

# ROCKFORD Originals

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UNIQUE PLACES, PEOPLE AND EVENTS IN AND AROUND ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS USA.

## ENTERING THE ORIGINAL ZONE

The Unique Places,  
People and Events  
Only Available in Rockford

## HOMETOWN COOKIN'

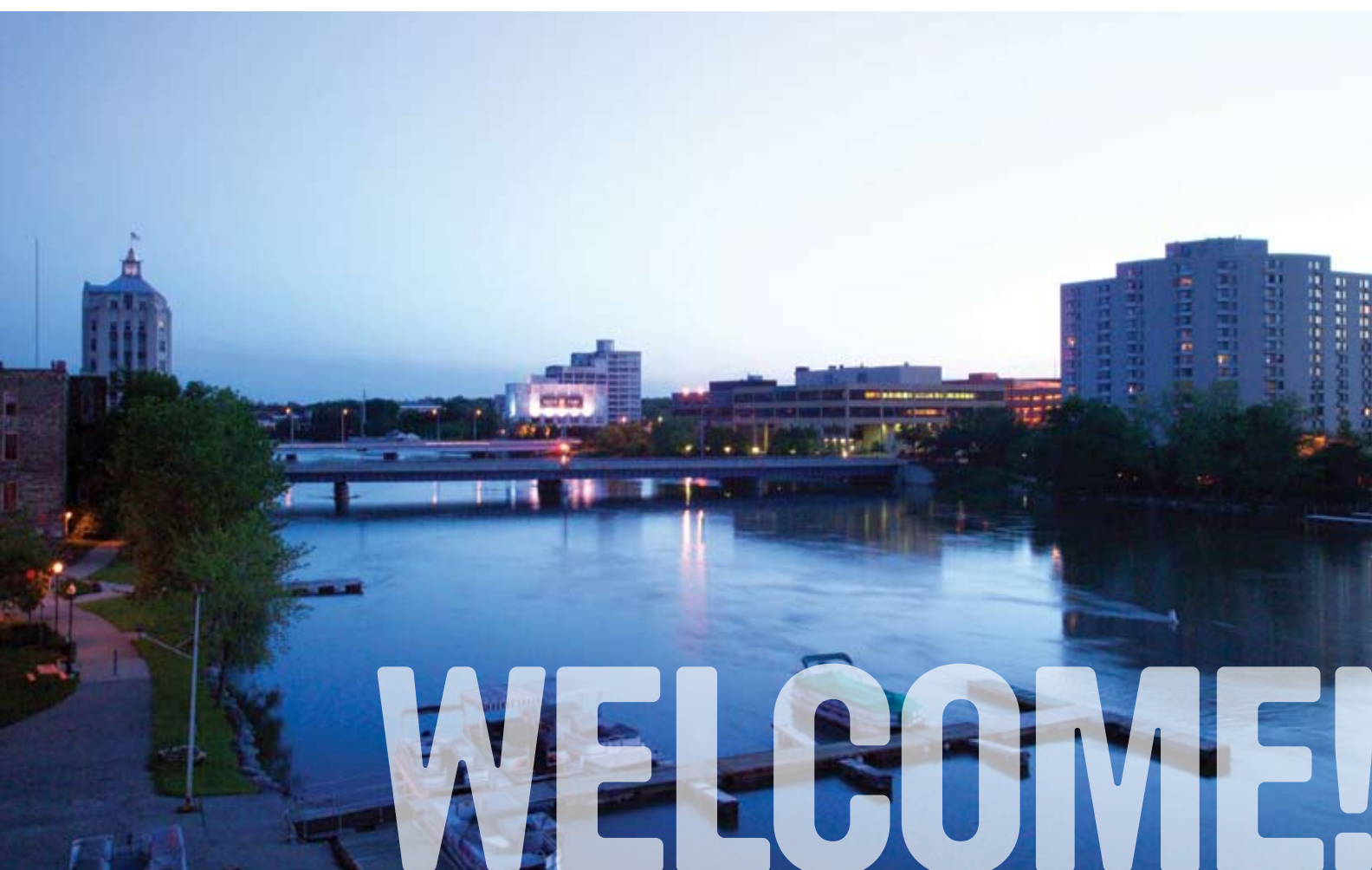
Deliciously Unique Dining:  
Maria's, Stockholm Inn,  
Beef-a-Roo & More.

### YUMMY!

## GET OUT AND LIVE

ROCK CUT, ANDERSON JAPANESE GARDENS &  
GOLF HEAVEN ON EARTH





# WELCOME!

**Bienvenido!** Willkommen! **Benvenuti!** Valkommen! 歓迎

Welcome to **Rockford, Illinois**. We're mom and apple pie and technology that makes the Space Shuttle fly. We're falling leaves and rising hopes. A cappuccino at a downtown cafe. Sweet corn and watermelon. A 66 million-year-old *T. rex* flashing a dangerous grin. We're a City of Gardens, a Region of Four Rivers and a proud home of enduring midwestern values. All people are welcome in this quintessentially **Real**, truly **Original** new heart of America.

### What else makes Rockford unique?

Well, that's a loaded question, and this guide is loaded with just some of the answers. The Rockford Region is chock-full of Original restaurants, sites, attractions, events and other activities that can ONLY be experienced in and around Rockford. **Come see for yourself soon.**

If you need further assistance or information on our accessible, fun, and inexpensive region, please visit [www.gorockford.com](http://www.gorockford.com), call **800-521-0849**, or come to our downtown Rockford visitor center at the corner of State and Main just west of the Rock River.

You are welcome to lean on the professionals at the Rockford Area Convention & Visitors Bureau, as they are here to help make your visit to the Rockford Region a truly unique experience.

Very truly yours,  
Mayor Lawrence J. Morrissey, Rockford  
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**PLACES TO GO,  
THINGS TO DO,  
PEOPLE TO SEE,  
PLACES TO EAT.**

**ALWAYS ON THE PROWL  
FOR UNIQUE STUFF TO DO?**

**FOOD YOU CAN'T EAT  
ANYWHERE ELSE?**

**THINGS YOU CAN'T DO IN  
ANY OTHER TOWN?**

**YOU'VE COME TO  
THE RIGHT PLACE.**

**THIS IS ONE ORIGINAL CITY.**



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From a beautifully restored *T. rex* with a dangerous grin to a world-class children's museum to the largest water park in Illinois, it's all right here in the Rockford Region.



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Insiders know that outside is where it's at in the Rockford Region. Get up, gear up and get out and live in our great outdoors today.



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On The Cover: Alexander Lieberman's famous sculpture Symbol is situated beside the Rock River Recreation Path near the Auburn Street bridge and is viewed daily by thousands of passing cyclists, walkers, runners, boaters and drivers.





# family fun

Jane, the world's best-preserved and most complete juvenile *T. rex*.

**Rockford is a world-class family town. Here's why.**

A beautifully restored *T. rex* named Jane. A top-rated children's museum.  
The largest art museum outside of Chicago. Hundreds of thousands of gallons of fun at a huge water park.  
And that's just a drop in our bucket...

## JANE & BURPEE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

The Little Museum That Could

2001 was the year that Mike Henderson decided the Montana Badlands were all good. The Hell Creek Formation in Montana was where he and a team of paleontology enthusiasts from Burpee Museum excavated Jane, a stunningly complete juvenile *T. rex* skeleton that lived 66 million years ago.

You and your family can take the short trip to Rockford and experience Jane's world as it was 66 million years ago during the Cretaceous Period when today's Badlands were a lush, moist and warm floodplain. You'll view Jane's fully restored 21-foot skeleton, learn about the world she lived in, visit the Burpee expedition's Montana base camp and much more.

"Jane is one of the top ten finds in the history of paleontology," said Peter Larson, who led the team that discovered Chicago's Sue. 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 museum CNN dubbed, "the little museum that could" in downtown Rockford.

"Windows to Wilderness" is a fascinating, in-depth look into the sights, natural sounds, smells and unique character of our region's upland prairie, wetlands and woodlands. The exhibit features live animals and many interactive elements.

"The Carboniferous Coal Forest" utilizes technology to create a two-story tall prehistoric coal forest complete with thunder and lightning. Visitors experience a sudden rainstorm as they explore our local landscape, insects and amphibians as they existed 300 million years ago.

"And those are just two examples of other things to do and see here," said Lew Crampton, President. "Burpee is easily a two-hour stop for most families."

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



When you visit Rockford, make time to experience this intimate, fascinating world-class museum for yourselves. Parking is free and admission is a modest \$5 for adults and \$4 for children. **Visit [visitjane.com](http://visitjane.com) or [gorockford.com](http://gorockford.com) for information.** Burpee is located in downtown Rockford. After taking a look at the jaws of Jane, go next door and explore the **Discovery Center Museum** or the **Rockford Art Museum**. Hungry? **The Olympic Tavern**, a local favorite, is just a short drive north on Main Street.

## THE DISCOVERY CENTER

A Childhood Dream Come True

It has long been said that The Forest City is a family town. For proof look no further than the Discovery Center Museum. Right next door to Burpee Museum of Natural History and sharing a building with Rockford Art Museum, the Discovery Center is tied with Baltimore's children's museum as the fourth-best in the country according to Child magazine. Discovery Center is the only museum rated in the Top Ten in the state of Illinois.

"When we say this is a great place to raise a family, we mean it," says Sarah Wolf, Executive Director. "And we go out of our way to improve our city's family friendliness all the time."

The Discovery Center was Wolf's brainchild and has grown from a virtual baby in 1981 to a big daddy on the Riverfront Museum Campus downtown in the new millennium. Boasting 18,000 square feet of interior exhibit space and an 8,000 square foot "Outdoor Science Park," the Discovery Center is truly a childhood dream come true. Kids tend to have so much fun there, they scarcely know they're actually learning while they're doing it.

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

It's fun being a kid (at any age) at The Discovery Center.



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 more than 250,000 individual and family visitors to the Discovery Center. Students from far and wide make field trips, and in 2004 alone buses arrived from 96 Illinois cities and 18 counties and 17 cities and 6 counties in Wisconsin.

Discovery Center is centrally located in Rockford's Riverfront Museum Campus, parking is free and admission is just \$5 for adults and \$4 for children. **Visit [discoverycentermuseum.org](http://discoverycentermuseum.org) for details.**

Discovery Center is located in downtown Rockford. After exploring at the Museum Campus don't forget to check out the **Riverview Ice House**, located just across the Rock River.





Experience one million of gallons of fun at Magic Waters.

## MAGIC WATERS

A Million Gallons Of Fun

**"Kids love the water - it's really as simple as that," explained Karen Weis of the Rockford Park District when asked why families from all over the Midwest come to splash around at Magic Waters Water Park. "They get very 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 sweltering heat of Midwestern summers.

Whether it's slithering down eleven slides, tubing in the SplashMagic river or just soaking up rays, fun is the order of the

day. In fact, if fun were measured in gallons, the total would be impressive: 1,000,310 gallons of fun, to be exact.

The fan favorite attraction is "Breaker Beach", the 707,000-gallon wave pool, with its rhythmic undulating waves that send heads bobbing like buoys and ripples of laughing swimmers towards shore.

Shrieks of delight also whistle like seagull calls throughout the venue. The main culprits: The "SplashBLASTER" and the dreaded "ABYSS".

**The "SplashBLASTER" 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.**



The "ABYSS" encloses riders on a dark downward spiral that leaves them feeling the thrill of the unknown as they never quite get a solid grip on space and time during the trip.

Magic Waters' location is another major asset that makes the park extremely family friendly. It's easily accessible off I-90 and I-39. Plus, there's plenty to do nearby after families have had their day in the water.

"There is the CherryVale Mall, Kerasotes Theatre and many, many great restaurants within a five minute drive of the park," Weis said.

Cost won't send you out to sea, either; expect rates of no more than \$19.95 for adults and take-in coolers and picnic lunches are welcome. Also, don't miss out on terrific "Splash & Lodge" hotel packages, which include discounted tickets to the park. **Call 800-373-1679 or visit [magicwaterswaterpark.com](http://magicwaterswaterpark.com) or [gorockford.com](http://gorockford.com) for details.**

With great money saving deals and plenty of splashtacular fun, there's no better way to stay cool in Rockford this summer!

## ROCKFORD ART MUSEUM

Conveniently Yours

As you probably know, convenience is a major asset for those of us who live in - and visit - Rockford. So, it won't surprise you to learn that the Rockford Art Museum is literally steps away from Burpee Museum of Natural History and Discovery Center Museum on Rockford's Riverfront Museum Campus. Park your car once (for free) and you can be entertained for hours.

Boasting 17,000 square feet and three galleries of exhibition space, RAM is 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 1,600 individual works. As many as twelve distinct exhibitions are scheduled each year.

The Rockford Art Museum's permanent collection consists of works by American Impressionist painters, historical and contemporary photographers, self-taught African-American artists as well as nationally and internationally famous glasswork artists. There has always been a special emphasis on regional and American artists in the permanent collection and it mirrors the evolution of our nation's art history throughout the 19th and 20th centuries. Areas of focus include the Hudson River School, Taos Society, American Impressionism, Outsider Art, self-taught African American art, contemporary studio-art glass and others.

Admission is \$5.00. **Call 815-968-2787 or visit [rockfordartmuseum.org](http://rockfordartmuseum.org) for more details.** Located in downtown Rockford. After taking in the museum, drive north on Main Street and browse the shops of the **North End Commons** at Main and Auburn Streets. Hungry? Don't miss the **North End Neighborhood Coffee Bar** or **Der Rathskeller German Restaurant**.



Rockford Art Museum annually hosts a series of acclaimed exhibitions.

## TINKER SWISS COTTAGE

A Visit To Robert Tinker's Love Shack

Robert Tinker was nothing if not romantic. His "Swiss Cottage," built from 1865 - 1869, is not only an homage to the architecture he had grown to love during European travel, but to his wife, Mary Manny, whom he eventually loved even more. Tinker himself designed the building and did most of the finishing work.

When they passed away, the Tinkers left everything. A trip into the cottage is truly like an all-senses-engaged trip into a time machine. Robert and Mary's (and other family members') art, their clothing, their utensils, their books, their diaries - everything - remains for your viewing pleasure. And thanks to the Rockford Park District and the Tinker staff, it all remains in beautifully restored condition.

**With its astoundingly beautiful gabled roof, balconies opening to scenic views, gingerbread trim, exquisite parquet floors, intricate woodwork, root wood furniture, hand-painted mural ceilings, heirloom rose gardens and other wonders, Tinker Swiss Cottage is a breathtaking place to visit.** Perhaps best of all, the back story that informs its creation is as interesting as the place itself.

Tinker traveled to Rockford in 1856 to become a bookkeeper in the Manny Reaper company - the same year Mary Manny's husband and Manny Reaper founder John H. Manny passed away. It wasn't until 1870 that Tinker and Mary Manny were married. The couple took to living in Tinker's Swiss cottage in the winters and Manny's Italianate mansion, across Kent Creek, come summertime. Tinker had built a suspension bridge across Kent Creek to facilitate their



journeys - and the bridge was brought back to life in June of 2005. You can walk across it to this day and feel history swaying (just a touch!) below your feet.

Robert Tinker was a gifted businessman and artisan who put his passion to work. His legacies to love and all things beautiful in his eyes are still here for us today in southwest Rockford on the south shore of Kent Creek - where it all started.

**Vist [tinkercottage.com](http://tinkercottage.com) or call 815-964-2424 for information.** Tinker Swiss Cottage is located in historic Southwest Rockford. After filling your brain with Rockford history, fill your stomach at nearby local eateries **Maria's** or **Caffé Greco**.



Robert Tinker's second love, his "Swiss Cottage," lives on to this day.



## MORE FUN

### HISTORIC AUTO ATTRACTIONS

13825 Metric Dr., Roscoe, IL 61073  
815-389-7917 [historicautoattractions.com](http://historicautoattractions.com)  
*Over 70 historic autos displayed in 36,000 sq. ft., including presidential limousines, Al Capone's car, Indy cars, TV Land cars and movie cars. Call ahead, not open year-round.*

### MIDWAY VILLAGE & MUSEUM CENTER

6799 Guilford Rd., Rockford, IL 61107  
815-397-9112 [midwayvillage.com](http://midwayvillage.com)  
*Turn-of-the-century living history village, with 24 buildings on 137 acres, including general store, church, and one-room schoolhouse. Indoor galleries with permanent exhibits on area heritage.*

### PROFESSIONAL SPORTS

The Ice Hogs and Raptors play their home games at the Rockford Metro Centre in downtown Rockford, 300 Elm Street.

#### Rockford IceHogs

815.986.6465 [icehogs.com](http://icehogs.com)  
AHL Hockey

#### Rock River Raptors

815-965-7000 [raptorsuif.com](http://raptorsuif.com)  
UIF Indoor football

#### Rockford RiverHawks

4503 Intersate Blvd., Loves Park, IL 61111  
815-885-2255 [rockfordriverhawks.com](http://rockfordriverhawks.com)  
Frontier League Baseball

### ROCKFORD SPEEDWAY

9572 Forest Hills Rd., Loves Park, IL 61111  
815-633-1500 [rockfordspeedway.com](http://rockfordspeedway.com)  
*Top-name NASCAR racing on a quarter-mile, high-banked track; more than 85 scheduled events per year.*

### ROCK CUT STATE PARK

7318 Harlem Rd., Loves Park, IL 61111  
815-885-3311  
*Largest state park in Illinois with two lakes, boating, fishing, swimming, restored prairie, bird watching, hiking and extensive campgrounds.*

### VOLCANO FALLS ADVENTURE PARK

7602 Rock Valley Pkwy., Loves Park, IL 61111  
815-282-2100 [volcanofalls.com](http://volcanofalls.com)  
*Adventure park with miniature golf on a ground-shaking Volcano Course under the shadow of a 3-story erupting volcano and the 9-hole Palm Course.*





Rockford's "Wonder Theater," the Coronado, will take your breath away.

# culture abounds

**The stars are always shining on (and above) Rockford's stages.**

Artificial stars twinkle in the ceiling of the atmospheric Coronado.  
Real stars twinkle in the sky when the curtain rises at Starlight.  
And performing stars are shining day in and day  
out on stages all over the Rockford Region.

## THE CORONADO PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Rockford's Original Wonder Theater

The spectacularly historic Coronado Performing Arts Center leaves many newcomers slack-jawed and wide-eyed when they first view its ornate lobbies and auditorium. Having opened its doors in 1927, the Coronado has been wowing theater-goers (and more than a few performers) for decades. In its early years, luminaries of Vaudeville such as Bob Hope, Al Jolsen and the Marx Brothers graced its downtown Rockford stage.

The Coronado is the rare venue where the venue itself is part of the show, a panoramic time capsule of fascinating history and epic architectural beauty lending a sense of magic to every evening's performance. Built in the 'atmospheric' style popular in the Vaudeville era, ornate Moorish, Spanish and Roman architectural influences are seen at every turn and in virtually every nook and cranny.

**"The Coronado Theatre is literally breathtaking,"** said Kristina Reinert about her first visit during a production of the Broadway hit, "Contact." **"From the second you walk in the front door the 'wow' factor hits you,"** she enthused.



The theater re-opened in 2001 after it was generously donated to the community by Kerasotes Theatres and restored to its original luster. The "wow factor" wouldn't have been possible without the \$18.5 million in renovation funds the Friends of the Coronado, the City of Rockford and 5,000 donors raised to keep this historic landmark from crumbling into oblivion.

