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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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On the Cover

Fairy Godmother (Jerica Exum) makes a surprise appearance before Cinderella (Mikayla Renfrow) in Paramount Theatre's Broadway Series production of Cinderella, directed by Brenda Didier. Photo by Liz Lauren.

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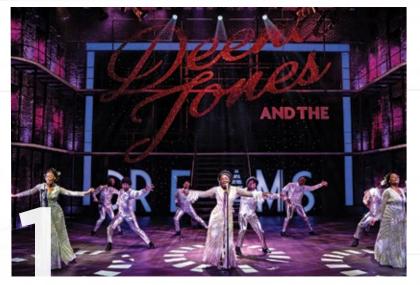
The Venue is a 200-seat music listening space boasting incredible acoustics, cozy seating and a selection of wines and craft beers brewed in the Fox Valley. The Venue hosts local, regional and national touring acts performing Blues, Roots, Jazz, Rock & Roll and more! The Venue's warm, inviting atmosphere makes it a great place to host seminars and events. Visit the website for the most up-to-date calendar, tickets, showtimes, directions, parking information, rental availability and more.

THEMUSICVENUE.ORG 21 S BROADWAY, AURORA, IL | 331.212.8490

10 Ways to #enjoyaurora

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

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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.



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.



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.



Concerts Under the Stars

RiverEdge Park, Aurora

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



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.



Shop Small (even at the mall)

Fox Valley Mall, 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.



Savor Craft Flavors

Oswego Brewing Co., Oswego

The Aurora Area is home to a delicious mix of craft breweries, wineries, distilleries, and even a meadery. Take a self-guided tour and peek behind the scenes at enjoyaurora.com/craft.



Do Dinner and a Show

Stolp Island Social, Aurora

Reserve your seats and find a local dining destination for pre- or post-show eats with our regularly updated Dinner & a Show guide at enjoyaurora.com/dinnershow



Hit the Trails

Riverfront Park, North Aurora

Our gorgeous stretch of the Fox River is at the heart of a vibrant trail network. Whether you hike, bike, or paddle, discover outstanding opportunities for outdoor recreation.



Hidden Gems

More Polish Pottery, Big Rock

Experience true heartland charm at hidden gem shops & restaurants in the rural regions of the Aurora Area, from farms and agritourism festivals to fiber arts and a "Polish pottery field of dreams."

COMMUNITIES

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 heritage steaks and craft cocktails at Amy Morton's Stolp Island Social.

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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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

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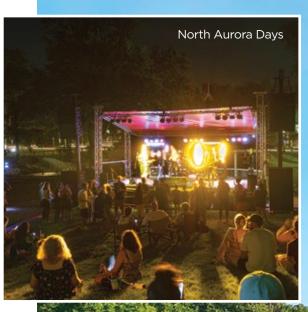
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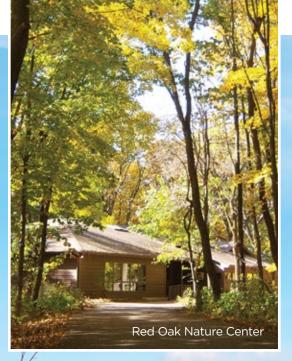
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RiverEdge Park on the Fox River

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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.

