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THE GREATER CHAMPAIGN COUNTY AREA
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Like many across the country, our community faced significant challenges throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. In the blink of an eye, we saw our beloved student population depart to wherever home was, our student-athletes saw their seasons go away, major events were canceled, and businesses closed. Yet something wonderful happened—our community rose to the occasion.

Just as quickly as we saw everything come to a halt, we saw our residents rise up to support our local businesses. We witnessed thousands of photos on social media showcasing curbside pick-up. We saw local shops offering delivery; we witnessed our local artists and makers provide us with fashion-forward masks; and we saw the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign lead the way in research and testing to make our community and our state safe.

We learned what we always knew—we are an Outside of Ordinary community.

While our landscape looks a little different, and we patiently wait for the return of our beloved events and festivals, our community is pledged to the safety of our residents and our visitors. Our parks offer ample space for social distancing. Our downtown districts safely allow outdoor dining. Our retailers offer numerous ways to shop. Our museums offer ways to educate and engage in-person and virtually.

Our goal remains the same—to provide you with ways to break routines and make memories. While you’re here, you will live Outside of Ordinary, so you can cherish each and every day.
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While Champaign County has been on the map since 1833, the founding of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1867 shaped this community for generations to come. Each year, we see dynamic changes on campus from the resident life on Green St. to the state-of-the-art facilities that foster learning across the vast, scenic campus.

While you’re here, take some time to explore our beautiful campus and learn the history of the #14 Ranked Public University in the country. (U.S. News & World Report’s Rankings)
Start your tour at the Richmond Family Welcome Gallery at the Alice Campbell Alumni Center. With a combination of exhibits and interactive displays, you’ll learn about our history, our research, and our students, past and present.
Spread across the greater Champaign County area are hubs of activity, from vibrant downtowns to small-town shopping. Check out these hot spots and explore what makes them Outside of Ordinary.

1. **Downtown Champaign**
   This walkable, vibrant entertainment district in the heart of Champaign is home to over 40 locally-owned bars and restaurants, over a dozen boutiques and shops, a historic theatre, public art, and a tranquil urban park.

2. **Downtown Urbana**
   Discover the historic buildings lining the streets in the county seat, from the courthouse with an interactive Lincoln exhibit, to the old Princess Theatre, now housing Cinema Gallery. Cafés, live music, and green space make this an enjoyable place to stroll and visit.

3. **Campustown**
   The University of Illinois campus is its own community, bursting with bars, restaurants, and shops for the 40,000 students that call Champaign-Urbana home. Take a walk down Green Street, a hub of activity, or venture towards Krannert Center where over a dozen shops and restaurants serve the campus.

4. **Monticello Courthouse Square**
   Monticello offers up its historic square giving you that idyllic small-town setting. Shops, galleries, and restaurants surround the courthouse which sits in the middle of the Square, a listing in the U.S. National Register of Historic Places.

5. **Amish Country**
   As you head south of Champaign County, you’ll begin to see horse and buggies on the rural roads heading into Amish Country. A visit through this area will showcase fine craftsmanship, homemade treats, and a sense of stepping back in time.

6. **Main St., Tuscola**
   From homemade candies to local art, you’ll find unique treasures off Main St. in Tuscola. Hunt for antiques, dine locally, or take a moment to enjoy the gazebo in the heart of the downtown, home to markets and events throughout the year.
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**TECH TOURS & ACTIVITIES**
The University of Illinois is a leader in research and technology, and the community benefits. The National Center for Supercomputing Applications (NCSA) currently offers virtual tours of the Blue Waters Supercomputer, one of the world’s fastest supercomputers. Get hands on with the latest in technology at the Center for Innovation in Teaching and Learning’s TechHub. Play with Virtual and Augmented reality, create with a 3D printer, and play with drones.

**CAMPUS TOUR**
The sprawling University of Illinois campus offers everything from historic architecture to public art to state-of-the-art facilities. Begin your tour at the Richmond Family Welcome Gallery at the Alice Campbell Alumni Center, with an interactive trailhead map to get you started.

**MUSEUMS**
Whether you want to admire fine art at Krannert Art Museum, learn about world heritage at Spurlock Museum, browse the largest collection of John Philip Sousa compositions at the Sousa Archives and Center for American Music, or discover the history of life on the prairie at Museum of the Grand Prairie, we have a museum ready to engage with you. While these museums have free admission, consider their suggested donations to help support programming.

**NATURE CENTERS**
Learn about the wildlife that is native to Illinois and live in our natural areas. At Urbana’s Crystal Lake Park, you can observe wildlife in the observation room and become a naturalist by participating in their field station activities. At Homer Lake Forest Preserve, stop in the Interpretive Center to interact with their exhibits and live animals, or check out one of their many kits to help you explore! The Pollinatarium at the University of Illinois will teach you about the importance of pollinators such as bees and butterflies in our ecosystem on a walk through their grounds or at their exhibits.

**PRAIRIE FARM**
Sheep, goats, miniature horses, pigs, and more—you can visit with all the farm animals at this gem in Champaign every summer. Pack your swimsuit as Sholem Aquatic Center is just next door.

**SPORTING EVENTS**
Put on some orange and blue and get ready to support the impressive Fighting Illini student-athletes. From gymnastics to track & field to baseball and softball, 15 women’s and men’s sports are free to attend, often with engaging activities for kids. Or head over to Parkland College in support of the Cobras, who can claim national championships for several sports.
Seasonal Checklist

The seasons come and go, bringing everything from rich, fall colors, to a winter wonderland, bright spring blooms, and warm summer nights. While we anticipate changes to our seasonal events post COVID-19, there are events and activities to count on as you cross off days on your calendar.

FALL

IT’S ALL ABOUT THE PUMPKINS
Load up the family or grab your friends and head to the patch to enjoy this Midwest pastime. Illinois is the largest pumpkin producing state and we have three great patches to pick your seasonal décor. In Amish Country, visit The Great Pumpkin Patch, with 300 varieties of pumpkins, squash, and gourds from over 30 countries, with creative and educational displays. Curtis Orchard & Pumpkin Patch in Champaign opens up their patch for picking pumpkins in all shapes and colors, alongside a variety of activities for the family. Off the beaten path, you can discover Negangard Pumpkin Patch, a small family-owned farm that is beloved by our residents.

CORN MAZES
Corn is not always for eating. Sometimes, it’s for getting lost. Wander into the tall stalks of corn at Hardy’s Reindeer Ranch, where you can get lost in their 10-acre design which changes every year. For the younger ones, check out the smaller mazes at both Curtis Orchard & Pumpkin Patch and The Great Pumpkin Patch.

FESTIVALS
As our population grows in the fall with the return of University of Illinois students and faculty, we welcome an abundance of fall festivals. Music is celebrated at the C-U Folk & Roots Festival across various Urbana venues, and at 2020’s Pygmalion, a free, virtual event showcasing interactive dialogue on pertinent issues, literature, a makers fair, and a tech showcase. The Japan House at the University of Illinois celebrates culture virtually with Matsuri, and the UP Center presents the CU Pride Fest complete with the biggest pride parade south of Chicago. In Arcola, the popular, annual Broomcorn Festival returns for its 50th year in 2021!

WINTER

REINDEER
Do the holidays happen if you don’t have reindeer? We don’t think so. Truly feel the magic of the season with a reindeer kiss at Hardy’s Reindeer Ranch. Sip on some hot apple cider and shop their large Christmas collection for a must-do winter experience.

HOLIDAY SHOPPING
Get in the spirit of giving and do your holiday shopping in the greater Champaign County area. Local boutiques and shops offer one-of-a-kind gifts no matter who is on your list. Pick up something truly unique from one of the many maker fairs in November–December, highlighting our talented local artists.

PARADES
Our communities celebrate the holiday season with parades of all kinds. Head to Arthur for their annual Amish Country Christmas Kickoff and Lighted Parade. Small towns around Champaign-Urbana bring out the cheer at their celebrations, from Tuscola to Monticello. Following the Thanksgiving holiday, head to the streets of Downtown Champaign for the Parade of Lights, complete with carolers and hot cocoa.

CELEBRATE LOCAL FOOD
Our local restaurants offer fresh flavors, showcasing cuisines from all around the world. Now more than ever, we look forward to highlighting our award-winning culinary scene during the annual Champaign County Area Restaurant Week, January 29–February 6, 2021.
LOCAL ART
What happens when you have hundreds of local artists partner with over 100 local businesses and venues? The Boneyard Arts Festival. This non-traditional festival takes you to locations all over the area to get inspired by our talented artists, and gives you opportunities to take that art home to always admire.

BLOOMING GARDENS
When the snow melts, the flowers bloom. Peonies at Allerton Park & Retreat Center, cherry blossoms at the Japan House, and flowers of all varieties at the Mabery Gelvin Botanical Garden are all must-see gardens every spring.

ALL ABOUT SCIENCE
Some of the world’s brightest students at the Grainger College of Engineering at the University of Illinois will blow your mind at the annual Engineering Open House. From artificial intelligence to Tesla Coils, you can get a glimpse of the future of technology during this weekend of free exhibits.

FILM
Renowned film critic Roger Ebert hails from Urbana, getting his start at the University of Illinois’ Daily Illini. He left a legacy in our community with the annual Ebertfest, a celebration of film, at the Virginia Theatre. We look forward to welcoming movie-goers in 2021!

BABY GOATS
As farmers markets prepare to start back up, Prairie Fruits Farm & Creamery gets ready to showcase their award-winning goat cheese after they bring over 100 baby goats into the world. Celebrate these gentle animals every spring with Babies and Brunch, showcasing local ingredients and baby goats. What could be better?

SUMMER
LIVE MUSIC
Four locations, eight bands per night, and 13 weeks adds up to 104 local performers in the summer of 2021. Local musicians and residents alike celebrate all summer long during Friday Night Live, offering free live music from Memorial Day through Labor Day in downtown Champaign.

SUMMER FESTIVALS
From 4th of July celebrations to street fests, summer is the time for local festivals. The summer of 2021 looks forward to bringing back our favorites, from the Champaign Park District’s Taste of Champaign-Urbana to the Urbana Sweetcorn Festival and the Mahomet Music Fest.

OUTDOOR ADVENTURES
Our forest preserves and parks serve as a much-needed respite throughout COVID-19. From hiking trails, bike paths, and waterways, our natural areas provide ample opportunities to explore all summer long.

Due to the evolving COVID-19 restrictions, check out our website for a complete list of upcoming events & festivals.

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Farms, large and small, surround our micro-urban community, providing fresh ingredients for local chefs to incorporate into their menus and for us to prepare at home. Here’s where you can pick up the freshest ingredients of the season to support our local food system.

**FARMERS MARKETS**

Seven farmers markets across five days—from Urbana’s Market at the Square, the largest area market with over 70 regular vendors to the Sustainable Student Farmers Market held on the University of Illinois campus—make it easy to pick up seasonal produce, meat, eggs, flowers, bread and more.

**TU**  Champaign Farmers Market

**W**  Rantoul, Homer, and Sullivan Farmers Markets

**TH**  Monticello Farmers Market and Sustainable Student Farm

**F**  Mahomet Farmers Market

**SA**  Urbana’s Market at the Square, Market in the Square (Nov.–March), Arcola Market

**ON THE FARM & CSAs**

Several area farms have on-site sales of products, including U-Pick, or have Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) shares available. Head to the Farm Stand at Prairie Fruits Farm & Creamery to pick up their award-winning goat cheese alongside a variety of local ingredients from area farmers.

**ON-SITE & U-PICK**

- **Prairie Fruits Farm & Creamery**
  - Cheese, gelato and other local products, and U-Pick fruit when available
  - **Moon Grove Farm**
    - Flower U-Pick
  - **Curtis Orchard & Pumpkin Patch**
    - Apples & Pumpkins
  - **Great Pumpkin Patch**
    - Pumpkins & Squash
  - **Okaw Valley Orchard**
    - Apples
  - **Goosecreek Blueberries**

**CSAs**

- Brackett Farm
- Sola Gratia Farm
- Red Crib Acres
- Berries & Flour
- Delight Flower Farm
- Hendrick House Farm
- Illinois Willows
- BlueMoon Farm
- Triple S Farms
- Joy of Illinois Farm
- Harmony Gardens

**LOCAL SHOPS**

Can’t get to the market? These shops stock local ingredients so you can continue to support our local farms.

