



Summer Happenings in Rockford

Rockford City Market

May 19 - September 29 @ Downtown Rockford

This weekly public market occurs every Friday and features locally grown produce, handmade items, baked goods, prepared food, live music and more.

Young at Heart Festival

May 26 - 29 @ Loves Park City Hall

Events during the weekend include live music, a beer garden, carnival rides, kids' activities, food concessions and a fireworks show.



Rockford Town Fair

June 1 - 4 @ Rockford Speedway

This four-day entertainment experience features rides, games, great "fair" food and drinks, and entertainment for all ages.

Bruce Munro: LIGHT

June 3 - November 5 @ Nicholas Conservatory

Munro's 8th large-scale garden exhibition in the U.S. will light up the gardens inside and outside the conservatory for visitors to literally see the gardens in a new light.



Old Settlers Days

June 15 - 18 @ Settlers Park

Old Settlers Days is the largest music festival in the state-line area and features live music performances, carnival rides, food vendors and fireworks.

Photo credit: Bruce Munro, Water-Towers (Waddesdon Manor, UK, 2013)

Chill Out

Don't let the summer heat stop you from exploring the Rockford region! Cool down with some of these local favorite spots!

Magic Waters Waterpark

7820 Cherryvale North Blvd.
(Cherry Valley)

Splash around at this family-friendly waterpark, and be sure to check out the brand new Screaming Lizard waterslide!

Pearl Lake

122 Dearborn Ave. (South Beloit)

Go for a swim in this clear, man-made lake or simply relax and soak up some rays on the spacious beach.

West Rock Wake Park

1420 S. Pierpont Ave. (Rockford)

Zoom across Leving's Lake on a wakeboard utilizing the revolutionary, straight line cable system. No boat necessary!



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Rockford 4th of July Celebration

July 4 @ Downtown Rockford

The annual parade on July Fourth goes through downtown Rockford and ends with the SkyConcert Fireworks Show over the Rock River after sunset.



Festa Italiana

August 3 - 6 @ Boylan High School

Bring your family for great Italian food and pastries, continuous entertainment, Bocce tournaments, carnival rides, live music and more.

Winnebago County Fair

August 16 - 20 @ Winnebago County Fairgrounds

Enjoy a variety of carnival rides, diverse food vendors, live entertainment, animals, displays and more.

Fun in the Sun

Spend some time outside enjoying some of these fun, outdoor locations!

Forest City Queen Riverboat

324 N. Madison St. (Rockford)

Enjoy the beauty of the Rock River in style on a relaxing boat ride as you take in the sights of Rockford's homes, businesses and parks on the river.

Volcano Falls Adventure Park

7602 Rock Valley Pkwy.

(Loves Park)

Challenge yourself to two 18-hole miniature golf courses, take a spin on three different Go-Cart tracks, or stay cool in the indoor arcade!

Zip Rockford at Alpine Hills

4402 Larson Ave. (Rockford)

Zip from tower to tower, traverse over rope bridges, and reach speeds of up to 40 mph on this fun, local zip line and ropes course!



Japanese Summer Festival

August 19 - 20 @ Anderson Japanese Gardens

This annual festival features exhibits, demonstrations and unique performances that appeal to all ages and helps foster a better understanding of the Japanese culture.



.....Rock River Anything That Floats Race

August 20 @ The Rock River

This 2nd annual event includes a variety of canoes, kayaks and unique, handmade rafts as they race down the Rock River ending at Prairie Street Brewhouse.

Midtown Ethnic Parade & Festival :

August 27 @ Midtown

District

All diverse cultures in Rockford participate in a parade of colors and ends with a festival with international food, performances and more.



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