

Guide to Carbondale, Illinois and the Southern Illinois Region: August 2011 Edition



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GUIDE TO SERVICES/ATTRACTIONS IN CARBONDALE & SOUTHERN ILLINOIS
(All locations in Carbondale, unless specified elsewhere)

AUTO REPAIR/PARTS/RENTALS:

Gator Automotive	1240 N Reed Station Rd	(618) 457-7181 (618) 529-2302
The Auto Shop	317 E Main	(618) 457-8411
Auffenberg of Carbondale	1015 E Walnut St	(618) 457-3391
Aces Automotive	110 S. 6 th St.	(618) 684-3800
Valvoline Instant Oil Change	1190 E Main St	(618) 457-2401
Meineke Car Care Center	308 E Main St	(618) 457-3527
Southern Import and Repair	550 N University Ave.	(618) 457-4611
John Stearns Auto Detailing	One Stearns Ln	(618) 924-7701
Holt's Tire and Auto Center	223 E Main St	(618) 529-3383
Today's Technology Auto Repair	1235 E Walnut	(618) 457-2151
Dave's Collision Center	2040 N Illinois	(618) 529-8585
Enterprise Car Rental	219 S Lewis Ln	(618) 549-6995
Plaza Tire Service	610 E Main St	(618) 457-0309
ABC Car Wash and Detail	1000 E Main St	(618) 549-8888
Brad's Auto Service	222 N Emerald	(618) 549-4357

BANKING:

On Campus ATMs:

Bank of Carbondale	216 E Main St	(618) 549-2181
Old National Bank	509 S University Ave	(618) 457-3381
SIU Credit Union	1217 W Main St	(618) 457-3595

<https://www.siu.edu>

No Campus ATMs:

Regions Bank	500 W Main St	(618) 549-2102
	601 E Main St	(618) 529-2700
First Southern Bank	301 E Main St.	(618) 549-3621
Banterra Bank	1917 W Main St.	(618) 549-4445

BOOKS/RECORDS/CDs:

University Bookstore	Ground Level, Student Center	(618) 536-3321
710 Bookstore	710 S Illinois Ave	(618) 549-7304
Barnes & Noble Booksellers	1300 E Main St	(618) 351-0404
Book Worm	618 E Walnut St	(618) 457-2665
Saluki Bookstore	701 E Grand Ave	(618) 529-1900
Campus Comics	816 E Main St, B	(618) 457-6011
Plaza Records	816 E Main St D	(618) 549-2651
P Mac Music	100 N Glenview Dr	(618) 351-9150
Logan's Discount Texts	209 W Commercial, Carterville	(618) 985-4166

COMPUTERS:

Apple Retail Store	Student Center Bookstore	http://apple.siu.edu
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Best Buy Carbondale	1270 E Main St	(618) 351-1700
Carbondale Computer Repair	317 E Main St	(618) 203-2222
Mediacom	http://mediacomcable.com/	(800) 790-8187
Frontier	www.FrontierBundles.com	(855) 424-0001
Shawnee Link	http://www.shawneelink.net	(800) 461-3956

EMERGENCY NUMBERS/UTILITIES (all emergency calls: 9-1-1)

Carbondale Fire Department	non-emergency: (618) 457-3234 Emergency Management Services: (618) 457-3245
Carbondale Police Department	non-emergency: (618) 457-3200
SIU Police Department	non-emergency: (618) 453-3771
Jackson County Ambulance	non-emergency: (618) 453-3771

Ameren Illinois Electric	1-800-755-5000
Frontier Phone	1-877-462-8188
Mediacom Cable	1-800-874-2924

American Red Cross (Little Egypt Network) 618-529-1525/800-272-2984
 Jackson County Health Department 618-684-3143
 Women's Center Crisis Hotline 618-529-2324/1-800-334-2094
 Memorial Hospital, Carbondale 866-744-2468 (physician and service info)
 618-529-0721
 St. Joseph's Hospital, M'boro 618-684-3156

FOOD & DRINK: Restaurants in Carbondale, Murphysboro, Herrin/Carterville, Marion & elsewhere (note that all Illinois restaurants are non-smoking)

Kaya Korean & Japanese Restaurant	817 S Illinois Ave	Carbondale	(618) 457-0968
New Kahala Fast Foods	602 S Illinois	Carbondale	(618) 529-3388
Chicago Hot Dogs & Shrimp	603 S Illinois	Carbondale	(618) 549-5707
Sam's Café	521 S Illinois	Carbondale	(618) 549-2234
El Greco	516 S Illinois	Carbondale	(618) 457-0303
Mary Lou's	114 S Illinois	Carbondale	(618) 457-5084
Thai Taste	100 S Illinois	Carbondale	(618) 457-6900
Jewel of India	800 E Main St.	Carbondale	(618) 457-6666
Jewel of India (Buffet)	600 S Illinois	Carbondale	(618) 549-5555
Spinoni's	501 E Walnut	Carbondale	(618) 457-5544
Fat Patties	611 B S Illinois	Carbondale	(618) 520-3287
Pagliai's Pizza	515 S Illinois Ave	Carbondale	(618) 457-0321
Jimmy John's Subs	519 S Illinois Ave	Carbondale	(618) 549-3334
Harbaugh's Café	901 S Illinois Ave B	Carbondale	(618) 351-9897
QQ Bubble Tea	701 S Illinois Ave	Carbondale	(618) 351-7000
PK's (Bar)	308 S Illinois Ave	Carbondale	(618) 529-1124
Hangar 9 (Bar)	511 S Illinois Ave	Carbondale	(618) 549-0511
Stix (Bar)	517 S Illinois Ave	Carbondale	(618) 549-7849

Don Taco	606 S Illinois	Carbondale	(618) 351-1177
The Cellar (Bar)	101 W Monroe St	Carbondale	(618) 529-3838
The Underground (Bar)	717 S Univ. Ave	Carbondale	(618) 549-7171
Happy Reunion (Chinese)	1901 W Main	Carbondale	(618) 549-9509
Tequila's	100 N Glenview	Carbondale	(618) 457-4026
Mississippi Flyway	1925 W Main St	Carbondale	(618) 529-9363
Key West Grill (Bar)	1108 W Main St	Carbondale	(618) 351-5998
Tres Hombres Mexican	119 N Washington St	Carbondale	(618) 457-3308
Longbranch Coffee House	100 E Jackson St	Carbondale	(618) 529-4488
Global Gourmet	102 E Jackson St	Carbondale	(618) 549-0771
Newell House	201 E Main	Carbondale	(618) 549-6400
Club Traz	213 E Main St	Carbondale	(618) 549-4270
Italian Village	405 S Washington	Carbondale	(618) 457-6559
Don Taco	600 E Grand #1	Carbondale	(618) 549-3777
Southern Que	887 E Grand	Carbondale	(618) 457-8000
Quatro's Pizza	218 W Freeman St	Carbondale	(618) 549-5326
Common Grounds Coffee House	600 E Grand	Carbondale	(618) 549-4180
Callahan's/Cali's (Bar)	760 E Grand	Carbondale	(618) 351-7271
Pinch Penny Pub (Bar)	700 E Grand Ave	Carbondale	(618) 529-3348
DiMaggio's Restaurant	1040 E Walnut St	Carbondale	(618) 351-7151
Primo's Pizza	604 E Park St	Carbondale	(618) 351-9999
China Wok	883 E Grand	Carbondale	(618) 351-5900
Wise Guys Pizza & Subs	102 W College	Carbondale	(618) 457-7777
Hunan Chinese Restaurant	710 E Main St	Carbondale	(618) 529-1108
Whiffle Boy's Pizza	830 E Walnut	Carbondale	(618) 529-9433
Sky Bar	1215 E. Walnut	Carbondale	(618) 529-5511
El Bajio Mexican Restaurant	1010 E Main St	Carbondale	(618) 529-1648
Blue Martin (Lounge)	215 E Main	Carbondale	(618) 549-4326
Arnie's Sandwiches	2031B S Illinois	Carbondale	(618) 529-4300

