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Welcome to Real. Original. Rockford: a little city with big life.

Home of Cheap Trick, Sock Monkeys and Swedish pancakes.

Our Peaches were a ragtag team of WWII-era women whose passion and courage made us baseball fans.

Our IceHogs, the AHL affiliate of the Chicago Blackhawks, with their skill and speed, have made us hockey fanatics.

A 66 million-year-old T. rex with a dangerous grin inspires awe and gives us perspective.

Our reputation is so green we've earned two verdant nicknames: "The Forest City" and "City of Gardens."

You're always In Good Company here with locals who are passionate about their city and want you to love it as much as they do.

With this Visitor's Guide in hand, we hope you will get a sense of our city through the stories and voices of the good people who live here.

We invite you to discover our great city and region through their eyes. And, please come experience Real. Original. Rockford first hand very soon.

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By the Numbers

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A double shot of espresso at **Rockford Roasting Co.** has two ounces.

where to **Toast**



By the Numbers

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Rockford has three breweries per population over the age of 21—well above the state average of 0.9.

By the Numbers

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The original **Prairie Street Brewhouse** was one of the first breweries in the nation, pumping out over 75,000 barrels a year at its peak.

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I think we all just woke up one morning after a particularly animated late night conversation and said, 'did we just start a brewery?'

Looking around Prairie Street's aged wooden timbers, brick walls and gleaming fermenters, it's pretty obvious the unanimous answer was, "yes."

Prairie Street Brewhouse is a skillfully and lovingly restored mixed use building that also houses an architect's studio, an engineering firm, loft apartments, expansive meeting and wedding spaces and two bars/restaurants. Oftentimes, weddings and other events spill out onto the otherwise peaceful docks overlooking the flowing waters of the Rock River.

"We're so happy to be part of bringing people to the water," said Sjostrom, watching a gaggle of kayakers paddling around the boat ramp adjacent to the Brewhouse. "It's a perfect spot for what we're doing. Absolutely perfect. You can come here by car, bicycle, on foot or by boat. All we need now is a helicopter pad. Ha. Just kidding."

What's no joke is how popular Prairie Street Brewhouse's weekly "Dinner on The Dock" has become since inception in 2013. Held each Thursday night, it combines craft beer, good music and good food - all served up with the Rock River and downtown Rockford as the eye-popping backdrop.

Inside, you'll enjoy a spacious tap room serving up to 16 award-winning ales and lagers as well as lunch and dinner. Try the Black & Blue Kolsch - perfect on a hot summer day with just enough natural blackberry and blueberry to make it spectacularly unique. On the opposite end of the palate is the West Coast IPA. Snappy, hoppy and smooth. Just opened in 2015 at Prairie Street Brewhouse downstairs at river level is Dockside Taproom, where you can watch the river roll by and imagine yourself sipping Jonathan Peacock's tasty nectar way back in the day. Dockside has 12 of PSB's brews and 12 guest taps flowing at all times.

Pig Minds Brewing Co., the brain child of Creative Pig Minds owner Brian Endl, is nothing if not, well, creative. But Endl does NOT serve pig. Or beef. Or chicken, for that matter. Pig



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Our Craft Beer Reputation is Brewing.

They call Rockford Sportstown USA, but it's getting to the point it could just as easily be called Craft Beer City, as well. Winnebago County has three breweries per capita, which is well above the state average.

The oldest brewery in Rockford is also the youngest. In 1849, an Englishman named Jonathan Peacock bought a beautiful Greek Revival home on Prairie Street overlooking the Rock River. He intended to brew beer - and hoped to do it at a large scale. But, like many fledgling brewmasters, he started small, grinding malt in a hand-powered coffee mill, brewing mash in a washtub and delivering his ale in a wheelbarrow. It wasn't long before Peacock's brewery outgrew its capacity, and he built the looming brick edifice to the brewing arts at 200 Prairie Street that today houses the modern day Prairie Street Brewhouse.

The actual history of the original brewery almost seems clearer than the origins of the new one. When asked how Prairie Street Brewing Co. got started, Reed Sjostrom, one of a triumvirate of owners also including Dustin Koch and Chris Manuel, jokes, "we ask ourselves that all the time.



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1 4 Locals love **Pig Minds Brewing Co.** for its kitschy vibe, great craft beer, funky brew names and 100% vegan menu.

2 5 **Prairie Street Brewhouse**, Rockford's largest craft brewery, boasts a beautiful taproom and outdoor dockside seating.

3 8 **Carlyle Brewing Co.**, owned by Don Carlyle and Rocio Perez, is famous for great beer and its thin crust pizza.

7 **Olympic Tavern** was one of the first to step up and commit to the craft brew scene in Rockford, Illinois.

6 9 **Screw City Beer Festival** won the Illinois Governor's Award for Best New Event in 2011. Get tickets early; it sells out fast.

Minds' taproom restaurant is famous for dishing out some of the tastiest vegan food you'll find anywhere.

Try the sloppy joe. In a blind taste test, we guarantee you'd never know it's not meat.

Pig Minds' brew names are creative, too, with some of our favorites being Southy Bitch Slap, a hearty Irish Red; Squeal & Deal, an American Double/Imperial Stout; and Sweep The Leg, an American IPA with a slightly elevated ABV. Hoppy goodness abounds in this amazing little craft brewery, and even the most ardent meat eaters should approach with minds wide open. Chances are you'll find something to satisfy your hunger as well as your thirst. Local hint: Try the Fried Pickles. Ridiculously good.

Newcomers aside, when it comes to Rockford's modern day craft brewing culture, **Carlyle Brewing Co.** is the granddaddy of them all. Don Carlyle and his partner Rocio Perez opened the doors in 2003, when downtown Rockford was in desperate need of its first brewpub. Carlyle himself is the on-site brewmaster, having embarked on a worldwide mission many years prior to learn his craft from European and stateside masters.

"When I got out of high school, I was a little adrift," mused Carlyle. "I worked in automotive repair for ten years before I finally realized what I really wanted to do was brew beer for a living. So, I quit my job. After my last shift, a buddy drove me to O'Hare and I boarded a plane to Brussels on a mission to learn about brewing in Belgium and Germany."

He came home a few months later, fully stoked with passion, but equally aware he needed more training. Carlyle immediately enrolled in the world famous Siebel Institute in Chicago where, among his classmates were the future head brewer at Sierra Nevada in Chico, Cal. and students from Ireland's Guinness. It wasn't long after graduating from Siebel that he opened Carlyle Brewing Co. in downtown Rockford.

"There's nothing more gratifying than hearing people say they like my beer," said Carlyle.

Listening to Carlyle's regulars rave about his brews, it's easy to imagine him hearing that sort of thing a lot.

Web developer Adam Tobias, a frequent patron of Carlyle, is often seen enjoying an Irish Red

while doing light reading on C++ and other programming languages at the taproom bar.

"I like all three breweries in town. But I'm extra attached to this one because I was one of the Don's first 'MugClub' members," said Tobias with a wink. "That gets me my own personal mug, which is a couple ounces bigger than the other glasses in circulation here."

Highly rated by Beer Advocate, Carlyle Brewing Co features some of Rockford's beer geeks' favorite brews: a super hoppy India Pale Ale playfully named Humulus Lupulus (the latin name for hops) and the beloved Black Walnut Stout, which is brewed too infrequently for many fans.

"The Black Walnut Stout is my Mom's favorite," said Carlyle. "She didn't use to like beer, but now she's a beer geek."

Carlyle Brewing Co also serves some of the tastiest, most distinctive thin crust New Haven style pizza this side of the Connecticut state line.

Just west across the Rock River in downtown's Main Street District, **Kryptonite** is not a brewery. But, it features very carefully curated craft brews and is the only local restaurant/bar that also has its own annual beer fest: **Screw City Beer Festival**.

"Krypto's" owner, Chris Wachowiak, is an enigma: part bar/restaurant owner, part music promoter, part festival creator and part whirling dervish. He's always in motion.

"I look at what we do here as trying to create and sustain culture," says Wachowiak. "It's all meant to enhance quality of life. I love the craft that is applied to good beer, to craft whiskey, to our hand-crafted pizzas and brats, to music...to everything. I identify with artists and craftspeople and want to support them. And, I want to make our customers feel welcome and happy. I want to do what I can to make our city awesome."

If you want to attend Screw City Beer Festival in the fall, by the way, we suggest you buy your passes early because it is indeed awesome and sells out well in advance each and every year.

Speaking of festivals, another travel-worthy, and ever-evolving event is **Tour de North End**, hosted by Zak Rotello of **Olympic Tavern** on North Main Street on Rockford's near northwest side. Designed to showcase Rockford's North End Neighborhood on bicycles, TdNE is held the first weekend of August. The more establishments you ride to and the more stamps you collect, the better your chances to win a coveted Fat Tire cruiser bike. More than 900 thirsty cyclists are expected for the annual event. Proceeds go to bike-related causes benefiting the Rockford community.

"Beer is a communal beverage," said Zak Rotello. "It's meant to be enjoyed with friends, together. Why not mix in a little cycling with your beer?"

Communal is a good way to describe the Rotello family's Olympic Tavern, as well.

"It started with my Grandpa in 1945," said Zac. "He came back from WWII, bought a tavern, changed the name to The Olympic - and the rest is history. We're always tinkering, adding things. We're up to 28 craft beer taps now. We've got a cool outdoor deck. We even host 'Doggie's on The Deck' on Tuesdays in the summer. Bring your dog!"

The good brews news doesn't end there, thirsty ones. The Rockford Region's craft brew scene goes on and on. Many local clubs, pubs and eateries have dived into the craft business with all taps on deck. **The Oasis, Old Chicago, Granite City, Rural on Tap, Tavern on Clark, Aero Ale House, alchemy** and many more hotspots serve it up cold and crafty on draught.

The moral of the story? If you like beer, Rockford is worth the trip from just about Anywhere, USA.



NEED A JOLT

Visiting breweries can wear you out! Fortunately, Rockford has many high quality coffee purveyors. In addition to several Starbucks, you'll find...

Rockford Roasting Co. boasts unique pour-over coffee, espresso and outdoor seating that has it humming with hipsters.

Octane Interlounge fuels many local movers and shakers as they discuss the issues of the day with excellent espresso and drip coffee.

Wired Café, nestled along a cozy corridor of eclectic shops, restaurants and offices, will get you re-wired and happy in no time.

Katie's Cup, located in Rockford's Midtown District, is the kind of coffee spot where the locals sit, sip and read the paper.

Meg's Daily Grind has several popular locations throughout the city and an ever-rotating blend of delicious brews.

JavaMania is a local coffee "food truck" that keeps festival-goers and farmers market shoppers smiling and energized.



Rockford Roasting Co. patrons enjoy its intimate little storefront location in downtown Rockford's Main Street District.

Brian Endl of Pig Minds Brewing Co. enjoys coming up with offbeat names for his beer almost as much as brewing. Try the Sweep The Leg IPA.



where to **Dine**

By the Numbers

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GreenFire uses no microwaves, grill tops, fryers, or stoves, only wood-fire ovens.

By the Numbers

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Restaurants that have been named Delicious Destinations by Enjoy Illinois ... **Lino's** and **Stockholm Inn**.



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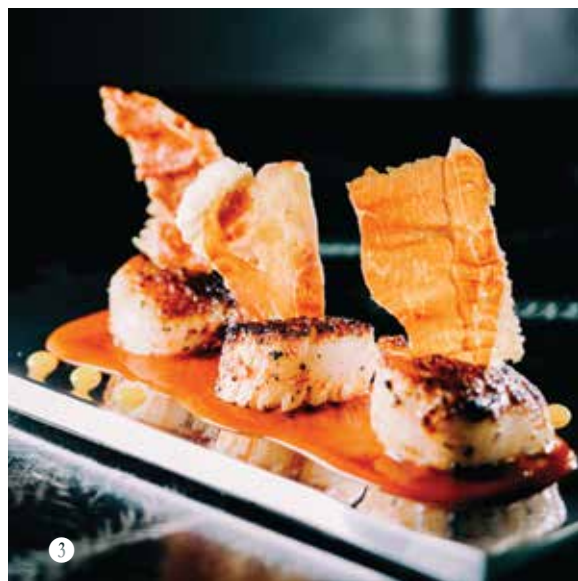
A Foodie Town on The Rise

It's not just the talent and effort spent getting pizza dough just right. It's not just the elbow grease applied to precisely muddling craft cocktails. It's not just the love of ethnic food that starts down deep in the soul. It's all of the above that makes a visit to Rockford tasty when it comes to breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Paul Sletten, the talented young chef recently made famous on WTTW Chicago's *Check, Please!*, said, "this town is crazy food-talented for its size. So many great places to eat, on and off the grid." OK. Duly noted. So, where do you like to eat when you're not hard at work, sweating the details of your own creations, Mr. Sletten?



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1 **Tavern on Clark** is a classic neighborhood bistro/tavern where the food is fresh and adventurous and the service is helpful and friendly. Located on Rockford's far east side near hotel row.

2 **Dari Fair** is a good old-fashioned, family friendly, no-nonsense ice cream stand that many Rockfordians adore. Try the Twinkle Cone!

3 **Abreo** is where it's at when it comes to tapas in downtown Rockford. Award-winning. Eclectic. You'll feel at home in jeans or a suit.

4 **Woodfire Brick Oven Pizza** was a favorite at Rockford City Market and now boasts an expansive storefront location on the east side of downtown Rockford.

"Anthony DiTullio is hands-down the hardest working guy in the food and beverage business in Rockford," he laughed. "His passion is for real and so is the food at **DiTullio's Italian Market Cafe**. I LOVE his Italian sandwiches for lunch. Check it out. You will, too."

"**Octane** is another place I can't stay away from. Patrick Alberto, the head chef, is killing it there. You can tell he's doing it because he wants people to get excited about the food. That's the only reason in my book, because this business is hard. You should enjoy it," said Sletten. "I just like the vibe. And owner Daniel Minick has been such a stalwart of downtown Rockford for so long."

"I love **Bamboo**, and not just because it's right across the street from my places, **Social** and **Abreo**. It's a favorite because it rocks. The flavors are amazing, the service is friendly and the value might be tops in town."

Friendly competitor Al Castrogiovanni of **Alchemy**, **Big Al's** and **Giovanni's** agreed. Bamboo is my kind of comfort food. I love it. Best Pad Thai in Rockford."

Castrogiovanni is also a fan of Sletten's **Social**, which he says offers an, "authentic farm-to-table experience. No wait staff. The bartenders and chefs do all the serving. It's friendly and fantastic and fun. Even the cheese curds are out of this world. Paul's an innovator. Social is on my 'anytime' list."

What else does Castrogiovanni recommend? "Man, Rockford has so much! **Bing's Drive-In** on South Main takes me back to my childhood with burgers in a little white wrapper and chocolate malts and root beer. They come to your car and hang a tray on your window. It's like living a memory. Same thing with **Zammuto's**, another great old fashioned place on Rockford's west side. Grandpa used to take me there for icy granitas after church. They make great, fresh fast food, too."

"**Stockholm Inn** is like this awesome Swedish pancake factory but everything is so great. I love to take the kids there for breakfast when I want to let my wife sleep in. That place is off the hook. They serve the best Swedish pancakes to like 500,000 people a year. It's amazing. **Five Forks** is my favorite lunch spot on Saturday. It's a small plate sort of place. I like their little touches, like fresh bread and olive oil that they bring out, the little retail wine shop where you can grab an inexpensive bottle of awesome, carefully selected wine and open it in the restaurant for a small corking fee."

"Oh! And **Pig Minds Brewing Co.** in Machesney Park. I'm NOT a vegan, but I respect Brian Endl's decision to do an all-vegan menu and man, it is fantastic. Highly recommended. I could go on... **Dandy Donuts** on Riverside in Loves Park. **Big Papa's Barbeque** on North Second Street in Machesney Park - that's like a trip down to Nashville with its kitschy atmosphere and real deal pulled pork burnt ends. The list goes on..."

Josef Barbados Steakhouse & Oyster Bar Josef Barbados is the brainchild of noted Austrian chef, Josef Schwaiger, whose ties to the magical island of Barbados and a track record of opening more than 12 restaurants in his lifetime are known worldwide. His partner in Josef is Cherri Rittenhouse, a Rockford native, his wife and an accomplished painter and Professor of art at nearby Rock Valley College.

Josef is known for its elegant, art-enhanced ambience, sophisticated menu and some of the best seafood and steaks you'll find anywhere in the U.S. The bar features granite table tops, leather highboy chairs and a leaping sailfish on the wall.

"Since I designed my first 'gasphof' in Austria...my philosophy has always been the same."

"Even when I began working on my more ambitious ocean-view restaurants in Barbados, I always put the emphasis on guest experience. The food, music and art must come together and allow our guests to be transported: to make a real connection with a special place," said Schwaiger.

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Patrick Alberto is the talented, adventurous chef behind Octane's success. His menu straddles comfort food, ethnic delights and fine dining with aplomb.



where to Find a Slice

Unlike Chicago's deep dish or New Haven's charred, crispy crust, Rockford doesn't really have a signature **pizza** style. What we have is a lot of pizza lovers and many pizza places to serve them. Here are just a few...

John's Restaurant & Pizzeria

is a Real. Original. Rockford favorite that has been doing its thing on 11th Street (on your way to the airport) for decades. The pizza's great and it feels like the kind of place where you might run into your long-lost Uncle Vinnie. From pizza to pasta to seafood to prime rib, John's does it all.

Nunzio's Restaurant in Loves Park is known for two things: family friendly Italian food (and pizza, of course) and generous portions. If you've got an appetite - or your child's soccer team in tow - the huge pizzas will serve you well. If you order the "Sinatra Steak," be prepared to bring some home to Spot.

Pino's on Main is super popular among the locals in its northwest Rockford neighborhood. The sauce is known for its perfect blend of tang and sweetness and the perfect blend of cheese and toppings. Folks love the flaky thin crust option, and Pino's calzones and Italian beef sandwiches are fan favorites, as well.

Francesco's Ristorante

Don't let the list of classic Italian dinners, appetizers, and sandwiches throw you off. Try the Stefano or the Cordon Bleu, two of their signature specialty pizzas, and you will not be disappointed.

Since 1986, they have blended old-world traditions with contemporary flavors to the delight of Rockfordians and visitors alike.



The bartenders know what they're doing, so order a classic cocktail. If you're hungry, try the Josef Burger. Much more than a burger, it's ground Angus topped with a delicious prime rib confit and comes with crispy thin pommes frites. Many say it is the best "burger" they've ever had.

In the restaurant proper, steaks and seafood are served by a gracious professional staff. If you like dishes like bouillabaisse, duck and rack of lamb, you will be well-satisfied with Josef's skill in recreating such Euro-masterpieces in the Midwest. Arrive on Supper Club Saturday and you can choose a prime rib special that is to die for, beautifully garnished with Yorkshire pudding, iced Crudités and includes soup or salad.

Lino's

Not surprisingly, perhaps, Lino's has been owned and operated by members of the same native Italian family since the beginning, more than 40 years ago. Mike Batista and his wife Pat (Grisanzio) are still on site everyday.

Vince Grisanzio, brother to Pat, is still behind the making of Lino's famous lasagna. Dominic Grisanzio, another brother to Pat who's well into his 80s, still hand-cases the delicious sausage daily. But the day-to-day restaurant operations are handled by brothers Joe and Jim Batista, who took over the business years ago. And there's a third generation in training: Joe's daughters, Celeste and Noel, along with Joe's son-in-law, Charlie.

↓ **Paul Sletten** of Abreo and Social is perhaps Rockford's most enterprising restaurant owner/chef. He is certainly one of the most creative.



A recipient of the 2015 "Delicious Destination" award from Enjoy Illinois, Lino's has been an award winner in the hearts and minds of hungry Rockfordians for generations. The pizza is a local favorite, of course, as is the Special Salad, which is almost a meal in itself, with slices of sausage, hard-boiled egg and tomato, topped with vinegar and oil, black pepper and parmesan cheese. Lino's is known for sending people home smiling and with plenty of money still in their pocketbooks.

"We strive to provide excellent value for the money."

"We've worked hard to maintain the excellence our family established so many years ago. In a way, time stands still here. We hope it stands still forever," said Mike Batista.

Capri Restaurant

Dating back to 1963, Capri is another of Rockford's wonderful old-fashioned family style Italian restaurants, and it even has family ties to rival Lino's. Capri is in the heart of Rockford's growing downtown food scene.

Walk in the carry-out door and you can still talk to Capri's founder, Vito Grisanzio as he assembles every single pizza that goes out the door and is served in the dining room. Vito's wife Janette (Smith) still plays a major role in restaurant



operations and often greets diners at the door.

The dining room is decorated with murals painted by a local artist featuring old-world Italian scenes and lined with cozy booths. The bar is comfortable, small and inviting. If you're arriving on a Saturday night during hockey season, you might want to arrive early, just in case the **IceHogs** are in town. If they are, you'll have a little competition for seats from the red jersey wearing faithful of Rockford's AHL affiliates of the Chicago Blackhawks.

Beyond the delicious, crispy crust pizza with signature tangy sauce (try a pepperoni & sausage combo), high on the list of locals' favorites are the homemade lasagna and salads with Vito's own super-famous Capri dressing. The staff is efficient and friendly, as you would expect with the founding owners still running the show.

Social Urban Bar & Restaurant

Creative craft cocktails, a welcoming atmosphere and a sophisticated but uniquely Midwestern farm-to-table menu are hallmarks of owner/chef Paul Sletten's Social Urban Bar & Restaurant in downtown Rockford. A Real. Original. Rockford gem, Social has blown many a visitor's mind, making them think they've been transported to Chicago, San Francisco or New York.

Whenever possible, Social's ingredients - from herbs to veggies to meats - are locally sourced and quite often organic. The staff knows a lot

about the ingredients and is eager to share that information with guests.

Appearing in a *Check, Please!* episode on Chicago's WTTW in 2014, Paul Sletten said he fully intended to "throw a dinner party" each and every night at Social when he first opened the doors. That is exactly what he's still doing today - only better.

"From the seating at community tables, to how we treat guests to how the hand-crafted food and drinks are prepared, we want people to have a satisfying, delicious and fully socialized experience," said Sletten. The menu is strategically and beautifully seasonal. For local fans, that builds a sense of anticipation when spring turns to summer, summer to fall and so on.

What will Paul Sletten come up with next?

That's the constant question and the constant answer is, "something surprising, something delicious."

Hint: Whiskey drinkers, try the Vieux Carre cocktail featuring Bulleit rye, Pierre Ferrand cognac, Vya sweet vermouth, Benedictine, and Angostura and Peychaud's bitters. And the cider-brined pork chop? Wow. Just wow. And, keep your fingers crossed that the shaved Brussels sprouts are on the menu.

1 **Social** takes as much pride in its handcrafted cocktails as it does its farm-to-table menu and friendly service.

2 **Josef Barbados Restaurant & Oyster Bar** provides a taste of Europe, island cuisine and fine stateside dining.

3 **Capri** is a favorite legacy-family Italian restaurant that many locals cannot imagine living without. Say hi to Vito!

4 **Mexico Classico** is known for its diverse Mexican menu, an amazing handcrafted table-side guacamole presentation and an expansive selection of tequila.

5 **alchemy**, the brainchild of Al Castrogiovanni, is where garage doors open on a creative menu, carefully selected craft beer and hand-crafted cocktails.

6 **The Olympic Tavern** is a must-stop for dinner with nightly specials and a high degree of emphasis placed on friendly service and value.

where to Start

We all know **BREAKFAST IS THE MOST IMPORTANT MEAL** of the day so you might as well get a great start at one of these popular breakfast spots.

Stockholm Inn

(stockholminn.com) - Perhaps the most popular restaurant in Rockford and certainly the most Swedish, Stockholm Inn serves up the delicious Swedish pancakes to visitors and locals alike. Eating these pancakes is an absolute must. (pictured)



Potato Shak

(potatoshak.com) - When Pete yells his friendly greeting from the grill, you know you're home at a local's favorite hole-in-the-wall diner. Pull up a chair—or a stool at the counter—and enjoy.

Lydia's Cafe

(lydiascafe.rockford.com) - Rockfordians from the North Highland/Rural Oaks neighborhood swear by Lydia's. It's got all the staples and deliciously adventurous specials, as well. Try The Coronado if you're extra hungry!



Johnny Pancakes

(johnnypancakes.com) - Breakfast is served all day long so take your time trying to decide between the pancakes, waffles or omelettes. Should you get the eggs Benedict? Probably.

alchemy @ Giovanni's

Al Castrogiovanni, the acclaimed and talented young chef of Giovanni's and Big Al's on Rockford's far east side, was faced with a dilemma: how to expand - into a parking lot - and still be cool - without just making a food truck. Castrogiovanni decided to create a new urban dining experience that allowed the outside in and the inside out.

The tricky part was not interfering with Giovanni's banquet business that can serve up to 1,000 people at a time.

He succeeded spectacularly with alchemy, the garage-door enhanced pizza, pasta and craft beer emporium that now graces Giovanni's front entrance. From the custom craft cocktails that are half science, half magic and 100% delicious to an adventurous menu that features everything from hand-tossed, artisan pizza to fantastic fish tacos to high-end tater tots to an ever-changing menu of craft beer on draft and in bottles, alchemy is an experience. And it's an experience better experienced than explained.

But, a very talented admirer of Castrogiovanni's, Paul Sletten, owner of Rockford's famed Social Urban Bar & Restaurant and Abreo had this to say, "Al is by far one of my favorite chefs in town. His food is elevated. But a little messy. It's comforting. But classy. I love the idea of serving sandwiches in a bowl of broth. Who thinks of that?"

Al Castrogiovanni does, and you'd be well-served to visit alchemy and taste for yourself.

Local Advice: The happy couple sitting at the corner of the bar - a smiling man who looks like he might have been a boxer back in the day (he was) and an equally cheerful blonde companion might be Al Castrogiovanni's parents and co-owners, Joe and Sue. Say, "hi." They love talking with guests and always have great menu advice.

GreenFire

Hailing from Montpellier in the south of France, just a few miles north of the Mediterranean Sea, Philippe Forcioli is his popular restaurant, GreenFire, is in his adopted hometown, Rockford.

Forcioli is a supremely talented chef who has cooked in some of the world's most famous restaurants for some of its most famous people.

"GreenFire is my dream," he says. "But my friends - actually this community of Rockford - made it a reality. I could not have done this anywhere else in the world. It's a \$3 million restaurant that we were able to open on trust, love, unsecured loans and sweat equity. Every vendor gave me good terms. Friends brought their skills and love. I am so happy to look around and see what we achieved. Smells good, too, doesn't it?"

It certainly does. And, it smells like success.

"We keep breaking records. This last Mother's Day alone, we served 950 people."

What makes GreenFire unique? Beyond the rustic, upbeat surroundings, all the food is cooked in brick and wood fired ovens. There is not one range or microwave in the building.

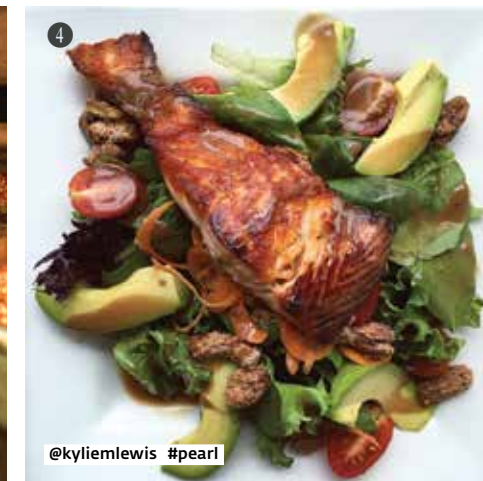
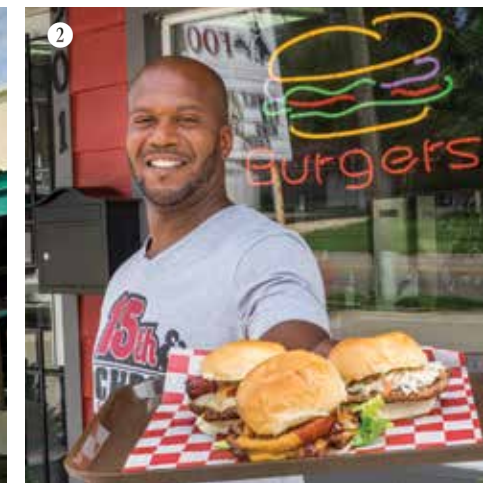
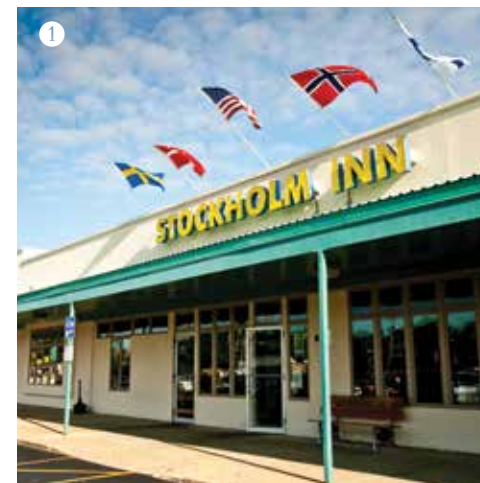
"I always liked cooking outdoors on a fire," said Forcioli. "So, when I came across these amazing ovens that cook at 700-900 degrees, I thought it would be cool to learn an all-new way to prepare food. It was funny when I was interviewing staff for the kitchen. They were all like, 'where are the ranges? How do you cook here?' We all learned together!"

"Also, I had all these years of experience of seeing all the things people can use as excuses for restaurants being slow. So, I just designed all those things out of the plan. GreenFire is a restaurant with no excuses," he said. "There is no excuse for us to be anything but excellent and for our guests to have anything but a great experience."

Forcioli sources as many ingredients as he can locally, has display cases stocked with exquisitely crafted desserts, and maintains a small market with wine, liquor, and other treats inside the restaurant.

"GreenFire is not fine dining, but it is fine," said Forcioli. "You can bring your kids' soccer team here and feed them burgers and wood fired pizza while you have a nice glass of wine and a delicious cowboy steak. Perfect. No excuses for anybody to do anything but smile."

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1 **Stockholm Inn** is the epicenter of Swedish Pancakes worldwide.

2 If **15th & Chris** is burger heaven, owner James Purifoy must be a burger angel.

3 **Lino's** lasagna is a must-have taste of home for returning Rockfordians.

4 **Pearl's** clean white lines and open feel perfectly compliment its delicious food.

5 **Meads Longwood Meat Market** is an old-style butcher shop serving up sandwiches with soup or chilli.

6 **Zammuto's** is a food stand specializing in desserts and soul food.

where to Nosh

Want to try a **REAL ORIGINAL** Rockford fast food joint? Then head to one of the seven locations of **Beef-A-Roo** (beefaroo.com). Known for their great burgers and shakes (and don't forget the cheese fries), this local "chain" is beloved by Rockfordians of all ages. A great place to grab a quick bite with the family or hit the drive-thru for one last quick bite as you head back home.