"The renovations are just beautiful. There aren't many old theaters this spectacular anywhere in the country," said Marty Magnus, longtime Coronado historian, tour guide and member of the Land of Lincoln Organ Society. (The theater has a still-magnificent Grande Barton Pipe Organ, a rare and enormous musical instrument worthy of the Phantom of the Opera himself.)

The laundry list of legendary performers and politicians who have appeared there add to the sense of history the theater emanates. Knowing that Johnny Cash picked his guitar, John F. Kennedy delivered a speech or Jerry Seinfeld quipped one-liners here makes a visit to the Coronado all the more moving. Many a performer has walked out on stage and said, almost impulsively, "wow, check out the stars!"

The theatre is home to the Rockford Symphony Orchestra, Coronado Concert Association, the Rockford Dance Company and the Broadway at the Coronado series, which features shows like "The Full Monty," "42nd Street" and "Oklahoma."

You've heard the cliché, "step back into time?" Well, it certainly applies to "Rockford's Wonder Theater," the Coronado.

**Visit coronadopac.org or call 815-968-2722 for show information today.** Located in downtown Rockford. Looking for more entertainment? Take in a live band at **Big Cities Lounge, Kryptonite or Paragon**, also conveniently located downtown.

## DOWNTOWN'S ORIGINAL NIGHTCLUBS

Kryptonite - Your Super Powers Are Safe Here

If there are nightclubs on Superman's home planet of Krypton, they're probably a lot like Kryptonite in Rockford's downtown River District. It's a groovy mix of submarine chic and LA cool. The first floor is a uniquely decorated open bar area where the libations are poured and the musicians rock.

The mezzanine, with its rail-surrounded open oval allows viewing to the first floor, and is a comfortable haven featuring overstuffed chairs, couches and moody lighting.

"We wanted to create a unique, intimate scene for music," said owner Chris Wachowiak. "People say Kryptonite would fit in any big city in the country."

Despite its intimate proportions, Kryptonite has played host to a surprising number of international acts: Urge Overkill, Robert Bradley's Blackwater Surprise and Rich Robinson, to name just a few.

At a recent Sleepy LaBeef performance, hometown legend, Cheap Trick's Rick Nielsen, played the part of Sleepy's high-profile sideman for the entire first set. That set, by the way, was almost two hours long. "Sleepy was not sleeping tonight," joked Nielsen.

The fun moves outside come summertime, when Kryptonite, like many other downtown hotspots, offers outdoor seating in the open air - and an expanded food menu.

Speaking of other downtown hotspots, there are many. Those offering music include **The Irish Rose, Paragon, Zambuca, Octane, Brio, Club 505** and the new **Jazz Club at Kuma's**.

So, you like the Blues? Make **Big Cities** your home away from home next time you're in Rockford. From Duke Tumatooe to Chicago Rhythm & Blues Kings to Studebaker John to the lightning-fast guitar pyrotechnics of Pistol Pete, an evening at Big Cities is easy on the ears - and the wallet.

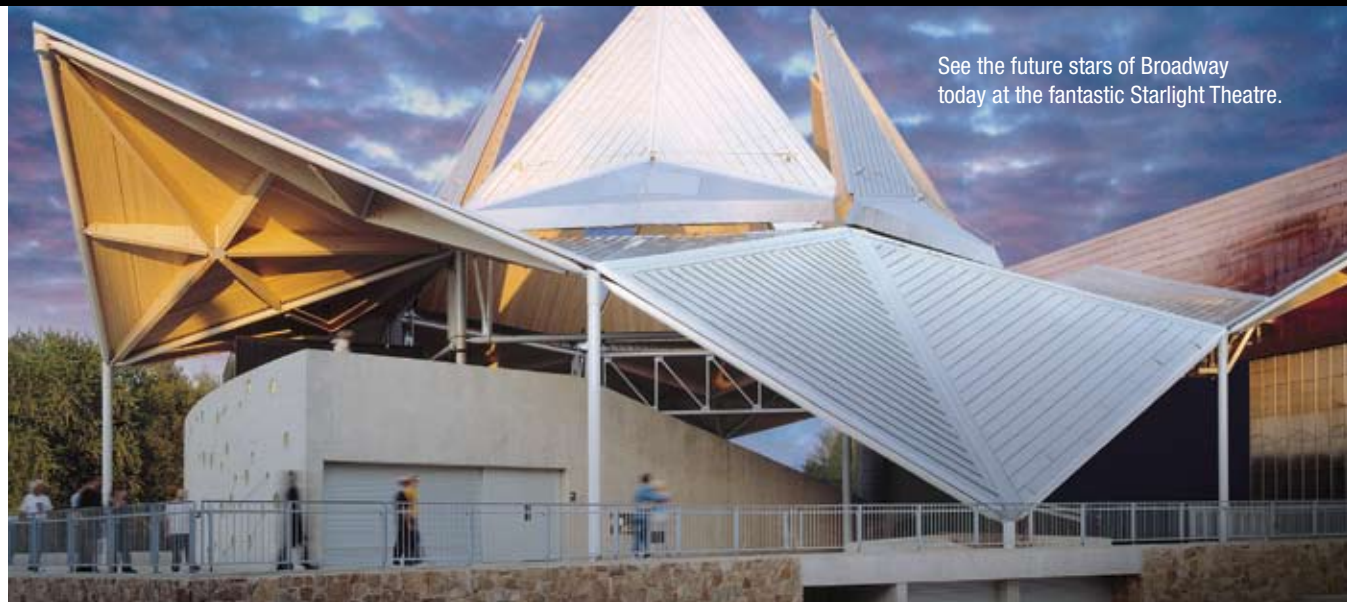
"If you want value and fun, just walk up and down State Street downtown," said Wachowiak.

No doubt about it; Kryptonite and the many other lively spots in downtown Rockford have the power to please. All you have to do is show up! **Visit gorockford.com for more information.**



Ernie Hendrickson's fingers fly at Kryptonite in the River District downtown.





See the future stars of Broadway today at the fantastic Starlight Theatre.

## STARLIGHT THEATRE & ARTISTS' ENSEMBLE

All Of Rockford's A Stage

"The variety and quality of theater offered in Rockford is absolutely amazing, said Richard Raether, the Artistic Director of Artists' Ensemble Theater. "We're all lucky to have such cultural diversity at our beck and call."

What benefits Rockfordians benefits visitors. No matter when you're in Rockford, chances are you'll be able to enjoy a performance on one of our many stages.

### Starlight Theatre

Starlight Theatre, Rockford's home to musical theater, sits among rolling hills on the campus of Rock Valley College. It is as much a Rockford institution as high school basketball. 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. Simply put, Starlight is to Broadway what the minor leagues are to major league sports. It has afforded thousands the opportunity to say, "I saw Marin Mazzie when she played Liesel in *The Sound of Music*."

Starlight was founded in 1967 to showcase the beauty of Rock Valley College's then rural campus. Artistic Director Mike Webb has presented classics and contemporary musical productions there for more than 20 years. Given the fact that the actors and musicians are ALL volunteers (including the many professional members of each cast) Webb spends 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*, for instance.

Now, Webb presents his works in a world-class, landmark building with a mechanical roof that blossoms on starry nights like a wood and steel moonflower. The new Starlight Theatre was designed by renowned architects Studio Gang, the founder of which hails from nearby Belvidere, Illinois.

Starlight Theatre is a true summertime institution and a Rockford Original treasure. Visit [RVCStarlight.com](http://RVCStarlight.com) or call the Box Office at 815.921.2160. Starlight Theater is located in Northeast Rockford. After the performance, head south on Mulford Rd. and eat at **Shogun Teppan Restaurant & Sushi Bar** for another performance as talented chefs use your table as their stage to prepare your meal.

### Artists' Ensemble Theater

Richard Raether, the group's Rockford-born and bred Artistic Director says, "we're a company of theater artists who like to challenge ourselves and our audiences. The common theme is that the works all speak to us. In turn, we hope they speak to the audiences we perform for."

Raether, a veteran of stagecraft who spends months on the road each year as a professional fight director teaching stage combat and movement, returned to Rockford in 1989. "Rockford has an incredibly diverse theater arts community. We are very lucky in this city! I'm always amazed by the talent and energy in this town." Artists' Ensemble performs in the Cheek and Maddox theater spaces on the beautiful east-side campus of Rockford College.

Visit [artistsensemble.org](http://artistsensemble.org) or call the Rockford College Box Office at 815.226.4100. Don't want to go home after the show? Head east on State Street about two miles and make your way to **Big Al's at Giovanni's Restaurant** for cocktails and live music on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday nights.



Artists' Ensemble performs "Red Herring" at Cheek Theatre.

## THE METROCENTRE

It's All Right Here

MetroCentre, a 10,000-seat arena/auditorium located in the heart of downtown Rockford, is home to music, athletic and exposition events. In 2007, it is undergoing a dramatic \$23 million renovation.

"There really isn't a bad seat in our building," said Corey Pearson, General Manager. "No matter where you sit, you can have a great experience. This building is not too small and it's not too big. You're virtually assured a great experience, regardless of what event you're attending."

With two top-notch minor league sports teams - the AHL IceHogs hockey team, and Raptors indoor football - plus rodeos, truck pulls, even extreme ice motorcycle racing - there are plenty of sporting options to choose from. Musical acts compliment the 60-plus dates booked this year for the two professional teams. Past MetroCentre musical acts have been nothing if not varied: from The Rolling Stones to the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and everything between.

As with all entertainment options in Rockford, the cost is significantly less than many other close-by cities and suburbs.

**Said Pearson: "You can buy your event tickets to the Coronado [Theatre] or MetroCentre, go out to dinner, stay in a hotel and spend the weekend for less than you normally spend for the event alone in Chicago. We offer tremendous value along with the quality of our entertainment."**

Rob Gordon, a frequent concert-goer, likes the fact that he can have a meal downtown before or after an event that is both good and easy on the wallet.

"There are so many great places to eat in this town, especially around the MetroCentre. Octane and Paragon are my favorites. They both have great food and are close by," said Gordon.

With great events, the proximity of the venue in the heart of the downtown and the low-cost experience, there's no doubt that having the best seat in the house at the MetroCentre pays off in more ways than one. **Logon to [www.centreevents.com](http://www.centreevents.com) for ticket and event information.** Not ready to go home? If you're like most people you'll want to grab a bite to eat after a concert or sports event. Don't miss **Octane Interlounge** or **Irish Rose**...both are open late and waiting to serve you.



Velvet Revolver rocks the MetroCentre.



The AHL IceHogs prove pigs really can fly.



## MORE MUSIC

### BIG CITIES LOUNGE

905 E. State St, Rockford, IL 61104  
815-965-6026

Rockford's home for jazz and blues with the best R&B artists in the Midwest. Sit back and enjoy listening to Pistol Pete, Studebaker John and the Hawks, and the Chicago Rhythm and Blues Kings.

### BIG AL'S - INSIDE GIOVANNI'S RESTAURANT

610 N. Bell School Rd., Rockford, IL 61107  
815-398-6411

Cigar bar featuring late night bar menu. Live jazz on Tuesdays plus live music and dance floor on Friday and Saturday nights.

### CHARLOTTE'S WEB FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

815-964-2238

Since 1972, Charlotte's Web has featured the best of local, national and international folk, blues, world music, dance and theater. National and International performing artists are scheduled throughout the year at various locations.

### KRYPTONITE

308 W State St., Rockford, IL 61101  
815-965-0931

A downtown night club with an Industrial attitude. Live bands play modern, pop rock and progressive music nightly. Weekend DJs spin party-mix and techno music. Daily drink specials; outdoor tables in season.

### PARAGON ON STATE

205 West State St., Rockford, IL 61101  
815-963-1660

Paragon's international cuisine, impressive wine list and vast array of quality beers have been compared to fine Chicago restaurants. Relax around the comfort and warmth of their fireplace. Enjoy the open dining room, featuring a spectacular lighting scheme and linen covered tables.

### ROCKFORD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

815-965-0049

[www.rockfordsymphony.com](http://www.rockfordsymphony.com)

Each season brings spirited performances by Rockford's own talented 85-member symphony orchestra plus guest appearances by nationally known artists in Rockford's ornate Coronado Performing Arts Center. The RSO performs during summer months at Starlight Theatre.





Rock Cut State Park is Rockford's best-kept secret for outdoor fun.

# get out and live

**Insiders know that outside is where it's at in the Rockford Region.**

From cycling to hiking to fishing to flower gazing to bird watching to just plain old hanging out, it's all right here. All you have to do is get up, gear up, get out and enjoy.

## ROCK CUT STATE PARK

Between a Rock and A Soft Spot in Our Hearts

On Rockford's northeast side, just a couple of quick turns off I-90, lies a crown jewel of our region's natural history: Rock Cut State Park. It's the kind of place local folks would rather we didn't boast about – a true Rockford Original and a regional best-kept secret.

From roughly 1655 to 1832, the Rock Cut area was roamed by many native American tribes: Iroquois, Pottawatomi, Chippewa, Ottawa and others. Pierce Lake, the 160- acre centerpiece of Rock Cut today, didn't exist then: it is a manmade reservoir. Today, the lake is home to a menagerie of fish species including surprisingly large northern pike and walleye. It is aggressively fished, but well-managed, so fishing enthusiasts seldom go home skunked.

The lake also hides the origin of Rock Cut's name - an abandoned railroad bed cut through limestone bluffs called the Kenosha-Rockford Line.

Today, Rock Cut is home to campers, hikers, bikers, picnickers, birders, fisherman, horseback riders, wind surfers, kayakers and an abundance of wildlife, flora and fauna - including over 100 types of wildflowers.

You say you like camping? So do scores of other other visitors. In fact, if you'd like to occupy one of Rock Cut's 276 campsites, particularly during peak season, 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 sun-dappled forests.

**Lisa Weis, a Rockford outdoor enthusiast and lifelong Rockford resident, said, "we're lucky to have Rock Cut so close to home. We ride our mountain bikes, our road bikes, go for walks, go snowshoeing. Do me a favor. Don't tell anyone else from outside Rockford about it!"**



**Call 815-885-3311 for more details.** If you're looking for more recreation, take the kids ice skating at nearby **Carlson Ice Arena** or for mini-put at **Volcano Falls**. Both are just minutes away near the intersection of Perryville Rd. and Riverside Blvd just off the I-90 tollway. When you visit Rock Cut, tread lightly, won't you please?

## ANDERSON JAPANESE GARDENS

Discover Yourself In North America's Finest Japanese Gardens

Winding your way through the leafy sanctuary of Anderson Japanese Gardens, you'll see no signs identifying plant species or descriptions of their meaning in Japanese culture. The colorful fish racing beneath the water's surface are nameless. Nor is there a placard describing the origin of the elegant handcrafted gate, built in Japan and reconstructed in Rockford, that welcomes you into the garden proper. The Gardens simply...is.

Anderson Japanese Gardens is simply an extraordinarily beautiful and peaceful place for reflection, an organic refuge designed to help facilitate self-awareness and self-knowledge.

Designed and built by world-renowned landscape architect Hoichi Kurisu in the Kamakura style, the viewer is intended to literally be a part of the Gardens. Testimony to Kurisu's success is the fact that Anderson Japanese Gardens was rated as the finest in North America, ahead of 300 others, according to the *Roth Journal of Japanese Gardens*.

"The Garden is presented purely as a Japanese garden. We are not here to tell people what a waterfall means or what a rock means," said Head Gardener Tim Gruner. "The idea is to let the Gardens speak for itself."





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The seed of inspiration to create this sanctuary in Rockford was sown in businessman and philanthropist John Anderson's imagination during a 1966 trip to Japan. It was nourished during a subsequent trip to Portland's Japanese Garden of Washington Park and blossomed when he broke ground on his own garden in 1978. His love and respect

for the beauty of Japanese culture and design is evident in every detail.

**"Anderson Gardens can take you down to something elemental at any moment,"** said Gruner.

"Whether it's just a puddle of water with a beautiful reflection resting in the top of a boulder or the sound of the waterfall –

it reminds you that everything is OK," Gruner continued.

**For more details, call 815-229-9390 or visit [www.andersongardens.org](http://www.andersongardens.org).**

Anderson Gardens is a living, breathing, constantly changing landscape worthy of repeated visits and well worth the \$6 admission. What you learn about yourself amidst its beauty could be worth much, much more.

## ALDEEN & ROCKFORD REGION GOLF COURSES

In The Forest City, Flag Sticks Grow Like Trees

It's often been said that there's a church – and a golf course – on every corner in Rockford. This certainly lends credence to Rockford's tongue-in-cheek tag "Illinois' Holiest City." Without question, the Rockford Region is blessed with an abundance of wonderful and wonderfully low-cost golf courses.

**Aldeen Golf Club, the Rockford Park District's crown jewel and a true championship track, was rated 4.5 stars by Golf Digest magazine.**

7131 yards from the tips, Aldeen is a devilish Dick Nugent layout featuring ribbony fairways elegantly defined by abrupt hilly rough, abundant trees and bunkers. Fourteen of the holes boast water hazards and high handicappers are encouraged to bring more than their usual ration of balls. In 2007, non-resident green fees were just \$40 on weekdays and \$45 on weekends.

On the other end of the spectrum is **Sinnissippi**, a quaint little nine-holer in a east-side residential district a stone's throw from Sinnissippi Gardens. Don't assume it will yield a low score, though. Many of the children who literally grew up on its verdant greens have developed into champion golfers. In 2007, nine holes set you back \$12.

The three other Rockford Park District courses each have their own personality and charms and cost just \$21 weekdays and \$22 weekends for non-residents in 2007. **Ingersoll**, built in 1922, has narrow fairways lined with mature trees. At less than 6,000 yards from the back tees, its confines have added more than a few strokes to many a players' handicaps over the years.

**Elliot**, the second-newest course in the Park District family, was built on relatively open, hilly farmland in 1968. It features wide fairways, distinct elevation changes and a solid mixture of straight and dog-legged holes. Elliot is a bombers' paradise.



Aldeen Golf Club has water on all but four holes. Bring extra balls!

**Sandy Hollow** 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 spectacular and the green fees are spectacularly 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.

Other notable area courses include **Atwood Homestead**, **Macktown** and **The Ledges**, all high-quality 18 hole tracks with enticingly low green fees and easy access to visiting golfers.

The Ledges in particular is a handful from the tips for all but the most skilled players. A former private club, it was acquired by Winnebago County some years ago and made available to anyone who wants to accept its considerable challenges. Macktown is a short and sporty track in Rockton that big hitters can easily overwhelm, but if you're a big hitter who can't hit the fairway, par might be elusive despite the diminutive length of some of the holes. Atwood is long, long, long - but, relative to the well-forested Macktown, it is fairly open and wind-blown. Bring your "A" game.

At the end of the day, the Rockford region truly is a little bit of golf heaven right here on earth. **Visit [gorockford.com](http://gorockford.com) for details on these and other area courses, or see page 25.**

## KLEHM ARBORETUM

Relax in Klehm's Historic Beauty

The history of Klehm Arboretum & Botanic Garden is as substantial as the trunks of the many oaks that grace its grounds. From humble beginnings as a nursery planted from scratch by the Taylor family in 1910, Klehm has grown to a one-of-a-kind haven for plant life boasting over 500 different species of trees, shrubs and vines. It is one of the oldest and most diverse in the Midwest.

William Lincoln Taylor (W.T. for short) and his brother Everett planted the trees that are the foundation of the arboretum today. They planted everything in rows, so if you look carefully, you can see the original lines, now surrounded by newer additions.

