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Welcome to Effingham, where the journey feels as good as the destination. Conveniently located at the **CROSSROADS** of Interstates 57 and 70, Effingham has long been a place where paths meet. But what you'll discover here is more than convenience - it's a community built on connection, creativity and a genuine sense of welcome.

There's something special about the way life unfolds here. Maybe it's the warmth of Midwestern hospitality that greets you at every door, or the pride poured into locally owned shops and restaurants. It could be the stories woven into our history or the entrepreneurial spirit that continues to shape what's next. Around here, small businesses aren't just places to visit... They're the **HEART** of the experience.

You'll taste that passion in every bite, from thoughtfully crafted, farm-to-table meals at **FIREFLY GRILL** to local favorites that have become traditions in their own right. You'll feel it in the energy of a live performance at the **EFFINGHAM PERFORMANCE CENTER** and in the conversations shared over a drink at **WHEAT PENNY BAR** in **DOWNTOWN EFFINGHAM**. And you'll see it in the details: the makers, the doers and the dreamers who bring Effingham to life each day.

Whether you're passing through - or planning to **STAY AWHILE** - we invite you to slow down, look around and make yourself at home. Because it's not just about where you're going... it's about how you feel while you're here.

We're so glad you found your way to Effingham.

Safe travels,

JODI THOELE

Director of Tourism
Visit Effingham



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24 CAN'T-MISS EVENTS

Moccasin Creek Festival at Lake Sara
Photo by Astrid Johana Photography



EFFINGHAM RESTAURANT WEEK
April 13 - 19, 2026

MOCCASIN CREEK FESTIVAL
June 18 - 21, 2026

**DOWNTOWN EFFINGHAM'S
MOVIE NIGHT**
June 19, 2026

**MID AMERICA MOTORWORKS'
VOLKSWAGEN FUNFEST**
June 20, 2026

LAKE SARA FIREWORKS
July 3, 2026

**CITY OF EFFINGHAM
4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS**
July 4, 2026

EFFINGHAM ARTISAN FAIR
July 10 & 11, 2026

**11TH ANNUAL
EFFINGHAM-JAM BBQ COOKOFF**
July 17, 2026

HAM CITY JAM SKATE COMPETITION
July 18, 2026

**FIREFLY GRILL'S 20TH
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**
July 18, 2026

EFFINGHAM COUNTY FAIR
August 1 - 8, 2026

HOBNOB HARVEST MARKET
September 4 - 5, 2026

**45TH ANNUAL
MILL ROAD THRESHERMAN SHOW**
September 10 - 13, 2026

EFFINGHAM CRUISE NIGHT
September 11 - 12, 2026

SUMMER SUNDOWN MUSIC FESTIVAL
September 11 - 13, 2026

**MID AMERICA MOTORWORKS'
CORVETTE FUNFEST**
September 19, 2026

EFFINGHAM HOMECOMING PARADE
September 20, 2026

HAM CITY FALL FEST
October 17, 2026

**DOWNTOWN EFFINGHAM'S
TRICK-OR-TREAT**
October 24, 2026

**EFFINGHAM SUNRISE ROTARY'S
ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARADE**
October 25, 2026

**WALKING THROUGH WONDERLAND:
A VISIT EFFINGHAM EXPERIENCE**
November 25, 2026

**DOWNTOWN EFFINGHAM'S
HOMETOWN CHRISTMAS**
November 28, 2026

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY
November 28, 2026

**THELMA KELLER CONVENTION CENTER'S
35TH ANNUAL BRIDAL EXPO**
January 10, 2027

*For A Full Listing Of Local Events,
Please Scan the QR Code, Below:*



DEFINE YOUR GETAWAY



Firefly Grill
Photo by Rachel Kawate

THE CROSS

Rising 19 feet above the Midwestern landscape, The Cross at the Crossroads is a striking landmark located at the intersection of Interstates 57 and 70 in Effingham. Nearly **19 MILLION TRAVELERS** pass this powerful symbol of faith each year, many choosing to stop and experience the peaceful campus designed for reflection, prayer and inspiration.

Visitors can walk the expanding "Life of Jesus Pathway," a **BEAUTIFULLY LANDSCAPED** concrete trail featuring life-size bronze statues that portray meaningful moments from Christ's life - from His birth and ministry to His sacrifice and resurrection. The campus also includes a Ten Commandments display surrounding the base of the Cross as well as bench seating and reflection areas.

Inside the Welcome Center, guests can explore the chapel, watch a short film about the Cross's construction and history, and browse a selection of Christian gifts and keepsakes including wooden crosses, apparel, blankets, bracelets, ornaments, pens, journals, bookmarks, water bottles and much more. Visitors and community members are invited to support the ongoing mission and campus expansion through tax-deductible donations, helping ensure that this **INSPIRING DESTINATION** continues to welcome travelers for generations to come. Learn more at www.crossusa.org and follow The Cross in Effingham on social media.

The Cross campus hosts community events throughout the year, including Good Friday and Easter sunrise services, concerts and seasonal open houses. The Cross grounds are always open, and the Welcome Center is staffed by volunteers from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., daily.

217.347.2846

1900 Pike Avenue, Exit 159





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firefly grill

20 YEARS

Firefly Grill is an **AWARD-WINNING**, eco-friendly roadhouse on the shores of Lake Kristie, celebrating **20 YEARS** of culinary excellence, and continuing the celebration all throughout 2026, culminating in a special Anniversary Bash this July!

Chef Niall Campbell and his wife, Kristie, own and operate this oasis of farm to table cuisine in the heart of the Midwest.

Firefly's ever-changing menu boasts fresh, sustainable seafood, prime steaks, brick-oven pizzas and soulful, American-fresh cuisine. Firefly is so passionate about sourcing the best ingredients that they grow many themselves in their **ON-SITE BEYOND ORGANIC FARM**. What they can't grow themselves, they source locally from artisan farmers and foragers. A made-from-scratch, additive-free kids menu is available, as well, with healthy, organic choices to pair with favorites like mac-n-cheese and free-range, local chicken fingers. Firefly, additionally, offers group tours and cooking demonstrations, and their private rooms and beautiful grounds make this the perfect place for special events... *especially weddings!*

Firefly Grill is also dog-friendly, so pets can join their families for lunch on the porch or for a walk around the lake to stretch their legs.

INDOOR + OUTDOOR SEATING is available to those who desire a waterfront view; clients travel for miles just to feed Firefly's famous Koi fish!

Reservations are recommended, but not required, and are available by phone or online at www.ffgrill.com/reservations.

217.342.2002
1810 Ave. of Mid America, Exit 160



JOHN BOOS & CO.

Factory Showroom & Outlet

Known for their **BOOS BLOCKS** cutting boards crafted of solid quality American Hardwoods (maple, walnut and cherry), John Boos products can be seen on major cooking shows, including Chopped, Masterchef and The Kitchen, and they are used by chefs and celebs such as Bobby Flay, Gordon Ramsay, Alton Brown, Alex Guarnaschelli, Giada De Laurentiis, Michael Symon, Ina Garten, Jet Tila, Drew Barrymore, Kylie Jenner and many more.

John Boos & Co. is a leader in manufacturing butcher block prep surfaces for celeb chefs and **FOODIES** (cutting boards, butcher blocks, countertops, kitchen carts and prep tables), as well as custom fabricated stainless steel equipment for the food service industry (chef counters, compartment sinks, work tables and more). John Boos is the only company in the U.S. that has a wood and metal facility on location. The company has been in continuous business since 1887 and is the **"OLDEST INDUSTRY IN EFFINGHAM."**

The John Boos Factory Showroom & Outlet is a must-visit where one can buy the same products the **PROS** use. Their cutting boards can also be engraved for wedding or corporate gifts. The store is open to the public from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays. Closed on Sundays.

Customers can also order select John Boos products online through the online store for the Factory Showroom & Outlet at www.johnboos.com.

