



WHERE *History* MEETS THE ROAD

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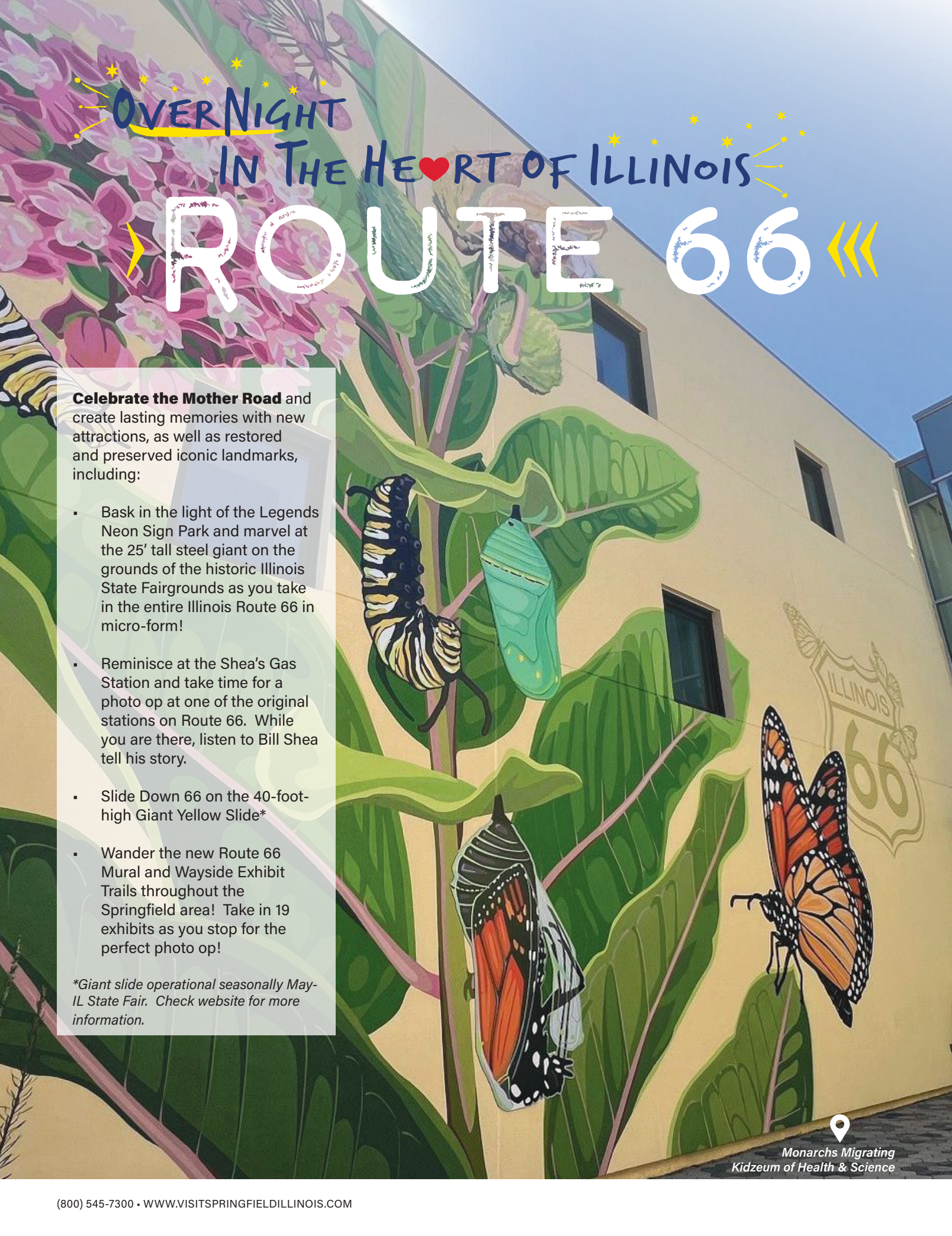
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Let's Get Social!