EnjoyAurora.com/NorthAurora













Kayaking the Fox River



Harner's Bakery & Restaurant











OSWEGO

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

EnjoyAurora.com/Oswego



Sunflowers at Keller's Farmstand





Marge Cline Whitewater Course

Downtown Yorkville's Riverfront Park

YORKVILLE

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

EnjoyAurora.com/Yorkville

Raging Waves

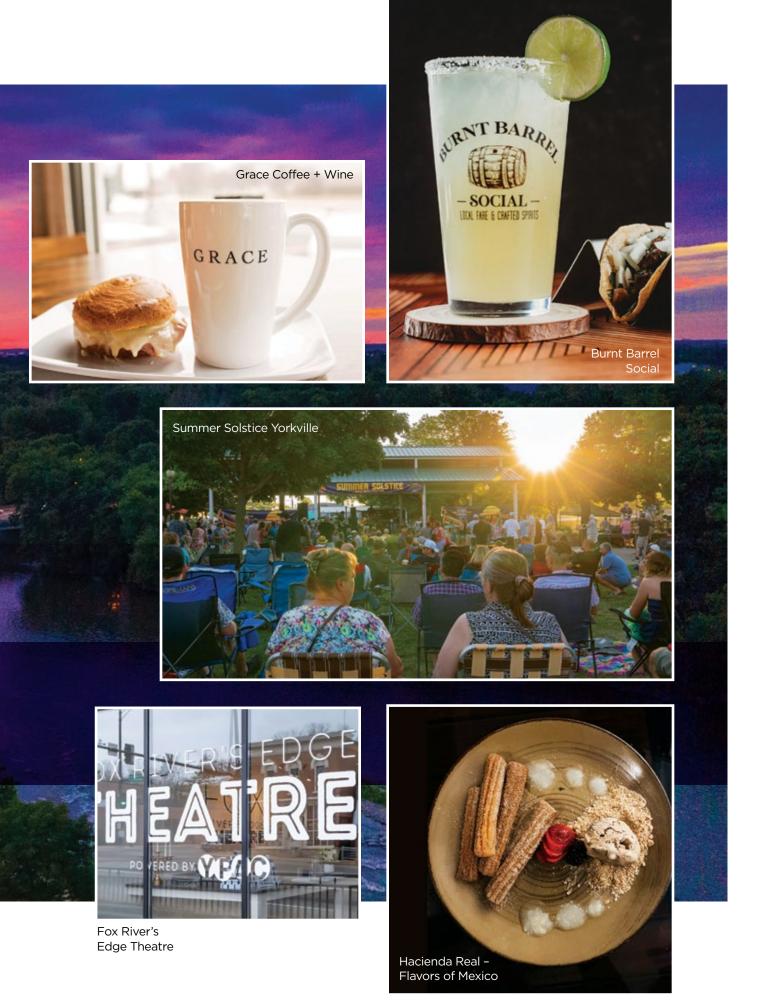


Photo at left: Kayaking the Fox River from downtown Batavia



Batavia MainStreet Events



BATAVIA

Batavia's relaxed riverside vibe is complemented by attractions like the new Boardwalk Shops and a calendar full of themed community events.

EnjoyAurora.com/Batavia



Water Street Studios

Gray's Mill



Stuart Sports Complex



Atrévete Confections

Montgomery Fest

ONTGOMERY

A fast-growing community with a lot to offer, including historic attractions, an Illinois Made designated confectionery, and the region's largest outdoor sports venue.

EnjoyAurora.com/Montgomery

Big Rock Plowing Match



Esther's Place

BIG ROCK

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

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Windy City Soaring

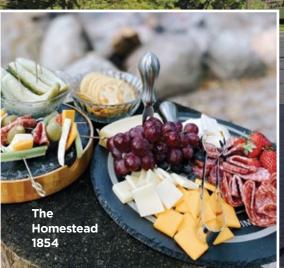


Dairy Joy

HINCKLEY

A Lincoln Highway highlight featuring old-fashioned eats & treats, and a site where you can access mile-high views of the Aurora Area.

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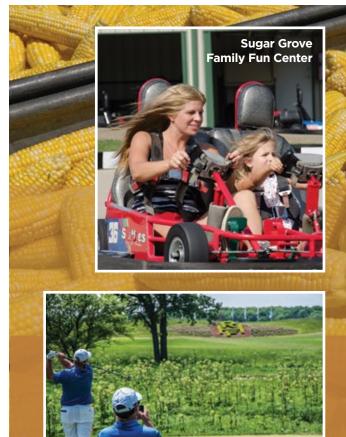


Edith Farnsworth

House

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

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Rich Harvest Farms SUGAR GROVE

Discover an extraordinary set of attractions and events in this village with a storied agricultural history.