217.347.7790

1703 Ave. of Mid America, Exit 160



NATIONAL, REGIONAL + LOCAL PERFORMERS take the stage at the Effingham Performance Center! The EPC is a not-for-profit theater operated by the Arts Connection of Central Illinois and hosts a wide variety of programs each year.

With 1,518 seats, the auditorium has outstanding sight lines, comfortable seating and **EXCELLENT ACOUSTICS** making every live performance enjoyable. Enjoy a wide variety of refreshments from the concessions counter and the fully-stocked bar as you take in the show.

MORE THAN 30 PERFORMANCES are presented each season, featuring genres such as Country, Rock, Contemporary, Comedy, Dance, Bluegrass and Family-friendly.

A few of this past season's nationally recognized acts include Tracy Lawrence, Theresa Caputo, Lonestar, Chris Janson, Rodney Carrington, Aaron Lewis and Pauly Shore. Complete show information and a list of upcoming events can be found on the Effingham Performance Center's website, www.the-epc.org.

Tickets may be purchased online at www.ticketmaster.com/epc or by calling 217.540.2788... See you at a show!

217.540.2788
1325 Outer Belt West, Exit 160



for the GEARHEADS



LEGACY HARLEY-DAVIDSON

Legacy Harley-Davidson is more than a place to shop - it's a destination that draws motorcycle enthusiasts from across the region to Effingham. Conveniently located just off I-57 and I-70, Legacy's Harley Barn offers a unique experience in the location, alone, but also features new and pre-owned motorcycles, along with apparel, parts and Harley-Davidson gear. It's a must-stop for riders and road trippers alike.

Throughout the year, Legacy also hosts a variety of events that bring the motorcycle community together, adding to the energy and experience of every visit.

For more information or to shop online, visit www.legacyhd.com. The Harley Barn is open Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

217.342.3494
1315 Althoff Drive, Exit 162



**MID AMERICA
MOTORWORKS**

Pursue your passion here

Mid America Motorworks has been a **FAMILY-OWNED** destination for Corvette and Air-Cooled Volkswagen enthusiasts since 1974. Known for its extensive selection of parts and accessories, it's also a must-visit stop for **CAR LOVERS** passing through Effingham.

Visitors are invited to explore the Mid America Motorworks campus, home to the Corporate Office, MY Garage Museum & Retail Store, Parts Warehouse and the **ICONIC** 1910 Gas Station. The museum and retail store - now located within the corporate office - features a standout collection of Corvettes and Volkswagens, along with vintage memorabilia, from neon signs to antique gas pumps.

Throughout the year, the campus **COMES TO LIFE** with events, including the long-standing Corvette Funfest and Air-Cooled Volkswagen Funfest celebrations, as well as smaller gatherings that welcome both enthusiasts and the local community.

Whether you're a lifelong collector or simply curious, Mid America Motorworks offers a unique stop that blends automotive history, nostalgia and small-town hospitality. Find more information at www.mamotorworks.com.

217.540.4200
2800 North 3rd Street, Exit 162





FOR THE THRILL SEEKERS

Looking to jump into something fun? **THE ARENA TRAMPOLINE PARK** delivers with trampolines, obstacle courses, dodgeball, and more – all under one roof! It's an easy win for families, groups or anyone wanting to **STAY ACTIVE** while having a blast.

Bonus: it's also a favorite for birthday parties and celebrations. Find more information, including hours and pricing at www.thearenatrampolinepark.com.

217.500.9472
2300 S. Raney Street, Exit 159



EFFINGHAM AXE THROWING

Step up and take your best shot at Effingham Axe Throwing, a unique experience that's equal parts thrill and **FRIENDLY COMPETITION**. Whether you're planning a date night or a group outing, this downtown spot offers a fun, safe environment for beginners and seasoned throwers alike. Learn more or book your lane at www.effinghamaxe.com.

217.344.9827
306 South 4th Street, Ste. B, Exit 159

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221 W. Jefferson Ave., Exit 159
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FILL YOUR CUP...



Village Wine + Spirits
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VILLAGE WINE & SPIRITS

Village Wine & Spirits offers the area's largest and finest selection of premium wines, spirits and **LUXURY** beers at competitive prices. Whether you're looking to discover a new favorite bottle, enjoy a classic cocktail or savor a luxury beer, Village Wine has something for every palate. Enjoy your drink of choice at their full-service bar or - on a nice night - at a table with a **ROOFTOP VIEW** of Downtown Effingham.

Village Wine is open Monday and Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to midnight, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 a.m. and Sunday, noon to 7 p.m. For more information, or to view their calendar of events, visit www.effinghamvillagewine.com.

217.347.0477
109 S. Banker Street, Exit 159



TUSCAN HILLS WINERY



Established in July 2011, by Wes and Wanda Pitcher, Tuscan Hills Winery is a beautiful winery with an **OLD-WORLD TUSCAN FEEL**.

Enjoy tasting any of their **DIVERSE** selection of wines with help from their knowledgeable staff. As everyone's sensitivities to the smells and tastes of wines are different, the staff is trained to help guests compare the subtle differences in each wine until they find a favorite!



If wine isn't for you, Tuscan Hills also offers an excellent variety of sangrias, wine slushies, craft & domestic beers, cocktails and mocktails! **HAND-CRAFTED PIZZAS, STUFFED BREADS, CHARCUTERIE BOARDS + DESSERTS** are served all day.

Relax on their outdoor patio - perfect for enjoying a glass of wine with friends or simply taking in the view. Tuscan Hills also hosts a variety of events, many of which take place in their adjacent Stellar Cellar, a space ideal for private parties and larger gatherings.

Tuscan Hills is a **FAMILY-FRIENDLY AND PET-FRIENDLY** winery where you are invited to "come as our guest, leave as our friend."

Visit www.effinghamwinery.com for a list of upcoming events, full food menu and wine selection for shipping.

Hours:

Monday - Thursday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.
Sunday, 1 to 7 p.m.

217.347.WINE (9463)
2200 Historic Hills Drive, Exit 162



INDULGE IN LOCAL FLAVORS



CHINA EXPRESS

112 S. Banker St., Exit 159

China Express offers a delicious array of authentic Chinese dishes, with favorites like General Tso's chicken and flavorful fried rice. Known for its quick service and convenient downtown location, it's the perfect spot to grab take-out for a cozy date night in!

217.347.0304

<https://chinaexpresseffingham.com>

What to order here: Traditional Beef + Broccoli with a side of Crab Rangoon to share.

FIREFLY GRILL

1810 Ave. of Mid America, Exit 160

Firefly boasts a soulful, seasonal menu created with herbs and vegetables from their on-site, beyond-organic farm. Ingredients they don't grow or find locally are sourced from sustainable purveyors who care for them as ardently.

217.342.2002

www.ffgrill.com

What to order here: Anything in-season, as long as it comes straight out of the garden!

GABBY GOAT AMERICAN PUB & GRILL

303 E. Fayette Ave., Exit 159

Gabby Goat is a premier restaurant and sports bar, serving steaks, burgers, wraps, gourmet hot dogs, horseshoes, nachos and more. Their mission? To provide guests with the "Greatest Of All Times." Eat, drink & get your goat on!

217.342.4628

www.gabbygoat.com

What to order here: Turn up the heat! Try the "Flaming Goat" Burger.

JOE'S PIZZA & PASTA

115 E. Jefferson Ave., Exit 159

Joe's Pizza and Pasta is a hometown favorite serving fine Italian dishes, including pizza, pasta, submarine sandwiches, desserts and more. Enjoy delicious homemade sauces crafted with the Trupiano family's secret recipes.

217.347.JOES (5637)

www.orderjoes.com

What to order here: "The Lunch Special"... A personalized pizza, salad + drink, made to order.

