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# Welcome

The Aurora Area consists of 12 welcoming communities, each with their own distinct qualities and special hidden gems. In this guide, you'll find information and tips on how you can best enjoy what this wonderful region has to offer.

## On the Cover:

Enjoy outdoor adventure on our scenic stretch of the Fox River, designated as part of the National Water Trails system by the National Park Service in 2023. Turn to page 50 to learn more.





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### *Look for this Icon*



Look for this icon highlighting Illinois Made destinations, celebrating small businesses whose uniquely Illinoisan style and creativity set our locally made goods apart.



Fox Valley  
Park District  
Where fun begins



# Where Fun Begins



FOX VALLEY PARK DISTRICT  
*Weddings*



[foxvalleyparkdistrict.org](http://foxvalleyparkdistrict.org)



# 10 WAYS TO ENJOY *Your Stay*

With so many fun things to see and do in the Aurora Area, this top 10 list is a great place to start making the most of your free time. But read on — there's much more in the pages ahead.

**There's plenty more to see and do in the Aurora Area — learn more at [enjoyaurora.com](https://enjoyaurora.com)!**

## 1. A Rockin' Good Time

### STOLP ISLAND THEATRE, AURORA

Step into the legendary Sun Studio during *Million Dollar Quartet* and witness the most epic jam session ever through this rock-and-roll tale on stage.

## 2. Shop Small

### GENEVA DOWNTOWN SHOPPING DISTRICT, GENEVA

Downtown Geneva boasts over 100 specialty shops, many in historic storefronts and charming Victorian-style homes. With each new season, merchants fill their shops with exclusive treasures from all over the world.

## 3. Spirited & Spectacular

### TURF ROOM, NORTH AURORA

Start your night out at one of dozens of dining destinations throughout the region like Turf Room, where table-shaken cocktails are not just drinks, but an experience in themselves.

## 4. Catch a Game

### NORTHWESTERN MEDICINE FIELD, GENEVA

The Kane County Cougars are the defending champs of the American Association and offer an outstanding gameday experience. Come for the sunshine, stay for the fireworks!





## 5. Make a Splash

### RAGING WAVES, YORKVILLE

From the largest waterpark in Illinois at Raging Waves to quarries and splash pads throughout the region, you don't have to travel far to cool off in the summertime.

## 6. Visit an American Icon

### EDITH FARNSWORTH HOUSE, PLANO

Designed by Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, the Edith Farnsworth House is a mid-century masterpiece and is considered one of the most important architectural assets in the country.

## 7. Savor Craft Flavors

### FOX VALLEY WINERY, OSWEGO

The Aurora Area is home to a delicious mix of wineries, craft breweries, distilleries, and two meaderies. Enjoy award-winning wine year-round at Fox Valley Winery.

## 8. Award-Winning Broadway

### PARAMOUNT THEATRE, AURORA

Enjoy professionally produced, critically acclaimed Broadway shows that inspire and delight, built from the ground up right here.

## 9. Hidden Gems

### MORE POLISH POTTERY, BIG ROCK

Experience true heartland charm at hidden gem attractions in the rural regions of the Aurora Area, from farms and agritourism festivals to fiber arts and artisan ceramics.

## 10. Holiday Enchantment

### CHRISTKINDLMARKET, AURORA

Experience Chicagoland's favorite holiday tradition at Christkindlmarket, a European-style market featuring artisan goods and signature treats like raclette and mulled wine.





# Aurora

Aurora, Illinois, is a vibrant destination where arts, history, shopping, and dining come together to create unforgettable experiences. The award-winning Broadway Series at **Paramount Theatre** draws theater enthusiasts with its dazzling productions, while the new **Stolp Island Theatre** offers an immersive twist on live entertainment with *Million Dollar Quartet*. History lovers can explore **Two Brothers Roundhouse**, a National Register landmark turned brewpub and music venue, or step back in time at **Blackberry Farm**, a family-friendly living history museum.

For shoppers, Aurora offers something for everyone. Discover incredible deals at **Chicago Premium Outlets**, explore the variety of stores at **Fox Valley Mall**, or experience the cultural flavors of **Pacifica Square**. Downtown Aurora complements these major shopping hubs with charming boutiques offering unique finds and locally crafted goods.

The city's culinary scene is equally impressive, with new dining destinations like **Arthouse**, **Leilani Asian Fusion**, **Giardino**, and **Craft Urban** delivering fresh flavors in inviting settings. Visitors can also

savor local favorites at Illinois Made attractions such as **Endiro Coffee**, **Ms. Jana's Candy**, and **Wurst Kitchen**. Whether you're seeking arts and entertainment, distinctive shopping experiences, or memorable meals, Aurora invites you to explore outstanding offerings throughout the second-largest city in the state.





Craft Urban



Fox Valley Mall



Stolp Island Theatre



Chicago Premium Outlets



Wurst Kitchen

Café 1888



Blackberry Farm



# North Aurora



North Aurora, Illinois, offers a welcoming mix of dining, outdoor adventure, and community events. Savor fresh seafood at **Fortunato Fish & Oyster** or enjoy homestyle favorites at **Harner's Bakery & Restaurant**. Explore the scenic trails and interactive exhibits at **Red Oak Nature Center** or shop for unique treasures at **The Rustic Fox** marketplace. Signature events like **North Aurora Days** bring the community together with live music, family activities, and fireworks along the Fox River. Discover a friendly riverside village where great food and natural beauty await.





Kayaking on the Fox River



Fortunato Fish & Oyster



Red Oak Nature Center



Berman Tower



Harner's Bakery & Restaurant



North Aurora Days



The Rustic Fox  
Furniture & Decor



# Oswego

Experience a vibrant community and unique attractions in Oswego, Illinois. Celebrate spring at **Wine on the Fox**, where over 100 wines and live music create a festive riverside atmosphere. Explore **Keller's Farmstand** for seasonal produce, apple picking, and fall fun, or savor handcrafted wines at **Fox Valley Winery**, an Illinois Made destination. **PrairieFest** brings summer excitement with live entertainment, parades, and family activities across town. For outdoor fun, **Venue 1012** offers concerts and movies in a scenic amphitheater setting. From local flavors to unforgettable festivals and scenic charm, Oswego invites you to make lasting memories.









# Yorkville

Yorkville, Illinois, offers a perfect blend of adventure, community, and culinary delights. Thrill-seekers can make a splash at **Raging Waves**, Illinois' largest waterpark, featuring 32 waterslides and family-friendly attractions across 58 acres. Paddle enthusiasts will love the **Marge Cline Whitewater Course**, a premier destination for kayaking and whitewater fun. **Crusade Burger Bar** serves up inventive burgers and decadent milkshakes in a lively downtown setting. Yorkville's signature event, **Hometown Days**, brings the community together each Labor Day weekend with live music, carnival rides, the **Ultimate Air Dogs** competition, and family-friendly activities at **Beecher Community Park**. Whether you're looking for outdoor excitement or a welcoming small-town vibe, Yorkville has something for everyone.

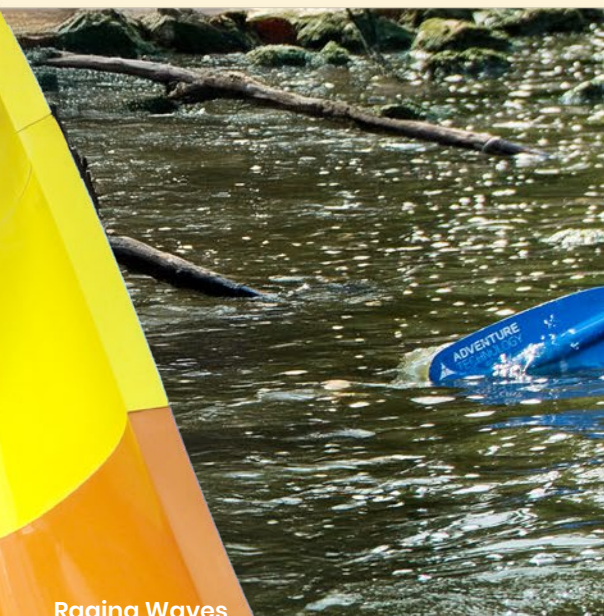
Live Music at Southbank  
Original Barbecue



Hometown Days



Raging Waves









# Geneva

Geneva, Illinois, is a charming riverside town that perfectly balances small-town warmth with upscale experiences. Explore the **Fabryan Villa Museum & Japanese Garden**, a peaceful retreat showcasing Frank Lloyd Wright architecture and tranquil landscapes, or catch the excitement of **Kane County Cougars** baseball at **Northwestern Medicine Field** and **Chicago Steel** hockey at **Fox Valley Ice Arena**. Stroll through **Geneva Commons** for contemporary shopping and dining, or wander the historic downtown, where beautifully preserved Victorian buildings house over 160 unique boutiques and award-winning restaurants celebrated for their craft and cuisine. Signature events like **Swedish Days** bring the community together with parades, live music, and local flavors, making Geneva an inviting destination for anyone seeking a blend of timeless charm and modern indulgence.





Fabyan Villa & Japanese Garden



Kane County Cougars



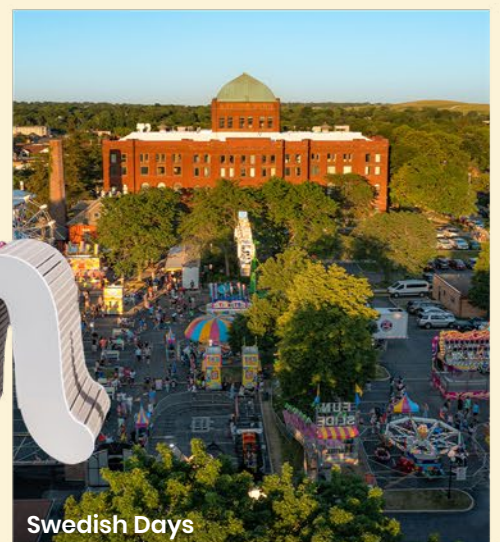
Herrington Inn & Spa



Fox Valley Ice Arena



Geneva Commons



Swedish Days



# Batavia

Discover a city that offers a vibrant mix of history, creativity, and local charm. Explore unique finds at the **Batavia Boardwalk Shops**, visit an Illinois Made destination for artisan candles and curated home goods at **Illuminate Space**, and immerse yourself in the arts at **Water Street Studios**. History enthusiasts can step back in time at the **Batavia Depot Museum**, housed in a historic 1854 railroad depot that celebrates the town's rich heritage.



Geneva Winery



Historic Windmill



Sidecar Supper Club & Beer Garden

Batavia Depot Museum



Water Street Studios





Montgomery Fest



Atrévete Confections



Stuart Sports Complex



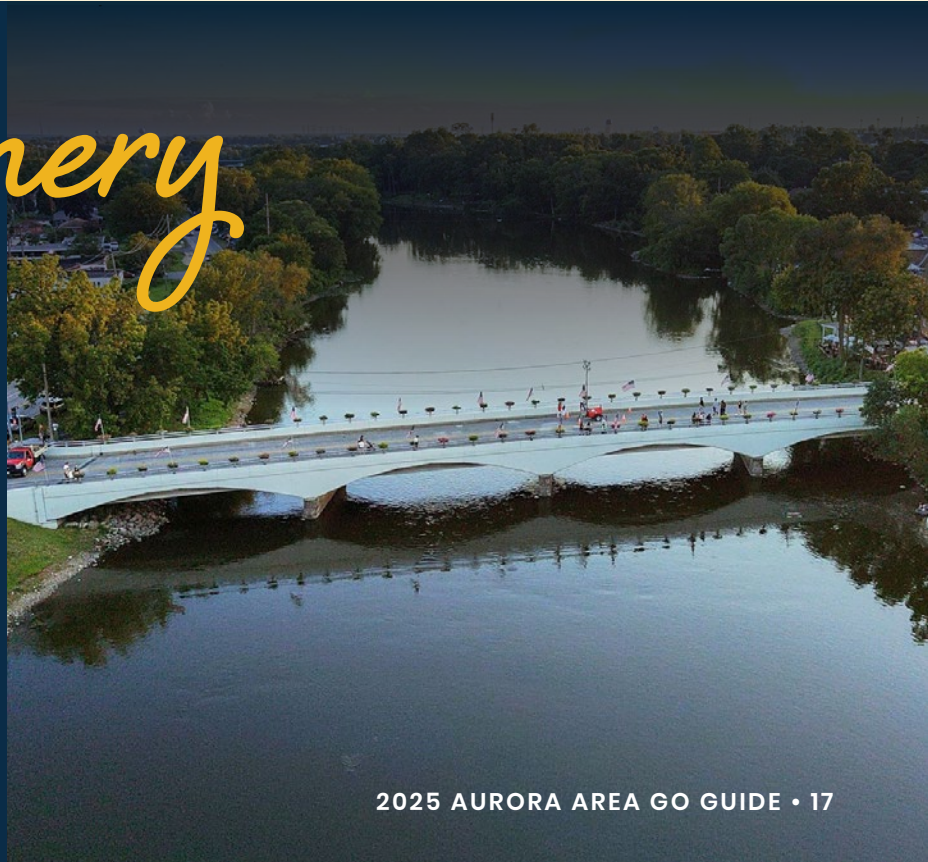
Cooper's Hawk



Baum's Biergarten at Gray's Mill Estate

# Montgomery

Montgomery, Illinois, invites visitors to experience its blend of history, community, and recreation. Explore **Gray's Mill Estate**, a stunning historic venue along the Fox River, or enjoy outdoor sports and tournaments at the expansive **Stuart Sports Complex**. Savor handcrafted pastries at **Atrévete Confections**, known for its inspired French treats. Don't miss **Montgomery Fest**, a lively annual event featuring live entertainment, carnival rides, a parade, and fireworks that brings neighbors together for a weekend of summer fun.





