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# Welcome

to an outstanding travel destination located just 40 miles west of Chicago along a scenic stretch of the Fox River. Welcome to the Aurora Area of Illinois.

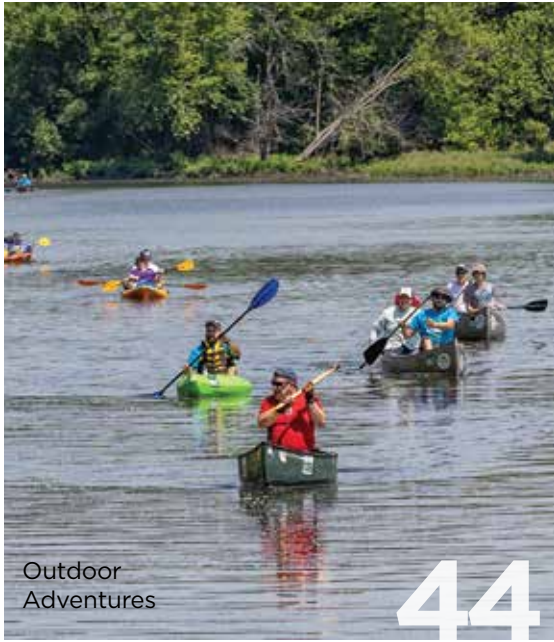
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A stunning mural adorns the wall at Craft Urban, a dining destination in downtown Aurora. Inset photos: Concerts under the stars at RiverEdge Park, and a group of paddlers set to embark upon the Marge Cline Whitewater Course.

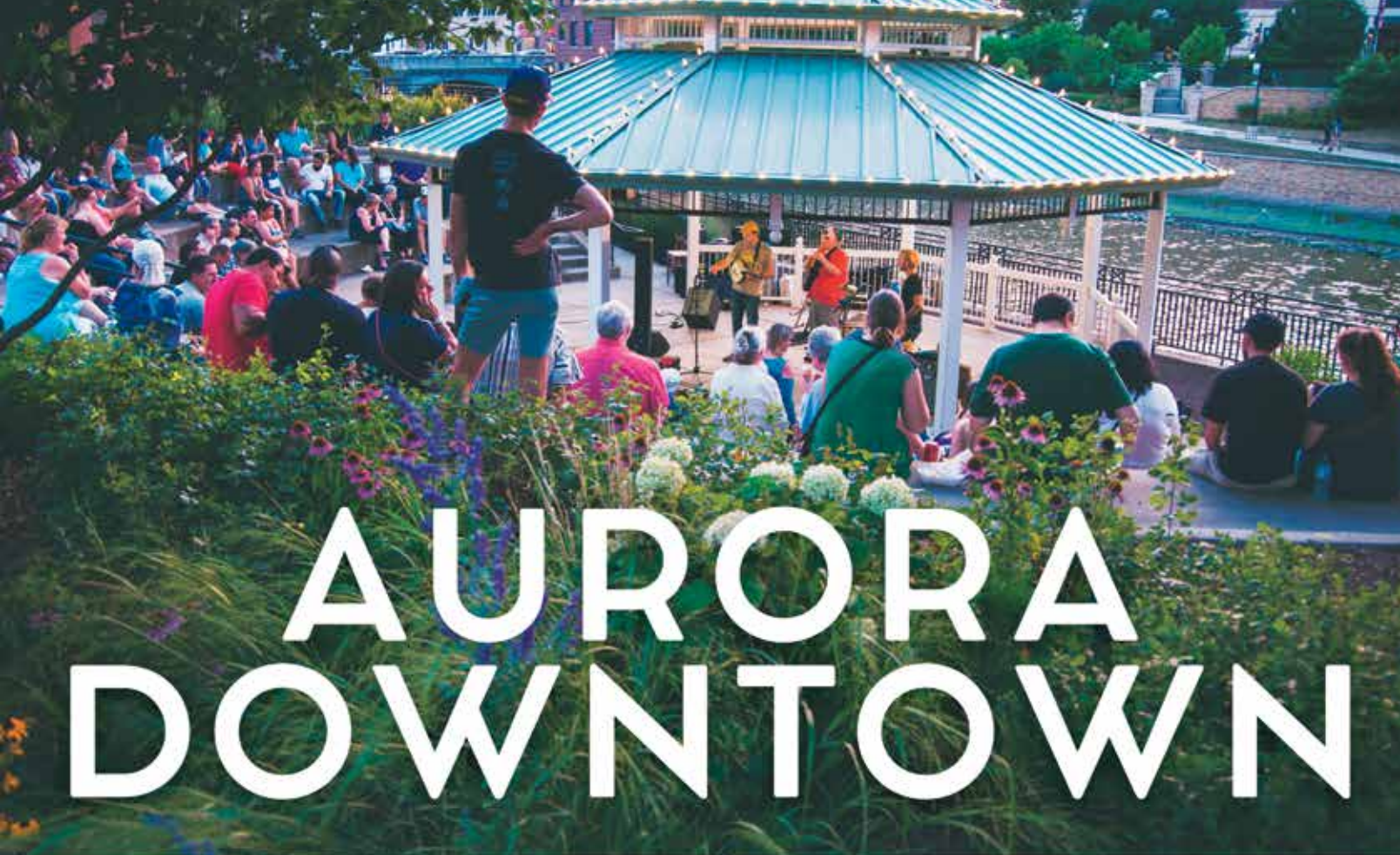


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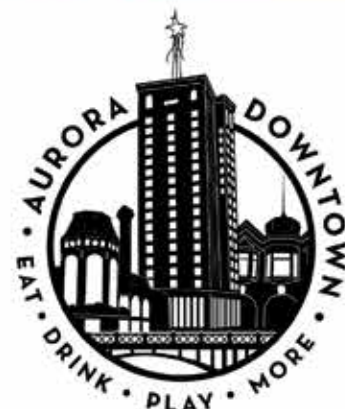
# AURORA DOWNTOWN



Aurora's beautiful and historic downtown is home to one-of-a-kind shops, the award-winning Paramount Theatre, dozens of locally-owned restaurants, exquisite cocktail and piano bars, live music venues, impressive art galleries, stylish and creative salons and barbershops, jewelry boutiques, specialty museums, outstanding spaces for events and so much more.

**Plan your visit at [AuroraDowntown.org](https://AuroraDowntown.org).**

Our beautiful city awaits you. Come visit us today.







# 10 Ways to #enjoyaurora

There are so many fun things to do in the Aurora Area of Illinois! Let's start with these 10 and discover more in the pages ahead.

[EnjoyAurora.com/LetsGo](http://EnjoyAurora.com/LetsGo)



## Award-Winning Broadway

Paramount Theatre, Aurora

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



## Bold New Works

Copley Theatre, Aurora

Paramount's BOLD Series is full of classic and contemporary works that will connect with you in fresh new ways and stay with you after you leave.



## 3 Dinner & a Show

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 a show in themselves!





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## Concerts Under the Stars

Venue 1012, Oswego

Open-air venues like RiverEdge Park in Aurora and Venue 1012 in Oswego offer live entertainment in scenic surroundings.



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## Savor Craft Flavors

Fox Valley Winery, Oswego

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



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## 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.

## 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.



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## Visit an American Icon

Edith Farnsworth House, Plano

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



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## Shop Small

Pacifica Square, Aurora

From charming downtown boutiques to entrepreneurial endeavors at Fox Valley, Chicago Premium Outlets, and Pacifica Square, you can #shopsmall year-round in the Aurora Area.



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## Hit the Trails

Riverfront Park, North Aurora

Our gorgeous stretch of the Fox River is at the heart of a vibrant trail network. Hike, bike, paddle, and discover outstanding outdoor recreation opportunities.



## OUR COMMUNITIES

Styx at  
RiverEdge Park

# Aurora

The second-largest city in Illinois, Aurora is home to a historic and vibrant downtown, where visitors can enjoy an outstanding combination of arts, entertainment, shopping, and dining. See Chicagoland's best Broadway series at Paramount Theatre, riveting dramatic works as part of its BOLD Series, and a concert under the stars at RiverEdge Park.

Get a taste of the big, bold flavors served up at Two Brothers Roundhouse, or dine on creative small plates and craft cocktails at Craft Urban in Downtown Aurora.

Shopping destinations include Chicago Premium Outlets, the newly redeveloped Fox Valley Mall, and Pacifica Square, soon to be one of the largest Asian lifestyle centers in America.

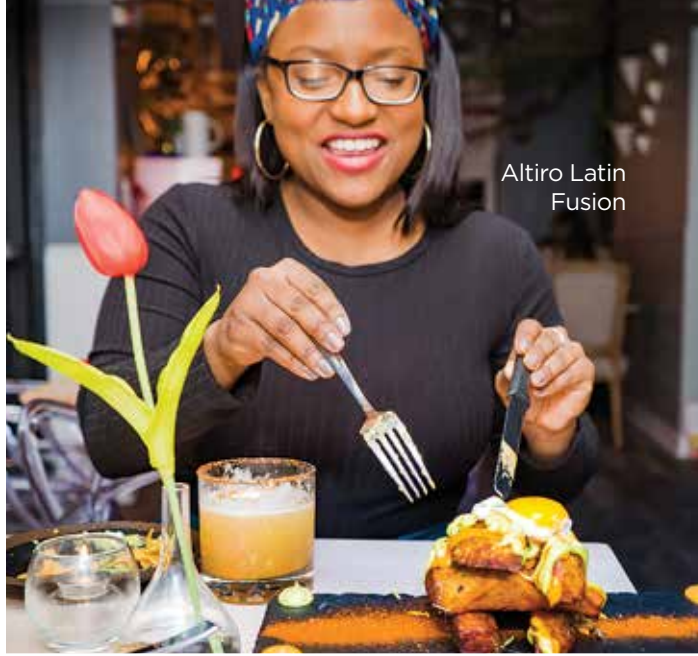
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Sunken Garden  
at Phillips Park





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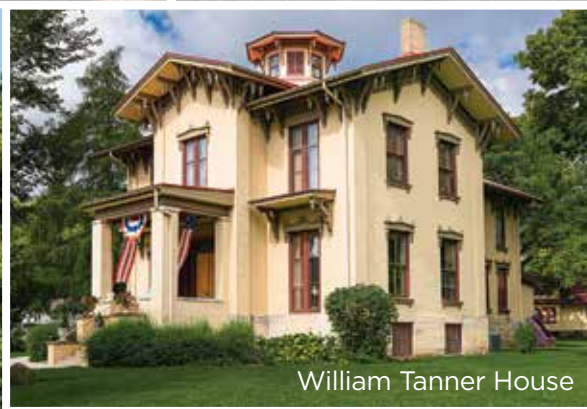
Wurst Kitchen



Endiro Coffee



Blackberry Farm



William Tanner House



Look for this icon highlighting Illinois Made destinations, celebrating small businesses whose uniquely Illinoisan style and creativity set our locally made goods apart. **See page 52 for more Illinois Makers.**



## OUR COMMUNITIES

Red Oak  
Nature Center



Fox River Trail



Berman  
Tower

Fireworks at  
North Aurora Days



# North Aurora

Commerce, community, and nature combine in North Aurora, where you'll find perfect options for a hearty meal after working up an appetite exploring scenic Fox River trails.