JOE SIPPERS CAFE

114 S. 4th St., Exit 159

Enjoy a hand-brewed coffee or tea, or perhaps, a freshly-baked treat! The Joe Sippers team makes, bakes and creates what they can with quality ingredients like local stone-ground flour, local free-range eggs, all-natural deli meats and lofty portions of nutritious produce. Stop in and enjoy your cafe experience at Joe Sippers Cafe!

217.347.CAFE (2233)

www.joesippers.com

What to order here: The Santa Fe Wrap, a perennial favorite, paired with an Iced Matcha Latte.

LUCIA'S ITALIAN KITCHEN

400 W. Clark St., Exit 159

From brick oven pizzas to beautiful pastas and salads, unforgettable gelato, indulgent apps and more... Lucia's is the place to experience fresh, modern and authentic Italian cuisine in an open-concept kitchen.

217.207.0226

<https://luciasik.com>

What to order here: The Deconstructed Grilled Cheese appetizer and a seasonal pizza to share.

NIEMERG'S STEAKHOUSE

1410 W. Fayette Ave., Exit 159

Niemerg's Steakhouse & The Brass Rail Lounge is a locally-owned, independent restaurant that has served countless customers for more than 35 years. Enjoy their made-from-scratch entrees, salad bar and baked goods.

217.342.3921

www.niemergssteakhouse.com

What to order here: A slice of Niemerg's FAMOUS homemade pie... Around 1,000 pies are sold each week!



FULL-SERVICE DINING

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1809 W. Fayette Ave., Exit 159
217.347.5336

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1300 Ave. of Mid America, Exit 160
217.294.6248

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2402 N. 3rd St., Exit 162
217.342.3188

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1101 Ave. of Mid America, Exit 160
217.347.7130

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1307 N. Keller Dr., Exit 160
217.342.4543

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1311 N. Keller Dr., Exit 160
217.342.4753

FIREFLY GRILL

1810 Ave. of Mid America, Exit 160
217.342.2002

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101 S. Merchant St., Exit 159
217.347.7191

JOE'S PIZZA & PASTA

115 E. Jefferson Ave., Exit 159
217.347.JOES (5637)

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1707 Ave. of Mid America, Exit 160
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217.347.3200

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1301 Ave. of Mid America, Exit 160
217.540.7716

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217.343.4878

CASUAL DINING

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217.342.6615

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217.347.0304

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1411 S. Banker St., Exit 159
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217.342.2355
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(open 24 hours)
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217.342.6699

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1601 Damron Ct., Exit 160
217.240.3001

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1211 N. Keller Dr., Exit 160
217.210.0386

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1204 Ave. of Mid America, Exit 160
217.342.5551
2408 N. 3rd St., Exit 162
217.347.0701

TACO BELL

1201 N. Keller Dr., Exit 160
217.342.5500

WENDY'S

1210 N. Keller Dr., Exit 160
217.342.4420

DAYLIGHT DONUTS

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217.342.4288

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1702 W. Evergreen Ave., Exit 160
217.347.7183

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217.690.4423

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302 S. Walnut St., Exit 159
217.342.0254

THE HUMAN BEAN

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217.342.0319

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114 S. Fourth St., Exit 159
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217.240.3001

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217.342.5577

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217.690.4263



SAVORY... OR SWEET?

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115 E. Jefferson Ave., Exit 159
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LITTLE CAESARS PIZZA

200 S. Henrietta St., Exit 159
217.347.0491

LUCIA'S ITALIAN KITCHEN

400 W. Clark Ave., Exit 159
217.207.0226

PAPA JOHN'S PIZZA

100 N. Henrietta St., Exit 159
217.347.4744

THE PIZZA MAN

604 W. Jefferson Ave., Exit 159
217.347.7766

SBARRO PIZZA

Travel Centers of America, Exit 160
217.347.7183

CULVER'S OF EFFINGHAM

1510 W. Fayette Ave., Exit 159
217.347.4986

DAIRY QUEEN GRILL & CHILL

1411 S. Banker St., Exit 159
217.342.9432

FOX HOLLER COFFEE

1200 S. Banker St., Exit 159
217.690.4423

GINGER ALE'S

302 S. Walnut St., Exit 159
217.342.0254

HOMWOOD GRILL

1002 W. Fayette Ave., Exit 159
217.342.4677

JOE SIPPERS CAFE

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Baseball Card Connection in Downtown Effingham
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NORTHSIDE

BATH & BODY WORKS

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217.500.3345

CIRCLE OF JOY JEWELRY & THE CHRISTMAS SHOPPE

400 N. Keller Dr., Exit 160
217.240.2251

COUNTRY PEDDLERS

1709 W. Ave. of Mid America, Exit 160
217.347.1002

FAMOUS FOOTWEAR

1603 B Ford Ave., Exit 160
217.240.3009

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1302 Ave. of Mid America, Exit 160
217.342.9503

HEARTLAND HEALTH FOOD STORE

1301 W. Evergreen Ave. Ste. 3A, Exit 160
217.775.0201

HIBBETT SPORTS

1605 B Ford Ave., Exit 160
217.342.2500

HOBBY LOBBY

1006 N. Keller Dr., Exit 160
217.342.1048

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18086 US-45, Exit 162
844.687.2287

JOHN BOOS & CO.

FACTORY SHOWROOM & OUTLET

1703 Ave. of Mid America, Exit 160
217.347.7790

KAY JEWELERS

1602 Ford Ave., Ste. A, Exit 160
217.342.5415

KOHL'S, FEAT. SEPHORA

1600 Ford Ave., Exit 160
217.347.5140

MAURICES

1605 A Ford Ave., Exit 160
217.342.4234

REINIGER JEWELERS

1304 Thelma Keller Ave. #102, Exit 160
217.803.8903

CENTRAL/ DOWNTOWN

ANDERSON'S JEWELRY

107 E. Jefferson Ave., Exit 159
217.342.2010

THE BEANSTALK BOUTIQUE

314 W. Jefferson Ave., Exit 159
217.821.1971

BASEBALL CARD CONNECTION

313 W. Jefferson Ave., Exit 159
217.342.2539

BIKE AND HIKE

300 W. Jefferson Ave., Exit 159
217.342.2453

BOOTS + SOLES

320 W. Jefferson Ave., Exit 159
217.342.6833

BURKLAND'S FLORIST & GIFTS

311 S. Rinehart St., Exit 159
217.342.4184

CATCHING GLIMPSES

4D ULTRASOUND

106 W. Washington Ave., Exit 159
217.347.2229

CHESTNUT FAMILY MUSIC

110 S. Front St., Exit 159
217.342.1016

CONSPECTUS GAMING

302 W. Jefferson Ave., Exit 159
570.244.2582

DAISIES & DENIM BOUTIQUE

108 W. Washington Ave., Exit 159
618.843.5020

DOWNTOWN POPCORN CO.

314 W. Jefferson Ave., Exit 159
217.347.7676

THE LAST STRAW

215 W. Jefferson Ave., Exit 159
217.347.2641

NIEBRUGGE FURNITURE

500 W. Fayette Ave., Exit 159
217.347.7401

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217.347.6624

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711 W. Jefferson Ave., Exit 159
217.690.6172

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111 W. Jefferson Ave., Exit 159
217.994.9525

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112 W. Washington Ave., Exit 159
www.sereneandsilk.com

SWEET N SASSY BOUTIQUE

403 S. 3rd Street, Exit 159
217.821.9253

TEN BROOKE LEANNE

401 Keller Dr., Suite 5, Exit 159
217.994.9050

THE THOMAS SHOP

200 W. Jefferson Ave., Exit 159
217.342.2733

VAYDA JANE BRIDAL BOUTIQUE

205 N. 4th St., Exit 159
217.500.7614

VILLAGE WINE & SPIRITS

109 S. Banker St., Exit 159
217.347.0477

WILD ROSE BRIDAL

100 E. Washington Ave., Exit 159
217.259.4838

THE WOODEN SPOOL

804 S. Henrietta St., Exit 159
217.347.9669

W.S. BROOM & CO.