A few other joints not to miss for a great burger and fries ...

15th and Chris (15thandchris.com) - A great variety of one-of-a-kind recipes like the Boogie Burger featuring a jerk seasoned turkey burger with slaw.

Behr Den (behrim.com/our-services/behr-den-restaurant) - Tucked away nicely on the grounds of Behr Iron and Metal, the open to the public diner serves breakfast and lunch Monday - Friday. Get the Behrger with two hamburger patties and you won't be hungry the rest of the day. And get the chili. And ask for a bucket of jalapeños.

Buddy's Burgers (facebook.com/buddysburgers1) - Should you take the 9 Patty Challenge? If you do, tag your photo #gorockford because we would love to see your victory photo.

Vintage @ 501 (vintage501.com) - Considered by many locals as the best place for burgers in the city, you won't be disappointed with the Kobe beef sliders.





where to **Thrill**

By the Numbers
199
The Rockford Region boasts 199 **golf holes**. Fore!

By the Numbers
1,000
Rockford's longest zipline is 1,000 feet long!

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Get Up, Get Out and GO!

West Rock Wake Park

West Rock Wake Park is Dan Jarrett's personal passion, and one of Rockford's newest, coolest attractions. Jarrett spent 10 years in New York City plying his trade as a model, but wanted to come home to Rockford and bring the sport he loves to beginners and longtime enthusiasts.

"I grew up waterskiing at a nearby lake where our family has a cabin," said Jarrett. "I noticed that here in Rockford, if you don't have a boat and access to the Rock River, you were out of luck. No skiing or wakeboarding for you. I wanted to fix that and bring wakeboarding and waterskiing to anyone and everyone - in a safe, affordable, environmentally friendly way. We're doing it right here in Rockford on Levings Lake."

West Rock has developed a reputation as an awesome place for beginners to learn the sports as well as a solid following of experienced skiers and boarders who enjoy the no-boat, low-environmental-impact dynamic fun of being pulled around Levings Lake by powerful cable technology.

Dan Riffe is a Chicago resident who grew up in the Rockford area. He owns an expensive skiing boat on Lake Michigan. And that's just where he leaves it when he drives to Rockford with friends to wakeboard and waterski at West Rock.

"We can drive to Rockford and wakeboard here for less than filling my boat with gas on Lake Michigan."

"West Rock isn't just cool," said Riffe. "It's an amazing value - and it's a great workout. What's NOT to like about that?"

For advanced riders, West Rock has an assortment of features from rails to jumps and kickers to ensure everyone gets a challenge. And, with the park's twin-tower design, folks can ride almost continuously for hours. Jarrett even hosts a summer school for kids ages 7-15 who want an intense learning experience in a day-school environment - at an affordable cost. Best of all, the equipment you'll need is included in the by-the-hour fees. Of course, you can bring your own gear if you prefer.

If you want a more placid experience, rent a stand-up paddle board for a relaxing water-top workout. Great for your abs, your balance and your peace of mind.

Alpine Hills: Golfing & Zipping & Sliding

Alpine Hills Adventure Park and Golf Center is a centrally-located, 52-acre adventurous urban wonderland where kids and other family members can do everything from learning to golf to launching themselves off terrain park features on skis and snowboards to screaming through the air on zip lines 65 feet in the sky.

Brought to you by fully-licensed, Rockford-based EBL Zipline Tours, **Zip Rockford's** treetop canopy experience is as good as it gets in the Midwest. The safe but thrilling experience is enhanced by dual racing zips, double decker zips, and a super-wobbly, super-fun Indiana Jones suspension bridge to test your balance.

"The guides are all highly trained, certified and very encouraging," said Laurie Anderson, Deputy Director of Recreation for the Rockford Park District. "The experience can get pretty hair-raising, but it's always safe."

"The turnout so far in the first two summer seasons has been amazing. People absolutely love it," she said. "And the team and character-building benefits of adventure activities like zip lining are well known."

"This summer, a mom brought a troubled foster son to Zip Rockford. After his adventure, we received the most heart-warming letter of thanks," said Anderson. "She told us her foster child was hesitant and unwilling to try new things but had such an amazing time zipping, and gained so much confidence, he immediately went home and asked other kids in the neighborhood if he could join their soccer games."

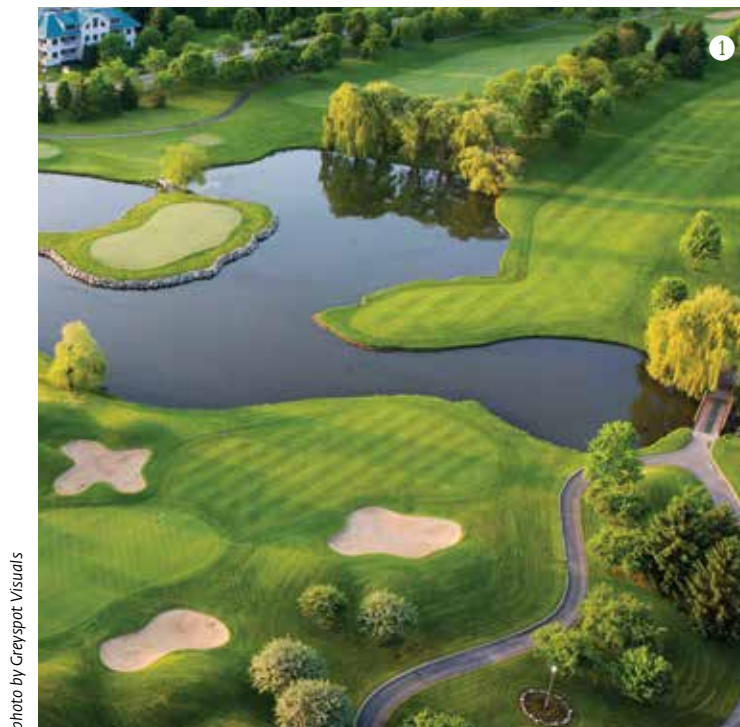


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"The experience helped transform her foster child. That's pretty cool."

Another cool thing is the new vertically enhanced wintertime Gateway Snow Park at Alpine Hills: a snow-making equipped, inner city terrain park that's a perfect place to learn to tube, ski or snowboard - or brush up on your mad snow sport skills.

"People of all skill levels come here," said Anderson. "From beginners to experts. It's just so convenient and inexpensive. They're coming from Chicagoland, Milwaukee, Madison, Freeport and elsewhere for the fun and convenience of playing in the snow at Alpine Hills. The surface lift is easy for anyone to get on and off of, and the warming house is great, too. Lots of people have been having birthday parties at Alpine Hills."

The snow park is typically open from mid-November through April.

Golf Heaven Right Here on Earth

So, golf is your true religion? Welcome to, "Illinois' Holiest City," where flagsticks grow like trees.

From awesome little **Sinnissippi Golf Course**, a quaint nine-holer in an east-side residential neighborhood to **Aldeen Golf Club**, the Golf Digest Magazine 4.5 Star-Rated championship gem on Rockford's far east side, the Rockford Region has a veritable embarrassment of golfing riches.

Ingersoll Golf Course, built in 1922, has narrow fairways lined with mature trees. At less than 6,000 yards from the back tees, its narrow confines have added more than a few strokes to many a player's handicap over the years.

Elliot Golf Course, also on Rockford's east side was built on relatively open, hilly farmland in 1968. It features wide fairways, distinct elevation changes and a solid mixture of straight and doglegged holes. Elliot recently added foot golf and other new-fangled golfing attractions that kids absolutely love.

Sandy Hollow Golf Course is a hilly, challenging parklands design with no two holes alike. The greens tend to be just a shade on the slow side, but the golf course itself is fun and the greens fees are low. If you have a morning tee time, show up a little early and enjoy one of Linda's delicious egg sandwiches or other breakfast delights with a cup of steaming coffee.

Jeff Miller, an accomplished local golfer who's played every local track from private to public, said, "we're blessed here, absolutely blessed. So many golf courses, so little time."

"Our only problem is too little time. I grew up on these golf courses and still can't get enough of them," said Miller.

1 Aldeen Golf Club has water hazards in play on 14 of 18 holes, so bring a few extra balls. It is deservedly and consistently rated one of the best municipal golf courses in the U.S.

2 Gateway Snowpark at Alpine Hills offers hours of snow sport entertainment right in the heart of the city, and value that'll have you jumping for joy.



Other notable area courses are Macktown, The Ledges and Atwood - all operated by The Forest Preserves of Winnebago County, and each with its own memorable character in beautiful rural settings. Alpine Hills Adventure Park & Golf Center has a five-hole golf course designed by The First Tee for beginner children that's open during summer.

Rock Cut State Park: A Lakeside Paradise
From greens to green space; on Rockford's northeast side, just a turn off I-90, lies the 3,092-acre best-kept secret of many outdoor enthusiasts: Rock Cut State Park. It's the kind of place local folks would rather we didn't boast about, but we really must share its secrets for active visitors seeking fresh air and natural surroundings.

A local center for active and silent sports of all kinds, Rock Cut features Pierce Lake, the 160 acre man-made heart of the park. The lake is a reservoir that didn't exist when the park was home to Iroquois, Potawatomi, Chippewa, Ottawa and other tribes of native Americans. Today, though, it's home to a menagerie of fish species including surprisingly large northern pike and walleye. It is aggressively fished, but well-managed; fishing enthusiasts seldom go home skunked.

Canoeists, kayakers and the occasional windsurfer all call Pierce Lake home.

A variety of watercraft can be rented at the park's excellent concession stand, which is also a great place to grab a meal, ice cream and supplies.

"I've done everything at Rock Cut. Skiing. Road cycling. Mountain biking. Hiking. Kayaking. And just taking my dog for a walk," said local Maggie

Eytalis. "It's so close, but you really get an outdoor experience, no matter what you do. There's always an 'ahhhhh' when you pull into Rock Cut."

Rock Cut is also home to campers, picnickers, birders, fishermen, horseback riders and an abundance of flora and fauna - including over 100 types of wildflowers.

Scores of people camp at Rock Cut each year. In fact, if you'd like to occupy one of its 276 campsites, particularly on a summer holiday weekend, we suggest reserving early. A surprisingly high number of campers consider Rock Cut a home away from home and look forward to returning each year to its hardwood forests.

Steve Forss, a Rockford-based racing cyclist, takes his kids camping at Rock Cut and many of the local forest preserves, as well.

"Sure, it's fun to go up to Wisconsin to ride bikes and camp. But we have so much right here, pretty much right outside our back door," said Forss.

Forss brought his son Miles and Miles' friend Henry on a recent one-night camping trip to avoid a sleepover hosted by Miles' sister, Zoe, back home. Was it fun?

"Best move we ever made," said Miles. Forss agreed.

"Camping is much better than staying home during a girls' sleepover. That's an easy one for any kid - even big ones like me."



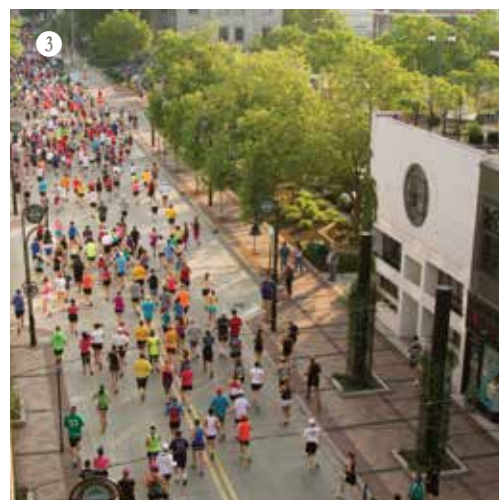
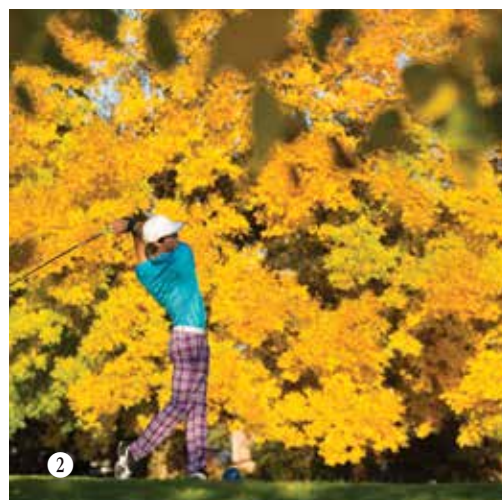
SPORTING ROCKFORD
Nothing quite gets the adrenaline pumping like watching a great sporting event in person. Look no further than Rockford for some great professional and amateur athletic events.

Rockford IceHogs - An affiliate of the Chicago Blackhawks, the IceHogs have been gliding along the ice at the BMO Harris Bank Center since 1999. The intimate seating at the BMO means you get to be right up on the action and the great crowd interaction gets the place rocking.



Rockford Aviators - The Rockford region has a long history with great baseball, from Albert Spalding to the Rockford Peaches to several MLB affiliates throughout the years. The current semi-pro team, the Aviators, began in 2013 and plays throughout the summer in the Frontier League.

Amateur Sports Tournaments - It seems not a weekend goes by where there isn't a tournament or game taking place at Sportscore One or Sportscore Two. Large events like the Puma Cup and smaller tournaments alike bring visitors by the thousands to the Rockford region to compete. Indoor facilities throughout the community like Carlson Ice Arena also play host to a variety of events. The latest addition to the sports landscape is the state of the art Sportscore Downtown, expected to be complete in 2016.



- 1 4 Canoeists and kayakers love paddling Pierce Lake at Rock Cut State Park.
- 2 Aldeen Golf Club is lovely spring, summer and fall.
- 3 The Rockford Marathon travels through downtown.
- 5 Alpine Hills Adventure Park's Indiana Jones-style suspension bridge is a daredevil's delight. It's rickety!
- 6 Rockford's famous BMX racing course at Searles Park is filled with thrills.

By the Numbers
1948
Inaugural year for the
Rockford Speedway.

where to **Explore**

By the Numbers
250
Discovery Center Museum is full of more than 250 exciting hands-on exhibits spread over two floors.

By the Numbers
11,000
The Nicholas Conservatory and Gardens offers an 11,000-square-foot plant exhibition complete with water features, seating and sculptures.

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"When we say Rockford is a great place to raise a family, we mean it," says Sarah Wolf, executive director. "And that makes Rockford a great place for families to visit."

"At Discovery Center, we make it our mission to improve our city's family friendliness all the time - for residents and visitors, alike."

The Discovery Center was Wolf's brainchild and has grown from a virtual baby in 1981 to a big sister on the downtown Riverfront Museum Park campus boasting 18,000 square feet of interior exhibit space and an 8,000 square foot Rock River Discovery Park, an outdoor science play park.

What, exactly, can kids do at The Discovery Center? Visit the planetarium and a flight simulator and pretend they're astronauts. Climb a spiral staircase with a giant mouse hole maze. See their endless reflections in the infinity tunnel. Build robots in the robotics lab. Impress themselves and see the video results on the giant pinscreen. Hunt for dinosaur fossils in the dino dig (and much more) in the outdoor Rock River Discovery Park.

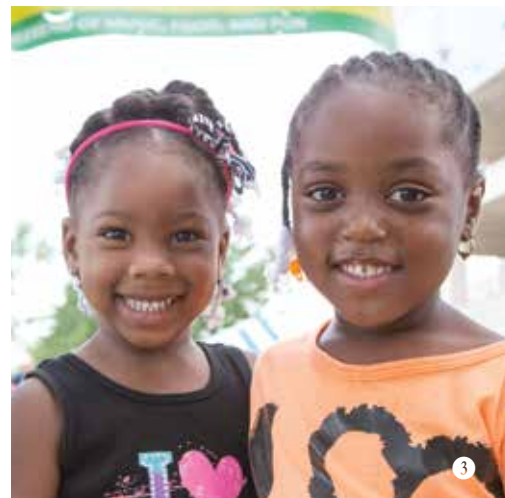
A typical year sees nearly 250,000 visitors and the museum currently has enrolled more than 2,000 family memberships. Students from far and wide make field trips. Buses arrive constantly from cities in Illinois and Wisconsin. Kids pile out by the hundreds to have hours of fun, then pile back in for the return trip home, trading stories and new knowledge.

Centrally located in Rockford's downtown Riverfront Museum Park campus, parking is free and admission is family friendly. Special programming is featured weekly. Many frequent out-of-town visitors spring for family memberships because they're so affordable and their kids literally can never get enough. If you're visiting Rockford with your kids, don't miss the Discovery Center. If you left your children at home, go get them right now!

Magic Waters: A Million Gallons of Fun
"Kids love the water—it's really as simple as that," explained Zack McIntyre, Director of Magic Waters when asked why families from all over the Midwest come to splash around at Magic Waters



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1 Jody Deery is the owner of **Rockford Speedway**, a high-speed slice of mid-western Americana.

2 **Volcano Falls**, a family destination features go karts, laser tag, miniature golf and FUN.

3 **BookerFest** is an annual three-day summertime celebration with a family reunion feel.

4 Families go to top-rated **Discovery Center Museum** to watch their children get lost in the fun of learning.

5 Fun is measured by the millions of gallons at **Magic Waters Waterpark**. A great place to cool off on a hot day.

6 **Burpee Museum of Natural History**, the "little museum that could," is home for Jane, the world-famous juvenile T. rex.

7 **Cherry Valley Days** is an end-of-summer extravaganza for the whole family.

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Where to Have Fun With the Fam

The Discovery Center: A Childhood Dream Come True

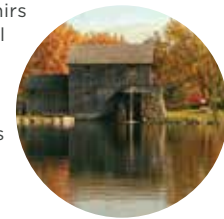
It has long been said that Real. Original. Rockford is a family town. For proof, look no further than Discovery Center Museum, a bastion of fun and educational excellence dedicated to enhancing the lives and minds of children. Ask any mom, dad, grandma or grandpa and they'll agree; kids have so much fun at the Discovery Center they scarcely realize they're learning.

Discovery Center is the fourth finest children's museum in the country according to Family Vacation Critic, and the only one rated in the Top Ten in the state of Illinois.



ROCKFORD WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1834. Originally named Midway because it was halfway between Chicago and Galena, it eventually became known as Rockford because of the Rock River's rocky ford bubbling near the original settlement. Several museums celebrate the region's fascinating history...

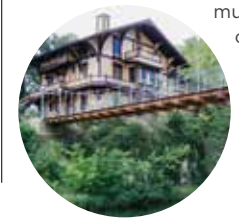
Midway Village Museum (midwayvillage.com) - Midway features a replica turn-of-the-century town with costumed interpreters, exhibitions celebrating our ubiquitous Sock Monkeys and Rockford Peaches and much more. There's a wonderful gift shop with unique Rockford souvenirs and many annual events like the CommUNITY picnic, Sock Monkey Madness and WWII Reenactment.



Macktown Living History Education Center (macktownlivinghistory.com) - Explore the lifestyle experienced by fur trader Stephen Mack in 1834 along the Pecatonica River in Rockton. Just a short drive away is the Rockton Township Historical Society museum (www.rocktontownshiphistoricalsociety.com) where you can learn about the Wagon Wheel Resort, Olympic skater Janet Lynn and the "Grout" House.

Ethnic Heritage Museum (ethnicheritagemuseum.org) - Located in an historic home built in the 1850s, the Ethnic Heritage Museum has six fascinating galleries devoted to the primary immigrant groups that settled in southwest Rockford -- African-American, Hispanic, Irish, Italian, Lithuanian and Polish.

Tinker Swiss Cottage (tinkercottage.com) - In 1865 Robert Tinker, inspired by Swiss architectural style, built the Tinker Swiss Cottage on Kent Creek near downtown Rockford. Now a historic home/museum, the cottage boasts a wonderful garden and a glimpse into a time gone by.



is as varied and colorful as the grounds themselves. There truly is something fun and educational going on every week, from the spring Garden Fair to the summertime Woodsong music series on select Sunday nights and much more.

The seasons may change, but the beauty and variety of plant life the Taylor brothers planted ages ago just keeps getting more beautiful. No doubt they would be very proud to see their old nursery now.

Rockford Speedway: Still Putting Its Pedal to The Metal

Jody Deery was a registered nurse when she and her husband bought a stake in Rockford Speedway in 1959. By the mid '60s, they were sole owners and her nursing career had been in her rearview mirror for years.

"We had no experience promoting races. Heck, I hadn't even seen a race when we bought this place," said Deery. "I guess I've seen my share now."

Founded in 1948, Rockford Speedway is the only NASCAR-sanctioned track in Illinois other than Chicagoland Speedway. Families (many for generations) flock to it for a thrilling mix of local, regional and national events. Known as "Mid-America's Finest Racetrack" it is renowned for hosting major events like the National Short Track Championships.

And, of course, the quarter-mile oval also hosts crazily entertaining demolition derbies in figure eight patterns and other fan-favorite specially themed events.

If you assumed that Jody Deery, now 89 years young, has taken a backseat and let one of her children run the Speedway by now, you'd be mistaken.

"What? No, no, no! Mom is still running the show," said Sue Deery, Speedway Comptroller and a veteran of the family business since she was 8 years-old. "She is amazing. She's intimidating, really."

"She drives herself and the Speedway just as hard at 89 as she did when she was 33."

"I was attracted to Klehm by the arboricultural value of the trees and plants," said past board chairman John Richards. "To me, there is no finer tree than a bur oak, and we have many beautiful specimens here. They alone are worth the visit."

Carl Petersen, a regular Klehm visitor, has his own renewing passion. "I see something new every time. It's never the same twice. The plants are always evolving. For me, this is a big, beautiful, organic stress-reliever."

The centerpiece of the collection is what staff members call the Sentinel Oak - the tallest and one of the oldest oaks in Illinois at more than 250 years of age. So unique and precious is this treasured bur oak that it is wired with lightning resistant cable for protection.

"The Sentinel Oak, to me, like all bur oaks, is a sacred tree."

"It was a 'witness tree' used by early surveyors staking out Rockford," said Richards. "And in the shade of that tree and others in the grove, you'll find rhododendron, azalea and umbrella magnolia thriving."

English oak, white oak, American chestnut and a one of a kind Greek fir (rare to the Midwest) are just a few of the varieties of wild trees you can see at Klehm. Because most of the collection was planted around the turn of the last century, many Klehm samples dwarf specimens at other Midwest arboretums.

"Another wonderful thing about Klehm Arboretum," said Dan Riggs, executive director, "is that we're situated on the Mississippi Flyway. So in the spring you'll see all manner of migratory birds: warblers, finches, orioles, scarlet tanagers, indigo buntings, white pelicans and more. Many birds winter here, too."

An additional form of wildlife that love Klehm are kids. They have fun in the Children's Garden, Grass Garden, Butterfly Garden and Fountain Garden water feature. Klehm's programming schedule

Of course, there's delicious food and drink to be had from a variety of concession stands. Also, don't miss out on terrific "Splash & Lodge" hotel packages, which include discounted tickets to the park.

The Little Museum That Could: Burpee Museum of Natural History

2002 was the year that leaders of Burpee Museum decided the Montana Badlands were all good. The Hell Creek Formation in Montana is where their team of paleontology enthusiasts excavated Jane, a stunningly complete juvenile *T. rex* skeleton that lived 66 million years ago - and is now on display at Burpee in her own expansive exhibition.

"Jane is one of the top ten finds in the history of paleontology," said Peter Larson.

Larson, who led the team that discovered Chicago's famous Sue, said, "Jane led a tough life. It's fascinating to see the evidence of it so well-preserved and presented by Burpee's team."

Although there are few paleontologists in the world who wouldn't give his or her favorite rock hammer - and the arm that swings it - to have found Jane, she is just one star in Burpee's constellation. There's much more to do and see at the "Little Museum That Could."

Homer's Odyssey: From Badlands to Burpee is a fascinating, in-depth look into the life of a Triceratops named Homer, also discovered and expertly excavated and presented by Burpee's amazing staff and volunteers. The Ordovician Sea is a fascinating look back to the days millennia ago when our region of the midwest was an ocean.

No wonder renowned Paleontology expert Robert Bakker said, "pound for pound, Burpee is the best natural history museum in the country."

When you visit Rockford, make time to experience this intimate, world-class museum. But hurry; at 66 million years-old, Jane's not getting any younger.

Relax in Klehm Arboretum & Botanic Garden's Historic Beauty

The history of Klehm Arboretum & Botanic Garden is as substantial as the trunks of the many bur oaks that grace its grounds. From humble beginnings as a nursery planted by the Taylor family in 1910, Klehm has grown to a one-of-a-kind haven for plant life and animals boasting over 1,000 different species of trees, shrubs and perennials. It is one of the oldest and most diverse such facilities in the Midwest.

Waterpark. "They get excited because there are so many great ways to beat the heat."

With the liquid distinction of being the second largest publicly owned water park in the United States, this 43-acre water retreat is a staple for residents and out-of-town families escaping the sometimes-oppressive heat and humidity of Midwestern summers.

Whether slithering down 15 slides, tubing in the Lazy River or just soaking up rays, fun is the order of the day.

If you measure fun gallons, the total is impressive: 1,000,310 gallons of fun, to be exact.

One fan-favorite attraction is Tsunami Bay, the 707,000-gallon wave pool, with its undulating waves that send heads bobbing like buoys and ripples of laughing swimmers towards shore.

Shrieks of delight whistle like seagull calls throughout the venue. Among the main culprits: The Splash Blaster, which slings riders' tubes up and down through a maze of swirling pipes. The two-minute ascent to the top sets the stage for 45 seconds of dizzying descent. Another ride that earns high shriekability ratings is the Double Dare Drop, which drops sliders 75 feet in a matter of seconds, making it the steepest slide in northern Illinois/southern Wisconsin.

Easily accessible off I-90 and I-39, Magic Waters' convenient location is a major advantage for families.

Best of all, you won't get soaked by the fees. Rates are as family friendly as the fun itself, and take-in coolers and picnic lunches are welcome.



Nicholas Conservatory & Gardens is beautiful inside and out: a lovely tropical respite for plant lovers and anyone simply seeking relaxation and beauty.



@hannahwelker #williamstreefarm



@idelatola #edwardsorchard



"We've been doing this - parents and brothers and sister together - for decades," said Sue. "Sometimes I'll feel like I'm about to run out of gas, and just then I'll see a fan smile. Or someone tells me how much their grandparents loved coming here. Or a young kid wins a race. And bam, just like that I'm ready to run hard again, just like Mom."

"The Speedway is Americana, really. The cars on the track go fast, but time stands still," said Sue. "It's just like it was back in the day. It doesn't really 'bring me back,' though, because it's always been here, just like this."

The Head of The Rock Regatta: It's Not Just A Race, It's an Institution. Come the second weekend of October on the east bank of the Rock River, ducks and geese find themselves in competition for shore space as 1,700 plus rowers from across the country convene for head-to-head competition at the Head of the Rock Regatta. From prep and collegiate teams to club teams of all ages, the Head of the Rock is a premier national rowing competition and much-anticipated spectacle for Rockfordians and visitors alike.

Oarsmen and women from more than 60 clubs and universities racing over 400 boats share the 2.5 miles of the Rock River's prime racing length each year, witnessed by thousands of spectators. Major universities represented in both men's and women's events have included Purdue, University of Iowa, Northwestern, Marquette, University of Minnesota, University of Michigan, Notre Dame and others.

"We have the best rowing water in the United States."

"We started this race in 1984," said Dennis Kaderabek, founding race director. "I cannot tell you how many coaches and athletes have told me they're jealous of our Rock River course."

Not the least of the Rock River's advantages for racing is its spectator-friendly. The riverside Recreation Path, which runs the length of the

course on the east bank, affords terrific views of the action, as do positions on the Auburn Street, Jefferson Street and Riverside Boulevard bridges - Auburn Street being the best of the three.

Thirty years and counting - and the Head of the Rock keeps growing in the hearts and minds of returning athletes and spectators. See why for yourself the second week of October on the banks of the Rock River in Rockford, Illinois.

Nicholas Conservatory & Gardens: Are We Above or Below the Equator? Nicholas Conservatory, an 11,000 square foot indoor wonderland of beautiful tropical plants, is the third largest conservatory in Illinois. Enhanced by the melodious sounds of water features, peaceful seating areas, sculptures and a majestic riverside location, Nicholas Conservatory is home to thousands of beautiful, ever-changing tropical plants, sculptures and, oftentimes, hundreds of live butterflies.

The beauty continues outdoors, as well. The conservatory has a unique living green rooftop which you can book for semi-private catered meals and enjoy a spectacular view. The grounds embrace Eclipse Lagoon, which features two fountains (it freezes come wintertime and becomes a favorite haunt of pond hockey players), a waterfall, a pedestrian bridge, and a gentle walkway connecting the conservatory grounds to the lovely Sinnissippi Rose Garden. Best of all, Nicholas Conservatory offers special programming throughout the year, from weekly art walks to wine tastings to special exhibitions of varying themes.

We all know how quickly tropical plants grow, so it won't surprise you to know that the conservatory rarely looks the same during two consecutive visits. It's always growing, always evolving. Come step into its vibrant, tropical world; chances are good you'll want to come back.

Rockford City Market: A Weekly Gathering For Good Launched in 2010 with high hopes of creating activity, jobs, entrepreneurs and a world class experience, Rockford City Market is the place to be on summer and fall Friday afternoons and evenings. Visitors shop for produce, prepared foods,

handcrafted goods and more. And it's all for a good cause - revitalizing downtown Rockford.

Founder Peter Provenzano and his cohorts couldn't have imagined how quickly City Market would inspire tens of thousands of residents and visitors to look forward to summer Friday afternoons and evenings.

"We almost made the mistake of holding it on Saturday mornings," said Provenzano. "But what we really wanted to do was create a farmers market-meets block party vibe. So, we decided on Friday afternoons. That was the secret. It's been a good thing for the community and a good thing for our downtown economy."

City Market is nestled in the midst of the city's historic commercial district along the Rock River's east bank. Many restaurants, bars and other businesses are within walking distance, some of which were incubated at City Market in past years.

"We brought things full circle - although I don't think they had live music and craft beer back then," said Provenzano, standing amidst the swirl of Market activity one Friday evening.

Partially sheltered by a beautiful new steel pavilion, City Market happens rain or shine and features local growers and other vendors selling natural, locally grown and produced products including vegetables, fruits, eggs, meats, cheeses, flowers, herbs, baked goods, wine and healthy snacks. Others include talented artisans and makers of fine handcrafted goods and craft brewers. A beer garden with live music takes place under the pavilion's shelter.

In fact, if you're still thirsty after the Market closes, two of Rockford's outstanding craft breweries, Carlyle Brewing Co and Prairie Street Brewhouse, are within a stone's throw of the grounds.



Children frolic in Millennium Fountain on hot summer City Market afternoons

Athletes race the Rock during fall's annual Head of The Rock Regatta.

where to Paddle, Hike & Bike

By the Numbers
1,700
 The number of rowers that the annual, U.S. rowing-sanctioned, **Head of the Rock Regatta** sponsored by the YMCA attracts from across the U.S.

