3455
The location of hundreds of files available for genealogy research including Jackson County’s records dating to the 1800s.

Kinkaid Lake
West of Murphysboro on Rt. 149, right on Marina Rd; 618-684-4914
This is one of the few lakes in Southern Illinois to successfully stock muskie. Its 2,750 acres wind around the northwestern hills of Shawnee National Forest. It has 92 miles of shoreline and a maximum depth of 80 feet. Other fish species include largemouth bass, spotted bass, bluegill, sunfish, crappie, channel catfish, bullheads, carp, walleye, white bass and suckers.

Lake Murphysboro
West on Rt. 149; 618-684-2867
This 144-acre lake in Jackson County has 7.5 miles of shoreline and a maximum depth of 40 feet. It provides largemouth bass, spotted bass, bluegill, sunfish, crappie, channel catfish, bullheads, carp, white bass and suckers.

Mileur Orchard
172 Mileur Orchard Rd.; 618-687-3663
Serving Jackson County for three generations, Mileur Orchard is open seasonally, with a bakery and acres quality fruit.

Murphysboro Farmers Market
Every Saturday Farmers Market, May through Oct, 8 am to Noon, near the courthouse.

Riverside Park
Commercial & S. 24th
murphysboropark.com
The largest of Murphysboro’s parks, Riverside is located just along the Big Muddy River. It features playgrounds, shelters, a baseball diamond, two loops for walking or jogging, a dog park, and a band shell used for different events and concerts throughout the year.

Robert W. Hamilton House
203 S. 13th St; 618-684-6421
One of the oldest houses in Jackson County, the Hamilton House was built in 1867.

OLIVE BRANCH
Horseshoe Lake Hiking and Biking Trail
East of IL Rt 3 in Alexander county, 7 miles north of Cairo; 618-776-5504
This 5.5-mile trail takes in the beauty of Horseshoe Lake. Home of the annual Tour de Shawnee bike ride in October.

Horseshoe Lake Conservation Area
Off Rt. 3, 7 miles north of Cairo; 618-776-5689
The 9,550-acre area includes a 2,400-acre shallow lake. The lake resembles a Louisiana bayou with its wading herons and its large stands of cypress swamps, cottonwoods and tupelo gums. Visitors enjoy picnicking, camping, boating, fishing and hunting as well as 5.1 miles of hiking/biking trails that loop the area. More than 150,000 Canada geese winter at Horseshoe Lake Conservation Area.

POMONA
Cedar Lake
618-549-8441
fs.usda.gov
This 1,750-acre lake in the western half of Shawnee National Forest is about six miles south of Carbondale between U.S. 51 and Illinois 127. It has 40 miles of shoreline, a maximum depth of 60 feet and provides largemouth bass, spotted bass, bluegill, sunfish, crappie, channel catfish, bullheads, carp, walleye, yellow bass, suckers and drum. There is a 10-horsepower limit. Large or smallmouth bass 14-18 inch slot limit, 6 fish daily creel limit, 5 fish below 14 inches, 1 fish above 18 inches. Striped, white, or hybrid striped bass-17 inch minimum length limit.

Hickory Ridge Vineyard & Winery
1598 Hickory Ridge Rd; 618-893-1700
hickoryridgevineyard.com
Hickory Ridge is family owned and operated, located on the western edge of the Shawnee Hills AVA. Featuring estate grown award-winning wines, tasting room, decks overlooking the forest, and vineyard picnic tables. Member of the Shawnee Hills Wine Trail.
and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. A war memorial is located on the grounds. Open Mon. - Fri. from 8 a.m. - noon and from 1 - 4 p.m. Free admission.

**THEBES**

**Thebes Courthouse**
Off Rt 3; 618-764-2658
A hand-hewn stone courthouse built in 1845 atop a bluff overlooking the Mississippi River. Folklore indicates that Abraham Lincoln, riding circuit, practiced law here. The building was used as a Baptist church back in 1879 and then as a school. Tours may be arranged with advance notice.

**WARE**

**Grassy and Lyerla Lakes**
Southeast of Ware; 618-833-5175
These bottomland lakes in Union County are not large lakes, but they give up some of the largest bluegill and crappie in Southern Illinois. Grassy Lake has only 3 miles of shoreline to go with its 310 acres of water. Lyerla Lake has 260 acres of water and 3.8 miles of shoreline. Boat fishing with 10 horsepower motors is allowed for the anglers fishing for bass, bluegill, sunfish, crappie, and catfish.

**Union County Conservation Area**
Off Rt 3 & 146 west of Jonesboro; 618-833-5175
The more than 6,000-acre area includes two lakes for fishing and 2,100 acres for public hunting. Excellent area for sight-seeing and wildlife photography including whitetailed deer, Canada geese, and bald and golden eagles. Free admission.

**TAMMS**

**Tamms Cache River Access**
On Hwy 127 at Tamms, turn E on Pumphouse Rd and go 1 block to parking lot; 618-634-2231
(Cypress Creek Wildlife Refuge headquarters) This site offers hunting, wildlife observation opportunities and seasonal canoeing and bank fishing along the Cache.

**The Old Depot**
Off Hwy 127 (2 miles west); 618-747-2353
Built in the 1890s for the Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railroad, the uniquely designed Old Depot has been restored as a museum, and city hall

Every attempt has been made to verify these listings. Please call ahead for directions and hours of operation.
Winter is a great time to enjoy the slower, quieter side of Shawnee Forest Country. The cooler temperatures mean no bugs and the trees are bare, allowing you to see much further into the forests. Bluffs hidden behind the summer foliage, emerge dramatically into sight.

Hiking is available year-round, and if you have visited in another season winter can offer a very different experience. The weather is generally mild, and you can pretty much have the trails all to yourself. Enjoy a peacefulness that only winter can provide.

After a day of hiking, bicycling, horseback riding or zip-lining relax in front of a fire, or roast hot dogs and marshmallows. Some cabins and cottages also offer hot tubs, as well as booking incentives for December through February.

During January and February the Shawnee Hills Wine Trail has provided you with great incentives to visit with their winter passport program. Enjoy savoring their wines and saving big with great discounts on wine, merchandise, food and more. Passports are available for sale at www.shawneewinetrail.com

There are eleven wineries on the Shawnee Hills Wine Trail and they are all open year round. Fewer people mean a casual pace and more intimate tasting experience. (see pg. 18)

Top to Bottom: Oak Grove Cabins, Rocky Comfort Cabins, Bellsmith Springs photo by thebudgetsavvytravelers.com
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Cabin on the Hill
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618-534-3681
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Little Red Shed
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winetrailcabins.com
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The Cabin at Mt. Glen
618-833-5807
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618-534-3681
info@redshedrental.com
Located just 6 miles from Carbondale & Southern Illinois University and right on the Wine Trail. With 3 bedrooms and 2 baths, the cottage sleeps up to 6 people. The living area has a gas-log fireplace and a full kitchen/dining area. A private outside courtyard with a hot-tub & fire-pit is perfect for spending time together.

Cypress Grove Lodge
618-534-7143
cypressgrovelodge.com
618-534-7143
info@cypressgrovelodge.com
Located just 6 miles from Carbondale & Southern Illinois University and right on the Wine Trail. With 3 bedrooms and 2 baths, the cottage sleeps up to 6 people. The living area has a gas-log fireplace and a full kitchen/dining area. A private outside courtyard with a hot-tub & fire-pit is perfect for spending time together.

Devil’s Kitchen Cabins
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innkeeper@devilskitchencabins.com
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618-534-7143
oakgrovecabin.com
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Located just 6 miles from Carbondale & Southern Illinois University and right on the Wine Trail. With 3 bedrooms and 2 baths, the cottage sleeps up to 6 people. The living area has a gas-log fireplace and a full kitchen/dining area. A private outside courtyard with a hot-tub & fire-pit is perfect for spending time together.
CENTRAL REGION
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With its breathtaking natural beauty and great opportunities for outdoor recreation, the central region has an old railway converted bike path, The Tunnel Hill State Trail, a 48-mile trail winding through farmland, thick woods, lush wetlands and a tunnel for which it was named. The Cache River Wetlands contains 60,000 acres of beautiful forests and wetlands. Canoe the Cache and you might see otters, bobcats, whitetail deer, bald eagles, herons, egrets, Sandhill Cranes and even the occasional Anhinga (the snake bird). Nearby in the town of Metropolis, the official Home of Superman proudly honors their favorite son with a 15-foot bronze statue of the Man of Steel right in the middle of Superman Square.

1. Enjoying a waterfall at Ferne Clyffe State Park
2. Living History at Fort Masac State Park
3. Mound City National Cemetery
BELKNAP

Cache River Basin Vineyard & Winery
315 Forman Ln; 618-658-2274
crbwinery.org

Located just south of the Cache River, Winery grounds include a large deck, Vineaux’s Restaurant serving a wide selection of food and wine, and a rental cabin tucked away at the edge of the woods. Banquet room available.

Heron Pond
930 Sunflower Ln; 618-634-9678
A shallow wetland dominated by cypress and tupelo trees. Features a boardwalk that winds its way into the forested swamp, providing visitors a chance to observe ecosystems remaining relatively undisturbed for thousands of years.

BROOKPORT

Allard and Avery Lake
5 miles E Hwy 45
200 and 158 acres (respectively) of excellent fishing and hunting.

Boat Ramp at Ohio River
Near Lock & Dam 52;
618-564-2351

Brookport City Park
500 E 3rd St; 618-564-2351
Playground and picnic area.