- Common Ground Food Co-op
- Strawberry Fields
- Harvest Market
- Beachy’s Foods
- Grovestone
- Cheese & Crackers
While area farms serve a purpose of growing or producing food, there’s also plenty of opportunities to visit a farm for fun. Here’s our top list of must-do activities on our local farms.

**MUST-DO**

**CORN MAZES**

Wander into the tall stalks of corn at **Hardy’s Reindeer Ranch**, where you can get lost in their 10-acre design which changes every year. **Buxton’s Garden Farm** in Sullivan presents their “Corn Maize” in the fall, where you can also grab pumpkins, squash, and mums. For the younger ones, check out the smaller mazes at both **Curtis Orchard & Pumpkin Patch** and **The Great Pumpkin Patch**.

**PICK YOUR PUMPKINS & APPLES**

Home décor, Halloween decorations, or cooking and baking, pumpkins serve many purposes. **The Great Pumpkin Patch** combines education on uses of these cucurbits alongside the fun of a pumpkin patch, picking your own or exploring their remarkable pumpkin and squash displays. **Curtis Orchard & Pumpkin Patch** encourages you to walk the yellow brick road through the kids activities before reaching the apple orchard and pumpkin patch, leading you back to their shop filled with cider, donuts, and their award-winning honey. **Okaw Valley Orchard** in Sullivan is an off-the-beaten-path farm with U-Pick, apple cider making demonstrations, educational tours, and a charming store to pick up their cider, donuts, pieces and more.

**DINE ON THE FARM**

A different kind of al fresco dining, **Prairie Fruits Farm & Creamery** invites you to be a part of a community dinner under their pavilion, where guest chefs prepare multiple course dinners utilizing their goat cheese and other local ingredients for a truly unique experience. **Willow Creek Farm** hosts guests on their elegant property where you’re served five courses utilizing their livestock and produce, paired perfectly with a selection of wines, for an unforgettable experience.

Don’t let the expansive fields of corn and soy fool you; Champaign County is rife with small farms, local markets, and great farm-to-table finds just waiting for you. Be a little adventurous, a tad curious, and get to know the people that make the local agriculture community what it is.

**TIPS**

- Many breweries in Champaign County use local grains in their beers and love talking with people about where they source from and why they prefer local grains. Stop in for a drink, support local farmers, and learn about this amazing aspect of the local food system.
- Not all farmers markets in Champaign County are on the weekend! There are great markets to visit during the week in Rantoul, Monticello, and Champaign, to name a few.
- If you want to get recommendations on good farm-to-table spots, find out where to get certain local products, or know what is in season, all you have to do is ask a farmer and they’ll help you out.
- Buy Fresh Buy Local Illinois is a great online resource that has listings of local farms as well as restaurants, breweries, and grocers that source from local producers.

There are some great farms in Champaign County with activities for the entire family. However, not all working farms are agritourism destinations and might not like it when people just randomly show up. Make sure to check online or call ahead to make sure that visiting a farm is acceptable.
FOOD & DRINK

Discover our award-winning culinary scene complete with dozens of food trucks, breweries, and flavors from around the world.

COMFORT FOOD

These days, comfort food is a necessity, whether we enjoy it by curbside service or at our local restaurants. Here’s some recommendations the next time you need to eat your feelings.

Ramen
The piping hot broth, tender noodles, and an array of vegetables combine to make the ramen from Sakanaya a cozy dish.

Mac & Cheese
This side dish is always a favorite, but the family recipe used at Wood N' Hog always has people going back for more.

Skinny Dippers
Courier Café’s take on potato skins are a dish best shared, but we won’t tell if you keep them for yourself.

Tater Tots
While the egg sandwiches at Cracked on Green take top billing, the tater tots are what bring us serious comfort. Have them plain, or try the parmesan truffle, Cajun, sloppy, white cheddar, or sweet potato tots for unique flavors.

Fried Chicken
Anything off the buffet at Yoder’s Kitchen will bring you comfort, but you won’t be able to stop yourself from grabbing a few pieces of their famous fried chicken.

BEST BURGER

An ongoing debate, who has the best burger in town? Here are some popular choices, but we’ll let you decide the winner of this battle.

Farren’s Pub & Eatery
Selected as Illinois’ Best Burger from Trip Advisor. Try the Russell Burger, with sautéed mushrooms, bacon, blue cheese sauce and pepperjack cheese.

La Royale at Broadway Food Hall
The smashburgers from La Royale at Broadway Food Hall make a tough competitor for best burger. Pro tip: add the fried egg!

Hamilton Walker’s
This downtown establishment serves up a mean steakburger, thanks to the fresh cuts of beef which pack plenty of flavor.

Crane Alley
Although they have several burgers as part of their regular menu, it’s the special burgers that always grab our attention. Go often to try them all out.

Dancing Dog Eatery & Juicery
Even non-vegetarians will love the meatless burgers served at this vegan spot in downtown Urbana. Don’t forget to add their homemade ketchup!
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“Champaign County really has something for everyone, from drive up burger joints and fine dining, to food halls, food trucks, and breweries. We have restaurants that have been around for decades, and new ones ready to become Friday night favorites. Even in times of limited travel, we’re able to experience a wide array of international cuisines every single day. We’re not wanting for much.”

TIPS
Don’t be afraid to try something new. Champaign County truly offers international cuisines, and there’s no better time than now to take a chance on finding your new favorite dish.

Order dessert as your appetizer—that’s the only way to ensure you have room for it!

Choose outdoor seating in downtown C-U if the weather’s nice. You’ll be able to enjoy your meal and some people watching.

Select dishes that feature locally grown and sourced ingredients. Champaign County has amazing farmers and producers.

Consider organizing your own tour of our local breweries (safely, of course), or sample local brews at many locally owned and operated restaurants.

INTERNATIONAL FLAVORS
With one of the largest international populations for a public university, our community benefits with flavors from around the world. Expand your horizons at these international hot spots around the community.

Stango Cuisine
Serving flavors from Zambia, this stop at Lincoln Square in Urbana will serve you tender oxtail, savory gizzards with plantains, and nshima, a Zambian staple resembling polenta.

Sticky Rice
This mother and daughter spot in downtown Champaign offers flavors from Lao and Thailand. The Thum Muk Hoong (Papaya Salad) brings a combination of sweet and spicy flavors. Eat it with your hands with a side of sticky rice.

Ozu Ramen
In the heart of campustown, this popular stop offers a variety of ramen dishes alongside Hirata Buns, a pillowy, steamed bun used in sandwiches with pork belly or spicy fried chicken.

Jerusalem Restaurant
Hummus, falafel, kufta, and more Middle Eastern delights can be enjoyed at the campus stop, a long-time favorite for students and alumni.

Maize Mexican Grill
With two locations in Champaign, Maize highlights traditional dishes from Mexico City. Their corn tortillas are handmade for each order, a perfect start for their popular tacos.

Caribbean Grill
If you need a little island spice, this is the stop for you. Caribbean Grill gained their following with their food truck, but you can now stop in their brick and mortar restaurant for jerk chicken, meatballs or salmon served with rice ‘n peas.
A DINNER DATE
Take your special friend out for a romantic dinner they won’t forget. These eateries around the community are perfect for your next dinner date.

Naya
This new addition from the owner of Miga and Sakanaya combines Asian and Italian flavors for a unique menu. Chef Thad Morrow creates inspired dishes ideal for sharing in their sophisticated space.

Timpone’s
From the family that originally brought pizza to Central Illinois, Timpone’s serves up authentic Italian cuisine, made from fresh ingredients. Their evolving menu means you can take your date there over and over again.

The Bread Company
Nestled next to Timpone’s, The Bread Company offers Swiss cuisine. We recommend getting cozy with your date over their classic fondue dishes, perfect for sharing.

Silvercreek
Off the Boneyard Creek in Urbana, Silvercreek offers classic fine dining. Utilizing local ingredients from their gardens at their sister restaurant down the street, this restaurant is sure to charm you and your date.

Hamilton Walker’s
This spot is all about the service. Experience their exceptional hospitality while you enjoy steaks, seafood, and delectable desserts on what will surely be a date night to remember.

Miga
A modern and elegant spot in downtown Champaign, Miga’s cuisine from sushi to Asian-inspired entrées are sure to impress.

Jarling’s Custard Cup
It doesn’t get more iconic that Jarling’s Custard Cup. Located just blocks away from the University of Illinois campus, this ice cream shop, open all year, features flavors of the week, cold fudge sundaes, and snowstorms mixed with your favorite toppings.

Just Bee Açai
A healthy take on a sweet treat, Just Bee Açai offers their bowls from their vintage food truck. The berries are loaded with antioxidants and amino acids and the frozen puree offers a filling treat when topped with granola, honey, chia seeds, and other toppings.

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Pies by Inge
With no preservatives, these made-from-scratch pies, found off the Courthouse Square in Monticello, are meant to be enjoyed straight from the oven. Over 50 varieties of desserts from pies to brownies will satisfy any sweet tooth.

Sidney Dairy Barn
This small-town stop invites you to their barn for their ice cream. Get some soft-serve in a cone, enjoy a shake like their Jitter Shake made with local Page Roasting Company cold brew, or share a banana split!

Hopscotch Bakery + Market
Utilizing local ingredients and supporting area makers, Hopscotch Bakery + Market will give you decadent desserts that you can feel good about.
Sweet or salty? This is the choice you face as you look to select that must-have snack. At CBPB Popcorn Shop, you don’t have to make a choice. Upon entering the store, you’re greeted with bags of various flavors of popcorn from sweet to savory. Meanwhile, a display of decadent caramel apples will tempt you into a sweet treat you didn’t know you needed.

When business partners Alven and Isis opened CBPB Popcorn Shop nearly 11 years ago, it was because of their love of treats. At the time, there wasn’t a locally-owned shop in town. “There was a void that we wanted to fill. We weren’t the only ones who craved popcorn and treats as much as we did.” They were right. Since opening, the community has embraced the shop, located off Neil St. and Kirby Ave.—an ideal location to pick up treats before you head out to tailgate. Their treats go well beyond the individual indulgence, the owners often fulfill requests for friends, family, and co-workers, perfect for gift baskets or just to show someone you care.

It’s not just the smile and the fantastic customer service you get that keeps you coming back, it’s the old-fashioned way of preparing their snacks that make you crave them more and more. “Sweet and simple,” says Alven. “We make sure our products have a lot of flavor and we make it a point to treat our customers like family, so when they enter our store they feel comfortable and happy.”

We all have our favorites, just ask the Visit Champaign County team about their varied tastes on popcorn from the Jalapeno Cheddar to the Cheesy Ranch to Almond Crunch. But CBPB notes that the caramel apples are their most popular treat. They hand-pick and dip each apple themselves. “It’s a fun process,” and we can see why. Flavors like Apple Cobbler, Birthday Cake, Peanut Butter Overload, Turtle, and Cookies-n-Cream can certainly provide delight not only in creating, but in serving them up. “We love seeing the joy customers show when they get our apples.”

Alven and Isis hope to be in Champaign-Urbana for a long time, with hopes of multiple locations in town for locals and visitors to experience, including their pop-ups at the State Farm Center and Memorial Stadium during games. Stop in and discover your newest craving, because they love nothing more than making people smile.

ON THE PATIO
There’s something special about dining al fresco with the fresh air and the sunset providing the ambience. Our downtown districts offer hundreds of outdoor seats to enjoy with social distancing, with these iconic patios providing the perfect backdrop for dinner or a drink.

Crane Alley
This gastropub in downtown Urbana has a charming alley filled with outdoor seats, perfect to enjoy their many craft brews alongside their elevated pub food.

Blind Pig Brewery
One of the most photographed spots in the community, the Blind Pig beer garden is the place to be during the evening. Grab food from any one of the surrounding restaurants and enjoy a cold, local brew with friends under the patio lights.

Esquire Lounge
The original outdoor patio in downtown Champaign, Esquire Lounge’s outdoor dining is highly sought after in the summer as the work day ends and the happy hour begins. We suggest their housemade pineapple margaritas on a warm summer day.

Big Grove Tavern
Off One Main Plaza in downtown Champaign, Big Grove Tavern is the perfect spot to catch live music during Friday Night Live in the summer, or for a casual date night.