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The Rustic Fox  
Furniture & Decor



Hardware  
Sustainable  
Gastropub  
and Brewery



North Aurora Days



Kayaking on the Fox River



Harner's Bakery & Restaurant



## OUR COMMUNITIES



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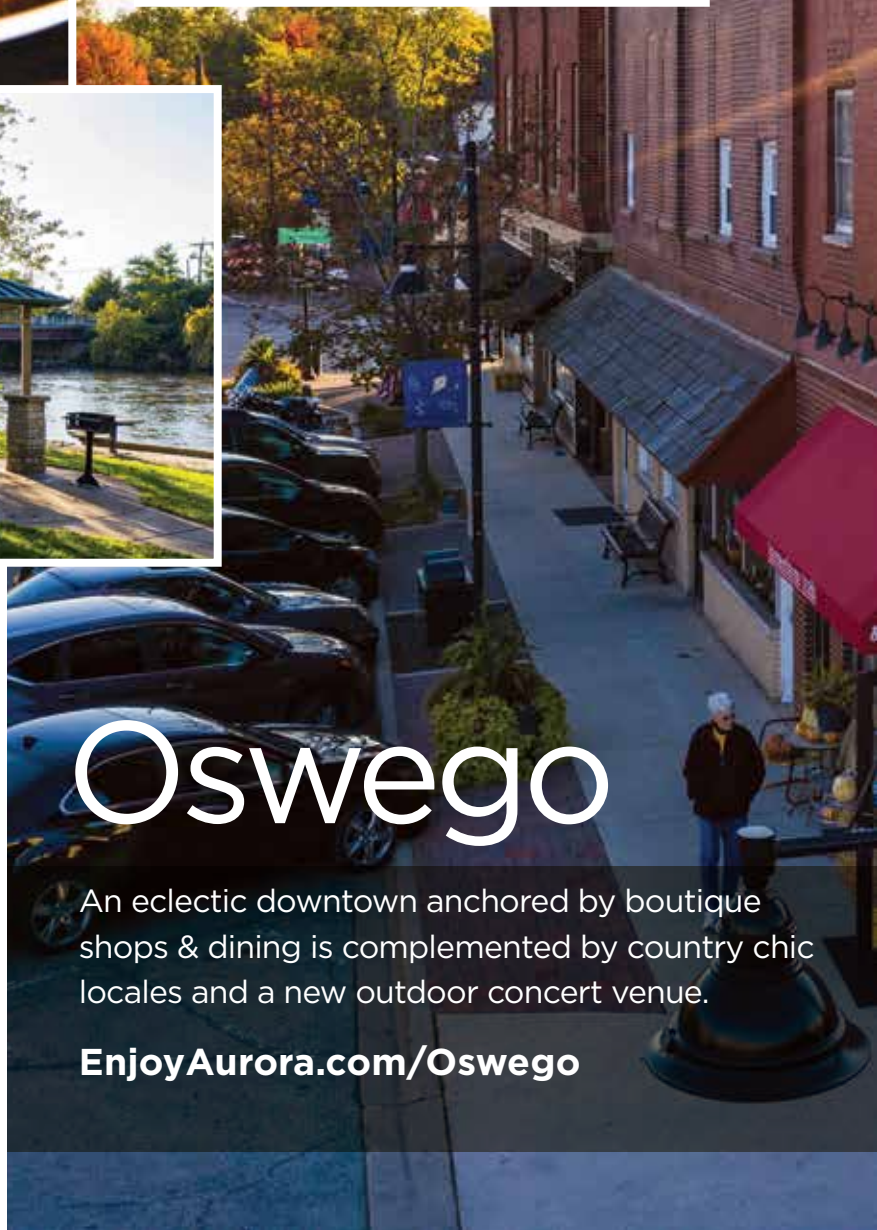
Fox Valley Winery



Hudson Crossing Park



Wine on the Fox



# Oswego

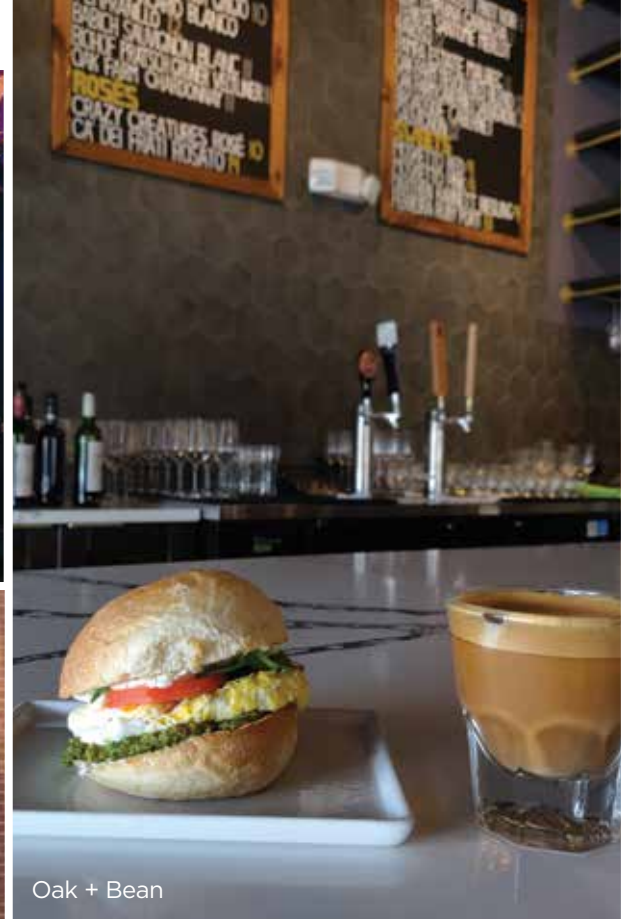
An eclectic downtown anchored by boutique shops & dining is complemented by country chic locales and a new outdoor concert venue.

**[EnjoyAurora.com/Oswego](http://EnjoyAurora.com/Oswego)**





Venue 1012



Oak + Bean



Oswego  
Country  
Market



Keller's Farmstand





# Yorkville

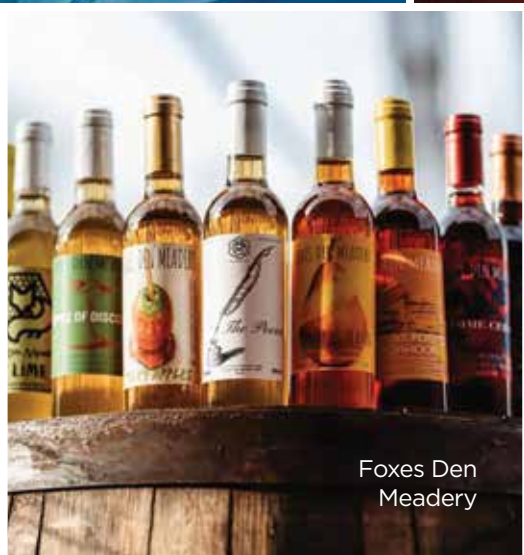
Illinois' largest waterpark offers family-friendly summer fun, while downtown dining, nightlife, and events offer year-round fun on the riverfront.

**[EnjoyAurora.com/Yorkville](http://EnjoyAurora.com/Yorkville)**



Marge Cline  
Whitewater Course





Foxes Den Meadery



Yorkville Holiday Celebration Weekend



Crusade Burger Bar



Grace Coffee + Wine



Live music at Southbank Original Barbecue



Historic  
windmills on  
display in  
Downtown  
Batavia

# Batavia

Batavia's relaxed riverside vibe is complemented by attractions like the Comedy Vault, Boardwalk Shops, and a year-round farmers market.

**[EnjoyAurora.com/Batavia](http://EnjoyAurora.com/Batavia)**



Hearth & Hammer

Batavia Depot  
Museum



Water Street Studios





Cooper's Hawk



Stuart Sports Complex



Atrévete Confections



Baum's Biergarten at Gray's Mill Estate

# Montgomery

A fast-growing community with a lot to offer, including new restaurants in a historic riverside mill and the region's largest outdoor sports venue.

**[EnjoyAurora.com/Montgomery](http://EnjoyAurora.com/Montgomery)**



Montgomery Fest



Big Rock  
Plowing Match



Esther's Place  
Fiber Arts



# Big Rock

This big-hearted small town is a popular hiking, fishing and crafting getaway set against rolling hills and unspoiled natural beauty.

[EnjoyAurora.com/BigRock](http://EnjoyAurora.com/BigRock)

Photos below and at right:  
Hinckley Historical Society Museum



# Hinckley

A Lincoln Highway highlight with a historic downtown where you can enjoy unique shops, restaurants, and more.

[EnjoyAurora.com/Hinckley](http://EnjoyAurora.com/Hinckley)



South Moon BBQ



Edith Farnsworth  
House

Woody's  
Orchard

# Plano

This charming heartland city is home to the Edith Farnsworth House and offers unique venues for gatherings, house tours, and events.

**[EnjoyAurora.com/Plano](http://EnjoyAurora.com/Plano)**

Rich Harvest  
Farms

Air Classics  
Museum of Aviation

# Sugar Grove

Discover extraordinary attractions and events in Sugar Grove, which is conveniently located off I-88.

**[EnjoyAurora.com/SugarGrove](http://EnjoyAurora.com/SugarGrove)**

Rosewood  
Farm



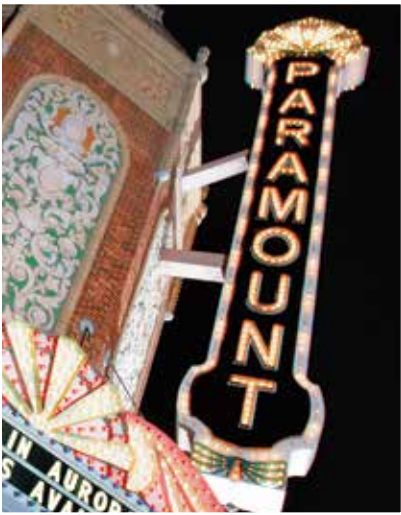
# It's Showtime

The biggest acts in entertainment and the most outstanding musical productions this side of Broadway attract hundreds of thousands of people to these Aurora Area concert and nightlife destinations.

**EnjoyAurora.com/Shows**



**Beautiful:  
The Carole King  
Musical**  
Apr. 24 -  
Jun. 16, 2024



## Paramount Theatre

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

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

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Dreamgirls



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## Paramount Theatre Broadway Series

2024-2025 SHOW LINEUP

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



### The Full Monty

Aug. 21 –  
Oct. 6, 2024



### Disney's Frozen

Oct. 30, 2024 –  
Jan. 19, 2025



### Waitress

Feb. 12 –  
Mar. 30, 2025



### Cats

Apr. 30 –  
Jun. 15, 2025

**REGIONAL CHICAGOLAND PREMIERS!**

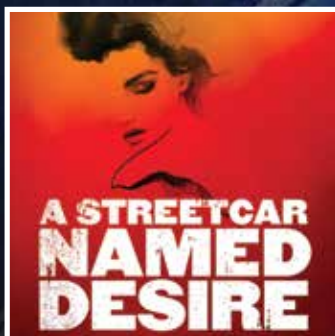


## Copley Theatre

## BOLD Series

2024-2025 SHOW LINEUP

[paramountaurora.com/bold](http://paramountaurora.com/bold)



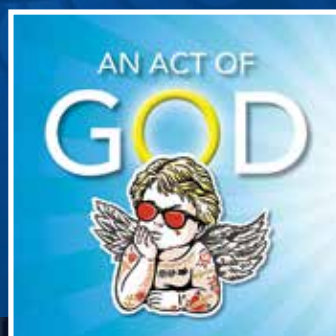
### A Streetcar Named Desire

Mar. 13 – Apr. 21, 2024



### Peter & The Starcatcher

Jul. 24 – Sep. 1, 2024



### An Act of God

Oct. 2 – Nov. 10, 2024



### The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee

Mar. 12 – Apr. 27, 2025



## Stolp Island Theatre

Aurora

Four legends. One night. Music history made.  
Enjoy an up-close and intimate, experiential performance  
of Million Dollar Quartet at a new live performance  
venue opening in 2024.

[paramountaurora.com/events/million-dollar-quartet-2024](http://paramountaurora.com/events/million-dollar-quartet-2024)



# It's Showtime

These venues offer the area's best in live music, comedy and dance!