# Big Rock

This big-hearted small town is a popular hiking, fishing, and crafting getaway set against rolling hills and unspoiled natural beauty. The largest retailer of Polish-made pottery in the Midwest, **More Polish Pottery** features a fantastic selection of products indicative of the quirky and uncommon shopping opportunities in Big Rock. Just outside town you'll find the **Big Rock Forest Preserve** with miles of wooded trails on over 840 acres and a beautiful quarry lake.



More Polish Pottery



Big Rock Plowing Match



Esther's Place Fiber Arts





South Moon BBQ

# Hinckley

Visit a Lincoln Highway highlight with a historic downtown featuring unique shops and restaurants like **South Moon BBQ** and **Dairy Joy**. Hinckley's proud past is on full display at the **Historical Society Museum** where you can learn about pioneer life, notable homes, railroads, and the prehistoric mammals that once walked these lands. There's even an exhibit covering the fun fact that the Harlem Globetrotters played their very first road game here in 1927.



Hinckley Historical Society Museum

Dairy Joy





# Plano

In addition to being home to the Ludwig Mies van der Rohe–designed **Edith Farnsworth House**, this charming heartland city also offers a variety of wonderful, locally owned restaurants and shops. Just a few miles away, you can visit **Woody's Orchard** where you can pick your own produce, hop aboard their train for a scenic ride, or enjoy a multitude of family-friendly activities.



Homestead 1845



Edith Farnsworth House



Arts on Fire



Woody's Orchard





Rich Harvest Farms



Rosewood Farm



Air Classics Museum of Aviation

# Sugar Grove

The Village of Sugar Grove offers an extraordinary set of attractions, flourishing green spaces, and a tight-knit, welcoming community. Explore aviation history at **Air Classics Museum of Aviation**, featuring vintage aircraft, memorabilia, and hands-on exhibits. The museum's collection includes aircraft, vehicles, uniforms, and other aviation memorabilia from the 1930s to the present. You can even climb into the pilot's seat of a UH-1 Huey helicopter.





# Elburn

Discover the charming village of Elburn, Illinois, a hidden gem in Kane County blending small-town warmth with modern attractions. Visitors can savor craft beer and wood-smoked BBQ at **Obscurity Brewing Company**, enjoy farm-to-table dining and rustic charm at **Heritage Prairie Farm**, or explore nature trails and glacial history at **Johnson's Mound Forest Preserve**.



Heritage Prairie Farm



Obscurity Craft Brewing & Mead



Ream's Meat Market



# It's Showtime

A visit to the Aurora Area wouldn't be complete without experiencing one of our many concert and nightlife destinations. A landmark of Downtown Aurora, the Paramount Theatre is an award-winning venue with the largest subscriber base in the country, regularly attracting visitors from more than 500 communities in all 50 states to experience the magic on stage.





# Theaters

## Paramount Theatre

See Chicagoland's best Broadway shows and the world's most entertaining live acts at this award-winning theater.



### *Come from Away*

AUGUST 20—  
OCTOBER 12, 2025

The small town of Gander, Newfoundland and Labrador, is transformed when thousands of passengers are diverted on one fateful day in history — September 11, 2001.



### *White Christmas*

NOVEMBER 12, 2025—  
JANUARY 11, 2026

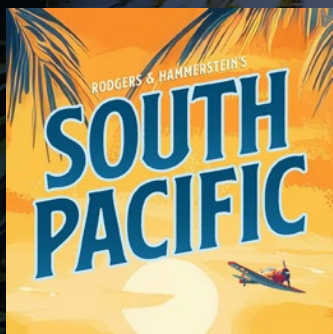
A holiday favorite comes to life during this iconic production, telling the story of former GIs turned song-and-dance team.



### *Dear Evan Hansen*

FEBRUARY 4—  
MARCH 22, 2026

Catch this six-time Tony Award winner telling the powerful story of a high school loner searching for his place among his peers.



### *South Pacific*

APRIL 29—  
JUNE 14, 2026

Experience the warm island breezes and toe-tapping tunes of this Rodgers & Hammerstein classic filled with romance and wartime drama.





## Copley Theatre

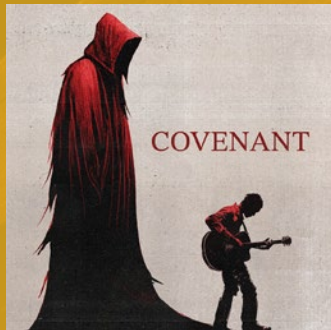
Enter the intimate Copley Theatre for a collection of shows that includes Tony Award and Pulitzer Prize nominees, each provoking deep thought and conversation in the audience well after the curtain falls.



### *True West*

**JULY 16—  
AUGUST 31, 2025**

An aspiring Hollywood producer and his estranged brother discover their shared sense of ambition no matter who stands in their way.



### *Covenant*

**OCTOBER 1—  
NOVEMBER 16, 2025**

A rising blues musician returns to his small Georgia hometown — and his newfound fame takes its toll on his loved ones.



### *Ride the Cyclone*

**MARCH 18—  
MAY 31, 2026**

Six teenagers perish in a tragic roller coaster disaster — and their spirits compete in a game show with resurrection as the grand prize.

## Stolp Island Theatre



Enjoy this classic in a theater specifically designed to immerse audiences in one of the most iconic moments in rock and roll history. Revisit the fateful day of Dec. 4, 1956, at the legendary Sun Studio in Memphis, TN, when a chance encounter brought rock and roll icons **Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, and Carl Perkins** together for the greatest jam session in music history. Starring Garrett Forrestal, Bill Scott Sheets, Alex Swindle, and Matt McClure, *Million Dollar Quartet* presents the fascinating true story of one of rock music's most seminal moments and how these titans of music dealt with fame and fortune.





# Venues

## Comedy Vault

### BATAVIA

Comedy club featuring national touring stand-up comics and local talent in a historic bank building unique to Downtown Batavia.

[comedyvaultbatavia.com](http://comedyvaultbatavia.com)

## EvenFlow Music & Spirits

### GENEVA

An airy, three-level American restaurant and bar in a renovated bank hosting live rock and jazz shows.

[evenflowmusic.com](http://evenflowmusic.com)

## Law Office Pub & Music Hall

### YORKVILLE

Discover an intimate venue for live music featuring regional and national touring acts and an outstanding selection of craft beverages.

[lawofficepub.com](http://lawofficepub.com)

## Northwestern Medicine Field

### GENEVA

This outdoor venue serves as the home of the Kane County Cougars, hosting ballgames, concerts, fireworks, and family-friendly events.

[kccougars.com/northwestern-medicine-field](http://kccougars.com/northwestern-medicine-field)



The Venue

## Old Elburn Hall

### ELBURN

Open Wednesday nights, this unique venue offers live jazz, excellent food, and a vibrant atmosphere.

[oldelburnhall.com](http://oldelburnhall.com)

## RiverEdge Park

### AURORA

Rock out on the riverfront at Blues on the Fox and the Summer Concert Series at this scenic venue. This scenic RiverFront venue is closed for summer concerts in 2025, but will reopen for Christkindlmarket.

[riveredgeaurora.com](http://riveredgeaurora.com)

## The PIAZZA

### AURORA

Enjoy a concert on indoor and outdoor stages at this large concert venue and sports bar.

[piazzaurora.com](http://piazzaurora.com)

## The Venue

### AURORA

200-seat listening room and outdoor stage with an eclectic array of nationally recognized talent in genres ranging from blues and big band to R&B and world music.

[themusicvenue.org](http://themusicvenue.org)

## Two Brothers Roundhouse

### AURORA

Free concerts in the Two Brothers Tavern feature the best of Chicagoland live acts and stand-up comedy.

[twobrothersbrewing.com/home](http://twobrothersbrewing.com/home)

## Venue 1012

### OSWEGO

Oswego's home for the performing arts is an outdoor venue hosting live music, movies, and signature events like the Oswego Country Bash.

[venue1012.com](http://venue1012.com)



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## Movie Theaters

Grab your popcorn and a soft drink — the movie theaters around the Aurora Area are the best venues to catch the latest Hollywood blockbusters! Featuring the largest movie screen in the state of Illinois, **Emagine Batavia** offers a moviegoing experience like none other, plus a bar and bowling alley to complement your night out. The historic **Paramount Theatre** (Aurora) shows some of the greatest films of all time during its Movie Mondays series, featuring tickets at just \$1 apiece. **Cinemark Tinseltown USA** (North Aurora), **NCG Cinema Yorkville**, and **Classic Cinemas Kendall GDX** (Oswego) all feature 3D-capable theaters with digital projection for immersive cinematic experiences in clean, comfortable seating.



The Aurora Area is also home to festivals celebrating film as an art form. Aurora's annual **City of Lights Film Festival** shines a light on short, feature, documentary, and narrative films by local filmmakers. Additionally, the **Aurora Film Society** hosts regular screening events at **The Venue** (21 S. Broadway Ave., Aurora), showcasing a different movie for members each month.







barrel + rye



South Moon BBQ

# Taste

Dining in the Aurora Area is a destination of its own. With an incredible selection ranging from down-home comfort foods to global cuisines, this culinary culture boasts a seemingly endless menu of flavors that delight all the senses. Feeling hungry? Experience these worldwide tastes yourself in the Aurora Area!

**Discover even more incredible flavors around the Aurora Area — visit [enjoyaurora.com](https://enjoyaurora.com)!**

## Preservation





# Experiential Dining

Whether you're dining out with your best friends or enjoying the company of your sweetheart, a night out with your favorite people should be one you talk about for years. Pairing exquisite flavors with memorable, immersive experiences, these restaurants strive to make each meal memorable, ensuring an evening you won't soon forget. Check out the unforgettable dining experiences of the Aurora Area.

Craft Urban Aurora

## Acquaviva

### BATAVIA

A welcoming atmosphere invites all to gather around the table in the Italian tradition and savor a delicious menu made with authentic ingredients along with a variety of award-winning wines sourced from an 85-acre vineyard.

[acquavivawinery.com/batavia](http://acquavivawinery.com/batavia)

## Alchemist

### GENEVA

Conjuring an incredible selection of handcrafted cocktails, fine wines, and eclectic, seasonal small plates, this unique destination brings a combined 60-plus years of restaurant experience to the heart of Geneva.

[alchemistgeneva.com](http://alchemistgeneva.com)

## Arthouse

### AURORA

This vibrant eatery offers a creative dining experience inspired by the arts, featuring eclectic décor and a diverse menu.

[arthouseaurora.com](http://arthouseaurora.com)

## Atwater's

### GENEVA

Enjoy fine dining with delicious, farm-to-table plates at a classic white tablecloth room in the Herrington Inn overlooking the Fox River.