Beyond Carbondale:

Alongi's Italian Restaurant	18 W Main St	DuQuoin	(618) 542-2468
Primo's Pizza	550 E Industrial Park Rd	Murphysboro	(618) 684-1111
17 th St Bar and Grill	32 N 17th St	Murphysboro	(618) 684-3722
	2700 17 th St	Marion	(618) 998-1114
Midland Inn	7570 Old Hwy 13	Murphysboro	(618) 529-9133
Annie Mae's Restaurant	1602 Elm	Murphysboro	(618) 684-5599
Tippey's Restaurant	1603 Walnut	Murphysboro	(618) 687-9531
Cindy B's Café	1110 Locust	Murphysboro	(618) 684-2776
Cummare's Italian Restaurant	1023 Chestnut	Murphysboro	(618) 687-3700
Old Rome Restaurant & Pub	803 N 9 th St	Murphysboro	(618) 565-1522
Primo's Pizza	550 E. Industrial Park Rd	Murphysboro	(618) 684-1111
Cajun Cowboy Grill	1308 Walnut St	Murphysboro	(618) 565-4766
Da-Nite (Bar)	803 North 14th St	Murphysboro	(618) 684-3285
Bogey's of Stone Creek	503 Stone Creek Dr	Makanda	(618) 351-GOLF
Grumpy's Smokehouse	7335 Cox Dr	Cartersville	(618) 997-2272

Legends: Walker's Bluff	14400 Meridian Road	Carterville	(618) 559-4893
Pizza and Pasta Express & Trains	104 N Division	Carterville	(618) 985-6262
Country Cupboard	1323 S Division	Carterville	(618) 985-4470
San's Chinese Restaurant	706 E Plaza	Carterville	(618) 985-2813
Kindling Spirits/Food/Floral	1420 Main St	Carterville	(618) 985-2226
Giant City Lodge	460 Giant City Lodge Rd	Makanda	(618) 457-4921
Arturo's Mexican Grill	209 W Commercial Dr	Carterville	(618) 985-2765
Blue Boar Restaurant	920 Kratzinger Hollow Rd	Cobden	(618) 833-7788
Trails End Lodge	1425 Skyline	Cobden	(618) 697-9173
The Palace Pizzeria	215 N Appleknocker Dr	Cobden	(618) 893-4415
Yellow Moon Café	110 Front St	Cobden	(618) 893-2394
Fuzzy's Bar and Grill	106 N Front St	Cobden	(618) 893-2814
Taqueria Pequeña	107 E Market St	Cobden	(618) 893-1353
Peoples Delight Ice Cream	107 E Market	Cobden	N/A
Root Beer Saloon	4 Main St	Alto Pass	(618) 893-1634
Sergio's Mexican Restaurant	203 N Williams	Murphysboro	(618) 684-6254
	1400 S 16th St	Herrin	(618) 942-8085
Walt's	213 S Court	Marion	(618) 993-8667
A "Lill" Taste of Cuba	607 N Court	Marion	(618) 993-5455
Honeybakers	1131 N Carbon	Marion	(618) 997-0992
La Fiesta	1000 N Carbon, #3	Marion	(618) 993-0028
Mollie's Bar & Grill	107 E Union	Marion	(618) 997-3424
Triple "E" BBQ	906 E Deyoung	Marion	(618) 997-1369
Pulley's BBQ	1301 E Main	Marion	(618) 997-5225
20's Hideout Steakhouse	2606 W Main St	Marion	(618) 997-8325
Clubhouse Restaurant (Kokopelli)	1401 Champions Dr	Marion	(618) 997-5656
Sao Asian Bistro	2800 17 th St	Marion	(618) 933-2828
Mackie's Pizza	2704 Walton Way	Marion	(618) 997-4100
Bennie's Italian Foods	309 N Market	Marion	(618) 997-6735
Hong Kong Buffet/Mongolian Grill	3000 DeYoung St	Marion	(618) 993-3800
The Refuge	2611 W DeYoung	Marion	(618) 997-8557
Thai-D Restaurant	2801 Civic Center Blvd, #6	Marion	(618) 997-6470
Mary's Restaurant	509 S Park Ave	Herrin	(618) 942-2742
Burger Nook	900 S Park Ave	Herrin	(618) 942-3640
Up in Smoke BBQ	601 W Herrin St	Herrin	(618) 942-4227
The Lombard	112 N 14 th St	Herrin	(618) 988-2003
Nesler's Polar Whip	100 W Johnson St	Energy	(618) 988-9210
Tom's Place	17107 N Highway 51	De Soto	(618) 867-3033
Hedman Vineyard: Peach Barn Café	560 Chestnut Street	Alto Pass	(618) 893-4923
John John BBQ	103 N Mayor Caliper Dr	Colp	(618) 985-2781
Mase's Place Bar & Grill	5162 Hickory Ridge Rd	Pomona	(618) 684-8000
Ten Pin Alley & Pub	Rt. 51 South	DuQuoin	(618) 542-4499
Bottom's Up Family Bar & Grill	3683 Neunert Rd	Jacob	(618) 763-4615
Longhorn Country Store & Café	510 Illinois 127	Vergennes	(618) 559-7150
Crazy Joe's Fish Place	693 Suchman Rd	Ava	(618) 763-4417
Country Cupboard	169 E Vienna St	Anna	(618) 833-1640

The Custard Stand	101 S Park Street	Sesser	(888) 406-2202
Opera House Café	108 W Franklin St.	Sesser	(618) 625-6300

GROCERIES/PHARMACIES: (all 618 area code)

Kroger	501 N Giant City Rd	457-5313
Pharmacy Phone:		549-9743
Schnucks	915 W Main St	351-0463
Neighborhood Co-op Grocery	1815 W Main St	529-3533
International Grocery	1811 W Main St	529-1206
Fresh Foods	1927 W Main St	529-2534
Arnold's Market	2141 S Illinois Ave	529-5191
Doña Camila Mexican Grocery	100 W Jackson St	457-1146
El Paisano Mexican Grocery	100 N Glenview	529-2352
Adelita's Mexican Grocery	611 S Illinois	351-7901
Egyptian Corner	534 E Main	529-0151
Town Square Market	106 E Jackson St	529-2312
Han's International Market	863 E Grand Ave	549-0152
Aldi	1232 E Main	N/A
La Joyita Mexican Grocery	601 Walnut St, M'boro	687-2000
Save-a-Lot	301 E Walnut St	529-8701
Walgreens Pharmacy	206 S Wall St	985-6302
Walgreens (C'dale #2)	1600 Main St	457-8397
Walgreens (Murphysboro)	503 Walnut Street	565-2329
CVS Pharmacy	2431 W Main St	457-0491