**EnjoyAurora.com/Shows**



## Amore Mio

Aurora

Enjoy classics and contemporary tunes over craft cocktails at the basement-level piano bar.  
[amoremio-altiro.com/red-room-on-ny](http://amoremio-altiro.com/red-room-on-ny)



## Ballydoyle Aurora

Aurora

Ballydoyle carries the tradition of the Irish pub with the customary selection of classic and craft brews, delicious Irish food, and spirited live entertainment in the Packard Room event space.  
[ballydoylepub.com](http://ballydoylepub.com)

## The Bit Theater

Aurora

Inclusive, community-driven improv and sketch comedy club, hosts training and team-building events.  
[bitimprov.com](http://bitimprov.com)

## The Brown Pub

Hinckley

Year-round live entertainment and spacious outdoor patio with cabana seating.  
[thepubhinckley.com](http://thepubhinckley.com)

## The 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)



## Hollywood Casino

Aurora

Try your luck at the tables or over a thousand of Chicago's loosest slot machines. Live entertainment takes place at Center Stage on the weekends, free to enjoy along with table games and a dedicated poker room.  
[hollywoodcasinoaurora.com](http://hollywoodcasinoaurora.com)

## The Law Office Pub & Music Hall

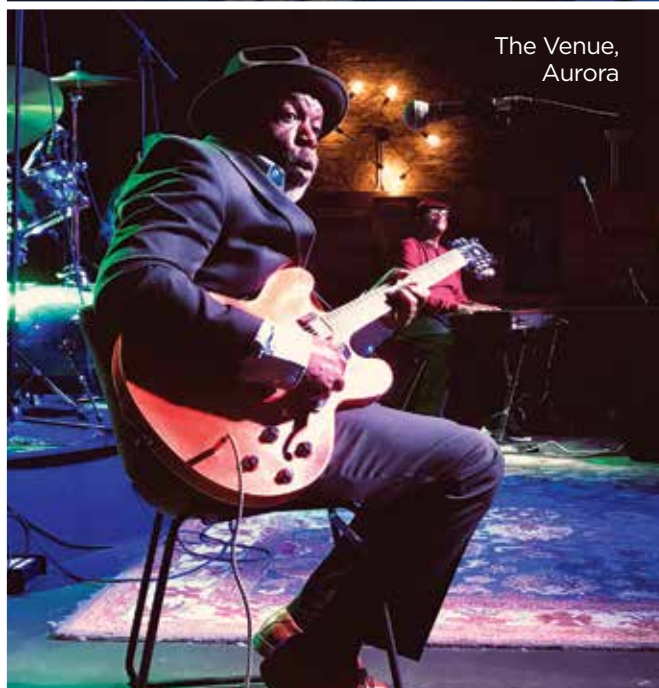
Yorkville

Head out to The Law Office Pub & Music Hall in downtown Yorkville, a frequent tour stop for the most stylish and soulful acts coming out of the Midwest, Nashville, and beyond. Every show provides an opportunity to be introduced to your new favorite band.  
[lawofficepub.com](http://lawofficepub.com)

## The PIAZZA

Aurora

Enjoy a concert on indoor and outdoor stages at this large concert venue and sports bar.  
[piazzaaurora.com](http://piazzaaurora.com)



The Venue,  
Aurora



Venue 1012,  
Oswego



The Law Office Pub  
& Music Hall, Yorkville



The PIAZZA,  
Aurora



Two Brothers  
Roundhouse, Aurora



### **Saddle Up at Q Saloon and Eatery**

Aurora

Country & western-themed entertainment venue offers line dancing and Tex-Mex eats.  
[saddleupatq.com](http://saddleupatq.com)

### **Sidecar Supper Club & Beer Garden**

Batavia

Cozy, vintage eatery and live music venue on Batavia's River Street "woonerf."  
[sidecarsupperclub.com](http://sidecarsupperclub.com)



### **Two Brothers Roundhouse**

Aurora

Free concerts in the Two Brothers Tavern feature the best of Chicagoland live acts and stand-up comedy.  
[twobrothersbrewing.com/roundhouse](http://twobrothersbrewing.com/roundhouse)



### **The Venue**

Aurora

200-seat listening room and outdoor stage booking 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)  
**See ad on page 25.**

### **Venue 1012**

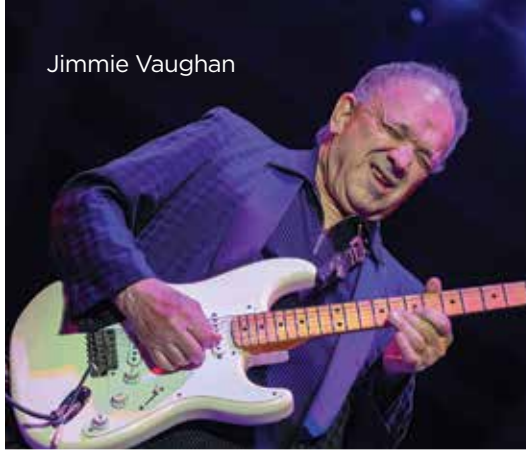
Oswego

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)





Ruthie Foster



Jimmie Vaughan



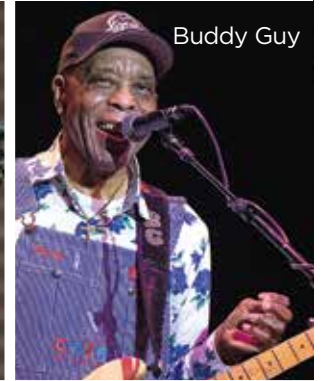
Joey J. Saye



Kenny Neal



Mud Morganfield



Buddy Guy

Blues on the Fox  
legends

# Live at the Park

From rockers to blues legends, every summer is a hot summer at RiverEdge Park.

June - Sep 2024

**EnjoyAurora.com/RiverEdge-Park**



**RiverEdge Park**

Aurora

Rock out on the riverfront at Blues on the Fox and the Summer Concert Series at this scenic venue.

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

Check out the 2024 event listings here:



RiverEdge Park opened in Aurora, Illinois in 2013. This scenic outdoor venue is located along the Fox River and hosts the annual Blues on the Fox event.





Fox Valley Music Foundation presents



Chicagoland's Premier  
**LIVE MUSIC  
ROOM**

21 S. Broadway  
**DOWNTOWN AURORA**  
[themusicvenue.org](http://themusicvenue.org)

SEE WHAT'S ON STAGE  
AT THE VENUE



Featuring cabaret style seating and general admission seats, The Venue offers an incredible live music listening experience along with a bar serving craft beer and wine.





# Taste

For date night or any occasion, enjoy a meal at these delicious destinations.

Find our guide at  
**[EnjoyAurora.com/Dining](http://EnjoyAurora.com/Dining)**

Craft Urban,  
Aurora

Look for this icon  that indicates Aurora Downtown locations.





Gray's Mill Estate,  
Montgomery

Amore Mio,  
Aurora



## DINNER AND A SHOW

### 113 Main

Oswego

Eclectic American dining in the heart of downtown Oswego.

113main.com



### Altiro Latin Fusion

Aurora

Inspired tapas menu paired with an eclectic cocktail menu in an elegant downtown Aurora space.

altirolatinfusion.com



### Amore Mio

Aurora

Chef Roberto Avila transports diners to mid-20th century New York City with his Italian American cuisine.

amoremio-altiro.com

### Basils Greek Dining

Aurora

Contemporary Greek taverna.

basilsdining.com



### Craft Urban Aurora

Aurora

Upscale-casual spot with seasonal craft dishes and cocktails near Paramount.

crafturban.com/aurora

### Dakota's

Yorkville

Elevated, unique pub menu in an inviting space near the Yorkville riverfront.

dakotas.us



### French 75 Gallery & Lounge

Aurora

Fine-art gallery and cocktail lounge offers an elegant atmosphere and light nosh before or after the show.

french75gallery.com

### Gray's Mill Estate

Montgomery

Historic event space on the Fox River with a beer garden and speakeasy-style pub.

graysmillestate.com

### Hardware

North Aurora

Eclectic American cuisine with an emphasis on sustainability, most greens grown on-site.

eathardware.com

### Lakeview Grille

Yorkville

Casual steakhouse with great views from a large outdoor patio.

lakeviewgrille.com

### The Turf Room

North Aurora

Rustic New American lounge with private dining options and an award-winning wine list.

theturfroomrestaurant.com

### The Vault

Yorkville

Share tasty provisions and craft elixirs in this elegant spot new to downtown Yorkville.

vaultyorkville.com

Check out these and more delicious dining experiences for your night out at

**EnjoyAurora.com/DinnerShow**



# Craft to Glass

Discover the breweries, distilleries, wineries,  
and specialty bottle shops of the Aurora Area.

Sturdy Shelter Brewing,  
Batavia



## **Acquaviva Winery & Ristorante**

Batavia

Gather for traditional Italian cuisine and quality wines at this family-owned ristorante. Call ahead for availability: 630.761.1010.

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

## **Aspen Lane Wine Company**

Aurora

Craft winery and tasting room. Call ahead for availability: 331.250.1123.

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

## **Brother Chimp Brewing**

North Aurora

Serving up small batches of refreshing takes on traditional ales and lagers, brewed to perfection.

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

## **Cooper's Hawk**

Montgomery

Explore the Cooper's Hawk family of wines in a relaxed, inviting upscale atmosphere.

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

## **Energy City Brewing**

Batavia

Open Saturdays serving up a mouthwatering selection of robust, experimental beers.

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

## **Flight Tasting Room & Bottle Shoppe**

Yorkville

Family-friendly gathering spot with an amazing selection of craft cans and bottles to enjoy on-site or take home.

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

## **Foxes Den Meadery**

Yorkville

Micro-meadery creating handcrafted artisan honey wine.

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

## **Fox Republic Brewing Co.**

Yorkville

Spacious, veteran-owned microbrewery in downtown Yorkville's Riverside Plaza serving up a delicious rotation of signature ales & lagers.

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

## **Fox Valley Winery**

Oswego

Specializing in small lots of handcrafted, award-winning Illinois wines, this destination winery offers tastings and special events year-round in downtown Oswego.

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

## **Geneva Winery**

Batavia

A new tasting room location is coming soon to downtown Batavia.

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

## **Grainology**

Batavia

Craft brewery, distillery, and tasting room with deep roots in downtown Batavia. Learn about the 120-year history of the building while there.

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

## **Hardware**

North Aurora

Sustainable gastropub & brewery serving delicious food and over 500 worldwide whiskeys, plus ground-to-glass beers grown at the B.B.G.B. Hop Farm.

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

## **Hopvine Brewing Company**

Aurora

Hopvine's signature beers & beer cocktails pair well with chef-inspired pub food.

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

## **McCarty Mills**

Aurora

Specialty craft beer, mead, and wine taproom and bottle shop with a pizza bar and outdoor patio.

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

## **Sturdy Shelter Brewing**

Batavia

A community tap room in the heart of downtown Batavia housed within a historic limestone building.

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

## **Two Brothers Roundhouse**

Aurora

Taste the bold flavors of Two Brothers artisan ales, spirits, and house-roasted coffee at the historic Roundhouse.

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



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Aurora Downtown locations.





Energy City Brewing,  
Batavia



Two Brothers  
Roundhouse,  
Aurora



Fox Republic Brewing, Yorkville

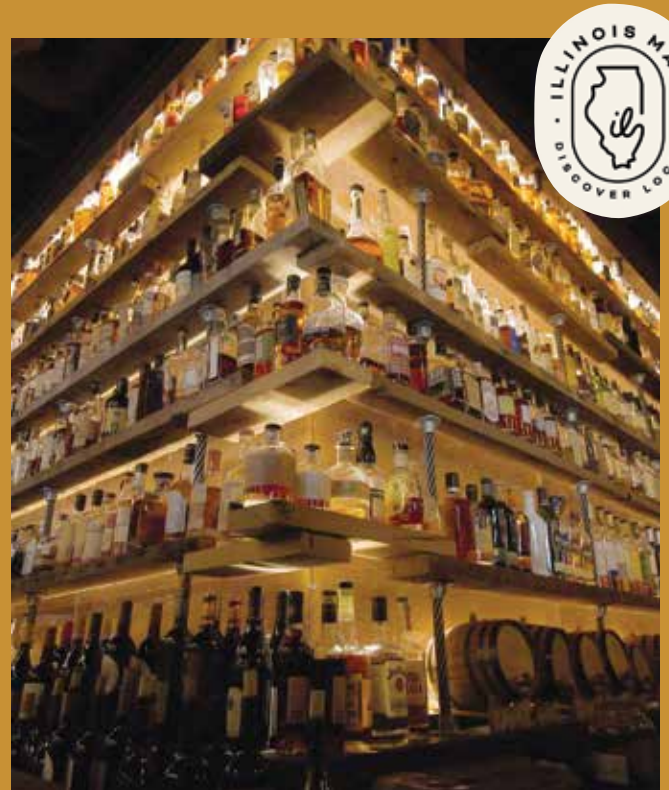
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Fox Valley Winery, Oswego



## Local Breweries & More

Check out the self-guided, local craft  
brewery tour at

**[EnjoyAurora.com/Craft](http://EnjoyAurora.com/Craft)**



Hardware, North Aurora



PUBS & BURGERS

# Pub Grub

Discover some of the best bar bites in the Aurora Area.