By the Numbers
1 million
 One million visitors from across the region visit **Winnebago Country Forest Preserves** each year.

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Silent Sports Are Gaining a Voice in Rockford, Illinois

Mary McNamara Bernsten ran for a seat on the Forest Preserves of Winnebago County Board because she cares about our natural heritage - and truly wants to see more people, especially children, enjoy it. She won, and now she's living that ethos along with her husband and kids.

"We're enjoying fishing, camping, hiking - just the sheer pleasure of driving a short fifteen minutes from our home, getting out of our car and

being confronted by an expanse of wildness and green and clean water," she said. "It's liberating and wonderful for locals and it's a real treat for visitors, too. Just walking along the shore and searching for little clamshells is such a fun adventure for our family. And, almost all of what the Forest Preserves offer is absolutely free."

Winnebago County's forest preserves feature 10,300 acres of woods, prairie, wetlands, rivers and ponds.

"It's all about access," said McNamara Bernsten. "You can go camping, hiking, picnicking, canoeing, kayaking, snowshoeing, cross country skiing, bird watching, fishing. As a matter of fact, call the Forest Preserve District office and we'll even lend you a fishing pole - just like checking out a library book. For free."

Freedom is what it's all about for Don "Big Bird" Miller, too. Miller is a noted naturalist and Director of Education and Research at Severson Dells Nature Preserve. He has spent a lifetime paddling the waters of Winnebago County, hiking the banks of its rivers and streams, and sharing his knowledge with everyone who wants to learn.

Miller has many tips for fellow lovers of lakes, rivers and streams...

"The **Kishwaukee River** runs 63 peaceful miles from Woodstock, Illinois to Rockford, where it empties into the Rock River. It is clean and beautiful, a Class A river whose watershed includes prairies, savanna, wetlands, sloughs

and forests - and quite a lot of farmland. The name Kishwaukee is derived from a Native American word for "river of the sycamore," Miller said.

"The **Pecatonica River** flows 194 miles from southern Wisconsin to northern Illinois, where it meets the Rock River in Rockton. Pecatonica is an anglicization of two Algonquin words: bekaa (slow) and beekaaniba (slow water)," he said. "In the Rockford Region, four Forest Preserves operated by the Forest Preserves of Winnebago County line its waters: **Pecatonica Wetlands FP, Crooked River FP, Macktown FP** and **Trask Bridge FP**. Also, Natural Land Institute owns and operates two preserves along the river called **Pecatonica Woodlands** and **Nygren Wetlands**."

"I love the **Sugar River**," he said. "It's a tributary of the Pecatonica, 91 miles long from the southern terminus of the last North American glacier southwest of Madison, WI to northern Winnebago County, where it joins the 'Pec' near Shirland. Three forest preserves flank it along the way: **Sugar River FP, Sugar River Alder FP, and Colored Sands FP**."

"Then there's **Kilbuck Creek**, a lovely little 28 mile-long tributary of the Kishwaukee River. It's our third largest by volume. Its mouth is located about a mile north of **Kilbuck Bluffs Forest Preserve**, which consists of 224 acres of woodlands and a ridiculously beautiful display of spring wildflowers and mature sycamore trees. Kilbuck Bluffs features easy water access

points for fishermen, canoeists and kayakers, so that's a handy one to get to know," said Miller.

To the Sauk and Fox native Americans, the Rock River is known as Sinnissippi for its "rocky waters."

"The **Rock River** is a tributary of the Mississippi that starts up north in Wisconsin and gathers strength from almost all the rivers and streams in the region. Lots of forest preserves, parks and recreational assets line the banks of the Rock here, such as **Atwood Forest Preserve, Sinnissippi Park** and the 10 mile Rock River Recreation Path," Miller said.

Miller's favorite places to paddle, in no particular order, because he treasures them all, are:

The **Sugar River** from Yale Bridge Road to **Two Rivers Forest Preserve**. A 2.5 hour float featuring clean water, excellent wildlife viewing, seclusion and quiet.

The **Kishwaukee River** from **Kishwaukee River Forest Preserve** to **Atwood Park**, passing **Kishwaukee Gorge Forest Preserve**, much scenic beauty and abundant wildlife.



ROCK RIVER TRAIL FLOWS THROUGH ROCKFORD
The **Rock River Trail**, spearheaded by Frank Schier, owner of the Rock River Times newspaper that calls downtown Rockford its headquarters, has quickly become a leader in promoting the Rock River as a destination. The Trail, which was established in 2010 to promote the river as a multi-use trail of recreation, scenic, and historical interests runs a total of 320 miles through Wisconsin and Illinois and has been designated as a National Water Trail. In Rockford, the Rock River acts as a natural corridor for the community and is the perfect backdrop to many of the region's great events. Learn more about the Trail and the opportunities to hike, bike, boat or drive the great river at rockrivertrail.com



GRAB A PADDLE
Canoeing and kayaking on the Rock River, Kishwaukee River and throughout Winnebago County has grown in popularity the past few years. Whether a novice or expert the waters in the Rockford region are sure to delight. Need some help in getting on the water? No worries, two local outfitters will get you headed in the right direction. **Larsen's Landing Outfitters** (canoethekish.com) and **Rocktown Adventures** (rocktownadventures.com), rent canoes and kayaks and outfit organized paddle trips and offer lessons and tips.

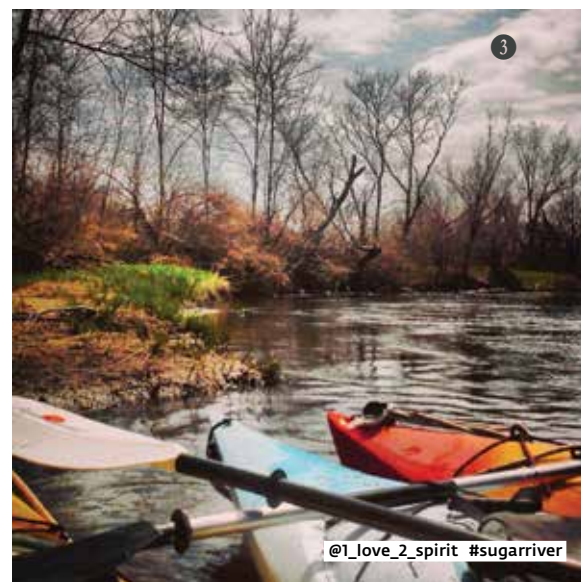
- 1 The **Kishwaukee River** is 63 peaceful miles long, easy to access, and a world apart from the daily grind.
- 2 Kayakers, stand up paddle boarders, canoeists and others access the **Rock River** on the east bank in downtown Rockford.
- 3 The forest preserve-flanked **Sugar River** is a local's best-kept secret. Once you've paddled, kayaked or hiked its waters, you will be back for more.
- 4 An oarsman's or woman's dream: glassy waters on a peaceful river at day break. Welcome to the **Rock River**, featuring the finest rowing water in the United States.



@therealbradmartin #kishwaukee



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@1_love_2_spirit #sugarriver



@johnbrek #rockriver

where to Ride

If You're a Cyclist, **BRING YOUR BIKE!**

Since the (long-gone) days when it had a board track velodrome to today, Rockford has always been a cycling town. For information about faster local road rides and routes, visit facebook.com/stalenevelo and click on "About" for a spreadsheet and MapMyRide links. For touring rides and routes, visit blackhawkbicycleclub.org. For information about mountain bike rides and trails, visit rctrailcrew.org and click on the documents link. Rockfordparkdistrict.org also has information about bike-friendly paths and roads.



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1 Road cycling is accessible and safe in Winnebago County. Coming our way? Bring your bikes!



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2 Mary McNamara Bernsten and young friends enjoy the Forest Preserves of Winnebago County.



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3 Maggie Eytalis and Wolfram Meingast take to the trails on snowshoes when the snow is deep in the Rockford Region.

Kishwaukee River from **Baumann Park** in Cherry Valley to **Atwood Forest Preserve**.

"The Sugar is my favorite river in the county," he said. "It can be a little soily at times due to farm run-off, but you can't beat it for feeling secluded and for viewing wildlife. There are sand bars where you can stop for a shore lunch - and you won't see a lot of other people."

"The Kishwaukee River is my other favorite. It's known for clear water, a nice steady current, bald eagles, warblers of all kinds, pileated woodpeckers, mink, otter, deer, the soft-shell Blanding's turtles and more. And, if you don't have a canoe or kayak, you can rent one."

Severson Dells Nature Center is a perfect resource for information about the Rockford Region's natural world, and Miller invites you to call the office any time. "Folks are welcome to call us for advice and special events. We're always organizing canoe excursions and exploratory hikes, so give it a try if you're looking for something organized."

Speaking of hikes, Miller's favorite place to explore nature on foot is **Deer Run Forest Preserve**, with six miles of bluebell-bedecked trails along the lovely south branch of the Kishwaukee River.

"There are bluebells, orange butterfly milkweed and more. It's easy hiking and you can even bring your dog, on a leash. Plus, it's so easy to get to, just south of Cherry Valley."

Rick Barton is another noted, long-time silent sport practitioner. He's currently General Manager of Rocktown Adventures outdoor outfitters on Madison Street in downtown Rockford, just about a block south of Prairie Street Brewhouse, right across from the Riverview Ice House.

"I love to paddle the Rock River. There's such a wide variety of stuff to see."

From the downtown skyline near Barton's shop to forests and parks and golf courses, you can put in from Macktown Forest Preserve you can paddle for almost three hours downstream to Atwood Forest Preserve. "Easy in, easy out," Barton said. "We're so lucky here."

"During the summer months, at Rocktown Adventures, we're doing scheduled trips where we'll transport you north to Sportscore One with rental kayaks, paddles and life preservers so you can paddle back downstream to Prairie Street Brewhouse for Dinner on the Dock on Thursdays or City Market on Fridays."

"We don't miss a beat when the snow flies. Come wintertime, there are so many places to cross country ski and snowshoe - from right in the middle of the city to out in the country. We really have an amazing silent sport vibe going on here in the Rockford Region," he said.



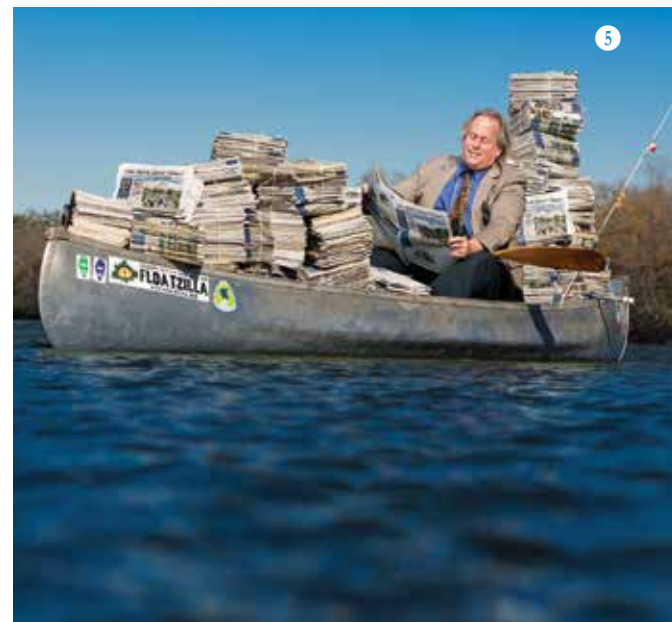
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4 Steve Forss, Miles Forss and Henry Kaney pause on a hike at **Rock Cut State Park** - a cherished weekend destination.



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5 Frank Schier publishes **The Rock River Times** and is founder and chief promoter of the **Rock River Trail**.



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6 **Robb Sinks**, a lifelong cycling enthusiast and owner of **Kegel's Bicycle Store**, has done it all: BMX, road and, of course, mountain biking.



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By the Numbers
1934
Year the **Rockford Symphony Orchestra** began

where to **Be Inspired**

By the Numbers
17,000
Rockford Art Museum offers more than 17,000 square-feet of space for feature exhibitions and collection exhibits that change seasonally.

By the Numbers
2,309
Number of seats in the historic **Coronado Theatre**

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Rockford Art Museum hosts an impressive and highly respected permanent collection and is known for innovative self-curated exhibitions, as well.

Welcome to Real. Original. Inspiration

Rockford Art Museum: It Would Be Amazing Anywhere

"RAM is truly incredible - and not just for a mid-sized city. It's just incredible, period," said Carrie Johnson, Curator. "Our permanent collection is growing in both scope and quality and has been for decades. There are many, many important works by people such as Ed Paschke, Roy Lichtenstein, Warrington Colescott, Ansel Adams, Lorado Taft, Bertil Vallien, Ulrica Hydman-Vallien and many more."

"I think what really sets us apart is the quality of our self-curated exhibitions," said Executive Director Linda Dennis. "The breadth and depth of the subject matter our staff undertakes - and the quality of the execution - is quite impressive."

A recent example was the colorful and dynamic Printmakers Ball, which featured 14 printmakers pushing the boundaries of the art world by exploring new methods of printing and expression, from portable presses to complex installations, often addressing social and political issues head-on - and always leaving their skilled mark. The exhibition included a live printing demonstration and guided tours of the woodcuts, screenprints and large print installations on display.

Boasting 17,000 square feet and several galleries of exhibition space, RAM is one of the largest art museum in Illinois outside of Chicago.



Originally founded as the Rockford Art Association in 1913, RAM's permanent collection now contains over 1,900 individual works consisting of modern and contemporary American art from the 19th and 20th centuries through today, from American Impressionist paintings to Chicago Imagist works to outsider art in new and mixed media; sculpture; photography; and contemporary glass. RAM is also committed to the local art scene and Illinois artists remain a steadfast focus.

Important museum collections include the Arnold Gilbert Photography Collection, Hager Collection of self-taught African American art, Stevens Collection of contemporary art and the Wiiken Collection of studio glass. RAM's Francis and June Spiezer Collection is called "the most significant collection of Chicago art, inside or outside the city" by art critic Paul Klein.

No matter when you visit, you're likely to find something to engage your mind, something to inspire your spirit - and a warm memory or two to take home - at Rockford Art Museum. Don't forget to visit the well-appointed gift shop.

The Laurent House: A Frank Lloyd Wright Masterwork

In August of 1948, a Rockford resident and U.S. Navy veteran who became a paraplegic following WWII, wrote a letter to Frank Lloyd Wright. He wanted the famous architect to design a home for him that would accommodate his unique needs.

In his letter, Kenneth Laurent wrote, "To give you an idea of my situation, I must first tell you that I am a paraplegic. In other words, due to a spinal cord injury, I am paralyzed from the waist down and by virtue of my condition, I am confined to a wheelchair. This explains my need for a home as practical and sensible as your style of architecture denotes."

After many fits and starts, punctuated by letters of impatience from Laurent and pleas for patience from

Wright, the plan was committed to paper nearly a year after the initial request was made.

One night in July 1949, after Wright's apprentices left the drawing room to attend a performance at the Taliesin Theater, Wright went to work. When the apprentices returned a scant two hours later, they found the entire floor plan and perspective drawing of the house complete.

The house was completed nearly three years later in 1952. The end results allowed Kenneth Laurent to realize his full potential and give him unrestricted access to everyday living.

Literally and figuratively, Wright gave him the level playing field many take for granted. Laurent and his wife, Phyllis, raised their family in the home and lived there happily from 1952 until 2012 when it was purchased by the Laurent House Foundation. Soon thereafter, the home was added to the National Register of Historic Places.

"I suppose it was the unpleasant thought of the community missing a chance to preserve a unique architectural treasure that moved us to act," said John Groh, a foundation board member. "Wright is known as America's greatest architect. One of his favorite buildings - one created for a special client under unique circumstances - could have been purchased at auction, disassembled and moved. We didn't want to see that happen. The Laurent House was destined to be here in Rockford forever."

Wright himself referred to the Laurent House as, "my little gem," and visited it on more than one occasion after it was completed.



He was so proud of it, in fact, he encouraged friends and clients to travel to Rockford to view the home. Wright remained a friend of the Laurents for the remainder of his years and often invited them to parties and functions. He himself oversaw the design of an addition to the house, which was completed shortly after his death.

Along with renowned masterpieces of architecture such as Taliesin, Fallingwater and the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, The Laurent House is featured in Bruce Brooks Pfeiffer extraordinary book *Frank Lloyd Wright: The Masterworks*, as one of the Wright's 38 favorite designs.

This single-story Usonian home is both functional and beautiful, decades ahead of ADA accessibility requirements. It features a solar hemicycle footprint, patio, fish pond, carport, and organic outdoor connectivity to the natural landscape. In his wheelchair, Laurent had access to the whole house - inside and out. The modest home is built of Chicago Common Brick and Red Tidewater Cypress and much of the labor and materials were sourced locally from Rockford.

Despite its diminutive size, despite its single story height and perhaps because it was made for a man who was earthbound in a wheelchair, The Laurent House is a towering example of Frank Lloyd Wright's exceptional creative genius.

Tours are generally available on the first and third weekends of each month, or by appointment. Group tours are available on request.

Anderson Japanese Gardens: Inspired by The Land of The Rising Sun

As you wander the peaceful, narrow pathways that snake through verdant trees and foliage of Anderson Japanese Gardens, you won't see signs describing the plants' species or their meaning in Japanese culture. The same holds true for the bright golden fish whose flashy colors catch your eye as they glide through

← The Laurent House, an amazing architectural treasure designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, and the only home ever created by the great master specifically for a disabled person.

where to Art Walk

Enjoy viewing an impressive collection of public art while getting the benefits of refreshing outdoor exercise by taking the two-mile self-guided **Art Walk** anytime you wish. Or, join the one-hour chaperoned Art Tour departing Thursdays in summer from the Nicholas Conservatory lobby. You'll see 16 sculptures, some by local artists and all noteworthy. The tour includes Alexander Liberman's famed **Symbol**, towering above the river near the Auburn Street bridge. Scheduled group tours are also available. To reserve a tour time, call Nicholas Conservatory at 815.987.8858. Get more information and a map of public art in Rockford at gorockford.com/publicart



The **Forest City Beautiful Sculpture Stroll**, a public art initiative by the RACVB in downtown Rockford, includes nine sculptures by Hans Van de Bovenkamp and Boaz Vaadia, on loan to the community until summer 2016. Get the latest news and a map on public art at gorockford.com/publicart.



the ponds or the lovely Japanese gate that welcomes you into the garden's heart. You won't find names and information on these things because Anderson Japanese Gardens isn't about facts or figures or even species. It is an organic sanctuary, a place to collect one's thoughts, reflect on the beauty that surrounds you and, most of all, a place to leave the outside world behind.

"The garden is presented purely as a Japanese garden. We are not here to tell people what this garden means," said Garden Curator Tim Gruner.

"The garden hopes to speak to you and take you down to something elemental: perhaps a puddle of water on top of a boulder. Or noticing the sound of the waterfall or a chickadee. Or, the color of a flower contrasting with the foliage. It's nice to lose yourself in these things."

One fact that shouldn't be lost on anyone is that this spectacular treasure was rated one of the finest Japanese gardens in North America according to a survey of Japanese garden specialist from around the world. The survey, conducted by the *Journal of Japanese Gardens*, ranked over 300 gardens on the continent in terms of natural beauty and overall quality.

The seed of inspiration to develop a Japanese garden in Rockford was planted in businessman John Anderson's imagination while traveling to Japan in 1966 and later upon seeing the Japanese garden of Washington Park in Portland, Oregon. That seed blossomed when the garden was built in 1978.

"He had a vision of bringing something to his home in Rockford that had inspired him personally," said Anderson's son, David Anderson. "He wanted the people of Rockford to feel the things he felt walking in such incredible places."

Designed and built by renowned landscape architect Hoichi Kurisu in the Kamakura style, the visitor is intended to become a part of the garden so that it unfolds at one's own pace - and becomes his or her own experience. Subtleties of meanings aside, there is no doubt that the bond between the physical beauty of the gardens to the mental and physical well-being will carry over to life outside.

"I feel my spirit lifted when I leave here."

"Taking a walk in these gardens rejuvenates both mind and body," said Mary Conacher, a frequent visitor.

It's lifting more spirits than ever.

"The community and visitors have embraced the gardens. About 45% of our patrons come from Chicago, Milwaukee and Madison. Many of them return time and again. We have busloads of kids coming some weekdays from school districts all over Illinois and Wisconsin. We're running children's programs for locals and visitors, alike. It's very gratifying to see," said Anderson.

While Anderson Japanese Gardens has always been music to the eyes, it has recently become music to the ears, as well. The wildly popular summertime *Tuesday Evening in The Gardens* concert series has brought bands from as far away as the Bottle Rockets from Festus, Missouri to as nearby as Rockford's own Bun E. Carlos Experience and Miles Nielsen & The Rusted Hearts.

Another new development in 2015 is *Fresco at The Gardens*, an organic/locally sourced restaurant, juice bar and coffee house serving breakfast and lunch in easily the most spectacular - and literally green - setting in the city.

"We wanted to create a restaurant to bring food of the same high quality as the gardens' visitor experience," said Michelle LaMay who leads operations for Franchesco's Ristorante, which operates the venture.

"Of course, it makes total sense to do it in the most natural way possible. If we can't find our ingredients locally for seasonal reasons, they will at least be organic. The meals are beautifully prepared and presented, as befits

a lovely atmosphere like the one these garden views afford."

"Folks can stop in after a garden tour - or just stop in," said Jake Ziegler, Fresco's on-site manager. "We have our Java Lounge with powered high-top tables where people are welcome to plug in their laptops, sip some local, freshly roasted coffee or freshly squeezed juice and get some work done. But be careful not to get too distracted by those views. They really do blow you away."

Just like the gardens outside the panoramic picture windows, you won't need a sign to tell you how to enjoy the dining experience, either.

Starlight Theatre: Giving Birth to Stars, Under The Stars

Starlight Theatre, Rockford's home to musical theater, sits among the green, rolling hills on the campus of Rock Valley College. It is as much a Rockford institution as high school basketball - and if you know Rockford, that's saying a mouthful.

Here's another mouthful: 30 "graduates" of Starlight Theatre's summertime musical productions are currently prowling the stages of Broadway, including such luminaries as Marin Mazzie, Jodi Benson, Kevin Stites and Tony nominated director Joe Montello. You might say Starlight Theatre is to Broadway what the minor leagues are to major league sports.

"Starlight Theatre has afforded thousands the opportunity to say things like, I saw Marin when..."

Since 1967, founding artistic director Mike Webb has presented it all, from the classics to contemporary musical productions and everything between. Given the fact that the actors and musicians are all volunteers (including the many professional members of each cast), Webb is free to spend freely on costumes and sets - not to mention livestock. Actors were joined by live camels during the '95 and '96 staging of *Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*.

Webb presents his works in a world-class, landmark building designed by the renowned architects of Studio Gang, the founder of which hails from nearby Belvidere. Starlight Theatre is graced with a mechanical roof that blossoms dramatically on starry nights like a wood and steel moonflower. Starlight Theatre is a true Real. Original. Rockford summertime treasure. It is community theater with a professional edge.



1 Rockford Symphony Orchestra

2 Scott Weiland at BMO Harris Bank Center

3 Rockford's Fall Art Scene

4 Starlight Theatre

Coronado Performing Arts Center: Some Never Want to Leave

The Historic Coronado Performing Arts Center leaves many first time visitors slack-jawed in wonder. Its ornate lobby, lavishly gilded architectural details and soaring main auditorium leave no doubt why this Real. Original. Rockford has been known for decades as, "Rockford's Wonder Theatre." Its overwhelming beauty and sheer historic significance has been known to upstage the very shows it has hosted since opening in 1927.

"There are very few theaters of the Vaudeville era remaining, and fewer still restored to their initial glory like the Coronado. None are as remarkable as the Coronado, in my opinion," said Craig Thomas, chairman of Rockford Area Venues and Entertainment Authority, which manages the Coronado.

"It's a time capsule of history and epic beauty,"

Moorish, Spanish and Roman architectural influences are seen at every turn in the 'atmospheric' design that mimics Spanish and Italian villages, complete with a deep blue ceiling twinkling with hundreds of miniature lights standing in for stars.

"It literally takes your breath away," said Marty Mangas, longtime Coronado historian and member of the Land of Lincoln Theatre Organ Society, which gives frequent tours.

Mangas and her group have played a major role in preserving many of the Coronado's original precious artifacts. She recently acquired the tuxedo worn by the very first conductor of the house orchestra, a man named Maurice Hazzard. Hazzard's daughter stopped by one day to visit the theater (she was about 90 years old at the time) and donated the tuxedo to the building where she said her father was at his happiest.

Luis Lara, Senior Event Manager and fifteen-year veteran of the building has seen it all. "Everyone starts

with 'wow' and just goes on from there. And, I mean *everyone* - audience members, cast members, stars. I always have to give the performers personal tours of the building. We had to hold the house one night for a half hour while I gave Bryan Adams a tour of the Van Matres' apartment."

The man who built and owned the Coronado, Willard Van Matre, lived with his wife in a state-of-the-art custom-designed art deco apartment behind the theater's lighted marquee. They resided there from 1927 until about 1953 and enjoyed hidden entrances, a gigantic walk-in closet, many built-ins, a circular bathroom and countless other memorable features.

"The stars always want to party in that apartment; it's just so cool and historic. Todd Rundgren and his band invited us to drink some rice wine there one night, but we had to decline because we were on duty," Lara said with a laugh. "They didn't seem to want to leave. They were in there for a long time!"

Others have been there longer.

"We definitely have ghosts here at the Coronado," said Lara. "I have felt them near me. I have heard them. And, I have seen them. It's something you don't get 100% used to, but you try. That's why we have the Ghost Light."

The Ghost Light, a single light bulb atop a simple pole in the center of the stage is lit day and night when the stage is not in use.

"It's not really dead-center - no pun intended," said Lara. "We tried that at first, but every morning we'd come in and the light was knocked over and dragged across the stage. We finally figured out they like the Ghost Light centered between the wings, but closer to the apron in front."

The diverse list of performers, politicians and touring acts that have appeared at the Coronado adds to the sense of history that beams from the twinkling stars in the auditorium ceiling. Knowing acts as diverse as the Marx Brothers, Al Jolson, Louis Armstrong, George Gershwin, Bob Hope, Johnny Cash, John F. Kennedy, Jerry Seinfeld, John Prine, Jackson Browne and of course Rockford's own Cheap Trick have performed here makes any visit to the Coronado all the more surreal.

No wonder the Coronado Performing Arts Center was named the "First Wonder" of the United States in 2010, out-ranking the St Louis Arch, Mount Rushmore and Yellowstone National Park. Come see a show in its majestic surroundings soon. All the locals will know you're a first-timer just by the look on your face.

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Originals



Sock Monkeys - Rockford and Sock Monkeys go together like peanut butter and jelly. This Rockford icon got its start at the Nelson Knitting Company when the company's red-heeled socks were turned into monkeys during the depression. Today, Midway Village Museum hosts the annual Sock Monkey Madness Festival and is the unofficial home of the Sock Monkey.



Ole Salty's Chips & Mrs. Fisher's Chips - Two great chip companies call Rockford home and you can find them at grocery stores throughout the region. For a kettle-cooked style that gives you a satisfying crunch go with Ole Salty's. You can visit their factory store at 1920 E. Riverside Blvd. in Loves Park. For a home style, thick-sliced chip go with the classic Mrs. Fisher's that has been cooked in Rockford since 1932. Visit their factory store at 1231 Fulton Ave. in Rockford.

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(cheaptrick.com) - The world-famous band that has called Rockford home since the beginning continues to rock across the world. Check their schedule and you may luck out and get to see them play a hometown show.



Ski Broncs

(skibroncs.com) - The Pride of Loves Park is none other than the Ski Broncs Ski Show Team that delights families throughout the summer at Shorewood Park with their ski shows on the Rock River every Wednesday and Friday night. Admission is free.



Kegel Harley-Davidson

(kegelmotorcycles.com) - Only one place can claim to be the World's Oldest Harley Dealer and that is Kegel's in Rockford. Since 1912, they have been selling and servicing bikes for Harley enthusiasts who keep coming back for more. Check out Pug Dog Diner inside for a great meal.



Phantom Regiment

(regiment.org) - Beloved as Rockford's roving ambassadors, The Phantom Regiment Drum and Bugle Corps tours the country every year and plays to packed crowds in the Rockford region. They earned recognition as the Drum Corps International World Champions in 1996 and 2008.



To the best of our knowledge, all information in this visitor's guide was accurate when it was printed as of June 30, 2015. To avoid disappointment, we urge you to phone for confirmation prior to planning a trip around a particular accommodation, attraction or restaurant. The Rockford Area Convention & Visitors Bureau is not responsible for changes in rates, amenities, policies or hours. For the most up to date listings, please go online to gorockford.com.

Attractions

ART MUSEUM & GALLERIES

DT 317 Studio & Gallery
317 Market St., Rockford, IL 61107
815.315.7000 | 317studiogallery.com | An instructional art studio and fine art gallery hosting workshops and classes in its ground level studio and art exhibits in its second floor art gallery.

NW ArtSpace West Gallery
1426 N. Main St., Rockford, IL 61103 | 815.963.1984 | artspacewest.com | Bringing together the art and culture of the Rockford area. First Thursday of every month debut a new show. Come to shop or just to view.

E Cholke dCapri Photography and Fine Art Gallery
2211 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61104
815.226.9398 | cholkedcapri.com | Featured art is a mix of photography and fine art media, pottery, sculptures, home furnishings, lawn art, silver, bronze, glass art and jewelry.

NE Ingrid Dohm Art Studio and Gallery
6523 Spring Brook Rd., Rockford, IL 61114 | 815.282.3184 | ingriddohm.com | Ingrid paints in a representational and impressionistic style.

DT Kortman Gallery
107 N Main St., Rockford, IL 61101
815.968.0123 | jrkortman.com | Art gallery with changing exhibitions. Upstairs at J.R. Kortman Center for Design.

RS R & L Ceramics
10697 Main St., Roscoe, IL 61073
815.623.6633 | randlceramics.com | Manufactures high-quality ceramic, stoneware, and porcelain products, and teaches people of all ages how to create and paint their own ceramic pieces.

DT Rockford Area Arts Council
713 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61104
815.963.6765 | artsforeveryone.com | Promotes and develops the arts for everyone in the Northern Illinois region. Special events include semi-annual ArtScene tours of downtown galleries, ArtsPlace Open House, the Mayor's Arts Awards, and more.

DT Rockford Art Museum
711 N. Main St., Rockford, IL 61103
815.968.2787 | rockfordartmuseum.org | Permanent collection and frequent exhibitions. More than 1,900 works of modern and contemporary art, photography, outsider art, contemporary glass, and regional art.

E Rockford University Art Gallery
5050 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61108 | 815.226.4000 | rockford.edu/academics/departments/art/artgallery/ | The Rockford University Art Gallery holds six exhibitions per year featuring local artists, students and faculty, and artists from many areas of the country.