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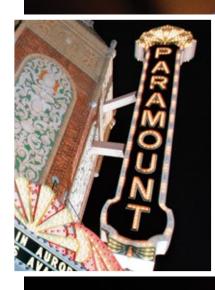
lt's Showtime

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



Little Shop of Horrors Aug. - Oct. 2023



Paramount Theatre

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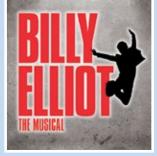
See Chicagoland's best Broadway shows and the world's most entertaining live acts at this award-winning theater.

paramountaurora.com See ad on back cover.

Dream Girls







Roald Dahl's Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Nov. 2023 - Jan. 2024 **Billy Elliot** Feb. - Mar. 2024



Beautiful: The Carole King Musical Apr. - June 2024

Paramount Theatre Broadway Series

2023-2024 SHOW LINEUP paramountaurora.com

Stories that rock, enchant, charm, and inspire are on tap for Paramount's next season.

Copley Theatre BOLD Series

2023-2024 SHOW LINEUP paramountaurora.com/bold

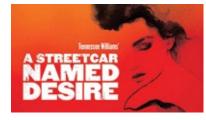
Intimate, professional live theater experiences that are fearless, unexpected, and thought-provoking in a word, this series at Paramount's Copley Theatre is BOLD.



Next to Normal Jul. - Sept. 2023



That the Constitution Means to Me Oct. - Nov. 2023



A Streetcar Named Desire Mar. - Apr. 2024

Look for this icon 虁 that indicates Aurora Downtown locations.

The Paramount Theatre opened in Aurora, Illinois in 1931. It was designed by Rapp and Rapp in the Art Deco style with Venetian elements. It was renovated in 1978 and is listed on the U.S. Register of Historic Places.

lt's Showtime

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

EnjoyAurora.com/Shows

Downtown Aurora is easily accessible via public transportation. **Traveling from Chicago?** Take the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) to the Aurora Transportation Center.

Public parking is available. Plan your visit with a visual map at auroradowntown.org/parking

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 new Packard Room event space.

ballydoylepub.com

The Comedy Shrine

Aurora

Comedy is on tap every night of the week featuring top performers from around the country and homegrown local talent at Fox Valley Mall in Aurora. comedyshrine.com

The Comedy Vault

Batavia

Comedy club featuring national touring stand-up comics and local talent in a unique venue new to downtown Batavia.

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

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

The Piazza

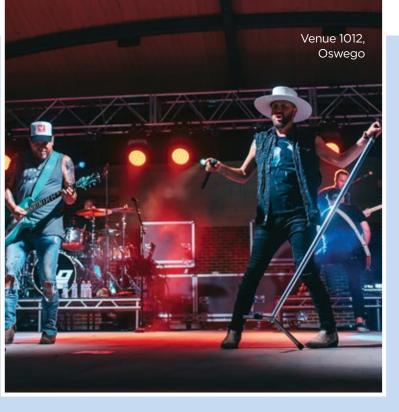
Aurora

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

Saddle Up at Q Saloon and Eatery

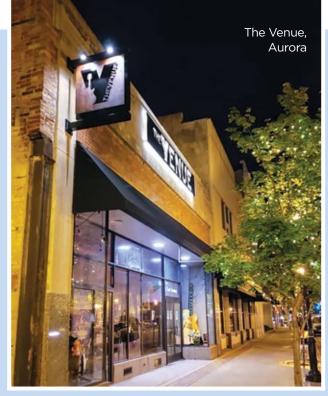
Aurora

Country & western themed entertainment venue offers line dancing and Tex-Mex eats. saddleupatq.com









Sidecar Supper Club & Beer Garden

Batavia

Indoor/outdoor live music venue and gastropub on the River Street "woonerf" in downtown Batavia. 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 See ad on page 25.

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 See ad on page 5.

Venue 1012

Oswego

Oswego's new home for the performing arts is an outdoor venue hosting live music, movies, and signature events like the Oswego Country Bash. venue1012.com

lt's Showtime

at River Edge Park in Aurora









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.