304 W. Jefferson Ave., Exit 159
217.342.3688

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HOME ACCENTS

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217.347.3354

LIFELINE CHRISTIAN BOOKS & GIFTS

1901 S. 4th St., Ste. 10, Exit 159
217.342.3406

MERLE NORMAN COSMETICS

1901 S. 4th St., Ste. 13, Exit 159
217.347.0831

MILLENNIUM ACCESSORIES

301 W. Wabash Ave., Exit 159
217.342.2277

PARTY WORX

1104 S. Banker St., Exit 159
217.347.2222

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BANKER ST. ANTIQUES & ODDITIES

117 S. Banker St., Exit 159
815.351.3009

BASEBALL CARD CONNECTION

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217.342.2539

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217.857.1458

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CRAFT MALL**

1709 Ave. of Mid America, Exit 160
217.347.1002

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217.220.6547

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1607 S. Banker St., Exit 159
217.342.6001

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1901 S. 4th St., Ste. 12, Exit 159
217.347.3666

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802 S. Willow St., Exit 159
217.347.0203

SILK PURSE THRIFT STORE

908 W. Fayette Ave., Exit 159
217.342.3319

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314 W. Jefferson Ave., Exit 159
217.821.1971

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Exit 160
217.347.1002

DOWNTOWN POPCORN CO.

314 W. Jefferson Ave., Exit 159
217.347.7676

FIREFLY GRILL

1810 Ave. of Mid America, Exit 160
217.342.2002

FOX HOLLER COFFEE

1200 S. Banker St., Exit 159
217.690.4423

**HEARTLAND HEALTH
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Ste. 3A, Exit 160
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JOE SIPPERS CAFE

114 S. Fourth St., Exit 159
217.347.CAFE (2233)

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1703 Ave. of Mid America, Exit 160
217.347.7790

TUSCAN HILLS WINERY

217.347.WINE (9463)
2200 Historic Hills Drive, Exit 162

FOR THE FAMILY

FRIDAY - JUMP INTO THE WEEKEND!

3 P.M. - CHECK IN + GEAR UP

Complimentary breakfast, indoors pools, room to spread out... Whatever your needs, we've got options. Drop off your luggage and get ready to roll!

3:30 P.M. - LET THE ENERGY FLY!

Head to The Arena Trampoline Park and let the kids jump, climb and burn off any pent-up energy. It's the perfect first stop to shake off the car ride and start the weekend on a high note.

6 P.M. - GAME ON AT GOPHER'S GRILL

Grab dinner at Gopher's Grill, where great food meets built-in entertainment. With simulators and arcade games, it's an easy, fun win for the whole family - no extra stops required.

SATURDAY - EXPLORE + ADVENTURE

8:30 A.M. - PERK UP AT JOE SIPPERS!

Start your morning at Joe Sippers Cafe in Downtown Effingham. From freshly-brewed coffee to satisfying breakfast options, this Illinois Maker understands what fuels families on-the-go.

10 A.M. - SHOP, STROLL + DISCOVER

Take your time exploring Downtown Effingham's locally loved shops, public art and charm. Try a self-guided sculpture tour or pop into the Effingham County Courthouse Museum for a history lesson.

**Rainy day tip: Go ahead and linger a little longer indoors or stop by the nearby library to play.*

12 P.M. - LAKESIDE LUNCH

Head out to Pinky's at Lake Sara for a laid-back lunch with a view! Enjoy open-air, waterfront seating, live music in the summer and coastal fare. *Pinky's offers covered seating for rainy days and cozy domes in cooler seasons.*

2 P.M. - AFTERNOON ADVENTURE MODE

Let the kids explore the pirate ship playground and ninja obstacle course at Lake Sara Forever Beach - a go-to spot for active, outdoor fun!

**Rainy day alternative: Catch a family-friendly movie at RMC Cinemas and enjoy a little downtime.*

5:30 P.M. - A DINNER TO SLOW DOWN FOR...

Unwind at Firefly Grill, a true farm-to-table gem overlooking Lake Kristie. Wander the grounds, feed the koi fish and enjoy a meal that feels both elevated and completely welcoming to families.

**Reservations are recommended!*

7 P.M. - YOUR NIGHT, YOUR WAY

Keep things flexible - take a peaceful walk along the TREC Trail, enjoy a swim back at the hotel or treat everyone to ice cream from Homewood Grill. However you spend it, this is your time to relax and soak it all in.

SUNDAY - A MEMORABLE SEND-OFF!

9 A.M. - A HEARTY, HOMESTYLE BREAKFAST

Enjoy a delicious, made-from-scratch breakfast at Niemerg's Steakhouse. It's the kind of place where everyone finds something they love... and maybe a sweet treat for the road.

10:30 A.M. - AN ICONIC VIEW

Before heading home, visit the Cross at the Crossroads, just a short drive from Niemerg's. Stretch your legs, snap a few photos and enjoy one last moment together to wrap up the weekend.

**Rainy day tip: Take this opportunity to visit the Welcome Center and watch a short film about the Cross' construction!*



All Itinerary Photos
by Astrid Johana Photography



FOR THE FRIENDS

FRIDAY - ARRIVE, NOURISH + UNWIND

2 P.M. - ROAD TRIP RESET

Before checking in, make a stop at Heartland Health Food Store for a feel-good pick-me-up. Choose from fresh juices, smoothie bowls, supplements or browse wellness essentials to kick off the weekend!

3 P.M. - CHECK IN + CHILL

Coffee within walking distance, a fitness room, great wifi... Whatever you're craving, we've got options. Freshen up, settle in and let your weekend reset begin.

5 P.M. - FEEL NOURISHED AT FIREFLY

Ease into the evening with a fresh, farm-to-table meal at Firefly Grill. Their rustic chic ambiance, thoughtful ingredients and hand-crafted cocktails offer a grounding start to your getaway.

**Reservations are recommended!*

7 P.M. - A NIGHTCAP + GOOD COMPANY

Keep things easy with a post-dinner drink - whether that's another round on the rooftop patio at Village Wine or a cozy corner booth at Wheat Penny Cocktail Bar... No set plans, just good vibes.

SATURDAY - RESET + RECONNECT

7 A.M. - A MINDFUL MORNING AT MIKA

Begin your day with a slower-paced flow at MIKA Yoga Studio. Stretch, breathe and welcome a peaceful energy into your weekend.

8:30 A.M. - POUR INTO YOUR CUP FIRST

Cruise through Fox Holler Coffee for a handcrafted pick-me-up on the go. Known for their creative coffee concoctions, fresh bagels and friendly service, it's the perfect stop to fuel up before a full day of exploring.

10 A.M. - RETAIL THERAPY

Wander through local boutiques like Daisies n' Denim, The Thomas Shop and The Red Thread Boutique. It's the perfect mix of browsing, supporting small businesses and treating yourself!

12 P.M. - WINE + DINE ON THE PATIO

Share a flatbread or charcuterie board, sip a tasting flight and enjoy a relaxed midday break at Tuscan Hills. **Bonus points for patio seating and a bottle to-go.*

2 P.M. - LITTLE FINDS + LOTS OF JOY

Stop by John Boos & Co. Factory Showroom to check out their iconic cutting boards (you can even add personalized engravings, on-site), then pop into nearby shops like Country Peddlers for antique finds.

5:30 P.M. - UNWIND ON LAKE TIME

Head out to Pinky's at the lake for a laid-back evening with your crew. Think shareable bites, fun cocktails and golden hour views... *Pinky's offers covered seating for rainy days and cozy domes in cooler seasons.*

7 P.M. - A SUNSET ON THE TRAIL

Wrap up the day with a walk on the TREC Trail. It's the kind of slow, simple moment that makes way for those deep, meaningful conversations with friends.