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OVERNIGHT

IN THE HEART OF ILLINOIS

ROUTE 66

Celebrate the Mother Road and create lasting memories with new attractions, as well as restored and preserved iconic landmarks, including:

- Bask in the light of the Legends Neon Sign Park and marvel at the 25' tall steel giant on the grounds of the historic Illinois State Fairgrounds as you take in the entire Illinois Route 66 in micro-form!
- Reminisce at the Shea's Gas Station and take time for a photo op at one of the original stations on Route 66. While you are there, listen to Bill Shea tell his story.
- Slide Down 66 on the 40-foot-high Giant Yellow Slide*
- Wander the new Route 66 Mural and Wayside Exhibit Trails throughout the Springfield area! Take in 19 exhibits as you stop for the perfect photo op!

**Giant slide operational seasonally May-IL State Fair. Check website for more information.*



AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

Embark on a Historical and Emotional Journey.

Springfield's 1908 Race Riot. View Artist Preston Jackson's Race Riot inspired sculptures, Acts of Intolerance, in Union Square Park and the 1908 Race Riot mural inside HSHS St. Johns Hospital.

The Springfield and Central Illinois African American History Museum, located on Monument Ave., tells the stories of African American life in

central Illinois and hosts several temporary exhibits.

Route History, on Cook St., sheds light on Black experiences, local tragedy, and resilience along Route 66 in Springfield.

Locations throughout Springfield
VisitSpringfieldIllinois.com/blogs

ILLINOIS DNR

Everyone Belongs in History

Explore Illinois' capital city through a series of inspiring outdoor experiences

- Walk, Hike, Bike History
- Lincoln Tomb Porch Talks
- **NEW THIS YEAR!**
Dana-Thomas House Porch Talks

*All events running
May 15 - November 15*



INTERNATIONAL CARILLON FESTIVAL

New Date!

Make plans now to be in Springfield for Memorial Day Weekend. Listen to Carilloneurs from around the world, enjoy family friendly fun, feast on a variety of food trucks and take in breathtaking fireworks in the sky above. The Thomas Rees Memorial Carillon is one of the largest and finest of the world's carillons. Boasting 67 cast bronze bells, covering a range of 5 ½ chromatic octaves and total bell weight of 82,753 pounds.





RUNS JUNE 6 - AUGUST 10

Be transported back to 19th Century Springfield.

Immerse yourself in Lincoln's hometown while meeting our largest cast of historical reenactors yet. Live performances, a variety of demonstrations, as well special presentations of some of Lincoln's most famous speeches.



Free trolley service to historic sites Wednesday-Saturday!

Experience the rich history of our sites and attractions with our free historic site trolley service! Our hop-on, hop-off air-conditioned trolley is the perfect way to explore most of our major attractions. Available from 10am-4pm Wednesday-Saturday, board the trolley from any of our designated stops, hop off at the attractions you want to visit, and simply hop back on when you want to continue.

Runs June 6th - August 9th

To Learn More:
Scan the QR code below



LEGENDARY SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS



SPRINGFIELD HAS YOUR... >Passport to FUN!<<



1 ABE'S HAT HUNT

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

- Springfield Visitors Center (*temporary location - 109 N. 7th St.*)
- Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum
- Lincoln Home
- Dana-Thomas House

2 LIVING LEGENDS AND LANDMARKS

Experience Route 66 in a unique and memorable way! Enjoy our Living Legends and Landmarks along the route with our easy to follow passport! Try catching the Legends in action to learn about their journey and snap a selfie with them or at one of the Landmark locations! **Pick up the passport at any of the above mentioned locations.**



3 CAPITAL CITY BOURBON JOURNEY

Whether you are a bourbon connoisseur or never tried a sip, you are in the right place! You can choose any of these doors to walk through and let them know you are part of the Capital City Bourbon Journey. **The passport can be picked up at any participating location or the Springfield Visitors Center.**

BourbonJourney.springfield.il.us

4 HORSESHOE TRAIL

Jump on the Horseshoe Trail in Springfield! A legend since 1928, you won't want to miss this culinary delight. **We've made it easy, just scan the QR code, sign up and start checking in, eating, and earning points!**



CRUISE INTO SPRINGFIELD

The Capital City of Route 66

Celebrating 24 years, the International Route 66 Mother Road Festival brings street machine muscle car and hot rod enthusiasts to historic downtown Springfield for an incredible weekend of family entertainment.