Kincaid Mounds
Archaeological Site
4 mi south of Unionville Rd on New Cut Rd; 800-248-4373;
kincaidmounds.com

Kincaid Mounds State Historic Site is a nationally significant Native-American archaeological treasure. From about 800 AD to 1500 AD it was the ‘capital’ of a chieftdom that stretched from Brookport to Hamletsburg along the Ohio River. Large flat-topped mounds were erected on which the houses and temples topped mounds were erected on.

Draper Bluff and Vertical Heartland Climbing School
Off I-57 at Exit 36, 5050 Lick Creek Rd; 618-995-1427
verticalheartland.com
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Egyptian Hills Marina
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Private, family-run resort nestled along the shore of the scenic Lake of Egypt. There are 32 boat slips with electric hookups and boat rentals, marina store, dump station and shower facilities.

Lake of Egypt
East off I-57, 8 miles N of Vienna on Rt. 45; 618-964-1448
One of southern Illinois’ finest fishing lakes, Lake of Egypt is a man-made lake featuring 2,300 acres of deep, clear water and is great for fishing, boating and water skiing. There are three, full-service marinas on the lake providing cabins, campsites and other amenities to accommodate your stay.

Dutchman Lake
West off Rt. 45 (1 1/2 miles north of Vienna)
Excellent 128-acre year round fishing lake featuring bass, crappie and channel catfish. Built in 1956, the totally undeveloped lake shore offers quiet and solitude. A boat launch and angler parking area is located on the east side of the lake.

Cache River State Natural Area
8885 State Rt 37 South;
618-657-2064
Located within a floodplain carved long ago by glacial floodwater of the Ohio River. When the Ohio River adopted its present course, it left the Cache River to meander across rich and vast wetlands. This site features massive cypress trees whose flared bases, called butresses, exceed 40 feet circumference. Many are more than 1,000 years old, including one that has earned the title of state champion bald cypress because of its huge trunk girth, towering height, and heavily branched canopy.

GOREVILLE

Ferne Clyffe State Park
Off I-57 or I-24 (1 mile south of Goreville on Rt. 37); 618-995-2411

Hilltop Campground
Exit 440 off I-57 on Baker Ln;
618-995-2189
Family owned and operated. Open all year, heated restrooms, playground, and a pavilion for clubs and family gatherings. 34 full service sites, 50 and 30 amp, shade, pull thru and tent sites available.

Tall Tree Lake
Rt. 37 south 2 miles, east on Tall Tree Lake Rd; 618-658-9494
Rustic and RV campsites, fishing, hiking, boating, swimming. A historic barn lodge with modern bathroom facilities, showers and complete kitchens available.

GRAND CHAIN

Historical Marker: Cantonment Wilkinsonville
South of Hwy 37 near boat ramp Established by Lt. Colonel David Strong in 1797 as a post of the United States Army. It was garrisoned until 1804. Here Colonel Strong and scores of soldiers who died on duty are buried.

Ohio River Recreation Area
Boat Access & Campground
Take Tick Ridge Rd 4 miles E of Grand Chain, turn S on Lighthouse Ln; 618-634-9411
Boat ramp, lodge and campground located on the Ohio River Scenic Byway. Lodge includes rooms, restaurant, bar, store, and historical display of a 1704 French Tannery.

KARNAK

Cedar Ridge Whitetails
1385 Grinnell Rd; 618-634-2515
cedarridgewhitetails.com
Hunting packages.

MERMET

Mermet Lake Conservation Area
Rt. 45 (halfway between Metropolis and Vienna);
618-524-5577; FREE Admission.
An old cypress swamp converted into a waterfowl hunting area for duck hunting. The shallow, 450-acre lake provides excellent fishing for largemouth bass, channel catfish and most panfish. The lake is closed 2 weeks prior to duck hunting season and reopens at the close of duck season. Facilities include picnic area, hiking trails and boating. Adjoining the area is the Nature Preserve including 43-acres that have been set aside for non-game, rare and endangered species. Unusual plant species are also found in this area. A raised observation platform extends from the trail into the swamp.

Mermet Springs, Inc.
Rt. 45; 618-527-DIVE
mermetsprings.com
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Some Suggested Itineraries

Be aware that several of the stops on the Cache River Auto Tour involve easy-to-moderate hiking. Doing full justice to all 11 stops can easily fill one or more long weekends. For those with limited time, here are a few suggested “mini-tours.”

If you only have an hour or two:
- Watch the twelve-minute introductory film about the Cache at the Wetlands Center, stroll the boardwalk at Section 8 Woods (#1) and take a short hike to view the giant Winnie-the-Pooh tree at Big Cypress Tree Access (#2).

If you have a morning or afternoon:
- Make short stops at #1 and #2, then hike the Heron Pond Trail (#4).

For a full day of activity:
- In the morning, stop briefly at #1 and #2, and then hike the Heron Pond Trail (#4).
- After lunch, hike the Tupelo Trail (#3), or take a canoe or kayak tour at Lower Cache Access/Buttonland Swamp (#9). Finish the day with a late afternoon or early evening drive around Mermet Lake (#10).

If you don’t want to stray far from your car:
- Sites that can be enjoyed without leaving your car include Mermet Lake (#10) and Horseshoe Lake (#11). The boardwalk at Section 8 Woods (#1) is wheelchair accessible and highly recommended for those who can only walk short distances, but would like to see a close-up view of a cypress-tupelo swamp. Lower Cache River Access (#9) also provides easy access to a quality view of Buttonland Swamp.

Be sure to pick up a copy of the complete Cache River Auto Tour map and brochure, which also includes 16 historical points of interest, at the Wetlands Center or Cypress Creek Office.

Hidden away in southern Illinois is one of Nature’s masterpieces. Featuring ancient cypress-tupelo swamps, bottomland hardwood forests, sandstone bluffs and limestone caves, the Cache River Wetlands is a rich and diverse area that provides habitat for many unique and fascinating plants and animals. It is a place to enjoy hiking, birding, kayaking and canoeing, hunting, fishing, photography and learning about the natural world.

One could spend a lifetime exploring this gem – but, if you only have a weekend, or even a few hours, the Cache Auto Tour, created by Friends of the Cache River Wetlands, is designed to showcase the area’s highlights and whet your appetite for a return visit!

1  SECTION 8 WOODS
Perfect for a quick introduction to the swamp, this charismatic boardwalk located right next to Highway 37 will instantly transport you into a primeval, flooded forest of water tupelo (including the Illinois State Champion) and bald cypress.

2  BIG CYPRESS ACCESS
The shortest hike in the Cache leads to a monumental reward – thousand-year-old bald cypress trees, the largest of which is forty-three feet around! Rubber boots are recommended during wet periods, when the end of the short trail may be submerged.

3  TUPELO TRAIL
Start at the Marshall Ridge Access parking lot to explore this two-mile roundtrip trail through a mature, oak-hickory forest. The real gem, though, lies in the loop that leads to Little Black Slough, which features rock outcrops and a flooded forest of water tupelo and bald cypress. In fall, a carpet of swamp marigold forms one of the best wildflower displays in the Midwest.

4  HERON POND
Heron Pond is likely the signature destination for most visitors to the Cache. The one-to-two mile hike will take you along the river, through the woods, and, via a boardwalk, into the heart of one of the most beautiful and accessible swamps in the Midwest.

5  WILDCAT BLUFF
Embedded deep in the wilds of Johnson County, Wildcat Bluff lords over the Cache River watershed at the junction of the Shawnee Hills and the Coastal Plain of Illinois. Enjoy spectacular views from the upper trail, or follow the short but rugged trail along the base of the sandstone bluff, which leads to imposing rock overhangs.

6  HICKORY BOTTOMS
Located off Mount Olive Road, this secluded site is a mature, lowlands forest featuring 200 acres of oak and hickory. Hickory Bottoms has received national recognition for its populations of songbirds. A 1.5-mile trail provides many opportunities for wildlife viewing, so be sure to bring your binoculars.

7  BELLROSE WATERFOWL RESERVE
An accessible wildlife overlook is found along Cache Chapel Road. At first glance, you might not see much. But, time your journey to coincide with spring and fall migration, when thousands of waterfowl and shorebirds can be viewed in the late afternoon or early morning, and you will begin to appreciate what the term “wildlife refuge” really means.

8  LIMEKILN SPRINGS
The parking area just south of the Bellrose Overlook is the entry point for this unique area, where wooden boardwalks provide access to Limkiln Slough and Limkiln Springs. The site supports a diversity of wildlife, and is a great place to see wildflowers in the spring and early summer.

9  LOWER CACHE ACCESS / BUTTONLAND SWAMP
The road dead-ends into a parking area that provides easy access to Buttonland Swamp, a National Natural Landmark, where swamps form a contiguous corridor over nine miles long. A short walk leads to spectacular views of the swamp from an overlook, while a marked canoe trail offers an intimate encounter with ancient trees, including the State Champion Bald Cypress, and abundant aquatic wildlife.

10  MERMET LAKE STATE FISH AND WILDLIFE AREA
Mermet Lake is one of Illinois’ finest wildlife viewing areas, and you never have to leave your car! The five-mile loop drive passes large lotus beds and isolated cypress trees that serve as roosts for comorants, eagles and egrets. Wood ducks, river otters, wild turkeys and more provide a wealth of opportunities for photographers. [Note: Mermet Lake loop drive is closed during the winter hunting season.]