**Pro tip: Pick up a trail map at the Effingham Tourism Office, located at 201 E. Jefferson Ave.!*

SUNDAY - DEPART (AT YOUR OWN PACE)

10 A.M. - A BUBBLY BRUNCH + GOODBYE

Savor one last slow moment with a satisfying brunch at TK Grille - pancakes, eggs, waffles, mimosas and more. Recap your weekend with friends... and start dreaming about the next one.



FOR THE COUPLE

FRIDAY - ARRIVE + INDULGE A LITTLE

3 P.M. - CHECK IN + SLOW DOWN

Room service, downtown views, late check-outs... Whatever your vibe, we've got options. Unpack, unwind and let your romantic Midwestern getaway begin!

4 P.M. - SIP + SAVOR AT TUSCAN HILLS

Start your getaway with a wine tasting at Tuscan Hills Winery. Sample a few favorites, then grab a bottle to take with you... It'll come in handy later.

6 P.M. - AN AUTHENTIC ITALIAN EXPERIENCE

Head to Lucia's Italian Kitchen for an intimate dinner featuring an open-concept kitchen and patio dining. It's the kind of place where you'll want to linger a little longer over great food and even better conversation... Don't forget the wine!

**Rainy day note: The warm, inviting indoor space makes this an easy win no matter the weather.*

SATURDAY - SHARED EXPERIENCES

8:30 A.M. - COFFEE + CONNECTION

Ease into the morning at Joe Sippers Cafe with fresh coffee, a pastry or two... and some intentional time to connect.

**Pro tip: grab a bag of freshly ground beans to bring a little piece of this Illinois Maker home with you.*

10 A.M. - SMALL SHOPS, BIG CHARM

Hand-in-hand, explore charming downtown boutiques and pick up quality finds at Boots & Soles, The Thomas Shop and Baseball Card Connection. Take your time meeting the people who make Effingham so unique!

12 P.M. - LUNCH WITH A VIEW

Make your way to the 'Key West of the Midwest' at Lake Sara for a lakeside lunch! Pinky's offers coastal fare, seasonal cocktails and live music in the summer.

**Rainy day note: Covered seating (and seasonal domes) keep the lakeside vibes going, rain or shine (or snow)!*



2 P.M. - BROWSE, WANDER OR JUST RELAX

If you're up for it, do a little light shopping at John Boos Factory Showroom + Outlet or Country Peddlers. Or... take this as your sign to sneak in a little downtime back at your hotel.

3:30 P.M. - CHOOSE YOUR ADVENTURE

Turn up the fun with a little shared adventure - hit the water with a paddleboarding lesson from Kiki's Paddleboards or try something new together at Effingham Axe Throwing (a great indoor option if the weather doesn't cooperate).

6 P.M. - AN ELEVATED DATE NIGHT

Keep things flexible - grab dinner at one of Effingham's local legends, or head straight to cocktails and light bites at Wheat Penny, a cozy underground speakeasy. It's low-lit, laid-back and perfect for a memorable evening out!

**Insider Tip: Wheat Penny is located beneath the Lofts at the Exchange 1890 - see page 46 for details.*

SUNDAY - BRUNCH + A LONG GOODBYE

10 A.M. - FAREWELL AT FIREFLY

Indulge in a leisurely farm-to-table brunch at Firefly Grill with scenic views. Toast to your weekend and savor your last slow moments together. Not ready to leave yet? If the weather permits, stay awhile and stroll the beautiful farm and grounds.

**Reservations are recommended!*

*For Seasonal Itineraries,
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SCULPTURES ON THE AVENUES

We invite you to explore the sculptures that have transformed the City of Effingham's Downtown avenues into a **WALKABLE ART GALLERY**! Nearly 30 sculptures, created by some of the Midwest's best-known and unknown artists, bring life to the streets of Effingham as part of the annual Sculptures on the Avenues outdoor exhibition.

The exhibition will begin its twenty-eighth year in Spring 2026. Sculptures on the Avenues is a self-guided walking tour that begins at Effingham City Hall, located at 201 E. Jefferson Ave. From there, the exhibition winds in and out of **DOWNTOWN EFFINGHAM**.

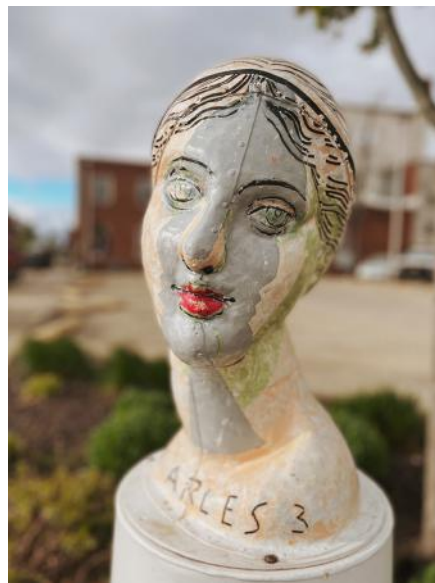
The Sculptures on the Avenues program began in 1997 when the Effingham Community Committee for the Arts formed and raised over \$60,000 to commission Leonardo Nierman's Flame of Hope. The Flame of Hope stands prominently in front of the west entrance of City Hall and is featured on the walking tour.

Each year, new sculptures are chosen with the hope of capturing the viewer's imagination and appealing to a variety of individuals. The pieces feature a medley of both whimsical and striking pieces and include realistic and abstract work, as well. The sculptures are placed to be **ACCESSIBLE AND INTERACTIVE**.

Residents and visitors wholeheartedly embrace the program. Several sculptures have found permanent homes in Effingham and the surrounding areas. An informative guide, which facilitates a walking tour, is available at Effingham City Hall. Please contact the Effingham Tourism Office with any questions or interest in the program's pieces or artists. Guided tours are available upon request.

217.342.5310

Downtown Effingham



From left, 'Variation 3' by Aldon Addington; 'Arles3' by Gary Mitchell and 'Echoes of the Past' by Gregory Mendez





"The Thomas Shop" Mural
Photo by Rachel Kawate

MURALS

Effingham is home to a vibrant collection of murals that bring our Midwestern culture to life.

From colorful tributes to local heritage, to whimsical photo ops, share your **MURAL MOMENTS** with us by tagging @visiteffingham on social media. Your photo might just be featured in next year's guide!

Downtown Effingham, Exit 159



Tuscan Hills Winery
Photo by Astrid Johana Photography

EFFINGHAM ARTISAN FAIR

JULY 10 & 11, 2026

The annual Artisan Fair is a **2-DAY FESTIVAL** with plenty of fun for the entire family! This event, held on the beautiful grounds at **TUSCAN HILLS WINERY**, continues to be a favorite, with new artists and mediums added each year. Enjoy live music, food trucks, local wine, free and interactive activities for kids and so much more!

Make plans to attend and show your support for the **ARTS** in Effingham. Visit www.effinghamartisanfair.org for more information.

2200 Historic Hills Dr., Exit 162

LOCAL GALLERIES

ALWERDT SCULPTURE PARK

3238 E. 800th Ave., Altamont

Enjoy a half-mile sculpture walk, waterside, surrounded by beautiful landscaping.
618.322.5798

EFFINGHAM ART GUILD

The Effingham Art Guild is home to dozens of award-winning artists. The Art Guild has traveling exhibitions that are open to the public at several different locations in the community.

These exhibits change every four months and can be found at the following locations:

Sarah Bush Lincoln Bonutti Clinic
1303 W. Evergreen Ave.

Effingham County Courthouse Museum
100 E. Jefferson Ave.

Effingham Surgical Associates SC
900 W. Temple Ave. #101

Heartland Human Services
1200 N. 4th St.

Effingham Performance Center
1325 Outer Belt West

Effingham Public Library
200 N. Third St.