HOTELS/LODGING/BED & BREAKFASTS:

Super 8	1180 E Main St	Carbondale	(618) 457-8822
Quality Inn	1415 E Main St	Carbondale	(618) 549-4244
Econo Lodge Inn	801 E Main St	Carbondale	(618) 457-3347
America's Best Value	700 E Main St	Carbondale	(618) 457-5566
Ramada	801 N Giant City Rd	Carbondale	(618) 351-6611
Comfort Inn	2400 Reed Station Pkwy	Carbondale	(618) 529-2720
Holiday Inn	2300 N Reed Station Rd	Carbondale	(618) 549-2600
Hampton Inn	2175 Reed Station Pkwy	Carbondale	(618) 549-6900
Train Inn B&B	406 East Stoker St	Carbondale	(618) 549-1717
Giant City Lodge	460 Giant City Lodge Rd	Makanda	(618) 457-4921
Sassafras Ridge B&B	382 Fawn Trail Ln	Carbondale	(618) 529-5261
Kite Hill B&B	83 Kite Hill Rd	Carbondale	(618) 684-5072
Barton House B & B	1655 N Reed Station Rd	Carbondale	(618) 457-7717
Woodland Cabins	106 N Parish Ln	Carbondale	(618) 457-7400
Cabin on the Hill	145 Cabin Hill Rd	Carbondale	(618) 529-5667
America's Best Value	128 E Walnut	Murphysboro	(618) 687-2244
Angelo & Jan's Inn	724 Walnut St	Murphysboro	(618) 687-9291
Green Retreat	6096 Chautauqua Rd	Murphysboro	(618) 687-1717
Davie School Inn	300 Freeman St	Anna	(618) 833-2377
Hidden Lake B&B	433 Cook Ave	Jonesboro	(618) 833-5252

Stone Creek Cabins	503 Stone Creek Dr	Makanda	(618) 351-4653
Back 2 Basics Cabins	895 Robinson Rd	Makanda	(618) 713-4025
Tool Shed B&B	1402 Hall Church Rd	Makanda	(618) 893-4063
Oak Grove Cabins	http://www.oakgrovecabin.com	Makanda	(618) 529-3408
Makanda Inn	835 Lower Cobden Road	Makanda	(618) 697-7929
Peach Barn B&B	560 Chestnut	Alto Pass	(618) 893-4923
Skyline View Cabins	2625 Skyline Dr	Alto Pass	(618) 893-1483
Shawnee Hill B&B	290 Water Valley Road	Cobden	(618) 893-2211
Boar's Nest B&B	1304 Kratzinger Hollow Rd	Cobden	(618) 833-5858
Water Valley Inn	3435 Water Valley Rd	Cobden	(618) 534-2244

LOCAL MEDIA (TV, RADIO, NEWSPAPERS):

WSIU 91.9	1003 Communications Bldg	(618) 453-4343
(National Public Radio affiliate, www.wsiu.org)		
WSIL (3)	1416 Country Aire, Carterville	(618) 985-2333
(Carbondale/Carterville, ABC affiliate)		
WPSD (6)		(618) 997-9773
(Paducah, KY, NBC affiliate)		
KFVS-TV (12)	300 E Main St	(618) 529-1794
(Cape Girardeau, MO CBS affiliate)		
Southern Illinoisan (newspaper)	710 N Illinois Ave	(618) 529-5454
Carbondale Times (newspaper)	701 W Main St	(618) 457-4084
Daily Egyptian (SIUC Newspaper)	1259 Communications Bldg	(618) 536-3311
WDBX: Community Radio for Carbondale		91.1 FM
Nightlife (free entertainment newspaper)		www.carbondalerocks.com
Shawnee Net (compilation of local blogs/news)		www.shawneenet.net/
Murphysboro American		http://www.murphysboroamerican.com/
Heartland Women		http://heartlandwomen.com/
Big Muddy Independent Media Center		http://bigmuddyimc.org
Southern Business Journal		http://thesouthern.com/business/sbj/
Southern Illinois Sports Connection		http://www.sisportsconnection.com/
Outdoors Illinois		http://www.dnr.state.il.us/oi/

MEDICAL/DENTAL:

SIUC Student Health Center 374 E. Grand <http://shc.siuc.edu/index.htm>
The Student Medical Insurance Plan provides health insurance coverage that compliments the on-campus primary care services, covering off-campus services such as emergency room, hospitalizations, surgery, ambulance and specialty care. Students are automatically enrolled in the Student Medical Insurance Plan (SMIP) as a condition of SIUC enrollment, registration and the assessment of the Student Medical Benefit Fee. For more information on the Plan, please call the Student Insurance Office at (618) 453-4413 or visit us on the second floor of the Student Health Center.

Other Medical Practices:

SIU Family Practice	305 W Jackson	(618) 536-6621
Center for the Medical Arts	2601 W Main	(618) 549-5361

Adolescent Health Center	101 S Wall	(618) 529-2621
Shawnee Health and Dental	400 Lewis Lane	(618) 519-9900
Memorial Hospital of Carbondale	405 W Jackson	(618) 529-0449
Herrin Hospital	201 S 14 th St, Herrin, IL	(618) 942-2171
St. Joseph's Hospital	2 S Hospital Dr, Murphysboro	(618) 684-3156
Heartland Regional Medical Ctr.	3333 West Deyoung St, Marion	(618) 998-7000

OFFICE/WRITING/ART SUPPLIES: (all 618 area code)

Copies 'N More	879 E Grand Ave	529-2679
Printing Plant (Copies)	606 S Illinois Ave	529-3115
Staples	1325 E Main St	457-2825
710 Bookstore	710 S Illinois Ave	549-7304
Hobby Lobby	1150 E Main St	457-6479
Mailboxes Etc.	1809 W Main	529-6245

PERSONAL CARE/LAUNDRY/DRY CLEANER: (all 618 area code)

Art of Hair	11 N 11 th St	Murphysboro	687-4747
A Cut Above	891 E Grand Ave		549-6222
Hair Brains	127 N Washington		549-7712
Cuts of Class	104 N. 10 th St.		549-3396
Illusions	203 W Walnut St		351-6506
Varsity South	704 S Illinois Ave		457-6464
Mane Attraction	318 E Walnut St		457-6263
Blade Kings Barbershop	400 S Illinois Ave		549-5464
Kampus Kuts	825 S Illinois Ave		549-2606
Hot Heads	118 S Illinois Ave		519-9373
Lush Salon and Spa (Aveda)	701 S Illinois Ave		549-5874
Tonic Headquarters	200 W Freeman St.		457-7223
Escape Day Spa and Salon	1306 Walnut	Murphysboro	684-4917
Egyptian Revival Day Spa	10393 Fleming Rd	Carterville	985-8995
La Lei Belle Spa & Salon	1201 S Division	Carterville	985-9601
Dermacare Body Boutique	1401 Walnut Street		453-2273
Jeffrey Laundromat	311 W Main St		549-1898
Laundry World	601 S University Ave		529-3930
Custom Cleaners	1803 W Main St		457-8244
University Cleaners	100 N Glenview Dr, Ste 0		457-6121
Horstman's Cleaners	303 S University Ave		457-4000