Klehm is best known for its expansive conifer, oak and magnolia collections (as well as abundant wildlife) which makes walking the 2 miles of paths equally thrilling to the eyes, ears and nose. Every sense is engaged at Klehm. The azalea and rhododendron garden (blooming in early March through September) is the newest addition to the collection and largest in northern Illinois.

**"There are so many different species to see,"** said Barbara Manning, a frequent stroller on the grounds. **"I enjoy coming out to see the old Oaks and the gardens in bloom when the weather starts to get warmer, but winter is white and wonderful, too."**



Carl Petersen, another regular to Klehm, agrees: "I see something new every time. And, for me, Klehm is a big, beautiful organic stress-reliever."

The centerpiece of the entire collection is what staff members call the Century Oak – the tallest and one of the oldest oaks at more than 150 years old. So unique and precious is the treasured bur oak that it is wired with lightning resistant cable for protection.

Because most of the collection was planted around the turn of the century, many Klehm tree samples dwarf specimens at other Midwest arboreta.

Added attractions include a Children's Garden, Grass Garden and Butterfly Garden. Klehm's programming schedule is as varied and colorful as the grounds themselves. There is literally something fun and educational going on every week, from the Garden Fair to the Summer Music Series and more.

The seasons may change, but the beauty and variety of plant life the Taylor brothers planted at Klehm Arboretum ages ago just keeps getting better. No doubt they would be very proud, indeed, to see their old nursery now. **Call 815.965.8146 or visit [klehm.org](http://klehm.org).** Admission is just \$4.00.



Klehm Arboretum boasts over 500 unique species of trees, shrubs and vines.

## MORE REASONS

### FARMER'S MARKETS

Nothing is better than fresh from the field produce. Visit one of the many Farmer's Markets held throughout the Rockford Region. Fresh produce, plants, arts and crafts by area farmers and artisans are available each week from June – October. Log on to [gorockford.com](http://gorockford.com) for a complete list.

### APPLE ORCHARDS

Bite into a delicious apple or other produce you've just picked. Enjoy visiting one of these great orchards.

#### Curran's Orchard

6385 Kilburn Ave, Rockford, IL 61101  
815-963-7848  
Pumpkins, apples, loaded raspberry patch, gourds, honey, Indian corn, squash, cider, jams, jellies, home-made vinegar, dried flowers.

#### Edwards Apple Orchard – West

8218 Cemetery Rd. Winnebago, IL  
815-963-2261  
A variety of apples including honey crisp, jonagold and McIntosh are available to enjoy. Cider, fresh-from-the oven apple cider donuts, and pie are delicious treats. Play areas for kids including petting zoo. Pick your own pumpkin and raspberries.

#### Valley Orchard

811 Elgin Street Cherry Valley, IL 61016  
815-332-9696  
Seasonal produce and activities. Pick-your-own raspberries, blueberries, apples. Also, purchase asparagus, peppers, squash, pumpkins, tomatoes, and more.

### CHRISTMAS TREE FARMS

Enjoy the fun of taking the family out to cut down your own Christmas tree. Several tree farms in the Rockford Region provide everything from a free saw to a variety of species to choose from. Visit [gorockford.com](http://gorockford.com) for details.

### SINNISSIPPI GARDENS, GREENHOUSE, LAGOON & RECREATION TRAIL

1300 N. 2nd St. Rockford, IL 61107  
815-987-8858 [rockfordparkdistrict.org](http://rockfordparkdistrict.org)  
A cheerful river-side garden spot whose attractions include an annual garden, a giant floral clock, an accredited rose garden plus a lagoon, which is home to graceful Mute Swans. The gardens are adjacent to the 10 mile-long Rock River Recreation Path.





The Head of the Rock Regatta is an exciting Rock River tradition.

# pick a weekend

**Winter, spring, summer or fall, the Rockford Region has it all.**

- Rubbing fossils with superstars of the paleo world? Check.
- A gigantic festival of music, food and fun? Check.
- The Rock River teaming with fired-up rowers? Check.
- More to the story? Check!

## HEAD OF THE ROCK

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 1700 plus rowers from across the country convene for head-to-head competition at the Head of the Rock. From prep and collegiate teams to club teams of all ages, the Head of the Rock has become 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 shared the 2.5 miles of the Rock River's prime racing length each year. Major universities represented in both men's and women's events over the years have included Purdue, University of Iowa, Northwestern, Marquette, University of Minnesota, University of Michigan, Notre Dame and others.

Randy Jablonic, the legendary (and now retired) Head Coach of the University of Wisconsin men's varsity rowing team, played an instrumental role in helping initiate Rockford's rowing club and the first Head of the Rock. In 1984, at the request of John Holub, then Executive Director of a local economic development agency, Jablonic visited Rockford to assess the quality of its rowing water. Jay Graham, who ushered Jablonic to town, recalls his reaction after getting out of his car and walking to the spot where the local boat house now sits.

"Randy got extremely excited," Graham said. "He saw our river and his jaw literally dropped. He was practically jumping around. He said it was the finest stretch of rowing water he had seen in the United States and we HAD to have a rowing club and we HAD to have a race in Rockford."

**"We've heard that from so many other people over the years,"** says Dennis Kaderabek, Regatta founder. **"I've been Race Director for 20 years now and I'll tell you - I've become very proud of our river. It's the envy of all the clubs that compete at our race. For a number of reasons it is unique in the nation."**

Not the least of the Rock River's assets is its spectator-friendliness. 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, Whitman Street and Riverside Boulevard bridges - Auburn Street being the best of the three.

The Rock River runs through the center of Rockford. Our region also boasts three other rivers! Visit the beautiful **Pecatonica, Sugar and Kishwaukee Rivers** and find your favorite view from every bank.



## CLASSICS & CHROME

Dreaming of Mustangs and Camaros and....

If you see people with that far away look in their eyes at Classics & Chrome Car Show, don't worry. They're probably just reliving distant memories or future scenes of putting pedal to the metal, revving the engine and cruising down the highway in the car of their dreams.

"I think they dream car dreams. I think they stand in front of a hot rod that somebody restored from scratch and see this beautiful vehicle and picture themselves as the owner of that car," said Kathy Scarpaci, Director of Classics & Chrome, when asked why people come out to the show year after year.

The show, which occurs every April, has over 110 vintage rides ready to roll into your daydreams: from pre-war classics such as the Ford Model T to muscle cars like a vintage Chevy Camaro. Classics & Chrome prides itself on variety and rarity, bringing in cars from across the country.

**"We try to get as wide a representation as possible of as many unusual cars or rare cars that we can come up with,"** said Vince Zammuto, Chairman of the event. **"You're going to come out for an afternoon and see cars that maybe you haven't seen before in your entire life."**

John Langford, a Classics & Chrome enthusiast, loves the variety. "It's so cool to see all the different cars that the owners take such pride in. It definitely takes you back to another place in time," he said.

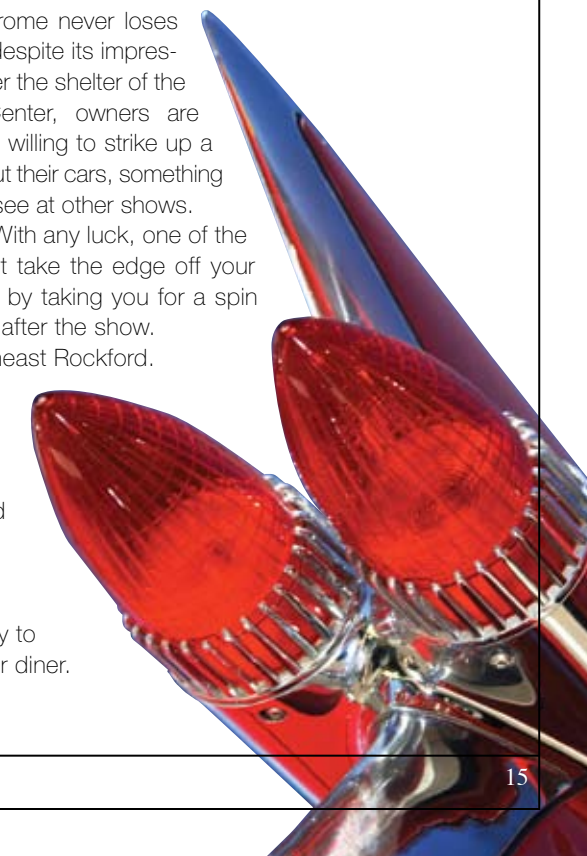
Although car aficionados peering under propped up hoods are a staple at this event, you don't have to be one to enjoy the show. There is no age limit and at only \$6 for adults (free for kids under 12), cashing in to see these relics won't cost you more than the price of a couple of evergreen air fresheners to hang from your own rearview.

Classics & Chrome never loses its intimate vibe, despite its impressive scope. Under the shelter of the Indoor Sports Center, owners are usually more than willing to strike up a conversation about their cars, something you don't always see at other shows.

Who knows? With any luck, one of the owners just might take the edge off your vintage car jones by taking you for a spin around the block after the show.

ISC is in Northeast Rockford.

Want more classics and chrome? Take a short drive north on Perryville Road to **Kegel Harley Davidson**. Once there, don't pass up the opportunity to have lunch in their diner.





## ON THE WATERFRONT

A Festival for the Senses

To see (and hear and taste) it now, you wouldn't think Rockford's downtown On The Waterfront festival began the way it did. Not with the wealth of visual stimulation, great music and vast array of tasty ethnic food it offers today.

"We started out with one city block of ethnic food and Michael Jackson impersonators. I have to chuckle about that. To have grown to this level in 22 years is phenomenal," said Becky Genoways, Festival Director.

On The Waterfront is a particularly dynamic attraction for music lovers. The largest music festival in Illinois combines local, regional and national acts. **It has more than 140 live performances on eight stages within its 36-hour duration – the most acts per hour for any festival in the Midwest.** Past lineups have included acts such as Alice Cooper, Better Than Ezra, and of course, Rockford natives, Cheap Trick. With musical genres like rock, country, celtic, jazz and classical, there is literally something for every eager ear.

If the ears get tired, the taste buds can pick up the slack at this calorie-rich event. Snack on a pork chop sandwich, nachos, Italian beef and wash it down with a cold lemonade or smoothie. Yes, beer and wine is available, too. Funnel cakes, ice cream and deep-fried candy bars (for the more adventurous) are available for dessert.

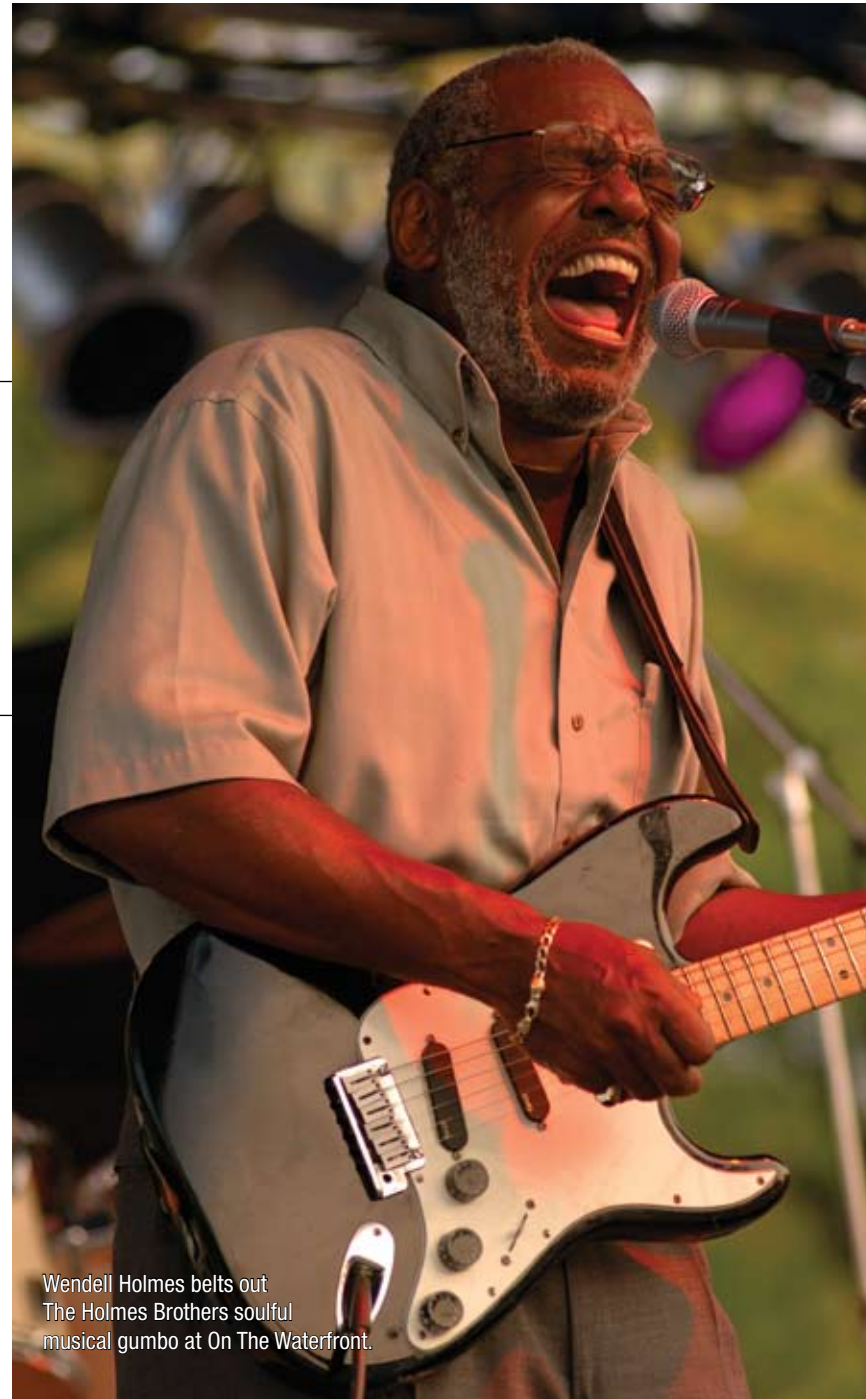
The optic nerves are well cared for, too. See fireworks over the Rock River each night, a sky-cracking Navy Jet flyby or different tanks and vehicles on display by the United States Army. Other attractions include art, jewelry and clothing for sale at the "Urban Market" or a myriad of different carnival thrill rides for both kids and adults.

Also, it's reassuring to know that your admission for the 4-day event will go toward a worthy cause. Led by generous volunteers, this not-for-profit earns around \$400,000 every year for worthwhile community causes such as local schools, animal shelters, hospitals and various other social service organizations.

Year after year, visitors to OTW have a great time, evidenced by the many positive testimonials people send to Genoways.

"We receive notes from people throughout the region saying 'we came this year and we're coming back next year with several friends because of the production, the music, the small crowds and the free parking. It's a combination that is hard to beat,'" she said.

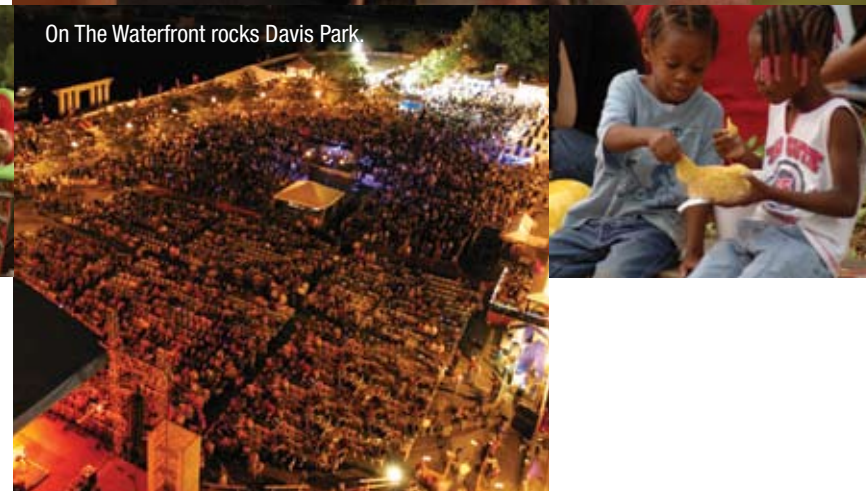
Visit [onthewaterfront.com](http://onthewaterfront.com), [gorockford.com](http://gorockford.com) or call 815-964-4388. In between concerts, take time to stop in at one of our downtown shops: **Lula's Vintage Boutique** or **JR Kortman** will be sure to have that one-of-a-kind gift or trinket you couldn't find anywhere else.



Wendell Holmes belts out The Holmes Brothers soulful musical gumbo at On The Waterfront.



The annual On The Waterfront festival engages all the senses.



On The Waterfront rocks Davis Park.

## PALEOFEST

No Bones About it - PaleoFest Passes The "Originals" Test

The idea of having a "fest" is nothing new. Cities and towns all over the world honor ideas, music, products - even beer - with a variety of the theme-based celebrations. But for dinosaur fans and scholars, nothing this side of Jurassic Park compares with PaleoFest right here in Rockford, Illinois. It is the creme de la bone of dinosaur celebrations.

Where else can you rub fossils with superstars of the paleo world like Paul Sereno, Jack Horner, Bob Bakker, Peter Larson, Mark Norrell and Phil Currie - not to mention Burpee's own Michael Henderson - all in the same room? Only at Burpee Museum's PaleoFest, of course! Each year since 1999, world-renowned paleontologists have gathered at Burpee to share their knowledge and trade ideas at a dino party that's tailor-made to intrigue anyone who loves dinosaurs - regardless of age or educational background. That goes for kids, too; PaleoFest has special Dinoblast activities arranged just for them.

**PaleoFest is much more than an annual academic exercise. Here among precious relics of the ancient world, there's something for everyone, including lectures tailored to adults, students and families. PaleoTalks focus on a variety of hot topics and feature annual updates on newly learned information about Jane, Burpee's star resident - the world's third most complete *T. rex* skeleton and the only juvenile *T. rex* in the world.** As of this writing in 2005, there's more news about to be announced out of Hell Creek, Jane's Montana home. A Burpee crew has managed to unearth a couple of Triceratops and a Hadrosaur. Doubtless, these startling new finds will be thoroughly covered at upcoming PaleoFests.

Don't leave the kids at home this February! They will love the DinoBlast events, including opportunities to dig bones, cast their very own fossils, assemble dinosaur "skeletons," discover prehistoric plants and much more. PaleoFest is a unique opportunity to immerse your entire family in a world dating back more than 66 million years. **For complete information on PaleoFest and other Burpee events, including hotel packages, visit [www.burpee.org](http://www.burpee.org) and [gorockford.com](http://gorockford.com).** While you're at [gorockford.com](http://gorockford.com), check for other events and goings on in Rockford's downtown Cultural Corridor.



PaleoFest at Burpee Museum means dino-tastic fun for everyone.

## MORE FUN

### ARTSCENE

Rockford Area Arts Council

815-963-6765 [artsforeveryone.com](http://artsforeveryone.com)

Held in April and October, ArtScene brings out thousands of art-lovers to more than 30 galleries and studios all over town to enjoy new exhibits of original works. Art Scene attracts so many fans because it is free, and it's fun for both the browser and the buyer.