DT smARTy pants Rockford Kids Art Studio
317 W. Jefferson St., Rockford, IL 61101 | 815.243.0766 | smartypantsrockford.com | Art studio for kids offering weekly, high quality art classes for ages 6 to 14 in a fun environment.

DT State of the Art - Contemporary Art Gallery
218 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61104
815.979-1944 | artbyronigolan.com | Local artist Roni Golan's gallery has displays of his own work and the work of other local artists, offering high quality works of art along with educational classes and talks.

NW Studio 451
2500 N. Main St., Rockford, IL 61103 | 815.519-1809 | studio-451.com | Copper sculpture, painting, jewelry and custom designs. No regular hours—please call for an appointment.

NE The Frame Shoppe Gallery
1641 N. Alpine Rd., Rockford, IL 61107 | 815.398.8400 | theframeshoppegallery.com | In addition to custom framing, the gallery has local and national artists on display and for sale.

NE Womanspace
3333 Maria Linden Dr., Rockford, IL 61114 | 815.877.0118 | womanspace-rockford.org | Womanspace offers programs for women, men and children to enhance body, mind and spirit, with a focus in the creative arts, holistic health, interfaith exploration, and environmental stewardship. The campus includes art studios, galleries, a gift shop, beautiful gardens and a labyrinth.

BOWLING

LP B & B Park Bowl
5626 N. 2nd St., Loves Park, IL 61111
815.633.8824 | bandbparkbowl.com | A walk-in-everyone-knows-you bowling center with eight lanes, the latest equipment and a friendly bar.

SE Cherry Bowl
7171 Cherryvale North Blvd., Rockford, IL 61112 | 815.332.9595 | thecherrybowlonline.com | Features 32 bowling lanes with Brunswick scoring, full service bar and live music.

E Don Carter Lanes
4007 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61108 | 815.399.0314 | doncarterlanes.com | Northern Illinois' largest bowling facility with 42 lanes.

LP Forest Hills Lanes
7742 Forest Hills Rd., Loves Park, IL 61111 | 815.654.3900 | foresthillslanesil.com | Modern bowling center with 24 lanes, 4 adjacent softball diamonds and Shooter's North Bar.

LP Park Lanes Bowling Center
5318 N. 2nd St., Loves Park, IL 61111
815.877.6051 | parklanesbowl.com | Bowling center with 32 new lanes with the latest scoring equipment for both league and recreational bowlers. Splitter's Bar & Grill on site.

SB Viking Lanes Bowling
210 Oak Grove Ave., South Beloit, IL 61080 | 815.389.2238 | bowlvikinglanes.2gobowl.com | Leagues, open bowling, parties, 24 lanes. Visit website for specials.

NW West-Mor Lanes
2407 N. Central Ave., Rockford, IL 61101 | 815.963.7210 | Bowling center with 10 lanes and bar with live music and regular events.

GOLF

NE Aldeen Golf Club & Practice Centre
1902 Reid Farm Rd., Rockford, IL 61107 | 815.282.4653 | aldeengolfclub.com | Eighteen championship holes. Aldeen was ranked the best municipal course in Illinois by Golf Digest in 2009 and rated 4-1/2 stars by 2008 Golf Digest Magazine's Places to Play guidebook.

NW Atwood Homestead Golf Course
8990 Old River Rd., Rockford, IL 61103 | 815.623.2411 | playthepreserves.com | This 18-hole championship course was rated 2-1/2 stars by Golf Digest. It has 6,732 yards of rolling terrain.

SE Elliot Golf Course
888 S. Lyford Rd., Rockford, IL 61108 | 815.332.5130 | rockfordparkdistrict.org / This 18-hole championship course was rated 2-1/2 stars by Golf Digest. It has 6,732 yards of rolling terrain.

SW Ingersoll Golf Course
101 Daisyfield Rd., Rockford, IL 61102 | 815.987.8834 | rockfordparkdistrict.org / Wooded 18-hole course with narrow fairways and gently rolling terrain with 6,107 challenging yards on its par 71 course.

RS Ledges Golf Course
7111 McCurry Rd., Roscoe, IL 61073
815.389-0979 | playthepreserves.com | Built in 1966, this 18-hole course tests a golfer's skill with sand traps, bunkers and water hazards.

RT Macktown Golf Course
2221 Freeport Rd., Rockton, IL 61072 | 815.624.7410 | playthepreserves.com | Built in 1930's, with limited sand traps, one pond, 18 holes, par 71.

CV Newburg Village Golf Club
253 Clubhouse Dr., Cherry Valley, IL 61016 | 815.332.9002 | newburgvillage.net | Newer 9-hole, par 36, public course with snackbar and clubhouse.

RT Red Barn Golf Course
12379 Wagon Wheel Rd., Rockton, IL 61072 | 815.624.8037 | redbarn golfcourse.com | Original golf course of the Wagon Wheel Resort in Rockton, Illinois. Built in the 1950s, it is an executive golf course that can be very challenging.

SE Sandy Hollow Golf Course
2500 Sandy Hollow Rd., Rockford, IL 61109 | 815.987.8836 | rockfordparkdistrict.org | Rated three stars by Golf Digest, 18-hole tree lined fairway course of 6,228 yards.

NE Sinnissippi Golf Course
1401 N. 2nd St., Rockford, IL 61107
815.987.8838 | rockfordparkdistrict.org | This 9-hole golf course covers 3,230 yards and is very hilly and challenging. The course was designed by Thomas Bendelow, who designed the country's first public course located in New York City.

WB Westlake Village Golf Course
3820 Westlake Village Dr., Winnebago, IL 61088
815.335.7177 | golfwestlake.com | 6,881-yard, 18-hole course with challenging three-par and long five-par holes; four tees, water; par 71.

INDOOR ACTIVITIES

LP Carlson Ice Arena & Sapora Playworld
4150 N. Perryville Rd., Loves Park, IL 61111 | 815.969.4069 | rockfordparkdistrict.org | Features a 200 x 85 feet ice rink with seating for 600 spectators. Also home to the Sapora Playworld, a three-level soft play structure designed for children ages 5-12 and a Tiny Tots Playspace designed for children 4 and under.

SB Coral Cove Family Fun Center
586 Progressive Ln., South Beloit, IL 61080 | 815.543.4690 | coralcoveff.com | The 12,000 square foot facility features arcade games, bowling, bounce houses, and a snack bar.

CV Gymnastics Academy South - Trampoline Park
1949 S. Bell School Rd., Cherry Valley, IL 61016 | 815.580.8461 | garsouth.com | Located near CherryVale Mall. Play air dodgeball, slam dunk basketballs and leap into foam pits.

NE Laser Quest
293 Executive Pkwy, Rockford, IL 61107 | 815.227.9090 | laserquest.com/public/locations/IL-Rockford.cfm | Laser Quest combines the games of tag and hide-and-seek with a high-tech twist.

SE Monkey Joe's Parties & Play
6663 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61108 | 815.399.5637 |

monkeyjoes.com/locations/rockford | Indoor playground with inflatable jump equipment. Target ages 2 to 12. Toddler zone for Ages 3 and younger.

NW NickelWorld
3321 N. Main St., Rockford, IL 61103 | 815.877.2771 | nickelworld.com | Family Amusement Center with more than 78 free and five-cent games.

SE Race Em R/C
5728 Logistics Pkwy, Rockford, IL 61109 | 815.986.3819 | raceemrc.com | Off road radio controlled indoor racing track that offers all skill levels and ages a chance at having some great fun.

DT Riverview Ice House
324 N. Madison St., Rockford, IL 61107 | 815.963.7408 | rockfordparkdistrict.org | Features two skating surfaces: an 185 ft. by 80 ft. regulation size main rink with grandstand seating for 750, and a 60 ft. by 80 ft. instructional Studio Rink.

DT Rockford Public Library-Main Branch
215 N. Wyman St., Rockford, IL 61101 | 815.965.7606 | rockfordpubliclibrary.org | Books, CDs, videos, software and a variety of programs for all ages.

SE Skateland
4843 Stenstrom Rd., Rockford, IL 61109 | 815.874.6500 | skatelandrocks.com | Skate to your favorite tunes played by a live DJ.

E Spare Time Family Redemption Fun
4007 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61108
815.977.4707 | sparetimefun.net | Video and win-for-prize redemption games with reloadable swipe cards. Located inside Don Carter Lanes.

MUSEUMS & HISTORY

SW Booker Washington Community Center
524 Kent St., Rockford, IL 61102
815.968.8861 | bookerwashingtoncommunitycenter.org | Booker Washington Community Center's mission is to provide an environment that promotes the quality of life, values and the welfare of the people of our community through education, art, recreational and cultural programs.

DT Burpee Museum of Natural History
737 N. Main St., Rockford, IL 61103
815.965.3433 | burpee.org | See award-winning exhibits such as Jane: Diary of a Dinosaur, Homer, a sub-adult or "teen-age" Triceratops, and experience four floors of engaging exhibits.

SB Bushnell Wheeler House
542 Wheeler Ave., South Beloit, IL 61080 | 815.389.1514 | bushnellwheelerhome.com / Completed in 1856, this Italianate Villa has been restored to its former glory. Tours by appointment or chance.

SE Camp Grant Museum
1004 Samuelson Rd., Rockford, IL 61109 | 815.395.0679 |

campgrantmuseum.weebly.com | Memorabilia of Rockford's Camp Grant, U.S. Army induction and training camp during World Wars I and II. The museum, an original building of Camp Grant, houses the Command Post restaurant.

CV Cherry Valley Historical Society Museum
101 E. State St., Cherry Valley, IL 61016 | 815.332.5200 | cherryvalley.lib.il.us/historical-society.html | Housed in the original Village Hall, the library features information on the Village, which was first settled in 1835 and incorporated in 1857. Historical Society meetings are held the first Sunday of each month. Call for tours.

DT Discovery Center Museum
711 N. Main St., Rockford, IL 61103
815.963.6769 | discoverycentermuseum.org | Experience a world of hands-on investigation and fun-filled exploration at this children's museum with more than 250 hands-on art and science exhibits, planetarium, TV studio, special events, traveling exhibits and classes.

SE Erlander Home Museum
404 S. 3rd St., Rockford, IL 61104
815.963.5559 | swedishhistorical.org | The cultural centerpiece of Rockford's Swedish ancestry community, Rockford's first brick home house. Tours by appointment.

SW Ethnic Heritage Museum
1129 S. Main St., Rockford, IL 61101
815.962.7402 | ethnicheritage-museum.org | Six nationalities that helped shape the cultural region are represented in this home museum, built in 1850. Docent guided tour every Sunday.

LP Field of Honor Veterans Memorial
100 Heart Blvd., Loves Park, IL 61111 | Located in the Arthur W. Anderson Peace Park near the Loves Park City Hall.

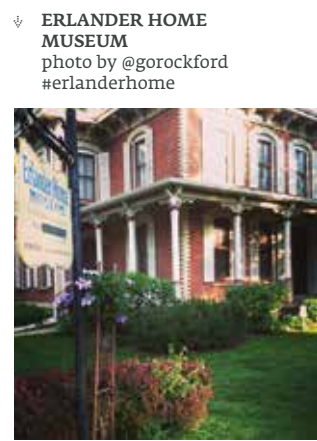
RS Historic Auto Attractions
13825 Metric Dr., Roscoe, IL 61073
815.389.7917 | historicautoattractions.com | Over 75 historic autos displayed in 36,000 sq. ft., including the world's largest collection of presidential and world leaders' limousines, John Dillinger's getaway car, Elvis Presley's personal car, Indy cars, and more.

LP Keeling-Puri Peace Plaza
N. Perryville Rd., Loves Park, IL 61111 | keeling-puri-peaceplaza.com | Dedicated to peace, tranquility and celebrating diversity and heritage this 2.5-acre park near I-90/39 and Riverside Blvd. showcases 40 flags, 30 languages, 10 prophets of peace, two hemispheres, one world.

NE Laurent House Museum
House is located at 4646 Spring Brook Rd./Tours begin at Midway Village Museum, 6799 Guilford Rd., Rockford, IL 61107 | 815.877.2952 | laurenthouse.com/visit | Frank Lloyd Wright's Laurent House in Rockford, Illinois is the only



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building ever designed by the famed architect for a person with a disability. Reservations are required for all tours.

NE LZ Peace Memorial
6799 Guilford Rd., Rockford, IL 61107 | 815.968.1040 | lzpeace.org | The LZ Peace Memorial is a place of honor for those veterans who served our country, in war and in peace. The Wall of Honor pays special tribute to those soldiers from Winnebago County who paid the ultimate price in Vietnam. A Huey helicopter that served in Vietnam rests above the Wall of Honor.

RT Macktown Living History Education Center
2221 Freeport Rd., Rockton, IL 61072 | 815.624.4200 | macktownlivinghistory.com | Built in 1834 on the Pecatonica River by fur trader Stephen Mack, one of the area's first settlers. Listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Remnants of 8,000 years of Native American occupation of this same site can be seen. Stephen Mack's Home and the Whitman Trading Post still stand.

NE Midway Village Museum
6799 Guilford Rd., Rockford, IL 61107 | 815.397.9112 | midwayvillage.com | The museum campus consists of a Victorian village with 26 historical buildings filled with artifacts of the era as well as several beautiful 19th century gardens that depict life in northern Illinois from 1890 to 1910. Interpreters in authentic period dress are available seasonally for guided tours. The main museum building holds permanent exhibits reflecting Rockford's history and culture. Free recreational path located on property.

NE Paulson's Agriculture Museum of Argyle
6910 Belvidere Rd., Caledonia, IL 61011 | 815.885.3846 | paulsonsagriculturemuseum.com | Over 700 cast iron implement seats, 50 antique tractors, windmills, windmill weights and antique washing machines.

PC Pecatonica Heritage Museum & Welcome Center
314 Main St., Pecatonica, IL 61063 | 888.851.1559 | communities.aero inc.net/pecatonica/phm.htm | The Pecatonica Heritage Museum was formed with the dual purpose of preserving the history of Pecatonica's historic grain elevator and adaptively using it for the benefit of the surrounding community. The more than century old elevator serves as the cornerstone to the Museum Complex, which houses the Pecatonica Welcome Center, Pec Playhouse Theatre, and the Pecatonica Historical Society.

DT Riverfront Museum Park
318 N. Main St., Rockford, IL 61103 | 815.972.2800 | riverfrontmuseumpark.org | Arts and humanities complex housing Discovery Center Museum, Rockford Art Museum, Rockford Dance Company office and studios, Northern Illinois

Public Radio offices and Rockford Symphony Orchestra offices.

DT Rockford Auto Museum
518 Walnut St., Rockford, IL 61104 | 815.977.3478 | rockfordautomuseum.com | Features 30 awesome muscle cars and drag cars from the 60s, 70s and 80s. The gift shop offers neon signs, metal signs and t-shirts, as well as 1:18 scale die-cast model cars. Many of the cars are for sale, and the inventory is ever-changing.

RT Rockton Township Historical Society Museum
529 Green St., Rockton, IL 61072 | 815.624.8200 | rocktontownshiphistoricalsociety.com | Learn about the history of our early settlers, see our collection of Wagon Wheel resort memorabilia and other items of Rockton and northern Illinois history. The Annual Rhubarb Fest in May features the best of our favorite rhubarb recipes for purchase.

SW Tinker Swiss Cottage Museum and Gardens
411 Kent St., Rockford, IL 61102 | 815.964.2424 | tinkercottage.com | Robert Tinker's inspiration for the Cottage came during his tour of Europe in 1862, where he fell in love with the architecture of Switzerland. In 1865, Robert began building his Swiss Cottage on the limestone bluff overlooking Kent Creek. Guided tours available.

DT Veterans Memorial Hall
211 N. Main St., Rockford, IL 61101 | 815.969.1999 | veteransmemorialhall.com | Dedicated in 1903 in ceremonies that included a speech by Teddy Roosevelt, Memorial Hall is a tribute to Rockford citizens who have served in the Armed Forces. The renovated second floor auditorium is used by cultural groups for shows and presentations.

NW Vintage Spokes Motorcycle Museum
4560 Shepherd Trail, Rockford, IL 61103 | 815.877.2453 | vintagebikes.com | Private collection of motorcycles and memorabilia, with Harley-Davidson motorcycles along with British, Japanese and Italian vintage bikes.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES/ NATURE

SE Alpine Hills Adventure Park & Golf Center
4402 Larson Ave., Rockford, IL 61108 | 815.987.8800 | rockfordparkdistrict.org | The Forest City Queen gives you an up close and personal glimpse of some of the most stately homes gracing the banks of the Rock River. A variety of cruise options are available, from hourly narration tours, private rentals, Ski Broncos performances, to elegant dining and lunch cruises. The Forest City Queen is wheelchair accessible.

NE Anderson Japanese Gardens
318 Spring Creek Rd., Rockford, IL 61107 | 815.229.9390 | andersongardens.org | Anderson Japanese Gardens has been named one of the highest quality Japanese gardens in North America, with koi ponds, winding paths, waterfalls and 16th century architecture.

SE Atwood Center
2685 New Milford School Rd., Rockford IL 61109 | 815.874.7576 | rockfordparkdistrict.org/atwood | Historic Seth B. Atwood Park encompasses woodland, prairie, river, and marsh habitats. It contains 334 acres of land with approximately one mile of the Kishwaukee River flowing through it.

RS Clubhouse Miniature Golf and Ice Cream Parlor
5689 Elevator Rd., Roscoe, IL 61073 | 815.623.8008 | facebook.com/theRoscoeclubhouse | The miniature golf course will challenge your skills. Ice cream parlor and party rooms.

NW Curran's Orchard
6385 Kilburn Ave., Rockford, IL 61101 | 815.963.7848 | curransorchard.com | More than a dozen varieties, pre-picked or you-pick. Apple pies, awesome apple donuts, fresh-pressed award-winning apple cider (state and national awards), a glass-sided beehive, petting corral, autumn crafts, apple slingshot, corn tunnel, straw tunnel and straw bale pyramid. Hay rides on weekends.

DT Davis Park at Founders Landing
320 S. Wyman St., Rockford, IL 61101 | 815.968.5600 | thebmoharrisbankcenter.com/davispark | Davis Park at Founders Landing marks the site where Rockford's cultural and industrial heritage began. With seven acres of grass and paved walks plus ample parking lots, Davis Park is host to many outdoor festivals, fairs and concerts, along with Friday Night Flix movies in the summer.

NE Edgebrook Farmers Market
1639 N. Alpine Rd., Rockford, IL 61107 | 815.398.8957 | edgebrookshops.com | Sample the area's best seasonal Farmer's Market. Wednesdays, May-Oct. and Thursdays June-Aug.

WB Edwards Apple Orchard West
8218 Cemetery Rd., Winnebago, IL 61088 | 815.963.2261 | edwardsorchardwest.com | Located in the rolling hills of scenic Northwest Winnebago County, featuring apples, cider, pumpkins, raspberries, dairy barn store and children's play areas.

DT Forest City Queen Riverboat
324 N. Madison St., Rockford, IL 61107 | 815.987.8894 | rockfordparkdistrict.org | The Forest City Queen gives you an up close and personal glimpse of some of the most stately homes gracing the banks of the Rock River. A variety of cruise options are available, from hourly narration tours, private rentals, Ski Broncos performances, to elegant dining and lunch cruises. The Forest City Queen is wheelchair accessible.

NW Forest Preserves of Winnebago County
5500 Northrock Dr., Rockford, IL 61103 | 815.877.6100 | winnebagoforest.org | Forty-one

individual forest preserves protect the natural beauty of Winnebago County and provide education and recreation. The preserves provide over 9,700 acres of property for the use and enjoyment of the general public.

SE Gateway Parks at Alpine Hills
4402 Larson Ave., Rockford, IL 61108 | 815.227.4604 | rockfordparkdistrict.org/alpinehills | Gateway Parks snow park is divided into tubing, skiing and snowboarding sections designed to accommodate riders of all abilities. Even the smallest visitors will be transported safely up the hillside on the Magic Carpet lift. Snow making equipment will cover the park in fresh powder daily.

MP GPS Farmers Market
10714 N. 2nd St., Machesney Park, IL 61115 | 779.221.8491 | gpsfaith.com | Shop for fresh, locally grown and produced food and crafts, including a variety of in-season fruits, vegetables, eggs, honey, oil, plants, flowers, crafts, and other food and bakery items. Thursdays, May-Sept.

SE HCC Realty Farmers Market
1240 S. Alpine Rd., Rockford, IL 61108 | 815.398-3350 | Featuring a variety of fresh produce, flowers, baked goods and more. Fridays, May-Oct.

RT Keith's Christmas Trees
4325 Favor Road, Rockton, IL 61072 | 815.968.5903 | keithstrees.com | Family-owned tree farm. Cut your own tree in the quiet, peaceful country. Scotch pine and white pine.

SW Klehm Arboretum and Botanic Garden
2715 S. Main St., Rockford, IL 61102 | 815.965.8146 | klehm.org | This 155-acre living museum is filled with spectacular gardens and rare trees. There's beauty in every season. In winter, trails are cleared for walkers, cross-country skiers and snowshoeing. The Landing will have fun navigating the Children's Garden. Klehm is dog-friendly.

NE La Paloma Gardens
3622 Brookview Rd., Rockford, IL 61107 | 815.399.0324 | lalomalomgardens.com | La Paloma Gardens is a private garden that is opened to the public Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Group tours are available by special arrangement and reservations only.

SE Larsen's Landing Outfitters
1951 New Milford School Rd., Rockford, IL 61109 | 815.516.9070 | canoethelkish.com | The Landing is a 30 acre wilderness area with wooded hiking paths along 1/2 mile of river frontage. Two open fields are nestled within the trees to accommodate post canoeing group gatherings in a private setting. The Landing will outfit canoe trips for 2-100 people.

NW Lockwood Park Trailside Equestrian Centre and Children's Farm
5201 Safford Rd., Rockford, IL 61101 | 815.987.8809 | rockfordparkdistrict.org | Over

146 acres of gently rolling hills, meadows, woods, natural areas, and a stream provide a backdrop for your visit, providing a variety of opportunities to promote healthy, positive interactions between people and animals. Lockwood Park also features picnic tables, shelter pavilions, and playgrounds, hiking, biking, or horseback riding, hay rides, a pony ring, and trail rides.

CV Magic Waters Waterpark
7820 Cherryvale North Blvd., Cherry Valley, IL 61016 | 815.966.2442 | magicwaterswaterpark.com | Magic Waters Waterpark is WAVES OF FUN! Rockford Park District operates this family-friendly waterpark.

NE Nicholas Conservatory & Gardens
1354 N. 2nd St., Rockford, IL 61107 | 815.987.8858 | nicholasconservatory.com | Situated along the banks of the beautiful Rock River in Sinnissippi Gardens, the Nicholas Conservatory & Gardens brings the tropics to Rockford. The facility is the third largest conservatory in Illinois with a total of 22,000 square feet.

NW North End City Market
North Main St. and Auburn St., Rockford, IL 61103 | 815.977.5124 | rockfordcitymarket.com/north-end-market | The market is full of fresh, local products and food and is a nice place for the community to gather to shop, eat, and socialize. Saturdays, May-Oct.

RT Nygren Wetland Preserve
3190 Rockton Rd., Rockton, IL 61072 | 815.964.6666 | naturalland.org/nygren.html | The preserve is a 721-acre tract near the confluence of the Rock River and Pecatonica River, making it an important stopover and nesting spot for many species of birds including Sandhill Cranes.

SB Pearl Lake
1220 Dearborn Ave., South Beloit IL 61080 | 815.389.1479 | pearllake.com | Large sand beach and a gently sloping bottom for safe and enjoyable swimming. Clearly marked, roped sections lead out to a large, deep water raft. Trained lifeguards are on duty whenever the beach is open.

PC Pecatonica Farmers Market
Main Street and Fourth Street, Pecatonica, IL 61063 | villageofpecatonica.com | Fresh produce, flowers, pumpkins, gourds and other seasonal items. Sat & Wed, June-Oct.

PC Pecatonica Prairie Path & Bike Trail
314 Main St., Pecatonica, IL 61063 | 888.851.1559 | aeroinc.net/pecweb/bikepath.htm | An 18-mile long biking, hiking and nature trail extending from Illinois route 75 and River Road, east of Freeport, to the Village of Winnebago following the old right-of-way of the Chicago & Northwestern RR. Open to the public year-round for hiking, biking, and cross-country skiing.

LP Perryville Recreation Path
Argus Dr. and Perryville Rd., Loves Park, IL 61111 | Begin your trek on this 14.9 mile path system at Argus Drive near the Home Depot store near the intersection of East State St. and Perryville Rd., or at Trainer Road at the Saturn Playground and continue north to the Willow Creek Path at Rock Cut State Park north of Harlem Road, or enjoy the 1.4 mile loop at Midway Village Museum on Guilford Road.

LP Rock Cut State Park
7318 Harlem Rd., Loves Park, IL 61111 | 815.885.3311 | dnr.state.il.us/lands/landmgmt/parks/RI/ROCKCUT.HTM | Two lakes set off the park's 3,092 acres. Pierce Lake, with 162 acres, is a retreat for people wanting to fish or ice skate. 50-acre Olson Lake is especially for swimmers. Fishing, boat launches, restored prairie and birdwatching, hiking, extensive campgrounds, paddleboat and canoe rental, horse and bike trails, cross-country ski trails and concessions.

LP Rock River Recreation Path
Downtown Rockford to Sportscore One. Loves Park, Rockford, IL 61101 | 815.987.8800 | rockfordparkdistrict.org | Ten mile path begins in downtown Rockford at Davis Park and continues north to Shorewood and Martin Parks in Loves Park, and across the river to Sportscore One.

Rock River Water Trail
National Water Trails System Various cities along the route | rockrivertrail.com | The National Water Trails System is a national network of exemplary water trails of local and regional significance that are cooperatively supported and sustained. The Rock River Water Trail links 11 counties in Wisconsin and Illinois along the 320-mile river course.

DT Rockford City Market
Water St. at East State St., Rockford, IL 61104 | 815.977.5124 | rockfordcitymarket.com | Rockford City Market features local growers and vendors who sell handmade products, including vegetables, fruit, eggs, meat, cheeses, flowers, herbs, baked goods, wine and prepared food, as well as artisans and vendors with unique offerings. Sample local food and brews and listen to live music under the covered pavilion. Fridays, May-Oct.

RT Rockton River Market
200 E. Hawick St., Rockton, IL 61072 | 815.624.7625 | rocktonrivermarket.com | Comfortable atmosphere to shop for handmade items, fruits and vegetables, and listen to live local music. Wednesdays, June-Sept.

DT Rocktown Adventures
313 N. Madison St., Rockford, IL 61107 | 815.636.9066 | rocktownadventures.com | Rocktown Adventures is an independently owned specialty outdoor retailer providing an opportunity to embrace an outdoor lifestyle through participation in outdoor recreation by helping you learn what is needed to do the activity.



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↑ **ROCK RIVER WATER TRAIL**



↑ **ROCKFORD CITY MARKET**



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SW Rocky Glen Off Highway Vehicle Park
4102 S. Main St., Rockford, IL 61102 | 815.963.8081 | rockyglenohv.com | The 120 acre park features miles of trails, motorcross tracks, obstacles, and scramble areas for the entire family from beginners to the professionals.

SH Sand Bluff Bird Observatory
10602 Haas Rd., Shirland, IL 61079 | 815.629.2671 | sandbluff.org | One of the largest small-bird banding operations in the country that is open to the public. The station is operated by volunteers who band, serve as guides for visitors and present educational programs for various groups.

SW Severson Dells Nature Center
8786 Montague Rd., Rockford, IL 61102 | 815.335-2915 | seversondells.com | The nature center is housed in a converted Deer Lodge situated on a 369-acre county forest preserve, with a library, bookstore, classroom, conference room, and display area, bird feeders and a butterfly garden. 2-1/2 miles of self-guided nature trails.

NE Sinnissippi Gardens
1354 N. 2nd St., Rockford, IL 61107 | 815.987.8858 | rockfordparkdistrict.org | Features an All-American Rose Selection (AARS) accredited rose garden with approximately 2,000 rose plants and 62 varieties.

SW Standfield Beach at Levings Lake
1420 S. Pierpont Ave., Rockford, IL 61102 | 815.987.8800 | rockfordparkdistrict.org | Standfield Beach activities include swimming, sand volleyball, boat rentals, and concessions.

DT Trolley Car 36 at Riverview Park
324 N. Madison St., Rockford, IL 61107 | 815.987.8894 | rockfordparkdistrict.org | Trolley Car 36 is Rockford's only rail-based trolley which runs its course along the banks of the Rock River from Riverview Park to the Auburn Street Bridge.

CV Valley Orchard
811 E. State St., Cherry Valley, IL 61016 | 815.332.9696 | thevalleyorchard.com | 35 acre family-owned orchard with approximately 5,000 apple trees. Pick your own or purchase apples that are picked daily. Also available to pick: raspberries, blueberries and blackberries. Other items available in the store.

RS Valley View Christmas Tree Farm
6440 Belvidere Road, Roscoe, IL 61073 | 815.623.2730 | A great place for families to carry on a tradition or start one. Gift Shop in the old dairy barn.

LP Volcano Falls Adventure Park
7602 Rock Valley Pkwy., Loves Park, IL 61111 | 815.282.2100 | volcanofalls.com | Enjoy two 18-hole mini golf courses, three different types of Go-Carts, Lazer Tag, The Vault Laser Maze, batting cages and an indoor arcade complete with a snack bar.

SW West Rock Wake Park at Levings Lake
1420 S. Pierpont Ave., Rockford, IL 61102 | 815.596.9025 | westrockwakepark.com | The first cable park of its kind in the northern Illinois/southern Wisconsin area, with Sesitec's revolutionary and environmentally friendly two tower straight line cable system. Simply bring your gear or just a suit and a towel.

RT Williams Tree Farm
4661 Yale Bridge Rd., Rockton, IL 61072 | 815.624.7579 | williamstreefarm.com | Cut your own tree, lodge with cafe, gift shop with thousands of ornaments, hot cocoa by the fire, pony rides, hayrides, maze, children's play area.

LP Windsor Lake Activity Center
7212 N. Alpine Rd., Loves Park, IL 61111 | 815.987.8800 | rockfordparkdistrict.org/windsorlake | The lake features catch and release fishing (except for pan fish) and picturesque paddling opportunities. Personal muscular-powered watercraft allowed on the lake for fishing and paddling.

PC Winnebago County Fairgrounds
500 W. 1st St., Pecatonica, IL 61063 | 815.239.1641 | winnebagoountyfair.com | Home of Winnebago County Fair, considered one of the best county fairs in the Midwest, plus The Pec Thing, a huge semi-annual flea market and antiques fair with acres of vendors inside and out.

WB Winnebago Farmers Market
Main St. and Benton St., Winnebago, IL 61088 | 815.335.7617 | Locally grown produce and plants, home baked goods and crafts. Fridays, May-Oct.