Joe Sippers Café
114 S. Fourth St.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE
EMAIL EFFINGHAMART@GMAIL.COM**

EFFINGHAM FARMERS MARKET

Located in Downtown Effingham, on the historic Courthouse Square, the Effingham Farmers Market is a hub for **LOCAL MAKERS**, singer-songwriters, farmers, coffee roasters, carpenters, storytellers and a community rich in talent and diversity.

The market provides our residents and visitors, alike, with **FRESH**, locally-grown food, handmade crafts, live music, quality **ARTISAN GOODS** and more.

We encourage you to pick up a cup of freshly-brewed coffee from **JOE SIPPERS CAFE** and stroll around the market. Be sure to stop at the gazebo for family-friendly entertainment, like story time, yoga or a magic show!

Visit every Saturday morning from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., May through October.

Downtown Effingham, Exit 159
US 45 and Jefferson Ave.



Effingham Farmers Market
Photo by Astrid Johana Photography

WHEAT PENNY COCKTAIL BAR



COCKTAILS. FOOD. CONVERSATION.

HOME TOWN HISTORY

Historic Effingham County Courthouse
Photo provided by the Effingham County
Cultural Center & Museum Association

EFFINGHAM COUNTY COURTHOUSE FEATURING THE EFFINGHAM COUNTY CULTURAL CENTER & MUSEUM ASSOCIATION

The historic Effingham County Courthouse was built in **1871** on the site of the 1850s courthouse, which tragically burned to the ground in March 1869, reducing most of the county's records to ash. The courthouse, located on the square in **DOWNTOWN EFFINGHAM**, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The historical structure was built in Second Empire style and is made of brick, stone and wood with 18-inch outside walls. Special features of the building include stone window headers, with keystones above each window, and a mansard roof with dormers. The building was the working courthouse for Effingham County until 2007. Monuments recognizing the history of the city and county can be viewed on the lawn, which is the site of many special events throughout the year.

The Effingham County Cultural Center and Museum Association came into existence as the result of a desire to **"PROMOTE INTERPRETIVE CULTURE AND HISTORY"** as a means of increasing public awareness of the history of Effingham County and the National Road. The Effingham County Courthouse Museum features two rooms devoted to a specific military experience, which both change throughout the year. The second floor features a courtroom, turned ballroom, that is available for events. The Courthouse Museum also has a room dedicated to transportation and the railroads in Effingham County. The exhibit features various railroad artifacts throughout time.

The museum is open on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., March through December. The museum is closed to the general public in January and February, except for special programming or by appointment. Donations are appreciated. Visit www.effinghamcountymuseum.org for more information.

217.663.0821

110 W. Jefferson Ave. in Downtown Effingham, Exit 159

EFFINGHAM COUNTY VETERAN'S MEMORIAL

On Veteran's Day, November 11, 1991, the first three stones of the Memorial were dedicated in honor of all Effingham County veterans. The "Memorial Names Stone" addition was dedicated on Armed Forces Day, May 19, 2012. This memorial has nearly 4,000 names of men and women veterans from all five branches of the armed forces. The stones were designed and **ETCHED WITH THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE IN MIND**. Each year, more names can and will be added. It is an on-going memorial with space for over 9,000 names.

The Memorial is not only a tribute, it is our history: a **STANDING MEMORIAL** to the living and the dead, our neighbors, families and friends, who have served to preserve, protect and secure peace for our nation. Some served on foreign shores, some within our own borders, some died, some never saw action, some were drafted and some enlisted. All served. All gave themselves to our country. We are forever thankful for their sacrifice.

217.342.3655
Downtown Effingham, Exit 159

DR. CHARLES M. WRIGHT HOUSE MUSEUM

Described as a **TIME CAPSULE**, this 18-room, historic home features the furnishings and collections of three generations of the Wright family. Listed in the National Register of Historic Places, the 1889 home was built by one of the first medical doctors in Altamont. The self-sufficient home had indoor plumbing, central heating and gaslights in 1889.

The second generation to live in the home was Dr. Wright's son, who practiced medicine for 65 years in Altamont. Charles M. Wright III was a lawyer for Shell Oil until retirement, when he moved into his family home. At his death, the home was left in a trust to be **PRESERVED AND MAINTAINED**.

The house is open for tours every Sunday, May through September, from 2 to 4 p.m. and by appointment, as well. For additional information, call the number, below, email scott@wrightmansion.org or visit www.wrightmansion.org.

618.483.6397
3 W. Jackson Ave., Altamont, Exit 82

MONASTERY MUSEUM

This museum is a prism into the history of the settlers of the Teutopolis region and the Franciscans who ministered to them. View a **DAZZLING PANORAMA** of early life in this German Catholic community, founded in 1838, including a multitude of religious artifacts left by the Franciscans who first arrived in 1858.

The three priests and six brothers who arrived in 1858 set about building a parish and friary. Today, that monastery houses antique Bibles, hand-scribed books and hundreds of other items representative of daily religious life. The furnishings, clothing, toys, utensils and elaborate documents on display are **WORKS OF ART** in themselves. These artifacts offer a poignant and incredibly complete look at the lives of Teutopolis' first residents.

Hours are from 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m., on the first Sunday of each month, from May to November, and by appointment. Call the parish office at 217.961.6404 ext. 236 and leave a message to schedule a tour.

217.961.6404 ext. 236
110 S. Garrett St., Teutopolis, Exit 159



HISTORIC NATIONAL ROAD

It was a superhighway of dirt, rock and timber. In 1806, President Thomas Jefferson signed legislation creating a National Road funded solely by the federal government, a first at the time...

With **WESTWARD EXPANSION** on the lips of a nation, busting at the seams, this road would provide a route from Cumberland, Maryland to Pennsylvania, Virginia (later West Virginia), Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. Because of its point of origin, it was often referred to as the Cumberland Trail, although other popular names included the National Pike, the National Trail and the National Road.

The National Road rose from the transportation scrapbook to become the blueprint for an ocean-to-ocean route known as U.S. Route 40. Today, the Illinois National Road stretches 164 miles, from the Indiana border to the Mississippi River in East St. Louis and encompasses seven counties: Clark, Cumberland, Effingham, Fayette, Bond, Madison and St. Clair. Many of these communities owe their origins to the National Road, as it brought settlers who turned **PRAIRIELAND INTO CIVILIZATION**.

The National Road Association of Illinois promotes the unique attractions the road offers. An "Art & Architecture" guidebook was created to highlight the art and architectural treasures located in communities along the National Road. In addition, the National Road Association has placed 21 kiosks placed in 21 communities along the Illinois National Road. The kiosks provide an overview of the National Road history and timeline, a map of the National Road and individual community history that includes local sites of interest. Effingham's kiosk sits on the grounds of the Effingham County Courthouse Museum.

For more information on the roadway, or on upcoming events, visit www.nationalroadillinois.org.



HEART THEATRE

Across the street from the old courthouse, the Heart Theatre stands as a **1930'S LANDMARK...** *and the striking centerpiece of this year's cover!* The theater is one of two examples in Effingham of the Art Deco style that was popular from 1920 to 1940. Its cream and maroon terra-cotta tiles pair beautifully with the glow of its **ICONIC NEON** and **MARQUEE LIGHTS**, evoking memories of first movies, prom photos and nights out in Downtown Effingham. Today, thanks in part to the vision and leadership of former owner, Amy Van Bergen, a passionate community-led effort is breathing new life into The Heart, with plans to **RESTORE** it as a vibrant gathering space for generations to come... Visit www.thehearttheatre.org for more information.

133 E. Jefferson Ave., Exit 159/162

RESEARCH + GENEALOGY

EFFINGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Suzette Brumleve Memorial Effingham Public Library houses over 60,000 books, magazines and audio-visual materials and has an annual circulation of over 190,000 items. They also offer a wide variety of programs and services for both children and adults, including the Effingham County Genealogical & Historical Society. With an ever-growing calendar of events - from storytimes and book clubs to workshops and community programs - the library continues to be a vibrant hub for **LEARNING, CONNECTION AND CREATIVITY**.