### GARDEN FAIR EXTRAVAGANZA

Klehm Arboretum & Botanic Garden

2715 S. Main St., Rockford, IL 61102

888-419-0782 [klehm.org](http://klehm.org)

Held annually in June, Garden Fair Extravaganza is the Midwest's premiere gardening and outdoor living marketplace. The event features more than 100 vendors selling every kind garden-related item you can imagine, an Outdoor Kitchen demonstration area and fun activities for children.

### GREENWICH VILLAGE ART FAIR

Rockford Art Museum

711 N. Main St., Rockford, IL 61103

815-968-2787 [rockfordartmuseum.org](http://rockfordartmuseum.org)

The two-day juried art fair held in September features over 100 local, regional and national artists. Art lovers may purchase from a wide variety of media including watercolor, oil, acrylic, sculpture, photography, ceramics, glass, wood, fiber, and jewelry. The Rockford Artist Fair, with 75 exhibitors, is also held the same weekend just down the street at Beattie Park.

### GROOVE WALK

815-964-4388 [onthewaterfront.com](http://onthewaterfront.com)

One Groove Walk ticket admits you to more than 12 downtown establishments where you can enjoy fantastic live music. Each May you can walk from establishment to establishment or hop a trolley for a free ride as it runs along the Groove Walk route throughout the event.

### WAR REENACTMENTS

Midway Village & Museum Center

6799 Guilford Rd., Rockford, IL 61107

815-397-9112 [midwayvillage.com](http://midwayvillage.com)

Get a first-hand look at the perils of soldiering in the Revolutionary, Civil or World Wars. Midway Village & Museum Center hosts these events on their property, giving visitors the chance to talk with re-enactor hobbyists who are knowledgeable and eager to share their knowledge of the war, the equipment and conditions the armies encountered.





Joe Cason prepares tortellini with a smile at Maria's, a Rockford Original since 1913.

# hometown COOKIN'

**Rockford's restaurant scene is slathered with uniquely local flavor.**

Looking for some truly tasty options to standard restaurant fare? You've come to the right place. Rockfordians love nothing more than going out for dinner - and doing it with original flare.

## MARIA'S ITALIAN CAFE

Where Everyone Is Famiglia

**Even most longtime Rockford residents don't know that Maria's is in its second location. The restaurant first took roots across the street in the Cason family Italian grocery store, circa 1913.**

The little store is long gone, but under the loving hands of Maria Dal Cason's grandsons Joe and John, and her daughter-in-law Carmella, Maria's is still cooking in the same kitchen the cafe moved to in the early 1930s.

Along with the sweet smell of home-made Italian food, this favorite Rockford dinner spot breathes history. Soldiers training for World War II at nearby Camp Grant once ate there - at specially prepared tables in the basement - and at discount prices. Maria's son, Jake, was unable to serve in the war due to a serious childhood injury, but serve the soldiers he did: gladly and generously.

You will most likely approach Maria's from the parking lot, walking past the sliding screen door that leads to its kitchen. Golden light glows inside along with the historic aromas of red sauce, fresh-cut steaks on the grill and olive oil and garlic. It's the perfect visual and aromatic appetizer - and stands in contrast to the laughter and conversation you'll hear when you open the front door and enter the restaurant.

There's a small TV in the bar, but fellowship is obviously the most entertaining thing in the room. Most nights, you'll get the feeling that everyone knows everybody else - and they all have a lot to say to each other.

As you might expect, the walls are festooned with photos of visiting Presidents and celebrities, Cason family memories (Jake trying on a buddy's US Army uniform he so badly wanted to wear himself) and old newspaper articles.

There's plenty to tempt you on the menu - from pasta and pizza (Maria's was the first sit-down restaurant in Rockford to offer pizza) to the famous garlic-spiced New York strip, sirloin and porterhouse steaks. Don't miss Maria's Special Salad with tangy oil and vinegar dressing, homemade Italian sausage, red peppers, bleu cheese and olives.

Unless you're extraordinarily hungry, chances are you will be taking tomorrow's lunch home with you tonight; the portions are generous, to say the least. You can just hear Maria, with a musical Italian accent, saying, "eat something! You're too skinny!"

Maria's is not the easiest restaurant to get to in Rockford, but the extra minutes you spend finding it will be returned with a glowing feeling of having stepped back into a simpler, more flavorful time. **Call 815-968-6781 for reservations.**

**Insider's Tip:** Ask your waitress if there are any "off the menu" items like shrimp de jonghe or artichoke soup available. There frequently are - and they're always delicious. Call far enough ahead and Joe Cason will make you just about anything you want - whether it's on the menu or not.

## BEEFAROO

Beefaroo Is *Still* Cooking It Just For You

**Jean Vitale, owner of Beefaroo, is not one to rest on her laurels - or her burgers, for that matter. She's more interested in building on 30 years of burger building success than just, umm, relishing it.**

"A lot of people in the restaurant business fall into the trap of counting sales," said Vitale. "But, yesterday is not what Beef-a-Roo is about. It's about the customer that is in front of me right this moment. If I listen closely, that customer will tell me the key to future success."

And, just like the old jingle said (Beefaroo! Beefaroo! We're cookin' it just for you!) what customers have said is they love Vitale's delicious fast food. Beef-a-Roo has flourished despite wave after wave of challenges from big-hitting national chains while other brands have come, gone and been deep fried by the competition.

Every Beefaroo sandwich is handmade to order and, like the jingle didn't say, each sandwich is made of fresh, high-quality ingredients. Being made-to-order, Beefaroo's food might not be the fastest around, but Rockfordians have been literally eating it up for ages - since 1975, in fact. Sales keep rising faster than gas prices in these parts - gas prices being another fact that doesn't escape Vitale's attention.

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At Beefaroo, they're cookin' it just for you.



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"Now more than ever, our customers appreciate value. They also need to relax and have fun. We provide all three," she said.

Beefaroo's quirky themed décor provides the fun and relaxation - and toss brand-sameness convention out the window. There are four differently themed experiences in the Rockford area's six locations. One store is designed to look like a fire station complete with a fire ax. Another features a log-cabin North Woods theme. The 50's diner and warehouse-themed

restaurants are also popular, even if they bend the traditional fast food restaurant rules a bit.

Stop in and taste what Rockford Original fast food is all about. From the burgers and beef sandwiches, the famous fries and shakes to today's versatile seasonal offerings and healthy eating options like the Turkey BLT and the Summer Salad, Beefaroo has something to bring a smile to just about anyone's palate. **Visit [beefaroo.com](http://beefaroo.com) or [gorockford.com](http://gorockford.com) for details.**

## THE STOCKHOLM INN

Saving Rockford's Scandinavian Heritage - One Pancake At A Time

Denny Johnson has fond memories of walking to The Stockholm Inn with his father on the Forest City's sun-dappled sidewalks. "I loved the Swedish pancakes. I loved being with my dad and I loved being in a locally owned restaurant with a strong Scandinavian heritage with so many familiar faces. Even then, when I was much younger, I knew it was a special place," said Johnson.

So it came as no surprise that many years later, in 2002, when Johnson heard Rockford's "favorite place for breakfast" might close, he did the perfectly illogical thing. Johnson, and 32 other shareholders, including Cheap Trick's lead guitarist Rick Nielsen, formed the Lingonberry Group and bought the Stockholm Inn.

Stockholm has flourished under its colorful new ownership. The sheer volume of food served there belies the fact that **EVERYTHING IS MADE FROM SCRATCH. 500,000 "world-famous" Swedish pancakes, 39,000 eggs and 250,000 cups of coffee are served each year to over 500,000 people.** Some of the more unique include: Kroppkakor, a fried potato breakfast treat with a center of marinated salted pork served with a side of lingonberries, and on a seasonal basis, Lutefisk, a heavily salted Swedish herring dish that - trust us - you'll be hard-pressed to find anywhere else this side of the Atlantic Ocean.

**"My dad ate at The Stockholm Inn every single day,"** remembers Nielsen. **"How could a hometown boy like me say 'no' to the idea of being a part of a family history like that? It may not be the most rock 'n' roll thing I've ever done - being part-owner of a family style restaurant - but it felt like the right thing to do. I'm glad I did it."**

What do rock stars have for breakfast?  
Swedish pancakes, of course - at the Stockholm Inn.



Most Rockford residents would agree - as returning sons, daughters, grandchildren and other relatives always insist on "breakfast at Stockholm" when they visit town.

Try the Stockholm Inn for yourself and enjoy a taste of Rockford's Scandinavian past. On your way out the door, don't forget to strum a wall-mounted Nielsen guitar festooned with Sweden's blue and yellow flag for good luck.

**Call Stockholm Inn at 815-397-3534 or visit [www.thestockholminn.com](http://www.thestockholminn.com).**



## OCTANE INTERLOUNGE

All Things To All People

Situated in the heart of the downtown Rockford's River District, with sleek glass windows on the outside and vibrant colors inside, Octane features a dynamic atmosphere that welcomes the likes of local politicians, musicians, artists and business folk on a daily basis. In fact, a local columnist dubbed it "City Hall West" after noticing that Rockford's Mayor, Larry Morrissey, is a frequent visitor.

Octane boasts an enticing combination of great food, excellent coffee, great people-watching and yes, free wireless internet.

"It's colorful, it's got good energy, a good feeling," said Dan Minick, owner, when asked about his business's attributes. "We're eclectic, and you can see that in the menu and its flavor profiles. We want our customers to taste a riot of flavor."

The menu rides a tasty line between comforting and trendy. This is not your standard fare, yet it's far from pretentious. Minick strives to create American food with international flair. Rockford's taste buds say he has succeeded.

For instance, a burger isn't just a burger at Octane - you know, the all American one with mustard, onion, tomato and catsup. Rather, it's the Blue Note Burger, the star of the menu - infused with a blend of bleu cheese, garlic mayo, and Dijon. Or the Atomic Burger, with more than just a hint of jalapeño pepper and spicy cheese.

Other edgy dishes include the Honky Tonk Quesadilla featuring chicken, spinach and artichoke between a crisp tortilla shell and Spanish Paella baked with mozzarella cheese on top. Vegetarian, pasta and tapas dishes round out the menu.

True to its namesake and versatility, Octane serves up potent enough espresso, cappuccino, latte and drip coffee to keep you wired all day. The double shot will more than curb the afternoon lull or jumpstart the best of conversations with friends and family.



**"It's comforting to know that I can come here for a great meal or just stop in for the best espresso or mocha this town has to offer,"** said Nick Jacoby, an Octane regular. **"Octane offers so much and means different things to me at different times of the day."**

Laid back enough for relaxation, yet popular and centrally located enough to meet a colleague or associate for lunch, Octane really is everything to everybody.

**Call Octane at 815-965-4012.** Octane is located in downtown Rockford. After dinner browse the artwork at **J.R. Kortman Center for Design.**



Octane is an original hotspot for food, coffee, cocktails and free wireless internet access.

## 8 MORE LOCAL EATS

### CAFFE GRECO

851 South St., Rockford, IL 61102  
815-963-3157

*Nestled in southwest Rockford's old Italian neighborhood, this small cafe features Turkey Burgers to Black Angus Filet Mignon and some of the area's best Italian meals.*

### DER RATHSKELLER GERMAN RESTAURANT & BAR

1132 Auburn St., Rockford, IL 61103  
815-963-2922

*Enjoy great German dining in Rockford's North End neighborhood. Delicious sandwiches and traditional family style German specialties. Live accordion on weekends.*

### IRISH ROSE

519 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61104  
815-964-0480

*Cozy, neighborhood restaurant in downtown Rockford's River District, offering fresh seafood, delicious appetizers, and unique spirits.*

### JMK NIPPON

2551 N. Perryville Rd., Rockford, IL 61107  
815-877-0505

*Midwest's finest Japanese restaurant where they prepare your meal at your table. Traditional seafood, steak and chicken dishes, located near Aldeen Golf Club.*

### JOSEF OF BARBADOS

6860 Spring Creek, Rockford, IL 61114  
815-282-3400

*Renowned Austrian chef Josef Schwaiger offers fine continental dining, an oyster bar and elegant surroundings on Rockford's east side.*

### KIKI B'S

1641 N. Alpine Rd., Rockford, IL 61107  
815-986-0338

*A neighborhood eatery, located at the Shops of Edgebrook, with moderately priced appetizers and entrees in a lively, spirited atmosphere.*

### OLYMPIC TAVERN

2327 N. Main St., Rockford, IL 61103  
815-962-8758

*Friendly North End neighborhood spot since 1945 for drinks, sandwiches, pizza, homemade soup or full dinners. Patio dining in summer.*

### THAI HUT

1441 Sandy Hollow, Rockford, IL 61109  
815-398-0522

*Authentic Thai dishes served for lunch and dinner, located in Southeast Rockford.*



# sites & attractions

## indoor fun

### Amusement

#### CoCo Key Water Resort

7801 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61108  
815-398-6000 [www.cocokeywaterresort.com](http://www.cocokeywaterresort.com)

Attached to the Clock Tower Resort & Conference Center, CoCo Key Water Resort features over 60,000 square feet of pools, slides and more, plus the Key Quest Arcade. The park includes three waterslides, an interactive Adventure Island, giant whirlpools and a dip-in movie theater. Parents will love the on-site day spa and the Wet Rooster Bar.

#### Laser Quest

293 Executive Pkwy., Rockford, IL 61107  
815-227-9090 [www.laserquest.com](http://www.laserquest.com)

Live action laser tag at its best! Laser Quest combines the games of tag and hide and seek with a high-tech twist.

#### NickelWorld, Inc.

3321 N. Main St., Rockford, IL 61103  
815-877-2771 [www.nickelworld.com](http://www.nickelworld.com)

Family amusement center with more than 78 free and five-cent games; 40 redemption games dispense tickets to redeem for prizes; 30 video games and novelty games. Area provided for waiting parents. Group events and birthday party bookings available.

## Museums & Historic Sites

#### Burpee Museum of Natural History

737 N. Main St., Rockford, IL 61103  
815-965-3433, [www.burpee.org](http://www.burpee.org)

Home to the world's most complete and best-preserved juvenile *T. rex*, Jane and an exhibit that explores the history of this young dinosaur. Other exhibits include: Windows to Wilderness, Pennsylvania coal forest with simulated thunderstorms; Native American exhibit with full-sized dwellings; Geoscience with glaciers, volcanoes; and a viewing lab where visitors can watch Burpee staff work on specimens from the museum's collection. Adjacent to Discovery Center Museum.

#### Bushnell-Wheeler House

542 Wheeler Ave., South Beloit, IL 61080  
815-389-1781

Completed in 1856 for Reverend Alexander Montgomery, this Italianate Villa has been restored to its former glory. Local area history room and library. Annual Christmas Open House and summer band concerts in the gazebo. Tours by appointment.

#### Discovery Center Museum

711 N. Main St., Rockford, IL 61103  
815-963-6769  
[www.discoverycentermuseum.org](http://www.discoverycentermuseum.org)

Experience a world of hands-on investigation and fun-filled exploration at this children's science museum with 200 plus hands-on science and art exhibits, planetarium, TV studio, robotics lab and outdoor science park. Recognized as Fourth Best Children's Museum in the country by Child Magazine, next to the Burpee and Rockford Art Museums.

#### Erlander Home Museum

404 S. Third St., Rockford, IL 61104  
815-963-5559, [www.swedishhistorical.org](http://www.swedishhistorical.org)

Built in 1871 for Swedish industrialist John Erlander and his family, the twelve-room home now features collections including Rockford-made furniture, Charlotte Weibull doll collection and many artifacts recalling Swedish immigration to northern Illinois and Rockford's Swedish heritage. Don't miss the Midsommer's Day festival in mid-June and the Lucia Fest in early December.

#### Ethnic Heritage

1129 S. Main St. (IL 2), Rockford, IL 61102  
815-962-7402

Six nationalities that helped shape the cultural region are represented in this home museum, built in 1850. Located in the heart of the old waterpower district, the house features a room for each ethnic group it represents: African, American, Irish, Italian, Lithuanian, Polish, and Hispanic. Call for hours. Next to Graham-Ginestra House museum.

#### Graham-Ginestra House

1115 S. Main St., Rockford, IL 61102  
815-968-6044

This classic, National Register limestone 1857 home is preserved virtually intact, including furnishings. The Italianate design features ceiling murals, spiral staircase and beautiful gardens. Garden opens dawn-dusk. Call for hours. Next to Ethnic Heritage Museum.

#### Historic Auto Attractions

13825 Metric Dr., Roscoe, IL 61073  
815-389-7917, [www.historicautoattractions.com](http://www.historicautoattractions.com)

More than just a display of historic automobiles, it's a journey through time! Over 70 historic autos displayed in 36,000 sq. ft., including presidential limousines, Lincoln's chair from his presidential railroad car, Al Capone's car, Indy cars, TV Land cars and movie cars such as the Batmobile. Kids will love the Turn-of-the-Century Room with old west style stage coach and other period vehicles. Call ahead for hours.

#### Keeling-Puri Peace Plaza

.25 miles south of Riverside Blvd. on Perryville Rd., Loves Park, IL 61111  
[www.keeling-puri-peaceplaza.com](http://www.keeling-puri-peaceplaza.com)

Dedicated to peace, tranquility and celebrating diversity and heritage, this 2.5-acre park showcases 40 flags, 30 languages, 10 prophets of peace, two hemispheres, one world. The plaza is also the head of Rockford's 20-mile Perryville Path network of bicycle and recreational trails.

#### Memorial Hall

211 N. Main St., Rockford, IL 61101  
815-969-1999, Fax: 815-397-9156

Memorial Hall is a tribute to Winnebago County citizens who have served in the Armed Forces. Large wall plaques list names of fallen soldiers, display cases house Armed Services artifacts; renovated 2nd floor auditorium used by cultural groups. Located adjacent to downtown pedestrian mall and restaurants.

#### Midway Village & Museum Center

6799 Guilford Rd., Rockford, IL 61107  
815-397-9112, [www.midwayvillage.com](http://www.midwayvillage.com)

Turn-of-the-century living history village, with 24 buildings on 137 acres, including general store, church, one-room schoolhouse, fire station, bank, blacksmith shop. Indoor galleries with permanent exhibits on area heritage. Special and seasonal events, traveling exhibits, a variety of annual re-enactments including Wild West Days, Civil War Days and World War II Days. Free recreational path located on property.

#### Pecatonica Heritage Museum

312 Main Street, Pecatonica, IL 61063  
888-851-1559

The museum preserves the history of Pecatonica's historic grain elevator and houses the Pecatonica Historical Society. Located next to the Pec Prairie Path, part of the "Grand Illinois Trail."

#### Rockford Art Museum

711 N. Main St., Rockford, IL 61103  
815-968-2787 [www.rockfordartmuseum.org](http://www.rockfordartmuseum.org)

Illinois' largest art museum outside of Chicago with over 1,200 works of art; noted for its permanent collection of 19th and 20th Century American art, plus dynamic and changing exhibits featuring regional and national artists. Don't miss the Museum gift shop. Next to Discovery Center and Burpee Museums.

#### Macktown Living History

2221 Freeport Rd., Rockton, IL 61072  
815-624-4200,  
[www.macktownlivinghistory.com](http://www.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. Don't miss The Gathering at Macktown, an annual re-enactment weekend in April.

#### Tinker Swiss Cottage Museum

411 Kent St., Rockford, IL 61102  
815-964-2424, [www.tinkercottage.com](http://www.tinkercottage.com)

A rare example of Victorian exotic architecture, this 1865 Swiss "cottage," was built by early Rockford industrialist Robert Tinker. Parquet floors, ornate woodwork, murals, sculptures, spiral staircase, with the family's original furnishings and belongings in place. Don't miss the recently reconstructed suspension bridge which crosses Kent Creek. Near Graham-Ginestra and Ethnic Heritage Museums.