11  HORSESHOE LAKE STATE FISH AND WILDLIFE AREA
Located less than 20 miles southwest of the Cache River State Natural Area lies a large oxbow lake that supports an incredible community of bald cypress. Any season is good to visit this waterfowl haven, where everything from tundra swans to hooded mergansers may show up for the patient observer.
Where To Start Your Visit

The Henry N. Barkhausen Cache River Wetlands Center (pictured left) offers a variety of interpretive exhibits and information about the natural and cultural history of the Cache River Wetlands, as well as walking trails featuring both wetland and prairie communities. The center is located on Route 37, south of Cypress. Hours of operation: Wednesday through Sunday, 9am to 4pm.

Another good starting point is Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge Headquarters, which offers maps of the area and information about wildlife resources and recreational opportunities. The Refuge Office is located at 137 Rustic Campus Drive, Ullin, on the campus of Shawnee Community College. Hours of operation: Monday through Friday, 7:30am to 4pm.

Canoe & Kayak Rental: Cache Bayou Outfitters 618-201-4090 (pg. 42)
**Vienna Town Square Mall**  
Jennifer Jacobsen, Owner  
**Home of the Junque Jamboree**

**Max Creek Antiques & Decor**  
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Vienna IL 618-658-2527
Nestled in the heart of the Shawnee National Forest, Johnson County has beauty unsurpassed by any other county in the state. The Cache River State Natural Area features Heron Pond where wildlife and rare species of plants and animals are plentiful. (pg. 36)

Johnson County offers a multitude of outdoor recreation including climbing, diving, and bicycling opportunities. Vast areas throughout the national forest provide unlimited horseback and hiking trails. The River to River Trail follows 150-miles of some of the most beautiful scenery in the Midwest. (pg. 7)

Bicyclists enjoy riding along the Bicentennial Trail, which is the national coast-to-coast trail established in 1976. Southernmost Illinois offers about 140 miles of the 4,200-plus mile trek with trails through Tunnel Hill and Goreville. An old railway converted bike path, the Tunnel Hill State Trail is a 55-mile trail winding through farmland, thick woods, lush wetlands and a tunnel for which it was named. It offers miles of cycling and hiking for all ages. (pg. 41)

Numerous lakes provide outstanding fishing, boating, and swimming. For the adventurer, Ferne Clyffe State Park and other natural areas offer scenic bluffs and caves for hours of exploration. If you just want to relax while enjoying the ‘great outdoors’, there’s a picnic table or park bench waiting for you at one of the many fine parks.
Amazing Waterfalls of Shawnee Forest Country

As suggested by: Hiking with Shawn

Visit the forest during the right conditions (wet weather) and you can chase waterfalls all day long and even all weekend long if you have more than one day to explore. Many of the waterfalls are easy to get to but some of the hidden gems may take a little bit of hiking. For more details: hikingwithshawn.com/guide.

Shawnee Forest Country

Amazing Waterfalls of

Ghost Dance Canyon, Golconda, Illinois

This amazing waterfall sits quietly in Dixon Springs State Park and provides a one-of-a-kind, unique waterfall experience in Shawnee Forest Country. What makes this waterfall so unique is the pile of huge boulders laid on top of one another in the creek. When water is flowing, it shoots through the spaces in between the boulders giving you one of the best waterfall views in the area.

To reach this waterfall, park in front of the park’s public swimming pool and cross the creek bridge taking the Ghost Dance Canyon trail. You’ll have to cross the creek. The hike to the waterfall is about a 1-mile out and back.

Cedar Wonders Waterfalls, Simpson, Illinois

The amazing waterfalls of the Cedar Wonders are some of the best. The whole canyon offers multiple waterfalls when conditions are right. Among the waterfalls, visitors should check out Easter Basket Waterfalls and then go see Easter Basket Arch nearby. The arch might be one of the smallest natural arches you’ll ever lay eyes on.

To reach the trailhead, take Gum Springs Road from Gilead Church Road. Drive about a mile until you cross the creek and the trailhead will be on your left. Take the River to River trail west. This will be a few miles of hiking and is shared with horseback riders.

Cove Hollow, Pomona, Illinois

Cove Hollow is a trail located on Cedar Lake near Pomona and Carbondale. It features an amazing waterfall with a nice shelter cave in the background. This waterfall is easy to get to and the trail continues through scenic bluffs and amazing views of Cedar Lake. People also enjoy visiting this lake to kayak as well.

To reach this waterfall, take Highway 127 to Dutch Ridge Road. After about a mile, turn onto Cedar Hollow Road and drive to the end to the trailhead. Take the trail and head southwest to reach the waterfall. This trail out and back will be about a mile long.

Waterfall Chasing Tips offered by
Hiking with Shawn, more details at: hikingwithshawn.com

• Please put safety first before all else and leave the Shawnee with great memories, not injuries. Many injuries and even fatalities can happen around waterfalls. Wet rock will be as slick as ice.
• The best time to see active waterfalls is after a few days of rain. Check the local creeks. If they have a good flow and depth, then you can expect some good flowing waterfalls.
• All waterfalls in southern Illinois are rainfall dependent. If we have not had any rain for a while, you should expect the waterfalls to be dry.
• Always make sure you wear proper footwear, bring plenty of water and snacks, and always tell someone where you are going.
• If you encounter horseback riders while hiking, yield to the riders while talking to them so that the horse knows you are a human.
• Make sure you bring a camera and make plenty of memories because the amazing waterfalls of Shawnee Forest Country will keep you smiling for days.
The Tunnel Hill State Trail

Tunnel Hill Trail Facilities

Tunnel Hill State Trail is a day-use trail, offering drinking water, privy toilets and parking at the access areas. Motorized vehicles, horses and hunting are not allowed on the trail.

The site office for Tunnel Hill State Trail is located on State Highway 146 on the east side of Vienna. Bike rental at Sanburn junction 618-771-2825.

About the Trail...

At one time, the rumble of freight cars reverberated through the narrow tunnel. Wooden trestles, with their system of slanted supports and horizontal cross pieces, spanned numerous bluffs and creeks. Passengers in Pullman cars clocked the miles with these and other landmarks as they traveled one of southern Illinois’ most scenic routes.

Today, the railroad is gone. The route, known as Tunnel Hill State Trail, remains.

Tunnel Hill State Trail stretches for 55 miles from Eldorado to Karnak, with 2.5 miles being managed by the city of Harrisburg.

The 9.3-mile section between Tunnel Hill and Vienna crosses trails already known to outdoor recreationists: the River-to-River Trail, which extends from the Mississippi to the Ohio River; the unmarked American Discovery Trail, which in southern Illinois follows back roads and some of the River-to-River Trail; the U.S. 76 Bicycle Route, a part of the TransAmerica Bike Route; and the Trail of Tears, the primary route the Cherokee Indian tribe took in the winter of 1838-39 during their forced move from the Great Smokies to Oklahoma.

Twenty-three picturesque trestles along the completed sections of Tunnel Hill State Trail feature decking and side rails, which entice trail users to stop. The trestles range in length from 34 to 450 feet. The longest is Breeden Trestle, which is also the highest at 90 feet. It is located 2 1/2 miles south of Tunnel Hill.

The trail corridor, which varies from 40 to 200 feet in width, connects numerous communities: Karnak in Pulaski County; Belknap, Vienna, Tunnel Hill and New Burnside in Johnson County; Stonefort in Williamson and Saline counties; and Carrier Mills and Harrisburg in Saline County. Each has parking areas from which hikers, runners and cyclists can access the trail.
Metropolis Mural

Fort Massac Visitors Center & George Rogers Clark Statue at Fort Massac State Park
US 45, 2 1/2 miles West of I-24
Visitors center features a film as well as historical displays about the fort and the famous explorers that passed through it. The statue of George Rogers Clark overlooks the Ohio River.

George Rogers Clark Discovery Trail
Fort Massac State Park; 618-524-4712
Enjoy a scenic ride or walk along this new concrete trail. Parking is located inside Fort Massac State Park. A 4-mile stretch of the trail goes entirely through the woods. The 9 mile trail begins at Superman Square, continues through Fort Massac State Park, and ends in the city of Brookport.

Girl Scout House Park
1230 E 7th St; 618-524-1696
Park with shuffle board and washer pitching.

Harrah’s Metropolis Casino
100 E. Front St; 800-929-5905; harrahsmetropolis.com
Harrah’s features 28 table games staffed by friendly dealers ready to witness the winning as you Come Out and Play all your favorite table games, ranging from casino gambling classics like blackjack and roulette to variations like Let It Ride Bonus and Three Card Poker. Conveniently located adjacent to the 258 room Harrah’s hotel main lobby, the modern design, single-level casino floor features new slots, table games and a World Series of Poker room. Two restaurants, a new lounge, three new bars and a live entertainment stage on the property.

Metropolis Farmer’s Market
Every Saturday Farmers Market, 8 am to Noon, West 6th between Market & Ferry.

Metropolis Lighthouse “Hope Light”
Front Street at Dorothy Miller Park on the Ohio River. The only lighthouse designed, built, and dedicated to the fight against cancer stands thirty feet tall as measured from the tower base to the top of the ventilator ball. It consists of a conical shaped, white reinforced steel tower topped with a teal daymark band and open lantern room with an LED white-light ML-155 Marine Lantern. White LED security down-lights are installed in the lower daymark band enclosure that lights up the tower from dusk to dawn. The lighthouse is surrounded by a circular walkway consisting of concrete and personalized bricks. Handicap accessible concrete walkways connect the lighthouse to Dorothy Miller Park and to the adjacent parking area.