PETS: (all 618 area code)

All Star Quality Grooming	1470 W No Name Rd	529-1669
KC's Pet Grooming	100 N Glenview	529-7400
Best Grooming by Lana	1819 W Sycamore St	529-8218
Central Hospital for Animals	695 N Giant City Rd, #3	549-4738
Petco	1310 E Main St	529-5249
Indian Creek Kennel	5578 Giant City Rd	529-4700

Creekside Veterinary Clinic	9351 Old Hwy 13	687-1766
St. Francis Care	6228 Country Club Rd	687-2079

FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES (family-friendly venues):

Science Center of Southern Illinois, 1237 E Main Space C-8 (University Mall) (618) 529-5431

African-American Museum, University Mall, Carbondale

University Museum, Faner Hall, SIUC campus, Carbondale

Big Muddy Film Festival, SIUC campus (annual, February), bigmuddyfilm.com

Southern Illinois Photographic Society, <http://www.sipscameraclub.com/>

Carbondale Public Library, 405 W Main, Carbondale

Touch of Nature Environmental Center, SIUC campus, Carbondale

Green Earth Inc, <http://www.greenearthinc.org/>

Life Community Center, 2500 W Sunset Dr, Carbondale

(Carbondale Park District has many programs for kids).

Cousin Andy's Coffee House (weekly folk music concert series), Church of the

Good Shepherd, Carbondale, www.cousinandy.org

Jackson County Stage Company (local community theater), www.stagecompany.org

Shawnee Audubon Society, www.shawneeadubon.org

Shawnee Group of the Sierra Club: <http://illinois.sierraclub.org/Shawnee/>

Jeremy "Boo" Rochman Memorial Park, Giant City Road, Carbondale

Skate Zone, Hwy 51 S., Du Quoin

Hot Wheels Skatium, 414 San Diego Road, Carbondale, IL

Grand Twin (independent movie house, art deco stylings), 220 E Main, DuQuoin

Southern Illinois Roller Girls (local roller derby league): <http://www.soillrollergirls.com/>

Nile Breeze Dance Company (belly dance lessons): <http://www.nilebreezedance.com/>

Carbondale CrossFit (extreme fitness): <http://www.crossfitcarbondale.com/>

Southern IL CrossFit: <http://www.crossfitsoill.com/>

Shawnee Adventure Guides (hiking, rock climbing): <http://www.shawneeadventureguides.com/>

Giant City Stables (horseback riding, trail rides): <http://www.giantcitystables.com/>

Frontier League Baseball (Southern Illinois Miners), Rent One Park, Marion

Pirate Pete's Family Entertainment Center 800C Illinois Centre, 3000 W DeYoung, Marion

Little Grassy Campground and Marina, Makanda, <http://www.littlegrassylakecampground.com/>

Carbondale Farmer's Market, West Town Center, Rt. 13 behind McDonald's (Saturdays)

Student Center Bowling, SIUC campus & SI Bowl, 10240 Samuel Rd, Carterville

Sports Blast, 1215 E Walnut, Carbondale

Black's Martial Arts Academy, 880 West High St, <http://www.blacksmartialartsacademy.com/>

Southern Illinois Adult Soccer League, www.siasl.org

Team SICK (Southern Illinois Canoe and Kayak) <http://teamsick.rso.siuc.edu/>

Ultimate Gymnastics, 220 West Chestnut, Carbondale

Lost Creek Farm (blueberry picking), 5023 New Hope Lane, Carbondale (June, July)

Boys & Girls Club of Carbondale, 250 N Springer, Carbondale

Rainbow Café (LGBT teens), 8609 Giant City Rd, Suite F, <http://www.cuuf.net/rainbowcafe/>

River to River Runners, <http://www.run.olm.net/>

Shawnee Mountain Bike Association: <http://smbatrails.com/>

Morel mushroom hunting (early April) (www.morels.com)

Southern Illinois Music Festival, annual, mid-June-early July, www.sifest.com

Southern Illinois Irish Festival, annual, April, www.silirishfest.org
 Rhythm Effects (dance classes), 115 E. Illinois Ave, Carterville, <http://www.rhythmeffects.com/>
 Redbud Hill House Concert Series (concerts, folk music), Murphysboro, www.redbudhill.com
 Mermet Springs (SCUBA diving) <http://www.mermetsprings.com>
 Also, see Weird Illinois section for various festivals and events, many of which are kid-friendly.

GIFTS/SPECIALTY SHOPS/MISCELLANEOUS:

The Practice Pad	201 S Illinois Ave	Carbondale	(618) 549-2437
Mike's Music	815 E Main A	Carbondale	(618) 529-3444
Sound Core Music & Video	122 S. Illinois	Carbondale	(618) 457-5641
Yesteryear Tobacconists	213 S Illinois Ave	Carbondale	(618) 457-8495
Beautiful Creations Jewelry	304 S Illinois Ave	Carbondale	(618) 549-4502
Bike Surgeon	404 S Illinois Ave	Carbondale	(618) 457-4521
Carbondale Cycle Shop	303 S Illinois Ave	Carbondale	(618) 549-6863
Phoenix Cycles	300 S Illinois Ave	Carbondale	(618) 549-3612
Shawnee Trails (Outdoor)	222 W Freeman St	Carbondale	(618) 529-2313
Castle Perilous (Gaming)	207 W Main	Carbondale	(800) 297-2160
The Apple Tree (Gifts)	2015 W Main	Carbondale	(618) 549-1031
Brighten Your Day (gifts)	1821 W Main	Carbondale	(618) 457-5444
Dayshift (gift shop)	101 W Monroe	Carbondale	(618) 529-3297
Home Outfitters	815 S Illinois Ave	Carbondale	(618) 529-7961
The Furniture King	Highway 13 East	Carbondale	(618) 549-8332
Southern Illinois Surgical Appliance	1301 W Main St	Carbondale	(618) 529-2405
E-Z Rental Center	1817 W Sycamore	Carbondale	(618) 457-4127
B & L Photo	204 W Freeman	Carbondale	(618) 529-2031
Calico Country Sew & Vacuum	2525 Fairview Dr	Carbondale	(618) 529-5665
Barefoot Cobbler	100 W Walnut	Carbondale	(618) 457-8631
Coram Deo Books (Irish books and gifts)	3249 N Reed Station Rd	Carbondale	(618) 457-5282
The Country Goddess	208 W Freeman	Carbondale	(618) 457-4042
Great Shapes (fitness for women)	2121 S Illinois	Carbondale	(618) 529-4404
One O One Yoga	101 S Graham	Carbondale	(618) 457-8186
Priority Sports	106 S Illinois Ave	Carbondale	(618) 527-3097
Art Service Picture Framing	306 S Illinois Ave	Carbondale	(618) 457-6479
Jane's Consignment	1224 W Main	Carbondale	(618) 549-5645
International Fashions	1237 E Main (in mall)	Carbondale	(618) 549-3617
Murdale True Value	1915 W Main	Carbondale	(618) 529-3400
Great Outdoors Company	695 N Giant City Rd	Carbondale	(618) 529-5130
Vitamin World	1 Nutrition Place Dr	Carbondale	(618) 457-8400
Jerry's Flower Shoppe	216 W Freeman	Carbondale	(618) 549-3560
University Museum Gift Shop	1000 Faner Dr	Carbondale	(618) 453-5388
My Favorite Toys (in mall)	1237 E Main St	Carbondale	(618) 529-8697
TJ's Fine Jewelry	1258 E Main St	Carbondale	(618) 351-1200