Sipyard
A truly outside of ordinary spot, the Sipyard is located in an alleyway in downtown Urbana, decked out in graffiti with local beers served from shipping crates. Catch live music in this location, or just catch-up with friends in this photo-friendly spot.
Across the area, local breweries make art out of brewing. From all corners of Champaign County, you can find a beer that suits your tastes. Head to the tap room or pick up a growler to enjoy these crafted beverages.

**Triptych Brewing**
Celebrating artfully crafted beer, Triptych Brewing in Savoy brings beer lovers together in their large taproom. A perennial favorite—Dank Meme, is a double dry hopped hazy pale ale, and has spawned varieties Really Dank Meme and Mini Meme.

**Riggs Beer Company**
Following traditional German brewing, the Riggs brothers utilize just four ingredients in all of their beers. Utilizing grains from their own family farm, and those grown on property, a typical month uses about 1500 pounds of their own grain. They also proudly run off 90–100% solar power. Take a tour of the brewery and enjoy your brew in their popular taproom and beer garden.

**Blind Pig Brewery**
As the first in Central Illinois, the Blind Pig Brewery emulates a British pub, with four core beers—Columbia Street Coffee Stout, U of IPA, Hatori Hanzo Pale Ale, and Blue Pils—and seasonal ales that keep you coming back for more.

**J.T. Walker’s Brewery**
This microbrewery in Mahomet offers many nods to the local community, offering beers like the Bulldog Brown Ale, named for the hometown team, and the Orange & Blue American Wheat Ale with the colors from both the local high school and the University of Illinois.

**25 O’Clock Brewing Company**
The newest brewery in the area, 25 O’Clock Brewing Company is off the Boneyard Creek in Urbana. Like the community they serve, they offer a diverse line-up of local beers from Blondie Johnson, a Belgian-style blonde, to Wee Heavy, a Scottish-style strong ale.
When you combine our scenic parks and our award-winning culinary scene, you have the winning recipe for a perfect picnic. While we continue to exercise social distancing, enjoy a meal with loved ones in a local park with these combinations.

**Japan House**  
Goat Cheese from Prairie Fruits Farm & Creamery + Autumn Berry Jelly + Bread from Central Illinois Bakehouse

**Hessel Park**  
Salad Bar from Harvest Market + Custard from Jarlings Custard Cup

**Crystal Lake Park**  
Takeout from Broadway Food Hall + Mexican Ice Cream from El Oasis

**Allerton Park & Retreat Center**  
Sandwich from the Brown Bag + Dessert from Pies by Inge
The sounds of our local musicians fill our streets, our venues, and our Facebook feeds as we enjoyed live streams from home. With new safety measures in place, we can now enjoy local, live music all year-long.

**Iron Post**
Just around the corner, the Iron Post is a top spot for jazz and local acts. Any night of the week, head to this spot for a chill night out.

**Pour Brothers**
Catch local and regional musicians regularly at this downtown Champaign watering hole. Pour your own beer from their rotating selection of craft brews and then settle in for some tunes.

**Neil St. Blues**
Combine soul food with blues and you have a perfect night out in downtown Champaign. This locally-owned spot will feed your soul and your appetite.

**NOLA’s Rock Bar**
This intimate club brings that spirit of New Orleans to downtown Urbana, with jazz, rock, and bluegrass from local musicians, with weekend showcases of regional bands.

**Canopy Club**
A hot spot for the college crowd, this club located on campus showcases up and coming talent alongside touring acts.

**Rose Bowl Tavern**
The self-proclaimed “Home of Country Music (and more!)” in downtown Urbana highlights local and regional bands most nights of the week, from folk to acoustic to funk and soul.

**Alto Vineyards**
Visit this tasting room featuring their Southern Illinois-grown wine for their Wine Down Wednesdays throughout the summer, where local musicians take the stage while you sip from their outdoor patio.

**Pygmalion**
Held in September, the 2020 festival will be entirely online, with interactive Q&A, a virtual makers fair, poetry readings, and much more.

**Folk & Roots**
Over a dozen downtown Urbana venues host local and national folk and bluegrass bands for this community-minded festival.

**ELLNORA | The Guitar Festival**
Returning every odd year to the Krannert Center for the Performing Arts, this multi-day event celebrates the guitar, used in all genres of music.

**Mahomet Music Festival**
Off Main St. in Mahomet you’ll enjoy two full days of local and regional bands, alongside a variety of family-friendly activities.
OUTDOOR MUSIC

Beyond our live music hot spots, you can find entertainment in our parks and on our streets throughout the summer. These events are perfect for enjoying all the community has to offer—a vibrant backdrop and local talent.

**Friday Night Live**
We’re ready to bring back our local musicians to downtown Champaign on our warm summer nights. Find a spot on the many patios at our bars and restaurants, or wander the area to see four locations showcasing everything from rockabilly to big band every Friday night from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

**Neighborhood Nights**
Urbana’s parks get their turn in the spotlight with a different destination every Wednesday night showcasing local musicians. Unwind from your weekday and enjoy live music and a picnic dinner.

**Sounds at Sunset**
End your weekend with a concert in one of Champaign’s many scenic parks. Get to know the different neighborhood spots and be entertained from local talent while the kids play in the area.

**Allerton Park Concert Series**
Enjoy a variety of performances in the beauty of this European-inspired estate. Their summer concert series happens once a month over the summer on their gate house lawn, and closes the season in their Music Barn, with a collaboration with the University of Illinois School of Music.

**Champaign County Forest Preserve District Concert Series**
Set in two of our area forest preserves, Homer Lake and Lake of the Woods, you get to sit amongst all that nature provides while enjoying a set from our local talent.

ON THE BIG STAGE

Touring acts make the rounds in Champaign-Urbana, entertaining us from the big stage. Check out these venues to see what’s coming up to add to your calendar.

**Krannert Center for the Performing Arts**
Over 300 performances occur at this impressive campus facility. Catch intimate acts on Stage 5 during the weekly Krannert Uncorked events or enjoy the symphony in the acoustically-perfect Foellinger Great Hall. Just find yourself at Krannert Center for their rich season of events.

**State Farm Center**
This arena and event venue brings in major acts throughout the year to entertain us. Get swept up in the energy of the space as performers bring out all the stops.

**The Virginia Theatre**
This historic theatre creates an intimate experience with performers from REO Speedwagon, a hometown band, to Renée Elise Goldsberry of Hamilton-fame.

**The City Center**
Known for their country music events, The City Center features the latest in country and rock in their venue straddling downtown Champaign and campustown.

For up-to-date information on live music events and festivals: visitchampaigncounty.org
Art LIVES HERE

Visual artists of all kinds call the greater Champaign County area home, injecting creativity into the community and adding local art into our shops and cafes. Buying local art not only supports our talented artists, it brings vibrancy to your own collection. Shop local art at these locations and events throughout the community.

LOCAL EXPERT

Kelly White
Executive Director | 40 North

“Our amazing local arts community is an essential part of our identity here in CU. Artistic, cultural, and creative experiences spark pride, affect change, generate vibrancy, and are a key reason to love this town.”

TIPS

Buy local art—you will never regret supporting a local artist and there’s a unique aspect that comes from buying local art as opposed to something manufactured on an assembly line. There’s a history to an original piece of art and all the thought, time, and effort put into the work makes it that much more special.

Attend openings—whether virtual or hosted by one of our many local venues, showing up to local shows and exhibitions is a wonderful way to showcase your support of our local arts community while also being inspired, challenged, and connected.

Explore public art—we are lucky to have several local parks energized by amazing sculptures as well as many artworks enhancing multiple public spaces. From a graffiti-lined beer garden to a solitary bronze figure gazing across the prairie, it’s a uniquely accessible way to encounter art and connect to our identity as a community.

Visit festivals, fairs, and markets—from small pop-up art markets to county-wide celebrations, these events are amazing opportunities to discover and meet your new favorite local artist. While you’re at it, share their artist pages and tell the world why their art matters.

Invest in local talent—jump at the chance to help fund a new music project, buy tickets to a local show, or attend the new groundbreaking play at a local theater. When it comes to supporting local artist endeavors, you have everything to gain and nothing to lose.

Galleries

In downtown Urbana, two women-owned art galleries lie just steps from each other, both displaying a diverse collection of local art. Cinema Gallery, located in the historic Princess Theatre, offers the largest collection of fine art in the Midwest. Regular shows rotate through the space to showcase the many works of individual artists. The Gilbert Gallery, just a few doors down, showcases over 40 local artists using a variety of mediums and techniques, all affordable.

In Tuscola, the Vault Art Gallery features 60 Central Illinois artists in their large gallery, featuring paintings, sculpture, jewelry, fiber art, and much more.

Two prolific artists showcase their work in galleries of their own. Larry Kanfer, known for his prairiescapes and cityscapes, showcases his vivid photography at Larry Kanfer Gallery in Champaign, a must-stop for picking up photography of iconic Central Illinois locations. Meanwhile, off the Courthouse Square in Monticello, Jim Downey can be found creating his blown-glass creations in his gallery, Prairie Fire Glass. Get engaged in this art through his workshops and classes, offered throughout the year.
Markets & Events
To get a broad picture of the many artists that live and create here, attend the Boneyard Arts Festival every April. In over a hundred venues across the county, you’ll discover art of all mediums from our local artists. This event is an opportune time to take home the art that inspires you, and connect with new artists.

Local art fairs can be found throughout the year so you can discover pieces that call to you. New on the scene, the Crystal Lake Park Art Fair at Urbana’s scenic park curates over 20 artists with an array of mediums for you to admire. The Made Fest, a part of Pygmalion, features local and regional artists, showcasing hand-made and vintage pieces in this two-day show on campus.

As the holidays loom, numerous art shows are available so you can give the gift of art to a loved one, but we won’t tell if you keep it for yourself. Here’s a few to check out:

- Craft League of Champaign-Urbana Annual Art Fair
- Mistletoe Market
- Allerton Holiday Showcase

PUBLIC ART
Walk around our city streets or head into area parks and you’re sure to see pieces of art adorning the area. Whether it’s sculpture adding to the landscape or murals that tell a story, we have plenty of art to show off in our public spaces.

Art in the Parks
In collaboration with the Public Art League, Champaign parks are filled with sculptures, adding to the beauty of the natural areas. In Urbana’s Meadowbrook Park, the Wandell Sculpture Garden adds 22 pieces of sculpture on the meandering paths that lead through the restored prairie. At Allerton Park & Retreat Center, artwork laid the foundation of the estate landscape, with art to be discovered in the formal gardens and throughout the wooded areas along the Sangamon River.

Urban Art
Like our parks, our streets in our urban spaces are populated with sculpture from whimsical pieces such as Chester the Jester in downtown Champaign to Byways to Equality in King Park in Urbana, a commentary on the people and events during the civil rights movement.

Murals appear on the side of numerous buildings in urban spaces. The mural in the Seven Saints beer garden commemorates a local personality, Chef Ra; while in another downtown beer garden, the Outside of Ordinary mural pays homage to the community’s celebrated spaces.

Graffiti art covers the surfaces in downtown Urbana’s Sipyard, from the shipping crates where you can pick up a local beer to the walls in the alleyway. The evolving art that continues to show up in the space speaks to the local community and national issues experienced through art.

Wall Dog Murals
In Arcola, in the heart of Amish Country, you’ll find 15 historic murals created by the Wall Dogs, interpreting the heritage of the community from Hispanic immigration to a delightful I Spy children’s mural.
There is much to learn about culture and society through the lens of art. Our local art museums offer provocative and engaging events to broaden our horizons.

**Krannert Art Museum**

From exploring medieval collections to modern art discussing social justice, Krannert Art Museum (KAM) at the University of Illinois provides engaging exhibits to open the mind and soul. Beyond their extensive collections on the arts of Africa, ancient Mediterranean works, European and American art from the eighteenth to twentieth century, KAM features rotating exhibits to further critical dialogue in society. This coming year, you can experience “Printmaking as Social Justice in 1930s United States,” “Fake News & Lying Pictures: Political Prints in the Dutch Republic,” and “Homemade, with Love: More Living Room,” a multimedia installation intending to merge local, national, and global critical arts engagement with Black girls. Further engage with artists and the museum through their many free events during the year, from Speak Café to their Sudden Sound concert series to Kids at Krannert.