Metropolis Murals
Ferry & Market St, Downtown; 877-424-5025
A series of six murals are painted on buildings along Ferry Street and Market Street in downtown Metropolis. Each mural reveals a different story and makes our heritage come alive through artistic renderings of local historical events, and attached interpretive plaques describe the historical significance of each.

Metropolis Sports Park
Metropolis & 19th St; 618-524-1696
Asphalted walking trail approximately 1/2 mile; Skateboard facility (only one of its kind in the region) which requires safety helmet & pads. Other amenities include picnic tables, five baseball fields, six soccer fields, and batting cages.

Trott Pond at Fort Massac & Boat Ramps at Ohio River
618-524-4016
Boats may be launched at Fort Massac State Park or at the foot of Market Street near Harrah’s Casino.

SUPERMAN SITES

Kryptonite
A large Kryptonite meteorite is located on the southwest corner of Third and Ferry Streets.

Metropolis Chamber of Commerce
516 Market St; 618-524-2714
Visitors will enjoy Superman memorabilia and photos of the days when Metropolis, Illinois first became the “Official Home of Superman.”

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Canoe & Kayak Rentals, Guided Group Tours, Moonlight Tours, Reptile & Amphibian Talks
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2-3 Hour Tours: $35.00 Adult; $20.00 Teens; $17.00 Youth
Group Rates Available

Cache Bayou Outfitters
240 Dean Lane, Ullin, IL 62992
Call 618-201-4090 or email cachebayououtfitters.com
For reservations and information visit our website www.cachebayououtfitters.com
Massac County, with the Ohio River at its doorstep, is rich in history. Fort Massac State Park is the first state park in the state. The fort was used in 1757 during the French and Indian War and served as a Customs Office from 1799 to 1807. It was dismantled in 1814 and reconstructed in 1971-73 as a museum containing the fort’s history, and renovated again in 2002.

Metropolis is the official Home of Superman and proudly honors its favorite son with a 15-foot bronze statue of America’s super hero right in the middle of Superman Square. A statue of actress Noel Neil, posed as Lois Lane, stands just two blocks up the street from Superman Square. The Super Museum located in the heart of Metropolis on Superman Square is home to the world’s largest privately owned Superman collection. There you will find original costumes, movie props, toys, original artwork, posters, stills, games, statues, action figures and so much more on display. This is a must for the Superman enthusiast!

Massac County has many outdoor activities offering something for everyone. Great fishing can be found throughout the area, and award-winning scuba diving and diving instruction are available. Mermet Lake and a chain of lakes in the Unionville Bottoms are popular spots for fishing. Scenic rolling hills provide the perfect setting for those who enjoy hiking, camping, or horseback riding. Ducks, geese, turkey, quail, and deer are plentiful in the area for those who enjoy hunting.

For those seeking oddities, Metropolis is the burial place of the Bird Man of Alcatraz and John Marvin Steele, the paratrooper who landed on the church tower in Sainte-Mère-Église, France on D-Day. Metropolis is known for its gaming entertainment and spectacular events that draw visitors from near and far. Harrah’s Metropolis Casino offers gaming entertainment. The annual Superman Celebration, and the ASA Illinois Championship Archery tournament, both in June, and the Fort Massac Encampment in October are three of the biggest events in the entire region.

Visit: www.metropolistourism.com
Superman Cut-outs
These fun and fantastic super hero cut-outs can be found at several stores and businesses around town. Strike a pose, say cheese, and post to @HomeofSuperman on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter! #Metropolis

Super Museum
Superman Square;
517 Market St; 618-524-5518
supermuseum.com
The Super Museum houses thousands of items related to the Mythical Caped Hero from the Big Green Planet. The museum is filled with a $2.5 million collection spanning 60 years, honoring the most famous hero of all time. Museum and gift shop open seven days a week from 9 am – 6 pm. Admission is charged for the museum. Free admission to the gift shop.

Superman Statue
Superman Sq./Market St. & 5th St. This famous 15-foot bronze figure overlooks the uptown area of the city and replaced the original statue in 1993. Visitors enjoy having photos made with this famed “Man of Steel.” Free admission.

MOUND CITY
Civil War Bell
Block 200 and Main St. The bell was used as a lead off bell for the Mississippi Squadron stationed here at the Marine ways during the Civil War. A war trophy, the bell was also used as a school bell.

Historical Marker: Mound City Marine Ways
4th and Main St. The site of the Mississippi Valley Marine Railway and Dock Company. Three ironclad ships were built in these shipyards in 1862, the USS Cairo, the USS Mound City and the USS Cincinnati.

Historical Marker: United States Military Hospital
Block 315 and Main St. A large warehouse was converted to a military hospital in 1861 and staffed during the Civil War by the Sisters of The Holy Cross. Following the Battle of Shiloh, 2200 Union and Confederate wounded were patients here.

Mound City National Cemetery & Visitor Center
Jct. Hwy. 51 and 37 Located on the National Register of Historic Places. A burial place for both Union and Confederate soldiers. 2,759 markers of Union soldiers read “unknown”. One is marked “Confederate Spy.” The walkway is lined with markers inscribed with verses from the famous poem “Bivouac of the Dead.” Soldiers from nearly every war are buried here. The grounds of the cemetery were purchased by the President, pursuant to an act of Congress in 1862. The cemetery was formally dedicated in 1864. A beautiful monument towers majestically from the center of the grounds, which was donated by the State of Illinois and erected in 1874. The Saturday before each Memorial Day an elaborate service is held here. The newly renovated Caretakers Lodge at the Mound City National Cemetery provides Civil War history and area information.

Old Channel Boat Access
South of Mound City off Hwy 51; 618-634-2231 A new 70-foot concrete boat ramp and parking area, is located just south of Mound City off Highway 51. The fishing is good in the old channel of the Cache River, where bluegill, bass, and crappie are caught. Part of the Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge, this access is available to all watercraft with less than 10 horsepower engines.

Old Train Depot & Caboose
Front Street (downtown); 618-521-3216, 618-742-6487, 618-742-8296
Built in 1872, the train service ran until the late 1960s. A caboose that has been completely refurbished sets on the railroad track near the depot. The depot and caboose are both open during special events. For viewing other times, visitors may contact the Olmstead Historical Society, City Hall or the Librarian across the street.

OZARK
Camp Ondessonk
Near Ozark; 877-659-CAMP
ondessonk.com
Camp Ondessonk is a residential youth camp that provides summer camp programs for children ages 8-17 years old. Ondessonk also offers lodging, camping, group retreats, horseback trail rides, corporate retreats, and outdoor education programs for scouts and school groups. The camp is run by the Belleville Diocese.

SIMPSON
Bay Creek Ranch
Rt. 1 Box 189; 618-695-2670 Open year ‘round! Horseman’s campground. Wooded RV & tent sites, restaurant, water, electric, dump station, showers, laundry facilities, restrooms. Guiding, outfitting, stalls & pens available. Hunters welcome! Direct access to the Shawnee National Forest trails. 1 Mile N of Glendale, Routes 145 & 147, 1 mile N on Cedar Grove Church Rd.
PULASKI COUNTY

Nestled between the Shawnee National Forest on the west, and the Ohio River on the east, Pulaski County is rich in river heritage and natural beauty. Highlights of the history include French and U.S. fortifications in the 1700’s and a major role played in the American Civil War in the 1800’s. The past links the present with the preservation of one of the most diverse bioreserves in the nation, the Lower Cache River.

The Lower Cache Basin is home to the Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge and the Cache River State Natural Area. This area includes the Frank Bellrose Waterfowl Reserve, the Lower Cache Access Area and Limekiln Springs Nature Trail. The Nature Conservancy and Ducks Unlimited are joined in the Cache River project.

Thousands of migrating waterfowl have made Pulaski County their winter home making the Cache basin a hunter’s paradise. The Cache River Wetlands Project contains 60,000 acres of beautiful forests and wetlands. This area is a national resource creating prime opportunities for outdoor recreation and enjoyment. Visitors enjoy canoeing down the Cache River among the bald cypress and tupelo gum trees. Hunting, fishing, hiking, and wildlife viewing are also very popular throughout the Cache River area.

Left: The Cache Wetlands offers great opportunities for winter eagle watching, as well as spotting other birds. The Cache River Wetland Center provides resource and identification materials to help you spot eagles and other birds in the area and along the rivers. (page 37)

Everything to Do and See

Dog Hollow Campground
Rt 1, Box 10; 618-647-2270, 618-963-2625
Spectacular trail riding through the Shawnee National Forest. Nice, wide RV sites for a big family or just to have extra room. Water, electricity and sewer on every site. Located Northeast of Delwood, IL - 2 miles off Route 145 on Road #404.

Livin’ Color Farms, Inc.
RR1, Box 221A; 618-695-3570
Full facility broodmare/foal care. Vet on call 24 hours. Open 24 hours year round. Imprinting of foals available. 10x12 stalls, 10x24 broodmare stalls. Turnout and exercise available Overnight stabiling available. We are listed in the ETA nationwide Overnight Stabling Directory. Located east of IL 145 on Glendale Road.

ULLIN (AREA)

Brushy Unit
(Cypress Creek Wildlife Refuge)
I-57, Exit 18; Rd. to Century High School, turn right on Mallard Ln; 618-634-2231

This 320-acre wetland highlights waterfowl, shorebirds, and a diversity of wetland species and provides opportunities for hunting and wildlife observation.

Cache Bayou Outfitters
237 Dean Ln (along the Cache River); 618-201-4090; cachebayououtfitters.com
Canoe rental and tours on the Cache River near Perks.