## Recreation/Sports

#### Carlson Ice Arena & Sapura Playworld

4150 N. Perryville Rd., Loves Park, IL 61111  
815-969-4069, [www.rockfordparkdistrict.org](http://www.rockfordparkdistrict.org)

Year-round indoor ice rink with figure skating, hockey, broomball, parties, lessons, exhibitions. Sapura Playworld, indoor three-level soft play-ground for children 5-12, with Tiny Tots Play Space for toddlers. Skate shop, sub shop, ballet school, martial arts studio.

#### MetroCentre

300 Elm Street, Rockford, IL 61101  
815-968-5222, [www.centreevents.com](http://www.centreevents.com)

Rockford's 10,000 seat downtown arena hosts a variety of events and entertainments. Home to two of Rockford's professional sports teams, IceHogs (hockey), and Raptors (indoor football) as well as trade shows, concerts, rodeos and motor sports events. Close to downtown restaurants, theaters and parks.

#### Rockford IceHogs

815-986-6465 [www.icehogs.com](http://www.icehogs.com)

The Rockford IceHogs, proud members of the American Hockey League, began play in October of 1999. Games held at the Metro Centre at 300 W. Elm St., Rockford.

#### Riverview Ice House

324 N. Madison St., Rockford, IL 61107  
815-963-7465, [www.rockfordparkdistrict.org](http://www.rockfordparkdistrict.org)

Many Olympic, national and regional skating stars have trained here. This year-round ice skating facility offers twin rinks for open skating, figure skating, hockey, broomball, parties, lessons, exhibitions, strength and conditioning training center.

#### Rock River Raptors

815-965-7000 [www.raptorsuif.com](http://www.raptorsuif.com)

The Rock River Raptors compete in the United Indoor Football league and play eight home games in Rockford. Games held at the Metro Centre at 300 W. Elm St., Rockford.

#### Rockford RiverHawks

4503 Interstate Blvd. Loves Park, IL 61111  
815-885-2255 [www.rockfordriverhawks.com](http://www.rockfordriverhawks.com)

The RiverHawks are members of the Frontier League, a 12-team independent professional baseball league that will play its 15th season in their new stadium in the Summer of 2006.

#### Trackside Off-Track Betting

5011 E. State St, Rockford, IL 61108  
815-398-2300 [www.tracksideOTB.com](http://www.tracksideOTB.com)

At OTB the races at Arlington Park, Calder Racecourse, Churchill Downs, Hollywood Park, Hoosier Park and more are brought to you. Trackside off-track betting features simulcast racing from the best thoroughbred or harness tracks across the country.

## Bowling

#### B & B Park Bowl

5626 N. 2nd Street, Loves Park, IL 61111  
815-633-8824

A walk-in-everyone-knows-you bowling center with eight lanes, the latest equipment and a friendly bar.

#### Cherry Bowl & Shooter's East Dart Bar

7171 N. CherryVale Blvd, Rockford, IL 61112  
815-332-9595 [www.thecherrybowlonline.com](http://www.thecherrybowlonline.com)

Bowling center with 32 lanes and Brunswick scoring, located near CherryVale Mall.

#### Don Carter Bowling Lanes

4007 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61108  
815-399-0314 [www.doncarterlanes.com](http://www.doncarterlanes.com)

Northern Illinois' largest bowling facility with 42 lanes. Host of many regional, state and national tournaments.

#### Forest Hills Lanes & Shooter's North

7742 Forest Hills Rd, Loves Park, IL 61111  
815-654-3900

Modern bowling center with 24 lanes, 4 adjacent softball diamonds and Shooters North bar.

#### Park Lanes

5318 N 2nd St, Loves Park, IL 61111  
815-877-6051 [www.parklanesbowl.com](http://www.parklanesbowl.com)

Bowling center with 32 new lanes with the latest scoring equipment, a large bar.

#### 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.

## outdoor fun

### Amusement

#### The Clubhouse Ice Cream & Mini Golf

5689 Elevator Rd., Roscoe, IL 61073  
815-623-8008

Take the kids for a round of miniature golf, a train ride and a double-dip cone.

#### Competition Grand Prix

7215 CherryVale North Blvd., Rockford, IL 61112  
815-332-9647

Go-kart track for adults and kids. Children under 54 inches may ride only with an adult or ride on the "kiddie track."

#### Forest City Queen and Trolley Car 36 at Riverview Park

324 N. Madison St., Rockford, IL 61107  
815-987-8894 [www.rockfordparkdistrict.org](http://www.rockfordparkdistrict.org)

Spend a leisurely day on the Rock River aboard the Rockford Park District's excursion boat or riding on the Track Trolley along the banks of the river. A variety of cruises are offered: sightseeing, dinner, pizza, water ski shows. One-week advance reservations required for dinner cruises. Group excursions and rates available.

#### Magic Waters Waterpark

7820 N. CherryVale Blvd., Cherry Valley, IL 61016  
815-966-2442, 800-373-1679  
[www.magicwaterswaterpark.com](http://www.magicwaterswaterpark.com)

Midwest's largest public water park, with "The Abyss" dark tube slide, SplashBlaster water coaster, Breaker Beach 707,000 gallon wave pool, three body slides, two tube slides, SplashMagic River, Little Lagoon for the little tykes, Castaway Adventure Island, sand volleyball, lounge chairs, lockers, concessions, shade, picnic area (coolers and picnics welcome, no alcohol). Local hotels offer "Splash & Lodge" packages and discount tickets.

#### Volcano Falls Adventure Park

7602 Rock Valley Parkway, Loves Park, IL 61111  
815-282-2100 [www.volcanofalls.com](http://www.volcanofalls.com)

Play miniature golf on the ground-shaking Volcano Course under the shadow of an erupting volcano or take it easy on the 9-hole Palm Course. Sharpen your sports skills in batting cages and the area's only soccer cages; enjoy "combat" with your friends in the Laser Zone. Game room and snack bar.



## Gardens, Nature & Outdoor Education

### Anderson Japanese Gardens

318 Spring Creek Rd., Rockford, IL 61107  
815-229-9390 [www.andersongardens.org](http://www.andersongardens.org)

You'll be awe-struck by the natural beauty and serenity of Anderson Japanese Gardens, ranked the top Japanese garden in North America. Take time to explore the 12 acres of this 12th-Century-style "pond-strolling" garden, with paths, pools, streams, lanterns, pagodas, waterfalls, Sukiya-style buildings (guesthouse, gazebo, teahouse).

### Klehm Arboretum & Botanic Garden

2715 S. Main St., Rockford, IL 61102  
888-419-0782 [www.klehm.org](http://www.klehm.org)

The 150 acres of this "living museum" were planted with rare and unusual trees and shrubs in 1910. Today, it is a year-round pleasure, with paved walks and wood-chip trails, an art gallery, fountain, display gardens, classes, programs and a beautiful education center.

### Rock Cut State Park

7318 Harlem Rd., Loves Park, IL 61111  
815-885-3311  
[www.dnr.state.il.us/lands/landmgt/parks/R1/ROCKCUT.HTM](http://www.dnr.state.il.us/lands/landmgt/parks/R1/ROCKCUT.HTM)

Beautiful Illinois state park with two lakes, boating, fishing, swimming beach, restored prairie and bird watching, hiking and extensive campgrounds.

### Sand Bluff Bird Observatory

At Colored Sands Forest Preserve on Haas Rd., Shirland, IL 61079  
815-629-2671 [www.wcfdp.org](http://www.wcfdp.org)

A fascinating opportunity to see a wide variety of migrating birds banded and released! Don't miss special events in spring and fall, including the annual BirdFest the first weekend in May. The observatory is located in Colored Sands Forest Preserve, one of the most beautiful natural areas in northern Illinois.

### Severson Dells Environmental Educational Center

8786 Montague Rd., Rockford, IL 61102  
815-335-2915 [www.seversondells.org](http://www.seversondells.org)

369 unspoiled acres with an unusual 90% concentration of native wildflowers. A butterfly garden appeals to butterflies and hummingbirds, and the people who like to watch them. Paved path, 2.5 miles of trails, gift shop, nature walks and programs on a regular basis.

### Sinnissippi Gardens, Greenhouse, Lagoon & Recreation Trail

1300 N. 2nd St., Rockford, IL 61107  
815-987-8858 [www.rockfordparkdistrict.org](http://www.rockfordparkdistrict.org)

A cheerful river-side garden spot whose attractions include an annual garden meticulously planted with colorful bedding plants, a floral clock planted each year with thousands of annuals, an accredited rose garden plus a lagoon and fishpond graced by Mute Swans. Adjacent to 10-mile Rock River Recreation Path.

### Trailside Equestrian Centre at Lockwood Park

5209 Safford Rd., Rockford, IL 61101  
815-987-8809 [www.rockfordparkdistrict.org](http://www.rockfordparkdistrict.org)

369 acres of hills, meadows, woods, nature areas, and a stream provide a backdrop for your visit to Lockwood Park and Trailside Equestrian Centre. Located in the countryside of northwest Rockford, Lockwood Park has equestrian activities and a children's farm with a petting corral. There are picnic pavilions and playgrounds. The park, its facilities, and programs are wheelchair accessible. Across the street from Searls Park/BMX Track.

## Motor, BMX, and OHV Sports

### Blackhawk Farms Raceway

15538 Prairie Rd, South Beloit, IL 61080  
815-389-2000 [www.blackhawkfarms.com](http://www.blackhawkfarms.com)

Home to SCCA sports car events, plus autocross, motorcycle and go-kart races. Road course as well as off-road and motorcycle dirt tracks. A snack shop offers breakfast, hot and cold sandwiches and beverages; Corner 10 offers souvenirs, posters, artwork and racing supplies.

### Rockford BMX Track at Searls Park

5100 Safford Rd., Rockford, IL 61101  
815-874-8719 [www.rockfordbmx.com](http://www.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. Across the street from Lockwood Park/Trailside Center.

### Rockford Speedway

9572 Forest Hills Rd., Loves Park, IL 61111  
815-633-1500 [www.rockfordspeedway.com](http://www.rockfordspeedway.com)

Top-name NASCAR racing on a quarter-mile, high-banked track just two miles west of I-90; more than 85 scheduled events per year including American Short Trackers, Winged Women on Wheels, NASCAR Late Models, Grand nationals, Roadrunners, Hornets, School Bus, Touring Trailer, Figure 8 Races and more.

### Rocky Glen OHV

4012 S. Main St.,  
Rockford, IL 61102  
[www.rockyglenohv.com](http://www.rockyglenohv.com)

Off highway vehicle park, located on a 120-acre site with miles of trails, three scramble areas of different difficulty levels. Located along the Rock River, with a lake on the property, plenty of open terrain, winding courses full of jumps and mature trees. Interesting vistas and variety await you at Rocky Glen. Park is designed for four-wheel off highway vehicles, all-terrain vehicles and motorcycles.

## theater/culture

### Charlotte's Web for the Performing Arts

815-964-2238  
[www.snapshotmusic.com/charlottesweb](http://www.snapshotmusic.com/charlottesweb)

Folk music, jazz and blues by well-known artists perform in this nationally known institution at a variety of venues. Call for schedules, hours and admission fees.

### Coronado Performing Arts Center

314 N. Main St Rockford, IL 61101  
815-968-2722 [www.coronadopac.org](http://www.coronadopac.org)

An ornate movie palace and vaudeville hall built in 1927 and fully restored and expanded in 2000. It's a delightful combination of what architects call "entertainment baroque," with gilded Spanish castles, Italian villas and Chinese dragons in relief on the sides and starry false sky.

### Mendelssohn Performing Arts Center

415 N. Church St. Rockford, IL 61103  
815-964-9713 [www.mendelssohnpac.org](http://www.mendelssohnpac.org)

The oldest, continuous community music organization in the United States. MPAC presents quality music through live performances by local and world-renowned artists.

### Midway Theater

721 E. State St. Rockford, IL 61104  
815-965-2511

Rockford's historic Midway Theater is home to special programs, including traveling musicals, a weekly talent show, rentals for parties and other community functions.

### Pec Playhouse Theatre

314 Main St. Pecatonica, IL 61063  
877-PEC-PLAY [www.pecplayhouse.org](http://www.pecplayhouse.org)

Experience a quality performance in an intimate and rustic venue. If lively musicals, hilarious comedies, compelling and challenging dramas, or heartfelt family stories are to your liking, Pec Playhouse Theatre is ready to seat you.

### Rockford College Clark Arts Center

5050 E. State St. Rockford, IL 61108  
815-226-4100 [www.rockford.edu](http://www.rockford.edu)

Rockford College's arts center containing Maddox and Cheek Theaters, Rockford College Art Gallery and art studios.

### Rockford Coronado Concert Association

815-968-9863

Offering a five-concert season of world-class artists, the Rockford Coronado Concert Association has long been regarded as one of the best performing arts values in town. It has presented superstars such as the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Van Cliburn and Beverly Sills and in more recent years, Itzhak Perlman, Hubbard Street Dance Chicago and Lang Lang. All concerts are held at the landmark Coronado Performing Arts Center, 314 North Main Street, downtown Rockford.

### Rockford Dance Company

711 N. Main St. Rockford, IL 61103  
815-963-3341  
[www.rockforddancecompany.com](http://www.rockforddancecompany.com)

Rockford Dance Company hosts three performances throughout the year with area and professional dancers including annual holiday program. Offers ballet, jazz, tap and modern dance classes.

### Rockford Symphony Orchestra

711 N. Main St. Rockford, IL 61102  
815-965-0049 [www.rockfordsymphony.com](http://www.rockfordsymphony.com)

Each season brings spirited performances by Rockford's own talented symphony orchestra plus guest appearances by nationally known artists in Rockford's ornate Coronado Performing Arts Center and summer concerts at Starlight Theatre.

### Starlight Theatre at Rock Valley College

3301 N. Mulford Rd. Rockford, IL 61114  
815-921-2160 [www.rvcstarlight.com](http://www.rvcstarlight.com)

The area's oldest outdoor summer theatre with four musical productions. The newly reconstructed theater features more than a thousand seats, a stunningly artistic and creative retractable roof, new seating and an improved stage.

### Studio Theatre at Rock Valley College

3301 N. Mulford Rd. Rockford, IL 61114  
815-921-2160 [www.rockvalleycollege.edu](http://www.rockvalleycollege.edu)

During the fall and spring semesters, the Studio Theatre hosts plays such as Wings, Black Coffee, and 1940's Radio Hour. Each year the Studio Theatre presents a William Shakespeare classic.

### SummerWood Amphitheatre

2223 N. Mulford Rd. Rockford, IL 61107  
815-877-7046 [www.summerwood.info](http://www.summerwood.info)

Outdoor performances by nationally-known, Christian-oriented artists at the largest outdoor Christian amphitheater in the Midwest. Family-oriented environment with children's programs, free admission to most events.

## Golf

### Aldeen Golf Club & Practice Centre

1902 Reid Farm Rd., Rockford, IL 61107  
888-4ALDEEN [www.aldeengolfclub.com](http://www.aldeengolfclub.com)

Aldeen Golf Club was recently awarded 4-1/2 stars by Golf Digest's "Places to Play Guide," alongside courses such as Spyglass Hill in Pebble Beach! Golf Magazine ranks Aldeen #38 in its "Thrifty 50" list of the fifty best U.S. golf courses for \$50 or less. Par 72. The Practice Center offers 75 grass tee stations, two short game areas, two practice bunkers, and large putting green.

### Alpine Hills Golf Club & Practice Center

4402 Larson Ave., Rockford, IL 61108  
815-398-8066 [www.golpalpinehills.com](http://www.golpalpinehills.com)

Alpine Hills is a challenging 9-hole course on 57 acres with water and four sets of tees. It also has lighted practice center with driving range, chipping green, short game area and club house. Par 27.

### Atwood Homestead Golf Course

8990 Old River Rd., Rockford, IL 61103  
815-623-2411 [www.wcfdp.org](http://www.wcfdp.org)

This 18-hole course features lengthy tees so that golfers of all abilities can be accommodated. Designed by Charles Maddox in 1971, the greens are well-trapped, large and undulating. Clubhouse and pro shop. Par 72.

### Barwood Golf Course

11369 N. Main, Rockton, IL 61072  
815-624-2280

Attractive 9-hole course near Rockton, Illinois; recently rebuilt, very user-friendly.

### Elliot Golf Course

888 S. Lyford Rd., Cherry Valley, IL 61016  
815-332-5130 [www.rockfordparkdistrict.org](http://www.rockfordparkdistrict.org)

Located on the far-east side of Rockford close to I-90 and Business 20, Elliot is a championship, 18-hole course with 6,433 yards of rolling terrain, large trees, and spacious greens. Golf Digest's 3 1/2-star rating with a lighted driving range and practice facilities. Par 72.

### Golf Shack and Garrett's Cafe, Grill and Drink

1631 N. Bell School Rd., Rockford, IL 61107  
888-4GOLF90 [www.golfshack.com](http://www.golfshack.com)

All-encompassing golf superstore – the largest golf complex in Illinois – with a 10,000-square-foot retail showroom, 40-tee super driving range with 20 covered and heated tees, teaching academy, bent grass putting green, practice sand trap and full service restaurant and bar.

### Ingersoll Golf Course

101 Daisyfield Rd., Rockford, IL 61102  
815-987-8834 [www.rockfordparkdistrict.org](http://www.rockfordparkdistrict.org)

A heavily wooded 18-hole course on Rockford's west side, Ingersoll is a long-time favorite of local golfers. While there is no water on the 6,107-yard course, and the par 4's are short, the tightly tree-lined fairways make keeping the ball down imperative. This challenging course was chosen by Tiger Woods for a Youth Golf Clinic in 2001; clubhouse and driving range. Par 71.

### Ironwood Golf and Practice Center

2322 Conger Rd., Pecatonica, IL 61063  
815-239-2232  
[www.ironwoodgolfandpractice.com](http://www.ironwoodgolfandpractice.com)

9-hole golf course and practice facility near Pecatonica, Illinois; lighted and heated driving range, 3 golf simulators. Have a bite to eat at Knickers Café.

### Ledges Golf Course

7111 McCurry Rd., Roscoe, IL 61073  
815-389-0979 [www.wcfdp.org](http://www.wcfdp.org)

Built as a private course in 1966, this 18-hole course was purchased by the Forest Preserve District in 1978. Fairway bunkers and sand traps test a golfer's skill and accuracy. In addition, water hazards are featured on 10 holes. Par 72. Clubhouse and restaurant with full service bar.

### Macktown Golf Course

2221 Freeport Rd., Rockton, IL 61072  
815-624-7410 [www.wcfdp.org](http://www.wcfdp.org)

Built in 1930's, with limited sand traps and one pond. 18 holes, par 71; a beautiful course near shops and restaurants in Rockton and site of the earliest white settlement in northern Illinois.

### Red Barn Golf Course

829 Blackhawk Blvd., Rockton, IL 61072  
815-624-8037 [www.redbarn golfcourse.com](http://www.redbarn golfcourse.com)

Scenic 9-hole Par 3 executive course; complete practice range facility.

### Sandy Hollow Golf Course

2500 Sandy Hollow Rd., Rockford, IL 61109  
815-987-8836 [www.rockfordparkdistrict.org](http://www.rockfordparkdistrict.org)

A popular 18-hole course on Rockford's south side, Sandy Hollow is a tree-lined fairway course with strategically-placed fairway bunkers and rated by Golf Digest as a 3 1/2 star course. Par 71.