[herringtoninn.com/dining](http://herringtoninn.com/dining)

## barrel + rye

### GENEVA

This rustic-modern bistro specializes in shareables and whiskey-forward craft cocktails.

[barrelandrye.com](http://barrelandrye.com)

## Burger and Sushi House

### GENEVA

Now this is a bash you won't forget. This Downtown Geneva destination boasts premium burgers ranging from all-American classics to signature creations alongside a menu of fresh nigiri, sashimi, and rolls.

[burgerandsushihouse.com](http://burgerandsushihouse.com)

## Burnt Barrel Social

### SUGAR GROVE & YORKVILLE

Unwind in a comfortable lounge featuring a menu of farm-fresh appetizers, sandwiches, and salads, all pairing beautifully with their signature craft cocktails.

[burntbarrelsocial.com](http://burntbarrelsocial.com)





Arthouse



Nobel House



Hardware



Fortunato Fish & Oyster



Leilani

## Craft Urban

### AURORA & GENEVA

Simultaneously upscale and elegant with a vibe that's casual and welcoming, Craft Urban boasts a menu of delicious, farm-to-table dishes mere steps from the historic Paramount Theatre.

[crafturban.com](http://crafturban.com)

## Fortunato Fish & Oyster

### NORTH AURORA

Fine Italian cuisine meets fresh seafood in this trendy, upscale eatery featuring a menu of brick-oven pizzas, handmade pastas, and raw oysters.

[eatfortunato.com](http://eatfortunato.com)

## FoxFire

### GENEVA

Elevate your dining experience in this relaxed yet elegant chophouse featuring a delicious menu of steaks and seafood, pasta, and bar bites along with a substantial wine list.

[foxfiregeneva.com](http://foxfiregeneva.com)

## Hardware

### NORTH AURORA

Prioritizing sustainability in all facets — from the reclaimed architecture to the living wall that greets guests — this innovative eatery produces its own craft brews onsite to pair with decadent seasonal dishes and desserts.

[eathardware.com](http://eathardware.com)

## Leilani

### AURORA

With a philosophy rooted in love, loyalty, and legacy, this Asian fusion restaurant features a menu of maki, specialty sushi, entrees, and cocktails that honor cultural traditions in a contemporary setting.

[leilanasianfusion.com](http://leilanasianfusion.com)

## Niche

### GENEVA

Savor an evolving, upscale menu of New American fare prepared with locally grown produce, artisan meats and cheeses, and fresh seafood alongside an expansive bar menu of local beers, hand-picked wines, and more than 500 whiskeys.

[nichegeneva.com](http://nichegeneva.com)





Burnt Barrel Social



Burger and Sushi House



Acquaviva



Sidecar Supper Club



Turf Room



Alchemist



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## Nobel House

### GENEVA

Just as its namesake prize recognizes excellence across numerous disciplines, this charming eatery delivers excellence with incredible food, impeccable service, and an inventive atmosphere.

[nobelhouserestaurants.com](http://nobelhouserestaurants.com)

## Preservation

### GENEVA

Kick back and relax with a fantastic selection of fine wines, cocktails, savory small plates, and sandwiches in a relaxed atmosphere with a patio.

[preservationgeneva.com](http://preservationgeneva.com)

## The James

### GENEVA

Housed in a cozy yet upscale setting, The James offers a menu features prime rib and a broad wine list along with live music, creating a warm and relaxing atmosphere.

[thejamesgeneva.com](http://thejamesgeneva.com)

## Touché French Creole

### AURORA

This new restaurant offers a menu inspired by the Crescent City's dynamic culinary culture, blending French roots with Southern flair.

[touchefrenchcreole.com](http://touchefrenchcreole.com)

## Turf Room

### NORTH AURORA

Gourmet burgers and fine wines pair wonderfully with the relaxing atmosphere of this North Aurora favorite. Unwind in their comfortable lounge, in one of three exquisite dining rooms, or at the wine bar.

[theturfroomrestaurant.com](http://theturfroomrestaurant.com)

## Sidecar Supper Club & Beer Garden

### BATAVIA

This cozy gastropub — the gem of Batavia's River Street promenade — features an inventive, ever-changing menu that spotlights locally sourced ingredients, which pair nicely with live music in their beer garden.

[sidecarsupperclub.com](http://sidecarsupperclub.com)



# Craft to Glass

Your beverage of choice — or perhaps a brand-new favorite — calls to you from the many breweries, distilleries, wineries, and specialty bottle shops that serve experiences as memorable as the drinks themselves.

Visit [enjoyaurora.com/Craft](http://enjoyaurora.com/Craft) to find all listings.

## Art History Brewing

### GENEVA

Here, brewing is an art form. This modern taproom and beer garden features a selection of traditional European beer styles alongside craft brews, creating a diverse selection of lagers and ales along with some exclusive, seasonal beverages.

[arthistorybrewing.com](http://arthistorybrewing.com)

## Brother Chimp Brewing

### NORTH AURORA

No monkeying around — this is some seriously tasty beer! Placing special emphasis on beer being fun and accessible, the Brother Chimp menu features an exciting array of handcrafted beers with 12 rotating taps.

[brotherchimpbrewing.com](http://brotherchimpbrewing.com)



Sturdy Shelter Brewing

## Energy City Brewing Foxes Den Meadery

### BATAVIA

This nanobrewery is only open on weekends, but its menu of hazy New England IPAs, wheat ales, American brown ales, and Russian imperial stouts is worth marking your calendar.

[energycitybrewing.com](http://energycitybrewing.com)

## Fox Valley Winery

### OSWEGO

Specializing in small lots of handcrafted, award-winning wines, this boutique winery offers tastings of their delicious reds, whites, drys, and sweets along with special events year-round.

[foxvalleywinery.com](http://foxvalleywinery.com)

## Foreign Exchange Brewing

### AURORA

Sip award-winning small-batch and oak-aged flavors mere steps from the Fox River, including Kittywampus, recently named the No. 1 coffee porter in Illinois by the beer enthusiasts at Untappd.

[foreignexchangebrewing.com](http://foreignexchangebrewing.com)

### YORKVILLE

A deep passion for mead shines in every glass poured in this establishment. Putting a modern spin on a centuries-old beverage, Foxes Den strives for a memorable experience with every pour of its still, bottled, and session meads.

[foxesdenmeadery.com](http://foxesdenmeadery.com)

## Fox Republic Brewing

### YORKVILLE

Pair a cold brew with whatever you feel like bringing! This bring-your-own-food establishment features a wide selection of craft beers, plus wine, spirits, and cocktails.

[foxrepublicbrewing.com](http://foxrepublicbrewing.com)

## Geneva Winery

### GENEVA, BATAVIA

The Geneva Winery & Tasting Room offers small plates and wines in a lively and cozy setting. The Batavia Tasting Room provides a fantastic spot to relax and enjoy a glass of wine and a charcuterie board.

[genevawine.com](http://genevawine.com)



## Gilted Edge Winery

### KENDALL COUNTY

Since 2019, this family-owned winery has specialized in producing delicious, small-batch and boutique wines that entice every palate.

[giltededgewinery.com](http://giltededgewinery.com)

## Grainology Brewstillery

### BATAVIA

Let the winds carry you to this brewery, distillery, and tasting room in the historic 1902 U.S. Wind Engine & Pump Co. building. Enjoy a selection of tasty draft beers and craft cocktails made with their signature Grainology Rye.

[grainologybatavia.com](http://grainologybatavia.com)

## Hardware

### NORTH AURORA

Enjoy a menu of rotating craft beers brewed onsite — and using fresh, locally grown hops from the adjacent BBGB Hop Farm — as well as whiskeys from around the world in an avant-garde setting.

[eathardware.com](http://eathardware.com)

## Obscurity Brewing & Craft Mead

### ELBURN

Craft beer and wood-smoked BBQ collide at this community hub in Elburn. Sample a menu of local brews — and mead! — that accent their smokey and tangy entrees.

[drinkobscurity.com](http://drinkobscurity.com)



Foxes Den Meadery

## Penrose Brewing

### GENEVA

Specializing in small-batch brewing, fresh and hoppy flavors, and wild and sour fermentations, this brewery and taproom boasts a rotating selection of beers and seltzers, including hazy IPAs, lagers, fruited sours, and imperial stouts.

[penrosebrewing.com](http://penrosebrewing.com)

## Stockholm's Restaurant & Brewery

### GENEVA

Voted the top tavern/pub by the Kane County Chronicle, this Scandinavian-accented microbrewery serves delicious, handcrafted microbrews along with a menu of wines and cocktails in a tavern-like setting.

[stockholmsbrewpub.com](http://stockholmsbrewpub.com)

Foreign Exchange  
Brewing →

## Sturdy Shelter Brewing

### BATAVIA

Housed in a historic limestone building, this downtown taproom features 18 taps — including Lukr and nitro faucets — along with a variety of wines and handcrafted house sodas.

[sturdyshelterbrewing.com](http://sturdyshelterbrewing.com)

## Two Brothers Roundhouse

### AURORA

Repurposing a former railroad roundhouse listed on the National Register of Historic Places, this brewpub boasts a menu of craft beers on rotating taps as well as an onsite distillery supplying a selection of locally distilled spirits.

[twobrothersbrewing.com/home](http://twobrothersbrewing.com/home)





# Cocktails or Mocktails?

*Dreaming up new ways to drink.*

## Cocktails

We've got a ton of great places to taste American classics or try Aurora Area originals. When in Yorkville, stop by the Vault for an **Iconic Espresso Martini** made with Yorkville's own Iconic Coffee. At Crusade Burger Bar, grab an **Adult Black Cow** made with dark rum and 1919 Root Beer. In Aurora, go to French 75 Gallery & Lounge for a **Tomcat Noir**, Leilani Asian Fusion for an **Empress**, or the Arthouse for an **Aurora Cocktail**, which is the perfect pre- or post-Paramount Theatre show drink. The Turf Room in North Aurora is home to the shaken tableside **Comfortably Numb**. When in Geneva, you have to try Niche's delicious **Niche Barrel Aged Manhattan**, crafted with house-made bitters. And nothing is a better complement to shopping in Downtown Oswego or picking apples at Keller's Farmstand than a **Mighty Aphrodite** at 113 Main.

## Mocktails

All across the Aurora Area, bartenders and mixologists are creating drinks that are not only full of incredible flavor, but are also alcohol-free. In North Aurora, try Fortunato Fish & Oyster's **Wrong Makes a Right**, which is a wonderful N/A take on a classic Negroni. El Jefe Lena y Mar in Aurora serves up a delightful after-dinner drink, the **Mexican Café de olla**, made with Aurora's own Modest Coffee. Geneva is home to three great places for creative N/A cocktails. Stop by The James for their **Painless Strawberry Painkiller**, Alchemist for their take on the classic **Gin & Tonic**, or barrel + rye for an **Herb Today, Tarragon Tomorrow**, which is as complex and delicious as any craft cocktail on the menu at this whiskey-forward gastropub.



Alchemist →





# Latin American

Hacienda Real →



Ready to take your taste buds south of the border? The savory and spicy flavors featured in the Aurora Area range from staples like tacos and burritos to more creative dishes with a Latin flair. ¡Buen provecho!

## Altiro Latin Fusion

AURORA, GENEVA

Whether you're in Aurora near the Paramount Theatre or visiting Geneva's charming downtown, Altiro is a must for a modern twist on traditional dishes paired with house-made sangria and craft cocktails.

[altirolatinfusion.com](http://altirolatinfusion.com)

## Bien Trucha

GENEVA

The culinary masters at Bien Trucha are on top of their game. An ever-evolving menu pairs seasonal, locally sourced ingredients with Mexican recipes and cooking techniques to create a unique experience.

[bientrucha.com](http://bientrucha.com)

## El Jefe

AURORA

El Jefe is passionate about the bold flavors from its kitchen, from authentic Mexican street tacos to a succulent 34-ounce Tomahawk steak served with their signature chimichurri.

[eljeferestaurant.net](http://eljeferestaurant.net)

## Hacienda Real

YORKVILLE, GENEVA

Journey into a celebration of bold, innovative tastes that pair traditional flavors with contemporary practices. Fresh ingredients and a passion for cooking tell an unforgettable story with each dish.

[haciendaflavorsofmexico.com](http://haciendaflavorsofmexico.com)

## La Marimba

OSWEGO

This chic restaurant and bar boasts a wide menu of Southwestern favorites like tacos, burritos, and fajitas, plus enticing entrees like grilled skirt steak and red snapper.