A microfilm and microfiche reader/printer, as well as magazines, census records, genealogy files and reference materials are available through the library. The library is open Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. It is closed on Sundays. Visit www.effinghamlibrary.org for more information.

217.342.2464

200 N. Third St., Exit 162

OAKRIDGE CEMETERY

This non-denominational City cemetery is the final resting place of many **FASCINATING FIGURES** from Effingham's past... One, being Ada Kepley, the first female law graduate in the United States. She was an ardent advocate of women's rights, a friend of Susan B. Anthony and a talented writer.

Another character, Col. John J. Funkhouser, a Civil War veteran, was offered the office of Secretary of War by President Grant, but he declined. He later became the first Mayor of Effingham. Col. Funkhouser's father, Senator Presley Funkhouser, had **CONSIDERABLE INFLUENCE** in the decision to move the county seat from Ewington to Effingham, spelling the demise of Ewington.

Yet another, Mary (Mother) Newcomb, came to Effingham during the Civil War after her husband, Hiram, enlisted in the 11th Illinois Infantry. She was 44 years old at the time. After Hiram was wounded in battle, Mary brought her husband back to Effingham, but he died shortly after on February 26, 1862. Fulfilling his dying wish, Mary returned to the regiment to nurse the sick and wounded soldiers until the end of the war. Mary actually visited the White House and had a visit on the porch with Mr. Lincoln. *Meet these and many other fascinating figures at the Oakridge Cemetery!*



Effingham Public Library
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E. Jefferson Ave., Exit 159/162



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EVERGREEN HOLLOW PARK

This 42-acre park features updated playground equipment, two large pavilions, baseball and softball diamonds, tennis courts and more!

The park also has a scenic and educational tree walk, featuring approximately 75 species of trees indigenous to Illinois.

Kluthe Memorial Pool, the park's aquatic complex, includes a large leisure pool, water slides, play equipment and a lap pool. The complex is open from noon to 7 p.m., Memorial Day to Labor Day.

Effingham Mini Golf, adjacent to Evergreen Hollow Park, makes for a wild outing with the family! Try your skills on the course - open 7 days a week - seasonally.

Visit their Facebook page: Effingham Mini Golf for hours, rates, weather updates, special events and more!

W. Evergreen Ave., Exit 160

HENDELMAYER PARK

Hendelmeyer Park is a 20-acre park that includes a newly-renovated skate park, lighted tennis/pickleball courts, three lighted softball diamonds, two playground areas and a picnic area. Ron Diehl Recreation Center is also located on this property and houses three basketball courts, pickleball courts, two meeting rooms and a kitchen that can be reserved for a fee.

1906 S. Fourth St., Exit 159

COMMUNITY PARK

Community Park is a 35-acre park that features a disc-golf course, four lighted ball diamonds, four lighted tennis courts, large playground areas, three outdoor basketball courts and pavilions/picnic areas.

E. Temple Ave. and N. Pembroke Ave., Exit 162

HARMONY PLAYGROUND

This updated, inclusive playground is accessible to all children, adults and veterans.

Harmony Playground features wheelchair-friendly ramps, accessible swings, as well as musical elements designed to help children who face sensory challenges.

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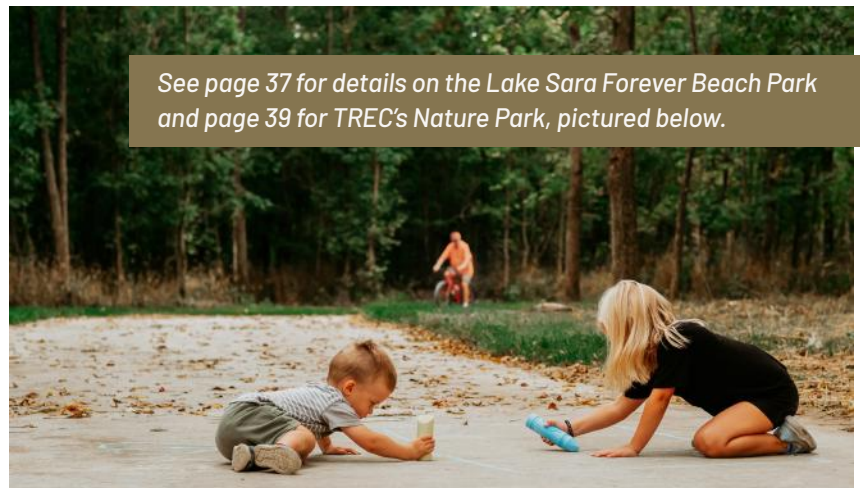
OTHER COMMUNITY PARKS...

BLISS PARK

Bliss Park is a cozy, city block-sized park featuring large trees, a beautiful garden area and fountain. Recently updated with brand-new playground equipment, it also offers multiple pavilions, additional play areas, and outdoor basketball courts - all just minutes from the interstates. It's a lovely spot to stop for a picnic!

217.342.5300

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TREC Trail Nature Park
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GETTING IN TOUCH WITH NATURE...

BALLARD NATURE CENTER

Just minutes from the city, but **A WORLD AWAY**, Ballard Nature Center is home to dozens of species of birds and wildlife. Natural prairie, wetlands, butterfly and hummingbird gardens, ponds and creeks round out the outdoor experience at Ballard.

Ballard Nature Center is a terrific family-friendly excursion in every season. Spring wildflowers bloom throughout the grounds, and the natural prairie is in full glory come summer. Fall foliage is even more impressive when you can walk between the trees and touch their colorful leaves. In winter, the center encourages you to follow the **TRACKS OF WILDLIFE** that share the trails...

Dioramas and **INTERACTIVE** exhibits, inside the Visitors Center, offer entertainment and education on the flora and fauna of this region. A naturalist is on staff throughout the week, and all trails and outdoor areas are open from dawn until dusk. The Visitor Center is open with seasonal hours throughout the winter months.

618.483.6856

5253 E. US Hwy 40, Altamont, Exit 82

www.ballardnaturecenter.org

GOLF COURSES

CARDINAL GOLF COURSE

Cardinal Golf Course is an 18-hole public golf course that borders Lake Sara and features The Nest Tavern. The course was remodeled to include several new holes and landscaping, along with a driving range, putting green and chipping green.

An outside pavilion is available for hosting parties and outings. The course also has a clubhouse for visitors to enjoy when taking a break. The course's season runs from March to December.

217.690.4138
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FORE-WAY CHALLENGE GOLF COURSE

Fore-Way Challenge Golf is a 9-hole public course located near Lake Sara, just minutes from Effingham and Anthony Acres. The course offers formidable fairways, exacting greens and six major water hazards to test your skill level. Call to take advantage of special packages or to plan your family or business outing.

A driving range, putting green and clubhouse are also on site for visitors to enjoy.

Visit www.forewaygolfcourse.com to learn more.

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EFFINGHAM MINI GOLF

Effingham Mini Golf is a fun, laid-back stop for a round with friends or family on its 18-hole course.

The course is self-serve... just pay on-site using the QR code or cash and start working on your swing!

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LAKE SARA

Lake Sara is a **QUIET COVE** at dawn, where the only sound is the whirl of a casting reel and the gentle splash of the fly hitting the water's surface; a sunny afternoon slalom skiing behind a powerboat or running along the beach; a family picnic, near the pirate ship playground, or a family reunion with fried chicken and the works under one of the pavilions. All of these scenarios - and more - exemplify the **UNIQUE, CALMING SURROUNDINGS** of Lake Sara.

Fishing, especially, is a treasured pastime at the lake, which houses a wide variety of fish, including: black bass, crappie, bluegill, channel catfish and walleye. Other popular features include a newly-expanded **PUBLIC BEACH**, a pirate ship playground, disc golf course, pickleball courts, a beach volleyball court, quarter-mile walking trail, ninja challenge course, a boat-launch area, boat rentals, camping, golf courses, delicious food and drinks and picnic areas. See the sidebar for details!