### Sinnissippi Golf Course

1401 N Second St, Rockford, IL 61107  
815-987-8838 [www.rockfordparkdistrict.org](http://www.rockfordparkdistrict.org)

Centrally located, near the Rock River and downtown Rockford, Sinnissippi is rated one of the six best 9-hole courses in Illinois by The National Golf Foundation. The course offers challenges for advanced golfers as well as opportunity for novices to the game. The 3,230-yard course is best known for its hilly layout and tree-lined fairways. Par 37.



# shopping

## Antiques & Collectables

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### Angela's Attic on Gardner

1020 Gardner St. (Hwy. 75),  
South Beloit, IL 61080  
815-389-1679

30,000 square foot antique mall with  
everything...including the kitchen sink.

### Barbara A. Johnson Antiques & Gifts

7801 E. State St. (at I-90), Rockford, IL 61108  
815-397-6699

Located inside Clock Tower Resort, high quality,  
unique pieces and gifts.

### Bargain Barn Antique and Craft Mall

11951 Main St. (Hwy. 251) Roscoe, IL 61073  
815-623-3364

This huge building is filled with antiques,  
collectibles and crafts.

### Book Stall of Rockford

1032 Crosby St., Rockford, IL 61107  
815-963-1671

12,000 books: First editions, hard-to-find  
and antiquarian.

### Chris' Antiques

5152 Harlem Rd., Loves Park, IL 61111  
815-654-1610

Lots of furniture, rustic and primitive, vintage  
clothing, holiday items, and small items too.

### Continental Antiques

2305 Charles St., Rockford, IL 61104  
815-226-5771

Antique, deco and vintage furniture.  
European shipments arrive monthly.

### Country Cottage

122 S. Prairie St., Rockton, IL 61072  
815-624-8393

For the serious shopper for home decor,  
primitive & country furniture

### Don's Coins & Collectibles

100 W. Main St., Rockton, IL 61072  
815-624-0422

Old and new coins, collector sets,  
all TY products and other fun stuff.

### Fire Station Antique Mall

440 Gardner St. (Hwy. 75),  
South Beloit, IL 61080  
Phone: 815-389-8111

Hot deals on furniture, primitives  
and collectibles.

### Forgotten Treasures

4610 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61108  
815-229-0005

Quality antiques, folk art, country and  
primitives. Near Sweden House hotel.

### Hack's Auction & Realty Services, Inc.

417 Main St., Pecatonica, IL 61063  
815-239-1436

Antique and real estate auctions  
throughout the area.

### Main Street Antique Mall

203 W. Main St., Rockton, IL 61072  
815-624-7514

Warm and friendly antique mall  
with individual dealers.

### New Mill Antiques

6583 11th St. (Hwy. 251), Rockford, IL 61109  
815-874-8853

A shop with something for every taste.

### Nichols Antiques

212 W. Main St., Rockton, IL 61072  
815-624-4137

A little bit of everything.

### Oddly Enough Curio Shoppe

1030 Auburn St., Rockford, IL 61103  
Phone: 815-963-1172

Primitive furniture, imports, vintage  
clothings, art, vintage kitchenware,  
glassware, dishes, and curiosities.  
Nothing newer than 1970.

### Pec Frame Shoppe

425 Main St., Pecatonica, IL 61063  
815-239-9239

Custom framing and antiques.

### Pec Thing Antique & Flea Market

500 W. First St., Pecatonica, IL 61063  
Phone: 800-238-3587

Antique flea market held every spring and fall.  
Over 400 dealers. Held rain or shine. 40 acres  
outside, 75,000 square feet inside. Breakfast,  
lunch and refreshments.

### Pleasant Valley Antiques

930 Windsor Rd., Loves Park, IL 61111  
815-877-7899

Five rooms of just about everything, including  
primitives, dishes, tools, furniture in the rough,  
musical instruments, plus a garage full of  
furniture and miscellaneous items.

### Roscoe Antique Mall of South Beloit

1019 Gardner St., South Beloit, IL 61080  
815-389-8800

Over 22,000 sq. ft. of quality antiques all  
on one floor.

### Sandy Hollow Indoor/Outdoor Flea Market

3913 Sandy Hollow Rd., Rockford, IL 61109  
815-397-6683

Flea market - 60 indoor dealers,  
air-conditioned/heated.

### Three Angels Emporium

2418 S. Alpine Rd., Rockford, IL 61108  
815-484-9791

You'll find all types of treasures at this resale  
shop. 12,000 square feet. Furniture, antiques,  
vintage, retro...just about anything old or  
collectable.

### Timeless Elegance Florals & Gifts

5467 B Bridge St, Roscoe, IL 61073  
815-623-3800

Quaint shop with fresh florals, custom  
silks and gifts.

### Trinkets & Treasures

8105 Forest Hills Rd., Loves Park, IL 61111  
815-877-6608

A house packed with antiques, glassware  
and collectables.

### Vie's Antiques

6120 E. Riverside Blvd., Loves Park, IL 61111  
815-636-8815

High quality antiques and collectables.  
Open May through October.

### Whispering Willow Florist & Antiques

7975 Forest Hills Rd., Loves Park, IL 61111  
815-877-1599

Antiques/furniture from the 1950's and earlier.

## Art Galleries

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### 317 Market Street Gallery Studios

317 Market Street, Rockford, IL 61107  
815-962-1476

Paintings, drawings, sculptures, by  
appointment only.

### Art Cooperative @ The Village Gallery in Stewart Square

308 W. State Street, Rockford, IL 61101  
815-963-ARTS(2787)

The place that promotes and sells the talent and  
artwork of the Rock River Valley artists through  
promotions and projects that benefit both the  
artist and community.

### Church Street Gallery

835 N. Church Street, Rockford, IL 61103  
815-961-8265

Art and more. Several openings a year.  
Open Saturdays and by appointment.

### Clark Fine Art & Framing, Inc.

10684 Main St., Roscoe, IL 61073  
815-623-1502

Located in a log cabin building on Main Street.

### J.R. Kortman Center for Design

107 N. Main St., Rockford, IL 61101  
815-968-0123

Upscale shop and art gallery. One-of-a-kind gifts,  
jewelry, glass works.

### Rockford Art Museum

711 N. Main St., Rockford, IL 61103  
815-968-2787

Illinois' largest art museum outside of  
Chicago with over 1,200 works of art.

### Rockford College Art Gallery

5050 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61108  
815-226-4100

Features local and Chicago area artists.

### Studio 451

2500 N. Main St., Rockford, IL 61103  
815-519-1809

Local art studio featuring copper sculpture for the  
home and garden.

## Shopping Centers

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### Colonial Village Mall

1240 S. Alpine Rd. Rockford, IL 61108  
815-398-3350

Area's oldest indoor mall, with Heartland  
Community Church and smaller specialty shops.

### CherryVale Mall

7200 Harrison Ave., Rockford, IL 61112  
815-332-2440

www.shopcherryvalemall.com

Area's premier indoor shopping mall with  
more than 130 stores.

### Forest Plaza Shopping Center

6125 E. State St. Rockford, IL 61108

Home to favorites such as TJ Max, Kohl's,  
Fashion Bug, Marshalls and more.

### The Shops of Edgebrook

1639 N. Alpine Rd., Rockford, IL 61107  
815-226-0212

www.edgebrookshops.com

Upscale outdoor shopping mall, beautifully  
landscaped.

### Machesney Park Mall

8750 N. 2nd St. Machesney Park, IL 61115  
815-654-4152

Indoor mall with Bergner's and JC Penney Outlet.

## Apparel and Accessories

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### B. Jones Women's Apparel

1655 N. Alpine  
Edgebrook Shopping Center  
Rockford, IL 61114

815-397-8135

Trendy women's boutique.

### Catherine's

6061 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61108  
815-397-8817

Specialty plus-size women's apparel.

### Sarah McClelland Apparel

1653 N Alpine Rd.  
Edgebrook Shopping Center  
Rockford, IL 61107  
815-381-8800

Specialty women's apparel.

## Speciality/Gift

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### Annie's Gift & Home Accent Inc.

1643 N. Alpine Rd.,  
Edgebrook Shopping Center  
Rockford, IL 61107

815-227-0423

Finest in gifts and home décor.

### B. Sanfield, Inc.

6505 N. Alpine at Riverside  
Loves Park, IL 61111

815-633-3100

Jewelry and full-service florist offering fresh  
designs for all occasions.

### Benson Stone Company

1100 - 11th Street (Illinois Rt. 251)

Rockford, IL 61104

815-227-2000

Renovated 117-year old building, variety  
of home furnishings, cozy cafe.

### Between Friends Coffee & Collectables

105 S. Benton St., Winnebago, IL 61088  
815-335-1064

Neighborhood coffee shop and small gifts.

### Country Cottage

122 S. Prairie St., Rockton, IL 61072  
815-624-8393

Primitives, rustic and country furniture, home  
décor, gift and holiday items, fun retro odds and  
ends.

### Cusco Jack's Gallery, Gifts & Gatherings

6957 Olde Creek Rd., Rockford, IL 61114  
815-633-0002

Artwork, music, books, candles, incense, gems,  
jewelry, wood fired pottery, Tibetan items, didgeri-  
dooos and home décor.

### Crimson Ridge Florist

735 N. Perryville Rd., Rockford, IL 61107  
815-399-9000

A distinctive shopping destination with acces-  
sories for yourself, accents for your home and  
indulgences for both.

### Elizabeth's Gift Shop

2675 20th St., Rockford, IL 61109  
815-227-5508

A unique gift shop.

### Ellison Perennials

1011 Brooke Rd., Rockford, IL 61109  
815-229-5459

Offering a large selection of new perennial  
varieties for the shade or sun garden.  
Exquisite quality plant material. Annual  
Perennials Bloom Fest each June, July.

### Enders Flowers

1631 N. Alpine Rd., Rockford, IL 61107  
815-229-1290

Fresh-cut seasonal and exotic flowers,  
full-service florist plus garden gifts.

### Finials

4626 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61108  
815-398-4428

Unique Scandinavian imported gifts.

### Forget-Me-Not Floral and Gifts

315 Main St., Pecatonica, IL 61063  
815-239-2455

Home décor, candles, pottery, silk  
arrangements, fresh flowers, gifts.

### Fritchen's Nursery & Gift Gallery

4472 S. Mulford Rd., Rockford, IL 61109  
815-874-8733

Large nursery offering thousands of plant  
varieties and a beautiful gift gallery.

### Golf Shack and Garrett's Cafe, Grill and Drink

1631 N. Bell School Rd., Rockford, IL 61107  
815-397-3709

10,000-square-foot retail showroom,  
50-tee super driving range.

### J.R. Kortman Center for Design

107 N. Main St., Rockford, IL 61101  
815-968-0123

Upscale shop and art gallery. One-of-a-kind  
gifts, jewelry, glass works.

### Kegel Harley-Davidson/Buell

7125 Harrison Ave., Rockford, IL 61112  
815-332-7125

World's oldest family owned Harley-Davidson  
dealership; Kegel's Harley Diner.

### La Mendola

1651 N. Alpine Rd.,  
Edgebrook Shopping Center  
Rockford, IL 61107

815-877-8014

Simply beautiful gifts for home or garden.  
When only the finest will do.

### Nooks-N-Crannies Gift Shoppe

7066 Newburg Rd., Rockford, IL 61108  
815-484-9906

Unique birdhouses, handcrafted soaps,  
jewelry, antiques, and unique tea sets.

### Omega Nut Co., Inc.

308 W. State St., Suite 135,  
Rockford, IL 61101

815-969-0518

Holiday and corporate gifts, nuts and  
chocolate arrangements, gift baskets.



# restaurants

Restaurant	Area	Cost	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Spirits	Entertainment	Food Type	Credit	Carryout	Banquet Fac.
<b>Rockford, Loves Park, Machesney Park</b>											
<b>21st Century Restaurant Buffet</b> 1320 S. Alpine Rd., Rockford, IL 61108 815-399-3333	SE	\$	N	Y	Y	N	Ch	Am	Y	Y	Y
<b>640 Meats</b> 6410 E. Riverside Blvd., Loves Park, IL 61111 815-633-9443	NE	\$\$	N	Y	Y	N	N	Del	Y	Y	N
<b>Alvarez: Cherry Valley</b> 1600 S. Bell School Rd., Cherry Valley, IL 61016 815-332-9847	SE	\$	N	Y	Y	Y	N	M	Y	Y	Y
<b>Angelo's Restaurant &amp; Pizzeria</b> 2583 N. Mulford Rd., Rockford, IL 61108 815-639-1200	N	\$\$	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Ita Am	Sf	Y	Y
<b>Atlanta Bread Company</b> 139 Sundae Dr., Rockford, IL 61107 815-227-9880	E	\$	Y	Y	Y	N	Del	S/S	Y	Y	N
<b>Aunt Mary's</b> 4431 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61108 815-397-6461	E	\$	Y	Y	N	N	Am	Y	Y	N	
<b>Backyard Grill and Bar, Cherry Valley</b> 201 E. State St., Cherry Valley, IL 61016 815-332-4176	SE	\$\$	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Am	Y	Y	N
<b>Backyard Grill and Bar, Loves Park</b> 6473 N 2nd. St., Loves Park, IL 61111 815-636-9430	N	\$	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Am	Y	Y	Y
<b>Bagel Place</b> 3600 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61108 815-399-2522	E	\$	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Am	Y	Y	Y
<b>Bahia Restaurant</b> 1135 Broadway, Rockford, IL 61104 815-965-5920	E	\$	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	M	Sf	Y	Y
<b>Basil Café Mediterranean Cuisine</b> 6500 E. Riverside Blvd., Loves Park, IL 61111 815-637-9590	NE	\$\$	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Md	Y	Y	Y
<b>Beef-A-Roo East</b> 6593 Lexus Dr., Rockford, IL 61108 815-229-6600	E	\$	N	Y	Y	N	N	Am	Y	Y	N
<b>Beef-A-Roo Loves Park</b> 6116 N. 2nd St., Loves Park, IL 61111 815-633-6585	N	\$	N	Y	Y	N	N	Am	Y	Y	N
<b>Beef-A-Roo Machesney Park</b> 4601 Adamson Ln., Machesney Park, IL 61115 815-633-5130	N	\$	N	Y	Y	N	N	Am	Y	Y	N
<b>Beef-A-Roo Northeast</b> 6380 E. Riverside Blvd., Loves Park, IL 61111 815-877-5610	NE	\$	N	Y	Y	N	N	Am	Y	Y	N
<b>Beef-A-Roo Roscoe</b> 5109 Rock Rose Ct., Roscoe, IL 61073 815-623-5279	N	\$	N	Y	Y	N	N	Am	Y	Y	N
<b>Beef-A-Roo Southeast</b> 3401 S. Alpine Rd. Rockford, IL 61109 815-874-8550	SE	\$	N	Y	Y	N	N	Am	Y	Y	N
<b>Beef-A-Roo West</b> 2538 Auburn St., Rockford, IL 61101 815-962-7674	W	\$	N	Y	Y	N	N	Am	Y	Y	N
<b>Brio Restaurant, Wine Bar &amp; Patio</b> 515 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61104 815-968-9463	DT	\$\$	N	N	Y	Y	Y	E	Y	Y	Y

Restaurant	Area	Cost	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Spirits	Entertainment	Food Type	Credit	Carryout	Banquet Fac.
<b>Caffè Greco</b> 851 South St., Rockford, IL 61102 815-963-3157	SW	\$\$	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Ita	Am	Y	Y
<b>Capri Restaurant &amp; Pizza</b> 313 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61104 815-965-6341	DT	\$	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Am	Y	Y	No
<b>Carlyle Brewing Company</b> 215 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61104 815-963-BREW	DT	\$	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Am	Y	Y	N
<b>Cimino's Pizza and Downtown Lounge</b> 310 S. Church St., Rockford, IL 61101 815-962-9021	DT	\$	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Am	Y	Y	Y
<b>Cliffbreakers Riverview Restaurant</b> 700 W. Riverside Blvd., Rockford, IL 61103 815-282-3033	N	\$\$	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Am	Ita	Sk	Y
<b>Command Post Restaurant</b> 1004 Samuelson Rd., Rockford, IL 61109 815-395-0678	SE	\$	Y	Y	N	N	N	Am	Y	Y	Y
<b>Countryside Meats &amp; Deli</b> 821 S. Perryville Rd., Rockford, IL 61108 815-399-8660	SE	\$	N	Y	N	N	N	Del	Y	Y	N
<b>Deli Italia I</b> 507 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61104 815-962-3354	DT	\$	N	Y	N	N	N	Ita	N	Y	N
<b>Deli Italia II</b> 3004 N. Main St., Rockford, IL 61103 815-633-8270	N	\$	N	Y	Y	N	N	Ita	Y	Y	N
<b>Der Rathskeller German Restaurant &amp; Bar</b> 1132 Auburn St., Rockford, IL 61103 915-963-2922	N	\$\$	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Ger	Am	Y	Y
<b>Diamond Dave's Taco Company</b> 4124 Newburg Rd., Rockford, IL 61108 815-229-7760	E	\$	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Am	Y	Y	N
<b>DiTullio's Italian Imports &amp; Specialty Foods</b> 1402 20th St., Rockford, IL 61104 815-399-2080	SE	\$	N	Y	N	N	N	Ita	Y	Y	N
<b>Dos Reales Mexican Restaurant</b> 5855 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61108 815-227-4979	E	\$	N	Y	Y	Y	N	M	Y	Y	N
<b>Dyann's Brooke Road Grill</b> 918 Brooke Rd., Rockford, IL 61109 815-226-0944	SE	\$	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Am	N	Y	N
<b>El Burrito Loco</b> 2430 Auburn St., Rockford, IL 61103 815-965-2124	W	\$	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	M	Y	Y	Y
<b>Forest City Pub at Radisson Hotel &amp; Conference Center</b> 200 S. Bell School Rd., Rockford, IL 61108 815-226-2100	E	\$	N	N	Y	Y	N	Am	Y	Y	Y
<b>Franchesco's</b> 2404 S. Perryville Rd., Cherry Valley, IL 61016 815-332-4992	SE	\$\$	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Am	Y	Y	Y
<b>Garrett's Café</b> 1631 N Bell School Rd., Rockford, IL 61107 815-484-9473	NE	\$\$	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	E	Y	Y	N
<b>Gerlinde's Water Street Café</b> 115 N Water St., Rockford, IL 61107 815-962-3310	DT	\$	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Fr	Eur	Y	N