Burnt Barrel  
Social,  
Sugar Grove,  
Yorkville



## Ballydoyle Irish Pub

Aurora

Traditional Irish food and drink in a cozy pub with live music and events.  
[ballydoylepub.com](http://ballydoylepub.com)

## **Bulldog Ale House**

Aurora, North Aurora

American pub chain with dozens of craft beers on tap.  
[bulldogalehouse.com](http://bulldogalehouse.com)

## **Burnt Barrel Social**

Sugar Grove, Yorkville

Comfortable lounge with farm-fresh food and craft cocktails.  
[burntbarrelsocial.com](http://burntbarrelsocial.com)

## **Craft'd**

Yorkville

Enjoy a bevy of craft beverages paired with unique eats. Gluten-free and dog menus available.  
[thecraftdlife.com](http://thecraftdlife.com)

## **Fireside Grille**

Sugar Grove

American traditions grilled to perfection in a cozy supper-club style space.  
[thefiresidegrille.com](http://thefiresidegrille.com)

## **J&K's Halfmoon Tavern**

Hinckley

Great food served daily, weekend special fish fry and steaks.  
[jkhalfmoon.com](http://jkhalfmoon.com)

## **JT's Tavern & Tap**

Batavia

Char-grilled burgers, pizza, wings, and a full bar.  
[jtstavernatap.com](http://jtstavernatap.com)

## **Oak Street Restaurant & Bar**

North Aurora

Friendly, spacious restaurant and sports bar.  
[oakstreetrestaurant.com](http://oakstreetrestaurant.com)

## **O'Malley's Pub & Eatery**

Aurora

Friendly, casual sports bar near Phillips Park Golf Course.  
[omalleysaurora.com](http://omalleysaurora.com)

## **Oswego Inn**

Oswego

Casual downtown bar serving comfort food.

Tap House Grill,  
Oswego





### **Pig Dog Pub**

Montgomery

Casual sports bar for lunch, dinner, and drinks near the Fox River Trail.  
pigdogpubil.com

### **Prohibition Junction Sports Bar & Grill**

Oswego

Modern-day speakeasy meets sports bar with a covered beer garden.  
prohibitionjunction.com

### **Rowdy's**

Yorkville

Specialty burgers and signature "hog wings" served at this local favorite in downtown Yorkville.  
rowdysbarandgrill.com

### **Sidecar Supper Club & Beer Garden**

Batavia

Cozy vintage tavern featuring live music and an inventive, locally-sourced menu.  
sidecarsupperclub.com

### **Silver Fox Bar & Grill**

Yorkville

An inviting char-house atmosphere accented by a colorful bar scene.  
silverfoxyorkville.com

### **Southbank Original Barbecue**

Yorkville

Delicious wood-smoked barbecue, live entertainment, and views of the Fox River from the patio.  
southbankoriginalbarbecue.com

### **South Moon BBQ**

Hinckley

Homestyle BBQ with a selection of craft beers.  
southmoonbbq.com

### **Spartan Ale House**

Aurora

Collegiate-themed sports bar with specialty burgers, Greek dishes, and craft beers.  
spartanalehouse.com

### **Tap House Grill**

Oswego

Hot, fresh, and handcrafted American pub food with a large beer selection.  
thetaphousegrill.com/oswego

### **Tavern on Broadway**

Downtown Aurora

Craft beer, wine, and cocktails with scenic downtown patio.  
tavernonbroadway.com

### **WindMill Grille & Pizzeria**

Batavia

Steaks, chops, pizza, and signature dishes, great for gathering.  
windmillgrillepizzeria.com

Ballydoyle Irish Pub, Aurora



South Moon BBQ, Hinckley



# Between Buns

### **Asadoras Argentinas Burgers**

Oswego

Authentic Argentinian flavors combine in signature burgers.  
asadorasargentinasburgersoswego.com

### **Bruno's Cheesesteaks**

North Aurora

Philly-style, packed with tender slices of beef and sauteed onions topped with cheese.

### **Crusade Burger Bar**

Yorkville

Punk-rock-themed bar with creative burgers, shakes, and craft beer.  
crusadeburger.com

### **Don Walker's Sandwich Center**

Aurora

Old-school burger & hot dog institution in downtown Aurora.  
donwalkerssandwich.com

### **The GOAT**

Batavia

Upscale sports bar with G.O.A.T.-themed burger menu.  
thegoatburgerbar.com

Crusade Burger Bar,  
Yorkville



Sidecar Supper  
Club & Beer Garden,  
Batavia

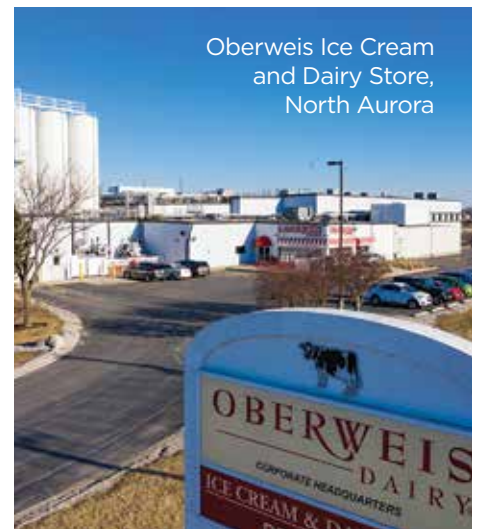


# Tastes of Chicago

You don't have to go downtown to enjoy these famous Chicagoland eateries.



Portillo's,  
Batavia & Oswego



Oberweis Ice Cream  
and Dairy Store,  
North Aurora

## **Buona**

Montgomery

A favorite for Chicago-style Italian beef sandwiches.

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

## **Giordano's**

Oswego

Famous stuffed crust Chicago-style pizza.

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

## **Harold's Chicken Shack**

Aurora

Fried chicken crisped to perfection with hot or mild sauce.

## **Lou Malnati's**

Aurora, Oswego

Famous deep-dish Chicago pizza.

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

## **M Burger**

Aurora

Fast-casual Midwestern beef burgers at Chicago Premium Outlets.

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

## **Oberweis Dairy**

North Aurora, Oswego

Family-owned dairy with Aurora roots serving up memorable ice cream shakes & sundaes.

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

## **Portillo's**

Batavia, Oswego

Chicago's fast-casual restaurant serving famous Italian beef, burgers, and hot dogs.

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





# Pizza Party!

Chicago-style, party-cut, whatever you want to call it, the Aurora Area is home to some of the region's best pies.

## Ach-N-Lou's Pizza Pub

Aurora

An Aurora tradition for over 40 years.

## Danelli's Italian Restaurant & Pizzeria

Oswego

Family-friendly pizzeria serving Oswego for over 30 years.  
danellisitalianrestaurant.com

## Lady T's Pizzeria & Pub

Aurora

Upbeat pizza parlor with live entertainment and late-night hours.  
ladytspizzeriaandpub.com

## Little Pop's NY Pizzeria

Aurora

Delicious, thin-crust New York-style pizza by the slice or pie.  
littlepopsexpress.com

## Mike & Denise's Pizzeria Bar & Grill

Yorkville

Family-style pizza pub with live entertainment.  
mikeandddenises.com

## Pal Joey's

Batavia

Dine-in or carry out, riverside patio.  
paljoeys.com

## Parma Pizza Bar

Yorkville

Authentic Italian wood-fired pizza, traditional and modern recipes.  
parmapizzabar.com

## Raimondo's Pizza & Pub

North Aurora

Creative combos and a lengthy craft beer menu.  
raimondos.com

## Riverside Pizza & Pub

Batavia, Oswego

Contemporary pizza pub & sports bar.  
batavia.riversidepizzapub.com

## Suzy's Pizza

Plano

Piping hot since 1996.  
suzyspizza.com

## Uncle Lar's Pizza

Plano

Friendly pizza parlor with creative and traditional toppings.

## WindMill Grille & Pizzeria

Batavia

Steaks, chops, pizza, and signature dishes, great for gathering.  
windmillgrillepizzeria.com



Lou Malnati's,  
Aurora & Oswego



WindMill Grille & Pizzeria,  
Batavia

Check out [EnjoyAurora.com/pizza](https://enjoyaurora.com/pizza)



# Latin American

Take your tastebuds on a tour of Central & South American cuisines.



El Jefe, Aurora

La Marimba,  
Oswego

## Alice's Corner

Aurora

Bolivian empanadas, sandwiches, and signature desserts.

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

## Bocaditos Cafe

Batavia

Authentic Argentinian street food, pastries, and coffee.

[bocaditos.cafe](http://bocaditos.cafe)

## El Capitan

Aurora

Distinctive seafood in the style of Mexico's "Riviera Nayarit."

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

## El Jefe

Aurora

Authentic Mexican food grilled to perfection in a modern setting.

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

## El Taco Grande

Batavia

Relaxed, authentic Mexican restaurant on Batavia's River Street.

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

## Grumpy Gaucho

Montgomery

Food truck favorite for empanadas serves lunch at its downtown storefront.

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

## Hacienda Real

Yorkville

Dishes rooted in traditional family recipes presented with a modern interpretation of Mexican cuisine in a lively, upscale setting.

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

## Jefa Tacos

Aurora

Specialty taco shop with a Frida Kahlo theme near Chicago Premium Outlets.

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

## La Marimba

Oswego

Chic, authentic Mexican restaurant and bar in downtown Oswego.

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

## La Quinta de los Reyes

Aurora

The flavors of Mexican cuisine come alive at this festive multi-floor dining room on the Fox River.

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

## Los Girasoles

North Aurora

Lively spot for regional Mexican fare and a fully stocked tequila bar.

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

## Que Brava

Yorkville

Authentic Mexican grill in a modern space with inspired specialty dishes.

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

## Taco Madre

North Aurora, Montgomery

Gourmet taco & burrito chain.

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

## Tako Chido

Plano

Hip, cozy, highly rated taco stand.

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





Swordfish Contemporary Sushi,  
Batavia

Pacifica Square, Aurora

# Asian

Dine on spicy and succulent dishes from throughout the Asian continent.

## 9 Bar

Aurora  
Bubble tea and noodle shop specializing in tasty bao and Korean cuisine.  
9baraurora.com

## Big Sea Sushi & Noodles

Aurora  
All you can eat sushi dinner & lunch specials daily.  
bigseasushi.com

## Black Pepper Lounge

Aurora  
The flavors of Kerala come alive in every bite.  
blackpepperlounge.com

## Domo 77

Aurora  
Family-friendly Japanese grill with an extensive sushi menu.  
domo77.site

## Lao Sze Chuan

Aurora  
Anchor to the new Pacifica Square specializing in Szechuan cuisine.  
laoszechuanaurora.com



## Leilani Asian Fusion

Aurora  
Creative, chef-driven southeast Asian cuisine and cocktails.  
leilanasianfusion.com

## Mason Wok & Sushi

Oswego  
Modern Chinese and sushi with a cocktail bar.  
masonwokssushioswego.com

## Pacifica Square

Aurora  
One-stop Asian lifestyle center providing unique cultural, shopping, and dining experiences. Variety of food stalls and stand-alone restaurants.  
pacificasquare.com

## Sakamoto Japanese Grill & Sushi

Oswego  
Sushi and Japanese cuisine.  
sakamotofun.com

## Shu's Sushi Bar & Grill

Oswego  
Hidden gem sushi restaurant.  
shussushi.com

## Sushi Pirate

North Aurora  
Quirky, kid-friendly modern sushi restaurant.  
sushi-pirate.com

## Sushi + Rotary Sushi Bar

Aurora  
Orders are delivered via conveyor belt at this hip, contemporary sushi bar.  
rotarysushi.com

## Swordfish Contemporary Sushi

Batavia  
Japanese lounge with creative and traditional sushi rolls and bento.  
swordfishsushi.com

## Thai Village

Batavia  
Inviting spot for spicy curries, noodles, and more.  
thaivillage-batavia.com

## Tusk Thai Cuisine

Batavia  
Gourmet Thai and BYOB in a warm, casual setting.  
tuskthaicuisine.com



## BREAKFAST

# Fuel Up

for a big day out in the Aurora Area.