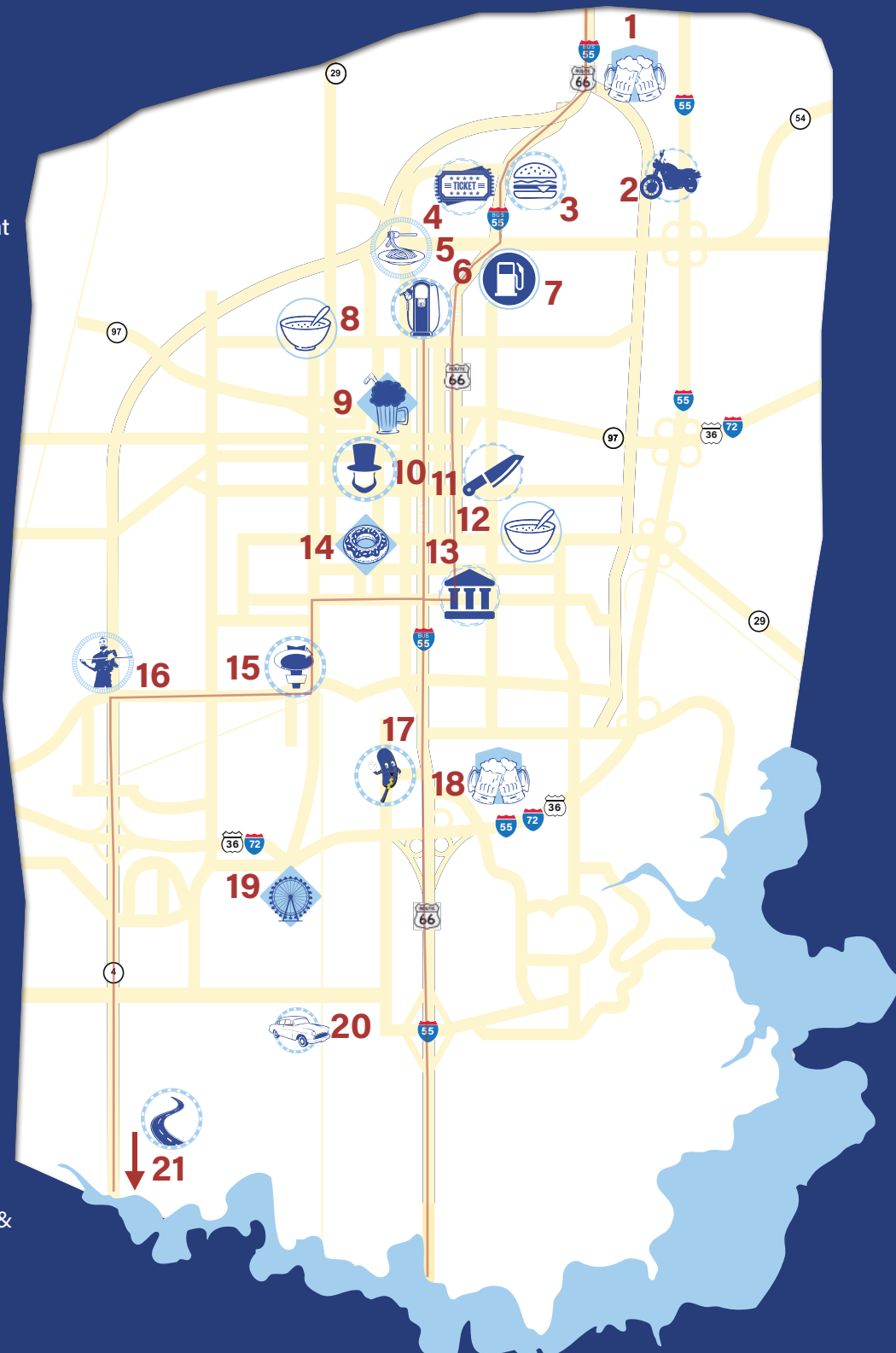


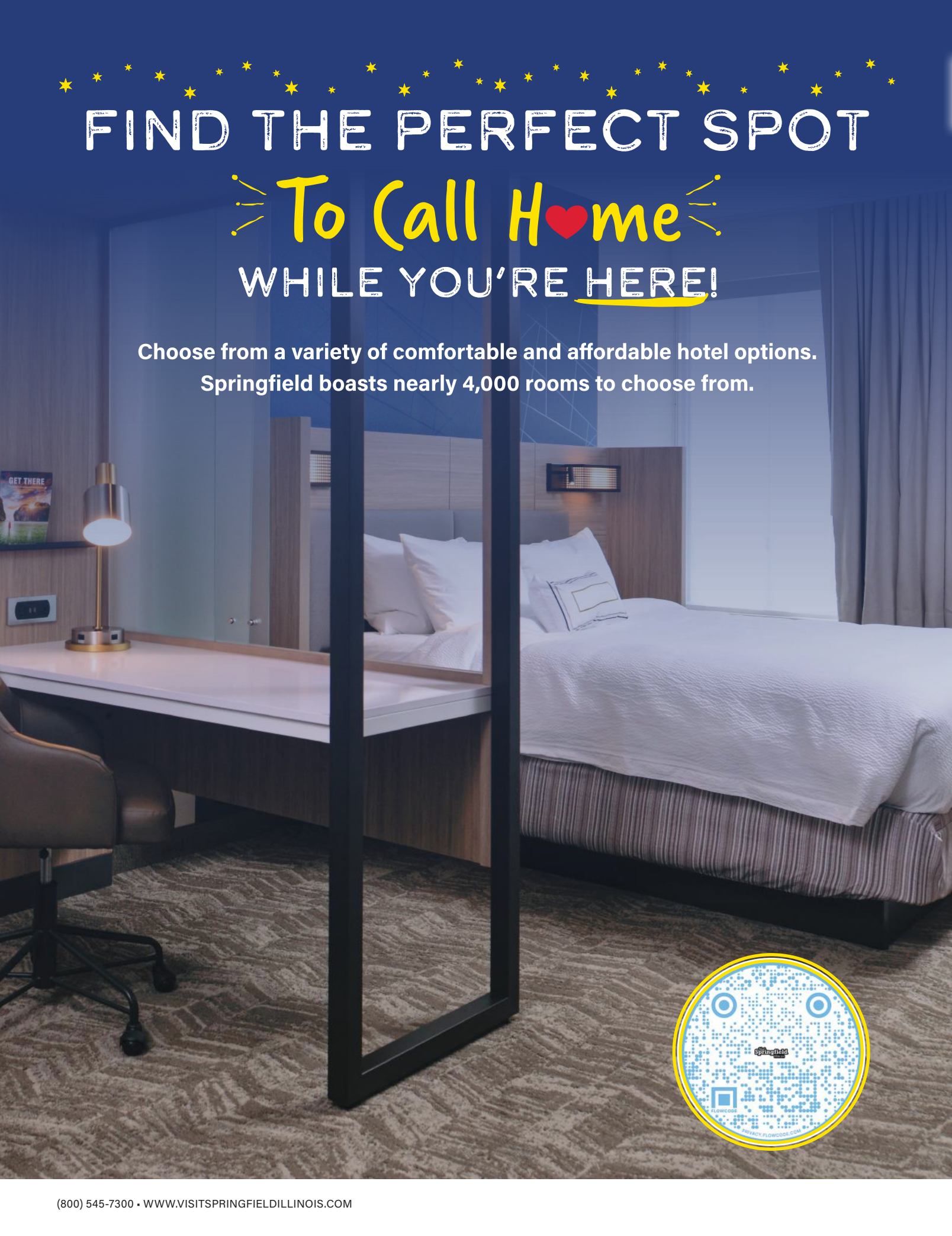
**24TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL
ROUTE 66 MOTHER ROAD FESTIVAL
SEPTEMBER 26-28, 2025**