[lamarimbarestaurant.com](http://lamarimbarestaurant.com)

# Asian

Find your go-to takeout meal or sit down and expand your horizons — you may discover a brand-new favorite!

## Bangkok Restaurant

GENEVA

Grab a taste of Thailand! Sample exquisite flavors sourced from fresh ingredients in a lively and exciting setting.

[bangkokrestaurantgeneva.com](http://bangkokrestaurantgeneva.com)

## Black Pepper Lounge

AURORA

The vibrant flavors of Kerala come alive in every bite at this South Indian eatery.

[blackpepperlounge.com](http://blackpepperlounge.com)

## Cravings

GENEVA

This small, family-owned Asian fusion restaurant features a menu of authentic dishes and vegetarian options, including rice plates, noodles, and buns.

[cravingsusa.com](http://cravingsusa.com)

## Swordfish Contemporary Sushi

BATAVIA

Enjoy traditional Japanese sushi — made fresh and specially ordered from overseas — as well as specialty rolls in a trendy, contemporary setting.

[swordfishsushi.com](http://swordfishsushi.com)

## Pacifica Square

AURORA

This Asian shopping & lifestyle center offers a culinary journey that celebrates vibrant flavors and cultural traditions.

[pacificasquare.com](http://pacificasquare.com)

Pacifica Square →





# Taste of

## Don Walker's Sandwich Center

### AURORA

Pull up a seat at this family-owned sandwich stand serving the best Italian beef in town made from scratch with their top-secret recipe.

[donwalkerssandwich.com](http://donwalkerssandwich.com)

← Don Walker's Sandwich Center



## Lou Malnati's

### AURORA, OSWEGO

Grab a slice of pure, Chicago joy from this acclaimed and beloved pizzeria, renowned for its signature deep-dish pizza.

[loumalnatis.com](http://loumalnatis.com)

## Burger Bonanza

Juicy, mouthwatering, and flavorful, the burger is as classic Americana as baseball and apple pie. The grills around the Aurora Area serve some of the tastiest, most flavorful burgers north of I-80 in comforting and memorable environs. From the classic lettuce, tomato, and pickle to creative and sometimes bombastic offerings, find a burger to suit your palate and savor the incredible flavors.



## Asadoras

### OSWEGO

This Argentinian burger restaurant uses authentic grilling techniques, housemade chimichurri sauce, and creative combos that deliver bold, unique flavors you won't find anywhere else.

## Pizza Party

Deep-dish dinners, tavern-style tastes, slices of the Big Apple... The Aurora Area is home to some of the state's best pizzas.

Sit down as a group or take your pie to go — no matter where you dine, the incredible menu of flavors and toppings is bound to please even the pickiest eaters.



## Gia Mia

### GENEVA

Treat your taste buds with chef-driven, farm-to-fork food concepts such as Neapolitan-style wood-fired pizzas, creative small plates, fresh pasta, and handmade mozzarella, plus craft beers and cocktails.

[giamiapizzabar.com](http://giamiapizzabar.com)

Giardino Trattoria & Pizzeria  
←



# CHICAGO

## ***Oberweis Ice Cream and Dairy Store***

**GENEVA, NORTH AURORA, OSWEGO**

Enjoy sweet treats at this Chicagoland chain with Aurora Area roots serving up "super-premium" ice cream, shakes, and sundaes.

[oberweis.com](http://oberweis.com)

## ***Portillo's***

**BATAVIA, OSWEGO**

Stop by Chicago's world-famous fast-casual restaurant featuring its signature Italian beef, hot dogs, burgers, and chocolate cake.

[portillos.com](http://portillos.com)

## ***Taylor Street Pizza***

**GENEVA**

With recipes based on generations-old family recipes, this neighborhood pizzeria serves a variety of thin-crust, deep-dish, and Chicago-style pies, including signature pizzas like the Great White, the Four Bagger, and the Hawaiian Punch.

[taylorstreetpizzageneva.com](http://taylorstreetpizzageneva.com)

## ***Crusade Burger Bar***

**YORKVILLE**

Sink your teeth into some of Yorkville's most creative gourmet burgers, each of which pairs nicely with a menu of handmade shakes and craft beers.

[crusadeburgers.com](http://crusadeburgers.com)

## ***Spartan Ale House***

**AURORA**

Kick it at this family-owned establishment serving a phalanx of tasty, comforting dishes sourced from local ingredients, including their 100% Black Angus burgers served on brioche buns, plus a fantastic selection of craft brews.

[spartanalehouse.com](http://spartanalehouse.com)

## ***The Burger Local***

**GENEVA**

This vintage-inspired eatery serves delicious, gourmet burgers along with clever, handcrafted cocktails in an airy, industrial-style hangout.

[theburgerlocal.com](http://theburgerlocal.com)



Crusade Burger Bar →

## ***Giardino Trattoria & Pizzeria***

**AURORA**

This beautiful, garden-inspired space serves a variety of creative brick-oven pizzas — like their Buffalo Margherita, Roast BBQ Chicken, and Prosciutto Burrata — alongside other great Italian dishes.

[giardinaurora.com](http://giardinaurora.com)

## ***Nemec Brothers Pizzeria***

**GENEVA**

Enter an Empire State of mind along the Lincoln Highway. Choose from pan-fried grandma pies or signature slices infused with garlic rosemary olive oil and sea salt.

[zazas-pizzeria.com](http://zazas-pizzeria.com)

## ***Riverside Pizza & Pub***

**BATAVIA, OSWEGO**

This family-owned pizzeria features a variety of styles — including thin crust, double crust, pan, Chicago style, and stuffed — plus other Windy City favorites like Italian beef.

[riversidepizzapub.com](http://riversidepizzapub.com)



# Fuel Up

The diners and restaurants around the Aurora Area boast breakfast options that fill you up for another day of adventures. These breakfast joints are the perfect way to kick-start your morning.

Check out even more breakfast options at [enjoyaurora.com](https://enjoyaurora.com)!



Buttermilk

## Atrévete Café 1888

### AURORA

Housed in the former Copley Hospital building, this charming café features a delicious menu of savory breakfast options.

[atrevetecafe1888.com](https://atrevetecafe1888.com)

## Bad Guy Bagels

### GENEVA

Sometimes it's good to be bad. Pick up handcrafted, New York-style bagels available in an array of flavors and toppings at this one-of-a-kind breakfast spot.

[badguybagels.com](https://badguybagels.com)

## Benny's Place

### OSWEGO

Stretch out in this spacious, family-friendly breakfast spot serving gargantuan Denver omelets and strawberry shortcake pancakes.

## Buttermilk

### GENEVA

Brunch spot known for its inviting atmosphere and creative menu. Guests enjoy a variety of options, including their famous buttermilk pancakes and hearty skillet.

[buttermilkrestaurants.com](https://buttermilkrestaurants.com)

## Gather Bakery

### GENEVA

Artisan bakery specializing in rustic breads, croissants, and creative treats like homemade Pop-Tarts.

[gatherbakerygeneva.com](https://gatherbakerygeneva.com)

## Harner's

### NORTH AURORA

The flavors coming from this local favorite practically waft through the air, enticing diners to try their famous breakfast pastries and award-winning fried chicken.

[harnersbakery.com](https://harnersbakery.com)

## Jake's Bagels & Deli

### AURORA

Made from scratch and steamed — not boiled — these soft and delicious bagels serve as the foundation for some out-of-this-world breakfast sandwiches. Choose from 15 different bagels and nearly a dozen cream cheese varieties, plus muffins, cookies, soup, and Green Mountain Coffee.

[jakesbagels.wixsite.com/jakesbagels](https://jakesbagels.wixsite.com/jakesbagels)

## Little Loaf Bakehouse

### YORKVILLE

Charming bakery known for fresh pastries, including buttery croissants and savory breakfast sandwiches made with locally sourced ingredients.

[littleloafbakery.com](https://littleloafbakery.com)

## Nosh

### GENEVA

Sink your teeth into delicious, freshly prepared breakfast and brunch options — including breakfast bowls, omelets, pancakes, crepes, and French toast — in a trendy atmosphere.

[experiencenosh.com](https://experiencenosh.com)

## Syrup

### AURORA

Quality ingredients like cage-free eggs, locally cut meats, and made-from-scratch syrups define the elevated breakfast experience at this farmhouse-style brunch spot, which features indulgent specialties like S'Moreo Pancakes.

[eatatsyrup.com](https://eatatsyrup.com)



# Coffee & Tea

Need a little jolt to your morning? Or are you just looking to kick back and unwind? From third-wave cafés to charming cozy corners, find comfort in the steaming hot cups of pure bliss around the Aurora Area.

## Coffee DROP Shop

### GENEVA

A special place for anyone who loves coffee and tea, this Geneva shop features an extensive selection of more than 500 varieties of tea, as well as locally roasted specialty coffees with unique flavor profiles.

[coffeedropshop.com](http://coffeedropshop.com)

## Grace Coffee + Wine Moka

### YORKVILLE

Start your day with a piping-hot cup of coffee or end it with a glass of wine, both pairing wonderfully with a delicious menu featuring locally sourced ingredients.

[gracecoffeeandwine.com](http://gracecoffeeandwine.com)

## Limestone Coffee & Tea

### BATAVIA

Gather and relax, plug in and work, or get some much-needed time to yourself in this cozy coffee shop and community space with breakfast and lunch items.

[limestonebatavia.com](http://limestonebatavia.com)

### BATAVIA, NORTH AURORA

Grab a cup and hit the road — this drive-through coffee shop is home to house and Jamaican coffees as well as a menu of signature mochas served hot or cold. Try the protein-packed Road Warrior cold brew or snack on some tasty Moka Bites!

[mymokacoffee.com](http://mymokacoffee.com)

## Oak + Bean

### OSWEGO

Sip high-quality beverages made from single-origin, specialty-grade coffee, or sample a selection of wines from around the world.

[oakandbeanco.com](http://oakandbeanco.com)

# CHOC-FULL OF Deliciousness

Go ahead, treat yourself. You deserve it. Enjoy dessert à la carte or à la mode courtesy of the chocolatiers in the Aurora Area.



## Ms Jana's Candy

### AURORA

This Illinois Made destination specializes in handcrafted chocolates and buttery caramel. Great for group workshops and gifting.

[msjanascandy.com](http://msjanascandy.com)

## The Chocolate Shoppe

### PLANO

Master Chocolatier Andie Groff creates small batches of delicious chocolate treats using old-fashioned methods in a dedicated gluten-free space.

[chocolate-shoppe.com](http://chocolate-shoppe.com)

## All Chocolate Kitchen

### GENEVA

Chef and three-time Guinness World Record holder Alain Roby concocts delicious desserts and truffles sourced from grand cru-quality Belgian and Swiss chocolate.

[allchocolatekitchen.com](http://allchocolatekitchen.com)

## Graham's Fine Chocolates & Ice Cream

### GENEVA

Specializing in homemade ice cream, chocolates, and other sweet treats in a cozy, homelike setting, this friendly, neighborhood shop pours their passion into their craft with each and every confection.

[grahamschocolate.com](http://grahamschocolate.com)



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# Around the Aurora Area

Nestled along the Fox River Valley, the Aurora Area is a destination made of 12 communities offering an astonishing variety of attractions to visit, sights to see, and things to do. Whether you're traveling with family, friends, or on a couple's getaway, you'll never be far from something amazing to enjoy. Outdoor adventures like kayaking, boating, and fishing along with all-ages entertainment, nightlife, live music, casino gaming, the best Broadway Series in the Midwest, unique shops, and great dining... It's all here for you.

**Plan your visit at [enjoyaurora.com](https://enjoyaurora.com)**





Chicago

Elburn

Geneva

Batavia

North Aurora

Hinckley

Big Rock

Sugar Grove

Aurora

Montgomery

Oswego

Plano

Fox River

Yorkville

### Map Key

..... Nature Trails

--- BNSF Metra Line

--- UP-W Metra Line



River Access Points



Parks



Metra Rail Stop



# Events

Discover an action-packed, year-round calendar of events in the communities of the Aurora Area.