La Unica Bakery	213 W Main	Carbondale	(618) 457-6513
Wright Do It Yourself Center	208 S. Williams	Murphysboro	(618) 687-1702
Larry's House of Cakes	1807 W Main	Carbondale	(618) 519-9378
	905 S Court	Marion	(618) 993-3906
Fred's Discount Dept Store	1008 W Cherry	Marion	(618) 997-6968
Affordable Home Furniture	3100 S Park Ave	Herrin	(618) 942-7505
The Yarn Shoppe	105 N 16 th	Herrin	(618) 988-9276
Southpass Beads	203 E Ash St	Cobden	(618) 893-6170
Anthill Gallery	102 N Front Street	Cobden	(618) 457-7641
Mayberry Music & Sound	301 E. Broad St	Jonesboro	(618) 833-3171
Makanda Trading Company	520 Makanda Rd	Makanda	(618) 351-0201
Visions Art Gallery	530 Makanda Rd	Makanda	(618) 549-5523
Shawnee Country Store	133 Foss Rd	Ava	(618) 426-9618

ORCHARDS/FARM MARKETS/U-PICKS:

Greer's Lost Creek Farm	5023 New Hope Lane	Carbondale	(618) 457-5949
Blueberry Hill Farm	675 Wright's Crossing	Cobden	(618) 893-2397
Lipe's Orchard Market	3925 S Illinois Ave	Carbondale	(618) 549-1263
Mileur Orchard	I-72 Mileur Orchard Rd.	Murphysboro	(618) 687-3663
Lightfoot Farms	64 Lightfoot Rd.	Murphysboro	(618) 687-3234
Echo Valley Orchards	144 Peach Road	Carbondale	(618) 684-2471
Rendleman Farm Market	9860 State Rt 127 N	Alto Pass	(618) 893-2771
Flamm Orchards	8760 Old Hwy 51 N	Cobden	(618) 893-4241

LOCAL & STATE LINKS:

City of Carbondale	http://www.ci.carbondale.il.us/
Carbondale Main Street	http://www.carbondalemainstreet.com
Carbondale Community Arts	http://www.carbondalearts.org/
Carbondale Chamber of Commerce	http://www.carbondalechamber.com
Carbondale Park District	http://www.cpkd.org/
Carbondale Public Library	http://www.carbondale.lib.il.us/
Carbondale Convention & Tourism Bureau	http://www.cctb.org
Jackson County Web Site	http://www.co.jackson.il.us/
Jackson County Health Department	http://www.jchdonline.org
Southern Illinois Tourism Development Office	http://www.adventureillinois.com/
Southernmost Illinois Tourism Bureau	http://www.southernmostillinois.com/
State of Illinois	http://www.illinois.gov/
Illinois Poet Laureate, Kevin Stein	http://poetlaureate.il.gov/
Illinois Arts Council	http://www.state.il.us/agency/iac/
Illinois Humanities Council	http://www.prairie.org/
Illinois Tourism Bureau	http://enjoyillinois.com
Illinois Department of Natural Resources	http://dnr.state.il.us/
Illinois State Historic Preservation Agency	http://www.state.il.us/hpa/

TRAVEL & TRANSPORTATION INFO/LINKS:

Ace Taxi	319 N. Illinois Ave, Carbondale	(618) 549-8294
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Yellow Cab 215 S Illinois Ave, Carbondale (618) 457-8121
 BART Airport Shuttle (to STL airport) 1-800-284-2278, <http://www.bartshuttle.com/>
 Saluki Express (SIU Bus, Free to Students) <http://www.siucenter.org/salukiexpress>
 SIU Night Safety Transit (618) 453-2212
 Jackson County Mass Transit (618) 549-0304 <http://www.ridesmtd.com/>

AMTRAK 401 S Illinois Ave, Carbondale <http://www.amtrak.com>
Illini/Saluki trains run from Carbondale to Chicago
City of New Orleans runs from Chicago to Carbondale to Memphis to New Orleans

South Central Transit <http://www.southcentraltransit.org/index.html>
 S.M.A.R.T. Regional Transit <http://shawneemtd.com/index/>
 AAA 1260 E Main, Carbondale (618) 457-8448
 Greyhound <http://www.greyhound.com/>
 Lex Express (limited Carbondale bus service) <http://www.lincolnllexpress.com/>
 Airports:
 Southern Illinois Airport (charters) <http://www.siaairport.com/>
 Williamson County Regional Airport, Marion <http://www.wilcoairport.com/>
 Barkley Regional Airport, West Paducah <http://www.barkleyregional.com/>
 Cape Girardeau Regional Airport <http://www.apeairport.com/>

WEIRD ILLINOIS/LOCAL FESTIVALS & SIGHTS:

Snake migration, LaRue-Pine Hills/Otter Pond Research Natural Area: The biannual “Snake Migration” across the LaRue Road is at the base of the bluffs, adjacent to LaRue Swamp. The yearly migration involves the hibernation of the animals during the winter months in the bluffs. These animals then move to their feeding grounds in the swamp during the summer months. A 2.5 mile segment of the road is closed to vehicular traffic from March 15 to May 15 in the spring and from September 1 to October 30 in the fall. You are welcome to travel the snake road on foot or by non-motorized methods. Ask Rodney Jones for more information.

Bald Knob Cross: Bald Knob Cross, completed in 1963, was built through the generous contributions of thousands of people from the United States and other countries. The Cross has been erected to help strengthen the spiritual fiber of America and stands 111 feet tall. When illuminated at night, it can be seen over an area of 7,500 square miles. Bald Knob Mountain is the most prominent elevation in the Southern Illinois Ozarks, which extend across the state from river to river approximately 50 miles north of the confluence of the Mississippi and Ohio rivers.