Cache Boat Ramp
Exit 18, I-57
Come float in Illinois’ Bayou on the Cache River among water tupelo and 1,000-year-old bald cypress with over 701 species of plants and animals. The Cache River is perfect for beginning canoeists and a great way to view wildlife.

Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge
I-57, Exit 18; Shawnee College Rd; Headquarters on Shawnee College Campus; 618-634-2231
Established June 26, 1990, in the southernmost counties of Alexander, Johnson, Pulaski and Union, the Refuge purchase boundary consists of 35,320 acres. A remarkable area for birding, hunting and walking nature trails, he Refuge is part of the Cache River Wetlands project, a joint venture partnership which includes U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, The Nature Conservancy, Illinois Department of Natural Resources and Ducks Unlimited. The Joint Venture partners strive to protect and restore the unique natural features of this area while providing a diversity of recreational opportunities.

Frank Bellrose Waterfowl Reserve
Off Perks Rd; 618-634-2231
Dedicated to internationally-known waterfowl biologist Dr. Bellrose, this 1,000-acre reserve provides important habitat for wood ducks and other waterfowl. Special regulations apply to this area. Please call the Cypress Creek Wildlife Refuge for group access.

Limekiln Slough Trail/Springs
(The Nature Conservancy)
I-57, Exit 18; Cache Chapel Rd; 618-634-2524
Trail features the largest of the Limekiln Springs. See clear cold water flowing a short distance through cypress tree knees into the swamp (unless flooded). One of the several springs that maintain water in the swamp during drought periods and that provide special habitat for uncommon aquatic species.

Lower Cache River Canoe Trail
(Cache River State Natural Area)
Access is between Route 37 & Perks The 3.6 mile canoe trail is marked with international signs and takes the visitor to the Illinois champion bald cypress tree. The Lower Cache River swamp trail leads through the swamp paralleling Cypress Creek. It is an excellent trail for wildlife observation, especially at dusk when the swamp comes alive with nocturnal noises.
GARDEN OF THE GODS OUTPOST

Garden of the Gods and Rim Rock-Pounds Hollow Recreational area are two must see locations on the eastern side of the Shawnee National Forest.

Now open, to enhance the visitor’s experience, is the Garden of the Gods Outpost right at the entrance of Garden of the Gods Road on Karbers Ridge Road. The Outpost is ready to serve you ice cream and to make your visit to Garden of the Gods in the Shawnee National Forest an extra special one! The Outpost offers souvenirs, including shirts, hats, mugs, shot glasses and postcards as well as a variety of snacks and soft drinks to quench your thirst after a day of hiking to spectacular views. Kayak rentals and guided hikes can also be arranged here.

Located right across the street is Shawnee Forest Country’s own sasquatch. You won’t want to miss getting a photo with ‘Sassy’! (see back cover)

facebook.com/gardenofthegod outliers

Every attempt has been made to verify these listings. Please call ahead for directions and hours of operation.

VIENNA
Cache River State Natural Area
4 miles south of Vienna on Rt 45
Totaling 14,791 acres in Johnson, Massac and Pulaski counties. Includes Little Black Slough, dominated by bald cypress and tupelo gum trees, Heron Pond, with a floating boardwalk enabling visitors to “get into the swamp” for wildlife viewing and photography, and Wildcat Bluff which contains trails that offer an overview of the Cache River, its swamps and floodplain forest.

Cedar Lake Campground
2090 Gilead Church Rd; 618-695-2600
cedarlakecampground.net
Family-friendly 168 acre facility with a 25 acre private lake for fishing and 200+ campsites with water and electricity. Bordered on two sides by the Shawnee National Forest we offer immediate access to hundreds of miles of scenic equestrian trails. We are also within easy biking distance from the Tunnel Hill Bike Trail.

Civil War Memorial and Millstones
Public Square.
Located on the lawn of the stately Johnson County Courthouse, ‘The Rebellion’ memorial pays tribute to the 1,364 volunteers who took part in the conflict from 1861-65.

High Meadows Stable
Off Rt. 146, approx. 2 mi E of I-24; 618-658-7681
Quality instruction, teaching and training for hunters and jumpers as well as boarding. Lessons available all year round. The stable also hosts many weekend special events.

The Powell Museum and Research Center
404 West Vine St; 618-995-2068
Home of the Johnson County Genealogical and Historical Society. Offers various displays regarding the life and political career of Paul Powell and displays of the history and genealogy of Johnson County. Open Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 1pm-4 pm. Free admission.

Sandburn Junction
490 Sanburn Ln, Vienna; 618-771-2825
sandburnjunction.com
Bicycle rentals located in old post office and general store, one mile south of the tunnel, right on the Tunnel Hill State trail. Snacks, ice cream, primitive camping sites, green house and nursery. Hours are 8am-7pm in season.

Tunnel Hill State Trail
Rt. 146 in Vienna; 618-658-2168
Bicycling/hiking trail spans 34 scenic miles from Harrisburg to Vienna, with an additional 13 miles connecting Vienna to Karnak. The trail then continues to the site of the IDNR Cache River Wetland Center. This Rails to Trails project is for day-use and offers drinking water, privy toilets and parking at the access areas. The trail surface is compacted limestone screening.

Vienna Community Park
Located on Rt 146, this park is home to a totem pole carved from a 100-year-old cedar tree by Archie Russ. Faces on the pole represent the seven different clans of the Cherokee Nation. The base represents the Cherokee seal, and the flags represent the eight states the historically tragic “Trail of Tears” crossed. Park offers scenic picnic areas and serves as the venue for the annual Car Show held the first weekend of October.

Vienna Farmer’s Make
Every Saturday & Wednesday, 8 am - 2 pm, Vienna Park.

George Rogers Clark Marker
From Vienna, travel South on Rt. 45 approximately 5 miles. Turn right on Belknap Blacktop. 1.2 miles turn left on Foreman Ln. At approximately 1 mile, the marker is on the right near railroad tracks. The marked site of George Rogers Clark’s first encampment after he had captured Fort Massac and on his way to capture Fort Kaskaskia and Fort Cahokia during the Revolutionary War.

VILLA RIDGE
Shiloh Baptist Church
Rt 51; 2 miles west of Villa Ridge
Historical church formed in 1817, one year before Illinois became a state. The congregation built a log structure in 1820 which was used for church services and a school. The existing structure was built in 1869 and is still in use today. Many of the early settlers of Pulaski County are laid to rest in the adjoining cemetery.

WHITEHILL
The Henry N. Barkhausen Cache River Wetlands Center
Jct Hwy 37 & Perks Rd; 618-657-2203
The Wetlands Center contains 2,000 sq. ft. of exhibit area, a 725 sq. ft. audio visual room, 4 offices, lobby with an information station, and a wildlife viewing area that overlooks a wetland created on the north end of the building. The Wetlands Center is linked to the Tunnel Hill State bicycle trail which is 45 miles to Harrisburg, Illinois. There is also a 2,600 ft. handicap hiking trail that has a wildlife viewing mound overlooking the restored wetland of Cypress Creek. Hosts many yearly activities.

Sandburn Junction
Jct Hwy 37 & Perks Rd; 618-657-2203
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Section 8 Woods Nature Preserve
Whitehill, 4 miles south of Cypress on IL Rt 37; 618-634-9678
A 450 ft boardwalk into a true Southern Cypress-Tupelo Swamp, ending with a viewing platform of the state champion water Tupelo tree with a buttress circumference of 22.5 feet.
Drawn by the mighty Ohio River and the lush green forests along her shore, early Europeans settled in these Illinois Ozarks during the late 1700s. Today the quiet hills and river towns beckon visitors for a different kind of vacation. Little changed from the early years, this corner of southeastern Illinois offers a pleasant diversion for travelers seeking the road less traveled. This is a land of natural beauty unequalled anywhere in the state. Surrounded by the Shawnee National Forest, scenic roads guide you along the Ohio River and through rolling hills with mysterious hollows, rocky bluffs, curious rock formations and hardwood forests.
CAVE-IN-ROCK

Cave-In-Rock Free Ferry
Ride the only Illinois ferry crossing the Ohio River and view the lifestyle of our Kentucky Amish neighbors.

Lake Glendale
Off Hwy 145; 618-658-2111, 618-638-8340
80-acre lake with swimming beach, boat launch, fishing, campgrounds, hiking trails, and boat rental. 34 campsites with electric, water and 60 tent sites.

EDDYVILLE

Bear Branch Horse Resort
P.O. Box 40 Located 2 mi N of Eddyville on Rt 145; 618-672-4249 BearBranch.com
Located just above Lusk Creek Canyon. Feed and Tack Store on grounds. 80 campsites w/water, electricity, dump station, air conditioning, shower, restrooms & laundry facilities. Cabins & lodging available. 40 covered stalls for horses. Guided horseback riding on our horses or yours. Reservations recommended.

Bell Smith Springs
Off Hwy. 145; 618-658-2111
Listed on the National Natural Landmarks, this area is known for its cold water springs and the region’s largest natural stone bridge.

Circle B Ranch Horseman’s Campground

Hayes Canyon Campground
Rt. 145 to Eddyville, 1 mile on Main St. Rd; 618-672-4751 hayescanyon.com
Shady sites with water, electricity, sewer, and horse pens (some covered) at your campsite. Clean restrooms and showers. Rental cabin. Wi-fi internet access at camp store. Laundry. Restaurant one mile away. Hunters welcome. Open all year.