Find the latest event details at [enjoyaurora.com/events](https://enjoyaurora.com/events)



A-Town House Music Fest



Margaritas en Mayo



Wine on the Fox

## Spring

Kick off the season with a weekend of award-winning regional wines, dine streetside at one of Chicagoland's largest food truck festivals, and enjoy fun for the whole family throughout the region.

### Top Picks:

- A-Town House Music Fest, Aurora
- Aurora Pride Parade
- Food Truck Fest, Aurora
- Geneva French Market
- Maple Fest @ Red Oak Nature Center, North Aurora
- Margaritas en Mayo, Yorkville
- PrairieFest, Oswego
- St. Patrick's Day Celebration, Yorkville
- Wine on the Fox, Oswego





Swedish Days Festival



Fiestas Patrias



North Aurora Days

# Summer

Celebrate summer's longest days, enjoy unique community festivals, and discover live music and entertainment at open-air venues.

## Top Picks:

- Alley Art Fest, Aurora
- Aurora Farmer's Market
- Batavia Block Party & Taste of Batavia
- Cabernet Cabaret  
@ Arranmore Farm + Polo Club, Oswego
- Creativity at the Crossroads, North Aurora
- Elburn Days
- Festival of the Vine, Geneva
- Fiestas Patrias Celebration, Aurora
- Geneva Arts Fair
- Good Times Festival & Fireworks, Hinckley
- Groovin' in the Grove, Sugar Grove
- Hometown Days, Yorkville
- Montgomery Fest
- North Aurora Days
- Sugar Grove Corn Boil
- Stolp Island Block Party, Aurora
- Summer Concert Series  
@ Venue 1012, Oswego
- Summer's Last Dance  
@ The PLAZZA in Aurora
- Summer Solstice Indie Music Fest, Yorkville
- Swedish Days Festival, Geneva
- Yorkville River Fest



# Fall

Dig deep into the region's history and enjoy the harvest season with apple and pumpkin picking at agritourism destinations. Enjoy autumn festivals and events in the Aurora Area.

## Top Picks:

- Aurora Pooch Parade @ Phillips Park
- BatFest, Batavia
- Basement of the Dead, Aurora
- Brew at the Bridge, Oswego
- City of Lights Film Fest, Aurora
- Fall Food Truck Festival, Aurora
- Fall Fox Fest, Oswego
- Festival of the Vine, Geneva
- Friendsgiving Farm Dinner @ Heritage Prairie Farm, Elburn
- LUMENAURA, Aurora
- North Aurora Oktoberfest
- Pacifica Square Moon Festival, Aurora
- Pumpkin Daze @ Abbey Farms, Aurora
- Pumpkins at Keller's Farmstand, Oswego
- Pumpkin Weekends @ Blackberry Farm, Aurora
- Two Brothers Roundhouse Oktoberfest, Aurora
- Wine OFF the Fox @ Venue 1012, Oswego
- Yorktoberfest, Yorkville

Two Brothers Roundhouse Oktoberfest



Festival of the Vine





Oswego Christmas Walk



# Holiday

Holiday lights make spirits bright at the largest collection of drive-through displays in Illinois. Enjoy holiday parades, festivals, and events in the Aurora Area.

## Top Picks:

- Festival of Lights  
@ Phillips Park, Aurora
- Christmas Walk & Holiday House Tour, Geneva
- Holiday Celebration Weekend, Yorkville
- Oswego Christmas Walk
- Winterfest Art Market, Batavia
- Winter Lights Festival, Aurora

## Christkindlmarket at RiverEdge Park

The Christkindlmarket is one of the most authentic, traditional, holiday markets of its kind outside Europe, offering a unique shopping experience, family-friendly events, and intercultural activities.

November – December 2025

[EnjoyAurora.com/Christkindlmarket](https://EnjoyAurora.com/Christkindlmarket)



Christkindlmarket



# Outdoor Adventures

The Fox River itself is a natural playground for thousands of visitors each year — designated a National Water Trail by the National Park Service, the **Fabulous Fox Water Trail** welcomes all to paddle downstream and experience the natural beauty of the Aurora Area. The river snakes through **Silver Springs State Fish and Wildlife Area**, a picturesque area centered around a pool of clear, bubbling water that never freezes — even in extreme cold. At **Fermilab Natural Areas**, an ecosystem rich in biodiversity is open and free to access for visitors year-round. Enjoy more than 6,800 acres of pristine prairie with herds of bison, hike beautiful trails — or cross-country ski in the winter — and catch a glimpse of 300 species of migratory birds. **Red Oak Nature Center**, located on the east bank of the Fox River, surrounded by 40 acres of forested

wildlife habitat, is a fantastic place for visitors to learn about the Northern Illinois outdoors.

Just west of Yorkville, the 400-acre **Hoover Forest Preserve** features a breathtaking assortment of natural wonders, including oak-wooded bluffs, plunging ravines, and babbling creeks feeding into the Fox River, plus more than 300 species of native plants. On the banks of the Fox River between Geneva and Batavia, **Fabyan Forest Preserve** provides miles of trails for hiking and biking in addition to boat and kayak access. The preserve is also home to the **Fabyan Windmill** — a 68-story structure built by a German craftsman around 1850 — and the **Fabyan Villa Museum**, home to George and Nelly Fabyan until 1939 and redesigned by famed architect Frank Lloyd Wright in 1907. Visitors to the Fabyan Forest Preserve will also discover the **Japanese**

## Outdoor Outfitters

### BOJ-E-BIKES

#### BATAVIA

Comfortable hybrid bicycles, plus sales, service, and repair center.

[boj-e-bikes.com](http://boj-e-bikes.com)

### Mill Race Cyclery

#### GENEVA

Carrying the largest selection of e-bikes in Chicagoland with rentals and test rides available.

[millrace.com](http://millrace.com)

### Nock & Feather Kustom Archery

#### AURORA

Full-service archery and hunting store with an indoor range.

[nockandfeatherarchery.com](http://nockandfeatherarchery.com)

### Pedal & Spoke Bike Shop

#### NORTH AURORA

Offering top-notch bikes, parts, accessories, service, and repairs.

[pedalandspoke.com](http://pedalandspoke.com)

### Plano Synergy Outlet

#### PLANO

Wholesale outlet of the Plano Synergy hunting and fishing brands.

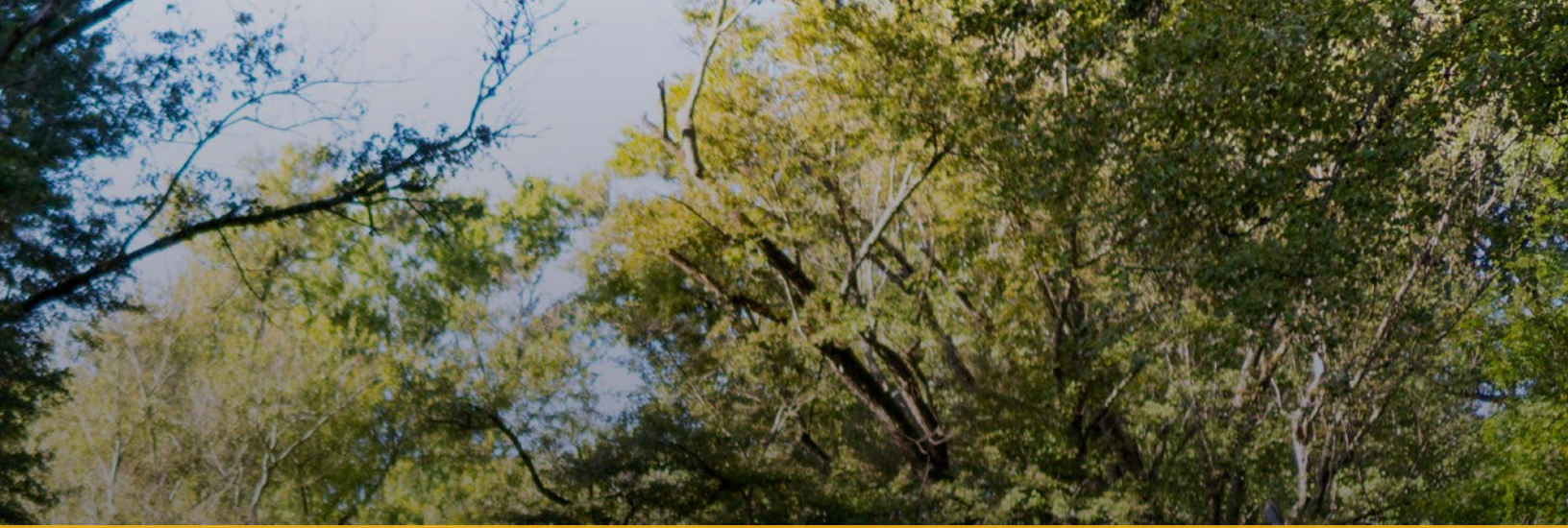
### Prairie Path Cycles

#### BATAVIA

Bicycle retail and repair shop.

[prairiepathcycles.com](http://prairiepathcycles.com)





**Tea Garden**, a private garden designed by Taro Otsuka that provides a serene setting for special events and photography sessions. Situated on a stratified gravel hill known as a kame, the heavily wooded **Johnson's Mound Preserve** southeast of Elburn offers shaded trails for a quiet getaway as well as a recreational area for get-togethers and a sledding hill in winter. The 385-acre **Peck Farm Park** has miles of paved and natural trails for hikers, bikers, and rollerbladers, in addition to a 19-acre wetland, sensory gardens, and the Butterfly House, featuring hundreds of non-native butterflies.

The Aurora Area portion of the **Fox River Trail** connects the communities of Geneva, Batavia, North Aurora, Aurora, Montgomery, and Oswego. Occupying more than 130 acres of the Fox River shoreline, the winding trails at **Saw Wee Kee Park** are a popular destination

for off-road cycling, trail running, and horseback riding. Pedal or hike the beautiful, 12-mile **Virgil L. Gilman Trail**, which connects the Fox River Trail to the western communities of the Aurora Area, as well as the wooded campus of Waubensee Community College in Sugar Grove.

The Aurora Area's green spaces also provide plenty of opportunities to kick back and relax — or play with the family. Located on more than 325 acres, the crown jewel of Aurora's public parks, **Phillips Park**, offers a variety of fun amenities for all ages and interests, including the Sunken Gardens, the Phillips Park Zoo, the Phillips Park Golf Course, the Family Aquatic Center, the Mastodon Trail/Boat Dock, a dog park, sand volleyball, and a BMX/skate park.

## **The Bike Rack Oswego**

### **OSWEGO**

Full-service bike shop offering trail rides and repair classes.

[thebikerack.com](http://thebikerack.com)

## **Windy City Soaring**

### **HINCKLEY**

Offering intro glides to tour scenic farmlands from above.

[windycitysoaring.org](http://windycitysoaring.org)





# FOX RIVER

# Valley Fun

Several communities of the Aurora Area share a connection to the Fox River. As a primary travel route for Native Americans and early settlers, the Fox River Valley region flourished in the early 1800s. Numerous trading posts and settlements began to pop up, eventually growing into the towns and cities we know today. Designated as a National Water Trail by the U.S. Department of the Interior, the Fox River provides innumerable recreational opportunities, from kayaking treks to fishing expeditions. Whether you choose an adventure on the river itself, enjoy it from the shores, or venture further to more rural areas, the Fox River Valley provides a natural draw and beautiful backdrop for your next getaway.

For more information about the Fabulous Fox Water Trail, visit [fabulousfoxwatertrail.org](http://fabulousfoxwatertrail.org).



## Geneva – North Aurora

2.5 MILES

This easy, tree-lined stretch of river offers birdwatching on an island overlooked by Red Oak Nature Center. Catch a glimpse of the historic lighthouse at Fabyan Forest Preserve. Portage is necessary around the Batavia Dam near the Depot Pond with a distance of almost 6 miles broken by the dam.

## North Aurora – Aurora

3.5 MILES

Paddle under bridges and explore plentiful small islands. Speakers facing the water entertain kayakers on concert nights at RiverEdge Park.

## Aurora – Oswego

6.5 MILES

Diverse scenery includes an old trestle bridge. Portage at Montgomery and enjoy downtown dining. Disembark at Hudson Crossing Park.

## Oswego – Yorkville

6.3 MILES

A shallow beach at Oswego's Hudson Crossing Park allows for easy put-in. Paddle past Saw Wee Kee Park. Buoyed take-out is available above Marge Cline Whitewater Course. Enjoy views of the Fox River from the patio at Southbank Original Barbecue.