Giant City State Park: An enormous park less than ten miles from campus, this park features camping, fishing, hunting, horseback riding, rock climbing, and hiking on a plethora of trails. The main attractions are massive sandstone structures, which have been carved out over time into “streets” between the rocks. There is also a lodge for those who wish to eat much fried chicken, a specialty of the house, especially on Sundays, as well as cabins for overnight visitors. There’s even a pool for the kids and a visitor’s center. <http://www.giantcitylodge.com/park/>

Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge: Located five miles west of Marion, Illinois, and five miles

south of Herrin, Illinois, on State Route 148, the refuge provides significant resting areas for migratory birds utilizing the Mississippi Flyway. Wintering numbers of Canada Geese can peak at 200,000. A total of 700 plant species, 245 bird species, 33 mammal species, 63 fish species, and 44 reptile and amphibian species have been documented on the refuge. There's a visitor's center with monthly programs, among the most popular of which are the guided tours to an active bald eagle nest (reservations required). Hunting, fishing, camping, hiking and wildlife photography are among the activities available at the refuge. <<http://www.fws.gov/midwest/CrabOrchard/>>

Wine Trail(s): The Shawnee Hills Wine Trail wineries are located in Jackson and Union counties in Southern Illinois, southwest of Carbondale. All twelve award-winning wineries are just a few minutes from each other. You can start the trail from either end, or jump on somewhere in the middle. Rolling hills and picturesque vistas are the backdrops for the various vineyards and wineries along the way. For more info: <http://www.shawneewinetrail.com/>. Shawnee Shuttle will lead you on a bus tour of the Shawnee Wine Trail—leave the driving to them. Another trail is the Southern Illinois Wine Trail (<http://www.southernillinoiswinetrail.net/home.html>, Bella Terra Winery is one of the main members of this group). For more on Illinois wines, visit www.illinoiswines.com

Shawnee National Forest: The Shawnee National Forest is located in southern Illinois and is divided into two Ranger Districts: Hidden Springs, located in Vienna & Elizabethtown, and Mississippi Bluffs, located in Jonesboro & Murphysboro. The Shawnee National Forest is the largest public forested area and the only National Forest in the State of Illinois. It provides open space that is available for public access and many recreational opportunities. The Forest provides scenic landscapes, fresh air, natural beauty, quiet, peaceful and restful settings, interesting historic sites, educational and research opportunities, and many other attractions. Biking, camping, climbing, fishing, hiking, hunting and horseback riding are among the many activities. Little Grand Canyon is also within the forest—it's a canyon of stone steps cut in steep, fantastically-eroded slickrock chutes, descending into a moist bottomland guarded by 300-foot cliffs. Comprehensive information can be found at <<http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/shawnee/>>.

Bell Smith Springs/Trails: Bell Smith Springs & Trail is 12 miles of interconnected trails, featuring strange but wonderful rock formations like “Devil’s Backbone” and “Boulder Falls.” There are four creeks that come together in the canyon at Bell Smith Springs; and even when the creeks are parched there are a dozen ice-cold spring pools that never run dry. Designated a National Natural Landmark by the US Park Service. Part of the Shawnee National Forest.

Murphysboro Apple Festival: As the longest running festival in southern Illinois, the Apple Festival in mid-September features a world-renowned barbeque competition, a 5K run-walk, a fiddle-playing contest, more food, and, naturally, a beauty contest. There are also arts and crafts and an apple-peeling contest. For year-round fun, visit Lake Murphysboro State Park: <http://dnr.state.il.us/lands/landmgt/parks/r5/murphysb.htm>. For history buffs, visit the General John A. Logan Museum in M’boro at 1613 Edith St (<http://www.loganmuseum.org/>).

Sesser/Opera House: Constructed in 1914 and now restored, the opera house at 106 W. Franklin was donated to the city in 1982. The facade features a wide arch entrance, terra cotta trim and

gargoyles. Located in the same building is the Opry House Café. Tours of the Opera House are available while the restaurant is open. Hours of operation are 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

Fort Kaskaskia: This fort was built on bluffs by French residents of the 1700s who feared attack from the British in the French and Indian War. The historic site, which provides excellent views, is just south of Ellis Grove off Illinois 3. The picnic areas and the state historic site office are open only from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday year-around. For more information, call the Fort Kaskaskia State Historic Site office at 859-3741.

Fort de Chartres/Prairie du Rocher: Fort de Chartres is the last of three eighteenth-century forts by that name erected near the Mississippi River by France's colonial government. From 1720 to 1763 French administration of the Illinois Country was centered at the forts, built successively over a 40-year period on or near the same site. The stone fort, built in the 1750s and abandoned in 1771, has been partially reconstructed to provide a glimpse of life in Illinois under the French regime. Fort de Chartres State Historic Site, which also preserves the archaeological remains of the earlier wooden forts, is managed by the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency.
<<http://www.ftdechartres.com/page/page/1396753.htm>>

Rend Lake Resort: Located off I-57N at exit 77, Rend Lake Resort offers, within a three-mile radius, a lodge and fairway suites, a four and a half-star 27-hole golf course, campsites and beaches, boat rentals, arts and crafts malls (see next entry), and a 19,000 square mile lake.
<http://www.rendlakeresort.net>

Southern Illinois Artisans Shop: This state-owned facility, located at 14967 Gun Creek Trail in Whittington, offers fine arts and crafts by Illinois artists. The grounds are the site of festivals and craft shows as well. It is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week year-around, closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's Day and Easter. Annual Art and Wine Festival last full weekend in September. (618) 629-2220.

Ava Craft Center: This center in Ava is open from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and has 10 antique looms where anyone can learn to weave for free. The center closes early Saturday when traffic is light. Weavers are charged only for the warp they use as they weave rugs. Handwoven and braided rugs and placemats are sold at the center, along with croched rugs and quilts on consignment. The center is located on Main Street across from the First National Bank of Ava.

Dixon Springs State Park: A lovely little state park in the Shawnee hills. Was a 19th Century health spa attracting crowds who would bathe in the mineral-rich water. These days, visitors to the park enjoy a swimming pool with 45-foot water slide, in addition to hiking and camping. Located 1.5 miles east of the intersection of Illinois state routes 145 and 146. Bonus: just outside the park is the Chocolate Factory of Dixon Springs, a friendly shop selling all manner of sugary and (sugar-free) chocolate treats. <<http://www.thechocolatefactory.net/>>

Cache River State Natural Area: This area of wetlands, cypress swamps, ponds and bottomlands doesn't look like it should be in the Prairie State, but it is. The Barkhausen Cache River Wetlands

Center, the Canoe Trail, and Tunnel Hill Bicycle Trail all provide great experiences for any outdoor enthusiast. directions to the park at
<http://dnr.state.il.us/lands/Landmgt/PARKS/R5/CACHERVR.htm#Directions>

Metropolis/Superman: If you want to see a larger than life-sized Superman statue, Metropolis is the only city to do it in. Also in town are the Superman Museum and the Hollywood Americana Museum—both filled with movie and pop culture mementos. In Metropolis, you can also visit Fort Massac State Park, as well as spend all of your graduate assistantship money gambling at Harrah's (which has restaurants and the occasional concert). About an hour and fifteen minute ride there. www.dnr.state.il.us (for Fort Massac), for city info: www.metropolischamber.com. The annual "Superman Celebration" takes place every June.