Millstone Bluff
Hwy. 147, East of Robbs; 618-658-2111
The site has remained relatively undisturbed because it is perched on a high hill surrounded by an 80-foot high bluff. The Mississippian period village is thought to have been active for 500 years, ending about 500 years ago. The trail leads to a Native American cemetery, remains of a stone wall, and depressions excavated for buildings. The highlights of the site are the petroglyphs (carvings in rock) of a thunder bird, rattlesnake, and corn stalk in bloom.

ELDORADO

Eldorado Old City Hall
Museum
1604 Locust St. 618-273-5538. Open every Saturday from 1-4 pm. Preserving history. Admission is free, accepts donations. Visit us on Facebook.

ELIZABETHTOWN

The Historic Rose Hotel
92 Main St; 618-287-2872, 877-711-7088
This hotel sits peacefully on a bluff overlooking the beautiful Ohio River. Built in 1812, it is the oldest operating hotel in Illinois. This National Historic Site is owned by the State of Illinois and has undergone major renovation.

EQUALITY

276 Art Exchange
142 W Lane St.
High-quality works of art, handmade heritage crafts, local literature, and other items unique to Southern Illinois. Fridays 4-7, Saturday 11-7, Sunday 12-3. Visit us on Facebook.

The Ohio River Visitors Center
618-499-3801
The Ohio River Visitors Center is located on the corner of Lane and Calhoun. It is open seasonally, April through October, daily 10 AM-3 PM and Sundays 12-3 PM.

GOLCONDA

IOOF Cemetery
Albert St. Civil War Heritage site.

Buel House & Davidson Cabin
Columbus St; 618-683-3050
This two-story log house has two rooms on each floor, built in 1837, might possibly be linked to the tragic Trail of Tears.

Burden Falls
Off Hwy 145 near Delwood; 618-658-2111
Visitors can take a short hike to Burden Falls, where water tumbles over rocky falls during the wet season. The falls area is the head of a meandering wilderness stream strewed with cobblestones that adventurous hikers enjoy negotiating.

Crabb-Abott Farm
Hound Ridge Rd; 618-949-3355 First segment of the Trail of Tears in Illinois certified by the National Park Service and recognized by the national Trail of Tears Association.
TECUMSEH was the chief of the Shawnee, who traded in salt and hunted these forests. He had wonderful values, and since the forest is named for his people, we think a visit to his statue at Glen O. Jones Lake is a good first stop. (pg. 57)

GARDEN OF THE GODS is over 320 million years old and covers more than 3,300 acres. You can follow signs from Glen O. Jones Lake to the Garden of the Gods by taking a right turn as you leave the park where you visited Tecumseh, and enjoy the beauty of this under-appreciated lake and park.

CAVE-IN-ROCK – Return to Karber’s Ridge Road (turn left) and proceed to Route 1 (turn right) to the town of Cave-In-Rock. Once there, follow signs to the park that features the cave. You can park high on a bluff overlooking the Ohio River and walk down to the cave, which is a good stone stair workout. If you want a lower impact way into the cave, park at the first parking area before the park, and take the Riverwalk. This is a mostly flat walk around the rocks and on the scenic river for any fitness level.

FREE FERRY – Enjoy a free car ferry ride across the Ohio River from Cave-In-Rock over to Marion, Kentucky and back. The Ferry operates 7 days a week from 6AM to 9:30PM.

CATFISH – From Cave-In-Rock take 146 to Elizabethtown (locals call it “E-Town”). At the foot of the hill and on the Ohio River is a great catfish restaurant called the E-Town River Restaurant 618-287-2333. This place is sometimes called the “catfish barge,” and you will walk a gangplank to enter. The portions are huge, so if you are not big eaters, share one order. You may want to go for the all-you-can-eat catfish dinner. Unfortunately, this great eatery is not open in winter (closes at Thanksgiving).

WINE – Take a left out of The Chocolate Factory parking lot to Route 145. There is an access road to the left, but at the stop sign you will turn right. Continue on 145 to the town of Glendale, and look for the blue signs to Hogg Hollow Winery. Call first: 618-695-WINE. At the far end of Glendale (and it is a very small town), take the last right turn, then again to the right, and look on the left for the vineyard and the Hogg Hollow sign. If you like sweet wines, try Hog Wild or the new strawberry wine. If you prefer dry, try Vintner’s Choice, and there is everything in between. Tastings are free, and you will enjoy the owners, Steven and Debbie Hogg, who will serve cheese and other snacks with the wine.

TRIGG TOWER – Take a right back on 145, but turn to the left at 147 toward Robbs. Just after you see the sign for Robbs, turn right on a gravel road (this is Rushing Road but may not be marked). Continue until the road ends, and turn right (Trigg Tower Road). Just after the turn, Trigg Tower is will be on your right. If it is still light, you can climb the steep tower. It is the last fire observation tower in the country still light, you can climb the steep tower. It is a bit of a right of passage. Many local couples have stolen a kiss on top of Trigg Tower if you dare to follow in their footsteps!
Deer Run Campground
P.O. Box 839; 618-683-8410
State-approved campground open year-round. 22 campsites with electricity, water & sewage at each site. Restrooms and concessions area are extended one hour later on the weekends during the summer. Contact: 618-683-3050.

Corner of Main & Columbus St; 618-683-6702 or 618-683-6246
World's Largest twin navigational locks system. The Smithland Navigation Project is located on the Ohio River at Mile 918.5 (river miles below Point Bridge, Pittsburgh, PA) and 62.5 miles upstream of the confluence of the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. The locks are on the Illinois side of the Ohio River.

Golconda Farmers Market
April through October, Saturday morning 8am - 1pm, Golconda Courthouse lawn.

Golconda Marina
State Rt. 146 N; 618-683-5875
www.golcondamarina.com
The marina, on Lusk Creek at the Ohio River, has 206 slips and full docking facilities. A 2,200-ft. hiking trail goes from the marina park to the Rauchfuss Hill picnic area. Restrooms and concessions area are handicapped-accessible. Groceries and sundries are available at the marina. Hours are 6 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 6 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday through Sunday. Hours are extended one hour later on the weekends during the summer.

Historical Society Museum
Corner of Main & Columbus St; 618-683-3050
Beautifully restored building, which houses many displays of life in Pope County and throughout the area. Be sure to see the tin ceiling and to find the high water mark from the big flood. Sat. 9am-3pm, Sun 1pm-3 pm.

Hogg Hollow Winery
From state Rd 147 go south 1/2 mi on 145 turn East on Old Glendale Rd, go 1/4 mile, Glendale 618-695-WINE (9463) hogg hollow winery.com
Pope County’s first winery, family owned and operated, surrounded by the scenic hills of the Shawnee National Forest and centered in the Shawnee Hills AVA. Planted their first grapes in the spring of 2004, opened the winery in the spring of 2005 built the tasting room and lounge in the fall of 2006.

Lake Glendale Stables
201 A Lake Glendale Rd; 618-949-3737
Hourly to full-day rates. Overnight pack trips. Lunch and/or dinner outings. Group rates - boarding. We will bring horses to your location. Professional guides, beautiful scenery, cool wooded trails, wilderness areas. Open daily - Year round.

Located in Pope County in the Lake Glendale Recreation Area.

Lock and Dam 51
For directions call 618-683-9702. The only tower on the entire Ohio River that is made in the likeness of the Corps symbol. You can walk down the stairs to the river to see where the daily measurements were made. The old stones from the dam are still there.

San Damiano
Be inspired by this place of rest, relaxation, recreation and retreat. Enjoy the peaceful gardens and vistas overlooking the Ohio River.

Smithland Lock & Dam
Approx 20 mi south of Golconda; 618-683-6702 or 618-683-6246
World’s Largest twin navigational locks system. The Smithland Navigation Project is located on the Ohio River at Mile 918.5 (river miles below Point Bridge, Pittsburgh, PA) and 62.5 miles upstream of the confluence of the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. The locks are on the Illinois side of the Ohio River.

War Bluff Valley Wildlife Sanctuary
From Golconda, go north on Illinois Route 146 about 3 miles. Turn left (west) on Bushwack Road (the first gravel road after Eddyville Blacktop). Go 2.5 miles to the sanctuary sign; 618-457-6367.

NOTE: BUSHWACK ROAD HAS ONE AT-GRADE STREAM CROSSING SUBJECT TO WASHING OUT. This wildlife sanctuary is nestled in the uplands of the Shawnee National Forest and supports mature oak-hickory woods, river bottom forests, young forests and old field habitats. More than 530 types of plants, including a rich variety of wildflowers and 20 types of ferns. Ten walking trails or tractor paths give access to all areas of the sanctuary.

HARRISBURG
Ella Elizabeth Hise Museum of Regional Art
Southeastern Illinois College; 618-253-7342
618-695-WINE (9463)
Enjoy visual art works, exhibits, programs, and cultural partnerships that celebrate southern Illinois and the surrounding region.

Saline Creek Pioneer Village and Museum
1600 South Feazel St.; 618-253-7342
This fascinating pioneer village includes the original Saline County Pauper Farm (now a three-story museum), an old jail, an 1859 one-room schoolhouse, the Cain Church, several 1800s log cabins, a barn and country store.

Tecumseh Statue
This statue stands sentinel at the Cave Hill trailhead in the Saline County Fish and Wildlife Area, home to Glen O. Jones Lake. The statue of Tecumseh is one of only three known and is the only bronze likeness.

Williams Hill Pass OHV/ATV Park
1935 Peak Rd; 618-252-6978 Office 618-525-6061 Cell
williamshillpass.com
Williams Hill Pass offers off-highway vehicle (OHV) riding opportunities for all ages and riding abilities. Surrounded by a beautiful atmosphere and the Shawnee National Forest.