SE Zip Rockford at Alpine Hills
4402 Larson Ave., Rockford, IL 61108 | 815.397.6185 | ziprockford.com | Fully guided tours that begin by zipping off an 18-foot tower and arriving at a 50-foot tower within a matter of seconds. Guests can reach speeds of up to 40 mph and can fly up to 70 ft in the air! No age restrictions, but participants must weigh between 50-275 pounds (85 pounds on the long tour).

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES/ SKATE PARK

SE Churchill Park Skatepark
2002 7th Ave., Rockford, IL 61104 | 815.987.8800 | rockfordparkdistrict.org | Churchill Park Skatepark was initially built in response to neighborhood needs. New ramps and rails have been added.

SE Elliot Park Skatepark
1000 Mill Rd., Rockford, IL 61108 | 815.987.8800 | rockfordparkdistrict.org | Designed with beginners to advanced skaters in mind, this 17,000 square-foot skate park includes a manual pad, fun box, Jersey barriers, half-pipes, double camel hump, two-sided pyramid, and three ten-foot half-pipes.

MP SkateWorks at Harlem Community Center
9400 Forest Hills Rd., Machesney Park, IL 61115 | 815.987.8800 | rockfordparkdistrict.org | Located in the Wentland Sports Complex with an assortment of ramps, rails, and other challenging obstacles for fans of in-line skating, skateboarding, and bikes.

SW Washington Park Community Center Skatepark
3617 Delaware St., Rockford, IL 61102 | 815.987.8800 | rockfordparkdistrict.org | A variety of custom built ramps as well as hands-on training for youth ages 5-18 enrolled in programs at WPC.

PERFORMING ARTS

E Artists' Ensemble Theater
5050 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61108 | 815.394.5004 | artistsensemble.org | Artists' Ensemble is an Equity professional theater that offers five productions a year in the Clark Arts Center at Rockford University.

DT BMO Harris Bank Center
300 Elm St., Rockford, IL 61101 | 815.968.5222 | thebmo Harris Bank Center.com | Downtown arena hosts a variety of world-class entertainment including concerts from the biggest stars in music and comedy, circuses, rodeos, motor sports, family shows and much more. Home to the Rockford IceHogs, the American Hockey League affiliate of the Chicago Blackhawks.

Children's Theater Project/ Youth Theater Project
Rockford, IL | (920) 412-7151 | ctpytp.org | Children's Theater Project creates a "play with music" based on works of Broadway musicals adapted for children, TV musicals and shows from Musical Theater International.

DT Coronado Performing Arts Center
314 N. Main St., Rockford, IL 61101 | 815.968.0595 | coronadopac.org | An ornate movie palace and vaudeville hall built in 1927 and restored and renovated in 2000. It's a delightful example of an "atmospheric-style" theater. Hosts many performing arts groups and traveling shows.

Kantorei, The Singing Boys of Rockford
406 N. Main St. (office), Rockford, IL 61103 | 815.963.2544 | kantorei.com | Kantorei, The Singing Boys of Rockford, is an award-winning choir of boys 7-18 years old, which draws its members from the northern Illinois/southern Wisconsin area. Founded in 1964, the critically-acclaimed choir has toured nationally and internationally.

DT Mendelssohn Performing Arts Center
406 N. Main St., Rockford, IL 61103 | 815.964.9713 | mendelssohnpac.org | MPAC presents several exciting concert series with local, national and internationally-renowned performers, from genres including classical, jazz, folk and Broadway.

DT Nordlof Center
118 N. Main St., Rockford, IL 61101 | 815.987.6660 | rockfordpubliclibrary.org/content/nordlof-center | A cultural, arts and community resource for the city of Rockford and part of the Rockford Public Library with 280-seat J.R. Sullivan Theater.

PC Pec Playhouse Theatre
314 Main St., Pecatonica, IL 61063 | 815.239.1210 | pecplayhouse.org | Experience a quality performance in an intimate and rustic venue, produced by people dedicated to providing quality community theatre in a quaint, northern Illinois town.

Phantom Regiment Drum & Bugle Corps
420 N. Main St. (office), Rockford, IL 61103 | 815.261.1956 | regiment.org | The Phantom Regiment is a world-class drum corps with many honors.

DT Rockford Dance Company
711 N. Main St., Rockford, IL 61103 | 815.963.3341 | rockforddancecompany.com | RDC offers a full season of outstanding ballet and repertoire performances. Annual performance of The Nutcracker with the Rockford Symphony Orchestra.

DT Rockford Symphony Orchestra
711 N. Main St., Rockford, IL 61103 | 815.965.0049 | rockfordsymphony.com | RSO presents classical and contemporary orchestral music of the highest caliber in Rockford's beautiful Coronado Theatre.

DT Rockford Theatre at Rockford Woman's Club
323 Park Ave., Rockford, IL 61101 | 815.965.4233 | rockfordtheater.com | Elegant 800 seat theatre opened in 1918 as part of the Rockford Woman's Club.

E Rockford University Performing Arts
5050 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61108 | 815.226.4189 | rockford.edu/academics/departments/performingarts | The Clark Arts Center is home to Rockford University's Department of Performing Arts and the Art Department.

DT Rockford Wind Ensemble
Rockford, IL | rockfordwindensemble.org | Rockford Wind Ensemble performs a series of family-friendly concerts from October through April each year.

NE Sinnissippi Park Music Shell
1401 N. 2nd St., Rockford, IL 61107 | 815.987.8800 | facebook.com/musicshell | Long a Rockford tradition... beautiful summer evenings in the historic Sinnissippi Park Music Shell featuring local and regional talents.

NE Starlight Theatre at Rock Valley College
3301 N. Mulford Rd., Rockford, IL 61114 | 815.921.2160 | rockvalleycollege.edu/community/theatre | The area's oldest outdoor summer theatre with four musical

productions in the summer. Starlight's home, the Bengt Sjostrom Theatre, features more than a thousand seats and a stunningly artistic and creative retractable roof.

NE Studio Theatre at Rock Valley College
3301 N. Mulford Rd., Rockford, IL 61114 | 815.921.2160 | rockvalleycollege.edu/community/theatre | The Studio Theatre program gives students and amateur actors in the area a chance to perform with guest professionals. Each year the theatre presents a William Shakespeare classic.

SPORTS

SB Blackhawk Farms Raceway
15538 Prairie Rd., South Beloit, IL 61080 | 815.389.2000 | blackhawkfarms.com | Blackhawk Farms Raceway challenges both amateur and professional drivers. They have everything from autocross and driver's schools, to wheel-to-wheel racing.

LP Forest Hills Diamonds
7742 Forest Hills Rd., Loves Park, IL 61111 | 815.633.0340 | foresthillsdiamonds.com | Four softball diamonds adjacent to a modern bowling center with 24 lanes, and Shooter's North Bar.

MP Machesney Park Raceway
1220 Shappert Dr., Machesney Park, IL 61115 | 815.222.3424 | facebook.com/MachesneyParkRaceway | Quarter scale race capital of the Midwest; home to the Midwest Quarter Scale Tri-State Nationals.

LP Rockford Aviators Professional Baseball
4503 Interstate Blvd., Loves Park, IL 61111 | 815.885.2255 | rockfordaviators.com | Rockford's professional baseball team is part of the Frontier League, an independent professional league. Home games are played at Aviators Stadium just off I-90 at Riverside Blvd. Specials, giveaways, entertainment and good, old-fashioned summertime baseball make a visit to the ballpark a great family outing.

DT Rockford IceHogs Pro Hockey
300 Elm St., Rockford, IL 61101 | 815.968.5222 | icehogs.com | The 'Hogs are members of the American Hockey League, and affiliated with the National Hockey League Chicago

Blackhawks. Home games are played at the BMO Harris Bank Center.

LP Rockford Rage Roller Derby
8800 E. Riverside Blvd. (Bout site), Loves Park, IL 61111 | rockfordrage.com | One of the first female flat-track roller derby leagues in Northern Illinois. Participants in this skater-run, not-for-profit league are dedicated to skating, competing and entertaining.

LP Rockford Speedway
9572 Forest Hills Rd. Loves Park, IL 61111 | 815.633.1500 | rockfordspeedway.com | Top-name NASCAR racing on a quarter-mile, high-banked track just two miles west of I-90.

NW Searls Park | BMX Race Course
4950 Safford Rd., Rockford, IL 61101 | 815.874-8719 | rockfordbmx.com | Northern Illinois' premiere BMX race facility for over 20 years. Ranked the #2 Central Division track by the ABA 2004 and #8 BMX track in the U.S. by Transworld BMX magazine in 2002.

LP Ski Broncs Water Ski Show Team
235 Evelyn Ave., Loves Park, IL 61111 | skibroncs.com | Spend an evening outside on the beautiful Rock River watching the Ski-Broncs, a world-class water ski show team. Free shows run from Memorial Day to Labor Day, Wednesdays and Fridays. Concessions are available.

SE The First Tee of Greater Rockford
4402 Larson Ave., Rockford, IL 61108 | 815.965.5057 | thefirstteegreaterrockford.org | The First Tee of Greater Rockford offers youth development programs where participants learn life skills and golf skills through the game of golf. Programs available for individuals and groups from ages 4-18.

E Trackside Rockford Off-Track Betting
4007 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61108 | 815.398.2300 | arlingtonpark.com/node/498 | Trackside Rockford, located in Shooter's Bar & Grill at Don Carter Lanes, offers a casual, comfortable setting to wager on domestic and international horse racing, with more than 100 television monitors throughout the facility.

LP Victory Golf Range
7003 N. Alpine Rd., Loves Park, IL 61111 | 815.633.7075 | victorygolfrange.com | The Rockford area's only indoor golf facility. Amenities include: Large driving area to see true path of golf ball, hitting bays with air-cushioned driving mats, state-of-the-art putting green, fully netted ceiling, walls and perimeter.

SPORTS FACILITIES

LP Fusion Sports Center
7135 Clinton Rd., Loves Park, IL 61111 | 815.977.4639 | fscrockford.com | Whether you're looking for a facility to play soccer, basketball, volleyball, or even pickleball, Fusion Sports Center Rockford has what you need. This 108,000 sq ft facility has the flex space and equipment for your sports practices and tournaments.

NE Guilford Tennis Center
5702 Spring Creek Rd., Rockford, IL 61114 | 815.987.8807 | rockfordparkdistrict.org | The Guilford Tennis Center, a 14-court tennis facility with windscreens and lights for evening play, is ready for some outstanding tennis action each summer.



↑ ROCKFORD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA photo by @hillsing #RSO

↓ IceHogs Hockey at BMO HARRIS BANK CENTER photo by @theamandafox #icehogs



↑ ROCKFORD AVIATORS PRO BASEBALL photo by @hyllmlr555 #rockfordaviators

Rockford

- DT** Downtown
- NW** Northwest
- NE** Northeast
- E** East Side
- SE** Southeast
- SW** Southwest
- CV** Cherry Valley
- D** Durand
- LP** Loves Park
- MP** Machesney Park
- PC** Pecatonica
- RT** Rockton
- RS** Roscoe
- SH** Shirland
- SB** South Beloit
- WB** Winnebago

- B** Breakfast
- L** Lunch
- D** Dinner
- \$** \$10 & under
- \$\$** \$20 & under
- \$\$\$** \$30 & under
- Y** Bar
- ♪** Entertainment

NW Sportscore One
1288 Elmwood Rd., Rockford, IL 61103 | 815.654.7452 | rockfordsportscore.com | Encompassing 179 acres, Sportscore One has eight lighted softball diamonds, eight premier soccer fields, nine regulation soccer fields, two permanent concessions on the softball side with restrooms, two playgrounds, a soccer center building with concessions and locker facilities, boat ramps, and a recreation path.

LP Sportscore Two and Indoor Sports Center
8800 E. Riverside Blvd., Loves Park, IL 61111 | 815.885.1135 | rockfordsportscore.com | This 124-acre site has 19 regulation soccer fields and 14 practice fields outdoors, and four sand volleyball courts. Wedgbury Stadium seats 2,000 spectators. The Indoor Sports Center contains three multi-sport indoor fields for indoor soccer, five volleyball/basketball courts, locker rooms, sports equipment store and SkyBox, a family friendly casual restaurant and sports bar.



Dining & Nightlife

SE 15th and Chris
201 15th Ave., Rockford, IL 61104 | 779.774.4116 | 15thandchris.com | Fresh food sourced by other local businesses. Burgers, sandwiches, wraps and salads, and frozen yogurt, ice cream and shakes. | American | Ice Cream | LD | \$

LP 2nd Cousins Bar n Grill
6246 E. Riverside Blvd., Loves Park, IL 61111 | 815.637.2660 | facebook.com/2ndcousins | 20 draught beers available. Grill menu is packed with enticing appetizers, entrees, and hand battered Friday Fish-Fry. DJ and dancing Wed. & Sat. | American | Nightlife | LD | \$ | Y | ♪

DT 320 Store
320 N. Court St., Rockford, IL 61103 | 815.965.2313 | facebook.com/pages/320-Store/122027327822716?sk=info&tab=overview | Seasonal local produce, organic fruit and produce, vegan items, fresh squeezed orange juice, salad bar weekdays. | Deli | L | \$

MP 3-B's Cafe
7007 N. 2nd St., Machesney Park, IL 61115 | 815.282.5974 | facebook.com/pages/The-3-Bs-Cafe/391642170170?ref=br_tf | Sandwich shop, burgers, breakfast and brunch. | American | BL | \$

LP 640 Meats
6410 E. Riverside Blvd., Loves Park, IL 61111 | 815.633.9443 | 640meats.com | Quality meats, vegetables, fruits and many more deli favorites. Outdoor patio

dining when weather permits. | Deli | L | \$

DT Abreo
515 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61104 | 815.968.9463 | abreorockford.com | Original and seasonal menus sourced heavily from local farmers and premium import suppliers. Outdoor garden patio. | American | Nightlife | D | \$\$\$ | Y

LP Aero Ale House
6164 E. Riverside Blvd., Loves Park, IL 61111 | 815.977.5602 | aerolovespark.com | Great food, cold beer and classic craft cocktails, flat screen TVs. | American | Nightlife | D | \$ | Y

E Alchemy
610 N. Bell School Rd., Rockford, IL 61107 | 815.398.6411 | alchemypizza.com | Wood-fire pizza, homemade pastas, gelatos, and 36 craft beers. Open air dining in fine weather. | American | Pizza | LD | \$ | Y

E Ali Baba Mediterranean Cuisine
139 Sundae Dr., Rockford, IL 61107 | 815.484.9200 | alibabarockford.com | Mediterranean cuisine including chicken, beef, lamb, vegetables, rice and a variety of spices. Lunch buffet daily. | International | LD | \$

SE Alpine View Restaurant
1710 S. Alpine Rd., Rockford, IL 61108 | 815.227.5400 | facebook.com/alpineview | Breakfast, burgers, Italian, sandwiches, seafood and southern. | American | BLD | \$

CV Alvarez Restaurant - Cherry Valley
1600 S. Bell School Rd., Cherry Valley, IL 61016 | 815.332.9847 | alvarezrestaurant.com | Authentic Mexican food and cocktails. | Mexican | LD | \$\$ | Y

LP Alvarez Restaurant - Loves Park
205 E. Riverside Blvd., Loves Park, IL 61111 | 815.633.4588 | alvarezrestaurant.com | Authentic Mexican food and cocktails. | Mexican | LD | \$\$ | Y

RS Amici Italian Grill
5506 Clayton Circle, Roscoe, IL 61073 | 815.623.7171 | facebook.com/pages/Amici-Italian-Grill/567066730006769 | Fresh, handmade Italian dishes cooked to order in a casual environment. | Italian | LDI | \$\$ | Y

RS Anna Maria's Italian Restaurant & Pizzeria - Roscoe
11607 Main St., Roscoe, IL 61073 | 815.623.9750 | facebook.com/pages/Anna-Marias-S-Beloit-Roscoe-IL/360052200729056?sk=info&tab=page_info | Italian | Pizza | LD | \$

SB Anna Maria's Italian Restaurant & Pizzeria - South Beloit
823 Gardner St., South Beloit, IL 61080 | 815.389.2645 | facebook.com/pages/Anna-Marias-S-Beloit-Roscoe-IL/360052200729056?sk=info&tab=page_info | Italian | Pizza | LD | \$

LP Anna's Pizza - Loves Park
2113 Harlem Rd., Loves Park, IL 61111 | 815.282.4700 | Takeout pizza. | Pizza | D | \$

WB Anna's Pizza & Pasta
101 S. Benton St., Winnebago, IL 61088 | 815.335.1065 | annaspizzawinnebago.com | Casual Italian and pizza. | Italian | Pizza | LD | \$

E Aunt Mary's
4431 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61108 | 815.397.6461 | A Rockford tradition. Time tested recipes using the freshest ingredients. Soups, batters and bakery items made from scratch. | American | BL | \$

CV Backyard Grill & Bar - Cherry Valley
201 E. State St., Cherry Valley, IL 61016 | 815.332-4176 | backyardgrill.com | Casual dining with large selection from fish fry specials to prime rib to all-you-can-eat ribs. | American | Nightlife | LD | \$ | Y

LP Backyard Grill & Bar - Loves Park
6473 N. 2nd St., Loves Park, IL 61111 | 815.636.9430 | backyardgrill.com | Casual dining with large selection from fish fry specials to prime rib to all-you-can-eat ribs. | American | Nightlife | LD | \$ | Y

RS Backyard Grill & Bar - Roscoe
5390 Elevator Rd., Roscoe, IL 61073 | 815.623.6677 | backyardgrill.com | Casual dining with large selection from fish fry specials to prime rib to all-you-can-eat ribs. | American | Nightlife | LD | \$ | Y

E Bahia Restaurant
6116 Mulford Village Dr., Rockford, IL 61107 | 815.965.5920 | bahiarockford.com | Authentic Mexican and seafood restaurant. Daily lunch, dinner and drink specials. | Mexican | LD | \$\$ | Y

DT Bamboo Asian Noodles & Tapas Bar
514 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61104 | 815.316.2455 | bamboorockford.com | Homemade traditional Thai, Vietnamese and Laotian cuisine. | Asian | LD | \$\$ | Y

SE Banana Cherry Bakery
1274 S. Alpine Rd., Rockford, IL 61108 | 815.977.4547 | facebook.com/pages/Banana-Cherry-Bakery/119529371500059?sk=timeline | Known for its banana bread, brioche and pan au lait as well as pies, cookies, rolls, meat pies, scones, cakes and Italian coffee. | Bakery | BLD | \$

SE Beach House Bistro
3919 11th St., Rockford, IL 61109 | 815.391.7699 | letseat.at/Beach-House_Bistro | Specials each night featuring Italian, Mexican, Chicken, BBQ ribs, fish fry and prime rib. | American | BLD | \$\$ | Y

SE Behr Den
1125 Seminary St., Rockford, IL 61104 | 815-987-2799 | facebook.com/pages/Behr-Den/757981327558072?sk=timeline | Enjoy an authentic American diner experience. Located amid Behr Iron & Metal's 40 acres, on a public street that bisects their facilities.

Monday through Friday. Cash only. | American | BL | \$

LP Beefaroo - Loves Park - Cafe Style
6380 E. Riverside Blvd., Loves Park, IL 61111 | 815.877.5610 | beefaroo.com | Local themed restaurants with sandwiches, fries, soups, salads, shakes, baked potatoes. | American | LD | \$

LP Beefaroo - Loves Park - Engine Co. #1
6116 N. 2nd St., Loves Park, IL 61111 | 815.633.6585 | beefaroo.com | Local themed restaurants with sandwiches, fries, soups, salads, shakes, baked potatoes. | American | LD | \$

MP Beefaroo - Machesney Park - Northwoods Lodge
4601 Adamson Ln., Machesney Park, IL 61115 | 815.633.5130 | beefaroo.com | Local themed restaurants with sandwiches, fries, soups, salads, shakes, baked potatoes. | American | LD | \$

SE Beefaroo - Rockford - Rock N' Roll
3401 S. Alpine Rd., Rockford, IL 61109 | 815.874.8550 | beefaroo.com | Local themed restaurants with sandwiches, fries, soups, salads, shakes, baked potatoes. | American | LD | \$

E Beefaroo - Rockford - Warehouse East
6593 Lexus Dr., Rockford, IL 61108 | 815.399.9300 | beefaroo.com | Local themed restaurants with sandwiches, fries, soups, salads, shakes, baked potatoes. | American | LD | \$

NW Beefaroo - Rockford - Warehouse West
2538 Auburn St., Rockford, IL 61101 | 815.962.7674 | beefaroo.com | Local themed restaurants with sandwiches, fries, soups, salads, shakes, baked potatoes. | American | LD | \$

RS Beefaroo - Roscoe - The Depot
5109 Rock Rose Ct., Roscoe, IL 61073 | 815.623.5279 | beefaroo.com | Local themed restaurants with sandwiches, fries, soups, salads, shakes, baked potatoes. | American | LD | \$

DT Bella Luna Bakery
308 W. State St., Rockford, IL 61101 | 815.979.8404 | bellalunabakeryrockford.com | Locally owned bakery featuring Italian and Scandinavian bakery items. | Bakery

SW Benny's Dariette
1402 Montague St., Rockford, IL 61102 | 815.961.1500 | Walk-up eatery with burgers, hot dogs, sandwiches, French fries, ice cream milkshakes, granita and more. | American | Ice Cream | LD | \$

E Big Al's Bar
610 N. Bell School Rd., Rockford, IL 61107 | 815.398.6411 | giodine.com | Full service bar and grill and live music Friday and Saturday. | American, Nightlife | LD | \$ | Y | ♪

MP Big Papa's Barbecue
8660 N. 2nd St., Machesney Park,

IL 61114 | 815.877.7422 | bigpapasbbq.co | Big Papa's serves up heaping plates of mouth watering Texan barbecue. Dine in, carryout and delivery. | American | LD | \$\$

SW Bing's Drive-In
3613 S. Main St., Rockford, IL 61102 | 815.968.8663 | facebook.com/pages/Bings-Drive-In/117614048267528 | Old-fashioned drive-in with root beer floats, chili dogs and ice cream treats—delivered right to your car window. Shaded picnic tables. | American | Ice Cream | LD | \$

E Bistro at Courtyard by Marriott
7676 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61108 | 815.397.6222 | rockfordcourtyard.com | Cold and hot breakfast, soups sandwiches, salads, baked goods and bar food. Bar serves beer, wine, and a limited selection of cocktails. Starbucks coffee 24 hours. | American | Coffee Shop | BD | \$ | Y

SB Bravo Pizza & Italian Restaurant
376 Prairie Hill Rd., South Beloit, IL 61080 | 815.624.7900 | bravopizzarestaurant.com | Family owned with authentic Italian cuisine. A full service bar features two 51" flat screen TVs. | Italian | LD | \$ | Y

SE Brewsky's
4414 Charles St., Rockford, IL 61108 | 815.399.9300 | Neighborhood sports bar with divided areas, multiple bars and outdoor seating. No food served, but you may bring in food from your favorite restaurant. | Nightlife | Y | ♪

RS Brooklyn Deli - Roscoe
1137 Main St., Roscoe, IL 61073 | 815.623.3354 | facebook.com/BrooklynDeliRoscoe | Deli sandwiches, burgers, wraps and fresh cut fries. | American | BLD | \$

NE Buddy's Burgers
6551 Riverside Blvd., Rockford, IL 61114 | 815.980.1213 | facebook.com/buddysburgers | Select your toppings to create your own personal burger, or have Italian beef, flat bread, chicken and fried fish sandwiches. Desserts include funnel cake fries and shakes. | American | LD | \$\$

SE Burrito Bravo
4206 Charles St., Rockford, IL 61108 | 815.231.0031 | aboutabiz.com/burrito-bravo.htm | Authentic Mexican food. Mexican | LD | \$

LP Busters Bar & Grill
7113 N. Alpine Rd., Loves Park, IL 61111 | 815.633.5009 | bustersbarandgrilllovespark.com | Sandwiches, salads, wraps, pizza and more. Full bar, eight HD TVs. | American | LD | \$\$ | Y

MP By The Dozen Bakery
8324 N. 2nd St., Machesney Park, IL 61115 | 815.636.0668 | bythedozenbakery.com | Fresh pastries including cakes, doughnuts, cookies and others. Specializing in making that perfect custom cake for any event. | Bakery

LP Capone's Eatery
1920 E. Riverside Blvd., Loves Park, IL 61111 | 815.877.1920 | caponeseatery.com | Al Capone themed mob hangout serving American and Italian dishes and custom baked desserts. | American | Italian | LD | \$ | Y

DT Capri Restaurant & Pizza
313 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61104 | 815.965.6341 | caprirockford.com | Italian specialties and pizza, specializing in handmade foods, fresh ingredients, and large-portion meals. | Italian | Pizza | LD | \$\$ | Y

DT Carlyle Brewing Co.
215 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61104 | 815.963.2739 | carlylebrewing.com | Sample a variety of fresh-brewed beer styles along with fun, pub-style foods including brats and hot pretzels. | American | Nightlife | D | \$ | Y

LP Casey's Pub
7307 N. Alpine Rd., Loves Park, IL 61111 | 815.637.6088 | caseyspub.net | Neighborhood bar and grill with lots of TV screens, pool tables, shuffle board, darts, and more. | American | Pizza | Nightlife | LD | \$ | Y

LP Chef Chen
6742 Broadcast Pkwy, Loves Park, IL 61111 | 815.282.6888 | chefchenrestaurant.com | Authentic Chinese and Thai cuisine. Carry out, delivery and catering available. | Asian | LD | \$

LP Chen's Cantonese Chef
4722 N. 2nd St., Loves Park, IL 61111 | 815.877.9221 | Cantonese cuisine. | Asian | LD | \$\$ | Y

LP China Express
1920 E. Riverside Blvd., Loves Park, IL 61111 | 815.282.1920 | chinaexpressrockford.com | Asian cuisine. Dine in, carryout and delivery. | Asian | LD | \$

RT China Palace
625 S. Blackhawk Blvd., Rockton, IL 61072 | 815.624-2636 | Facebook.com/ChinaPalaceRockton | Authentic Mandarin and Cantonese cuisine in a casual setting. | Asian | LD | \$ | Y

SW Chiquita Food Market & Taqueria
1414 S. Main St., Rockford, IL 61102 | 815.720.5951 | chiquitafoodmarket.com | Authentic Mexican dishes | Mexican | \$ | BLD

NE Chubby Guys BBQ
6551 E. Riverside Blvd., Rockford, IL 61114 | 815.904.4783 | facebook.com/chubbyguysbbq | Pulled pork, ribs, chicken, homemade fries and potato chips, mac and cheese and more. Four signature sauces. | American | \$\$ | LD

SW Chuc-A-Luc's Fishmarket & Grill
1104 Elm St., Rockford, IL 61102 | 815.962.8292 | facebook.com/pages/Chuc-A-Luc's-Fishmarket-Grill/171460306217843 | Soul food including fish, BBQ ribs and tips. Fishmarket next door. | American | BL | \$

LP Ciao Bella
6500 E. Riverside Blvd., Loves Park,



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- Rockford**
- DT** Downtown
- NW** Northwest
- NE** Northeast
- E** East Side
- SE** Southeast
- SW** Southwest
- CV** Cherry Valley
- D** Durand
- LP** Loves Park
- MP** Machesney Park
- PC** Pecatonica
- RT** Rockton
- RS** Roscoe
- SH** Shirland
- SB** South Beloit
- WB** Winnebago

- B** Breakfast
- L** Lunch
- D** Dinner
- \$** \$10 & under
- \$\$** \$20 & under
- \$\$\$** \$30 & under
- 🍷** Bar
- 🎵** Entertainment

IL 61111 | 815.654.9900 | facebook.com/CiaoBellaRistorante.Rockford | American, Italian, seafood and vegetarian. | American | Italian | LD | \$\$ | 🍷

DT CJ's Public House
300 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61104 | 815.964.7457 | facebook.com/CJSRockford/info?tab=page_info | Downtown neighborhood bar. | American | L | \$ | 🍷

E City Buffet
5555 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61108 815.399.3333 | Full Chinese buffet with dozens of menu items to choose from and a variety of sushi and American food. | Asian | LD | \$\$

NW Cliffbreakers Restaurant and Bar/Lounge
700 W. Riverside Blvd., Rockford, IL 61103 | 815.282-3033 | cliffbreakers.com | Fauerbach beerstube lounge, martini lounge, outdoor patio in summer. Eclectic menu with steak, seafood, pasta, salads, soups. Champagne Brunch on Sundays. | American | LD | \$\$ | 🍷

RS Clubhouse Miniature Golf and Ice Cream Parlor
5689 Elevator Rd., Roscoe, IL 61073 815.623.8008 | facebook.com/theroscoecolubhouse | Take the kids for a double dip cone and a round of miniature golf. Inside game and party room. | Ice Cream

SE CoCo Joe's
4410 Charles St., Rockford, IL 61108 815.227.9006 | Fast food and ice cream. Menu includes burgers, sandwiches, wraps, sundaes, shakes and malts. Dine in or carry out from the drive-thru window. | American | Ice Cream | LD | \$

SE Command Post Restaurant & Camp Grant Museum
1004 Samuelson Rd., Rockford, IL 61109 | 815.395.0678 | campgrantmuseum.weebly.com | Located in an original World War II building. Homemade soups and desserts. | American | BL | \$

SE Countryside Meats & Deli
781 Highgrove Pl., Rockford, IL 61108 | 815.399.8660 | countryside.meats.us | Get a great sandwich to go. Large selection of gourmet sauces, cheeses, spreads, and more. Specialty meats. Swedish items and seafood. | Deli | \$

MP Cronies Grill
9032 N. 2nd St., Machesney Park, IL 61115 | 815.282.2262 | croniesgrill.com | Homemade soups, salad bar, steaks, burgers, pizza, calzones, stromboli, pastas, fajitas and more. Full service bar. Karaoke and live music acts. TVs for sports. | American | Pizza | D | \$\$ | 🍷 | 🎵

WB Cuppa Java
809 Cannell Puri Ct., Winnebago, IL 61088 | 815.335.3203 | cuppajavacoffee.com | Upscale coffee house serving flavored coffees, imported teas, and gourmet pastries, along with cafe sandwiches, wraps, soup, and breakfast sandwiches. | American | Coffee Shop | BL | \$

LP Dairy Depot
5413 N. 2nd St., Loves Park, IL 61111 815.988.0327 | facebook.com/pages/Dairy-Depot/155886701147466?sk=timeline | Old-fashioned walk-up ice cream window for cones, sundaes, flavor bursts and more. Outside seating. Memorial Day through Labor Day. Cash only. | Ice Cream | \$

RT Dairyhaus
113 E. Main St., Rockton, IL 61072 815.624.6100 | facebook.com/dairyhausrockton | Family owned homemade ice cream parlour with huge scoops and waffle cones in quaint downtown Rockton. Outdoor seating. Ice Cream cakes made to order. | Ice Cream | \$