### **Benny's Place**

Oswego

Spacious family-friendly breakfast & lunch restaurant.

### **Harner's Bakery & Restaurant**

North Aurora

Local favorite for generations, from breakfast pastries to award-winning fried chicken.  
harnersbakery.com

### **Jake's Bagels & Deli**

Aurora

Fresh gourmet bagels made from scratch daily.

jakesbagels.wixsite.com/jakesbagels/menu

### **Oswego Family Restaurant**

Oswego

Classic diner in the heart of downtown Oswego serving up tasty breakfast & homemade desserts.

oswegofamilyrestaurant.com

### **Silver Dollars Restaurant**

Yorkville

Signature pancake varieties and breakfast options at this popular spot.  
eatbetterpancakes.com

### **Southern Belle's**

Yorkville

Wholesome spot serving up Southern comfort food for breakfast & lunch.  
southernbellespancakes.com

### **SYRUP**

Aurora

Farmhouse-style brunch spot featuring indulgent specialties like S'Moreo Pancakes.  
eatatsyrup.com

Photos at right,  
top to bottom:  
SYRUP, Aurora

Benny's Place, Oswego  
Jake's Bagels & Deli, Aurora





# Cup o' Joe

From third-wave cafes to charming cozy corners, find your next great cup here.

MOKA, North Aurora

Endiro Coffee,  
AuroraLimestone Coffee & Tea,  
Batavia

## Calla Lily Tea Room

Aurora

Traditional Victorian afternoon tea service, available for lunch and private events.

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

## Endiro Coffee

Aurora

Tree-to-cup specialty coffee grown in Uganda and roasted in Aurora.

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

## Flyleaf Bakery Cafe

Batavia

Artfully decorated coffee shop & small-batch bakery at Batavia Public Library.

[bataviapubliclibrary.org/cafe](http://bataviapubliclibrary.org/cafe)

## GRACE Coffee & Wine

Yorkville

Sip and gather at this coffee & wine bar serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

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

## Hinckley Coffee House

Hinckley

Charming roadside trailer open daily offering custom coffee creations and more.

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

## Iconic Coffee Shop

Yorkville

Specialty coffee, espresso, and loose-leaf teas.

## Java Plus

Aurora

Community-oriented coffee shop with a cozy location near RUSH Copley Medical Center.

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

## Juicehead Smoothies & Coffee Bar

Yorkville

Smoothie bar with coffee and healthy fare.

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

## Krema Coffee Roasters

North Aurora

Independent coffee roasters unique to Chicagoland.

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

## Limestone Coffee & Tea

Batavia

Coffee shop with breakfast and lunch items.

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

## MOKA

Batavia, North Aurora

Drive-thru & walk-up specialty coffee shop.

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

## Oak + Bean

Oswego

Luxe, all-day coffee bar with beer, wine, cocktails, and small plates.

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

## Smarty Pants Cafe

Batavia

A new cafe where science is both the experience and the theme.

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

## Society 57

Aurora

Avocado toast and locally made Modest Coffee in a chic cafe and event space.

[society57.com](http://society57.com)

**See ad on page 39.**

## Two Brothers Roundhouse Café

Aurora

Artisan-roasted coffee and specialty beers.

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

## The Village Grind

Oswego

Cozy, relaxed coffeehouse in the heart of downtown Oswego.

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





Charlie's Silver Spoon Creamery,  
Aurora



Ms Jana's Candy,  
Aurora



Atrévete Confections,  
Montgomery

# Sweet Treats

From gourmet ice cream to baked goods, chocolates, and popcorn, enjoy dessert à la carte or à la mode.

## Atrévete Confections

Montgomery  
European-style chocolatier and patisserie recently designated #IllinoisMade.  
[atreveteconfections.com](http://atreveteconfections.com)

## Banana Split

Aurora  
Seasonal walk-up with signature ice cream.  
[bananasplitinc.com](http://bananasplitinc.com)

## Batavia Creamery

Batavia  
Novelty flavors and vegan ice cream options in downtown Batavia.  
[bataviacreamery.com](http://bataviacreamery.com)

## Charlie's Silver Spoon Creamery

Aurora  
Gourmet ice cream parlor serving up inspired tastes in downtown Aurora.  
[charliescreamery.com](http://charliescreamery.com)

## Dairy Joy

Hinckley  
Classic Americana on the Lincoln Highway.  
[dairyjoydrivein.com](http://dairyjoydrivein.com)

## Deri Delite

Aurora  
Patio parlor with fun flavors and a menu of snacks.  
[deridelite.com](http://deridelite.com)

## Foxy's Ice Cream

Yorkville  
Fresh treats along the Fox River at Bicentennial Riverfront Park.  
[foxysicecream.com](http://foxysicecream.com)

## Haylie B's Bakery

Batavia  
Handcrafted cakes, cupcakes, and dessert bar.  
[hayliebsbakery.com](http://hayliebsbakery.com)

## La Chicanita Bakery

Aurora  
Authentic Mexican cakes, breads, and pastries.  
[lachicanitabakery.com](http://lachicanitabakery.com)

## La Michoacana

Aurora, Oswego  
Traditional Mexican ice cream in a variety of fun flavors.  
[lamichoacanapremium.com](http://lamichoacanapremium.com)

## Ms Jana's Candy

Aurora  
Handcrafted butter-based caramel, toffees, and brittle, perfect for gifting or just because.  
[msjanascandy.com](http://msjanascandy.com)

## New Moon Vegan

Batavia  
Yummy vegan baked goods and plant-based treats.  
[newmoonvegan.net](http://newmoonvegan.net)

## Pie Boss

Aurora  
Serving South African sweet and savory pies.  
[pieboss.com](http://pieboss.com)

## The Scoop

Oswego  
Gourmet ice cream & candies with a selection of books.

See more at [EnjoyAurora.com/Treats](http://EnjoyAurora.com/Treats)



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Buddy Guy at  
Blues on the Fox,  
RiverEdge Park,  
Aurora

# 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)**



Margaritas en Mayo,  
Yorkville



PrairieFest,  
Oswego

## Spring

Scan for all event  
dates and details!



Kick off the season with a weekend of award-winning regional wines, celebrate Aurora's contribution to the rich history of the Blues, dine streetside at one of Chicagoland's largest food truck festivals, and enjoy family fun and live entertainment at PrairieFest.

**Aurora Pride Parade**, Aurora

**Blues on the Fox**, Aurora

**Maple Fest**, North Aurora

**Margaritas en Mayo**, Yorkville

**PrairieFest**, Oswego

**St. Patrick's Day Celebration**, Yorkville

**Wine on the Fox**, Oswego





Montgomery Fest,  
Montgomery



Fiestas Patrias  
Celebration,  
Aurora



Ukulele Fest,  
Aurora

# Summer

Celebrate summer's longest days, enjoy unique community festivals, and follow the dreamy sounds of the Midwest's largest ukulele festival to downtown Aurora.

**Aurora Uke Fest,** Aurora

**Farmers Markets,** Aurora, Batavia, Oswego

**Fiestas Patrias,** Aurora

**Fourth of July Fireworks,** all communities

**Hinckley Good Time for All Festival,** Hinckley

**Hometown Days,** Yorkville

**Montgomery Fest,** Montgomery

**North Aurora Days,** North Aurora

**Sugar Grove Corn Boil,** Sugar Grove

**Summer Solstice Indie Music Fest,** Yorkville

**Roots Aurora,** Aurora

**Wine OFF the Fox,** Oswego

**Yorkville River Fest,** Yorkville



North Aurora Days, North Aurora



Summer Solstice Indie Music Fest, Yorkville





The Corn Maze at Abbey Farms Pumpkin Daze, Aurora

# Fall

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

## Abbey Farms Pumpkin Daze, Aurora

Apple & Pumpkin Picking at  
**Keller's Farmstand**, Oswego  
**Woody's Orchard**, Plano

Scan for all event dates and details!



## Big Rock Plowing Match, Big Rock

**Brew at the Bridge**, Oswego

## Pacifica Square Moon Festival, Aurora

Thrills & Chills at

**Basement of the Dead**, Aurora

**Massacre Haunted House**, Montgomery

## Two Brothers Roundhouse Oktoberfest, Aurora



Brew at the Bridge, Oswego



Pacifica Square Moon Festival, Aurora

Pumpkins at Keller's Farmstand, Oswego



Basement of the Dead, Aurora







Christmas Walk, Oswego



Aurora Festival of  
Lights at Phillips  
Park, Aurora



Edith Farnsworth House  
Mod & Merry, Plano

# Holiday

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



Holiday  
Celebration  
Weekend,  
Yorkville

- Abbey Farms Christmas Joy**, Aurora
- Aurora Festival of Lights at Phillips Park**, Aurora
- Blackberry Farm Holiday Express**, Aurora
- Christmas Walk Week**, Oswego
- Christkindlmarket**, Aurora
- Edith Farnsworth House Mod & Merry**, Plano
- Holiday Celebration Weekend**, Yorkville
- Winter Lights**, Aurora



## Christkindlmarket at RiverEdge Park

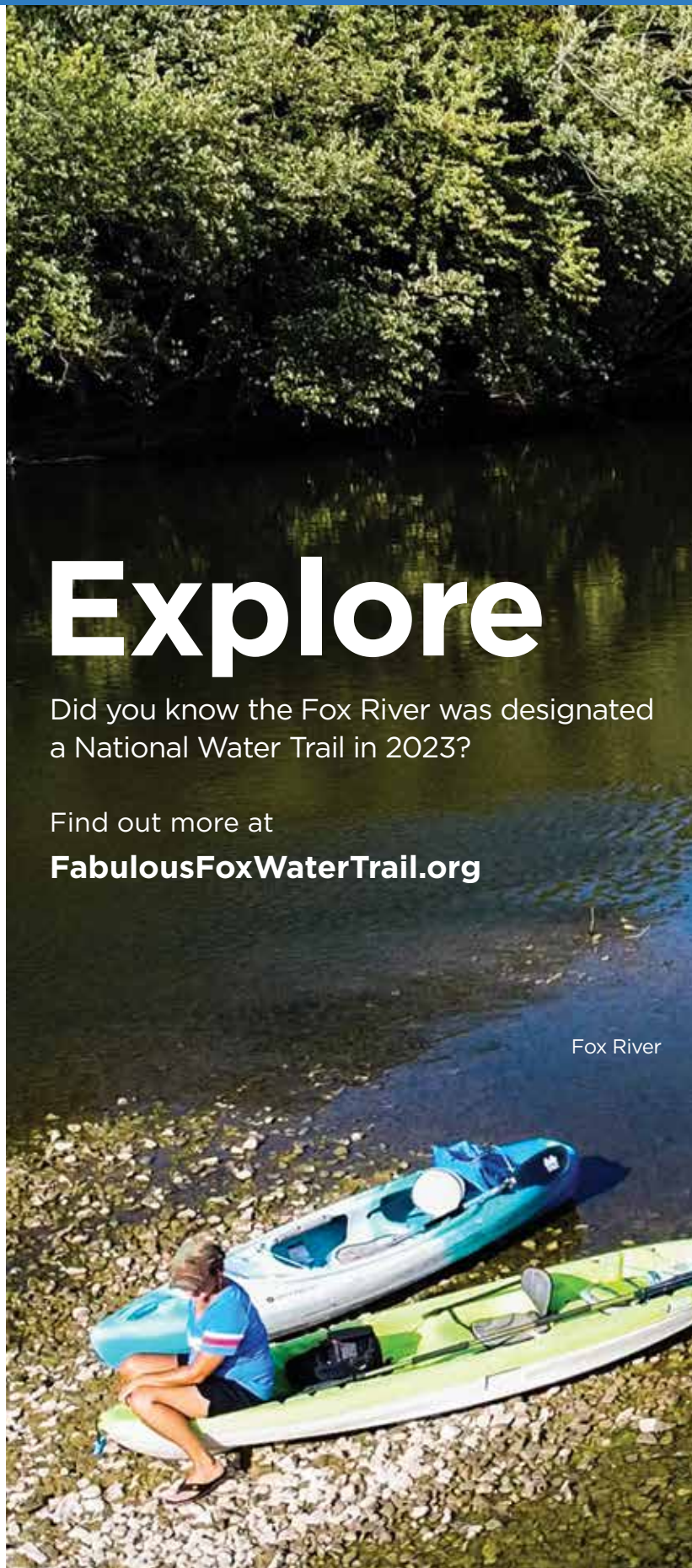
The Christkindlmarket is one of the most authentic traditional holiday markets of its kind outside of Europe, offering a unique shopping experience, family-friendly events, and intercultural activities.