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<b>Gerry's Pizza</b> 7403 Argus Dr., Rockford, IL 61108 815-399-2031	E	\$	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Ita	Y	Y	Y
<b>Gia's Italian Grille and Café</b> 7784 Forest Hills Rd., Loves Park, IL 61111 815-636-1000	N	\$	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Ita	Y	Y	Y
<b>Giovanni's Restaurant &amp; Big Al's Bar</b> 610 N Bell School Rd., Rockford, IL 61107 815-398-6411	E	\$\$	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	E	Y	Y	Y
<b>Great Wall</b> 4228 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61108 815-226-0982	E	\$	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Ch	Y	Y	Y
<b>Hai Quynh Vietnamese Cuisine</b> 324 7th St., Rockford, IL 61104 815-964-5353	E	\$\$	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Vt	Ch	Y	Y
<b>HearthRock Café</b> 1100 - 11th St., Rockford, IL 61104 815-227-2000	E	\$	Y	Y	N	N	N	S/S	Y	Y	Y
<b>Hoffman House Restaurant @ Holiday Inn</b> 7500 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61108 815-397-5800	E	\$\$\$	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Am	Y	Y	Y
<b>Imperial Palace</b> 3415 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61108 815-227-1442	E	\$	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Ch	Y	Y	Y
<b>India House Restaurant</b> 6430 E. Riverside Blvd., Loves Park, IL 61111 815-637-4771	NE	\$	N	Y	Y	Y	N	In	Y	Y	N
<b>Irish Rose</b> 519 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61104 815-964-0480	DT	\$\$	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Eur	Y	Y	N
<b>Jia Li Chinese Restaurant</b> 4737 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61108 815-226-3688	E	\$	N	Y	Y	N	N	Ch	Y	Y	N
<b>JMK Nippon</b> 2551 N. Perryville Rd., Rockford, IL 61107 815-877-0505	NE	\$\$	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	J	Am	Y	Y
<b>John's Restaurant &amp; Pizzeria</b> 2914 - 11th St., Rockford, IL 61109 815-398-4044	SE	\$\$	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Ita	Am	Y	Y
<b>Josef of Barbados</b> 6860 Spring Creek Rd., Rockford, IL 61114 815-282-3400	E	\$\$	N	N	N	Y	Y	Sf	Y	Y	Y
<b>Kegel's Harley Diner</b> 7125 Harrison Ave., Cherry Valley, IL 61112 815-332-7200	SE	\$\$	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Am	S/S	Y	Y
<b>kiki B's</b> 1641 N. Alpine Rd., Rockford, IL 61107 815-986-0338	NE	\$\$\$	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Fr	Ita	Am	Y
<b>King's Table Café and Catering</b> 308 W. State St., Rockford, IL 61101 815-986-0874	DT	\$	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Am	Y	Y	Y
<b>Lanexang Restaurant Laos Thai Cuisine</b> 1207 7th St., Rockford, IL 61104 815-969-0480	SE	\$	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Am	Th	Y	N

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<b>Leonardi's Grill &amp; Pub</b> 4002 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61108 815-316-7300	E	\$	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Ita	Am	Y	N
<b>Lino's</b> 5611 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61108 815-397-2077	E	\$	N	N	Y	Y	N	Ita	Y	Y	Y
<b>Los Comales Taqueria</b> 1528 Kishwaukee, Rockford, IL 61104 815-963-9460	SE	\$	Y	Y	Y	N	N	M	N	Y	Y
<b>Lucille's Tea Room</b> 7066 Newburg Rd., Rockford, IL 61108 815-484-9906	NE	\$\$	N	Y	Y	Y	N	S/S	Am	Y	Y
<b>Lucky's Red Hots</b> 5815 E. Riverside Blvd., Rockford, IL 61114 815-986-1555	NE	\$	N	Y	Y	N	N	Am	Y	Y	N
<b>Maria's Italian Café</b> 828 Cunningham St., Rockford, IL 61102 815-968-6781	SW	\$\$	N	N	Y	Y	N	Ita	Sk	N	N
<b>Mary's Market - Edgebrook</b> 1659 Alpine Rd., Rockford, IL 61107 815-394-0765	NE	\$	Y	Y	Y	N	N	S/S	Y	Y	N
<b>Mary's Market - McFarland</b> 2636 McFarland Rd., Rockford, IL 61107 815-986-3300	NE	\$	Y	Y	Y	N	N	S/S	Y	Y	N
<b>MBU Kabob Grill</b> 1222 S. Alpine Rd., Rockford, IL 61108 815-395-6506	SE	\$	N	Y	Y	N	N	Am	Y	Y	N
<b>Mead Longwood Meat Market</b> 303 N. Longwood, Rockford, IL 61107 815-968-3491	E	\$	N	Y	N	N	N	Del	Y	Y	N
<b>Meg's Daily Grind - North</b> 6409 E. Riverside Blvd., Rockford, IL 61114 815-639-0909	NE	\$	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Bk	S/S	Y	N
<b>Mi Ranchito</b> 2019 S. Main St., Rockford, IL 61102 815-961-8138	S	\$	Y	Y	Y	N	N	M	Y	Y	N
<b>Mondial</b> 6516 E. Riverside Blvd., Rockford, IL 61111 815-637-4045	NE	\$	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	S/S	Y	Y	N
<b>Morning Glory Family Restaurant</b> 408 7th St., Rockford, IL 61104 815-963-9445	E	\$	Y	Y	N	N	N	Am	Y	Y	Y
<b>North End Neighborhood Coffee Bar</b> 1408 N. Main St., Rockford, IL 61103 815-964-4412	NW	\$	Y	Y	N	N	N	S/S	N	Y	N
<b>Nunzio's Italian Restaurant</b> 5800 N. 2nd St., Loves Park, IL 61111 815-633-5000	N	\$\$	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Sk	Ita	Y	Y
<b>Octane</b> 124 N. Main St., Rockford, IL 61101 815-965-4012	DT	\$\$	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	E	Y	Y	N
<b>Olympic Tavern</b> 2327 N. Main St., Rockford, IL 61103 815-962-8758	N	\$\$	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Am	Y	Y	Y
<b>Paragon on State</b> 205 W. State St., Rockford, IL 61101 815-963-1660	D	\$\$\$	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Am	As	Y	Y

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<b>Parisi's Ristorante</b> 6164 E. Riverside, Rockford, IL 61114 815-633-4899	NE	\$\$	N	N	Y	Y	N	Ita	Y	N	Y
<b>Pino's on Main Pizza</b> 2511 N Main St., Rockford, IL 61103 815-963-6400	N	\$	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Ita Am	Y	Y	Y
<b>Primo's Pizza</b> 1710 Rural St., Rockford, IL 61107 815-226-0641	E	\$	N	N	Y	N	N	Ita Am	Y	Y	N
<b>Rib City Grill and Deli</b> 5839 Forest Hills Rd., Rockford, IL 61114 815-654-3445	N	\$	N	Y	Y	N	N	Am Del	Y	Y	N
<b>Rockford Chophouse</b> 4414 Charles St., Rockford, IL 61108 815-399-9300	E	\$	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Am Y	N	Y	Y
<b>Sal's Diner</b> 211 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61104 815-962-7257	D	\$	Y	Y	N	N	N	Am S/S	N	Y	N
<b>Sam's Pizza - Southeast</b> 2134 Charles St., Rockford, IL 61108 815-398-5952	E	\$	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Ita	Y	Y	Y
<b>Sam's Ristorante Pizzeria</b> 6075 E. Riverside Blvd., Rockford, IL 61111 815-877-2127	NE	\$\$	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Ita Am	Y	Y	Y
<b>Sammy's Restaurant and Bakery</b> 307 S. Main St., Rockford, IL 61101 815-968-2218	DT	\$	N	Y	N	N	N	Ita	Y	Y	N
<b>Scoreboard at Holiday Inn</b> 7550 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61108 815-397-5800	E	\$	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Am	Y	Y	Y
<b>Serrano's Mexican Kitchen</b> 206 N. Main St., Rockford, IL 61101 815-962-7235	DT	\$	N	Y	Y	Y	N	M Am	N	Y	N
<b>Shogun Teppan Restaurant &amp; Sushi Bar</b> 293 Executive Pkwy, Rockford, IL 61108 815-394-0007	E	\$\$	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	J	Y	Y	Y
<b>Shooters Bar and Grill</b> 4007 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61108 815-399-0683	E	\$	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Am	Y	Y	Y
<b>Singapore Grill</b> 6390 E. Riverside Blvd., Rockford, IL 61111 815-636-1888	NE	\$\$	N	Y	Y	Y	N	As Int	Y	Y	N
<b>Stockholm Inn</b> 2420 Charles St., Rockford, IL 61104 815-397-3534	E	\$	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Sw Am	Y	Y	Y
<b>Sun Dial Restaurant &amp; Bar at Clock Tower Resort</b> 7801 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61108 815-398-6000	E	\$	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Am	Y	Y	Y
<b>Table 13</b> 1313 Auburn St., Rockford, IL 61103 815-964-1308	N	\$\$\$	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Am Ita	Y	Y	Y
<b>Taco Loco</b> 1122 S. Main St., Rockford, IL 61102 815-969-9313	SW	\$	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	M	Y	Y	N
<b>Take 20 Grill and Bar</b> 438 U.S. Rt. 20, Cherry Valley, IL 61016 815-332-9920	E	\$	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Am	Y	Y	Y

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<b>Thai Cuisine</b> 6551 E. Riverside Blvd., Rockford, IL 61114 815-637-1188	NE	\$	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Th	Y	Y	N
<b>Thai Hut Restaurant</b> 1441 Sandy Hollow, Rockford, IL 61109 815-398-0522	SE	\$\$	N	Y	Y	N	N	Th	Y	Y	Y
<b>Uncle Nick's - Downtown</b> Corner of E. State & 6th St., Rockford, IL 61104 815-962-4444	DT	\$	N	Y	Y	N	N	Gk	N	Y	N
<b>Uncle Nick's - East</b> 5404 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61108 815-395-0022	E	\$	N	Y	Y	N	N	Gk	N	Y	N
<b>Yen Ching Mandarin Szechwan Hunan Cuisine</b> 5555 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61108 815-397-5555	E	\$\$	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Ch	Y	Y	Y

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<b>Outside of Rockford</b>											
<b>Roscoe</b>											
<b>Alvarez - Roscoe</b> 5215 Elevator Rd. (at Highway 251), Roscoe, IL 61073 815-623-1277	RS	\$	N	Y	Y	Y	N	M	Y	Y	N
<b>Backyard Grill &amp; Bar - Roscoe</b> 5390 Elevator Rd., Roscoe, IL 61073 815-623-6677	N	\$\$	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Am	Y	Y	N
<b>Beef-A-Roo - Roscoe</b> 5109 Rock Rose Ct., Roscoe, IL 61073 815-623-5279	N	\$	N	Y	Y	N	N	Am	Y	Y	N
<b>Coby Jack's</b> 5506 Clayton Circle, Roscoe, IL 61073 815-623-9460	RK	\$\$	N	N	Y	Y	N	Sf Sk	Y	Y	Y
<b>DiGiovanni's Ristorante</b> 4866 Bluestem Rd., Roscoe, IL 61073 815-623-2320	N	\$\$	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Ita Am Sk Sf	Y	Y	Y
<b>Firehouse Pub</b> 10670 Main St., Roscoe, IL 61073 815-623-8389	N	\$	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Am	Y	Y	Y
<b>Jessica's Restaurant</b> 5091 Edgemere Terrace, Roscoe, IL 61073 815-623-2223	N	\$	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Am	Y	Y	Y
<b>Meg's Daily Grind - Roscoe</b> 5312 Williams Dr., Roscoe, IL 61073 815-623-5031	N	\$	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Bk S/S	Y	Y	N
<b>Main Street Meat Company</b> 5324 Williams Dr., Roscoe, IL 61073 815-623-6328	N	\$	N	Y	N	N	N	Del S/S	Y	Y	No
<b>Sabrosa</b> 5342 Williams Dr., Roscoe, IL 61073 815-623-8226	N	\$	N	Y	Y	N	N	M Am	Y	Y	N
<b>Sophia's</b> 5467 Bridge St., Roscoe, IL 61073 815-623-5903	N	\$	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Am	Y	Y	Y
<b>Rockton</b>											
<b>China Palace</b> 625 S. Blackhawk (Rt. 75), Rockton, IL 61072 815-624-2636	RK	\$	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Ch	Y	Y	Y
<b>The Daily Grind</b> 201 W. Main St., Rockton, IL 61072 815-624-8677	RK	\$	Y	Y	N	N	N	S/S	Y	Y	Y
<b>The Rockton Inn</b> 201 W. Main St., Rockton, IL 61072 815-624-2533	RK	\$\$	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Am	Y	Y	Y
<b>Sam's Pizza - Rockton</b> 130 N. Blackhawk, Rockton, IL 61072 815-624-7535	N	\$	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Ita	Y	Y	Y
<b>Pecatonica</b>											
<b>Stonewall Café</b> 423 Main St., Pecatonica, IL 61063 815-239-1900	PC	\$	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Am	Y	Y	Y

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<b>South Beloit</b>											
<b>Cattails Bar &amp; Grill at Ramada Inn</b> 200 Dearborn Ave. (at Highway 251 & 75) South Beloit, IL 61080 815-389-3481	SB	\$	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Int	Y	Y	Y
<b>The Inferno Casual Dining and Lounge</b> 1322 Gardner St., South Beloit, IL 61080 815-389-4921	SB	\$	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Am	Y	Y	Y
<b>Pearl Lake Supper Club</b> 1220 Dearborn, South Beloit, IL 61080 815-389-1479	SB	\$\$	N	N	Y	Y	N	Am Sk Sf	Y	Y	N
<b>Winnebago</b>											
<b>Anna's Pizza &amp; Pasta</b> 101 S. Benton St., Winnebago, IL 61088 815-335-1065	WB	\$	N	Y	Y	N	N	Ita Am	Y	Y	N
<b>Toni's of Winnebago</b> 508 Elida St., Winnebago, IL 61008 815-335-2328	WB	\$\$	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Am Ita Sk Sf	Y	Y	N

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# Lodging

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<b>Alpine Inn</b> 4404 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61108 815-399-1890, Toll Free: 888-398-3580 Fax: 815-399-1898	ES	114	N	W	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	Conveniently located on E. State Street/Business Rt. 20, close to shopping, restaurants, museums and antique stores.
<b>Baymont Inn and Suites</b> 662 N. Lyford Rd., Rockford, IL 61107 815-229-8200, Toll Free: 800-301-0200 Fax: 815-229-8220	ES	87	Y	H/W	Y	Y	Y	Y	I	Y	N	N	A	Conveniently located near I-90, and next to Cracker Barrel restaurant, with contemporary rooms and suites.
<b>Candlewood Suites</b> 7555 Walton St., Rockford, IL 61108 815-229-9300, Toll Free: 888-226-3539 Fax: 815-229-9323	ES	66	N	W	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	All studio-suite hotel, conveniently located off I-90 and State Street.
<b>Cliffbreakers Riverside Resort</b> 700 W. Riverside Blvd., Rockford, IL 61103 815-282-3033, Toll Free: 800-478-9395 Fax: 815-282-6505	NW	103	Y	H/W	Y	Y	Y	N	I	Y	Y	Y	O	Overlooking the beautiful Rock River, Cliffbreakers offers fine dining, martini lounge, and a business center.
<b>Clock Tower Resort &amp; Conference Center</b> 7801 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61108 815-398-6000, Toll Free: 800-358-7666 Fax: 815-398-8062	ES	247	Y	H/W	Y	N	Y	Y	I/O	Y	Y	Y	O	Ideal full-service resort with dining and recreation all on resort grounds. Has Rockford's first indoor family water playland.
<b>Comfort Inn</b> 7392 Argus Dr., Rockford, IL 61107 815-398-7061, Toll Free: 800-228-5150 Fax: 815-398-7061	ES	64	N	H/W	N	Y	Y	Y	I	Y	N	N	N	Centrally located within one mile of several restaurants and shopping areas. Conveniently located by I-90/39.
<b>Courtyard by Marriott</b> 7676 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61108 815-397-6222, Toll Free: 800-321-2211 Fax: 815-397-6254	ES	147	Y	H	Y	N	Y	N	I	Y	Y	N	Y	Courtyard surrounds travelers with the conveniences that make business and pleasure travel easy.
<b>Days Inn &amp; Suites</b> 4313 N. Bell School Rd., Loves Park, IL 61111 815-282-9300, Toll Free: 888-329-7477 Fax: 815-986-1060	NE	55	Y	H/W	Y	Y	Y	Y	I	Y	Y	N	N	The perfect place to find comfortable and relaxing accommodations for the business traveler.
<b>Exel Inn</b> 220 S. Lyford Rd., Rockford, IL 61108 815-332-4915, Toll Free: 800-367-3935 Fax: 815-332-4843	ES	100	N	H/W	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	Conveniently located off I-90 and Business Rt. 20, and only minutes to area attractions and golf courses.
<b>Extended Stay America</b> 653 Clark Rd., Rockford, IL 61107 815-226-8969, Toll Free: 800-398-7829 Fax: 815-226-8753	E	104	N	H/W	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	Extended Stay America was designed for Road Warriors - the long-term, value-conscious traveler.
<b>Hampton Inn Rockford</b> 615 Clark Dr., Rockford, IL 61107 815-229-0404, Toll Free: 800-426-7866 Fax: 815-229-0175	ES	122	Y	H/W	Y	Y	Y	N	I	Y	Y	N	N	Recently renovated, the Hampton Inn Rockford offers lodging accommodations near I-90 and Magic Waters Water Park.
<b>Hilton Garden Inn</b> 7675 Walton St., Rockford, IL 61108 815-229-3322, Toll Free: 877-782-9444 Fax: 815-229-3022	ES	128	Y	H	Y	N	Y	N	I	Y	Y	N	O	Close to major businesses, sports centers and I-90/39. Rooms have two speaker phones and large ergonomic work desk.
<b>Holiday Inn Express</b> 7552 Park Place, Loves Park, IL 61111 815-654-4100, Toll Free: 800-465-4329 Fax: 815-654-4114	NE	119	Y	H/W	Y	Y	Y	N	I	Y	Y	N	N	Opened in August 2005, Holiday Inn Express offers ample breakfast bar and Simply Smart baths.
<b>Holiday Inn of Rockford</b> 7550 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61108 815-398-2200, Toll Free: 800-383-7829 Fax: 815-229-3122	ES	202	Y	H	Y	N	Y	N	I	Y	Y	N	O	Warm, friendly atmosphere with popular Hoffman House restaurant and Scoreboard lounge and gift shop.
<b>Howard Johnson Hotel</b> 3909 11th St., Rockford, IL 61109 815-397-9000 Fax: 815-397-4669	SE	101	Y	H/W	Y	N	Y	N	I	Y	Y	Y	O	Conveniently located off I-90 and at Bypass 20 and Highway 251, only minutes from downtown. Closest hotel to Rockford Airport and Rocky Glen ATV Park.