Come visit this **640-ACRE** recreational lake, nestled into a wooded shoreline, encircled by a winding road. Stay for a day, a week or a season, and enjoy the shores of Lake Sara...

Visit www.effinghamwaterauthority.org for more information.

217.347.7333

15250 N. Beach Rd., Exit 160



Lake Sara Forever Beach Playground
Photo by Lake Sara Forever

LAKE SARA FOREVER BEACH PARK

Children and parents alike will enjoy this new addition to the Lake Sara Pearson Peninsula! The Lake Sara Forever Project is a project aimed to preserve and enhance Lake Sara for future generations. Enjoy a newly-expanded beach, along with a beach volleyball court, quarter-mile walking trail, ninja challenge course and four pickle ball courts.

Kids (as well as adventurous parents) can explore a larger-than-life pirate ship in the 5 to 12-year-old playground, in addition to a swingset, climbing ropes, a 2 to 5-year-old fort area and much more - designed for all ages and abilities.

An accessible fishing dock, 9-hole disc golf course and 4-hole accessible disc golf course, were also completed with the park. There is a bathhouse and water fountains on-site.

Visit www.lakesaraforever.com for updates to the project.

15250 N. Beach Rd., Exit 160



PINKY'S & THE RUSTY REEL BAR + BOATYARD

Just a short walk to the beach, you won't want to miss Pinky's, an **OPEN-AIR, WATERFRONT** restaurant, and the Rusty Reel Bar and Boat Yard, a full service bar that also offers boat rentals, tackle, fuel and more.

Pinky's is a family-owned and operated restaurant that leaves guests feeling like they're in the **KEY WEST OF THE MIDWEST**! Enjoy a hand-breaded fish sandwich, grilled chicken beach wrap, wings, burgers, pizzas and more. Don't leave without trying a fun, seasonal cocktail.

This kid (and pet) friendly **LAKESIDE RETREAT** features live acoustic music throughout the summer and cozy, heated igloo domes in the cooler months.

Stop by and enjoy the entertainment, the view and the good vibes. Don't forget to check out their gift shop for a variety of #lakelife merchandise!

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CAMPING

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217.342.1111 or 217.342.6233
1217 W. Rickelman Ave., Exit 160/162



Pinky's at Lake Sara
Photo by Astrid Johana Photography

ANTHONY ACRES RESORT

Enjoy picturesque views of Lake Sara from the comfort of this wooded resort. Amenities are abundant, and include grills for cooking your fresh catch and private decks. Each cabin features an efficiency kitchen, as well.

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LAKE SARA CAMPGROUND

Lake Sara Campground welcomes families and pets of all sizes. The campground is open for RV and coach camping, cabin rentals and tent camping!

217.868.2964
15482 Wildwood Dr., Exit 160



TREC RECREATION TRAILS

The TREC trail system is a **PUBLIC TRAIL** designed to create recreational opportunities. The trails provide a great place for visitors to exercise, whether it is riding bikes, roller blading or walking. Winding through scenic areas and connecting key parts of the community, the trail system offers a refreshing way to experience Effingham at your own pace.

The first phase of the trail was completed in 2010. The Ryan Wolters Memorial Bridge was completed to connect the two sections of phase one. The John and Fran Schultz Bridge - phase three - was completed in the fall of 2014. The remaining portion of phase three was completed in 2015. Phase four was completed in 2016. TREC and the City of Effingham completed phase five of the trail in recent years. This phase links the current trail system (phase one through four) to the pedestrian bridge over Interstates 57/70. More recently, the new **53-ACRE NATURE PARK**, featuring a 2-mile walking loop along the Little Wabash River, was unveiled.

The TREC mission is to develop a **"COUNTYWIDE, MULTI-USE TRAIL SYSTEM"**; educate the communities on the benefits of trails and promote an active lifestyle by providing recreational activities. Trail maps are available at the Visit Effingham Office, located at 201 E. Jefferson Avenue. For trail updates, maps and more information, visit www.trectrails.org.

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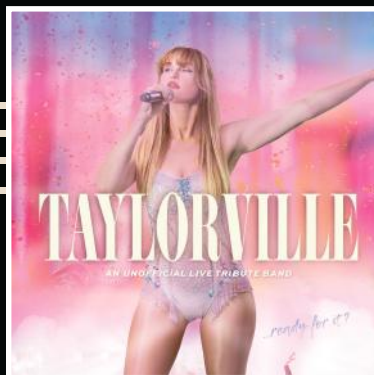
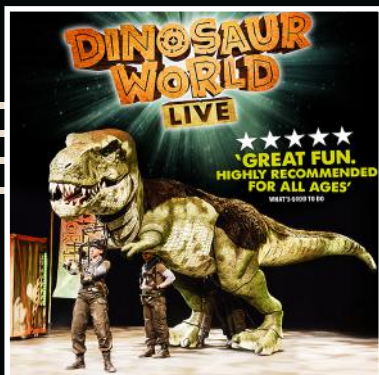
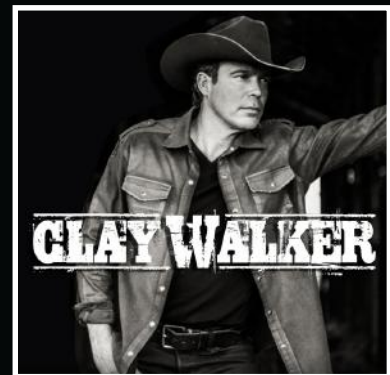
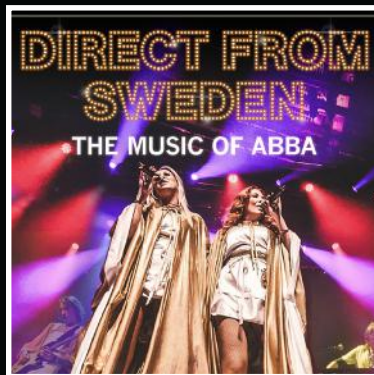
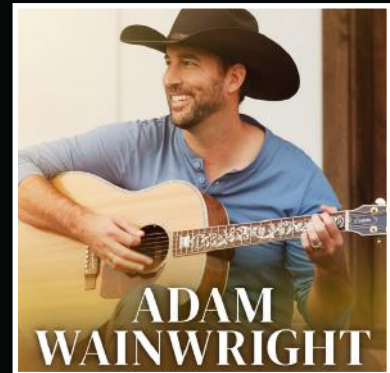
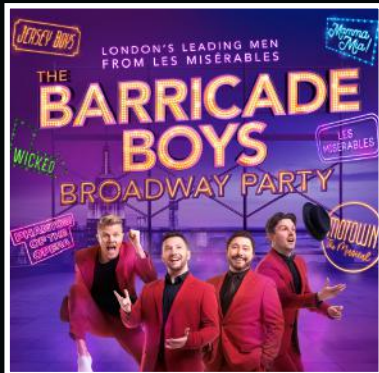


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Gopher's Grill in Downtown Effingham
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WHERE CAN I FIND VISITOR INFORMATION?

Local, regional and state travel information, including maps + guides, can be found at the Effingham Tourism Office, located at 201 E. Jefferson Ave. in Effingham, IL. You can also call us at 217.342.5310 or visit www.visiteffinghamil.com to learn more about our town!

IS THERE AN AMTRAK STATION IN EFFINGHAM?

Yes, you can find more information about Amtrak, as well as view their scheduled stops, at www.amtrak.com. The station is located at 401 West National Avenue in Effingham, IL.

WHERE IS THE CLOSEST INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT?

The closest international airport to Effingham, IL is the St. Louis Lambert International Airport, located at 10701 Lambert International Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63145. You can also view flights online at www.flystl.com.

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