**Giertz Gallery at Parkland College**

Giertz Gallery at Parkland College is a teaching gallery, serving the cultural and educational needs of our community. Each year, seven exhibitions rotate through the space to showcase the various perspectives from today’s students. Gallery talks and receptions allow us to engage with artists to learn about their inspiration and the conversations they seek to start through their artwork.

**Spurlock Museum**

Also on the University of Illinois campus, Spurlock Museum seeks to promote diversity in cultures around the world through exhibits and events. Their permanent exhibits, displayed by geographical location, highlight thousands of years in human history. Rotating exhibits enhance the discussion on heritage and culture, such as the fall collection, “Blues Dancing and Its African American Roots.” Interactive events such as storytelling and arts and crafts provide further ways of experiencing different cultures.
Theater provides escapism when we need it most, and also invokes dialogue on issues faced around the world. Our local theaters offer visually stunning productions alongside stark, thought-provoking shows.

**Krannert Center for the Performing Arts**
A visual spectacle, CU Ballet’s The Nutcracker, charms audiences during the holidays, while visiting theatre companies and student productions grace the four stages in this impressive arts center.

**The Virginia Theatre**
Home to the annual Ebertfest, the Virginia Theatre is host to local and touring productions such as David Sedaris, and the Moth Radio Hour. The historic space creates an ambience like no other.

**Station Theatre**
This small theater has been providing thought-provoking productions for the community for over 45 years. Their commitment to sharing Black stories showcases their dedication to community and invoking art to educate.

**Little Theater on the Square**
Since 1957, this theatre has had the likes of Mickey Rooney, Alan Alda, and Leonard Nimoy grace the stage. Professionals perform on this Central Illinois off-Broadway stage, where Million Dollar Quartet and Junie B. Jones, Jr. are expected to delight audiences in 2021.

**Parkland College Theater**
Utilized by students and the community, this theater offers two stages to entertain and inspire. Sweeney Todd, Arsenic and Old Lace, and A Christmas Story are among the numerous productions planned for 2020–2021.

**State Farm Center**
The annual WCIA 3 Broadway Series brings new and classic productions throughout the year. Past productions include Jersey Boys, An American in Paris, and The Color Purple.

**Monticello Theatre Association**
Since 1975, this theatre association has produced dramas, comedies and musicals at the Phoenix Theatre. From past productions Tennessee Williams’ “The Glass Menagerie” to L. Frank Baum’s “The Wizard of Oz,” nothing is off limits on this local stage.

**Green Mill Village Theatre**
This theatre in Arcola, located in the Best Western Plus Hotel, offers dinner theatre-style performances for guests. They promise a season full of laughter and love!

**Rantoul Theatre Group**
Since 1999, this theatre group has entertained audiences from the stage found on the former Chanute Air Force Base. Discover multiple performances throughout the year from these passionate performers.
Our community is rich with history, from the original settlers on the prairie to Lincoln’s time in Champaign County on the 8th Judicial Circuit, to the founding of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Discover our vast history in museums, archives, and local walking tours.

Champaign County History Museum
Located in the Cattle Bank, the oldest building in Champaign, this recently renovated museum proudly showcases the rich history of the area.

The Great Harris Mansion Heist is the newest exhibit that offers intrigue, while When We Went to War shows you the community and the University of Illinois rallied around World War II efforts. Check their list of events and walking tours that further engage you in local history.

Champaign County History Museum
Showcasing what life was like on the prairie for settlers of the area, this interactive museum lets you get hands-on in the stories and scenes of the era.

A special Champaign County’s Lincoln exhibit features the locations where Lincoln worked and built his political career. Check out their online exhibit, “This Legacy is Yours Too: Celebrating the Lasting Contributions of African American Men.”

Museum of the Grand Prairie
Champaign County History Museum

Douglas County Museum
On Main St. in Tuscola, this museum dives into the history of the area with collections and artifacts to tell the area’s story. Their popular cemetery walks bring history to life through storytelling.

Tuscola Downtown Historic Walking Tour
Walk through downtown Tuscola and discover 23 locations, each with a story to tell. Now occupied by Sweet Soul Boutique, one Main St. stop tells the story of the Star Store, built in 1901, which had the town’s only elevator and at one time, was home to the WDZ radio station.
Historic Homes Walking Tour
The North State Street District, the South Charter Street District and the Courthouse Square in Monticello are on the National Register of Historic Places. The residential areas feature historic houses, carriage barns, and garages. Follow the rich history of the families that built their homes here through this self-guided tour.

A Walk Through Time Museum
Arcola is home to Raggedy Ann & Andy, whose history you can learn about in this museum. Other exhibits showcase the history of local heroes through Vietnam memorabilia, and a history of the railroad, amongst much more.

Rantoul Historical Society
Rantoul celebrates a rich history, once the home to Chanute Air Force Base. This historical society features collections from the base, alongside memorabilia from significant area events like the founding of the Illinois Central Railroad.

Piatt County Museum & Gallery
Off the historic Courthouse Square in Monticello, this space preserves the history of Piatt County with rotating exhibits, showcasing the area’s heritage and lifestyle.

Moultrie County Historical & Genealogical Society
Formed in 1967 can be found in the Heritage Center Research Library & Museum where you can learn about the history and genealogy of the area.

LOCAL EXPERT

TJ Blakeman
President | Champaign County History Museum

“There is a lot of wonderful history in our community but you just have to know where to find it!”

TIPS
Get your bearings for any #LocalHistoryDay by stopping at the Champaign County History Museum. You’ll be surprised how much history can be packed in Champaign County’s oldest commercial building.

Take a walk along the Boneyard Trail and enjoy our little slice of nature connecting Downtown and Campustown. This little creek was formed when our swamp lands were drained revealing the most fertile on the globe.

Most towns don’t have any of their old theaters remaining. Champaign still has five within three blocks. While some have been repurposed and are hidden from sight (like the Rialto), you won’t want to miss the glamour of the silver screen at the beautiful Virginia Theatre. While there, be sure to get a photo with Urbana’s favorite son Roger Ebert.

Visit the Materials Science and Engineering Building on the University of Illinois campus and see where Joseph Tykocinski-Tykociner gave the first US demonstration of sound on motion picture film on June 9, 1922.

Did you know Champaign local C.C. Pyle is one of the reasons you enjoy the NFL on Sundays? He became the manager of Harold “Red” Grange (better known as the Galloping Ghost) in the 1920’s and took him on a nationwide football tour. Red’s star power and C.C.’s promotion skills brought huge interest to the fledgling league and transformed it forever. Visit “Red” in larger than life form outside Memorial Stadium.
Amish Country
As you head south of Champaign County, you’ll start to see the unexpected—a horse and buggy with a family traveling down the road. You’ve reached the heart of Illinois’ Amish country, where the pace is a little slower. Throughout the towns of Tuscola, Arcola, Arthur, and Sullivan, you’ll find a welcoming population ready to introduce you to their culture. Learn how buggies are made, shop from the fine craftsmen in the woodworking shops, pick up homemade goods and food, go antiquing and find local art, but most of all, take your time to learn.

Welcome centers in Arcola, located in the train depot, and Arthur in their downtown, will direct you to Amish-owned businesses. Self-guided tours through Arthur will navigate you through the sights and share the history and lore of the area.

Through festivals and events like the Strawberry Jam Festival each June and the Broomcorn Festival in September, you can continue to engage with the Amish.

Japan House
The Japan House at the University of Illinois provides a refuge of tranquility and an opportunity to reflect. Immersive experiences will provide you with insight into the Japanese culture. The traditional tea ceremony is guided by a “one life, one opportunity” principal encouraging you to free your mind. Workshops in Ikebana, the art of arranging flowers, teaches you how to bring out the intrinsic beauty of the flower.

Wander the gardens featuring a mixture of plants, rustic stone, and water. Guests participating in a tea ceremony start their journey in the Tea Garden, using the Tsukubai (water basin) to rinse their hands and take a sip of water to cleanse before the ceremony. The Dry Garden utilizes raked gravel, large rocks, and shrubs to create a reflection of the ponds in the area.

Throughout the year, the Japan House hosts events to further engage people of all ages, from the Hinamatsuri, a celebration for girls, to the Mottainai, a showcase of hand-crafted items such as pottery, kimonos, and origami.
University of Illinois Cultural Centers

The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign has over 20,000 students each year that belong to diverse cultures. From our Black, Native, and Latina/o students, to our international population, these students are a part of cultural houses that support their needs but also offer opportunities of engagement.

The Bruce D. Nesbitt African American Cultural Center serves the Afro-American population offering programs such as Food for the Soul, Afro Yoga Flow, and the MLK Day of Service, among many others. La Casa Cultural Latina empowers Latina/o students and offers events throughout the year such as the Fusion Stroll competition, educating the public on the history of strolling, stepping, and saluting as an art form.

In November, the Native American House celebrates Native November with lectures, artist talks, and workshops that support our Indigenous population.

With 37% of University of Illinois students of Asian descent, the Asian American Cultural Center celebrates the many rich cultures. AsiaFest in the spring offers performances, arts & crafts, and food tastings. Diwali, a South Asian festival of lights, is celebrated in autumn, lighting up the Quad. The Lunar New Year engages the community in our local schools, teaching about the cultural significance and history of the holiday.

MUST ATTEND CULTURAL EVENTS

C-U Black and African Arts Virtual Festival
Global Talent Show during Homecoming
International Dinner at the University Y
CU Days
Matsuri
THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Explore our bountiful outdoor spaces—hike along area rivers, kayak on our lakes, or camp under the stars.

HIKES & WALKS

Whether you’re looking to spend a few hours on the trails, or want to enjoy a 30-minute stroll, these spots offer scenic views to connect you with nature.

Allerton Park & Retreat Center
Discover over 14 miles of trails winding through prairie, gardens, and forest along the Sangamon River. Combine multiple trails to spend the day at this picturesque estate where you’ll spot wildlife amongst the art throughout the park.

Sangamon River Forest Preserve
On the easy walking trails around this preserve where the Wildcat Slough tributary flows into the Sangamon River, you’ll find the Lincoln Ash Tree, one of the largest trees in the state.

Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve
With a covered bridge, a botanical garden, a golf course, and a scenic lake, the paved and unpaved trails around Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve in Mahomet offer various options to explore the outdoors.

Meadowbrook Park
With over 130 acres at this Urbana park, three miles of paved trails and two miles of unpaved trails wind through restored prairie. You’ll discover sculptures throughout the park, and will likely spot various wildlife that frequent the area.

Boulware Trail
From Hessel Park through Mattis Park to Morrisey Park in Champaign, the Boulware Trail provides 1.25 miles of trail ideal for walking, running, or biking. Various bridges, public art, and water features enhance the scenery while you social distance in the outdoors.

ON THE WATER

River Bend Forest Preserve
Featuring the largest lake in Champaign County, this preserve offers an accessible pier for fishing, and 130 acres of clear water for kayaking and canoeing.

Homer Lake Forest Preserve
This large lake, surrounded by hiking trails, connects to the Salt Fork River so you can extend your time on the water. Kids can play on the water features, part of the Natural Playscape at the preserve.

Kaufman Lake
This Champaign park provides 30 acres of water for fishing, canoeing, and kayaking, surrounded by a wide walking trail and colorful foliage in the fall.

Crystal Lake Park
At the Lake House in Crystal Lake Park in Urbana, you can rent paddle boats or canoes to get out on the water from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Fish the lake at the accessible pier just West of the Lake House.
BIKE TRAILS

Kickapoo Rail Trail
With a trailhead at Weaver Park in Urbana, this rail-to-trail, multi-use path extends 6.7 miles to St. Joseph, showcasing some of the most diverse ecosystems in Central Illinois. Stop in St. Joseph for lunch, or to do some local shopping! The trail will continue to extend East to Kickapoo State Park, with construction underway.

Mahomet Village Bike Trail
This 4-mile trail connects the small town to the West of Champaign-Urbana. Cross a historical bridge built in 1912 as you go from the Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve around the trail. Stop on Main St. for a local beer from J.T. Walker’s Restaurant & Brewery.

Rantoul Shared Use Path
Connecting parks and neighborhoods, this nine-mile trail will get you to the former Chanute Air Force Base, Willow Pond Golf Course, and into downtown, where you’ll find places to shop and eat.