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<b>Motel 6</b> 7712 Potawatomi Tr., Rockford, IL 61108 815-397-8000, Toll Free: 800-466-8356 Fax: 815-397-8183	ES	131	N	H/W	N	N	Y	Y	O	Y	N	N	N	Newly renovated guest rooms and lobby, and conveniently located next to I-90 and Illinois Business 20.
<b>Quality Suites of Rockford</b> 7401 Walton St., Rockford, IL 61108 815-227-1300, Toll Free: 800-424-6423 Fax: 815-227-9231	ES	95	Y	H/W	Y	Y	Y	Y	I	Y	Y	N	A	The Rockford metro's newest all suite hotel located at East State Street off I-90. Whirlpool suites and full hot breakfast buffet available.
<b>Radisson Hotel &amp; Conference Center</b> 200 S. Bell School Rd., Rockford, IL 61108 815-226-2100; Toll Free: 888-201-1718 Fax: 815-229-3070	ES	114	Y	W	Y	Y	Y	N	I	Y	Y	N	O	Boutique style, all-suite hotel offers luxury at a reasonable price, while oversized guest rooms offer space and comfort for business or family needs. Passes to Peak Fitness available.
<b>Ramada Inn Greater Beloit</b> 200 S. Dearborn, South Beloit, IL 61080 815-389-3481, Toll Free: 800-272-6232 Fax: 815-389-1812	SB	162	Y	H	Y	Y	Y	Y	I	Y	Y	Y	O	A family-oriented hotel with indoor Fun Dome with heated pool, whirlpool, ping-pong, billiards and video games.
<b>Red Roof Inn</b> 7434 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61108 815-398-9750; Toll Free: 800-733-7663 Fax: 815-398-9761	ES	108	N	W	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	Conveniently located near I-90, restaurants, Magic Waters, Cherry Vale Mall and antique malls. New rooms coming in 2006.
<b>Residence Inn by Marriott</b> 7542 Colosseum Dr., Rockford, IL 61108 815-227-0013; Toll Free: 800-331-3131 Fax: 815-227-0013	ES	94	Y	H/W	Y	Y	Y	Y	I	Y	Y	N	N	An all-suites property with kitchen and living area. Conveniently located near I-90 and Business Rt. 20.
<b>Sleep Inn</b> 725 Clark Dr., Rockford, IL 61107 815-398-8900; Toll Free: 800-424-6423 Fax: 815-398-4399	ES	70	Y	H	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	A	Just west of I-90 near dining, shopping and entertainment, the Sleep Inn of Rockford provides the quality and comfort that won a Gold Award for Hospitality in 2001.
<b>Studio PLUS</b> 747 N. Bell School Rd., Rockford, IL 61107 815-397-8316; Toll Free: 888-788-3467 Fax: 815-397-8373	ES	73	N	H/W	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	Located off I-90 and Business Rt. 20, close to restaurants, shopping and attractions.
<b>Super 8 Motel</b> 7646 Colosseum Dr., Rockford, IL 61107 815-229-5522; Toll Free: 800-800-8000 Fax: 815-229-5547	NE	50	N	W	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	Conveniently located near I-90 and Business Rt. 20, shopping, restaurants and Magic Waters water park.
<b>Sweden House Lodge</b> 4605 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61108 815-398-4130; Toll Free: 800-886-4138 Fax: 815-398-9203	ES	100	Y	D	Y	Y	Y	Y	I	Y	Y	Y	N	The Sweden House Lodge prides itself on offering guests the ultimate experience in Swedish hospitality, making your stay comfortable in a lodge-like setting.
<b>Fox Run Bed and Breakfast Inn</b> 2815 N. Rockton Ave., Rockford, IL 61103 815-963-8151, 815-963-0158	NE													Choose from five theme rooms, each with an adjoining or hall-access private bath. High Victorian decor with family heirlooms, antiques, fireplace, library. Five-course gourmet breakfast. Private parties, weddings, small meetings.
<b>River House Bed &amp; Breakfast Getaway Retreat</b> 11052 Ventura Blvd., Machesney Park, IL 61115 815-636-1884; Fax: 815-636-1884	NE													Have it your way with either romantic luxury guesthouse accommodations or adventure lodging in an authentically styled Native American teepee. All guesthouse suites have private bath, Jacuzzi, fireplace, and two offer outside entrances from private, screened patios.
<b>The Victorian Veranda</b> 8430 W. State Rd., Winnebago, IL 61088 815-963-1337; Fax: 815-963-6595	WP													This 1865 country house features five guest rooms, all with private baths. Eclectic Victorian decor with wraparound porch, wicker furniture, porch swings, horseshoes, croquet, cards. Specialize in Quilting and Scrapbooking Retreats, private parties, weddings and small meetings.

## Campgrounds

- Blackhawk Valley Campground:** 6540 Valley Trail Rd., Rockford, IL 61109 PH: 815-874-9767
- Hononegah Campground:** 80 Hononegah Rd., Rockton, IL 61072 PH: 815-877-6100
- Pecatonica River Campground:** 14260 Brick School Rd., Pecatonica, IL 61063 PH: 815-877-6100
- Seward Bluffs Campground:** 16999 Comly Rd., Pecatonica, IL 61063 PH: 815-877-6100
- Sugar River Campground:** West of Hauley Rd. on Forest Preserve Rd., Shirland, IL 61079 PH: 815-877-6100

**Area:** DT (downtown Rockford), NW - Northwest, NE - Northeast, SW - Southwest, SE - Southeast, WP - Winnebago/Pecatonica, RSB - Rockton/Roscoe/South Beloit, ES - On/off of East State Street, SB - South Beloit



**Pepper Creek**  
7295 Harrison Ave., Rockford, IL 61112  
815-332-2103  
Fine quality roses, experienced designers.

**R & L Ceramics**  
10697 Main St., Roscoe, IL 61073  
815-623-6633  
This shop offers ceramic gifts and classes.

**Something So Special**  
2418 S. Alpine Rd.,  
Rockford, IL 61108  
815-226-1331  
Collectibles from brands such as S warovski, Fontanini and Boyds.

**Village Emporium & VE2**  
5440 Bridge St., Roscoe, IL 61073  
815-623-2777  
From country to contemporary, home decor, floral, gifts, crafts, garden art.

**Village Green Home and Garden East**  
6101 E. Riverside Blvd., near I-90 at the Riverside exit., Rockford, IL 61114  
815-877-9559  
Large garden center with outdoor landscaped displays and extensive patio department.

**Village Green Home and Garden West**  
2640 N. Main St. Rockford, IL 61103  
815-877-7027  
Garden center with gorgeous home furnishings, accessories and gifts.

**Vintageville**  
Main Street, Pecatonica, IL 61063  
Located in the little red brick house, unusual antiques and collectibles.

**ZaZu Gift Co.**  
5382 Williams Dr., Roscoe, IL 61073  
815-623-9298  
Gifts for any occasion. Located in Main Street Square.

**Every effort was made to ensure this list is complete as possible at the time of publication. However, please check a local phone book if you are looking for a specific store or specialty item not listed above.**



## WEDDINGS

### Make your Wedding Day an Original

What will make your big day truly unforgettable; a picturesque setting, friendly, cooperative support staff or affordable pricing? You'll find them all in the Rockford Region.

Ceremony locations, banquet and catering facilities, florists, gowns and formal wear, photo and video services, and convenient transportation options come together to make the Rockford Region an ideal location for your wedding.

And if you have out-of-town guests, accommodations, dining, shopping and attraction information is easy to find at [gorockford.com](http://gorockford.com).



## REUNIONS

### Reunion Planning Made Easy

Celebrating the uniqueness of your family, military unit, class or club with relatives and associates will be even more fun when you hold your reunion in the Rockford Region. You'll smile when you hear about all the things we can do to make it easy for you...from special reunion hotel packages, to assistance in finding venues (banquet halls and picnic pavilions) and vendors (DJs and color guards). We're here to help!

## NEED A BREAK FROM THE HUM DRUM WORK WEEK?

Come to the Rockford Region for a relaxing weekend getaway. We have seasonal getaway packages designed for families, couples, shoppers, history buffs and more. Check out [gorockford.com](http://gorockford.com) or call 800-521-0849 for details and to book your getaway today.



## MEETINGS & CONFERENCES

### Meet Here

If you're looking for a unique place to hold your next meeting or conference, the Rockford Region has all the amenities of a big city, at prices that won't blow you away!

With our array of hotels, function space and unique off-site venues, we think you'll be pleasantly surprised when you schedule a site visit. And we're easy to get to on Interstate highways or through the air via the Chicago-Rockford Airport.



## SPORTS

### The Rockford Region will make you a winner!

Come and see why Rockford was selected as a Sports Town USA by *Sports Illustrated*. Whatever your game, we have the game facilities and hotels that will make your next sporting event or tournament the greatest, all at prices you will love.

Before you book a sporting event, contact the Rockford Area Convention & Visitors Bureau, 800-521-0849, 815-963-8111 or go to our web site, [gorockford.com](http://gorockford.com).

## STAY IN THE LOOP ON UNIQUE EVENTS, NOT-TO-MISS EXHIBITS AND NEW REASONS TO VISIT.

Log on to [gorockford.com](http://gorockford.com) and sign up for our email newsletter. We won't bog down your inbox...but will periodically keep you up to date on what's happening in and around Rockford.

## ILLINOIS' ROCKFORD REGION GREET'S INTERNATIONAL VISITORS EVERY DAY!

## BIENVENIDO! WILLKOMMEN! BENVENUTI! VALKOMMEN!

The Rockford Region welcomes international visitors who are here to conduct business, discover the "real" America and to visit friends and relatives. They enjoy the same things American visitors love about this area: gardens, golf, shopping, the arts, cultural events, friendly people and affordable prices. Below are helpful tips for international visitors.

### Tips & Gratuities:

American tipping customs are very different from those in other countries, and are very subjective, here are some guidelines:

- Restaurant servers – 15% for good service to 20% for outstanding service.
- Hotel porters – \$2 per bag
- Hotel maids – \$2 per night at the end of your stay.
- Hotel room service – many hotels automatically include the gratuity; if not 15%.
- Taxi drivers – 15%, or for very short rides, round up to the next dollar.
- Credit Cards – the most commonly accepted credit cards in the American Midwest are American Express, Discover, MasterCard and Visa.

### Foreign Currency Exchanges:

1. Exchange currency at your arrival airport.
2. Use your bank card, cash card or automated teller card (ATM) to withdraw US dollars from machines throughout America. (You may be charged a small fee.)
3. Use your credit card to pay for rooms, meals and other purchases.
4. As a last resort, exchange currency at the main AmCore Bank, 501 7th Street, Rockford, IL 61104. 815-968-2241.
5. Outside of major airports, places with "currency exchange" signs seldom exchange international currency.

### Group tour packages available for international visitors include:

#### Farm & Agricultural Tours in America's Heartland

Start in Chicago and enjoy big-city sights plus the Board of Trade, where agricultural futures are traded. Continue to Rockford for a customized tour where groups choose from a long list of farms and food processing plants.

#### Scandinavian Heritage in America's Heartland

Trace the history of Scandinavian Immigration to the USA. Start in Chicago and enjoy the Swedish-American Museum Center and Andersonville, a traditionally Swedish neighborhood. Visit Rockford, where Småland and Skåne immigrants and their descendants continue to impact daily life. Then, head up to Minneapolis/St. Paul and its many Scandinavian sites.

#### High-Tech Tours in Rockford, Illinois, USA

Following an international congress or convention in Chicago, Rockford is the perfect place to learn more about your profession and experience American life. Rockford can customize behind-the-scenes tours with a wide variety of high-tech factories, hospitals and medical facilities, food processing plants, distribution centers, and more.

**Interested? E-mail [sales@gorockford.com](mailto:sales@gorockford.com) to learn more.**



## LOCATION & TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS

The Rockford Region is located “smack dab in the middle of America” at the top of Illinois, just 20 miles south of the Wisconsin border. So whether you’re looking for a weekend getaway, a group tour destination or great meeting place, getting here is about as easy as saying, “Are we there yet?”

### Car or Motor Coach Travel:

Located at the intersection of I-90 and I-39 in North Central Illinois, the Rockford Region is an easy drive from Chicago (60 miles from O’Hare), Madison (60 miles) or Milwaukee (80 miles). And once you’re here, you’ll feel like you’re a million miles from the workaday world of home.

### Air Travel:

Airport: Chicago/Rockford International Airport (RFD) [www.flyrfd.com](http://www.flyrfd.com) offers a variety of flight options and locations. Avoid the O’Hassles of O’Hare and Fly RFD.

### Car Rental:

- A Value Plus Auto Rental & Leasing, [www.valueplusauto.com](http://www.valueplusauto.com), 815-316-9400
- Alamo Rent-a-Car, [www.alamo.com](http://www.alamo.com), 815-965-4466
- Avis, [www.avis.com](http://www.avis.com), 800-831-2847
- Budget Rent-a-Car, [www.budget.com](http://www.budget.com), 815-965-1841
- Enterprise, [www.enterprise.com](http://www.enterprise.com), 800-261-7331
- Hertz, [www.hertz.com](http://www.hertz.com), 800-654-3131
- National, [www.nationalcar.com](http://www.nationalcar.com), 815-965-4466

### Bus and Shuttle Service:

Coach USA ([www.coachusa.com](http://www.coachusa.com)) provides 17 shuttles daily between Rockford’s major hotels and Chicago’s O’Hare International Airport and 8 shuttles daily between Rockford and Midway Airport.

Coach USA Amtrak Thruway buses travel to Chicago Union Station and downtown Chicago 5 times a day. From Union Station you can connect with Amtrak’s national rail system. 1-800-USA-RAIL or [www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com).

### Taxicab Services:

- Action Taxi – 815-961-3333
- Carevan, Inc. – 815-633-8461
- Reliable Cab – 815-968-2227
- Spee-Dee Taxi Cab Service – 815-963-3322
- Yellow Line Cab & Limousine – 815-962-5511

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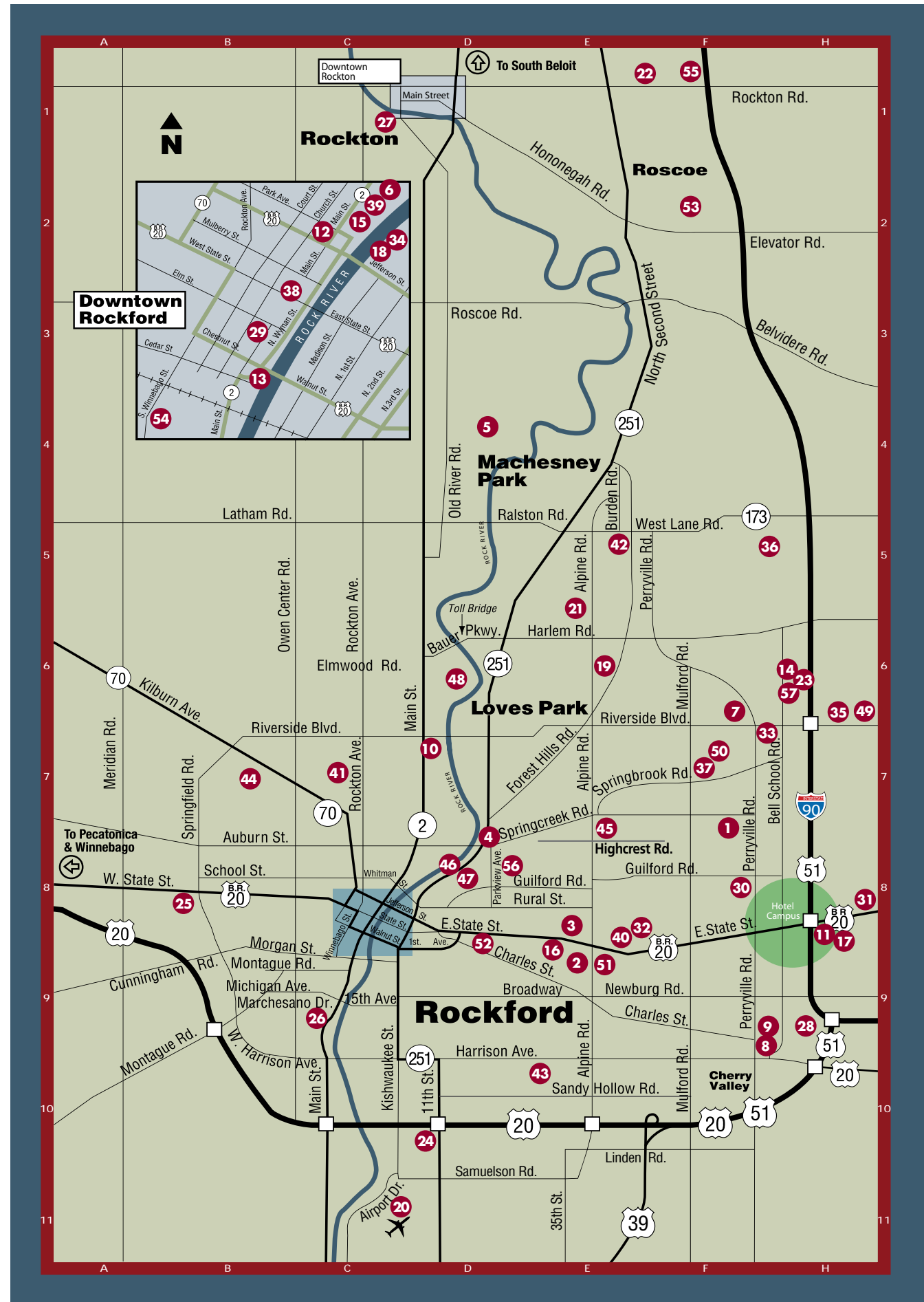


1. Aldeen Golf Club - F7
2. Alpine Hills Golf Club - E9
3. Alpine Inn - E9
4. Anderson Gardens - D8
5. Atwood Homestead Golf Course - D4
6. Burpee Museum of Natural History “Home of Jane” - see downtown map
7. Carlson Ice Arena & Sapora Playworld - F6
8. Cherry Bowl - H9
9. Cherryvale Mall - H9
10. Cliffbreakers Riverside Resort - D7
11. CoCo Key Water Resort
12. Coronado Theatre - see downtown map
13. Davis Park - see downtown map
14. Days Inn & Suites - H6
15. Discovery Center Museum - see downtown map
16. Don Carter Lanes - E8
17. Elliot Golf Course - F9
18. Forest City Queen & Trolley Car #36 - see downtown map
19. Forest Hills Diamonds - E5
20. Chicago/Rockford Int. Airport - C11
21. Harlem Community Center - E5
22. Historic Auto Attractions - E2
23. Holiday Inn Express - H6
24. Howard Johnson - D10
25. Ingersoll Golf Course - C8
26. Klehm Arboretum & Botanic Garden - B9
27. Macktown Golf Course - C1
28. Magic Waters - H9
29. MetroCentre - see downtown map
30. Midway Village & Museum Center - F8
31. NIU - Rockford - H8
32. OSF St. Anthony Medical Center - E8
33. Peace Plaza (Keeling - Puri) - F6
34. Riverview Ice House - see downtown map
35. Road Ranger Stadium - H6
36. Rock Cut State Park - F5
37. Rock Valley College - F7
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39. Rockford Art Museum - see downtown map
40. Rockford College - E8
41. Rockford Memorial Hospital - C7
42. Rockford Speedway - E5
43. Sandy Hollow Golf Course - E10
44. Searles Park / Lockwood Park - B7
45. Shops at Edgebrook - E8
46. Smississippi Gardens Greenhouse & Lagoon - D8
47. Smississippi Golf Course - D8
48. Sportscore One - D6
49. Sportscore Two - H6
50. Starlight Theatre at Rock Valley College - F7
51. Sweden House Lodge - F9
52. SwedishAmerican Hospital - E9
53. The Ledges Golf Course - F2
54. Tinker Swiss Cottage Museum - see downtown map
55. Turtle Creek Information Center - F1
56. University of Illinois College of Medicine - D8
57. Volcano Falls Adventure Park - H6

**Hotel Campus:** The following Hotels and Suites are in the shaded green area where I-90 meets Business 20 (H8/H9)

Baymont Inn & Suites  
Candlewood Suites  
Clock Tower Resort & Conference Center  
Comfort Inn  
Courtyard by Marriott  
Exel Inn of Rockford  
Extended StayAmerica  
Hampton Inn  
Hilton Garden Inn  
Holiday Inn of Rockford  
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Quality Suites  
Radisson Hotel & Conference Center  
Red Roof Inn  
Residence Inn by Marriott  
Sleep Inn of Rockford  
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