Nov - Dec 2024

**[EnjoyAurora.com/Christkindlmarket](http://EnjoyAurora.com/Christkindlmarket)**







# Explore

Did you know the Fox River was designated a National Water Trail in 2023?

Find out more at

**FabulousFoxWaterTrail.org**

Fox River



Kayaking the  
Fox River in North  
Aurora, Illinois

## Aurora Area Fox River Guide

### **Batavia to North Aurora: 2.5 miles**

This easy, tree-lined stretch of river offers birdwatching, a rookery containing dozens of nests — egrets and waterfowl, on an island overlooked by Red Oak Nature Center.

### **North Aurora to 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 to Oswego: 6.5 miles**

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

### **Oswego to 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 available above Marge Cline Whitewater Course. Enjoy views of the Fox River from the patio at Southbank Original Barbecue.

## Mid-American Canoe & Kayak Race

Aurora

Experience the excitement of paddling the scenic Fox River while enjoying this classic tradition that dates back to the 1960s.

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

## Silver Springs State Fish and Wildlife Area

Yorkville

The Fox River runs through this picturesque area centered around a pool of clear bubbling water that sparkles like silver on sunny days and never freezes, even in the most extreme cold.

[dnr.illinois.gov](http://dnr.illinois.gov)

## Marge Cline Whitewater Course

Yorkville

Sport kayakers can practice their skills on the rapids at this purpose-built 1,100-foot-long bypass chute providing one of the only consistent sources for Class I and II rapids in the Midwest.

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



# Outfitters

## ASU Cycles

Aurora

Veteran-owned electric & traditional bike sales, rentals, and service.  
[asucycles.com](http://asucycles.com)

## The Bike Rack Oswego

Oswego

Full-service bike shop offering trail rides and repair classes.  
[thebikerack.com](http://thebikerack.com)

## BOJ-E-BIKES

Batavia

Rent a comfortable hybrid bicycle. Sales, service, repair center.  
[boj-e-bikes.com](http://boj-e-bikes.com)

## Howling Wolfe Canoe & Kayak

Aurora

Rentals, lessons, and guided trips on the Fox River.  
[howlingwolfe.com](http://howlingwolfe.com)

## Nock & Feather Kustom Archery

Aurora

Full-service archery & 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.  
[planosynergy.com](http://planosynergy.com)

## Prairie Path Cycles

Batavia

Bicycle retail and repair shop.  
[prairiepathcycles.com](http://prairiepathcycles.com)

## Windy City Soaring

Hinckley

Take an intro glide and tour scenic farmlands from above.  
[windycitysoaring.org](http://windycitysoaring.org)

## Yak Shack

Yorkville

Rent canoes, recreational kayaks, tube tracker inflatables.  
[yakshackonline.com](http://yakshackonline.com)

## Fermilab Natural Areas

Batavia

An ecosystem rich in biodiversity, the natural areas at Fermilab are open to the public and free to access year-round. Enjoy over 6,800 acres of pristine prairie where you can see bison, hike gorgeous trails, ski cross-country, and spot 300 native and migratory bird species.  
[ecology.fnal.gov](http://ecology.fnal.gov)

## Fox River Trail

Batavia to Oswego

Enjoy miles of trail for cycling, running, or a leisurely stroll along the Fox River through the communities of the Aurora Area.  
[foxvalleyparkdistrict.org/parks-trails/trails](http://foxvalleyparkdistrict.org/parks-trails/trails)

## Phillips Park

Aurora

Located on over 325 acres, the crown jewel of Aurora's parks offers a variety of fun, family-friendly amenities for all ages and interests, from aquatics and golfing to the zoo and sunken gardens.  
[aurora-il.org/893/Phillips-Park](http://aurora-il.org/893/Phillips-Park)

## Red Oak Nature Center

North Aurora

Nestled on the east bank of the Fox River and surrounded by 40 acres of lush forest and wildlife habitat, the center is an ideal setting for visitors to learn about the great outdoors through direct interaction with nature.  
[redoaknaturecenter.info](http://redoaknaturecenter.info)

## Saw Wee Kee Park

Oswego

Sitting on over 130 acres of Fox River shoreline, the rolling trails here are popular for off-road cycling, trail-running, and horseback riding.  
[oswegolandparkdistrict.org/parks](http://oswegolandparkdistrict.org/parks)

## Virgil L. Gilman Trail

Aurora to Sugar Grove

Bike or hike this gorgeous 12-mile trail connecting the Fox River Trail to the western communities of the Aurora Area and the wooded campus of Waubensee Community College in Sugar Grove.  
[kaneforest.com](http://kaneforest.com)



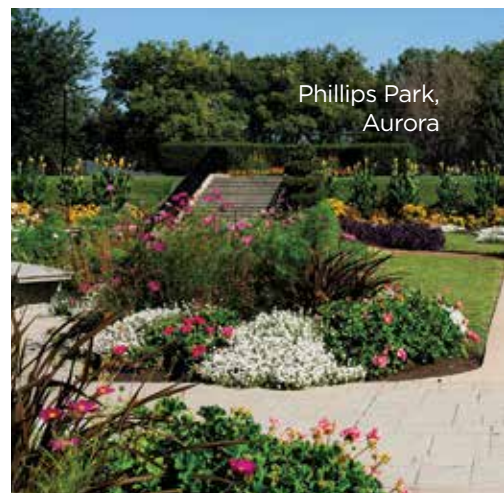
Fox River Trail,  
Montgomery



Fermilab Natural Areas,  
Batavia



Mid-American Canoe &  
Kayak Race



Phillips Park,  
Aurora



The Wonambi at  
Raging Waves Waterpark,  
Yorkville

# Splash

and beat the heat at the outstanding collection of water parks in the Aurora Area, including the state's largest at Raging Waves!

[EnjoyAurora.com/Waterparks](http://EnjoyAurora.com/Waterparks)



Raging Waves  
Waterpark,  
Yorkville



Hall Quarry Beach, Batavia



Phillips Park Family Aquatic Center,  
Aurora



## Civic Center Aquatic Park

Oswego

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

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

## Funway

Batavia

This action-packed play emporium is open year-round, featuring both indoor and outdoor activities for kids of all ages. Beat the heat with a ride on the bumper boats or challenge your friends to a water balloon slingshot game between rounds of mini-golf and roller skating.

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

## 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 with slides, islands, and multi-level dive platforms for swimmers of all ages and abilities.

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

## Phillips Park Family Aquatic Center

Aurora

Phillips Park Family Aquatic Center is a local favorite for its 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, lap lanes, and more.

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

## Raging Waves Waterpark

Aurora

At Raging Waves, you'll find 58 acres of family-friendly water attractions. With 32 different waterslides, experience gravity-defying thrills on rides like Wonambi and PJ's Plummet. More easygoing on-site attractions include a quarter-mile long lazy river, three kiddie areas, and a 350,000 gallon wave pool. New to the park: Aussie Mat Dash, a six-lane, wet and wild racetrack. A variety of tasty concessions and private cabana rentals make Raging Waves the perfect summer getaway.

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

**See ad on page 39.**

## Splash Country Water Park

Aurora

Take a refreshing dip at Splash Country in Aurora, a laid-back summertime chill spot with over a thousand feet of lazy river to cruise down on summer's hottest days. Zero-depth pools at the park are perfect for kids, while more active swimmers can play with spray guns, soak under an artificial waterfall, and work up a sweat at the volleyball courts.

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

## Sugar Grove Family Fun Center

Sugar Grove

Take a break from go-karts and mini-golf to play bumper boats and water wars!

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

## Vaughan Aquatic Center

Aurora

The Vaughan Aquatic Center & Indoor Water Park has a zero-depth pool, a lap pool, a warm-water therapy pool, a two-story enclosed waterslide, body slide, and interactive water elements.

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

Splash Country Water Park, Aurora



Phillips Park Family Aquatic Center, Aurora



Vaughan Aquatic Center, Aurora





FAMILY FUN

# Play

all day at the  
entertainment centers  
of the Aurora Area.

[EnjoyAurora.com/Family-Fun](http://EnjoyAurora.com/Family-Fun)

Funway,  
Batavia



Altitude,  
Oswego

## AURORA

### **Astro Fun World**

Glow-in-the-dark fun for kids of all ages with thrilling attractions like indoor "glow-karts" and themed party rooms. [astrofunworld.com](http://astrofunworld.com)

### **Aurora Skate Center**

Old-fashioned roller rink with modern amenities. Home to the Aurora 88's roller derby team. [skateaurora.com](http://skateaurora.com)

### **Kiddy Club**

Mom-founded indoor sandbox and playground at Pacifica Square. [kiddyclubplayground.com](http://kiddyclubplayground.com)

### **Legendary Escape Rooms & Axe Throwing**

Themed escape rooms, axe-throwing, and tic-tac-toe venue. [legendaryescaperooms.com/aurora](http://legendaryescaperooms.com/aurora)

### **Mega Fun Park**

Discover "the most fun under one roof" with dozens of attractions for all ages to enjoy. [megafunpark.com](http://megafunpark.com)

### **MISH MASH Adventures**

This urban adventure space at Fox Valley Mall recreates the challenges of video games and TV shows (without the slime!) [mishmashadventures.com](http://mishmashadventures.com)

### **Round 1 Bowling & Amusement**

Two floors of entertainment at Fox Valley Mall include bowling, billiards, arcade, and private karaoke rooms. [round1usa.com](http://round1usa.com)

### **Sky Zone Aurora Trampoline Park**

Take fun to new heights with trampoline dodgeball, basketball, and a new Ninja Warrior course! [skyzone.com/aurora](http://skyzone.com/aurora)

### **Sport Zone Family Fun Center**

Soccer, go-karts, mini-golf, indoor golf, batting cages. [ultimatesportzone.com](http://ultimatesportzone.com)

## BATAVIA

### **Funway**

Illinois' largest entertainment center with indoor & outdoor activities for the whole family to enjoy: bowling, roller rink, arcade, laser tag, and more! [funway.com](http://funway.com)

## OSWEGO

### **Altitude**

Aerial challenges abound at Oswego's trampoline park: walk walls, play wipeout, and soar on super-trampolines. [altitudeoswego.com](http://altitudeoswego.com)

## PLANO

### **Arts on Fire**

Paint your own pottery or take an art class at this hands-on ceramics workshop. Two locations available in downtown Plano and at Fox Valley Mall in Aurora. [artsonfireplano.com](http://artsonfireplano.com) [artsonfirefoxvalley.com](http://artsonfirefoxvalley.com)

## SUGAR GROVE

### **Sugar Grove Family Fun Center**

Go-karts, mini-golf, bumper boats, water wars, game room, golf range. [sugargrovethefamilyfuncenter.com](http://sugargrovethefamilyfuncenter.com)

## YORKVILLE

### **Pinz Entertainment Center**

One-stop-shop for bowling, volleyball and live entertainment. [pinzyorkville.com](http://pinzyorkville.com)

### **Riemenschneider Fire and Spray Park**

Baseball, softball fields, firefighter-themed play area. [yorkville.il.us](http://yorkville.il.us)



# AURORA AREA MUSEUM

## STICKER CHALLENGE

## Visit a local museum and win!

Our sticker challenge is a great way to discover Aurora Area museums with family & friends. Collect a row of museums and mail in your sticker sheet for a free gift!