Camp Camfield
Three connecting trails in this designated National Recreation Trail system offers bike riders over 7 miles in Sullivan. The Central Illinois Mountain Bike Association maintains the trails for mountain biking and hiking with the family.

DID YOU KNOW?
Urbana is named a gold-level bicycle-friendly community by the League of American Bicyclists, with Champaign sitting at silver-level.

Need to borrow a bike?
No problem! VeoRide offers their iconic turquoise bikes seen all over town. Simply download the app, find a bike closest to you, and only pay for how long you use the bike, parking it wherever you land.

At Neutral Cycle on campus, you can borrow tandem bicycles as well as single riders. Want a bike to call your own? Their knowledgeable staff will help you find what suits your needs. Check out all the bike shops in the area:

Champaign Cycle
Durst Cycle & Fitness
Itty Bitty Bike Shop
Neutral Cycle
Nature provides you with many opportunities to relax, explore, and get refreshed! Many people like you explore fun and adventure at the six Forest Preserves, whether it’s a get-together with family and friends by a breezy lakeshore, discovering wildlife along the trails, or a spontaneous soccer game in the picnic areas.

TIPS
- Short trail loops and longer trails fit any size adventure!
- Some of the best places to see wildlife are along lake edges, near the rivers, and in the prairies.
- Bring water to drink, especially on hot or windy days.
- Stop by the Homer Lake Interpretive Center to ask staff about the best spots to visit, and then explore the exhibits and live animals on display.
- Larger pavilions can be rented, and small picnic shelters are first come first served. Certain shelters and playgrounds are accessible.

CAMP UNDER THE STARS

Gaze in wonder at the night sky as you camp outdoors. You’ll find no better view in the state of Illinois than the campground at Middle Fork River Forest Preserve. Named an International Dark Sky Park in 2019, this preserve is the only destination in Illinois to receive the recognition. So pack the tent or camper for a night under our starry sky.

Camp off Lake Shelbyville at the Sullivan Marina and Campground. This private campground offers nearly 200 campsites, a floating restaurant and lounge, a pool, and much more.

Check out these other camping spots around the greater Champaign County area.

- Champaign Sportmen’s RV Park
- D&W Lake Camping & Fishing
- E.L. Jurgens Park Camping
- Forest “Bo” Woods Recreation Area
- Harry L. Swartz Campground in Middle Fork River Forest Preserve
- Lodge Park
- Prairie Pines Campground
- Sullivan Marina and Campground
- Tin Cup RV & Campers Park
- Wilborn Creek Recreation Area

Ready to go camping?
Get your gear and all the clothing you need for your outdoor adventures at Champaign Outdoors and Rugged Outdoors.
We social distanced during spring and summer of 2020 as we saw the blooms rise following winter. These spaces showcase annuals and perennials that are sure to inspire. Snap a pic for your Instagram and share with #outsideofordinary!

**Arboretum & IDEA Garden**
On the University of Illinois campus, the Arboretum is a “living laboratory” utilized in the teaching and research of faculty and students. The public enjoys the picture-perfect space that extends to the Japan House where the cherry blossoms bloom each spring. Get inspired for your own garden at the Master Gardener’s Idea Garden, providing design ideas and a Children’s Garden.

**Allerton Park & Retreat Center**
Explore the fourteen formal gardens with over 100 ornaments and sculptures at this secluded estate. From their peony garden, which blooms in late spring, to the Fu Dog Garden, lush with hedges and greenery, we guarantee you’ll be awed.

**Mabery Gelvin Botanical Garden**
Recent renovations to these gardens at the Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve enhance the natural beauty. The red Japanese-style bridge and the waterfall create a vivid display amongst the award-winning gardens filled with diverse flora.
“When the team trots out before you, everyone stand up and yell, back the team to gain a victory, Oskee Wow Wow Illinois!” These are the words you need to know for an Illini sporting event as Oskee Wow Wow is played by the Marching Illini to rally the crowd. Here’s what you need to know about Game Day.

**FALL**

As Fighting Illini Athletics makes a return after COVID-19, athletes and fans look at making sporting events safe. Following new guidelines and rules, cheer on the Fighting Illini Football team as they return to Memorial Stadium for seven home games from September–November. They’ll take on Big Ten foes that include Minnesota, Iowa, and Ohio State.

The atmosphere at Huff Hall for Women’s Volleyball can’t be beat with the Illini Spike Squad leading the cheers. Be ready to make plenty of noise!

Playing at the new Demirjian Park, Women’s Soccer, a family-favorite, returns in August, competing in 9 home matches. Women’s Swimming & Diving and Men’s & Women’s Cross Country round out the fall sports played on campus.

**WINTER**

Moving indoors for our winter sports, more precautions will be in place for athletes and fans to keep socially-distant.

Illini Men’s and Women’s Basketball will take to the court at the State Farm Center. Be sure to have your orange & blue gear to rally the teams as they make a return following a shortened season.

Be awed by the athleticism of the Women’s and Men’s Gymnastics teams at their free meets held at Huff Hall. Men’s Wrestling also takes to the mats in this gym, with many individuals competing for Big Ten and National Championships.

While the University of Illinois continues to develop a Division I hockey team, you can support the Illini Hockey Club during their season at the Ice Arena. These rowdy games are a local favorite from September–March.

**SPRING**

Fighting Illini spring sports were missed during the 2020 season, so we’ll give them a big welcome in 2021! As the weather warms, we’ll cheer on Women’s Softball and Men’s Baseball at these family-friendly games.

In between the two ball fields, you’ll find the Atkins Tennis Center and Khan Outdoor Complex, where Men’s and Women’s Tennis teams take to the courts. The Men’s and Women’s Track season moves to the completed Demirjian Park, where they’ll host the 2021 Big Ten Outdoor Track & Field Championships.

Don’t miss Parkland College Athletics!
The Cobras compete in the NJCAA, earning conference titles in Volleyball and Golf, NJCAA Regional Titles in Volleyball and Baseball, and competing for the NJCAA national title in Volleyball and Baseball. These athletes won 76% of all match-ups in 2019–2020 so continue to cheer them on in 2020–2021!
We’re a golf town, thanks to the always impressive Fighting Illini Men’s and Women’s golf teams. Pack the clubs and spend some time at our public golf courses, ready to welcome you for a day on the greens.

**Ironhorse Golf Club**
Regardless of your handicap, Ironhorse offers a challenge for all with four sets of tees on this championship course.

**Willow Pond Golf Course**
With a picturesque setting, this 18-hole course in Rantoul will test your accuracy with water hazards and sand traps.

**Lake of the Woods Golf Course**
Located in the scenic forest preserve, this course offers an 18-hole regulation course and a 9-hole, par 3 course with four sets of tees.

**The Atkins Family Golf Club**
Recently gifted to the University of Illinois, this elite golf course will re-open in 2021 with a renovated course across 190 acres.

**Brookhill Golf Course**
Located in Rantoul, Brookhill features 18-holes with fantastic views, challenging even the most experienced golfers.

**Legends Golf Course**
This course is a 9-hole Executive Course, alongside a driving range with bent grass, blue grass, and covered hitting bays.

**Timberlake Golf Course**
This 9-hole course in Sullivan offers scenic views and plenty of water features, with Lake Shelbyville nearby.

**University of Illinois Golf Course**
Two 18-hole courses, the Orange & Blue, can be found on this championship course outside Willard Airport.

**FORE FUN**
Not up for traditional golf? Try these alternatives:

**Foot Golf**
A hybrid between soccer and golf, this game is perfect for the whole family. Master the 9-hole course at Lake of the Woods and then head to the University of Illinois Golf Course for a longer 18-hole course.

**Disc Golf**
With a flick of your wrist, you can give disc golf a try at two area courses. Bring your frisbee out to Dodds Park in Champaign or Lohmann Park in Urbana, where the baskets are frequently moved to keep the course challenging.

**EARN YOUR PR**
Following a year of canceled races, our community is ready to welcome back runners and walkers to the many races across our flat landscape, where it’s easy to achieve your personal record (PR).

- **Allerton Trail Run 10K & Half Marathon** | April 2021
- **Christie Clinic Illinois Marathon** | April 29–May 1, 2021—featuring a 1K, 5K, 10K, half marathon, marathon, marathon relay, wheelchair half marathon, and youth run
- **Kirby Derby** | May 2021—featuring a 5K, 10K and kids run
- **Mahomet Half Marathon** | August 2021—featuring a 5K, 10K, and half marathon

Before heading out on your run, stop by Body & Sole Sports for the perfect pair of shoes, and all the gear you need for a successful race.

**RODEOS!**
Known for their equine shows and auctions, Gordyville USA welcomes the International Rodeo Finals every November. Check out their entire calendar which includes the Midwest Winter National Tractor Pulls, the Midwest Agriculture Show, and monthly flea markets.

For over 60 years, the Piatt County Trail Blazers has hosted a rodeo in June, with contestants and spectators from all over the US, Canada, and Australia!
FOR THE Family
Interacting with animals, riding historic trains, discovering natural play, and solving puzzles—we have activities for the entire family from toddlers to teens. Check out our top ten recommendations.

GET A KISS FROM A REINDEER
There’s nothing more magical than meeting a reindeer up close as the holidays arrive. At Hardy’s Reindeer Ranch, you’ll meet these gentle creatures, who’ll give you a kiss when you give them a graham cracker.

PLAY IN A NATURAL PARK
Throughout the pandemic, we rediscovered the outdoors. Natural playgrounds at Homer Lake Forest Preserve and Anita Purves Nature Center provide creative play spaces with natural materials used for climbing, jumping, and splashing.

UP-CLOSE AND PERSONAL WITH EXOTIC ANIMALS
What’s more exotic than a reindeer? How about a Blue Wildebeest? At Aikman Wildlife Adventures, you can find over 200 rescued animals at this wildlife haven. Go on their drive-thru adventure, where animals will approach you to be fed, or walk through areas of the park to see small animals and predators.

LEARN ABOUT THE STARS
Discover the mysteries of the universe at the William M. Staerkel Planetarium. With an anticipated return in 2021, kids and adults alike can learn about the stars through various events and films for all ages.

RADIO CONTROLLED FUN
Head out to Eli Field in Monticello where their airstrip and pilot stations are ready to welcome RC plane enthusiasts. A brand-new scale dirt track is perfect for racing those RC cars. Have a drone? Check out their races and practice grounds.

RIDE THE RAILS
At the Monticello Railway Museum, kids will be in awe of the vintage passenger and freight trains, clamoring for a ride. Hop on for a short trip to the Courthouse Square, or plan ahead for the Polar Express, with tickets on sale in summer of 2021.

ENGAGE AT THE LIBRARY
Our area libraries go well beyond the books, with engaging events and activities all year round. From kids concerts to crafts to technology, the public libraries throughout the area are always accessible.
SWIM IN OUR WATER PARKS
Do some serious splashing at our local water parks, ready to welcome us after a summer off. Head to Sholem Aquatic Center for their waterslides, lazy river, and zero-depth swimming pool. At Crystal Lake Park Family Aquatic Center in Urbana, kids can climb up a wall before dropping into the water or go in the vortex, with swirling water. Rantoul’s Hap Parker Family Aquatic Center features two waterslides heading into 350,000 gallons of water where the kids can cool down. In the winter, head indoors to swim at the Urbana Indoor Aquatic Center, with slides, a zero-depth pool, and a diving board.

LOCAL EXPERT
Laura Bleill
Mom-in-Chief | ChambanaMoms.com

“What makes Champaign-Urbana the ultimate family-friendly destination? It’s warm, friendly, helpful, authentic people. Not many places can say that.”

TIPS
If you’re here during its season, do not miss the amazing Market at the Square in Urbana. It’s like a community party every week.

We’re lucky to have incredible parks with modern playground equipment. Hessel Park in Champaign, Colbert Park in Savoy, and Carle Park in Urbana are three favorites.

Think campus isn’t kid friendly? Think again. The quad is a great place for a stroll, and there’s plenty of kid-friendly places to eat in Campustown.

We love our festivals and special events. Some of our favorites for families: Vet Med Open House, Engineering Open House, and Taste of Champaign-Urbana.