Canoe & Kayak Race



## Outfit Your Trip

No gear? No problem! The friendly outfitters around the Aurora Area can provide the equipment you need for a memorable day on the Fox!

### Howling Wolfe Canoe & Kayak

#### AURORA

Rentals, lessons, and guided trips on the Fox River.

[howlingwolfe.com](http://howlingwolfe.com)

### Yak Shack

#### YORKVILLE

Rentals for canoes, recreational kayaks, and tube tracker inflatables.

[yakshackonline.com](http://yakshackonline.com)

## Top Attractions:

### Marge Cline Whitewater Course

#### YORKVILLE

Put your whitewater skills to the test in Downtown Yorkville! The Marge Cline Whitewater Course provides a unique opportunity for Midwestern sport kayakers to practice their skills. The rapids at this purpose-built, 1,100-foot bypass chute provide one of the only consistent sources for Class I and II rapids in the Midwest.

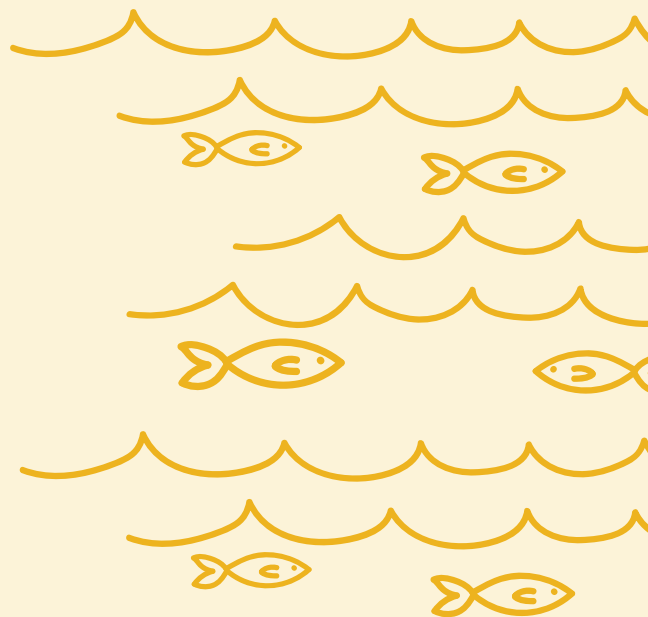
[yorkville.il.us](http://yorkville.il.us)

### Canoe & Kayak Race

#### AURORA

Enjoy the natural scenery around the Fox River — and some friendly competition! The annual Mid-American Canoe & Kayak Race provides the excitement of paddling the Fox with a classic tradition dating back to the 1960s. Enter the canoe or kayak division of your choice and race downstream, or enjoy a leisurely, scenic paddle in the non-competitive Recreational division.

[foxvalleyparkdistrict.org](http://foxvalleyparkdistrict.org)





# Splash

Slide, plunge, and float your way into a summertime of thrills! What better way to beat the heat than visiting the outstanding collection of water parks in the Aurora Area? From relaxing lazy rivers to exhilarating water slides, these water parks deliver on fun in the bright sunshine — get your swimsuit and dive into good times!

## Civic Center Aquatic Park

### OSWEGO

From slides and tubes to zero-depth pools, make a splash or soak in the rays at this family-friendly water park.

[oswegolandparkdistrict.org](http://oswegolandparkdistrict.org)

## Funway

### BATAVIA

This year-round attraction offers indoor and outdoor activities for all ages, including bumper boats, water balloon slingshots, mini-golf, and roller skating.

[funway.com](http://funway.com)

Splash Country Waterpark



## Hall Quarry Beach

### BATAVIA

Harold Hall Quarry Beach is a unique swimming facility dating back to 1920. The site of a former stone quarry, Hall Quarry Beach occupies 60,000 square feet of sand-bottom pool at varying depths. Slides, islands, and multi-level dive platforms offer fun thrills for swimmers of all ages and abilities.

[bataviaparks.org](http://bataviaparks.org)

## Phillips Park Family Aquatic Center

### AURORA

This local favorite features family-friendly amenities like a zero-depth leisure pool, two drop-off slides, twists and turns down its enclosed body slide, kid-friendly areas, volleyball and sand play area, and lap lanes.

[phillipsparkaquatics.info](http://phillipsparkaquatics.info)

## Raging Waves Waterpark

### YORKVILLE

At Raging Waves, find 58 acres of family-friendly water attractions with an astounding 32 water slides, gravity-defying thrills on rides like Wonambi, PJ's Plummet, and the Aussie Mat Dash, a six-lane, wet and wild racetrack. More easygoing attractions include the quarter-mile lazy river, three kiddie pools, and a 350,000-gallon wave pool.

[ragingwaves.com](http://ragingwaves.com)

## Sunset Pool

### GENEVA

Rest and recharge in the warm sunshine at this community pool open from late May to early September, featuring lap lanes, water slides, a zero-depth area, a spray ground, an aquatic playground, and climbing walls.

[genevaparks.org](http://genevaparks.org)





Raging Waves

## Splash Country Water Park

### AURORA

Take a refreshing dip at Splash Country, a laid-back summertime chill spot with more than 1,000 feet of lazy river to cruise on the hottest days. Zero-depth pools at the park are perfect for kids, but the park also features spray guns, an artificial waterfall, and volleyball courts.

[splashcountry.info](http://splashcountry.info)

## Sugar Grove Family Fun Center

### SUGAR GROVE

An evening of family fun awaits! Race go-karts, sink some long putts, bump it up with some bumper boats, and battle it out with water wars!

[sugargrovethefamilyfuncenter.com](http://sugargrovethefamilyfuncenter.com)

## Vaughan Aquatic Center

### AURORA

The Vaughan Aquatic Center & Indoor Water Park features a zero-depth pool, a lap pool, a warm-water therapy pool, a two-story enclosed water slide, a body slide, and interactive water elements. Make a big splash!

[foxvalleyparkdistrict.org](http://foxvalleyparkdistrict.org)



# Family Fun

The Aurora Area has an amazing variety of entertainment centers. No matter what your age or what kind of activity you're into, you're sure to find a great way to enjoy the day.

## Top Picks:

- Altitude, Oswego
- Astro Fun World, Aurora
- Blackberry Farm, Aurora
- Chicago Steel @ Fox Valley Ice Arena, Geneva
- Funway, Batavia
- Kane County Cougars @ Northwestern Medicine Field, Geneva
- Little Fox Clubhouse, Yorkville
- Mega Fun Park, Aurora
- Mind Trap Escape Rooms, Montgomery
- MISH MASH Adventures @ Fox Valley Mall, Aurora
- Parkside Lanes, Aurora
- Red Oak Nature Center, North Aurora
- Round1 Bowling & Arcade @ Fox Valley Mall, Aurora
- Sky Zone, Aurora
- Slick City Action Park, North Aurora
- Sport Zone Park, Aurora
- Sugar Grove Family Fun Center
- Yetee Station Arcade, Aurora







Kane County Cougars @ Northwestern Medicine Field

A collage of four images promoting Keller's Farmstand. The top-left image shows a bouquet of colorful flowers (orange, pink, purple) in a glass vase. The top-right image shows the interior of a farmstand with wooden crates filled with produce like corn and apples. The bottom-left image shows two young children picking fruit from a tree. The bottom-right image shows several goats in a pen with blue feeders. In the center, there is a logo for Keller's Farmstand featuring a smiling sun with a face, flanked by 'Est. 1991'. Below the logo, the text 'BEST FARM FUN IN CHICAGOLAND' is written in a curved banner. At the bottom, a white box contains the text: 'SEASONAL OFFERINGS - CHECK WEBSITE FOR DETAILS', 'KELLERSFARMSTAND.COM', and '2500 JOHNSON ROAD • OSWEGO IL 60543'. Social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube are also present. A small sign for 'ZESTAR!' is visible in the bottom-left image.

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# Discover

Experience the Aurora Area attractions that inspire a lifelong love of learning and discovery.

Visit [enjoyaurora.com/museums](https://enjoyaurora.com/museums) to find all listings

Fabyan Windmill

## **Air Classics Museum**

### **SUGAR GROVE**

Experience aviation history with vintage civilian and military aircraft, memorabilia, and interactive exhibits near the Aurora Municipal Airport.

[airclassicsmuseum.org](https://airclassicsmuseum.org)

## **Aurora Regional Fire Museum**

### **AURORA**

This historic fire station educates and entertains guests of all ages with firefighting equipment throughout the years along with interactive exhibits.

[auroraregionalfiremuseum.org](https://auroraregionalfiremuseum.org)

## **Batavia Depot Museum**

### **BATAVIA**

This repurposed rail depot is home to a museum telling the story of Batavia's past through the present, including an exhibit on former First Lady Mary Todd Lincoln.

[bataviahistoricalsociety.org](https://bataviahistoricalsociety.org)

## **Blackberry Farm**

### **AURORA**

Explore pioneer-era buildings, enjoy rides, and interact with farm animals at this living-history destination. With hands-on activities and seasonal events, it's a family-friendly destination.

[blackberryfarm.info](https://blackberryfarm.info)

## **David L. Pierce Art & History Center**

### **AURORA**

Admire rotating innovative art exhibits in addition to historical photographs, books, maps, and other memorabilia related to the rich history of Aurora.

## **Edith Farnsworth House**

### **PLANO**

Stroll through Mies van der Rohe's mid-century modern masterpiece, an acclaimed example of the International Style.

[edithfarnsworthhouse.org](https://edithfarnsworthhouse.org)

## **Fabyan Villa Museum**

### **GENEVA**

Enjoy a unique blend of Frank Lloyd Wright architecture, tranquil Japanese landscaping, and fascinating family history, all set within the scenic Fabyan Forest Preserve. Nearby, the historic Fabyan Windmill stands as a beautifully restored landmark.

[ppfv.org/fabyan-villa-museum](https://ppfv.org/fabyan-villa-museum)

## **Friends of the Viking Ship**

### **GENEVA**

In 1893, a replica Gokstad ship named the Viking sailed from Norway to Chicago for the World's Columbian Exposition. Now preserved in Geneva, visitors can get an up-close look at this remarkable artifact.

[vikingship.us](https://vikingship.us)

## **Aurora Area Museum Check-In Challenge**

Check in at participating locations to earn rewards while you create lasting memories. Learn more here!







Aurora Regional Fire Museum



Hinckley Historical Society Museum

## Geneva History Museum

### GENEVA

The Geneva History Museum, one of Kane County's finest, showcases Geneva's evolving story in its 3,000-square-foot Main Gallery and various exhibitions that celebrate the city's remarkable past.

[genevahistorymuseum.org](http://genevahistorymuseum.org)

## Grand Army of the Republic Hall

### AURORA

Honor Aurora's Civil War veterans at this memorial built in 1878, now open to the public as a museum.

[aurora-il.org](http://aurora-il.org)

## Hinckley Historical Society Museum

### HINCKLEY

Browse fascinating collections highlighting a wide range of topics, from Hinckley's brush with Hollywood to hosting the very first road game played by the Harlem Globetrotters.

[hinckleyhistoricalsociety.org](http://hinckleyhistoricalsociety.org)

## Little White School Museum

### OSWEGO

Built in 1850 and serving as a school until the mid-1960s, this historical building contains an extensive archive of Oswego's history in addition to hosting rotating temporary exhibits and special events.

[littlewhiteschoolmuseum.org](http://littlewhiteschoolmuseum.org)

## Lyon Farm

### YORKVILLE

Historic village featuring 15 restored buildings. Open during seasonal events like Fall Festival and Christmas at the Farm, it offers family-friendly activities that bring local history to life.

[lyonfarmkchs.org](http://lyonfarmkchs.org)

## Peck Farm Park

### GENEVA

Peck Farm Park in Geneva is a 385-acre oasis featuring trails, a butterfly house, and the historic Peck House museum, offering nature and history experiences for all ages.

[genevaparks.org/facilities/peck-farm-park](http://genevaparks.org/facilities/peck-farm-park)

## Phillips Park Zoo

### AURORA

This 325-acre park and Visitor Center features Sunken Gardens, a North American wildlife zoo, and the Mastodon Gallery. Free admission year-round!