LET'S HIT THE MOTHER ROAD

- 1** Weeble's Bar & Grill
4136 N. Peoria Rd.
- 2** Hall's Harley Davidson
2301 N. Dirksen Pkwy.
- 3** The Stadium Smokehouse
Bar & Grill
2300 N. Peoria Rd.
- 4** The Route 66 Experience at
Gate 2 and Giant Slide
801 E. Sangamon Ave.
- 5** Fulgenzi's Pizza & Pasta
1168 E. Sangamon Ave.
- 6** Mahan's Filling Station
1168 E. Sangamon Ave.
- 7** Shea's Gas Station
2075 N. Peoria Rd.
- 8** Dew Chilli Pub & Grill
301 N. Grand Ave. W.
- 9** Maid Rite
118 N. Pasfield St.
- 10** Springfield Visitors Center
1 S. Old State Capitol Plaza
- 11** Maldaner's Restaurant
222 S. 6th St.
- 12** The Chili Parlor
820 S. 9th St.
- 13** Route History Museum
737 E. Cook St.
- 14** Mel-o-Cream Donuts
227 E. Laurel St.
- 15** Ace Sign Museum
2540 S. 1st St.
- 16** Giant Lauterbach Man
1569 Wabash Ave.
- 17** Cozy Dog Drive In
2935 S. 6th St.
- 18** The Curve Inn
3219 S. 6th St.
- 19** Knights Action Park &
Route 66 Drive-In
1700 Knights Recreation Dr.
- 20** Route 66 Motorheads Bar &
Grill, Museum &
Entertainment Complex
600 Toronto Rd.
- 21** Historic Brick Road
Snell & Curran Rds., Auburn, IL





FIND THE PERFECT SPOT

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WHILE YOU'RE HERE!

Choose from a variety of comfortable and affordable hotel options.
Springfield boasts nearly 4,000 rooms to choose from.



WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING

"We want to thank you for the wonderful help you provided in setting up our recent trip to Springfield. The personal attention, organization, and recommendations you provided were so appreciated. The trip was a great success due in large part to your assistance."

- Jill F. from Waterford, Michigan

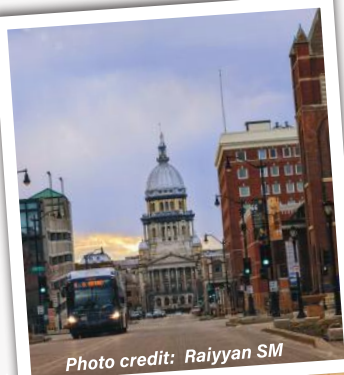


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"When we visited the Visitors Center in Springfield, the very nice people who were there that day to help, did an exceptional job helping my husband and myself with wonderful suggestions and directions, so we could explore Springfield."

- Gail C. from New York



Photo credit: Becky Karpe

"We were traveling through Springfield and found the art glass at the Lincoln House Historic District. It was so fun to walk away with a fun memento of our first (but definitely not last) trip to Springfield. And now we won the photo contest too... what a great story about our visit!!"

- Becky K. from Yukon, Oklahoma



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What events are going on while I'm here?

No matter what kind of event you are looking for, we have you covered. Featuring the most comprehensive list of local events, head to our website's upcoming and ongoing event pages to find your next adventure!



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WHAT PEOPLE ARE ASKING

What/where should we eat?

While Springfield is full of mouth-watering eats, you have to try our signature dish - The Horseshoe Sandwich! Start off with two thick slices of toasted bread, topped with your choice of meat, then cover that with a heaping pile of crispy French fries and drench with homemade cheese sauce. Our Horseshoe Trail is the perfect place to start! Find all the culinary delights on our website's Eat+Drink page!