Chester/Popeye: If you have a hankering for spinach, visit Chester. Popeye the sailorman was born in this town northwest of Carbondale by cartoonist Elzie Seger. Visit Spinach Can Collectibles www.popeyethesailor.com for all sorts of Popeye memorabilia. There is a statue of Popeye at Elzie Seger Memorial Park, on Highway 3, just before you cross the Chester Bridge into Missouri. The annual "Popeye Picnic" happens in September. Not too far from Chester, you'll find Mary's River Covered Bridge. This covered bridge on Illinois 150, four miles northeast of Chester, was built in 1854 as part of a planked toll road between Bremen and Chester. The only remaining covered bridge in southern Illinois, it retains much of the original timber from 1854. It remained in use until 1930.

Herrin Festa Italiana: Herrin pays tribute to its Italian heritage with this yearly festival in May. Concerts, lots of Italian sausages, bocce ball, and beauty contests. You can get a taste of Italy year-round at Louie's P & R Italian Grocery and Market at 101 S. 14th St in Herrin, phone (618) 942-3394.

Du Quoin State Fair: If you've never experienced the sheer glory of a state fair, Du Quoin's annual version in late August is a great place to start. Concerts (often of the country persuasion, with the occasional hair metal/70's or 80's band), agricultural exhibits, harness racing, fried and greasy fair food, rides for the kids, and a beauty pageant. Other local fairs include the Williamson County Fair (Marion) and the Union County Fair (Anna) (both in August).

Benton/George Harrison Home: In the fall of 1963, Beatles' member George Harrison visited his sister Louise in her home in Benton, Illinois. This home has now been transformed into A Hard Day's Nite Bed & Breakfast and the room where George slept has become the Beatles' Mini-Museum. For \$80.00 a night, you can choose to sleep in rooms designated Paul's, George's, John's, and Ringo's, which are all decorated with memorabilia. There is also a gift shop where you can purchase such memorabilia.

Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site: Named Cahokia after an Indian tribe that lived there in the 1600's, the Cahokia Mounds are an impressive sight. Woodhenge, a calendar of wooden posts, is on the grounds, as well as an information center. You can wander the grounds and climb Monks Mound (the New World's largest prehistoric earthen construction). www.cahokiamounds.com
After visiting the Mounds, visit the world's largest catsup bottle in nearby Collinsville:
<http://www.catsupbottle.com/>

Garden of the Gods: A 3,000-acre site about an hour and a half east of Carbondale, located within the Shawnee National Forest. In this park are 300 million year old rocks and cliffs that tower into the air. You can climb on many of the rocks or follow the observation trail to see Mushroom Rock, Camel Rock, and the Devil's Smokestack. You can also camp at Pharaoh's Campground.

Cave-In Rock: Cave-In Rock State Park features a large cave on the Ohio River where outlaws once hid and murdered unsuspecting people. Perched on a high bluff in the park are four lodges, each with two units. Good for writing getaways.

Makanda Boardwalk: A tiny town easy to miss, Makanda is a treasured community of artists outside one of the entrances to Giant City State Park. The boardwalk in the center of town was built in the 1890's and now features galleries and antique shops, selling such goods as glass, jewelry, and food. The annual festival in Makanda, the Vulture Festival, features music, more food, art sales, and live vultures. This festival is held in October of each year.

Cobden: A small town famous for its peaches and apples. Annual festival in August celebrates the peach with a 5K run/walk, food, and concerts. Much like Makanda, Cobden has a tiny downtown with art galleries and restaurants. Flamm Orchards has a summer fruit-n-cream stand that's hard to resist. Cobden is located thirteen miles south of Carbondale, one mile off of Illinois route 51.

Alton: Great site for watching bald eagles soar from December through February, check (www.greatriverroad.com). A statue of the tallest man in history, Robert Pershing Wadlow, who stood 8'11.1", graces the grounds of the SIU Dental School in Alton. The Argosy Casino will take your money and often has concerts (Chuck Berry is a regular act). Lincoln and Douglas had one of their many debates here. Hometown of Miles Davis. It is also referred to by many to be the "most haunted town in America" and hosts many haunted ghost tours from mid-September through early-November.

Okawville: A small village located off of interstate 64 (exit 41), Okawville is home to the historic Original Springs Mineral and Hotel, the only remaining mineral springs resort in Illinois. Several others historic sites remain; all are open to the public. While in the area, visit the Rainbow Ranch, a local petting zoo (http://www.rainbowranchzoo.com/Home_Page.html)

Cairo: Pronounced "Karo" (like the syrup), this city southeast of Carbondale is economically disadvantaged after years of neglect and racial tensions, but several gorgeous mansions exist to remind visitors of the town's glory days. Magnolia Manor is a red-brick mansion built in 1869 and now on the National Historic Register. Riverlore was built in 1865 and is a French Empire-style mansion. Cairo is also home to the U.S. Custom House Museum and Fort Defiance Park (which was called the ugliest state park by the *Chicago Tribune*), both of which are of historic significance. The park is at the confluence of the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers (the rivers don't really join though—the Ohio stays blue, the Mississippi muddy brown).

Shawnee Queen River Taxi: Cruise the Ohio River with stops in Golconda, Rosiclare, Elizabethtown and Cave-in-Rock on a 48-passenger vehicle. Operates from the second Tuesday

in May until November 1. Fares are quite reasonable, but reservations 24 hours in advance are highly recommended. (<http://www.ridesmtd.com/shawneequeen.htm>)

Olney/White Squirrels: In Olney, you can see the rare albino squirrel. The town conducts an annual white squirrel count where locals scour the landscape to determine population trends of this unusual animal. Visitors to Olney should look both ways before crossing the streets as the laws in Olney give the squirrels the right-of-way. Visitors are also advised to squirrel-watch early in the morning for the best viewing of the local white squirrels. There are several good locations to view the white squirrels in their natural habitat, the Olney City Park located on Route 130, Millers Grove located on the south side of East Fork Lake and several residential neighborhoods with mature trees and feeding stations.

Sparta, IL: This small town is home to the World Shooting and Recreational Complex (trap and skeet shooting) <http://www.dnr.state.il.us/worldshooting/>. The Oscar-winning film “In the Heat of the Night” was filmed here.

Grand Chain Lodge: Camping & cabins overlooking the Ohio River: www.grandchainlodge.com/
Restaurant at lodge: <http://www.thebluffsfamilyrestaurant.com/>

LOCAL SWIMMING AREAS AND BEACHES:

Kinkaid Spillway, Past Murphysboro, turn right on Spillway Rd and follow it around until the parking lot. About 25 minutes from Carbondale.

- Waterfalls to sit under and climb
- Kinkaid Lake at the top to swim and lounge
- Great place to spend an afternoon
- Alcohol-free
- Free to the public

Poplar Camp Beach at Cedar Lake, take U.S. 51 south to the intersection of Old and New U.S. 51, follow Old U.S. 51 approximately 2 mile to Cedar Creek Road, travel west on Cedar Creek Road and follow the signs to the beach or the boat dock.