Most Illini sports are FREE to attend. That’s right, FREE. Don’t forget your orange and blue.

PLAY WITH TECH
With the University of Illinois campus as our backyard, technology abounds with opportunities for kids to get hands on with the latest gadgets. Try augmented and virtual reality at the TechHub, and access 3D printers and laser cutters to create with a variety of materials at the Champaign-Urbana Community Fab Lab, both free spaces to access.

SOLVE AN ESCAPE ROOM
Give the brain some exercise with a challenge at our escape rooms. CU Adventures in Time and Space gives you a safe way to play with the virtual game that you can play at home on your own time. When open again, this space has five original rooms to solve. Brainstorm Escapes gives you 60 minutes to solve one of their four rooms using only your wits, intuition, and logic.
With over 300 shops around the area, from local boutiques to big brands, you’re guaranteed to pick up something special.

FASHION-FORWARD FINDS
No matter your budget, our local boutiques can get you styled just the way you want, whether it’s those comfy clothes to work in from home or for a night out.

**Fira Boutique**
Campus gem offering affordable clothing and accessories.

**Bella Mia Boutique**
From babies to retired, Bella Mia will get all ages styled to perfection.

**Findings Boutique**
Build a timeless wardrobe with classic and modern pieces.

**Circles Boutique**
A downtown Champaign staple, you’ll find one-of-a-kind looks to stand out in a crowd.

**Bluebird Boutique**
Get covered from head to toe with staple pieces at this downtown Urbana shop.

**Sweet Soul Boutique**
From shoes to jewelry to clothing, you can splurge on yourself at this Tuscola shop.

**Monticello Mercantile**
Featuring women’s and infant clothing, alongside home décor items, you’ll find affordable pieces just off the Courthouse Square.

SOMETHING VINTAGE
Whether you’re picking for antiques, looking for restored furniture, or want to find some second-hand clothing, we have ample spots for picking up something vintage.

**Furniture Lounge**
For lovers of the Mid Century Modern look, this downtown Champaign shop has furniture, art, and décor for you to spruce up your space.

**Antiques & More at Staley Road**
With over 8,000 square feet of antiques and 70 vendors, you’re sure to find that item you’ve always wanted.

**Dandelion Vintage**
Flaunt your unique style with vintage clothing and accessories from this favorite in downtown Champaign.

**Crossroads Corner Consignment**
Find everything from home décor to vintage clothing at this 5,000 sq. ft. shop with 30 different vendors.

**Yoder’s Lamps & Antiques**
Aladdin lamps, oil lamps, farm collectibles and more, you can find those items from days ago in this Arthur shop.

**Winterberry Store & Antiques**
Located in a historic building in downtown Tuscola, you’ll find antiques and furnishings for your home regardless of your style.
FOR THE HOME
As we spend more time in our homes, why not give it a refresh? Pick up décor or replace your furniture for a whole new look.

Texture Home
Rejuvenate your home with their curated selection of furniture and décor, all designed to make you feel happy.

Bohemia
Going for a vintage vibe? This downtown Urbana shop will suit your needs with their furniture selections, alongside clothing and art.

Ms. Becky’s
This shop just smells like home, with décor, candles and beyond to make your house so much more.

Carter’s Furniture
A family-owned business for over 60 years, this Urbana staple will ensure you get the furniture you need to be comfortable in your home.

Out of the Blue Polish Pottery
Featuring beautiful pottery from Poland, this Monticello shop will stock you up with plates, platters, and bakeware to make you and your guests smile.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT
As we continue to find ways to entertain ourselves at home, be sure to stock up on good books, pick up some records, and make sure you have games and puzzles on hand.

Jane Addams Book Shop
With three floors of used books, this family-owned bookshop in downtown Champaign will help you discover new-to-you books to keep you reading.

Hartfield Book Company
Located on the Courthouse Square in Monticello, this quaint bookshop features a curated selection of books for all ages and interests.

Exile on Main St.
One of the three local record stores in the area, Exile on Main features local artists among the collection, and hosts in-house performances.

Dr. G’s Brainworks
Get ready for game night with an impressive selection of games from this store at Market Place Mall. Check with their knowledgeable staff on recommendations based on age and interest.

Live Action Games
Pick up those classic video games you love playing or find newer releases at this large, vintage video game store.

See You CD & Vinyl
This cool space in downtown Urbana has music of all styles so you can set the mood while working from home.

UNIQUE GIFTS
Find that special something for your loved ones, from kitschy greeting cards, to their favorite bottle of wine.

Art Coop
Keeping budding-artists and working-artists stocked during COVID-19, this locally-owned art shop in Urbana can create the perfect art kit for all skill sets.

Yellow & Co.
From clothing and cards to bath bombs and games, this fun shop on Main St. in Mahomet will make you smile as you shop their large selection of gift items.

Art Mart
With everything from an expansive wine selection to home goods to toys and puzzles, this long-time local favorite will supply you with gifts for every occasion.

Checkered Moon
With an eclectic mix in their collection, this Champaign shop has gifts for the home, for babies, and to just make you smile.

Catherine’s Gallery & Gifts
From home décor to baby items, this boutique in Sullivan offers a rustic setting and is connected to 5 West Coffee & Wine Lounge.
FOR THE FOODIE

Our local food scene isn’t limited to restaurants. Check out these great spots for picking up local foods to enjoy at home or give as a gift!

Prairie Fruits Farm & Creamery
Found at their farm store, the Real Stand, and at Urbana’s Market at the Square, this farmstead’s award-winning goat cheese and goat’s milk gelato keep us coming back for more.

Page Roasting Company
Supplying us with the caffeine we needed while we stayed home, this woman-owned roastery offers coffee beans at Flying Machine Avionics, Hopscotch Bakery, and online.

Grovestone Gourmet Foods & Gifts
Love to cook? Then you need some of the many flavors of olive oil from this family-owned business. Pick up their various spice mixes to impress your dinner guests.

Sun Singer Wine & Spirits
With a robust wine and spirits selection, this local shop and restaurant will get you stocked up on the beverages you need for your next get-together.

Walnut Street Tea Company
For the tea lovers, you’ll find over 500 varieties of specialty teas in this downtown shop, alongside delicious food items for a perfect afternoon treat.

THE WOODWORKING TRAIL

In Amish Country, you’ll discover extraordinary craftsmanship in the many woodworking shops. An art in itself, these custom woodworkers outfit your home in the finest of furniture and cabinetry.

2nd Chance Wood
Bear Creek Cabinets
Cabinet Factories Outlet
Central Door Shop
Countryside Amish Furniture
Countryside Woodworking
Das Holz Haus
Kauffman Custom Wood Interior

SHOP THE BIG BRANDS

Shop those brands you know and love at our area malls. Market Place Mall in Champaign has over 70 stores. From H&M to Sephora to lululemon, you’ll find the items you never knew you needed. At Tuscola Outlet Mall, shop from twenty outlets like Old Navy, Under Armour, American Eagle, and Coach New York!
Want to show your Chambana pride? Check out eight different tee shirt designs from 4 local artists at ChambanaProud.com. Order online, or pick up select styles at the Illini Union Bookstore and Art Coop!

**Artist: Scott Barber**

**Whipped Cream**— A nod to University of Illinois graduate student Charles Getz who made whipped cream in a can a possibility.

**Super Sweet**— Touts the invention of Super Sweetcorn from University of Illinois professor, John Laughnan, that brought this tasty summer favorite to dinner tables and grocery stores for all to enjoy.

**Artist: Ralph Roether**

**Internet**— Celebrates the invention of the modern web browser, Mosaic, from the National Center for Supercomputing Applications led by Marc Andreessen.

**Thumbs Up**— We all learned that it’s thumbs up or down for films thanks to Urbana native, film critic Roger Ebert.

**Artist: David Michael Moore**

**Top Spots in CU**— This quasi-map highlights our favorite spots on- and off-campus in Champaign-Urbana. Also available in a tote!

**Outside of Ordinary**— Showcasing all those attractions and spots around Champaign County that make us Outside of Ordinary.

**Artist: Madelyn Witruk**

**#chambana**— We know you’ve used it. Our own slang for our twin cities, Champaign-Urbana.

**Heart CU**— Let’s put Chambana on the map so you don’t have to describe where to find East Central Illinois.
**WHERE TO Stay**

With over 4,500 hotel rooms available, and various bed & breakfasts, you’ll find a comfortable stay while in the greater Champaign County area. For assistance in finding a room, contact us at 800-369-6151.

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**Features**

- Breakfast
- Fitness Facility
- Laundry Services
- Indoor Pool
- Outdoor Pool
- Pets
- Kitchen
- Lounge
- Restaurant/Bar
- Room Service
- Shuttle

**Description**

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Welcome to the newly renovated Courtyard Champaign hotel, located near the University of Illinois and Parkland College. The hotel is conveniently located near Market Place Mall, Memorial Stadium, and the State Farm Center. We offer close proximity to fine dining in downtown Champaign, and many restaurants within a few blocks.

**DAYS INN CHAMPAIGN** | 914 W. Bloomington Rd., Champaign | 217-356-6000 | daysinn.com  
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**DRURY INN & SUITES**  
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Hilton Garden Inn offers a convenient location close to the University of Illinois, dining and local businesses. We’re passionate about delivering exceptional guest experiences by providing outstanding customer service and amenities. Our 18,000 square feet of flexible space can accommodate meetings, conferences, and romantic weddings.
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| **HYATT PLACE** |
| 217 N. Neil St., Champaign | 217-531-2800 | hyatt.com |
| Located in downtown Champaign and minutes from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Within a two block radius, guests will find an eclectic dining scene with over 40 restaurants. Perfect for work or relaxation, Hyatt Place is truly a different kind of place where you can enjoy your lifestyle even while you travel. |

| **I HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER** |
| 1900 S. First St., Champaign | 217-819-5000 | stayathei.com |
| Contemporary designed property featuring 125 luxurious hotel room accommodations. I Hotel and Conference Center is located on the south campus of the University of Illinois in the heart of Research Park. The adjoining 38,000 square foot state-of-the-art conference center features 12 conference rooms; two large ballrooms and ten meeting rooms. |

| **ILLINI UNION HOTEL** |
| 1401 W. Green St., Urbana | 217-333-1241 | union.illinois.edu/hotel |
| When you stay at the Illini Union Hotel, you receive the full Fighting Illini experience. Located in the heart of the Illinois campus and overlooking the Quad, the hotel offers 74 rooms with several complimentary amenities-cable TV, Wi-Fi, parking, pass to premier campus recreation facilities and a $5 breakfast voucher. |
### HOTELS & MOTELS

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GETTING HERE

At the crossroads of three major interstates, the Champaign County area is easy to access from all directions.

By Air
Avoid those long TSA lines and Fly Champaign-Urbana. Featuring daily flights through American Airlines from O’Hare International Airport, Charlotte, and Dallas/Ft. Worth, Willard Airport will get you here without the hassle. Located just south of the University of Illinois campus, this regional airport is easily accessible and is ready to greet you with our warm Midwest hospitality. For flight information, visit www.iflycu.com.

By Taxi
Get to and from where you want to go safely with the licensed taxicabs and limousines in our community. For an up-to-date list of taxi companies, visit urbanaillinois.us/residents/taxicabs-limousines.

By Zipcar, Uber & Lyft
Need a quick ride to get around? We’ve got Zipcars ready for you! With several pick-up points throughout Champaign County, including a convenient location at Illinois Terminal, you can use this car-sharing program for a few hours or all day. Zip in and explore! Call 866-4ZIPCAR or visit zipcar.com/cu for more information.

You can also Uber or Lyft your way through the Champaign County area. Simply download the app and request your ride when ready!

GETTING AROUND

Getting in and around the Champaign County area is simple. Not only will you find a lack of traffic, you’ll discover affordable and sustainable transportation options while in town. Here’s our top ways to navigate!

By Mass Transit
The greater Champaign-Urbana area boasts one of the best public transportation systems around—The Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District. Twice receiving the American Public Transit Association’s Outstanding Achievement Award, the CUMTD has a 98% customer satisfaction rate. Their efforts to “Go Green” in our community have resulted in serving 12 million riders, taking cars off the road, and making it easier to get where you need to go. Their hybrid buses integrate the latest technology to reduce emissions resulting in better air quality. They even make it simple for bicyclists, with racks on all buses to easily transport your bike. For only $1, one-way, you can affordably and sustainably get around Champaign-Urbana. Check out their routes and trip planners online at cumtd.com.