NE Dandy Donuts
6551 E. Riverside Blvd., Suite 109, Rockford, IL 61114 | 815.708.7485 | dandydonuts.com | Soups, sandwiches, mini donuts and "Dandy Dan's Oatmeal Bar" with over 25 toppings to choose from. | American | BL | \$

NW Dari Fair
2813 Kilburn Ave., Rockford, IL 61101 815.968.3999 | Old fashioned walk-up ice cream window with soft treats, cones, sundaes, floats, and sandwiches. Near Searles BMX track. | Ice Cream | \$

DT Deli Italia I | Trinacria Lounge
507 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61104 815.962.3354 | deliitalia.us | Walk in, sit down or carry out Italian deli sandwiches and entrees. Full service bar, dance floor and stage for entertainment. | Italian, Pizza | LD | \$\$ | 🍷 | 🎵

NW Deli Italia II
3004 N. Main St., Rockford, IL 61103 | 815.633.8270 | deliitalia.us | Italian deli entrees, sandwiches and market items. Walk in, sit down or carry out. | Italian | Pizza | L | \$

NW Der Rathskeller
1132 Auburn St., Rockford, IL 61103 | 815.963.2922 | derrathskeller.net | One of Rockford's oldest restaurants, featuring German cuisine in a warm, intimate old-world setting. Live accordion on weekends. Outside dining in the Biergarten. | International | Nightlife | BLD | \$\$ | 🍷

DT District Bar & Grill
205 W. State St., Rockford, IL 61101 815.9774524 | districtdown.town.com | Great food, drinks and live entertainment. Plenty of seats and TVs to watch the game. Open for breakfast Monday through Friday. | American, Nightlife | BLD | \$\$ | 🍷 | 🎵

E DiTullio's Italian Market & Café
2207 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61104 815.399.2080 | ditullios.com | Gourmet groceries, fresh bread, fresh deli sandwiches, salads, olives, roasted peppers and other Italian delicacies. Eat in or take out. | Deli | Italian | L | \$

LP Doc's Diner
6499 N. 2nd St., Loves Park, IL 61111 815.282.3657 | facebook.com/RonAndMarysDocsDiner | Excellent breakfast, the "best biscuits and

gravy in town," great burgers, and low prices. | American | BL | \$

E Dos Reales Mexican Restaurant
5855 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61108 815.227.4979 | dosrealesrockford.com | Authentic Mexican cuisine in a casual atmosphere. | Mexican | LD | \$\$ | 🍷

NW Doughboys Donuts - North Main Street
3451 N. Main St., Rockford, IL 61103 | 815.877.8720 | Doughnuts made from scratch | \$

SE Doughboys Donut - 11th Street
3330 11th St., Rockford, IL 61109 | 815.399.9465 | Bagel and doughnut shop. | \$

RS Ebenezer Brown's Eatery & Pub
4866 Bluestem Rd., Roscoe, IL 61073 | 815.270.1213 | facebook.com/EbenezerBrownsEateryandPub | Old-world Roscoe charm combined with the latest culinary creations. | American | D | \$\$ | 🍷

NE Egg Harbor Cafe
1603 N. Alpine Rd., Rockford, IL 61107 | 815.399.2650 | eggharborcafe.com/location/rockford | Gourmet egg specialties, scramblers, skilletts, frittatas, pancakes, roll-ups, sandwiches, soups, salads and more in a charming, inviting atmosphere. | American | BL | \$

CV Eggsclusive Cafe 2
7105 Lexus Dr., Rockford, IL 61108 815.229.5500 | fiveforksmarket.com | Tapas-based cuisine plus a variety of sandwiches and soups. | American | LD | \$\$ | 🍷

NW El Burrito Loco
2430 Auburn St., Rockford, IL 61103 | 815.965.2410 | elburrito.loco.com | Authentic Mexican cuisine. | Mexican | LD | \$\$

RT Fatt Cat Cafe
911 N. Blackhawk Blvd., Rockton, IL 61072 | 815.624.2832 | fattcatcafe.com | Fatt Cat Cafe is a great place to enjoy lunch with friends, serving homemade soups, salads, sandwiches and desserts. It is a beautiful place for special occasions. | American | L | \$

NW Fauerbach Tap Room, Bar and Lounge
700 W. Riverside Blvd., Rockford, IL 61103 | 815.282.3033 | cliffbreakers.com | Upscale lounge at Cliffbreakers Resort features specialty drinks daily, live music on Saturdays, outstanding pub grub or our fine dining menus. | American | Nightlife | 🍷 | 🎵

RT Fibs
105 W. Main St., Rockton, IL 61072 815.624.6018 | mrfibs.net | Family-friendly restaurant. Appetizers, soups, burgers, sandwiches, chicken, beef, pork, seafood and pasta. | American | LD | \$\$ | 🍷

LP Fiesta Cancun - Loves Park
1508 E. Riverside Blvd., Loves Park, IL 61111 | 815.637.4914 | fiestacancunlovesparkbeloit.com | Authentic Mexican restaurant

where families and friends can gather to share a great time. | Mexican | LD | \$\$ | 🍷

SE Fiesta Cancun - Rockford
631 Highgrove Pl., Rockford, IL 61108 | 815.395.9056 | fiestacancunrockford.com | Authentic Mexican restaurant where families and friends can gather to share a great time. | American | Nightlife | LD | \$

RS Fiesta Cancun - Roscoe
5077 Rockrose Ct., Roscoe, IL 61073 815.623.3111 | fiestacancunroscoe.com | Authentic Mexican restaurant where families and friends can gather to share a great time. | Mexican | LD | \$\$ | 🍷

RS Firehouse Pub
10670 Main St., Roscoe, IL 61073 815.623.8389 | firehouse-pub.com | Casual dining in a renovated fire station. Burgers, sandwiches, soups, salads, carry outs and full bar. Stop in to watch your favorite sporting event. | American | Nightlife | LD | \$ | 🍷

SE Five Coins
4358 Sandy Hollow Rd., Rockford, IL 61109 | 815.874.1973 | fivecoinsrestaurant.com | Soups, salads, sandwiches, burgers, pasta, chicken and steaks. Greek specials. Breakfast served all day | American | International | BLD | \$\$

E Five Forks Market
6565 Lexus Dr., Rockford, IL 61108 815.229.5500 | fiveforksmarket.com | Tapas-based cuisine plus a variety of sandwiches and soups. | American | LD | \$\$ | 🍷

E Forest City Pub at Radisson
200 S. Bell School Rd., Rockford, IL 61108 | 815.226.2100 | radisson.com/hotels/ilrockfo/dinings | The menu includes fresh seafood, hearty pasta plates, inventive pizzas and mouthwatering chicken dishes. | American | Nightlife | BLD | \$\$ | 🍷

NE Franchesco's Ristorante
7128 Spring Creek Rd., Rockford, IL 61107 | 815.229.0800 | franchescos.com | Features Italian cuisine, seafood, steak and their famous pizza. Live entertainment every Friday and Saturday night. Outdoor patio and valet parking. | American | Italian | Pizza | Nightlife | LD | \$\$ | 🍷 | 🎵

NE Fresco at the Gardens
318 Spring Creek Rd., Rockford, IL 61107 | 815.316.2256 | frescorockford.com | Located at Anderson Japanese Gardens, Fresco features fresh, organic and locally grown food. The menu includes sandwiches, salads, soups, grass-fed meat dishes, traditional breakfast fare and a coffee and juice bar. Indoor and outdoor seating. | BL | \$\$

NE Garrett's Restaurant and Bar
1631 N. Bell School Rd., Rockford, IL 61107 | 815.484.9473 | garrettsrestaurantbar.com | Upscale, casual bar and grill specializing in salads, soups, steaks, seafood, sandwiches and | American | Nightlife | LD | \$\$ | 🍷

SE Gene's Place
4412 Manchester Dr., Rockford, IL 61109 | 815.977.4365 | genesplace.biz | Full menu of delicious bar fare, with daily features. Eight beers on tap, several flat screen TVs, pool tables, dart boards. | American | Nightlife | LD | \$

E Gerry's Pizza
7403 Argus Dr., Rockford, IL 61108 815.399.2031 | gerryspizza.net | Pizza, pasta, sandwiches, fish, chicken and steak. Serving the local community since the 1970s. | American | Italian | Pizza | LD | \$\$ | 🍷

MP Gill's Diner
7834 N. 2nd St., Machesney Park, IL 61115 | 815.633.2196 | gillsdiner.mp.com | Daily homemade breakfast, lunch and dinner specials. Serving the community since 1962. | American | BLD | \$

E Giordano's Famous Stuffed Pizza
333 Executive Pkwy., Rockford, IL 61107 | 815.398.5700 | giordanos.com/location/rockford | Enjoy Giordano's famous stuffed pizza, along with great starters, fresh salads, outstanding pastas and unique sandwiches. Italian | Pizza | LD | \$\$ | 🍷

E Giovanni's Restaurant & Big Al's Bar
610 N. Bell School Rd., Rockford, IL 61107 | 815.398.6411 | giodine.com | A local favorite known for its good food, service and competitive prices. Big Al's Bar is an upscale entertainment and jazz bar. | American | Nightlife | LD | \$\$ | 🍷

NW Giuseppi's Pizza and Italian Restaurant
950 Halsted Rd., Rockford, IL 61103 815.877.3029 | giuseppespizza.andyanditaliandining.com | Pizza, pasta, lasagna, Italian sausage, seafood pasta. | Italian | Pizza | D | \$

LP Golden Chopsticks Chinese Restaurant
7923 N. Alpine Rd., Loves Park, IL 61111 | 815.877.8887 | All-you-can-eat Asian buffet. | Asian | LD | \$\$

E Great Wall Restaurant
4228 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61108 815.226.0982 | facebook.com/pages/The-Great-Wall/220906544629233?sk=timeline | Full service gourmet Chinese restaurant in authentic decor with Mandarin, Szechuan and Hunan cuisine. | Asian | LD | \$\$

NE GreenFire Restaurant Bar & Bakery
6795 E. Riverside Blvd., Rockford, IL 61114 | 815.316.3473 | greenfirerestaurant.com | Wood fire pizza, burgers, steaks, seafood, cakes, pies and cupcakes. Breakfast menu available. | American | Bakery | Coffee Shop | International | Pizza | LD | \$\$ | 🍷

SB Greenhouse Bar & Grill at Garden Hotel
200 Dearborn Ave., South Beloit, IL 61080 | 815.525.3600 | gardenhotelconferencecenter.com | The Greenhouse Bar & Grill provides a friendly atmosphere

along with excellent food and drinks. Friday fish fry, Saturday prime rib special. Live entertainment Friday nights. | American | D | Nightlife | \$\$ | 🍷 | 🎵

NW Gyros House
2525 Auburn St., Rockford, IL 61101 815.964.2525 | No frills but good food; gyros, cheeseburgers and more. | American | International | LD | \$

LP Hachi Hachi Japanese Express - Loves Park
6516 E. Riverside Blvd., Loves Park, IL 61111 | 815.636.9888 | hachihachilovespark.com | Healthy, filling, delicious Japanese food. Convenient service. Fresh food at an affordable price. | Asian | LD | \$\$

E Hachi Hachi Japanese Express - Rockford
145 Sundae Dr., Rockford, IL 61107 815.399.9888 | hachihachiexpress.com | Healthy, filling, delicious Japanese food. Convenient service. Fresh food at an affordable price. | Asian | LD | \$\$

SE Hai Quynh Vietnamese Cuisine
324 7th St., Rockford, IL 61104 815.964.5353 | facebook.com/pages/Hai-Quynh-Restaurant/379843412159174?sk=info&tab=page_info | Authentic Vietnamese cuisine with fisherman's soup, red snapper, Mongolian beef, basil chicken, and basil tofu. | Asian | LD | \$

LP Halo Cupcake
7969 Forest Hills Rd., Loves Park, IL 61111 | 815.282.1225 | halocupcake.com | Delicious cupcakes (over 70 flavors), cakes, cookies and many other baked confections for all occasions. | Bakery

PC Harvest Restaurant
14449 W. State Rd., Pecatonica, IL 61063 | 815.239.1119 | facebook.com/pages/Harvest-Restaurant/563142167135530?sk=timeline | Harvest Restaurant has daily specials and on Fridays all you can eat cod. Navy bean and French onion soup served daily. | American | BLD | \$\$ | 🍷

SE HearthRock Cafe
1100 11th St., Rockford, IL 61104 815.227.2000 | bensonstone.com | Inside Benson Stone Company. Gourmet coffee and espresso, fresh made bakery items, soups, healthy salads and gourmet sandwiches. | American | BL | \$

MP Hibachi Grill Buffet & Bar
1531 West Lane Rd., Machesney Park, IL 61115 | 815.637.6866 | hibachigrillonline.com | Over 100 varieties of world-inspired cuisine, including coconut shrimp, oysters, steak, Chinese food and much more. | Asian | LD | \$\$ | 🍷

E Hoffman House Restaurant at Holiday Inn
7550 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61108 815.397.5800 | hoffmanhouserockford.com | Continental cuisine, steaks and prime rib in a relaxed setting. Banquet facilities to 400 people. Full bar, plus Scoreboard sports bar. | American | BLD | \$\$ | 🍷

👉 FIVE FORKS MARKET



👈 GREENHOUSE BAR & GRILL



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↓ JOHNNY PAMCAKES
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↑ KRYPTONITE
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LP Hollywood Restaurant
5518 N. 2nd St., Loves Park, IL 61111
815.282.4011 | facebook.com/pages/Hollywood-Restaurant/217944814904911?sk=info&tab=page_info | Traditional American food. Breakfast served all day. Dine in or carry out. | American | BLD | \$

LP Hope and Anchor English Pub
5040 N. 2nd St., Loves Park, IL 61111 | 815.633.2552 | hopeandanchorpub.com | Nosh up on pub grub, including traditional English Fish-n-Chips served in newspaper with malt vinegar. | American | International | Nightlife | LD | \$\$ | Y | ♪

E Imperial Palace - Rockford
3415 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61108 | 815.227.1442 | imperialpalacerockford.com | Casual dining with traditional Chinese food and cocktails. | Asian | LD | \$\$ | Y

LP India House Restaurant
6430 E. Riverside Blvd., Loves Park, IL 61111 | 815.637.4771 | indiahouselovespark.com | Authentic food from India. Lunch buffet 7 days a week. | International | LD | \$\$ | Y

DT Irish Rose Saloon
519 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61104 | 815.964.0480 | irishrosesaloon.net | Cozy neighborhood restaurant offering fresh seafood, delicious appetizers, and unique spirits. | American | LD | \$\$ | Y

SE Isla del Mar
623 Kishwaukee St., Rockford, IL 61104 | 815.962.5233 | Isla del Mar specializes in Mexican style seafood. | Mexican | LD | \$\$ | Y

NE Itzza Pizza - Carryout and Delivery
3863 N. Perryville Rd., Rockford, IL 61114 | 815.633.1700 | itzapizza.com | Authentic stone baked Italian, Chicago stuffed pizza, calzones, poorboy sandwiches, wings, salads. Delivery or pickup only. No dine-in. | Pizza | LD | \$

LP Jax Pub
4160 N. Perryville Rd., Loves Park, IL 61111 | 815.877.0600 | facebook.com/JaxPubGrill | Burgers, wings, wraps and fish. DJ every Friday and Saturday night. | American | Nightlife | LD | \$ | Y

DT J-Bears Place
315 S. Main St., Rockford, IL 61101 | 815.962.3963 | facebook.com/JBearsRockford | Small neighborhood bar, and your Rockford home for the Chicago Bears and IceHogs. Friendly staff and great specials. | Nightlife | LD | \$ | Y

SE Jessica's Best Bakery
6935 11th St. #3, New Milford, IL 61109 | 815.516.0642 | jessicasbest.com | Known for their gourmet cinnamon rolls. They also sell muffins, danishes, bread and buns. Located in the New Milford Commons Shopping Center. | Bakery

RS Jessica's Restaurant
5091 Edgemere Ct., Roscoe, IL 61073 | 815.623.2223 | jessicas-

restaurant.com | Family dining in casual atmosphere. Favorite spot for breakfast, lunch or dinner. | American | BLD | \$\$

NE JMK Nippon Restaurant
2551 N. Perryville Rd., Rockford, IL 61107 | 815.877.0505 | jmkrockford.com | Meals prepared right before your eyes at the Teppan tables. Traditional seafood, steak and chicken dishes and sushi bar. Karaoke Bar. | Asian | Nightlife | LD | \$\$ | Y

NE Joey C' Cucina & Cocktails
2583 N. Mulford Rd., Rockford, IL 61114 | 815.639.1200 | facebook.com/pages/Joey-C-Cucina-Cocktails/121045114665857?sk=info&tab=page_info | Small, cozy restaurant and bar. Contemporary style with fine dining and an entertaining atmosphere. | American | Italian | LD | \$\$ | B

E Johnny Pancakes
3700 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61108 | 815.229.7415 | johnnypamcakes.com | Breakfast anytime. Meals made to order from only the freshest ingredients. | American | BL | \$

SE John's Restaurant, Pizzeria & Steakhouse
2914 11th St., Rockford, IL 61109 | 815.398.4044 | johnspizzarockford.com | Casual dining with pizza, sandwiches, steak, and Italian specialties. | American, Italian, Pizza | D | \$\$ | Y

SE Jo-Jo's Pizza & Pub
3110 S. Alpine Rd., Rockford, IL 61109 | 815.874.5600 | jojospizzapub.com | Home-made authentic food, specializing in pizzas and poorboys. Carry-out and delivery are available. | American | Italian | Pizza | LD | \$ | Y | ♪

NE Josef-Barbados Restaurant & Oyster Bar
6860 Spring Creek Rd., Rockford, IL 61114 | 815.282.3400 | josefbarbados.com | Renowned Austrian chef Josef Schwaiger offers fine continental dining from Barbados. Seafood and oyster bar with a simple but elegant interior. | International | D | \$\$\$ | Y

E Kate's Pie Shop and Record Store
6685 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61108 | 815.298.7009 | katespieshop.com | Kate's Pie Shop serves pies, pasties and lunch items, and bakes pies fresh to order for delivery. The shop also sells new or gently used vinyl records. | Bakery | L | \$

SE Katie's Cup
502 7th St., Rockford, IL 61104 | 815.986.0628 | katiecup.com | Coffee bar located in the Midtown District. Fair-trade coffee drinks, baked goods, and lunch items. Free WiFi. | Coffee Shop | L | \$

DT Kryptonite Bar
308 W. State St., Rockford, IL 61101 | 815.965.0931 | kryptonitebar.com | Live original music venue specializing in elite craft beers,

customer service, signature cocktails, Trivia nights and much more. | Nightlife | Y | ♪

DT Kuma's Asian Bistro
420 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61104 | 815.490.1000 | kumas.us/rockford-il | Asian cuisine with emphasis on contemporary taste and popularity. | Asian | LD | \$\$ | Y

SW Las Palmas Mexican Restaurant & Nightclub
1118 S. Main St., Rockford, IL 61101 | 815.977.5674 | laspalmasnightclub.com | Authentic Mexican style food. Saturday promoted as Mexican Style, with live music and DJs. | Mexican, Nightlife | LD | \$\$ | Y | ♪

MP Legends Sports Bar
618 Superior Rd., Machesney Park, IL 61115 | 815.282.8126 | facebook.com/legendsbar1992?rf=12056331288641 | Burgers, grill sandwiches, cold sandwiches, fajitas, quesadillas, pizza and more. | American | Pizza | Nightlife | LD | \$ | Y | ♪

E Lino's
5611 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61108 | 815.397.2077 | linosrockford.com | Long-standing Rockford Italian eatery with lots of atmosphere. Full menu of pasta, pizza, veal, chicken and fish with nightly specials. | Italian | Pizza | LD | \$\$ | Y

RT Local Dough Cafe
202 W. Main St., Rockton, IL 61072 | 815.957.0584 | facebook.com/pages/Local-Dough-Cafe/701222309920711 | Baked goods, breakfast, lunch, dinner, beer and wine. | American | Bakery | BL | \$ | Y

DT Los Portales
805 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61104 | 815.961.9690 | Authentic Mexican cuisine for breakfast, lunch and dinner. | Mexican | BLD | \$\$

DT Lucerne's Fondue & Spirits
845 N. Church St., Rockford, IL 61103 | 815.968.2665 | Specialty is fondue of all types—bread, fruits, cheese, desserts, beef, chicken, shrimp, ostrich and more. Hours vary, reservations are recommended. | American | International | \$\$\$ | Y

NE Lucha Cantina
1641 N. Alpine Rd. Suite 212, Rockford, IL 61107 | 815.977.4319 | luchacantina.com/rockford | Mexican and American food and drinks from quesadillas and burritos to burgers and french fries, using all of the freshest ingredients. | American | Mexican | LD | \$\$ | Y

SW Luichi's Hot Dogs
603 Montague St., Rockford, IL 61102 | 815.997.5271 | luichishotdog.com | More than just hot dogs, the menu includes Polish and Italian sausage, hamburgers, chicken, gyros, pizza a host of side orders and salads. | American | LD | \$

SE Lung Fung Chinese Restaurant - 7th Street
226 7th St., Rockford, IL 61104 | 815.968.6866 |

lungfungonline.com | Specializing in a complete menu of Mandarin and Cantonese with spicy and mild cuisine. Dine-in, carry-out and delivery. Lunch and daily specials. | Asian | LD | \$\$

SE Lung Fung Chinese Restaurant - South Perryville Road
2209 S. Perryville Rd., Rockford, IL 61108 | 815.484.9886 | lungfung2.com | Cantonese cuisine. Dine in, carryout and delivery. | Asian | LD | \$\$

NE Lydia's Cafe
1710 Rural St., Rockford, IL 61107 | 815.229.0322 | facebook.com/pages/Lydia's-Cafe/120973951251707?sk=info&tab=page_info | Neighborhood cafe with fresh food, inventive weekend specials and famous, giant buttermilk pancakes. | American | BL | \$\$

LP Maciano's Pizza and Pastaria - Loves Park
6746 Broadcast Pkwy, Loves Park, IL 61111 | 815.633.7500 | macianos.com | Specializing in pizza and authentic Italian cuisine. | Italian | Pizza | LD | \$\$

SE Maciano's Pizza and Pastaria - Rockford
5801 Columbia Pkwy, Suite 101, Rockford, IL 61108 | 815.227.5577 | macianos.com | Specializing in pizza and authentic Italian cuisine. | Italian | Pizza | LD | \$\$

RS Main Street Meat Co. Marketplace Cafe
9515 N. 2nd St., Roscoe, IL 61073 | 815.623.6328 | mainstreetmeat.com | Great selection of fresh meats, sandwiches, picnic supplies, and gourmet fixings including Wisconsin cheese. | Deli | \$

NE Mamma Mia's
1137 N. Alpine Rd., Rockford, IL 61107 | 815.399.6262 | mmiaspizza.com | Mamma Mia's has pizza, pasta, appetizers, salads, sandwiches, wraps and desserts with fresh ingredients for carryout and delivery. | Italian | Pizza | \$\$

DT Mandalay Lounge
200 N. Church St., Rockford, IL 61101 | 779.423.1061 | facebook.com/TheMandalayLounge | A great place to unwind and have a good time. Frozen pizzas prepared in pizza oven and a small menu of microwave items. | American | Nightlife | Y

SE Marc's Fusion Cafe
4133 Charles St., Rockford, IL 61108 | 815.713.2563 | Asian cuisine in a casual setting. Generous portions. Sushi & sashimi. Dine in or carry out. | Asian | D | \$\$

SE Marie's Pizza
1513 Charles St., Rockford, IL 61104 | 815.226.1342 | mariespizza.net | Pizza, pasta, poorboy sandwiches. Carryout and delivery available. | Italian | Pizza | D | \$

NE Mary's Market Cafe and Bakery - Edgebrook
1659 N. Alpine Rd., Rockford, IL 61107 | 815.394.0765 | marysmarket.com | Fast and casual café, serving breakfast,

lunch and dinner. Muffins, cakes, pastries and European-style artisan breads from scratch. | American | Bakery | Coffee Shop | BLD | \$\$

NE Mary's Market Cafe and Bakery - Perryville
2636 McFarland Rd., Rockford, IL 61107 | 815.986.3300 | marysmarket.com | Fast and casual café, serving breakfast, lunch and dinner. Muffins, cakes, pastries and European-style artisan breads from scratch. | American | Bakery | Coffee Shop | BLD | \$\$

E Mary's Market Cafe and Bakery - State Street
4431 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61108 | 815.397.7291 | marysmarket.com | Fast and casual café, serving breakfast, lunch and dinner. Muffins, cakes, pastries and European-style artisan breads from scratch. | American | Bakery | Coffee Shop | BLD | \$\$

DT Mary's Place Bar
602 N. Madison St., Rockford, IL 61107 | 815.962.7944 | marysplacebar.net | The oldest bar in Rockford. Live entertainment with every kind of music imaginable. Open stage every Tuesday and Thursday. | American, Nightlife | Y | ♪

NE Meads Longwood Meat Market
303 N. Longwood, Rockford, IL 61107 | 815.968-3491 | Neighborhood store with fresh meats, deli sandwiches and small grocery. | Deli

NE Meg's Daily Grind - North Alpine
1141 N. Alpine Rd., Rockford, IL 61107 | 815.316.8785 | megs-daily-grind.com | Gourmet coffee, espresso drinks, pastries, lunch, desserts. | Bakery | Coffee Shop

NE Meg's Daily Grind - North Perryville
3885 N. Perryville Rd., Rockford, IL 61114 | 815.639.0909 | megs-daily-grind.com | Gourmet coffee, espresso drinks, pastries, lunch, desserts. | Bakery | Coffee Shop

SE Mexico Clasico
3929 Broadway, Rockford, IL 61108 | 815.977.3299 | mexicoclasico-rockford.com | Traditional recipes for quesadillas, chimichangas, tacos, enchiladas, burritos, fajitas and house specialties. Guacamole prepared table-side. | Mexican | LD | \$\$

SW Mi Ranchito
2019 S. Main St., Rockford, IL 61102 | 815.961.8138 | Claims the best Mexican food in town. Botanas, tacos, tortas, and more. | Mexican | LD | \$\$

SE Morning Glory Family Restaurant
408 7th St., Rockford, IL 61104 | 815.963.9445 | Hungry for a big breakfast...this is the place. Breakfast and lunch served daily. Dinner served Tuesday-Saturday. | American | LD | \$

NW Mr. C's Family Restaurant
4309 W. State St., Rockford, IL 61102 | 815.964.5347 | mrcsfamilyrestaurant.com | Breakfast served all day. Hand-made burgers up to one pound! Sandwiches, fish, chicken and shrimp dinners, and desserts. | American | Ice Cream | BLD | \$

LP Mr. J's Bar and Grill
200 E. Riverside Blvd., Loves Park, IL 61111 | 815.708.6583 | mrjsbarandgrill.com | Mr. J's is a neighborhood bar and grill with a friendly atmosphere and great food and drinks. Dine in or carry out. | American | LD | \$\$ | Y

NW Mulligan's Pub & Grill
2212 N. Main St., Rockford, IL 61103 | 815.963.7869 | mulligansrockford.com | Craft beer, Irish whiskey, and delicious pub food. Laid back atmosphere with a neighborhood feel and true Irish flair. | American | Nightlife | LD | \$ | Y | ♪

E Murphy's Pub & Grill
510 S. Perryville Rd., Rockford, IL 61108 | 815.986.0950 | murphyspubrockford.com | Local sports bar and nightlife entertainment. | American | Nightlife | LD | \$\$ | Y | ♪

LP Napoli Pizza - Loves Park
6560 N. Alpine Rd., Loves Park, IL 61111 | 815.877.9888 | napolipizzaandpasta.com | Pizza, pasta and Italian sandwiches. | Italian | Pizza | LD | \$

MP Napoli Pizza - Machesney Park
8289 Burden Rd., Machesney Park, IL 61115 | 815.633.4800 | napolipizzaandpasta.com | Pizza, pasta and Italian sandwiches. | Italian | Pizza | LD | \$

SB Nardo's Café
314 S. Park Ave., South Beloit, IL 61080 | 815.389.9959 | nardosrestaurant.com | Breakfast and lunch are served daily. The menu features traditional American breakfasts, breakfast burritos, chorizo skillet, chicken and steak fajitas and much more. | American | Mexican | BL | \$

LP Neighbors Bar & Grill
7745 Forest Hills Rd., Loves Park, IL 61111 | 815.633.6990 | neighborsbarandgaming.com | Great food and cold beer. Daily food specials. Breakfast on Saturday and Sunday. | American | Nightlife | BLD | \$\$ | Y

SB Neli's Restaurant
1055 Gardner St., South Beloit, IL 61080 | 815.389.0529 | facebook.com/pages/Nelis-Family-Restaurant/11782171576628 | Home-style food, barbecues, burgers, sandwiches, Italian, seafood and steak. | American | BLD | \$

NE Noonan's at Aldeen
1902 Reid Farm Rd., Rockford, IL 61107 | 815.282.4653 | facebook.com/NoonansatAldeen | Excellent burgers, salads, steaks, seafood, and wraps along with a great selection of craft beers. Breakfast on Sunday. | American | BLD | \$\$ | Y



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Rockford

- DT** Downtown
- NW** Northwest
- NE** Northeast
- E** East State
- SE** Southeast
- SW** Southwest
- CV** Cherry Valley
- D** Durand
- LP** Loves Park
- MP** Machesney Park
- PC** Pecatonica
- RT** Rockton
- RS** Roscoe
- SH** Shirland
- SB** South Beloit
- WB** Winnebago

- B** Breakfast
- L** Lunch
- D** Dinner
- \$** \$10 & under
- \$\$** \$20 & under
- \$\$\$** \$30 & under
- Y** Bar
- M** Entertainment

LP Nunzio's
5800 N. 2nd St., Loves Park, IL 61111 | 815.633.5000 | nunziosrestaurant.com | Family owned Italian restaurant with cooking just like mama's. Steak, seafood and pizza. | Italian | Pizza | BLD | \$\$ | Y

DT Oasis Micro-Pub
901 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61104 | 815.964.7777 | facebook.com/pages/Oasis-Micro-Pub/134700256573650?sk=timeline | Oasis has 26 draught lines with the finest micro brews and craft beers. | Y

DT Octane InterLounge
124 N. Main St., Rockford, IL 61101 | 815.965.4012 | octane.net | Upbeat, casual dining. Appetizers, salads and entrees. Free wireless internet access. | American | Coffee Shop | LD | \$\$ | Y

SE Ojeda's Steak House & Bar
6030 11th St., Rockford, IL 61109 | 779.368.0691 | ojedasteakhouseandbar.com | Ojeda's is dedicated to serving excellence to people who want simple, delicious cuisine. | American | BLD | \$\$ | Y