Where is a gift & souvenir shop?

- Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum Gift Shop
- America's National Parks Store at Lincoln Home
- Lincoln Souvenir & Gift Shop near Lincoln's Tomb
- Mr. Lincoln's Souvenir and Gift Shop



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SPRINGFIELD VISITORS CENTER

If you are looking for a legendary experience in the Land of Lincoln, you're going to want to stop by the **Springfield Visitors Center**. Located on the first floor of the **Lincoln-Herndon Law Office** in the Tinsley Dry Goods Building, our visitors center is your one-stop shop for all the information you need to customize your visit.

- Talk to our friendly and knowledgeable travel experts who can help you plan your visit, suggest new things to do, and answer any of your questions.
- Pick up a free **Explorer Passport** - Abe's Hat Hunt & Living Legends and Landmarks of Route 66. The passport is filled with sites, attractions, museums and culinary treasures in one pocket-size booklet of fun!
- Get brochures, maps, coupons and discounts for various attractions and theaters in the city.
- Learn more about the rich history and culture of Springfield, the home of Abraham Lincoln, the 16th president of the United States.

Whether you are here for a day, a weekend, or a week, the Springfield Visitors Center is your gateway to a memorable and enjoyable stay in Springfield. Don't miss this opportunity to discover the best that Springfield has to offer. Stop by the center today and let the adventure begin!

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Currently Open: Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

SPRINGFIELD VISITORS CENTER

TEMPORARILY LOCATED AT 109 N. 7TH ST.

During the Lincoln-Herndon Law Office renovations, please visit the Springfield Visitors Center at our temporary location Monday-Friday 9am-4:30pm.



SpringfieldFreeWifi

SPRINGFIELDFREEWIFI is available in the Springfield Visitors Center, as well as in outdoor spaces throughout historic downtown. No account or password required. Just look for SpringfieldFreeWifi in your available networks.



Springfield Walks

Tour Services

Springfield Walks offers ghost walks, step-on services, tour guide services, and private tours.

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Access interactive listings with maps and links through these QR code.



Find all the exciting and historic places to visit, including shopping and outdoor recreation.

PLAY

There is so much to see and do! Use our plan page—loaded with ideas and itineraries—to get started planning the perfect trip.

PLAN



Carefully curated blogs help you find useful information on specific topics and exciting new adventures in town.

BLOGS

Looking for the perfect bite or a delicious drink? Here's a list of culinary delights.

EAT & DRINK



Upcoming and ongoing events are plentiful in Springfield! Find them all here.

EXCITING EVENTS

Getting here and getting around is as easy as scanning the QR code.

TRANSPORTATION



MEMORABLE CONVENTIONS & MEETINGS

⚡ Happen Here! ⚡

Enjoy unique, customizable meeting and convention space throughout the three areas of Springfield. Boasting nearly 4,000 overnight rooms and 325,000 square feet of flexible meeting space, we can create the perfect setting. Offering a wide variety of complimentary services and decades of talent and experience, Visit Springfield is here to take the stress out of planning. Our sales team all specialize in specific markets, including: Agriculture, Medical, Military, Auto, Sports, Hobby, Fraternal, Faith, Corporate, Association & Motorcoach.