## Congratulations!

If you have collected a "Bingo" row of museum stickers and applied them here, just fill out the form and mail or drop off your completed sheet at the offices of the Aurora Area Convention & Visitors Bureau at: **43 W. Galena Boulevard, Aurora, Illinois 60506.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_





# Discover

attractions and museums that  
inspire a lifelong love of learning  
and discovery.

**EnjoyAurora.com/Museums**

Batavia Depot Museum,  
Batavia



Left: David L. Pierce Art & History Center,  
Aurora

## AURORA

### **Abbey Farms**

Grow memories at this family-friendly agritourism destination, where you can enjoy seasonal events, a cafe, and Kane County's largest corn maze.  
[abbeyfarms.org](http://abbeyfarms.org)

### **Aurora Regional Fire Museum**

This historic fire station educates and entertains kids of all ages with firefighting equipment and interactive exhibits.  
[auroraregionalfiremuseum.org](http://auroraregionalfiremuseum.org)

**See ad on page 39.**

### **Blackberry Farm**

Blackberry Farm is a living history museum where pioneer life is re-created through educational demonstrations and hands-on fun.  
[blackberryfarm.info](http://blackberryfarm.info)

**See ad on page 67.**

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

Rotating innovative art exhibits. Historical photographs, books, maps, and other memorabilia related to the rich history of Aurora.  
[aurorahistory.net](http://aurorahistory.net)

### **Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall**

Memorial for Aurora's Civil War veterans was built in 1878 and is now open to the public as a museum.  
[aurora-il.org/372/Grand-Army-of-the-Republic](http://aurora-il.org/372/Grand-Army-of-the-Republic)

### **Phillips Park**

This 325-acre park is home to a zoo featuring a variety of North American wildlife, Sunken Garden, Visitor Center, and the Mastodon Gallery, where prehistoric bones unearthed from the park's construction are on display. Free admission year-round.  
[aurora-il.org/893/Phillips-Park](http://aurora-il.org/893/Phillips-Park)

### **Schingoethe Center of Aurora University**

With a mission to preserve and perpetuate Native American cultures, this Smithsonian-affiliated museum builds bridges between the classroom and the world beyond.  
[aurora.edu/museum](http://aurora.edu/museum)



### William Tanner House

Experience Aurora's past through this fully furnished 1856 Italianate home with reenactments, decorations, and events.  
aurorahistory.net

## BATAVIA

### Batavia Depot Museum

This repurposed rail depot is home to a museum that tells the story of Batavia's past to present, including an exhibit on Mary Todd Lincoln.

bataviahistoricalsociety.org

**See ad on page 66.**

### Water Street Studios

Art classes, performing arts events, gallery exhibitions, and private rentals in this historic venue.

waterstreetstudios.org

## BIG ROCK

### Big Rock Historical Society Museum

Artifacts from the century-old Plowing Match and Welsh immigrants. Limited hours, call ahead: 630.698.0626.

bigrocklibrary.org

## HINCKLEY

### Hinckley Historical Society Museum

Fascinating collections highlight a range of topics, from Hinckley's brush with Hollywood to hosting the Harlem Globetrotters.

## MONTGOMERY

### Dickson-Murst Farm

One of the original family farms of the Aurora Area is now a venue for agricultural education and unique public events.

theconservationfoundation.org/about-us/  
dickson-murst-farm

### Settler's Cottage Museum

Tour Montgomery's oldest structure. Limited hours, call ahead: 630.896.8080  
ci.montgomery.il.us

## NORTH AURORA

### Red Oak Nature Center

Interpretive center, trails, Devil's Cave, tree-house play area, wetlands boardwalk.  
foxvalleyparkdistrict.org

## OSWEGO

Win when you explore the museums of the Aurora Area.

**See page 49 to play!**

### Little White School Museum

Connect with the rich history of Oswego at this community landmark dating back to 1850.

littlewhiteschoolmuseum.org

## PLANO

### Edith Farnsworth House

Mies van der Rohe's mid-century modern masterpiece is an acclaimed example of the International architectural style.

edithfarnsworthhouse.org

**See ad on page 66.**

### Woody's Orchard

Seasonal apple orchard and agritourism destination with a wide array of activities and photo ops to make lasting memories.

woodysortchard.com

## SUGAR GROVE

### Air Classics Museum of Aviation

Aircraft, vehicles, uniforms and other aviation memorabilia from 1930s to the present.

airclassicsmuseum.org

### Bliss House Museum

Historical exhibits about the Village of Sugar Grove and surrounding area. Open Tuesdays 1-4 p.m. or by appt.

sugargrovehistory.org

## YORKVILLE

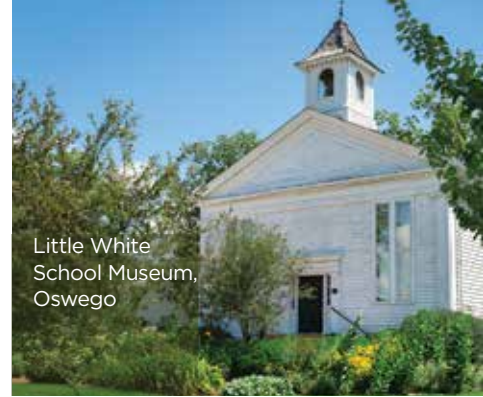
### Kendall County Historic Courthouse

Learn about Kendall County's natural resources, insects, prairies, and indigenous peoples with living exhibits in the Laws of Nature center.

### Lyon Farm & Village

Connecting the past to future generations by experiencing and understanding lifestyles, traditions, and farming practices of Kendall County via exhibits, artifacts, and events.

lyonfarmkchs.org



Little White School Museum, Oswego



Edith Farnsworth House, Plano



Phillips Park, Aurora



Hinckley Historical Society Museum, Hinckley



Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall, Aurora



Aurora Regional Fire Museum, Aurora





**Foxes Den  
Meadery**  
Yorkville

Owner Rico Bianchi labels each bottle by hand, bringing an ancient recipe to today's mead enthusiast.

# 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.

**EnjoyAurora.com/LocalMakers**



**Endiro Coffee**

Aurora

From coffee tree to coffee cup, Endiro Coffee is dedicated to brewing a community of goodness.



endiro  
coffee



**Illuminate Space**

Batavia

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





Hardware



Fox Valley Winery

## Hardware

North Aurora

You can dine local year-round at Hardware, a sustainable gastropub and brewery serving unique eats.

## 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.



Hearth & Hammer



Wurst Kitchen

## Hearth & Hammer

Batavia

Follow your nose to this candle studio and general store, where owners Ariane and Andy treat guests to a smell sensation.

## Wurst Kitchen

Aurora

Making the finest all-natural handmade sausages and smoked meats since 1895.



Two Brothers Roundhouse



Ms Jana's Candy



## Two Brothers Roundhouse

Aurora

For over 25 years, brothers Jim & Jason Ebel have crafted award-winning brews using a sustainable brewing process.

## Ms Jana's Candy

Aurora

A family dare gone right, Ms Jana's mouth-watering treats are sure to delight.



## Atrévete Confections

Chicago-trained Chef Jacqueline Mejia treats sweet lovers to French-inspired pastries and confections.



Atrévete Confections



Look for this icon highlighting Illinois Made destinations, celebrating small businesses whose uniquely Illinoisan style and creativity set our locally made goods apart. Learn more at [EnjoyAurora.com/IllinoisMade](http://EnjoyAurora.com/IllinoisMade)



# Shop Around



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

**EnjoyAurora.com/Shopping**

Chicago Premium Outlets,  
Aurora



Fox Valley,  
Aurora

## 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](http://premiumoutlets.com/outlet/chicago)

**See ad on inside front cover.**

## Fox Valley

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



Pacifica Square,  
Aurora






## Boutiques

Wyckwood House,  
Aurora

For dressing up (or down), shop these  
Aurora Area boutiques.

Look for this icon  that indicates Aurora Downtown locations.



The Rustic Fox, North Aurora

### Bella-gia Boutique

Oswego

Women's clothing & accessories,  
the hottest trends at great prices.  
[bella-gia.com](http://bella-gia.com)

### Hudson Design House

Oswego

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

### K. Hollis Jewelers

Batavia

Independent jewelry and fashion  
boutique with a lively wine bar  
and event space.  
[khollisjewelers.com](http://khollisjewelers.com)

### Melissa Jean Boutique

Oswego

Look and feel fabulous in today's  
latest fashions.  
[melissajeانبoutique.com](http://melissajeانبoutique.com)

### PreMil

Aurora

Sport- and street-inspired apparel,  
sneaker, and media brand.  
[premilshop.com](http://premilshop.com)

### The Rustic Fox

North Aurora

Upscale boutique marketplace  
showcasing over 150 vendors.  
[therusticfoxhome.com](http://therusticfoxhome.com)

### Wyckwood House

Aurora

Lifestyle and apparel boutique  
with a cocktail bar.  
[wyckwoodhouse.com](http://wyckwoodhouse.com)



Hudson Design House, Oswego





Warehouse 55,  
Aurora

## Antiques & Vintage

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

### AURORA

#### **Offbeat Vintage Collective**

Hip, contemporary boutique featuring apparel, art, and décor.  
[linktr.ee/offbeat\\_thrift](https://linktr.ee/offbeat_thrift)

#### **Out of the Attic Antiques**

Unique assortment at one of Chicagoland's largest antique malls.  
[outoftheatticantiques.info](https://outoftheatticantiques.info)

#### **Thrift & Dollar Inc.**

Located at Northgate Shopping Center—site of the Northgate Sign, a mid-century neon classic.  
[thriftanddollar.com](https://thriftanddollar.com)

#### **Warehouse 55**

This antique shopping destination is home to unique finds spanning decades and aesthetics.  
[warehousefiftyfive.com](https://warehousefiftyfive.com)

### BATAVIA

#### **715 Vintage**

Discover your passion for all things worn, torn, and tarnished.

#### **Bee-Attitudes Antiques**

Experience the charm of antique shopping in the grand old Gammon mansion.  
[beeattitudesantiques.com](https://beeattitudesantiques.com)

#### **Red Hive Market**

Quality antiques, jewelry, and vintage décor.  
[redhivemarket.com](https://redhivemarket.com)

### NORTH AURORA

#### **Past & Present Shoppes**

Antique market representing a wide mix of styles, from shabby chic to mid-century modern.

#### **Scott's Vintage**

Floor-to-ceiling wonders and oddities at this retro-themed resale shop.

#### **The Vintage Market**

Discover over 60 vintage vendors at one of the largest markets in the area.  
[vintagemarketil.com](https://vintagemarketil.com)

### Happenstance Goods, Oswego



Olde Farm Creek, Yorkville

### OSWEGO

#### **Happenstance Goods**

Wide variety of vintage & antique furniture and décor.  
[happenstancegoods.com](https://happenstancegoods.com)

### PLANO

#### **Plaid Umbrella Collective**

Collaborative market offering antique furnishings, books, and apparel in downtown Plano on Route 34.  
[plaidumbrellacollective.com](https://plaidumbrellacollective.com)

### YORKVILLE

#### **Olde Farm Creek**

Vintage farmhouse and industrial home décor destination, check website for hours and event times.  
[oldefarmcreek.com](https://oldefarmcreek.com)

#### **Vintage 71 Shops**

Vintage, repurposed, farmhouse items and more at this destination collection of independent boutiques.



# Crafted

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



More Polish Pottery, Big Rock



Esther's Place Fiber Arts,  
Big Rock



Superjumbo,  
Aurora

## Arts & Culture

Discover local sights & sounds at these unique shops.

### Aurora Historical Society Museum Store & Gift Shop

Aurora

Shop Aurora gifts from vintage to modern, including shirts, books, and wall art.

### Cremer Guitarworks

North Aurora

Guitar repair shop with curated selection of vintage instruments.  
cremerguitarworks.com

### DeMont Guitars

Oswego

High-quality guitars and effects specializing in custom-built pieces.  
demontguitars.com

### Gary Brown Art

Aurora

Experience fine art creations at this retail gallery located in a historic building.