NW Olympic Tavern
2327 N. Main St., Rockford, IL 61103 | 815.962.8758 | theolympic-tavern.com | Sandwiches, pizza, homemade soup, steaks, chops, seafood, barbeque, pizza, pasta, salads. Patio dining in summer. Huge selection of microbrew beers. | American | Pizza | Nightlife | LD | \$\$ | Y | M

SE On the Rocks Bar & Grill
3457 Merchandise Dr., Rockford, IL 61109 | 815.873.0044 | facebook.com/rockfordontherocks | Sports bar in the day and nightclub at night. Appetizers, soups, sandwiches, salads, entrees. Rhythm and blues music, disc jockeys and karaoke. | Nightlife | LD | \$\$ | Y | M

MP Onyx Bar & Grill
1001 West Lane Rd., Machesney Park, IL 61115 | 815.904.6842 | facebook.com/onyxbarandgrill | Sports bar and live music venue, with a full bar and a world class menu. Daily drink and food specials. | American | Nightlife | LD | \$\$ | Y | M

SE Opsahl's Pizza
3301 11th St., Rockford, IL 61109 | 815.399.9671 | opsahlpizza.com | Dine in, carry out, delivery. Salads, desserts, calzones, pizza, ribs, fried shrimp. | Italian | Pizza | Nightlife | LD | \$\$ | Y

NE Oriental Dragon
3053 N. Perryville Rd., Rockford, IL 61114 | 815.633.6888 | oriental-dragonrockford.com | Hunan and Szechuan dishes, hibachi orders, fried rice, lo mein, chow mein, and chop suey. A buffet features made-to-order sushi and hand rolls. | Asian | LD | \$\$

E Oscar's Pub & Grill
5980 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61108 | 815.399.6100 | oscarspubrockford.com | One of Rockford's

favorite food and music spots. DJ and dancing. Daily food and drink specials. Seafood, sandwiches and paninis. | American | Nightlife | LD | \$\$ | Y | M

E Panino's Italian Restaurant - E. State St.
5403 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61108 | 815.227.9200 | paninosofrockford.com | Quick service Italian featuring homemade bread made fresh every morning. Sandwiches, pastas, pizza and panizzas™. Rockford East State | Italian | LD | \$

NW Panino's Italian Restaurant - N. Main St.
2725 N. Main St., Rockford, IL 61103 | 815.636.0036 | paninosofrockford.com | Quick service Italian featuring homemade bread made fresh every morning. Sandwiches, pastas, pizza and panizzas™. | Italian | LD | \$

LP Pat's Forest Hills Cafe
8202 Forest Hills Rd., Loves Park, IL 61111 | 815.877.8228 | facebook.com/pages/Pats-Forest-Hills-Cafe/351969611822 | Clean, friendly, family cafe serving breakfast all day. Burgers, daily lunch specials, chili and soups. Pie of the day. | American | BL | \$

NE Pearl Bistro
6876 Spring Creek Rd., Rockford, IL 61114 | 815.654.3400 | pearl-bistro.com | Cappuccinos and espressos, sandwiches, paninis, burgers, seafood, steak, fish and brick oven pizza. | American | LD | \$\$ | Y

SB Pearl Lake Restaurant
1220 Dearborn Ave., South Beloit, IL 61080 | 815.389.1479 | pearllake.com | Casual dining and cocktails. Seafood, chicken, steak, sandwiches. Friday fish fry. Open spring, summer and fall. | American | D | \$\$ | Y

LP Pho Square Vietnamese Restaurant
6338 E. Riverside Blvd., Loves Park, IL 61111 | 815.654.7463 | phosquare.com | Traditional Vietnamese cuisine such as the national dish, Pho, appetizers, grilled meat rice dishes, and the famous Vietnamese iced coffee. | Asian | LD | \$

RS Pietro's Pizzeria - Carryout and Delivery
5724 Elevator Rd., Roscoe, IL 61073 | 815.623.2112 | tinyurl.com/k336elb | Pietro's Pizzeria is a local favorite for pizza and Italian food. Carryout and delivery only. | Pizza | LD | \$

MP Pig Minds Brewing Co.
4080 Steele Dr., Machesney Park, IL 61115 | 779.423.2147 | pigmindsbrewing.com | Handcrafted ales in a variety of styles. Vegan menu has everything from appetizers to desserts. | American | LD | \$\$ | M

NW Pino's on Main Pizza
2511 N. Main St., Rockford, IL 61103 | 815.963.6400 | pinosonmain.com | Dine in, carry

out and delivery of pizza and Italian specialties. | Italian | Pizza | LD | \$\$

RS Poison Ivy Pub
5765 Elevator Rd., Roscoe, IL 61073 | 815.623.1480 | facebook.com/pages/Poison-Ivy-Pub/325300844228542 | Great place for friends and family to eat a delicious meal, dance at night, or just relax with a craft beer or martini. | American | Nightlife | BLD | \$\$ | Y | M

SE Polish Deli
3002 Charles St., Rockford, IL 61108 | 815.397.9093 | facebook.com/#!/pages/Polish-Deli/175135685874471 | Selection of deli items includes pierogies, latkes, sausages, stuffed cabbage and meatballs. | Deli | International | LD | \$

LP Potato Shak
5529 N. 2nd St., Loves Park, IL 61111 | 815.877.1010 | potatoshak.com | Potato Shak is a long-time local favorite with food made from scratch. Lunch specials every day, breakfast available any time. | American | BL | \$

DT Prairie Street Brewhouse
200 Prairie St., Rockford, IL 61107 | 815.277.9427 | psbrewhouse.com | World-class beer handcrafted locally. Menu reflects change of the seasons and availability of freshest ingredients. Live music. | American | Nightlife | LD | \$\$ | Y | M

NE Primo's Pizza Restaurant
1710 Rural St., Rockford, IL 61107 | 815.226.0641 | primospizzarestaurant.net | Specializing in veggie pizza, regular, pan or stuffed. Appetizers, dinners, sandwiches. Delivery, dine-in or carry out. | Italian | Pizza | LD | \$\$

MP Prosser's Chop House
11189 Forest Hills Rd., Machesney Park, IL 61115 | 815.637.2467 | chophousesteak.com | Upscale, contemporary steakhouse with an urban feel, featuring the best steaks and chops in Northern Illinois. | American | LD | \$\$\$ | Y

LP Quique's Taqueria
8080 Forest Hills Rd., Loves Park, IL 61111 | 815.636.8226 | quiquemex.com | Tacos, burritos, tortas, flautas, chimichangas and more. | Mexican | LD | \$

PC Railway
404 Main St., Pecatonica, IL 61063 | 815.239.1563 | railwaypec.com | The Railway has a railroad theme and sports friendly atmosphere with big-screen TVs and a simple pub menu. | American | Nightlife | LD | \$\$ | Y

LP Rascals Bar and Grill
5223 Torque Rd., Loves Park, IL 61111 | 815.636.9207 | rascalsbargrill.com | Full menu. Live music on Saturdays, 18 plasma TVs, state-of-the-art music/video system. | American | Pizza | Nightlife | LD | \$\$ | Y | M

NE RBI's Bar & Grill
3870 N. Perryville Rd., Rockford, IL 61114 | 815.877.5532 |

facebook.com/rbibrand restaurant | Sports bar and family restaurant. Breakfast, lunch, dinner, a drink after work, or a fun-filled night on the town. | American | BLD | \$\$ | Y

DT Restoration Cafe
625 W. State St., Rockford, IL 61102 | 815.965.5332 | rockfordrescue-mission.org | Coffee shop and cafe serving breakfast and lunch. Muffins, rolls, pastries, soups and sandwiches. Advanced Baristas serve espresso and specialty drinks. | American | Coffee Shop | BL | \$

LP Riverside Family Restaurant
1726 Riverside Blvd., Loves Park, IL 61111 | 815.282.5060 | Riverside Family Restaurant serves their popular loose-meat sandwiches and a variety of other entrees and salads. | American | \$\$

MP Robin's Nest Cafe
621 Harlem Rd., Machesney Park, IL 61115 | 815.282.8799 | facebook.com/pages/Robins-Nest-Cafe/113591792007520 | Daily specials. Homemade soups and pies. Biscuits & gravy a specialty. | American, Coffee Shop | BL | \$

DT Rockford Roasting Company
206 N. Main St., Rockford, IL 61101 | 815.290.9591 | rockfordroasting-company.com | Large range of specialty coffee beans and espresso-based beverages, cocoa, gourmet teas and other specialty drinks. | Coffee Shop

SW Roma Bakeries
525 Marchesano Dr., Rockford, IL 61102 | 815.964.6737 | Neighborhood bakery offering the finest breads, cakes, cookies and other tempting sweets. | Bakery

RT Rookie's Pub and Grill
104 W. Main St., Rockton, IL 61072 | 815.957.1555 | rookieinrockton.com | Watch every sporting event on the nine flat screen TVs. Wood-fire pizzas, burgers, steaks, cocktails, craft beers and wine. | American | LD | \$\$ | Y

NW Rosa's Pizza
3709 Auburn St., Rockford, IL 61101 | 815.963.2665 | Pizza and pasta. The pan pizza is a favorite. | Italian | Pizza | \$\$

DT Rue Marche
620 Market St., Rockford, IL 61107 | 815.963.7851 | facebook.com/pages/Rue-Marche/215006363728?sk=timeline | Fun place to relax and have a few drinks with good friends. Karaoke. | American, Nightlife | Y

RS Sabrosa Tex-Mex Restaurant
5522 Elevator Rd., Roscoe, IL 61073 | 815.623.8226 | sabrosatexmex.com | Tex-Mex food in a casual atmosphere. Dine in or carry out. Located in Main Street Square shopping center. | Mexican | LD | \$\$ | Y

E Sahara Palace Mediterranean Restaurant
5890 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61108 | 815.227.0270 | sahara-palace.com | Middle Eastern cuisine, reasonably priced, relaxing atmosphere. | International | LD | \$\$

CV Salamone's Italian Restaurant & Bar
103 S. Cherry St., Cherry Valley, IL 61016 | 815.332.4111 | salamonespizza.net | Homemade Italian cuisine. Specialties include pizza, lasagna, chicken piccata and eggplant parmesan. | American | Italian | Pizza | LD | \$\$ | Y

SE Sam's Pizza - Rockford
2134 Charles St., Rockford, IL 61104 | 815.398.5952 | samsoncharles.com | Local pizza parlor with full service menu for lunch and dinner. Delivery anywhere in Rockford. | American | Italian | Pizza | LD | \$\$

RT Sam's Pizza - Rockton
130 N. Blackhawk Blvd., Rockton, IL 61072 | 815.624.7535 | facebook.com/pages/Sams-Pizza-Rockton-IL/166948296688401?sk=timeline | Casual Italian dishes—pizza and sandwiches. | Italian | Pizza | LD | \$\$

MP Sam's Ristorante & Pizzeria - Machesney Park
1031 Harlem Rd., Machesney Park, IL 61115 | 815.633.2686 | samsristorante.com | Family owned, authentic Italian dishes, pizza, pasta, salad, steak and chicken. | American | Italian | Pizza | LD | \$ | Y

NE Sam's Ristorante & Pizzeria - Rockford
6075 E. Riverside Blvd., Rockford, IL 61114 | 815.877.2127 | samsristorante.com | Family owned, authentic Italian dishes, pizza, pasta, salad, steak and chicken. | American, Italian, Pizza | LD | \$\$ | Y

SE Sandwich Factory
2203 Charles St., Rockford, IL 61104 | 815.395-8396 | facebook.com/pages/Sandwich-Factory/115055411865330 | Barbeque, burgers, delis, hot dogs and sandwiches. | American | LD | \$

NW Scanlan's Bar and Restaurant
2921 City View Dr., Rockford, IL 61103 | 815.639.0000 | facebook.com/Scanlans.Bar | Burgers, chicken sandwiches and more. Karaoke and DJ Friday and Saturday. | American | Nightlife | LD | \$ | Y | M

NW Schiro's Restaurant & Lounge
1201 N. Springfield Ave., Rockford, IL 61101 | 815.965.5646 | facebook.com/SchirosRestaurantAndLounge | Friendly neighborhood restaurant with sandwiches, dinners and specials, including a special Italian salad. | American | Italian | Pizza | LD | \$\$ | Y

E Scoreboard Lounge at Holiday Inn
7550 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61108 | 815.397.5800 | hoffmanhouserockford.com | With four big screens and 20 televisions, you won't miss a single game. Prime rib sandwich burgers, wraps. Full bar. | American | LD | \$ | Nightlife

E Shogun Japanese Restaurant
293 Executive Pkwy., Rockford, IL 61107 | 815.394.0007 | shogunofrockford.com |

Highly skilled chefs prepare and demonstrate the art of Japanese cuisine right at your table. Izakaya Japanese Pub & Tapas Bar. | Asian | LD | \$\$ | Y

E Shooter's Bar & Grill
4007 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61108 | 815.399.0683 | doncarterlanes.com | Located inside Don Carter Lanes. Sports bar with big screen TVs, DJ and dance floor, darts, pool, drink specials and grill menu. | American | Nightlife | LD | \$ | Y | M

SE Shooter's East Dart Bar
7171 Cherryvale North Blvd., Rockford, IL 61112 | 815.332.5229 | thecherrybowlonline.com/shooters_east.htm | Full service bar, pool tables, darts, and more games. Karaoke Wednesday nights and live bands every weekend. | American | Nightlife | LD | \$ | Y | M

LP Shooter's North Bar
7742 Forest Hills Rd., Loves Park, IL 61111 | 815.654.3900 | facebook.com/shootersnorth | Sports bar located at Forest Hill Lanes offering live music on Saturday nights. | American | Nightlife | LD | \$ | Y | M

DT Sienna's Kitchen Gourmet Shop and Eatery
223 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61104 | 815.977.4683 | facebook.com/SiennasKitchenGourmetShopandEatery | Shop for and experience delightful oils from Italy, vinegars, flavored gourmet popcorn, gifts, foods and snacks, featuring grilled paninis. | American | BLD | \$

NW Sisters Cafe
2626 Kilburn Ave., Rockford, IL 61101 | 815.969.8733 | facebook.com/sisterscafeinrockford | Breakfast, brunch, burgers, hot dogs, sandwiches and seafood. | American | BL | \$

E Sisters Thai Cafe
7801 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61108 | 815.229.4545 | facebook.com/sistersthaicafe | Sisters Thai Cafe serves authentic Thai and Laos food made fresh to order from scratch. | Asian | LD | \$\$

LP Slice of Italy
5506 N. 2nd St., Loves Park, IL 61111 | 815.637.8689 | Thin, pan, and stuffed pizza. Carryout and delivery available. | Pizza | \$\$

DT Social Urban Bar & Restaurant
509 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61104 | 815.708.0877 | social509.com | Local meats and produce, premium spirits and absinthe bar, communal dining tables for a unique and interactive experience. No reservations. | American | D | \$\$ | Y

RS Sophia's Restarant
5467 Bridge St., Roscoe, IL 61073 | 815.623.5903 | facebook.com/pages/Sophias-Restaurant/111555812214699?sk=timeline | Casual dining in a house atmosphere. Try our honey fried chicken. Friday night fish fry. Gift and floral shop on site. | American | BLD | \$

↓ **PIG MINDS BREWING CO.**



↑ **ROCKFORD ROASTING COMPANY**
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↑ **POTATO SHAK**
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- SE Spider Sushi Bar**
4415 Harrison Ave., Rockford, IL 61108 | 815.229.2394 | Teppan and combination dinners and several options beyond entrees. Most popular items are sushi and the fresh salmon Bento Box. | Asian | LD | \$
- LP Splitters Bar & Grill**
5318 N. 2nd St., Loves Park, IL 61111 815.877.6051 | parklanesbowl.com | Bar located inside Park Lanes Bowling Center. Live band on Saturdays. | American | Nightlife | \$ | Y | M
- SE Sports Page Bar & Grill**
3907 Broadway, Rockford, IL 61108 815.399.3185 | rockfordsportspage.com | Sportsbar with 17 TVs and a projection screen. Dart boards, pool tables, outdoor beer garden and a great menu. | American | LD | \$ | Y | M
- DT Stewart Square Eatery**
308 W. State St., Rockford, IL 61101 815.708.7494 | stewarteatery.com | Tasty personal size, hand tossed pizzas and cantina tacos. Located in the Stewart Square building in downtown Rockford. | Pizza | L | \$
- SE Stockholm Inn**
2420 Charles St., Rockford, IL 61108 | 815.397.3534 | stockholminn.com | Menu and decor echoes Rockford's Swedish heritage. In addition to American food, they cook up Swedish pancakes and other Swedish favorites. | American | International | BLD | \$
- E Stone Eagle Tavern**
6445 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61108 815.316.3636 | stoneeagle tavern.info | Wood fire pizzas, Jungle Jim's Oyster Bar, shrimp by the shovel, pastas, sandwiches, rotisserie, and more. | American, Italian, Pizza | LD | \$ | Y
- PC Stonewall Cafe**
423 1/2 Main St., Pecatonica, IL 61063 | 815.239.1900 | aeroinc.net/users/george/menu.htm | A quaint atmosphere, along with homemade breads and pies, and friendly service. Sunday morning breakfast buffet. Friday night fish fry. | American | BL | \$
- SE Stumpy's Pub**
5801 Columbia Pkwy, Rockford, IL 61108 | 815.316.1225 | stumpyspub.com | HD flat screen TVs with popular music from all generations. Maciano's Pizza delivered fast to your seat. Live music on Wednesdays and most Saturdays. | Nightlife | Y | M
- NE Sugarcones Ice Cream Parlor**
1710 Rural St., Rockford, IL 61107 815-708-0564 | facebook.com/sugarconesicecream | Gourmet ice cream shop featuring Homer's Premium Ice Cream, custom ice cream sandwiches, shakes, sundaes and Sugarjones cupcakes. Ice Cream
- LP Sugarjones Bakery - Riverside**
6336 E. Riverside Blvd., Loves Park, IL 61111 | 815.708.0801 | facebook.com/sugarjonesbakery |

- Everyday flavors are vanilla, chocolate, peanut butter cup, churro, red velvet and black & white. Visit the facebook page for daily specials and other treats. | Bakery
- E Sugarjones Bakery - Rockford**
3600 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61108 815.708.0801 | facebook.com/sugarjonesbakery | Everyday flavors are vanilla, chocolate, peanut butter cup, churro, red velvet and black & white. Visit the facebook page for daily specials and other treats. | Bakery
- LP Sunrise Restaurant - Loves Park**
7019 N. Alpine Rd., Loves Park, IL 61111 | 815.877.0066 | sunriserestaurantlp.com | Daily homemade specials. Sandwiches, burgers, salads, steaks, chicken and fish. Appetizers, "CHIP" meals and kids menu. | American | BLD | \$
- SE Sunrise Restaurant - Rockford**
5683 Wansford Way, Rockford, IL 61109 | 815.395.0066 | sunrisefamily.com | Daily homemade specials. Sandwiches, burgers, salads, steaks, chicken and fish. Appetizers, "CHIP" meals and kids menu. | American | BLD | \$
- NW Swedish Pancake House**
3600 N. Main St., Rockford, IL 61103 | 815.637.6922 | "Stuffed Swedes" with fillings including apples, bananas and chocolate chips. Buttermilk pancakes and waffles. Daily specials. | American | BL | \$
- LP Tad's on the Rock**
10 E. Riverside Blvd., Loves Park, IL 61111 | 815.654.3500 | facebook.com/pages/Tads-on-the-Rock/306831966038127 | Riverfront dining with a tiki bar, fish fry every Friday, homemade pizza and the best burgers in town. DJ, Country night, live music. Big screen TVs. Boat slips. | American | Nightlife | LD | \$ | Y | M
- CV Take 20 Grill & Bar**
438 U.S. Rte. 20, Cherry Valley, IL 61016 | 815.332.9920 | facebook.com/take20bar | Daily food and drink specials, Karaoke nights, DJ and Blues. | American | Nightlife | LD | \$ | Y | M
- NE Tavern on Clark**
755 Clark Dr., Rockford IL 61107 815.708.7088 | tavernonclark rockford.com | The menu features tavern-style food, including burgers, steaks and flatbreads. The bar has a Cruvinet wine system that pours wine by the glass. | American | LD | \$ | Y
- E Tempo Italian Bistro & Lounge**
7801 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61108 815.229.4545 | tempoitalianbistro.com | Hearty breakfasts and a variety of classic Italian cuisine, steaks, seafood, and more. Live music on the weekends in a sophisticated and intimate setting. | American | Italian | Nightlife | BD | \$\$ | Y | M
- DT Uncle Nick's - Downtown**
918 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61104 815.962.4444 | seeyounextgyros.com |
- E Thai Hut at Perryville**
701 Highgrove Pl., Rockford, IL 61108 | 815.395.8330 | thaihut-rockford.com | Authentic Thai dishes served for lunch and dinner in Rockford's second Thai Hut, this one located south of E. State St. on Perryville Rd. | Asian | LD | \$\$
- SE Thai Hut at Sandy Hollow**
1441 Sandy Hollow Rd., Rockford, IL 61109 | 815.398.0522 | thaihut-rockford.com | Authentic Thai dishes served for lunch and dinner in southeast Rockford near Bypass 20 and IL 251. | Asian | LD | \$\$
- SB The Captain's Galley**
305 Oak Grove Ave., South Beloit, IL 61080 | 815.957.4045 | thecaptainsgalleyil.com | Wide selection of delicious subs, along with chicken wraps, chili mac, and more. | American | LD | \$
- DT The Office Niteclub**
513 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61104 | 815.965.0344 | officeniteclub.com | Downtown nightclub | Y | M
- SE The Spot Cafe**
220 S. Madison St., Rockford, IL 61104 | 815.978.5989 | facebook.com/pages/The-Spot-Cafe/203432629681456?sk=timeline | Soups, salads, sandwiches, pastries, coffee, and much more. | American | L | \$
- E Thunder Bay Grille**
7652 Potawatomi Trail, Rockford, IL 61107 | 815.397.4800 | thunderbaygrille.com | Craft beer selection, specializing in local micro-brews. Small plate and dinner selections made from scratch, with an emphasis on steak, seafood and Cajun. | American | \$\$ | Y
- E Tilted Kilt Pub & Eatery**
7801 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61108 815.229.4193 | tiltedkilt.com/locations/rockford | Plasma screen TVs. Traditional pub food like fish & chips and shepherds pie, and clams, meatloaf and pasta dishes. Domestic and imported beers. | American | International | LD | \$ | Y
- WB Toni's of Winnebago**
508 Elida St., Winnebago, IL 61088 815.335.2328 | tonisofwinnebago.com | A small town atmosphere with big town tastes. Unique pastas, fresh seafood, certified Hereford steaks and awesome wines. | American | Italian | LD | \$\$ | Y
- MP Toni's Pizza**
6941 N. 2nd St., Machesney Park, IL 61115 | 815.282.6262 | tonispizzaandpasta.com | Pizza, pasta and sandwiches. Dine in or carry out. | Italian | Pizza | LD | \$\$
- SE Tortacos Soto**
1138 Broadway, Rockford, IL 61104 815.963.6558 | Try the salsa de chile arbol and salsa verde, or the huaraches, which is like Mexican pizza. | Mexican | \$

- Serving the best gyros since 1980, specializing in Greek foods, open late, 7 days a week. Sandwiches, burgers, hot dogs and more. | American | International | LD | \$
- E Uncle Nick's - East**
5404 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61108 815.395.0022 | seeyounextgyros.com | Serving the best gyros since 1980, specializing in Greek foods, open late, 7 days a week. Sandwiches, burgers, hot dogs and more. | American | International | LD | \$
- SE Villa Di Roma**
915 S. Alpine Rd., Rockford, IL 61108 815.397.4757 | villadiroma.net | Serving pizza along with a diverse selection of Italian, German, and American cuisine since 1985. | American | International | Italian | Pizza | LD | \$\$
- DT Vintage @ 501**
501 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61104 815.516.0544 | vintage501.com | Vintage Americana with casual pub food, serving lunch and dinner daily. The menu includes signature sliders, flat breads, steak, chicken, fish and pork. | American | LD | \$ | Y
- NE Vito's Ristorante**
1620 N. Bell School Rd., Rockford, IL 61107 | 815.312.5080 | vitosristorante.net | Fine dining, casual dress, seafood, steaks, pastas, specials, homemade soups, wines, pastries, Italian coffee, full service bar, signature dishes. | Italian | LD | \$ | Y
- LP Waffle Shop**
6106 E. Riverside Blvd., Loves Park, IL 61111 | 815.282.4400 | Full service family restaurant. | American | BLD | \$
- RS Whiffletree Tavern**
11347 Main St., Roscoe, IL 61073 815.623.8213 | facebook.com/pages/Whiffletree-Bar-and-Grill/260112250681717?sk=timeline | Outside patio and bar. Lunch, dinner and drink specials every day. | American | LD | \$ | Y
- NW Whiskey's Roadhouse Bar & Grill**
3207 N. Main St., Rockford, IL 61103 815.877.8007 | whiskeyroad house.com | Daily food and drink specials. Live bands and karaoke. | American | Nightlife | LD | \$ | Y | M
- DT Wired Cafe**
414 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61104 815.316.2524 | wiredcaferockford.com | Specializing in coffees, teas, smoothies and desserts. Serving breakfast, lunch, homemade bakery items. Free Wi-Fi. Daily specials. | American | Coffee Shop | BL | \$
- DT Woodfire Brick Oven Pizza**
408 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61104 815.222.5468 | woodfirebrickoven pizza.com | Family owned, dedicated to making high quality pizza using fresh, locally sourced ingredients. | Pizza | LD | \$ | Y
- DT Yolo's Sweets**
110 N. 1st St., Rockford, IL 61107 779.771.1704 | facebook.com/yolosweets | Cupcakes baked fresh

- daily, cake pops, chocolate dipped novelties, dessert trays and gift boxes. Cakes are made fresh to order. Limited seating. | Bakery
- SW Zammuto's**
725 Kent St., Rockford, IL 61102 815.962.9180 | facebook.com/zammutos | This neighborhood food stand has been serving Rockford's original Granita frozen treats since 1925. | American | Ice Cream | LD | \$

Shopping

ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES

- RT Main Street Antique Mall**
203 W. Main St., Rockton, IL 61072 815.624.7514 | rocktonantiques.com | Over 15 dealers with unique items for any generation from furniture to vintage jewelry. Legacy Paper products, Gooseberry Patch cookbooks, Keeper of the Light candles, and more.
- NE Oddly Enough Antiques**
1030 Auburn St., Rockton, IL 61103 815.963.1172 | facebook.com/pages/Oddly-Enough-Antiques-Rockford-IL-815-963-1172/174144882607841 | 3,000 square feet of all sorts of treasures, junkie, flashy trash, and a treasure trove of antique furniture of all periods.
- PC Pec Thing Antique & Flea Market**
500 W. 1st St., Pecatonica, IL 61063 815.239.1641 | winnebagocountyfair.com | The ultimate antique flea market held every spring and fall. More than 500 dealers arranged in five enclosed buildings and 40 acres of outside booths.
- RT POP-up Shop**
201 W. Main St., Rockton, IL 61072 815-624-4434 | facebook.com/rocktonpopupshop | Antiques, vintage, architectural salvage, and repurposed décor.
- E Poska**
2213 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61104 815.316.2979 | facebook.com/LPoska | Flowers, gifts, art, garden, and antiques.
- MP Primitive 'n Proper**
8402 N. Second St., Machesney Park, IL 61115 | 815.601.9493 | facebook.com/primitiveandproper | Antiques and vintage shop, where "everything old is new again!"
- RT Rich's Treasure Chest**
106A Main St., Rockton, IL 61072 815-543-5467 | facebook.com/pages/Richs-Treasure-Chest/459694880839443?pref=ts | Collectibles, furniture, house décor, yard décor, vintage, gifts, and woodworking crafts customer orders.
- SB Roscoe Antique Mall of South Beloit**
1019 Gardner St., South Beloit, IL 61080 | 815.389.8800 | roscoeantiquemall.com | Over 20,000 sq. ft. of quality antiques all on one floor. Primitive to Victorian, art deco to retro 50s. No crafts or reproductions. Everything is pre-1970.
- RT Rubies n Rust Antiques**
120 W. Main St., Rockton, IL 61072 815.957.0361 | facebook.com/RubiesnRustAntiques | Charming antique, primitive, vintage and re-purposed shop.
- RT The Milkman's Wife**
101 W. Main St., Rockton, IL 61072815-624-0888 | facebook.com/themilkmanswife14 | Rustic-country upcycle furniture and décor.
- NW Tillymint's Antiques**
1416 N. Main St., Rockford, IL 61103 815.218.7143 | facebook.com/pages/Tillymints-Antiques/134881506670405 | Antiques,



↑ **ZAMMUTO'S**
photo by @kneerock
#zammutos

↓ **THE MILKMAN'S WIFE**



↑ **WOODFIRE BRICK OVEN PIZZA**
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#woodfirebrickovenpizza

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- RS** Roscoe
- SH** Shirland
- SB** South Beloit
- WB** Winnebago

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- L** Lunch
- D** Dinner
- \$** \$10 & under
- \$\$** \$20 & under
- \$\$\$** \$30 & under
- Y** Bar
- J** Entertainment

collectibles, glassware, furniture, vintage tools, mid-century, and many unique items.

E Vintage Zone
4610 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61108
815.516.8100 | vintagezone1.com | 7,000 sq. ft. of display space featuring high-end furniture, jewelry, home décor, antiques, vintage goodies, knick knacks, collectibles, and consignment items.

AUCTION

PC Hack's Auction Antique Center
400 W. 3rd St., Pecatonica, IL 61063
815.239.1436 | hacksauction.com | Full service auction and real estate service offering auctions of all types: estate, farm, business, specialty, toys, firearms, coins, antique collections, equipment and more.

SE Kaptain Kirk's Auction & Appraisals
1301 18th Ave., Rockford, IL 61104
815.494.8045 | kaptainkirksauction.com | Consignment auctions each month. Antiques, collectibles, pottery, glassware, sports collectibles, guns, antique toys, marbles, coins, stamps, artwork, tools and household items. Online catalog.

SW West End Auction
4909 W. State St., Rockford, IL 61102 | 815.962.3581 | Weekly auctions. Antique and collectible auctions.

CRAFTS

SE It's For Quilting, etc.
2252 New Milford School Rd., Rockford, IL 61109 | 815.986.5794 | itsforquilting.com | Located in a renovated 1850 Victorian house, selling contemporary fabrics and art quilt supplies, and offering a variety of classes.

NE Knit One Purl Two
6409 E. Riverside Blvd., Rockford, IL 61114 | 815.904.6030 | knitonepurltworockford.com | Full service yarn store focused on creating a knitting/crocheting community. Open knitting every day. Classes available for beginning, intermediate and advanced levels.

NE Notions Nook
1645 N. Alpine Rd. 34B, Rockford, IL 61107 | 815.229.6665 | notionsnook.com | Quality quilting and sewing products. Products include 30s, Civil War and 1800s reproduction fabrics, Kona and Windham solids and a variety of fabrics, hand dyed wool yarn and threads.