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**ATTRACTIONS**

**Agriculture Adventures**

**Aikman Wildlife Adventure**
125 N. County Road 42 E., Arcola | 217-268-3500
aikmanwildlife.com

Aikman Wildlife Adventure is the only drive-thru safari in Illinois park where you can get up close and personal with animals you’ve only seen behind fencing at a zoo or on television. You’ll have the opportunity to see and take pictures of animals right out of your vehicle while you drive the 1-mile long path through the park.

**Alto Vineyards**
4210 N. Duncan Rd., Champaign | 217-356-4784 | altovineyards.net

Taste some of the finest wines produced in the United States. Whether you need a bottle of wine, that special gift or just want to unwind with a glass of the finest, come enjoy Alto Vineyards. Along with our award-winning wines, you will find a selection of unique gift items, gourmet foods, a large selection of cheeses and local artwork. Enjoy their Music Among the Vines all summer long. The Renzaglia family takes great pride in growing high quality grapes and producing award-winning wines. Open year round.

**Buxton’s Garden Farm**
1489 County Road 725 E., Sullivan | 217-728-7993
buxtongardens.com

Starting out as a small roadside stand, selling sweetcorn out of the back of a pick-up truck, we have grown into a year-round garden center. Buxton’s Garden Farm & Flower shop has grown in our services and products to who we are today.

**Curtis Orchard & Pumpkin Patch**
3902 S. Duncan Rd., Champaign | 217-359-5565
curtisorchard.com

Escape to the country at Curtis Orchard. This farm features apples, pumpkins, a large country store and The Flying Monkey Cafe. Shop for specialty food and gift items and take home fresh apple cider and honey voted “best tasting in the world.” Try their famous donuts and pies, along with great meals in September and October. Entertainment options include apple and pumpkin picking, a giant slide, giant jump pad, corn maze, air cannons, petting zoo, pony rides and more. Pick-your-own apples and pumpkins. Open: July 20-December 23. See website for hours and activity availability.

**Green Meadow Farms**
48 County Road 200 N., Arthur | 217-543-4192

Green Meadow Farms is a local family-owned and operated Grade A goat dairy. The farm store is open Monday through Saturday, where you can purchase goat milk, cheese and yogurt. Green Meadow Farms also offers buggy or covered wagon rides Wednesday through Saturday. Farm tours and home cooked meals in an Amish home require a reservation. Group tours welcome.

**The Great Pumpkin Patch**
1749 County Road 1900 N., Arthur | 217-543-2394
the200acres.com

The Great Pumpkin Patch proudly invites guests to see over 300 varieties of pumpkins, squash and gourds from over 30 countries; all grown here on our family farm. The staff at the Great Pumpkin Patch loves what they do and take great interest in providing beautiful surroundings in which to educate guests about the Cucurbit family. Numerous premier displays, over 5,000 hardy mums, various mazes and gardens grace the grounds. There are several places to eat and drink and entertainment on the weekends. Open September 7–October 31.

**Hardy’s Reindeer Ranch**
1356 County Road 2900 N., Rantoul | 217-893-3407 | reindeerranch.com

Hardy’s Reindeer Ranch offers a unique attraction for young and old alike. Pick a pumpkin in the pines, browse through the quaint gift shop, try your luck at figuring out the mysteries of the 10-acre Cornfusion maze and most importantly, kiss a real Alaskan reindeer! From November through December, the reindeer ranch is transformed into a Christmas wonderland. The store is reminiscent of days gone by with a pot-bellied stove, twinkling lights, and wonderful smells. The western style banquet facility is available for a “Wild West” BBQ or outdoor wedding. Group entertainment packages are available. Open August–December; call for seasonal hours.

**Okaw Valley Orchard**
724 County Road 1750 N., Sullivan | 217-728-8269 | okawvalleyorchard.com

Come visit this working apple orchard offering apples, peaches, cider, apple donuts made daily, gift items and a lot more. Open mid-July to late October.

**Pollinatium**
606 W. Windsor Rd., Urbana | ubees@life.uiuc.edu
life.uiuc.edu/pollinatium

The University of Illinois Pollinatium is the first free-standing service science center in the nation devoted to flowering plants and their pollinators. Its location in the midst of the Arboretum brings together flowers and pollinators physically and conceptually. Changing exhibits relate to world events and ongoing research on pollinators. Guests can enjoy beekeeping equipment, see live demonstrations, and play interactive games. Because so much depends on pollination, the Pollinatium is dedicated to increasing awareness and appreciation of pollination as a remarkable ecological partnership and an essential ecosystem service.

**Prairie Farm**
2002 W. Kirby Ave., Champaign | 217-398-2583
champagneparkdistrict.com

Prairie Farm features traditional farm animals such as sheep, pigs, horses, cows, goats, chickens, ducks, and geese. Visitors are welcome to pet the farm’s animals in the petting area. Kids both young and old will enjoy crossing the footbridge that spans the farm’s miniature duck pond. Prairie Farm also offers educational programs and private party services.

**Prairie Fruits Farm & Creamery, LLC**
4410 N. Lincoln Ave., Champaign | 217-643-2314
prairiefruits.com

Prairie Fruits Farm & Creamery is Illinois’ first farmstead cheese making facility, founded in 2005. Visit this nearby farm and learn about their “Animal Welfare Approved” Goat Dairy and their farmstead & artisan cheeses. Sample their delicious, award-winning varieties of goat cheese and their award-winning goat milk gelato. The farm offers u-pick peaches and apples in season (late July through September). The farm will be open during the week and weekends for drop-in visitors to see the goats, walk the grounds and purchase farm products from their farm store; “The Real Stand.” Prairie Fruits Farm & Creamery also offers additional food events in season with its Dinners on the Farm series. This is a working farm, and events and activities change with the seasons, so check their website for hours and activities before venturing out to the farm.

**Sundrop Alpaca Farm**
656 E. 1000 North Rd., Bement | sundropalpacas.com

Sundrop Alpaca Farm started in 2014 with the intent of enjoying the alpaca business while teaching responsibility to their children. The farm is open select weekends or by appointment and information is updated on their website and Facebook pages. Visit to learn about alpacas and their delightful and distinct personalities. Purchase their handspun Alpaca yarn and alpaca hats, along with other Alpaca locally made products through their website or at their on-farm store. Don’t miss their Alpaca Farm Days the last weekend in September to meet these personable animals!

**Arts & Culture**

**Champaign County History Museum**
102 E. University Ave., Champaign | 217-356-1010
champagnecountyhistory.org

Located in the Historic Cattle Bank, Champaign County’s oldest commercial building, the Champaign County History Museum, features three newly renovated exhibit galleries that tell the story of the people and the places that make Champaign County unique. These exhibits rotate yearly and are easy to cover in less than an hour. The gift shop is open during museum hours and contains great gift ideas for the local history fan!

**Champaign Urbana Community Fab Lab**
Art Annex 2, 1301 South Goodwin Ave., Urbana
cucfablab.org

The Champaign Urbana Community Fab Lab is an open source community of people who like to design and make things. Their principal focus is to provide a safe and fun learning environment, so that people of all ages and skill levels can build virtually anything imaginable and master modern design and fabrication technology. The Fab Lab features work space for teachers, students, technical hobbyists, artisans and others, and a variety of tools including computers, 3D printers, electronic cutters, laser engravers, digital embroidery machines, and small board electronics.

**Douglas County Museum**
700 S. Main St., Tuscola | 217-253-2535
louglascountymuseum.org

The Douglas County Museum is a local history museum located in the county seat of Tuscola. The museum offers visitors year-round exhibits, programs, events, and tours for various ages and interests and cares for a collection of over 10,000 items of historical significance to Douglas County. Visitors may also use the museum’s research library containing genealogical resources, obituaries, cemetery books, census records, atlases, plat books, and more.

**Japan House**
2009 S. Lincoln Ave., Urbana | 217-244-9934
japanhouse.illinois.edu

Celebrating 20 years within the Arboretum at the University of Illinois, the mission of Japan House is to bring about cultural understanding, to offer exposure to new perspectives, and to embrace tranquility in an immersive and experiential environment. Through

**resources**

Discover more about our area attractions, restaurants, shops, and recreation.
the study of Japanese aesthetics and traditional arts, particularly Chado, the Way of Tea. Japan House provides an essential opportunity for University students and the broader community to gain a deeper sensitivity towards diverse cultures.

Kranert Art Museum 500 E. Peabody Dr., Champaign | 217-333-1861 kam.illinois.edu
Kranert Art Museum (KAM) connects people and art at the University of Illinois. KAM's rich collection of art from across the globe, from the fourth millennium BCE to the present day, is available in the galleries and online, making the museum a premier cultural destination. KAM events include public talks with artists and curators, free concerts, and family arts activities. Experience the galleries, relax in the café, or discover the outdoor gardens. Admission is always free and group tours are available year-round.

Kranert Center for the Performing Arts 500 S. Goodwin Ave., Urbana 217-244-7469 | kranertcenter.com
Kranert Center is a vibrant and welcoming crossroads for the performing arts on the campus of the University of Illinois. As a premier professional and educational complex, the Center hosts over 300 performances annually that include artists like the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Buddy Guy, Yo-Yo Ma, Mark Morris Dance Group, Savion Glover, and the biennial ELLNORA | The Guitar Festival, alongside works by the dance, theatre, and music programs at the university and the Champaign-Urbana Symphony and Sinfonia de Camera.

The Little Theatre on the Square 16 E. Harrison St., Sullivan 217-728-3735 | thelittletheatre.com
Since 1957, The Little Theatre On The Square in Sullivan, IL has been entertaining audiences and bringing Broadway to the cornfields of Central Illinois.

Monticello Railway Museum 992 Iron Horse Pl., Monticello | 217-742-9011 | mrym.org
The Monticello Railway Museum is an all-volunteer organization in central Illinois with an operational railroad main line yard open to the public. They offer train rides on Saturdays and Sundays from May through October, as well as a number of special events throughout the year. They also collect, preserve, interpret, and exhibit materials and artifacts from throughout the fascinating history of trains and railroading. Come explore our many rail cars and other equipment, and view our museum displays.

Moultrie County Historical and Genealogical Society 117 E. Harrison, Sullivan | 217-728-6085
The Moultrie County Historical and Genealogical Society’s purpose is to bring together those interested in the history and genealogy of Moultrie County. To discover, collect, and preserve any material which may help establish or illustrate the history of the area and all its people, to provide for the cataloging and for the preservation of such material and for its accessibility to those who wish to examine or study it. Also, to stimulate and encourage an interest in the genealogy of our ancestors, to promote and publish historical and genealogical material in a scheduled publication covering Moultrie County, and other counties, neighboring states and other areas from which our settlers and ancestors came.

Museum of the Grand Prairie 950 N. Lombard, Mahomet | 217-586-2612 museumofthegrandprairie.org
The Museum of the Grand Prairie has an extensive collection interpreting the 19th and early 20th century life in east-central Illinois. Two floors of exhibits present architecture, trades and occupations, decorative arts, and childhood and domestic life of the time. Frieda Mumm’s Discovering Home is a major upgrade of the museum’s popular Discovery Room gallery. Visitors will venture into the home lives of settlers and native peoples in Illinois through interactive play and interpretation. This new exhibit retains many of the old favorites, like the hearth, water buckets, and telegraph key, while adding many new areas to explore, like animal furs, a dugout canoe, and a post office. The "Champaign County’s Lincoln" exhibit allows you to travel in a buggy with Lincoln, see a daguerreotype camera up-close and hear Lincoln’s friends and neighbors talk about the early history of the community. Lincoln spent 20 years getting to know the people and places of Champaign County.