[aurora-il.org/893/Phillips-Park](http://aurora-il.org/893/Phillips-Park)

## Red Oak Nature Center

### NORTH AURORA

This premier nature facility offers hands-on exhibits, wildlife programs, scenic trails, and special events, making it ideal for outdoor exploration and education.

[redoaknaturecenter.info](http://redoaknaturecenter.info)

## Schingoethe Center of Aurora University

### AURORA

Located on the campus of Aurora University, this Smithsonian-affiliated museum shines a spotlight on the indigenous tribes that once called Illinois home, preserving their history and culture for future generations.

[aurora.edu/museum](http://aurora.edu/museum)



# Fantastic Farms

In a region well suited for agriculture, it's no wonder farmers flocked to the Aurora Area. As time passed, farmland gave way to growing towns and cities. Today, in the spirit of those farmers who built our communities, visitors can enjoy numerous farms providing serene environments and fresh-picked food. Often referred to as "agritourism," the Aurora Area is home to a multitude of places where you can not only pick your own produce, but enjoy activities and a wide variety of seasonal events. A trip to the Aurora Area wouldn't be complete without a visit to one of these wonderful working farms.



## Abbey Farms

### AURORA

This unique family fun destination can trace its beginnings back to the 1930s when the monks of Marmion Abbey settled here and began growing trees. Opening to the public for the first time in 1949, Abbey Farms has been growing memories ever since.

[abbeyfarms.org](http://abbeyfarms.org)

## Keller's Farmstand

### OSWEGO

For five generations, the Keller family has been farming and making fruits — and vegetables and flowers — of their efforts available to visitors. Stop by for their high-quality flowers, sweet corn, vegetables, apples, and pumpkins.

[kellersfarmstand.com](http://kellersfarmstand.com)

## Woody's Orchard

### PLANO

This farm is the perfect place to spend a fun-filled day with family and friends. Pick your own produce, hop aboard their train for a scenic ride, or enjoy a multitude of family-friendly activities. And treat yourself to their delicious apple cider donuts and pure apple cider.

[woodySORCHARD.com](http://woodySORCHARD.com)





## **Blackberry Farm**

### **AURORA**

Witness pioneer life re-created through educational demonstrations and hands-on fun. A visit to this living history museum includes unlimited rides on their train, hay wagon, pedal tractors, paddle boats, carousel, and ponies.

[blackberryfarm.info](http://blackberryfarm.info)

## **Sugar Grove Pumpkin Farm**

### **SUGAR GROVE**

This family-owned farm specializes in pumpkins and other fall décor, available for both retail and wholesale. The farm also features numerous activities for youngsters, including a corn maze, straw mound and tunnel, and playhouses.

[sugargrovepumpkinfarm.com](http://sugargrovepumpkinfarm.com)

## **Windy Acres**

### **GENEVA**

Shop an incredible selection of locally grown produce — including sweet corn, tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, and peaches — along with delicious raw honey, Amish jams and salsas, free-range eggs, cheeses, and baked goods.

[windyacresfarmstand.com](http://windyacresfarmstand.com)



# Local Makers

From sweets to sausages, you'll find a full sensory experience in the greater Aurora Area. Plan your visit any time of year, adding a few stops at our local makers.



## All Chocolate Kitchen

GENEVA

Grab a treat at this stylish spot in Geneva. All Chocolate Kitchen offers a tasty menu of sweet desserts with a seasonal flair concocted by world-renowned Chef Alain Roby.

[allchocolatekitchen.com](http://allchocolatekitchen.com)

## Atrevete Confections

MONTGOMERY

What began as a childhood obsession for French desserts has blossomed into something even more remarkable — and tasty! Chicago-trained Chef Jacqueline Mejia treats sweets lovers to French-inspired pastries and confections served with passion and creativity.

[atreveteconfections.com](http://atreveteconfections.com)



Ms Jana's Candy



## Endiro Coffee

AURORA

A piping-hot cup of java tastes so much better when you know you're positively impacting others. From coffee tree to coffee cup, Endiro Coffee is dedicated to brewing a community of goodness and ending childhood vulnerability worldwide.

[endirocoffee.com](http://endirocoffee.com)



## Fox Valley Winery

OSWEGO

Pinkies up at this boutique winery. Sample Illinois-made wines year-round and enjoy local art on display in the tasting room.

[foxvalleywinery.com](http://foxvalleywinery.com)



## Foxes Den Meadery

YORKVILLE

Sip one of the world's oldest beverages from the comfort of this Yorkville micro-meadery. Owner Rico Bianchi labels each bottle by hand, bringing an ancient recipe to today's mead enthusiast.

[foxesdenmeadery.com](http://foxesdenmeadery.com)

## Geneva Winery

GENEVA, BATAVIA

The Geneva Winery & Tasting Room offers small plates and wines in a lively and cozy setting. The Batavia Tasting Room provides a fantastic spot to relax and enjoy a glass of wine and a charcuterie board.

[genevawine.com](http://genevawine.com)





Atrevete Confections



Illuminate Space



All Chocolate Kitchen

## Hardware

### NORTH AURORA



Now this is about as fresh as your greens can get. Dine local year-round at Hardware, a sustainable gastropub and brewery serving unique eats with produce grown in their on-site greenhouse.

[eathardware.com](http://eathardware.com)

## Illuminate Space

### BATAVIA



Love the space you're in with non-toxic, eco-friendly décor from Illuminate Space. Pour your own candle in a workshop with owner Jenni Zielke.

[illuminate-space.com](http://illuminate-space.com)

## Ms Jana's Candy

### AURORA



Sometimes a family dare leads to some deliciously great results. Ms Jana's mouth-watering treats are sure to delight, including her buttery peanut brittle that started it all!

[msjanascandy.com](http://msjanascandy.com)

## Two Brothers Roundhouse

### AURORA

For over 25 years, brothers Jim and Jason Ebel have crafted award-winning brews using a sustainable brewing process. Sample these delicious spirits and craft beers along with a menu of artisan dishes in this historic railroad roundhouse.

[twobrothersbrewing.com/home](http://twobrothersbrewing.com/home)

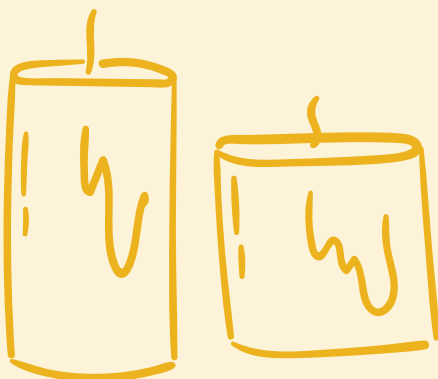
## Wurst Kitchen

### AURORA



We won't lie — this could be the best wurst experience of your life. A longtime staple of Aurora, Wurst Kitchen has served the finest all-natural, handmade sausages and smoked meats since 1895.

[wurstkitchen.com](http://wurstkitchen.com)





# Shop Around

Back to school, holiday gifting, brand-new wardrobe, or just because... Visit the shopping destinations of the Aurora Area.

Visit [enjoyaurora.com](https://enjoyaurora.com) for full listings.







## ← **Chicago Premium Outlets**

### AURORA

Largest outlet center in the Chicago market with over 140 designer and brand-name stores, including Saks Off 5th and Pottery Barn Outlet.

[premiumoutlets.com/outlet/chicago](https://premiumoutlets.com/outlet/chicago)

## **Fox Valley Mall**

### AURORA

Thriving indoor shopping mall home to top retailers and exciting entertainment options. Take a spin on the carousel, attend special events, and visit a rotating selection of artisan pop-up shops.

[shopfoxvalleymall.com](https://shopfoxvalleymall.com)

## **Geneva Commons**

### GENEVA

A beautiful, open-air mall featuring more than 60 national brands and specialty shops, beauty and health services, and a variety of dining options to suit any taste.

[shopgenevacommons.com](https://shopgenevacommons.com)

## **Pacifica Square**

### AURORA

Large shopping center providing authentic Asian cuisine, shopping, leisure, and cultural attractions, including over a dozen eateries, Asian supermarket, karaoke bar, and retail outlets.

[pacificasquare.com](https://pacificasquare.com)



# Boutiques

Discover unique treasures and curated finds at boutique shops throughout the region, where style and craftsmanship meet historic charm and contemporary fashions.



The Little Traveler

## **Batavia Boardwalk Shops**

### **BATAVIA**

Unique collection of artisans with resort-town amenities just steps from the River Street woonerf.

[downtownbatavia.com](http://downtownbatavia.com)

## **Downtown Geneva**

### **GENEVA**

Geneva's historic Third Street shopping district offers a blend of Victorian-era architecture and modern boutique experiences. With over 100 specialty shops, visitors can discover unique treasures.

[genevadowntownmap.com](http://genevadowntownmap.com)

## **Edie Boutique**

### **GENEVA**

Featuring the latest in women's clothing, footwear, and accessories in Downtown Geneva.

[shopedie.com](http://shopedie.com)

## **Hudson Design House**

### **OSWEGO**

Lifestyle boutique specializing in timeless furniture, décor, and artisan goods.

## **The Little Traveler**

### **GENEVA**

Well known for its many and varied departments — Gourmet Foods, Housewares, Bath & Body, Apparel, Fair Trade, and more.

[littletraveler.com](http://littletraveler.com)

## **PreMil**

### **AURORA**

Sport- and street-inspired apparel, sneakers, and media brands.

[premilshop.com](http://premilshop.com)

## **The Rustic Fox**

### **NORTH AURORA**

Upscale boutique marketplace showcasing over 150 vendors.

[therusticfoxhome.com](http://therusticfoxhome.com)

## **Wilson Street Mercantile**

### **BATAVIA**

Four boutiques under one roof: Light & Pine Collective, Desmond Brown, Lily & Pie, and Arlo.Hendrix.

[downtownbatavia.com/  
businesses/wilson-street-mercantile](http://downtownbatavia.com/businesses/wilson-street-mercantile)

## **Wyckwood House**

### **AURORA**

Lifestyle and apparel boutique with a cocktail bar.

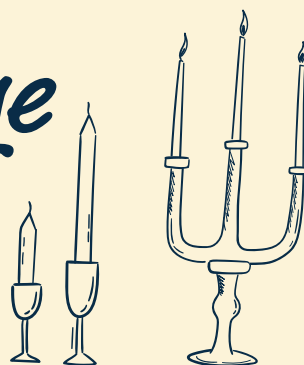
[wyckwoodhouse.com](http://wyckwoodhouse.com)

**[View all retail at enjoyaurora.com/shopping](http://enjoyaurora.com/shopping)**



# Antiques & Vintage

Shop for hidden gems at the antique and vintage markets of the Aurora Area.



Vintage 71 Shops



The Vintage Marketplace



Warehouse 55

## Geneva Antique Market

### GENEVA

Everything from vinyl records, jewelry, vintage toys, pottery, and furniture can be discovered while strolling through the market.

[theberryhousesshops.com/geneva-antique-market](http://theberryhousesshops.com/geneva-antique-market)

## Happenstance Goods

### OSWEGO

Wide variety of vintage and antique furniture and décor.

[happenstancegoods.com](http://happenstancegoods.com)

## The Vintage Marketplace

### NORTH AURORA

Welcome to a small business of small businesses. Together they are a leading source for high-quality curated and created home furnishings, furniture, décor, and so much more.

[thevintagemarketplacecompany.com](http://thevintagemarketplacecompany.com)

## Vintage 71 Shops

### YORKVILLE

Vintage and off-the-wall finds, plus a garden shop, salvaged and repurposed goods, clothing, and jewelry.

## Warehouse 55

### AURORA

This antique shopping destination is home to unique finds spanning many decades and aesthetics.

[warehousefiftyfive.com](http://warehousefiftyfive.com)



# Crafted



Find just what you need at these shops offering artisan goods throughout the Aurora Area.



Esther's Place Fiber Arts

## Esther's Place Fiber Arts

### BIG ROCK

Sheep farm and fiber arts studio with crafting classes and a full line of knitting products.

[esthersplacefibers.com](http://esthersplacefibers.com)

## Midwest Nice

### GENEVA

Shop a celebration of the Midwest's vibrant creativity with over 100 artists and makers from the Chicagoland area and beyond, each with a unique story told through their craft.