SE Quilter's General Store
6903 Harrison Ave., Rockford, IL 61108 | 815.397.5160 | quiltersgeneralstore.com | A quilter's destination for supplies and inspiration. Continually getting new lines of fabrics and Civil War reproduction fabrics. Classes available.

E Quilters Haven
4616 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61108

815.227.1659 | quiltheraven.com | Collection of the newest fabric lines, and individual attention from an experienced and friendly staff. Classes and workshops for everyone from the novice to veteran quilter.

FAIR TRADE

SE JustGoods Fair Trade Store
201 7th St., Rockford, IL 61104
815.965.8903 | justgoods.info | Promotes fair trade organizations. Shop for food items, coffee, tea, jewelry, housewares, clothes, toys, games and many other products.

SE Phoenix Traders
215 7th St., Rockford, IL 61104
815.962.4212 | phoenixtraders.com | Incense, essential and fragrance oils, fair trade products and clothing. Assortment of licensed merchandise and Tye Dye shirts. Hemp bags, soy candles, jewelry, posters, and import clothing.

GARDENS, FLOWERS & GIFTS

NE Broadway Florist
4224 Maray Dr., Rockford, IL 61107
815.968.0825 | broadwayflorist.com | Flower arrangements and gifts for any occasion. Supplying Rockford for over 85 years.

NE Enders Flowers
1631 N. Alpine Rd., Rockford, IL 61107 | 815.229.1290 | endersflowers.com | Elegant, garden-style arrangements featuring seasonal blooms, along with an array of gifts, plants, and botanically accurate wreaths and décor pieces. Since 1984.

PC Forget-Me-Not Floral
315 Main St., Pecatonica, IL 61063
815.239.2455 | forgetmenotweb.wix.com/fmnfloralshop | All arrangements are one of a kind for any occasion. Unique custom silk designs for home and office. Home decor, candles and unique gifts.

WB Garden Arts
132 N. Elida St., Winnebago, IL 61088 | 815.335.2787 | gardenartsflowers.com | Full service florist creating custom floral designs for all your special occasions, and a shop with unique gift items and antiques.

LP Gensler Gardens
102 Orth Rd., Loves Park, IL 61111
815.885.1765 | genslergardens.com | Specializing in greenhouse production and locally grown vegetables, with hanging baskets, premium annuals, flats, perennials, vegetable plants, patio containers and more.

SE J. Carlson Growers, Inc.
8938 Newburg Rd., Rockford, IL 61108 | 815.332.5610 | jcarlsongrowers.com | Diverse selection of landscape size trees, shrubs and perennials.

SE Pepper Creek
7295 Harrison Ave., Rockford, IL 61112 | 815.332.2103 | peppercreek.com | Freshest, highest quality flowers and a

professional and caring staff to serve all your floral needs.

E Petals & Pickin's
4616 E. State St., Suite 4, Rockford, IL 61108 | 815.977.4883 | facebook.com/petalsandpickins | Fresh flowers, plants, silks, vintage decor, gifts and "make & take" workshops.

NE Rock Valley Garden Center
785 N. Bell School Rd., Rockford, IL 61107 | 815.398.1937 | rockvalleygardencenter.com | Extensive variety of quality perennials, annuals and nursery stock, along with a diverse selection of bonsai, orchids and a water gardening department. Specializing in wild bird feeding.

NE Village Green Home and Garden East
6101 E. Riverside Blvd., Rockford, IL 61114 | 815.877.9559 | villagegreenrockford.com | Outdoor landscaped displays, plants, garden supplies, outdoor furniture. Holiday trees, trims and gifts.

NW Village Green Home and Garden North
2640 N. Main St., Rockford, IL 61103 | 815.877.7027 | villagegreenrockford.com | Outdoor landscaped displays, plants, garden supplies, outdoor furniture. Holiday trees, trims and gifts.

SHOPPING CENTERS

SE CherryVale Mall
7200 Harrison Ave., Rockford, IL 61112 | 815.332.2440 | shopcherryvalemall.com | Bergner's, JC Penney, Macy's, Sears and more than 130 specialty stores including aerie, Aéropostale, American Eagle Outfitters, Bare Minerals, Bath & Body Works, Buckle, Charming Charlie, The Children's Place, Express, Cymboree, Hollister Co., LOFT and Teavana.

NE Edgebrook
1601 N. Alpine Rd., Rockford, IL 61107 | 815.226.0212 | edgebrookshops.com | Local specialty shopping with a unique blend of eclectic boutique shops, excellent restaurants and convenient service-oriented businesses, where there is truly something for everyone.

E Forest Plaza
6125 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61108
847.220.6710 | outletstoresmall.com/outlet-malls/forest-plaza | Forest Plaza contains over 30 stores, including Kohl's, Marshall's, and Toys R Us | Babies R Us.

SPECIALTY

NE Anderson Japanese Gardens Gift Shop
318 Spring Creek Rd., Rockford, IL 61107 | 815.997.1197 | andersongardens.org | Glass and ceramic items, wreaths, authentic Japanese tea pots, night lights and candles, wind chimes, stone garden lanterns, chocolates, Momiji dolls and accessories, puzzles and toys.

NE b jones
1655 N. Alpine Rd., Rockford, IL 61107 | 815.397.8135 | bjonesstyle.net | Trendy, classic, upscale women's boutique with apparel, handbags and jewelry from notable fashion designers.

DT Bath and Body Fusion
324 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61101 | 815.980.9147 | facebook.com/BathandBodyFusionInc | Fresh bath and body creations made out of the finest all-natural products, oils, fruits and vegetables.

SE Benson Stone Company
1100 11th St., Rockford, IL 61104
815.227-2000 | bensonstone.com | Showrooms of furniture and home decor. Flooring, cabinets, countertops, fireplaces, building stone and brick, landscape products, BBQ grills, unique gift items, and the HearthRock Cafe.

NE Book Stall of Rockford
1032 Crosby St., Rockford, IL 61107
815.963.1671 | bookstallrockford.com | Specializing in antique books about history, religion and automobiles filling the shelves with over 15,000 books. Hard to find books, magazines, posters and DVDs.

SE Candle Crest Soy Candles
1418 20th St., Rockford, IL 61104
815.704.3809 | candlecrest.com | Hand poured 100% soy wax candles, handmade soaps and lotions, and unique candle gifts.

DT CD Source
221 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61104
815.963.2842 | cdsourcerockford.com | Buy, sell or trade used CDs, DVDs, video games, systems, stereo equipment and more.

DT Chocolat By Daniel
211 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61104
815.969.7990 | chocolatbydaniel.com | European-style truffles, gourmet chocolates, specialty chocolates and desserts made fresh to order from the highest quality raw Belgian, French, Swiss and Venezuelan chocolate.

NE Cork, Keg & Spirits
1603 N. Alpine Rd., Rockford, IL 61107 | 815.986.3854 | corkkegsprits.com | Full service specialty wine, spirits and craft beer shop, offering loyalty programs, senior discounts, special tastings and plenty more.

NE Crimson Ridge
735 N. Perryville Rd., Rockford, IL 61107 | 815.399.9000 | facebook.com/RockfordCrimsonRidge | Brand names include Godiva Chocolate, Waterford Crystal, Waterford Pens, Swarovski, Vera Bradley, Brighton, Crabtree & Evelyn, Judith Jack, John Medeiros, Patricia Locke, Isabelle Bloom, Dooney & Bourke. Women's clothing department on the lower level.

SE Culture Shock Clothing and Records
2239 Charles St., Rockford, IL 61104
815.964.3785 | cultureshockshop.com | Harder to find men's

and women's clothing, funky knick knacks and gifts, kitschy housewares, and vinyl records.

SB DC Estate Winery
8877 Staline Rd., South Beloit, IL 61080 | 815.871.5667 | dcestatewinery.com | Quality wine, beautiful scenery and warm hospitality. Outdoor pavilion and welcoming tasting room. Celebrate a special event or just spend a relaxing weekend afternoon.

DT Downtown Shoes & Boutique
202 N. Main St., Rockford, IL 61101
815.962.1381 | Specialty men's and women's fashions.

E Finials
4626 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61108
815.398.4428 | ifinials.com | "Little red stuga" filled with Scandinavian gifts, from hand-crafted wooden pieces to Orrefors crystal. T-shirts, hand-woven sweaters and more. Over 2000 lampshades, lamps, and lamp repair.

E For the Love of Chic
4616 E. State St., Suite 1, Rockford, IL 61108 | 815.218.8020 | facebook.com/FortheLoveofChic | Shabby chic furniture, jewelry, accessories, and embellishments for you and your home.

NE Fur Company
1603 N. Alpine Rd. Ste. 117, Rockford, IL 61107 | 815.397.7778 | facebook.com/pages/FurCompany/203252103044459?pref=ts | Sells fine fur products and fur maintenance services, providing animal fur coats and services to keep them looking great.

NE Golf Shack
1631 N. Bell School Rd., Rockford, IL 61107 | 815.397.3709 | golfshack.com | Golf superstore with a 10,000-square-foot retail showroom, driving range, bent grass putting green and practice sand trap. Also home to Garrett's Restaurant and Bar.

RT Gracie's Nest
111 W. Main St., Rockton, IL 61072
608.346.6126 | facebook.com/pages/Gracies-Nest/148660936162052?sk=info&tab=overview | Up-cycled furniture for your home, gifts to give and decor.

SE Great Hang-Ups
613 S. Rockford Ave., Rockford, IL 61104 | 815.229.8500 | greathang-ups.com | Resale and bridal shop with brand new wedding gowns, veils, and accessories, specializing in brand name clothing and accessories.

NE Gruno's Diamonds
801 N. Perryville Rd., Rockford, IL 61107 | 815.399.1525 | grunos.com | Official Rolex Jeweler for the Northern Illinois and Southern Wisconsin region. Gruno's prides itself in their customer loyalty and close customer relationships. Rockford business since 1953.

DT Houtkamp Art Glass Studio
120 N. Main St., Rockford, IL 61101
815.964.3785 | facebook.com/pages/Houtkamp-Art-Glass-Studio/14795

0778488 | Leaded and stained glass windows and doors, beveled glass, custom design, etched windows and mirrors, hard to find doors, woodwork, fixtures and hardware.

E Illinois Decorator Center
2219 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61104
815.398.3095 | Interior design, one-of-a-kind items, fine art.

NE Infinitely Sweet
1651 N. Alpine Rd., Rockford, IL 61107 | 815.381.0099 | infinitelysweet.com | Children's boutique with sizes from newborn to 6/7. Casual to dressy clothing, shoes and accessories. Teen/Tween/Junior clothing and accessories.

E Interiors
5950 E. State St., Rockford 61108
815.227.9290 | interiorsrockford.com | Unique home accessories, art, wall decor, mirrors, lamps, clocks, accent furniture, window coverings and gifts.

DT Isa's Boutique
308 W. State St., Suite 100, Rockford, IL 61101 | 815.708.6224 | facebook.com/pages/Isas-Boutique/214559968575596 | Clothes, jewelry, purses, accessories and more.

DT J.R. Kortman Center for Design
107 N. Main St., Rockford, IL 61101
815.968.0123 | jrkortman.com | Upscale shop and art gallery with changing exhibitions.. One-of-a-kind gifts from jewelry to glass works to Rockford mementos.

SE Kegel Harley-Davidson
7125 Harrison Ave., Rockford, IL 61112 | 815.332.7125 | kegelmotorcycles.com | World's oldest family owned Harley-Davidson dealership. Expanded showroom, H-D Authorized Rentals, full service department, fashion and riding gear, collectibles, parts and accessories.

E Lallygag Boutique
4616 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61108
608.345.7802 | lallygagboutique.com/ Unique clothing store with affordable and stylish women's clothing, modish handbags and chic accessories.

SE Lingonberry Gift Shop at Stockholm Inn
2420 Charles St., Rockford, IL 61108
815.397.3534 | stockholminn.com | Unique gift items from Scandinavia arriving daily, from Dala horses to imported coffee.

NE Mary's By Design
308 N. Alpine Rd., Rockford 61107
815.877.5191 | facebook.com/pages/Marys-By-Design/141276625895697 | Furniture, gifts, home accessories, and design service.

DT Minglewood
333 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61104
815.961.1795 | minglewood.us | Eco-fashion lines designed for style. Incense, fragrance and essential oils, sterling silver and beaded jewelry, handmade olive oil soap, aromatherapy candles and decor items.



↑ **CHOCOLAT BY DANIEL**
photo by @elliemarieturk #chocolatbydaniel

↓ **J.R. KORTMAN**
photo by @marigildea #jrkortman



↑ **ROCKFORD ART DELI**
photo by @rockfordartdeli #rockfordartdeli

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- AS** Airport Shuttle
- SP** Swimming Pool
- R** Restaurant
- IA** Internet Access
- CB** Complimentary Breakfast
- P** Pets allowed
- FC** Fitness Center



↑ **URBAN FARMGIRL**
photo by
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#urbanfarmgirl

DT Plush Boutique
510 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61104
815.961.1795 | facebook.com/pages/
Plush/171642659606489 | Vintage
modern fashion boutique with a
unique array of dresses, blouses,
skirts, jewelry and more.

NE Porch
3065 N. Perryville Rd., Rockford,
IL 61114 | 815.282.8881 |
facebook.com/pages/Porch-
Inc/130757223703 | Unique selection
of jewelry, home decor, garden
art, bath and body products, baby
gifts, candles and more.

DT Rockford Art Deli (R.A.D.)
402 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61104
312.725.4723 | rockfordartdeli.com |
Art and web design, urban graphic
design and screen printing selling
t-shirts, posters, signature artist
series goods and gift items.

**SE Rockford Rescue Mission
Thrift Store**
2710 20th St., Rockford, IL 61109
815.316.0607 |
rockfordrescuemission.org |
Thrift store selling everything from
clothing to furniture, antiques,
books, household items, new
mattresses and bed frames, and
new purses and jewelry.

NE Roxy Carmichael
310 N. Alpine Rd., Rockford,
IL 61107 | 815.316.7396 |
roxycarmichael.com | Purses,
jewelry, home decor, gifts and
more. A warm, social, and
intriguing boutique where you
can find a perfect gift.

DT Runner's Image
219 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61104
815.963.2171 | facebook.com/
runnersimagerockford | Gear for
runners, walkers and swimmers of
all ages and abilities. Experienced
staff will make sure you are fitted
properly for footwear.

SW Salvage Too
907 S. Main St., Rockford, IL 61101
815.963.6236 | salvagetoo.com
Reuse center with many different
items including furniture,
antiques and collectibles, building
materials, electronics, pianos and
more.

DT Salvaged by Sonya
330 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61104
815.985.2047 | facebook.com/
salvagedbysonya | Upscale resale
shop where you'll find unique
home decor and garden items
to treasure or to give as gifts.
Treasures arrive daily.

**SE Sandy Hollow Family
Flea Market**
3913 Sandy Hollow Rd., Rockford,
IL 61109 | 224.629.0731 | Sixty
indoor dealers, plus outdoor
vendors in the summer.
Tupperware, floral arrangements,
clothing, new and used goods and
products, silent auction book and
"make an offer" booth.

E SheShe Boutique
2211 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61104
815.227.4334 | facebook.com/pages/
SheShe-of-Rockford/185477515945 |
Women's boutique focusing on
unique items with luxe fabric.
Urban chic to classic apparel and
accessories for women of all ages.

LP Shosies Cyclery
514 Windsor Rd., Loves Park, IL 61111
815.633.0755 | shosiescyclery.com |
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bicycles, including mountain,
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race, and kids' bikes.

**DT Sienna's Kitchen Gourmet
Shop and Eatery**
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815.977.4683 | facebook.com/
SiennasKitchenGourmetShopand
Eatery | Shop for and experience
delightful oils from Italy, vinegars,
flavored gourmet popcorn, gifts,
foods and snacks, featuring grilled
paninis.

NW Stella & Notte
1416 N. Main St., Rockford, IL 61103
815.979.8530 | facebook.com/stella
andnotte | An enjoyable mix of
artists featuring pieces of modern,
industrial, classic, vintage, and
repurposed styles.

SE The Canine Crunchery
1422 20th St., Rockford, IL 61104
815.520.4752 |
thecaninecrunchery.com | Canine
Crunchery is a bakery providing
wholesome, fresh baked treats for
your pooch, specializing in baking
treats for a variety of dietary
needs.

LP The Foot Lodge, Inc.
6520 E. Riverside Blvd., Loves
Park, IL 61111 | 815.877.4377 |
facebook.com/#1/pages/The-Foot-
LodgeInc/4340671733 00173?ref=ts |
Premium-brand comfort and
fashion shoes and accessories.

RT The Keeping Room
109 W. Main St., Rockton, IL 61072
815.624.2025 | Wide range of
decorative pieces for the home
and garden.

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Loves Park**
6332 E. Riverside Blvd., Loves
Park, IL 61111 | 815.904.6120 |
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salts, hand stuffed olives, body
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316 W. State St., Rockford, IL 61101
815.965.2450 | Men's clothing
store selling suits, dress shirt and
tie sets, dress and casual shoes,
accessories, and big men's sizes.
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NE The White Trunk
1706 Rural St., Rockford, IL 61107
815.397.4720 | thewhitetrunk.com |
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small, and home decor pieces,
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2106 Broadway, Rockford, IL 61104
815.226.1259 | toadhallonline.com |
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VHS tapes, movie posters, vintage
toys and magazines.

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815.985.9918 | urbanfarmgirlandco.
blogspot.com | Vintage goods and
pretty things. Open two weekends
a month - call or check website
for dates.

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11013 Main St., Roscoe, IL 61073
815.623.9298 | zazugifts.com |
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occasion.



Lodging

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RT Copperstone Inn
6702 Yale Bridge Rd, Rockton,
IL 61072 | 815.629.9999 |
copperstoneinn.com | Copperstone
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breakfast in a limestone home
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with an ambience of total
elegance, comfort, and chic
sophistication. The Inn is available
for rehearsal dinners, corporate
retreats, weddings, bridal showers
and upscale luncheons or cocktail
parties.

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Park, IL 61115 | 815.636.1884 |
RiverHouse.ws | Two waterfront
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breakfast, plus special occasion
amenities. The Timeaway Lodge
is a vacation home rental that
sleeps up to 17 in five family sized
bedrooms. The large gathering
room, conversation bar and
outdoor deck can easily host your
group event. An extended stay
furnished apartment is available
for the business traveler.

CAMPGROUNDS

SE Blackhawk Valley Campground
6540 Valley Trail Rd., Rockford,
IL 61109 | 815.874.9767 |
winnebagoforest.org/activities/
camping | More than 130 units in
developed campground located in
a wooded and secluded area on
the Kishwaukee River with mini
golf, pedal carts, a playground,
weekend activities, and hayrides
for the kids.

RT Hononegah Campground
80 Hononegah Road, Rockton,
IL 61072 | 815.877.6100 | wcfpd.org |
The preserve was once a camping
area of Stephen Mack, the
county's first European settler, and
Hononegah, his Native American
wife. Upon entering the preserve,
campers will enjoy the drive
over the Rainbow Bridge and up
into the cool maple grove, with
campsites, a boat launch, bike
path and fishing.

SB Pearl Lake Campground
1220 Dearborn Ave., South Beloit,
IL 61080 | 815.389.1479 |
pearllake.com | Campers who
enjoy peace and quiet will enjoy
Pearl Lake, which features basic
tenting sites and sites with
electricity and water. The camp-
ground also includes a large sand
beach, bath house and snack bar.

PC Pecatonica River Campground
7260 Judd Rd., Pecatonica, IL 61063
815.877.6100 | winnebagoforest.
org/activities/camping | This
camping area features 466 wooded
acres located in the Pecatonica
River Forest Preserve. A boat
launch for small boats and canoes
provides access to the Pecatonica
River, and a free interpretive
booklet is available to guide hikers
along a 1-1/2 mile nature trail.

RT Rivers Edge Campground
12626 N. Meridian Rd., Rockton,
IL 61072 | 815.629.2526 |
campatriveredge.com | Campers
enjoy modern facilities in a rustic
setting located in a historical
area. The site features a boat
ramp on the Pecatonica River,
fishing, private pond, pavilion,
basketball and nearby golf courses.
Pecatonica River Boat Ramp,
fishing, private pond, pavilion,
playgrounds, and golf courses
nearby.

**LP Rock Cut State Park
Campground**
7318 Harlem Rd., Loves Park, IL 61111
815.885.3311 | dnr.state.il.us/lands/
Landmgt/PARKS/RI/ROCKCUT.HTM |
This large state park has over 200
campsites with horse, bike and
hiking trails and concessions. Two
lakes set off the park's 3,092 acres
offering fishing, swimming, boat
launches, and paddleboat and
canoe rental.

PC Seward Bluffs Campground
16999 Comly Rd., Pecatonica,
IL 61063 | 815.877.6100 |
winnebagoforest.org/activities/
camping | This 202 acre preserve
features campsites interspersed
in a majestic stand of bur oaks.
The site also offers equestrian and
hiking trails and a playground.

D Sugar River Campground
10127 Forest Preserve Rd.,
Durand, IL 61024 | 815.877.6100 |
winnebagoforest.org/activities/
camping | This 529 acre preserve
is built on a large sand terrace
overlooking the Sugar River,
with individual campsites
nestled throughout a large pine
plantation. The site also offers
equestrian and hiking trails, canoe
launch, fishing and a ball field.

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& Suites - South Beloit**
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IL 61080 | 815.389.4211 | 800.528.1234 |
bestwestern.com | Pillow top
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refrigerator. 📺 (♿) 🐾

E Candlewood Suites
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candlewoodsuites.com | All
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NW Cliffbreakers Riverside Resort
700 W. Riverside Blvd., Pecatonica,
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comfortinn.com | Centrally
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Rockford

- DT** Downtown
- NW** Northwest
- NE** Northeast
- E** East State
- SE** Southeast
- SW** Southwest
- CV** Cherry Valley
- D** Durand
- LP** Loves Park
- MP** Machesney Park
- PC** Pecatonica
- RT** Rockton
- RS** Roscoe
- SH** Shirland
- SB** South Beloit
- WB** Winnebago

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LP Quality Inn & Suites of Loves Park
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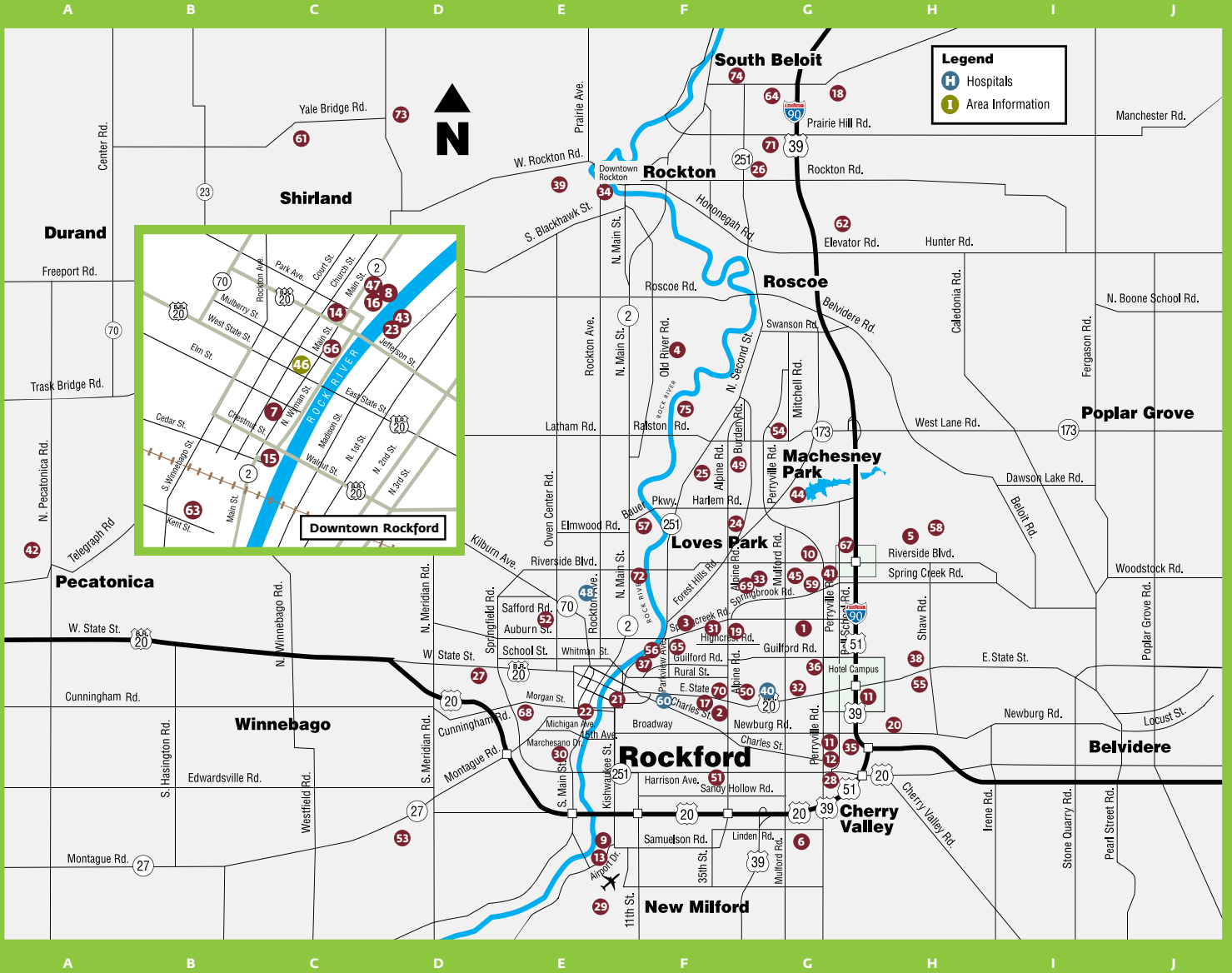
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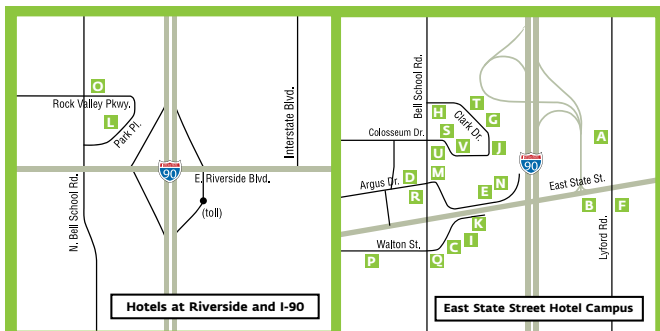


Rockford Region Map Locations

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| 1. Aldeen Golf Club (G7) | 16. Discovery Center Museum (downtown map) | 32. Laser Quest (G8) | 47. Rockford Art Museum (downtown map) | 63. Tinker Swiss Cottage Museum & Gardens (downtown map) |
| 2. Alpine Hills Adventure Park (F8) | 17. Don Carter Lanes (F8) | 33. Laurent House (G6) | 48. Rockford Memorial Hospital (E7) | 64. Turtle Creek Information Center (G1) |
| 3. Anderson Japanese Gardens (F7) | 18. DC Estate Winery (G1) | 34. Macktown Golf Course (E2) | 49. Rockford Speedway (F5) | 65. University of Illinois College of Medicine (F7) |
| 4. Atwood Homestead Golf Course (F4) | 19. Edgebrook (F7) | 35. Magic Waters Waterpark (G8) | 50. Rockford University (G8) | 66. Veterans Memorial Hall (downtown map) |
| 5. Aviators Stadium (H6) | 20. Elliot Golf Course (H8) | 36. Midway Village Museum (G7) | 51. Sandy Hollow Golf Course (F9) | 67. Volcano Falls Adventure Park (G6) |
| 6. Blackhawk Springs Forest Preserve (G9) | 21. Erlander Home Museum (E8) | 37. Nicholas Conservatory and Gardens (F7) | 52. Searls Park / Lockwood Park (E7) | 68. West Rock Wake Park (E8) |
| 7. BMO Harris Bank Center (downtown map) | 22. Ethnic Heritage Museum (E8) | 38. NIU - Rockford (H7) | 53. Severson Dells Forest Preserve (D9) | 69. Womanspace (G7) |
| 8. Burpee Museum of Natural History (downtown map) | 23. Forest City Queen (downtown map) | 39. Nygren Wetland Preserve (E2) | 54. ShowPlace 14 Movie Theater (G5) | |
| 9. Camp Grant Museum (E9) | 24. Forest Hills Diamonds (F6) | 40. OSF St. Anthony Medical Center (G8) | 55. ShowPlace 16 Movie Theater (H8) | |
| 10. Carlson Ice Arena & Sapura Playworld (G6) | 25. Harlem Community Center (F5) | 41. Peace Plaza (Keeling-Puri) (G6) | 56. Sinissippi Golf Course (F7) | |
| 11. The Cherry Bowl (G8) | 26. Historic Auto Attractions (G2) | 42. Pecatonica Wetlands Forest Preserve (A6) | 57. Sportscore One (F6) | |
| 12. CherryVale Mall (G8) | 27. Ingersoll Golf Course (D8) | 43. Riverview Ice House (downtown map) | 58. Sportscore Two / Indoor Sports Center (H6) | |
| 13. Chicago Rockford Intl. Airport (E9) | 28. Kegel Harley-Davidson (G9) | 44. Rock Cut State Park (G5) | 59. Starlight Theatre at Rock Valley College (G6) | |
| 14. Coronado Performing Arts Center (downtown map) | 29. Kilbuck Bluff Forest Preserve (E10) | 45. Rock Valley College (G6) | 60. SwedishAmerican Hospital (F8) | |
| 15. Davis Park (downtown map) | 30. Klehm Arboretum & Botanic Garden (E8) | 46. Rockford Area Convention & Visitors Bureau (downtown map) | 61. Sugar River Forest Preserve (C2) | |
| | 31. La Palma Gardens (F7) | | 62. The Ledges Golf Course (G3) | |

Additional Accommodations

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| 70. Alpine Inn (F8) |
| 71. Best Western Legacy Inn & Suites - South Beloit (G2) |
| 72. Cliffbreakers Riverside Resort (F7) |
| 73. Copperstone Inn (D1) |
| 74. Garden Hotel and Conference Center (F1) |
| 75. River House B&B Getaway Retreat (F5) |



Hotels & Suites Adjacent to I-90

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| A. Baymont Inn & Suites | L. Holiday Inn Express |
| B. Clock Tower Resort & Conference Center | M. Holiday Inn of Rockford |
| C. Candlewood Suites | N. Motel 6 |
| D. Comfort Inn | O. Quality Inn & Suites (Loves Park) |
| E. Courtyard by Marriott | P. Quality Suites (Rockford) |
| F. Days Inn of Rockford | Q. Radisson Hotel & Conference Center |
| G. Extended Stay America (I-90) | R. Red Roof Inn |
| H. Extended Stay America (State St.) | S. Residence Inn by Marriott |
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