- Clean, clear water
 - Great way to spend a day
 - Open Mon-Fri 9:30 – 5:30, Weekends and Holidays, 9:30 – 7:00
 - \$2.00 per person
- <http://ci.carbondale.il.us/node/948>

South Sandusky Beach, Rend Lake, Take US-51 North to DuQuoin, then Hwy 14 East to Rend City Rd. Follow till you see South Sandusky Beach signs, approx. 50 minutes.

- Grills available for use
 - Tons of space and shade
 - \$2.00 per person for parking
 - Beach Volleyball
 - Alcohol-free
- <http://www.rendlake.com/pages/recreation/water.htm>

DAY TRIPS: EXPLORING THE REGION

One-hour trips, nearby cities:

Cape Girardeau, Missouri: Rush Limbaugh's hometown, 44.8 miles away, pop 37, 941

<http://www.capegirardeaucvb.org/>

- About an hour southwest of Carbondale (US 51 to IL-127 to IL-146)
- Flood Wall (with markings of previous floodwaters)
- Downtown Area (bars, specialty shops, bakeries)
- Restaurants: Broussard's (Cajun), Saffron (Pan-Asian), Mollie's Café and Bar (American)
- Southeast Missouri State University campuses (including River Campus for the Performing Arts)
- Show Me Center (concerts, rodeos)

Paducah, Kentucky:, <http://www.paducah.travel/>, 66.8 miles away

- About an hour and thirty minutes south of Carbondale on I-57 & then I-24. Population: 25,024.
- Four Rivers Performing Center for the Arts, Maiden Alley Cinema (art films)
- Downtown Area and Waterfront Site
- Lower Town Arts District (art galleries), National Quilt Museum
- Restaurants: Cynthia's (Cali-Italian), Whaler's Catch (Seafood), Max's Brick Oven (bistro)

Two-hour trips, larger cities/suburbs:

St. Louis, Missouri: 105 miles away

- City Museum, along with many other museums, Science Center
 - The Hill (Italian neighborhood) LaCledé's Landing/Westport Plaza (more touristy)
 - St. Louis Cardinals (baseball), St. Louis Blues (hockey), St. Louis Rams (football)
 - The Arch and Gateway Museum--Zoo/Botanical Gardens, Budweiser Brewery
 - Central West End (great neighborhood for restaurants, bookstores, people watching)
- For St. Louis event info, please consult the Riverfront Times (riverfronttimes.com).

Airport: <http://www.lambert-stlouis.com/>

the "Metro East": these cities are the IL side of the Saint Louis suburbs, second largest urban area in IL after Chicago (two hours travel):

- Alton/Grafton: <http://www.greatriverroad.com/Cities/Alton/altonCover.htm>
- Belleville: National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, Eckert's Farm & Country Store
<http://www.eckerts.com/>
- Collinsville: Cahokia Mounds, Gateway Fun Park (arcade)
- Edwardsville: home to SIUC's sister school, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
<http://www.siu.edu/>, Watershed Nature Center (<http://www.watershednaturecenter.com/>)
- Fairview Heights: St. Clair Square (large mall), <http://www.stclairsquare.com>
- O'Fallon: Scott Air Force Base, Rock Springs Nature Park

Evansville, Indiana: third-largest city in the state of Indiana, 100 miles away

- Mesker Zoo, Wesselman Woods, Reitz Home Museum, Casino Aztar
- University of Evansville and University of Southern Indiana campuses

For more on Evansville, visit www.evansvilleliving.com

Airport: <http://www.evairport.com/home/>

In & Out-of-State Getaways (approximately **four hours** and under travel time):

New Harmony, Indiana: New Harmony was home to two different Utopian communities. It's filled with tons of historical buildings, beautiful architecture, mazes, and river views. A very good place to retreat from modern life—your cell phone likely won't work here.

Santa Claus, Indiana: This small town in Indiana celebrates Christmas year round. There's a Santa Claus Museum, a 22-foot tall Santa statue, and Santa's Candy Castle. Home also to Holiday World and Splashin' Safari. (about three hours travel time).

KenLake State Resort Park/Land Between the Lakes, Kentucky: a huge national recreation site (www.lbl.org), Land Between the Lakes offers fishing, boating, hiking, horseback riding, hunting—everything an outdoor enthusiast could want. KenLake Resort (16 miles north of Murray, Kentucky) lies on 1800 acres with a four-mile shoreline (www.kentuckylake.com).

Ste. Genevieve, Missouri: The only French colonial village left in the United States. Has historical recreations, quaint shops and is home to several landmarks (Hawn State Park & Pickle Springs Natural Area). More info at <http://www.saintegenevieve.org/>

Mammoth Cave National Park: site of Davis McCombs's collection of poems, *Utima Thule*. You can tour the caves, go camping, or go horseback riding. More info at <http://www.nps.gov/mac>

Henderson, KY: Home to John James Audubon State Park (camping, cottages, Audubon museum and nature center) <<http://parks.ky.gov/findparks/recparks/au/>>, and the annual W.C. Handy Blues & Barbeque Festival <http://www.handyblues.org/>, a free music festival held each June.

Springfield, IL: The state capital is home to an abundance of sites celebrating the life and work of Abraham Lincoln:

Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum <http://www.alplm.org>

Lincoln Home National Historic Site <http://www.nps.gov/liho/index.htm>

Also worthy of your time during your Springfield visit:

Illinois State Museum <http://www.museum.state.il.us/>

Vachel Lindsay Home State Historic Site 603 S. Fifth Street

Information on Springfield events: <http://www.visit-springfieldillinois.com/>

and Illinois Times (alternative weekly: <http://www.illinoistimes.com/Springfield/>)

Hannibal, MO: The boyhood home of Mark Twain, Hannibal celebrates this connection with a number of tours, museums, and other attractions. <http://www.visithannibal.com/>

Illinois Amish Country (about three hours travel): The central Illinois communities of Tuscola, Arthur and Arcola provide a respite from contemporary life. Rockome Gardens

<<http://www.rockome.com/index2.html>> is home to the Amish Interpretive Center. More information: <http://www.illinoisamishcountry.com/> and <http://www.amishland.com/home.htm>

Pere Marquette State Park, near Grafton, IL: Illinois's largest state park. Has a lodge and restaurant. Visitors to the park can enjoy seasonal bald eagle sightings, hiking, biking, horseback riding, camping and fishing. Grafton is also home to Raging Rivers Water Park. Information at <http://www.pmlodge.net/>

WEEKEND TRIPS: Six hours and under travel time

Chicago	5:30	Amtrak service available	egov.cityofchicago.org
Kansas City	6:00		www.visitkc.com
Indianapolis	4:20		www.indy.org
Lexington	5:10		http://www.visitlex.com/
Louisville	3:45		www.gotolouisville.com
Memphis	3:30	Amtrak service available	www.memphistravel.com
Nashville	3:00		www.nashvillecvb.com
Cincinnati	5:30		www.cincinnatiusa.com/
Huntsville	5:32		www.huntsville.org/
Little Rock	5:28		www.littlerock.com
Chattanooga	5:47		www.chattanoogaofun.com/

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