### Kiss the Sky

Batavia

Spacious new & used record store with a weekend concert series.  
kissthesky.net

### The Cotton Seed Creative Exchange

Aurora

Creative marketplace with handmade items and Aurora-themed gifts.  
thecottonseedex.com

### Crystal House

Aurora

Etched glassware and custom gifts.  
crystalhouse.us

### 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

### Hearth & Hammer

Batavia

Modern neighborhood general store and candle-making studio.  
hearthandhammer.co

### Light & Pine Collective

Batavia

Boutique mall hosting a unique collection of independent crafters.  
lightandpinecollective.com

### More Polish Pottery

Big Rock

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

**See ad on page 59.**

### Superjumbo

Aurora

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

### Undisputed Vintage

Aurora

Rare, collectible vintage and sports apparel, shoes, and accessories.  
undisputedvtg.com

### Yellow Bird Books

Aurora

Indie bookstore with lit-themed merchandise.  
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)

## Calla Lily Salon & Spa

Aurora

Relax, rejuvenate, and restore at this tea room and salon/spa.

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

## CatTalpa Manor

Batavia

Rare plant shop with locally made art & décor.

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

## Farmdog Flowers

Batavia

Ground-to-vase grower of decorative blooms.

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

## Floral Expressions & Gifts

Oswego

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

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

## Nide Jardin

Aurora

Unique cacti and houseplants along with a variety of culturally rooted self-care products

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

## The Growing Place

Aurora

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

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

## The Olive Gallery

Yorkville

Artisan olive oils & vinegars sourced from around the world.

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

## The Tea Tree

Batavia

Loose leaf teas, gourmet oils, fresh spices, and kitchen items.

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



Blissful Blooms,  
Aurora



The Growing Place,  
Aurora



Floral Expressions & Gifts,  
Oswego



# Markets

Shop seasonal farm fresh items and local artisan wares.

## Abbey Farms

Aurora  
Monk-brewed beer and farm-fresh items available at this agritourism destination.  
[abbeyfarms.org](http://abbeyfarms.org)

## Aurora Farmers Market

The oldest farmers market in Illinois returns to its scenic downtown location every Saturday.  
[aurora-il.org](http://aurora-il.org)

## Batavia Boardwalk Shops

Outdoor market featuring a seasonal collection of artisan startups.  
[downtownbatavia.com/batavia-boardwalk-shops/](http://downtownbatavia.com/batavia-boardwalk-shops/)

## Batavia Farmers Market

Shop the makers and merchants of River Street in downtown Batavia each Saturday morning, all year round.  
[downtownbatavia.com](http://downtownbatavia.com)

## Oswego Country Market

A country-style market where you can get to know the farmers and craftspeople who gather to sell their wares on Sunday mornings.  
[oswegolandparkdistrict.org](http://oswegolandparkdistrict.org)

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630.907.9977  
[ihg.com/candlewood](http://ihg.com/candlewood)

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AURORA  
**Hampton Inn & Suites  
Aurora**

2423 Bushwood Dr., Aurora  
630.907.2600  
[hamptoninnandsuitesaurora.com](http://hamptoninnandsuitesaurora.com)

Located right off I-88 with all-new guest rooms and suites. Amenities include indoor swimming complex with kiddie pool and hot tub. All new rooms and suites as well as new kid suites with bunkbeds. Expansive exercise facility, free high-speed internet access and hot breakfast. Conference center features five different meeting rooms and full A/V capabilities.



AURORA  
**Holiday Inn  
Aurora-North Naperville**

2424 W. Sullivan Rd., Aurora  
630.806.7400  
[holidayinn.com/aurorail](http://holidayinn.com/aurorail)

Full-service hotel with outstanding amenities and service. Unwind at the indoor pool and rejuvenate at the 24-hour fitness center. Complimentary high-speed wireless internet, business center, and easy access to major expressways. Banquet meeting space for up to 40 guests with full-service dining menus.





AURORA

## **Holiday Inn Express & Suites Aurora-Naperville**

111 N. Broadway, Aurora  
630.896.2800  
hieaurora.com

Aurora's only downtown hotel features an indoor pool and spa, fitness center, and complimentary hot breakfast buffet. All new rooms and suites as well as amazing kid suites with bunkbeds. Conference services for up to 48 people. Walking distance to Metra rail service to/from Chicago and major attractions in downtown Aurora, including RiverEdge Park and Paramount Theatre.



AURORA

## **Homewood Suites by Hilton**

4320 Meridian Pkwy., Aurora  
630.978.2222  
homewoodauroranaperville.com

All-suite hotel designed for business, leisure, or relocation. Spacious one-bedroom and two-bed/bath suites come with complimentary hot breakfast buffet and evening dinner receptions. Indoor pool, hot tub, and outdoor sport court. Walking distance to Route 59 Metra rail and minutes from downtown Aurora.



AURORA

## **Super 8 by Wyndham Aurora-Naperville**

4228 Longmeadow Dr., Aurora  
630.423.8668  
wyndhamhotels.com/super-8

Comfort and value come with your room at the Super 8 Aurora. Conveniently located right off Route 34 and close to I-88, this hotel is within easy reach of Chicago and a number of popular local destinations like Paramount Theatre, Hollywood Casino, and Fox Valley Mall.



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4005 Gabrielle Ln., Aurora  
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qualityinn.com

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## **NORTH AURORA Comfort Inn & Suites**

308 S. Lincolnway, North Aurora  
630.897.7695  
choicehotels.com/il539

Get a great night's rest at this newly renovated hotel, conveniently located near major attractions and I-88. Indoor pool and modern fitness center, free wi-fi, microwave and refrigerator in room, and premium bedding. Spacious modern lobby with free coffee and fireplaces.



## **NORTH AURORA My Place Hotel**

1000 Kilbery Lane, North Aurora  
630.256.8485  
myplacehotels.com

Extended stay hotel located just steps from one of the top dining destinations in the region. Great for short- and long-term travelers, My Place welcomes you to a clean hotel with pet-friendly guest rooms and the convenience of an in-room kitchen.

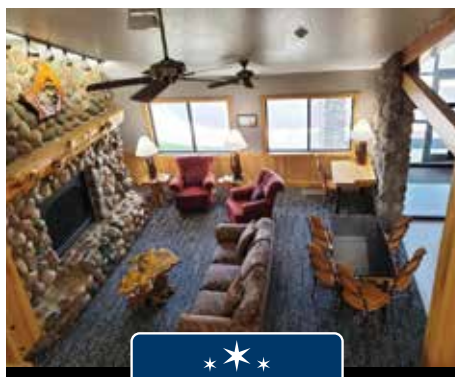




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[wyndhamhotels.com/ameriinn](http://wyndhamhotels.com/ameriinn)

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**Best**  
**Western**  
**Oswego**

2055 Wiesbrook Dr., Oswego  
 630.844.4700  
[bestwestern.com/oswegohotel](http://bestwestern.com/oswegohotel)

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**Hampton Inn**  
**Yorkville**

310 E. Countryside Pkwy., Yorkville  
 630.553.9805  
[yorkville.hamptoninn.com](http://yorkville.hamptoninn.com)

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**YORKVILLE**  
**Holiday Inn Express &**  
**Suites Yorkville**

577 E. Kendall Drive, Yorkville  
 630.882.0600  
[hiexpress.com/yorkvilleil](http://hiexpress.com/yorkvilleil)

Yorkville's newest hotel property offers a complimentary hot breakfast bar, indoor pool and hot tub, high-speed internet, fitness center, and business center for your traveling convenience.



**YORKVILLE**  
**Super 8 by Wyndham**  
**Yorkville**

1510A N. Bridge St., Yorkville  
 630.553.1634  
[wyndhamhotels.com/super-8](http://wyndhamhotels.com/super-8)

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### Big Rock Campground

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630.444.1200  
[kaneforest.com/location/  
big-rock-campground](http://kaneforest.com/location/big-rock-campground)

Located in Big Rock Forest Preserve, campers can choose from over 100 sites with or without electric, primitive (tent only) or equestrian-friendly. Campground offers a horseback riding area and access to 10.3 miles of multi-use trails.

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### **Arranmore Farm & Polo Club**

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

### **Ashley Farm**

Yorkville

Tasteful country venue for events with memorable touches throughout.

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

### **Belle Salle Banquets**

Aurora

Elegant accommodations at an upscale venue with a spacious ballroom.

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### **Company 251**

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[company251.com](http://company251.com)

### **Fox River's Edge Theatre**

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

### **Fox Valley Weddings**

Aurora

Rustic-modern venues The Wilds and The Barn offered by Fox Valley Park District.

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

**See ad on page 67.**

### **Gray's Mill Estate**

Montgomery

Beautifully renovated historical venue on the Fox River.

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

### **The Homestead 1854**

Plano

Spirited and refined experiences that marry vintage with modern amenities.

[thehomestead1854.com](http://thehomestead1854.com)



### **Loft 28 West**

Aurora

Above Ballydoyle Irish Pub in Aurora, this modern loft space hosts memorable events.

[loft28west.com](http://loft28west.com)



### **Meyer Ballroom**

Aurora

The jaw-dropping Meyer Ballroom includes floor-to-ceiling windows with panoramic views of the historic Paramount Theatre and beautiful Fox River.

[paramountaurora.com/weddings](http://paramountaurora.com/weddings)

### **Northfork Farm**

Yorkville

Events with pastoral charm at this thoroughbred horse farm.

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

### **Revelry 675**

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Stylish modern event space with scenic river views.

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Northfork Farm,  
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## Rosewood Farm

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Flower and vegetable farm with flexible gathering space for weddings & events.

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



## Society 57

Aurora

Rich history & modern design with picturesque river views.

[society57.com](http://society57.com)

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## Venue 5126

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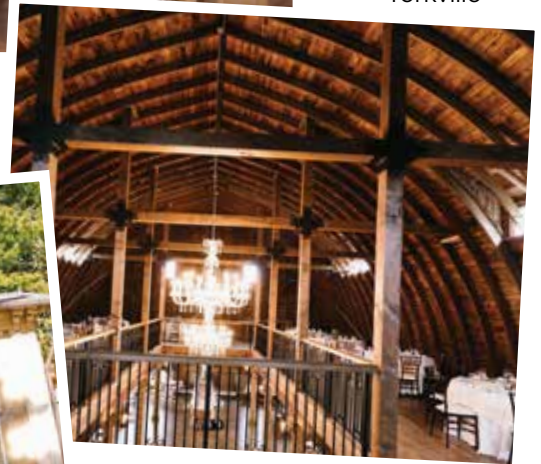
Elegant, rustic and picturesque country barn venue on seven acres with outdoor ceremony spaces.

[venue5126.com](http://venue5126.com)



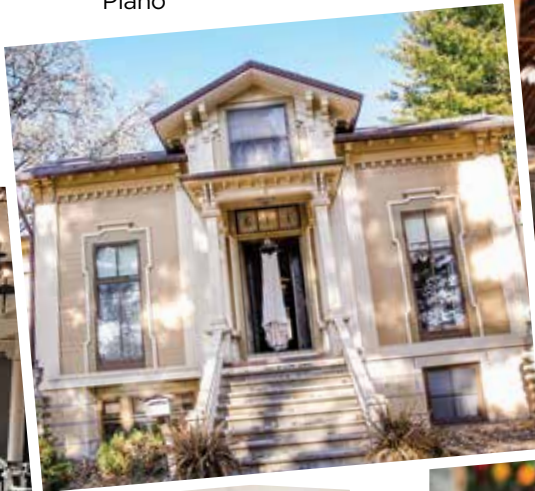
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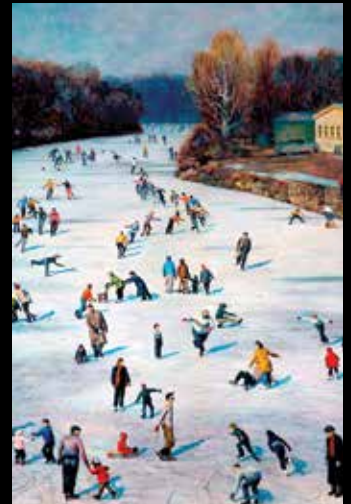


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