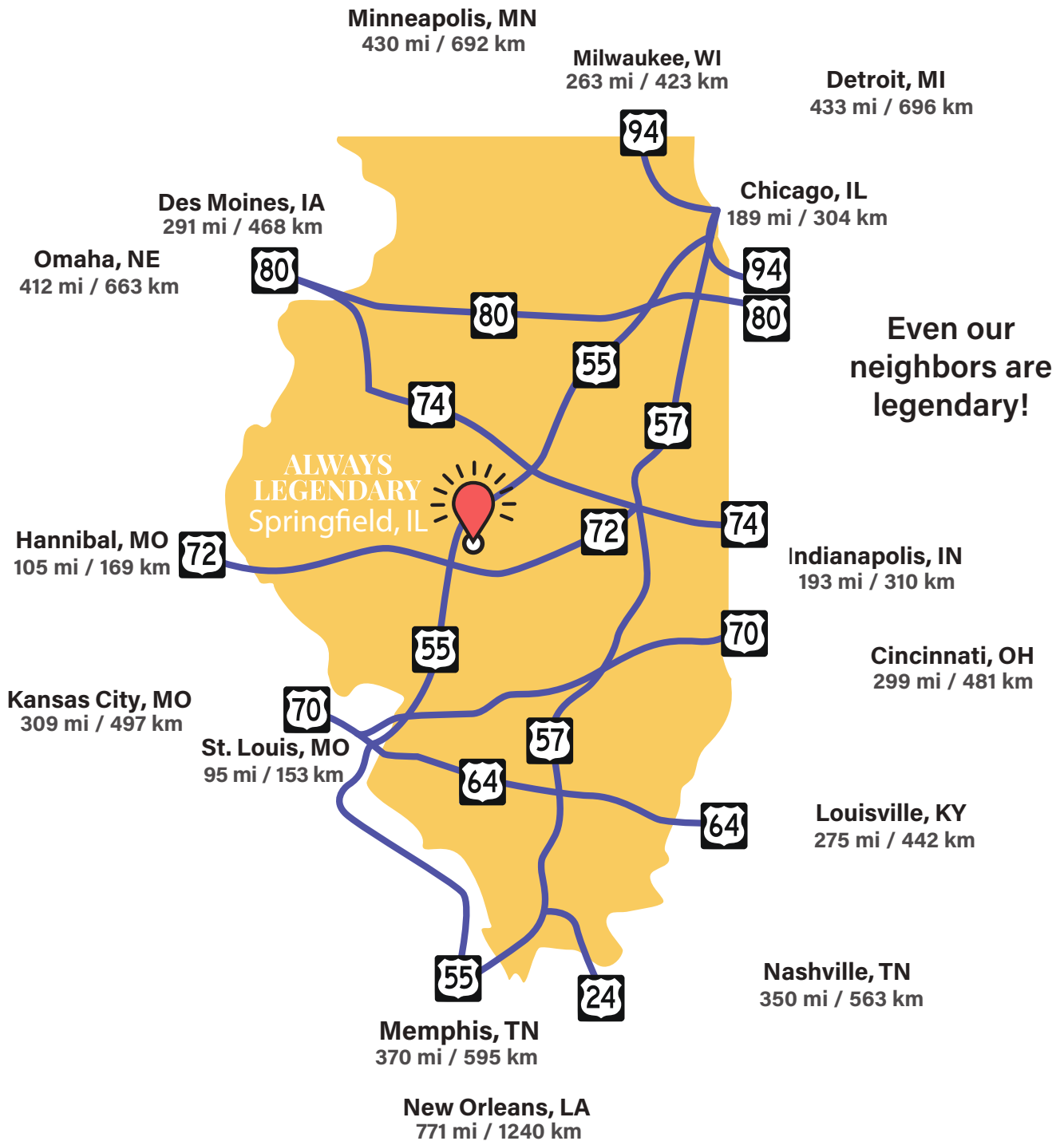
Don't get started without us! We have tips, tricks and special event venues you won't want to miss out on!

Choose Springfield, IL, for your next legendary event. Your attendees will thank you!



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How Far Is Springfield From...



Springfield, Illinois is located at the crossroads of I-55 and I-72, and along the Historic Route 66 Byway!

We've got great weather - most of the time - and awesome indoor sites in any season!



SEASON	HIGH TEMP	LOW TEMP
Spring	75°F/24°C	45°F/7°C
Summer	88°F/31°C	66°F/19°C
Autumn	70°F/21°C	32°F/0°C
Winter	40°F/5°C	19°F/-7°C

My List of Things to do in Springfield!



SHARE!



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



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