JUNCTION
Double M Campground
5320 Thacker Hollow Rd;
618-275-4440
Exceptional trail riding in the Shawnee Forest. Campground features cabins and a restaurant.

OLD SHAWNEETOWN
5-Column Bank at Old Shawneetown
Home of the first state chartered bank in Illinois. The bank was opened in 1840. Salt production from the Salines and land sales were the driving forces behind the accumulation of wealth in the then thriving river town. The 1937 Ohio River Flood caused the majority of the town’s residents to move to New Shawneetown. Stains from that flood can still be seen just below the base of the top story windows. The Illinois Historic Preservation Agency has been restoring the building since the 1970’s.

The Marshall House
618-269-3716
The first bank in Illinois Territory is located along the levee in Old Shawneetown. Merchant John Marshall recognized the need for a safe haven for the money carried by the salt traders from the Salines. Salt, the first industry in Illinois, was an extremely lucrative one. In 1816 the bank had a capital of $300,000. At one point a guard slept over the trap door which led to a barrel in the basement where the money was stored. In 1838 the board of directors refused a $5,000 loan to Chicago saying that it was too far from Shawneetown to ever amount to anything. Visit the museum to see a copy of legal $3.00 and $7.00 bills issued by the bank and the vault later used by the bank. The reconstructed bank is open Sundays 1-4 pm from Mother’s Day to the end of October.
GALLATIN COUNTY

Gallatin County started off with salt processing at the Saline Spring and Half Moon Lick. The salt industry became a primary industry of the county and the state. When Illinois entered the Union in 1818 it was to enter the Union as a free state as established by the Northwest Ordinance. An exception to the exclusion of slavery was made in the Illinois Constitution for the area known as the Gallatin Salines. The growing new state needed the revenue from the salt wells.

By 1812 the federal government had created the Shawneetown Land Office. Gallatin County was officially organized that year. It was the second county in the state after St. Clair county. Out of the county grew the present day counties of Saline, White, Franklin, Hamilton, Hardin, and parts of Pope and Williamson.

After the 1937 flood of the Ohio River, Shawneetown was moved to a new location. Property there was recorded by Johnathan Boone, a brother of Daniel Boone. By the time Illinois became a state in 1818 the county was booming, it was the point of entry into the new land. The Ohio river provided easy access to this “Wild West.”

For more information phone 618-499-380 or visit our website www.discoversoutheasternil.com.

MOREL MUSHROOMS
The Hunt and Harvest in Shawnee Forest Country

Have you ever wondered where Morel mushrooms grow? There are some fantastic hunting spots right here in Southernmost Illinois. They can be found around dead Elms, Poplar trees, Old Ash and Apple trees, and various other places. They love rain and cool nights followed by warmer temperatures, which makes April a great month to find them.

Morels in the gourmet world are considered a delicacy. The Morel mushroom comes in several different varieties. The most common, seems to be the yellow Morel followed by the gray Morel. These mushrooms can appear as early as March and have been spotted through the month of May, but April is generally the best month. They can appear to grow overnight, so a good site can produce Morels over and over again during a season.

Giant City Visitor Center offers books for sale about mushroom hunting, and has programs in April that focus on Mushroom hunting. Call 618-457-4836.

Join Flyway Family Farms for the Makanda Mushroom Festival at Camp Manitowa at Cedar Point in April, and again in October for mushroom educational classes, workshops and other activities.

Morels should never be eaten raw because of a natural toxin they produce. They have evil cousins called false Morels, which can be toxic and poisonous. On your first hunt, make sure to go with an experienced Morel hunter and carry a good Morel identification book. If you are uncertain whether it is a Morel or not, leave it be.

Internationally known Chef Lasse Sorensen, owner of Tom’s Place Fine Dining will be serving up some of these delicacies in April at his restaurant in De Soto, IL. If you’ve never had a chance to try these delicious mushrooms, make a reservation for the Morel dinner at Tom’s Place.
Experience the scenic wonders of the Illinois Ozarks

www.illinoisozarks.com

Attractions and activities in area include hiking, fishing, hunting, swimming, biking, horseback riding, mountain biking, canoeing and an abundance of beautiful scenery:

- Garden of the Gods
- Rim Rock Trail
- Pounds Hollow Lake
- Cave-in-Rock State Park
- Burden Falls
- Jackson Falls
- Bell Smith Springs
- Glen O Jones Lake
- Hill Knob
- Lusk Creek
- Iron Furnace
- Dixon Springs
- Tower Rock
- American Discovery Trail
- American Fluorite Museum
- Chief Tecumseh Memorial
- Dixon Springs State Park
- Ky Amish Country
- Lake Glendale
- Lake Tecumseh

- Ohio River Free Ferry
- Ohio River Scenic Byway
- Old Shawneetown
- Old Stone Face
- One Horse Gap
- Pioneer Village
- Harrisburg
- River to River Trail
- Rose Hotel Historic Site
- Rosiclare River Walk
- Shawnee Hills Scenic Byway
- Shawnee National Forest
- Tunnel Hill Bike Trail
- Whoopie Cat Lake

Lodging

Timber Ridge Outpost & Cabins
Karber's Ridge
618-264-9091
TimberRidgeOutpost.com

Rim Rock's Dogwood Cabins
Karber's Ridge
618-264-6036
rimrocksdogwoodcabins.com

Historic Rose Hotel
Elizabethtown
618-287-2872
historicrosehotel.net

Cedar Hill River Resort
Elizabethtown
618-308-2146
cedarhillriverresort.com

Cave-In-Rock State Park Lodge
Cave-In-Rock
618-289-4545
caveinrockkaylors.com

Shawnee Forest Cabins
Karber's Ridge
618-751-9926
shawneeforestcabins.com

Hilltop Hideaway
Herod
618-527-6171 . 618-841-4008
hilltophideawaylogcabinresort.com
Drawn by the mighty Ohio River and the lush green forests along her shore, early Europeans settled in these Illinois Ozarks during the late 1700s. Today the quiet hills and river towns beckon visitors for a different kind of vacation. Little changed from the early years, this corner of southeastern Illinois offers a pleasant diversion for travelers seeking the road less traveled. She may truly represent one of Illinois’ most amazing areas.

Tired of driving? Hike our many trails, go for a swim in the ‘ol swimming hole, ride horseback, fish for the one that didn’t get away, picnic in one of our many parks, explore treasures in antique shops, enjoy the breathtaking vistas of nature, bike ride, or watch a river barge work its way against current. You can also ride the only remaining Illinois Ferry operating the Ohio River.

Do you enjoy history? Retrace the steps of Davy Crockett. Learn of pirates and counterfeiters … and murder. See an old Illinois Iron Furnace from the 1800s. Collect a bit of fluorspar, the Illinois state mineral. From historic caves to stately mansions, the historic river towns are full of surprises.

Here the hills and hollows are reminders of earlier days … where families span generations, the neighborhoods make you feel welcome, and the pace can be your own.

With the beautiful backdrop of the Shawnee National Forest, all seasons lure outdoor enthusiasts to Southern Illinois for fishing, hiking, backpacking, mountain biking and more extreme sports such as zip lining and rock climbing.

Located in the Shawnee National Forest, Jackson Falls offers arguably the best rock climbing in southern Illinois. There are roughly 60 climbing areas along the sandstone bluffs and freestanding boulders, each with multiple named routes on them. There are over 500 named routes in all. Most of the routes are 50-60 feet in height. The whole area sits in a very scenic glen. There are also many excellent bouldering opportunities here.

Nestled on a hillside near Pomona, IL, the Holy Boulders is a world-class climbing area offering classic lines of all grades on perfectly textured sandstone.

Southernmost Illinois is a natural draw because it has the highest density of quality stone, making it the climbing capital of the state.

Giant City State Park is home to a beautiful assortment of climbs for beginners and pros alike. At Shelter 1, a short hike gains you access to the historic bluff line with dozens of climbs. The Devils Standtable provides yet another series of vertical challenges for visitors. Many established paths up the cliff face or “routes” are studded with subtle steel bolts, installed by the Illinois Climbers Association, offering safe anchors for the ascent. Many come for the physical and mental challenge, others to experience the wonder of nature. As climbing continues to grow, more people will come to know Giant City as not just an outdoor playground, but a place where their passion finds a home.

Touch of Nature Environmental Center near Makanda, IL has opportunities for all ability levels. “We’ve had folks from 8 to 80 years old come out to rock climb with us,” Touch of Nature Program Director Erik Oberg said. “Most people we provide programs for are new to climbing, so we provide a fun, safe introduction to this high adventure activity.”

Because the staff at Touch of Nature works year-round, they have experienced climbs through the region’s various seasons. To learn more about outdoor adventure programs, visit https://ton.siu.edu/ (pg. 17).
The Shawnee Challenge

 Traverse the terrain of the Shawnee National Forest in ways that you prefer.

 - Bike Riding
 - Hiking
 - Canoeing
 - Horseback Riding
 - and more

 Take the challenge. Sign up at ShawneeChallenge.com

 The challenge is free.
Garden of the Gods

One of the most photographed locations in the Midwest, featuring magnificent rock formations overlooking hills and valleys in the Garden of the Gods Wilderness area. Accessible by a paved observation trail. The iconic Camel Rock is featured on the Illinois Quarter of the America the Beautiful quarter series.

Old Stone Face

Saline County’s own iconic “old man on the mountain.” Located on a scenic bluff overlooking the Saline River Valley. Accessible by foot trail from parking area.