National Center for Supercomputing Applications 1729 S. Oak St., Champaign | ncsa.illinois.edu
NCSA's National Petascale Computing Facility is a state-of-the-art 88,000 square foot facility housing supercomputers used by scientific researchers and Fortune 50 Industries. NCSA’s Blue Waters supercomputer is one of the largest in the world—it would take a human millions of years to do what Blue Waters completes in a single second! Scientists in Illinois and from around the world use this supercomputer to learn about Alzheimer’s disease, tornadoes, earthquakes, colliding galaxies, and more. Tours (1 hour) are FREE and are scheduled by request at http://www.ncsa.illinois.edu/about/facilities/tour

Rantoul Historical Society 1040 Kleen Ave., Rantoul 217-714-1352
Rantoul Historical Society’s growth and events that helped shape it can be viewed in part at the Rantoul Historical Society, founded in 1973. Rantoul began in the early 1800’s with the Plains Indians camping and fishing at the scattered groves at the west end of town. At the Historical Society, you'll learn everything from the first permanent settler, Archa Campbell, to the lawyer who drafted the charter, Robert Rantoul, to who secured the first land grant railroad in the country. Discover significant events, like the founding of the Illinois Central Rail Road, the “Great Fire” and the arrival of Chaneute Field. Check website for open hours.

Sousa Archives and Center for American Music 240 Harding Band Building, 1103 S. Sixth St., Champaign | 217-333-4577 sousarchives.org
The Sousa Archives and Center for American Music holds diverse collections of music and historical instruments documenting America’s cultural heritage. The Center is home to the world’s largest collection of original compositions by John Philip Sousa, one of many significant music instrument and manuscript collections portraying America’s band movement, Champaign-Urbana’s popular music scene, and the early evolution of electronic and avant-garde music. The Sousa Archives offers tours of its collections to all visitors.

Spurlock Museum 600 S. Gregory St., Urbana | 217-333-2360 spurlock.illinois.edu
Spurlock Museum represents historic and contemporary people from around the world. Our permanent and temporary exhibits serve as a springboard for unique programs, tours, and special events. Through our collections and educational programs, we help interpret the diversity of cultures. Drop in for a visit, arrange a tour, or research our collections.

A Walk Through Time Museum 110 E. Main St., Arcola | 217-268-4530
Housed in the former Raggedy Ann & Andy museum space, the new museum continues to honor the history of the beloved dolls and the story of the creator, Johnny Gruelle, and will offer additional information about rich history of the Arcola, Illinois community.

Galleries
40 Point One Art Space 1300 S. Neil St., Champaign 217-351-7841 | 40north.org
Art @ the Y 1001 S. Wright St., Champaign 217-337-1500 | universityymca.org/art
Art Coop 150 Lincoln Square, Urbana | 217-352-4562
Artists’ Alley at McKinley Foundation 405 E. John St., Champaign | mckinley-foundation.org
Cinema Gallery 120 W. Main St., Urbana | 217-367-3711 cinema.gallery.cc
Cracked Glass 602 E. High St., Urbana | 217-359-6489 crackedglass.com
Framer’s Market 807 W. Springfield Ave., Champaign 217-351-2020 | framersmarket.net
Giertz Gallery at Parkland College 2400 W. Bradley Ave., Champaign 217-351-2485 | parkland.edu/gallery
Gilbert Gallery 102 W. Main St., Urbana 217-367-2400 | thegilbertgallery.net
High Cross Art Studio 1101 N. High Cross Rd., Urbana 217-417-4674
Illini Union Art Gallery 1401 W. Green St., Urbana 217-378-8565 | union.illinois.edu
International Galleries 300 S. Broadway Ave., Urbana 217-328-2754 internationalgalleriesurbana.com
LaPayne Photography Studio 816 Dennison Dr., Champaign 217-356-9278 | lapayne.com
Larry Kanfer Photography Gallery 2593 S. Neil St, Champaign 217-398-2000 | kanfer.com
Prairie Fire Glass 217 W. Washington St., Monticello 217-762-3332 | prairiefireglass.com
Springer Cultural Center 301 N. Randolph St, Champaign 217-337-2376 | champaignparks.com
Urbana-Champaign Independent Media Center 202 S. Broadway Ave., Urbana 217-544-9820 | ucmc.org
Urbana Museum of Photography 113 N. Neil St., Urbana | 217-599-1215 vartthought.com
Outdoor Adventures

Allerton Park & Retreat Center
515 Old Timber Rd., Monticello 217-333-3287
allerton.illinois.edu
Built as a private residence by artist and philanthropist Robert Allerton in 1900, Allerton offers a unique opportunity to experience art, nature, and history away from the distractions of everyday life. Explore 14 miles of hiking trails, wander through formal gardens, marvel at the century-old Mansion, and find peace in the quiet, expansive grounds. Allerton has become a destination for meetings, conferences, weddings, retreats, and special events. Organized programs open to the community and visitors include outdoor concerts, summer camps, themed dinners and educational events, nature hikes, and public tours. Overnight accommodations are available. The Visitor Center, adjacent to the Greenhouse Café serving snacks and refreshments, is open daily, 9am-5pm, and is an unstaffed, self-guided resource with maps, displays, and restrooms.

Anita Purves Nature Center
1505 N. Broadway, Urbana 217-384-4062 | urbanaparks.org
Learn about Illinois natural history through hands-on exhibits and resident education animals. An observation room allows you to see wildlife at the feeding station and hear them through a parabolic sound system. Located at the north end of Crystal Lake Park, the nature center is the gateway to Busey Woods—a 59-acre old growth Oak-Hickory Forest that is remnant of pre-settlement forest in East Central Illinois. Wildlife and nature programs, rentable spaces, a nature gift shop and educator resources all make this a worthwhile stop.

Champaign Park District
217-398-2550 | champaignparks.com
The Champaign Park District is your place to play! With over 60 parks in Champaign and stand-out facilities like the Virginia Theatre, Leonhard Recreation Center, Sholem Aquatic Center, Kaufman Lake Boathouse, the Skatepark, Dodds Tennis Center, and a dog park, the CPD provides top-notch parks, facilities, and programs that are accessible for all ages in the Champaign community.

Champaign County Forest Preserve District
217-586-3360 | ccfpd.org
The Champaign County Forest Preserve District oversees 1705 acres in northeast Champaign County, offering visitors a campground (53 of 65 campsites have electricity), playground, swimming beach, fishing, hiking, cross-country skiing, picnicking, a Waterfowl Management Area, and renovated meeting facility. The campground accepts online reservations.

River Bend Forest Preserve
1602 W. Mid America Rd., Mahomet
The 275-acre River Bend Forest Preserve south of Mahomet contains approximately 130 acres of clear water in two lakes, one of which is the largest public lake in Champaign County, and includes 2.5 miles of forest along the Sangamon River. The fully accessible, Possibility Pier is great for fishing.

Sangamon River Forest Preserve
2797 County Road 600 E., Fisher
Sangamon River Forest Preserve, a 160-acre gem, offers a variety of natural features and is ideal for low-impact activities such as picnicking, bird watching, hiking and river fishing. The preserve hosts the Lincoln Ash Tree, one of the largest ash trees in the state.

Kickapoo Rail Trail
The first 6.7 miles of the Kickapoo Rail Trail connects East Urbana to Main St. in St. Joseph. The multi-purpose recreational trail will extend 24.5 miles to Kickapoo State Park in Vermilion County. The trail is designed for pedestrians and bicyclists to traverse some of the most diverse ecosystems in this part of the state, including woodland, prairie, and wetland.

University of Illinois Arboretum
1800 South Lincoln Avenue, Urbana arboretum.illinois.edu
The University of Illinois Arboretum is a living laboratory of plant collections, gardens, wooded areas, and ponds that support teaching, research, and public service programs of diverse units throughout the Urbana-Champaign campus. The Arboretum sponsors students from various campus departments to develop special projects that enrich Arboretum programs. Arboretum highlights include the Noel Welcome Garden, Miles C. Hartley Selections Garden of plant evaluations, Sesquicentennial Garden of perennials and flowering trees, Idea Garden, American Hosta Society National Display Garden, Japan House and Stango Cuisine and wetland in Weaver Park. Hosta Society National Display Garden, Japan House and American Arboretum Woodlands, and acres of lawns and groves. The grounds and gardens host cross-country races, tours, weddings, banquets, and informal gatherings.

Urbana Park District
217-367-1544 | urbana parks.org
More than 600 acres of parks and natural areas are managed by the Urbana Park District, including prairie in Meadowbrook Park, forest in Crystal Lake Park, savanna and wetland in Weaver Park, The Friendship Grove Nature Playscape, Wandell Sculpture Garden, Anita Purves Nature Center, Crystal Lake Park Family Aquatic Center, and a nine-hole disc golf course in Lohman Park offer varied recreation options for residents and visitors alike. Contact the Phillips Recreation Center for information or visit the website.

William M. Staerkel Planetarium
2400 W. Bradley Ave., Champaign | 217-351-2446
parkland.edu/planetarium
Discover the universe at the second largest planetarium in Illinois, the William M. Staerkel Planetarium, located at Parkland College. Using their digital projection system, visitors can learn about the stars, planets, and more in this immersive environment. Public shows are held on Friday and Saturday nights, as well as summer matinees.

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217-531-1150 neilstblues.com

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217-354-4199 | rumbergerswings.com

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Brainstorm Escapes  
61 E. University Ave., Champaign  
217-693-7678  
brainstormescapes.com |
| Dicks Pharmacy | Chico’s Outlet  
217-253-2202 | CU Adventures in Time and Space  
302 N. Broadway, Urbana  
217-698-7158  
cuadventures.com |
| Jon’s Pipe Shop | Christopher & Banks  
217-253-4176 | Golf  
Atkins Family Golf Club  
2600 S. Stone Creek Blvd., Urbana  
217-367-3000 |
| Klose Knit | Famous Footwear Outlet  
217-599-4000 | Brookhill Golf Course  
3150 Country Road 1700 E., Rantoul  
217-893-1200  
brookhillgolfcourse.com |
| PrairieLand Feeds | Jockey  
217-253-2066 | Ironhorse Golf Club  
2000 Ironhorse Dr., Tuscola  
217-253-6644  
ironhorsecc.com |
| Body n’ Sole | Lane Bryant Outlet  
217-253-2324 | JustFore Fun Golf Center  
301 Eisenhower Rd., Champaign  
217-363-0103  
justforefun.com |
| Champaign Cycle | Lake of the Woods Golf Course  
405 N. Lake of the Woods Dr., Mahomet  
217-588-2183  
golflakeaic.com |
| Champaign Outdoors | Polo Ralph Lauren Factory Store  
217-253-4753 | Legends Golf Course  
4051 Nicklaus Dr, Champaign  
217-863-2145  
legendsofchampaign.com |
| Durst Cycle & Fitness | Skechers  
217-253-4411 | Old Orchard Lanes & Links  
901 N. Dunlap Ave. Savoy  
217-359-5281  
oldorchardinc.com |
| IttyBittyBikeShop | Under Armour  
217-253-1088 | The University of Illinois Golf Course  
800 Hartwell Dr., Savoy  
217-359.5613  
uofi.golf.com |
| Neutral Cycle | Van Heusen  
217-253-3998 | Timberlake Golf Course  
957 County Road 700E, Sullivan  
217-797-6921  
timberlakegolfcourse.com |
| Rugged Outdoors | VF Outlet  
217-253-9890 | Willow Pond Golf Course  
800 Golf Course Rd., Rantoul  
217-893-9000  
willowpondgolf.com |
| Toys & Games | Enchantment Alley  
123 W. Main St., Urbana  
217-212-9150 | Paintball  
Firemark Paintball  
2653 Country Road, 600 E. Dewey  
217-643-2620  
firemarkpaintball.com |
| Gophers Mafia Games | Illini Union Rec Room  
1401 W. Green St., Urbana  
217-333-2415  
union.illinois.edu | SaltFork Paintball  
2150 CR 1600 N. St. Joseph  
217-778-7793  
saltforkpaintball.com |
| Live Action Games | Old Orchard Lanes & Links  
901 N. Dunlap Ave. Savoy  
217-359-5281 | Skating  
Skateland  
208 W. Curtis Rd., Savoy  
217-359-3335  
skateland.savoy.com |
| Climbing | Western Bowl  
917 Francis Dr., Champaign  
217-359-1678  
westernbowl.org | University of Illinois Ice Arena  
406 E. Armoury, Champaign  
217-333-2212  
campusrec.illinois.edu |
| | Urban Boulders  
1502 N Cunningham Ave., Urbana  
217-600-0845 | Skydiving  
CU Skydiving  
1962 County Rd. 2500 N, Thomasboro  
217-800-2809  
cuskydiving.com |
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