[midwestnice.com](http://midwestnice.com)

## More Polish Pottery

### BIG ROCK

The Midwest's largest selection of handcrafted Polish ceramics in a tranquil rural setting.

[morepolishpottery.com](http://morepolishpottery.com)

## Urban Artisan

### GENEVA

A retail experience showcasing artisan-created home décor, gifts, apparel, and more. From fine art to fun pop culture gifts, there's something for everyone, including the Chicago Fire Wall of Flame with over 200 gourmet and small-batch hot sauces.

[urbanartisangeneva.com](http://urbanartisangeneva.com)

# Arts & Culture

Discover local sights and sounds at these unique shops.



Superjumbo

## Harvey's Tales

### GENEVA

Discover a welcoming environment of themed rooms filled with books, as well as a coffee shop and gift area in a historic house.

[harveystales.com](http://harveystales.com)

## Kiss the Sky

### BATAVIA

Spacious new and used record store with a weekend concert series.

[kissthesky.net](http://kissthesky.net)

## Superjumbo

### AURORA

Collections ranging from records and wall art to toys, games, and more.

[theyetee.com/collections/superjumbo-vinyl](http://theyetee.com/collections/superjumbo-vinyl)

## TGS

### OSWEGO

Game store specializing in trading card games like Magic: The Gathering, plus Funko Pops and lots of board games.

[tgstrades.crystalcommerce.com](http://tgstrades.crystalcommerce.com)

## Yellow Bird Books

### AURORA

Locally owned bookstore offering a thoughtfully curated selection in a welcoming space.

[yellowbirdbooksaurora.com](http://yellowbirdbooksaurora.com)



# Bloom, Gourmet, & Pamper

Specialty shops offering floral, kitchen, and bath products.

## Blissful Blooms

AURORA

Shop decorative flowers and take a workshop at this airy loft.

[blissfulblooms.us](http://blissfulblooms.us)

## Country Naturals

GENEVA

Discover the warmth of a historic 12-room home filled with farmhouse accents, candles, natural soaps, florals, primitives, garden, and vintage finds.

[countrynaturalsgeneva.com](http://countrynaturalsgeneva.com)

## Floral Expressions & Gifts

OSWEGO

Full-service florist with a rotating selection of gifts and gourmet foods.

[floralexpressionsandgifts.net](http://floralexpressionsandgifts.net)

## GROW Geneva

GENEVA

Specializing in houseplants and providing an immersive, educational experience.

[growgeneva.com](http://growgeneva.com)

## The Growing Place

AURORA

Open-air garden center and gift shop offering classes and tours.

[thegrowingplace.com](http://thegrowingplace.com)

## Nide Jardin

AURORA

Bring home a variety of rare cacti and common houseplants along with self-care products.

[nidejardin.com](http://nidejardin.com)



The Growing Place



Floral Expressions & Gifts



Blissful Blooms



GROW Geneva





# Markets

Shop seasonal farm-fresh items and local artisan wares. Dates and hours vary, so check their websites before you go.

## Aurora Farmers Market

### AURORA

The oldest farmers market in Illinois features locally grown fruits and vegetables, decadent baked goods and pastry items, a selection of local food trucks and vendors, delicious coffee, one-of-a-kind artisan items, and more.

[aurora-il.org](http://aurora-il.org)

## Abbey Farms

### AURORA

Enjoy monk-brewed beer and farm-fresh items at this unique agritourism destination.

[abbeyfarms.org](http://abbeyfarms.org)

## Batavia Farmers Market

### BATAVIA

The Market features produce, baked goods, plants, honey, and related farm products. You'll also find handmade items from area artists, makers, and designers.

[downtownbatavia.com/farmers-markets](http://downtownbatavia.com/farmers-markets)

## Geneva French Market

### GENEVA

This European-style market offers unique eats, treats, and treasures in the heart of beautiful Downtown Geneva.

[bensidounusa.com/geneva](http://bensidounusa.com/geneva)

## Oswego Country Market

### OSWEGO

Sunday market in Downtown Oswego offering fresh produce, artisan goods, and live music.

[oswegolandparkdistrict.org/oswego-country-market](http://oswegolandparkdistrict.org/oswego-country-market)

## Rustic Road

### ELBURN

Just-picked produce along with other goods raised on the farm, such as eggs and honey. At various times throughout the year, pasture-raised chickens and heirloom pork, from chops and bacon to jowl and breakfast sausage, are also available.

[rusticroadfarm.com](http://rusticroadfarm.com)









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[choicehotels.com/il539](http://choicehotels.com/il539)

### MY PLACE HOTEL

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[myplacehotels.com](http://myplacehotels.com)

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### AMERICINN BY WYNDHAM OSWEGO

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[wyndhamhotels.com/americcinn](http://wyndhamhotels.com/americcinn)

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[bestwestern.com/oswegohotel](http://bestwestern.com/oswegohotel)

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[hilton.com](http://hilton.com)

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46W499 Granart Rd., Big Rock  
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[kaneforest.com/location/big-rock-campground](http://kaneforest.com/location/big-rock-campground)

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8574 Millbrook Rd., Millbrook, IL  
60536

[sunoutdoors.com/illinois/sun-retreats-millbrook](http://sunoutdoors.com/illinois/sun-retreats-millbrook)



# Retreats

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[herringtoninn.com](http://herringtoninn.com)

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611 E. Main St., Plano  
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## **The Oscar Swan Country Inn**

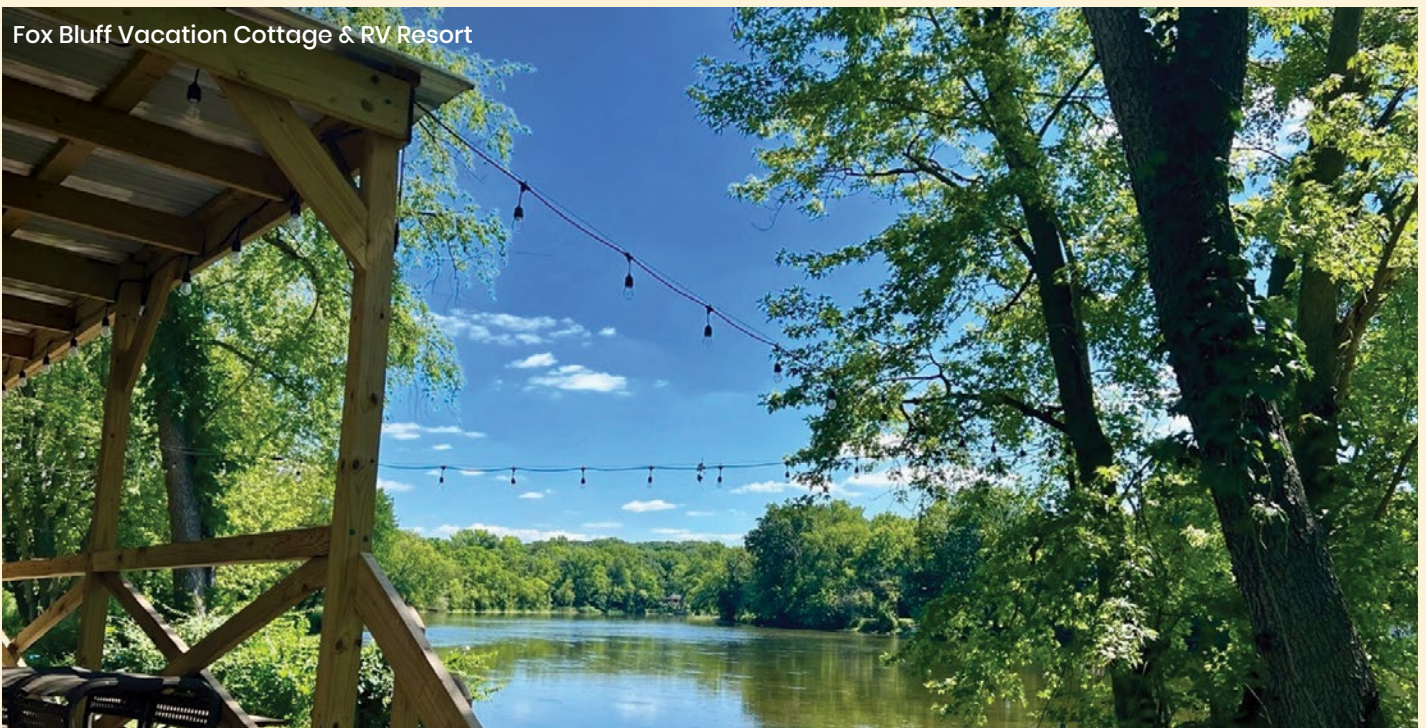
### GENEVA

Take a trip through time with a stay at the Oscar Swan Country Inn. Built in 1902, this charming, historic bed and breakfast provides four rooms and three suites, each transporting guests to a simpler time.

1800 W. State St., Geneva  
630.232.0173  
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# OUTDOORS

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- Gray's Mill Estate, Montgomery
- Heritage Prairie Farm, Elburn
- Herrington Inn & Spa, Geneva
- Loft 28 West, Aurora
- Meyer Ballroom, Aurora
- Northfork Farm, Oswego
- Oscar Swan Country Inn, Geneva
- Revelry 675, Batavia
- Riverside Receptions & Conference Center, Geneva
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- Sage Event Space, North Aurora
- Society 57, Aurora
- Sofie's Market, Geneva
- The Barn @ Blackberry Farm, Aurora
- The Homestead 1854, Plano
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- Whitetail Ridge Golf Club, Yorkville
- Venue 5126, Oswego





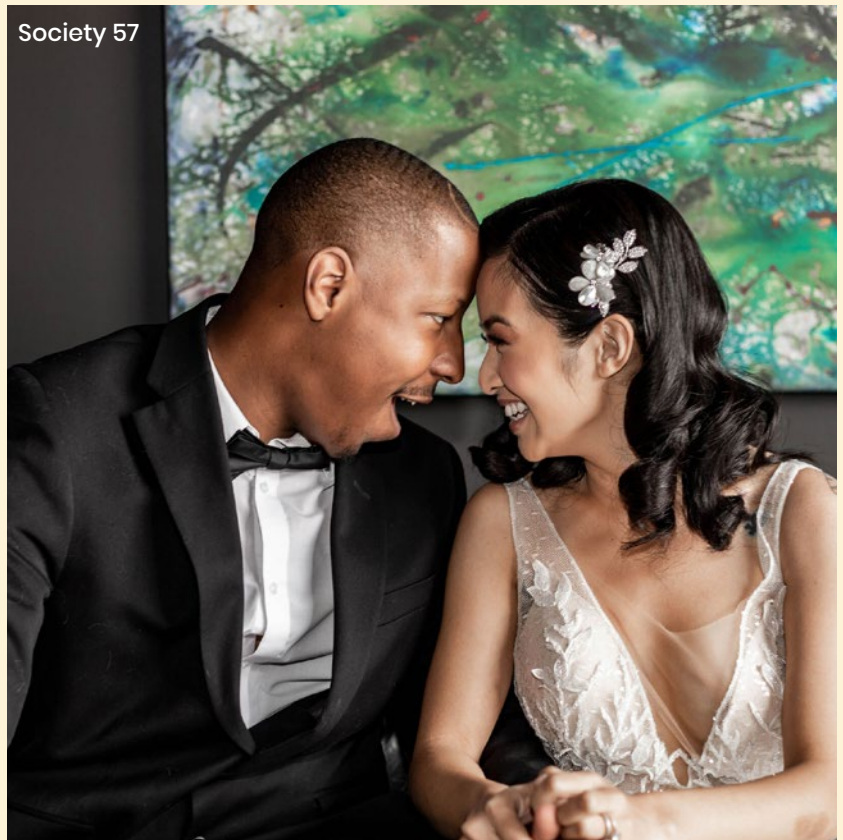
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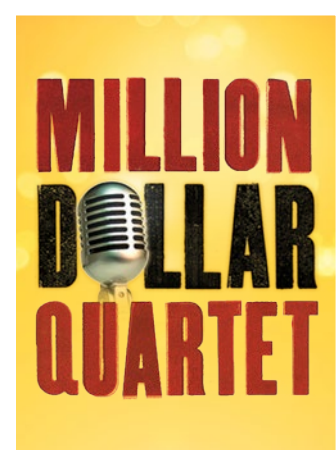
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