Sahara Woods State Fish & Wildlife Area

A hunting and fishing gem located on 4,100 acres of woods with numerous lakes and ponds located north of Carrier Mills. A sportsman’s paradise.

Saline Creek Pioneer Village and Museum

A pioneer village with authentic log cabins moved from their original locations, a log thrashing barn, one room school house, church and other building, including a re-created pioneer block house. It is also the site of the Saline County Historical Society’s museum housed in the former “County Pauper House.” The building is on the Nation Register of Historic Places.

Glen O. Jones Lake

Located in the Saline County State Fish & Wildlife Area. 105 acre lake with fishing, hunting, boating, tent and trailer camping, hiking and other outdoor activities. A life size bronze statue of the Shawnee Chief Tecumseh is also located at the lake.

City of Harrisburg

County seat and a regional shopping center with stores, restaurants and lodging to meet the needs of any tourist. Home of Shawnee National Forest Headquarters, Saline Creek Pioneer Village and Museum, and Saline County Genealogy Society Library. Harrisburg is the northern trail head of the Tunnel Hill State Bicycle Trail stretching 45 miles from Harrisburg to Karnak.
Welcome to Saline County and Southeastern Illinois, Garden of the Gods Country. This area is rich in recreation, scenic attractions, and pioneer history. While here, visit Garden of the Gods, Saline Creek Pioneer Village and Museum (circa 1840), the only Bronze Statue of Tecumseh at Glen O. Jones Lake, the Stone Face, and fascinating woodland hideaways in the Shawnee Forest. Every highway in this area is a scenic drive in itself. There are true stories, hard to imagine around every curve, and plenty of natural beauty. Visit one of the best kept secrets in the Midwest...or even the United States. www.visitsalinecounty.com

**Sahara Woods State Fish & Wildlife Area**

Sahara Woods, a portion of the Saline County Fish and Wildlife Area, is a hunting and fishing gem nestled in the woods just north of Carrier Mills. The 4,001-acre property was donated to Illinois Department of Natural Resources by Sahara Coal Company in 1998 and after an extensive reclamation program was opened to the public on July 7, 2011. The site has numerous lakes and ponds; Sahara offers a little of something to appeal to any angler.

The two largest lakes, Sahara and Final Cut comprise 100 and 20 acres respectively, but with over 275 acres of total waters there are many small but productive ponds accessible only by foot.

Sahara and Final Cut lakes are both equipped with boat launches, piers and bathroom facilities. Swimming is not allowed in any lake or pond on the site. All the lakes and ponds are open to boats, canoes, kayaks, and angling tubes meeting state regulations with the stipulation that vehicles are not used to back up to the edges of lakes and ponds to launch watercraft.

Catfish, crappie, bass, bluegill and red-ear can be found in the waters of Sahara Woods with catfish restocked regularly. A very good way to get an overview of the locations of lakes and ponds is to use a satellite or aerial imaging application which provides aerial photos of Sahara Woods.

Sahara Woods is open for archery deer hunting, firearm doe hunting, upland game hunting, turkey and fur bearer hunting in season. In November, half the park briefly closes and is reserved for a special deer hunt for terminally-ill youth.

Sahara Woods boasts a plentiful deer and turkey population, as well as numerous flocks of Quail.

Mushroom picking, hiking, and picnicking are allowed, though as yet there are no picnic facilities available. Sahara Woods is well worth a visit and whether visitors are fishing, hunting or just observing wildlife they will experience a very nice taste of rural Southern Illinois.
Both are located just off Karbers Ridge blacktop 30 minutes from Harrisburg. Garden of the Gods consists of spectacular overlooks and views of unusual rock formations. Camel Rock is featured on the Illinois quarter of the America the Beautiful Quarter series. Garden of the Gods has been listed in “USA Today” as one of “Ten Great Places to Get Nature on Film.” There are two main trail systems. The “Observation Trail” is a .25 mile stone path featuring some of the most well known formations. The view of the 3300 acres of beautiful old growth forest from this trail is breathtaking. Sunsets are especially beautiful. This interpretive trail features interesting history about the geology of this area. The Wilderness area is over 320 million years old. The sediment rock in this area is over 4 miles deep and the fractured bedrock has created some interesting rock formations that represent various objects.

While not as well known as Garden of the Gods, Rim Rock/Pounds Hollow Recreational area is just as awe inspiring in its own way and consists of a wonderfully scenic trail of exceptional beauty and historic values. To early settlers this unique formation was known as “the Pounds” an old English term meaning “enclosure”. The trail leads past remnants of a stone wall built by prehistoric Native Americans, an observation platform and steps descending through huge rock formations, narrow rock passageways via stone steps to the floor below. Ox Lot Cave, at the bottom, is a massive rock overhang where 19th century loggers kept their oxen and horses. At the back of the overhang is a natural spring which never goes dry. Continue hiking to the beautiful 28 acre forest lake known as Pounds Hollow Lake, or through massive sandstone canyons back to the top of the escarpment. This area is known for its spectacular show of spring woodland flowers along both its upper and lower trails. The upper trail is paved and less strenuous for hikers. The lower trail has a dirt surface and leads along the base of the bluffs before looping back to the parking lot.
Here is a sampling of some festivals and events in the area. For more area events see: southernmostillinois.com/events

FEBRUARY
Maple Syrup Festival and Pancake Breakfast at Touch of Nature
618-453-1121
ton.siu.edu

MARCH
Shawnee Hills Wine Trail - Wine & Food Pairing Weekend
shawneewinetrail.com
St. Patrick’s Day Festival
murphysborochamber.com

APRIL
Easter Sunrise Service
618-893-2344
baldknobcross.com
River to River Relay (From Mississippi River to Ohio River)
http://rrr.olm.net/

MAY
Blessing of the Bikes
618-201-3229
baldknobcross.com
Bless Fest - Alto Vineyards
altovineyards.net
Memorial Day Celebrations - Equality
discoversoutheasternil.com

JUNE
Annual Annabelle Festival
618-833-6311
unioncounty.biz
ASA Pro/Am Archery Tournament
618-524-2714
Massiac Marines - Fort Massac
618-524-9321
Super Car Show
800-949-5740
Superman Celebration - Uptown Metropolis
618-524-2714
supermancelebration.net
U-Pick Lavender at Shawnee Hills Lavender Farm
618-534-4659
Shawneehillslavender@gmail.com

JULY
Freedom Fest - Goreville Park
618-995-2157
http://gorevillefreedomfest.com/

AUGUST
Shawnee Hills Wine Trail - Wine & Food Pairing Weekend
shawneewinetrail.com
Cobden Peach Festival
618-893-2425
Union County Fair
https://www.unioncountyfair.net/

SEPTEMBER
Annual Shrimp Festival - Golconda
618-683-6246
mainstreetgolconda.org
Frontier Day - Cave in Rock
www.hardincountyil.org
Praise the Lard Murphysboro Barbecue Cook-off
618-684-8902
eat17bbq.com
Murphysboro Apple Festival
murphysboro.com
Super City Brew Fest
metropolistourism.com

OCTOBER
Annual Fort Massac Encampment
618-524-4712
Fluorspar Festival - Rosiclare
hardincountyil.org
Kincaid Mounds Archaeology Field Day
kincaidmounds.com

NOVEMBER
Anna Arts Center Holiday Bazaar
618-833-6525
Christmas in Downtown Anna
facebook.com/Annaillinois
Holiday Open Houses along the Shawnee Hills Wine Trail
shawneewinetrail.com
Reindeer Run 5K
vabchlee@gmail.com
Shawnee Hills Wine Trail - Wine & Food Pairing Weekend
shawneewinetrail.com
Veterans Day Parade - Anna
618-833-5182.

DECEMBER
‘Christmas in the Village’ - Cobden
618-893-2425
southernmostillinois.com
P.A.S.T. Presents “Carols at Early Candlelight”
618-833-9441 or 618-833-6989
pastonline.org
Massiac Marines - Fort Massac
618-524-9321

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# Where to Stay

## ACCOMMODATIONS

**Accommodation Types:**
- B = Bed & Breakfasts
- C = Cabins/Cottages
- H = Hotels/Motels
- L = Lodges
- V = Vacation Rental

**Symbols:**
- Internet
- Wheelchair Access
- Pet Friendly
- Child Friendly

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MOUNTAIN BIKING IS GROWING IN SHAWNEE FOREST COUNTRY

Mountain bike enthusiasts are always on the lookout for great trails, and the terrain in Southern Illinois is perfect for the sport. Bikers now have access to 19 miles of trail between Lake Glendale Recreation Area and Dixon Springs State Park, which now has a dual designation for mountain bike use as well as hiking. This trail system consists of sixteen miles on the Shawnee National Forest and three miles in the Dixon Springs State Park. The system includes the popular Lake Trail around Lake Glendale whose designation has been changed from hiker-only to hiker/bicycle use. Mountain bike enthusiasts can access the trail system in Lake Glendale Recreation Area at Cardinal Bay Boat Launch and Pine Point Picnic Area and at trailheads in Dixon Springs State Park. (pg. 47)

Construction is underway on a 30-mile trail system for mountain biking, hiking, running and other uses at the Touch of Nature Environmental Center near Makanda, IL. (10 miles already in use) From beginners to advanced riders and walkers, the new trail system will appeal to all, and offer a unique opportunity to explore beautiful Shawnee Forest Country. The bike trails include 10 miles of beginner (green) and more difficult (blue) traditional and mountain bike optimized trails which include lake views, creek crossings and gently rolling forest. They are an interconnected system of trails, providing access from a new trailhead at the main entrance outwards. (pg. 17)
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