RiverEdge Park

Aurora

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

2023 SHOW LINEUP

Blues on the Fox Festival June 16-17, 2023

The Troubadour Project June 24, 2023

Too Hype Crew June 30, 2023

7th Heaven July 7, 2023

STYX July 11, 2023

Flo Rida July 21, 2023

Hollywood Nights July 28, 2023

Stayin' Alive August 5, 2023

Get The Led Out August 18, 2023

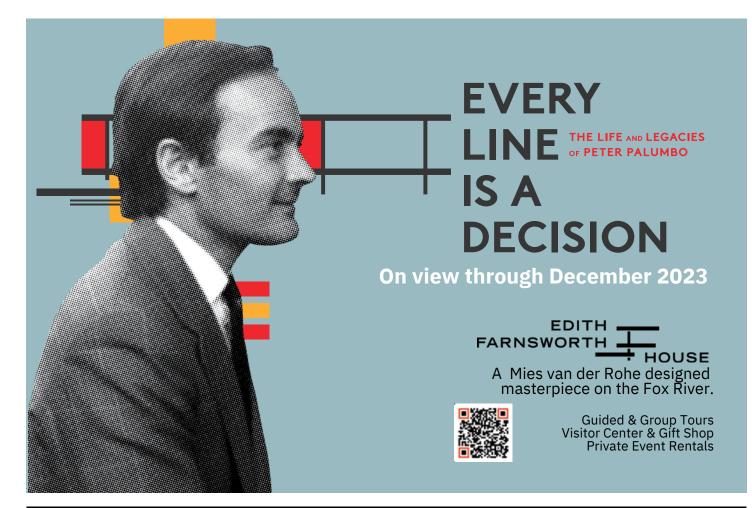
Poi Dog Pondering August 26, 2023

Rick Springfield August 31, 2023

REO Speedwagon September 2, 2023

Fiestas Patrias September 9-10, 202

Water Lantern Festival September 16, 2023



DOWNTOWN AURORA



Let's Dine

For date night or any occasion, enjoy a meal at these delicious destinations. Find our guide at **EnjoyAurora.com/Dining**

> Altiro Latin Fusion, Aurora





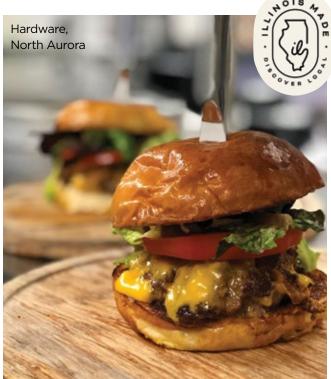


Photos at left and below: Amy Morton's Stolp Island Social, Aurora



Dinner and a Show

Pair your next night out with a delicious dining experience in the Aurora Area. Find our guide at **EnjoyAurora.com/DinnerShow**





Gray's Mill Estate, Montgomery



113 Main, Oswgeo

113 Main

Oswego Eclectic American dining in the heart of downtown Oswego. 113main.com

Amy Morton's Stolp Island Social

Aurora

Amy Morton's inviting eatery offers a lively steakhouse vibe next door to the Paramount Theatre. stolpislandsocial.com

🕹 Altiro Latin Fusion

Aurora

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

Basils Greek Dining

Aurora Contemporary Greek taverna. basilsdining.com

৬ 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, multiplatform hospitality space on the Fox River with a beer garden. 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

Mirus

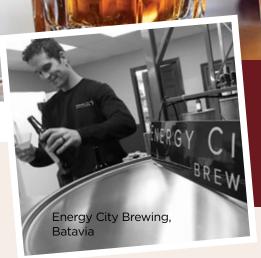
Batavia Globally-inspired small plates restaurant with scenic views of downtown Batavia. mirusbatavia.com

Silver Fox Bar & Grill

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

The Turf Room

North Aurora Rustic New American lounge with private dining options and an awardwinning wine list. theturfroomrestaurant.com



Aspen Lane Wine Company Aurora

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

Brother Chimp Brewing

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

Energy City Brewing

Batavia

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

Craft to Glass

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

Check out the self-guided, local craft brewery tour at **EnjoyAurora.com/CraftBeerTour**

Foxes Den Meadery

Yorkville

Micro-meadery creating hand-crafted artisan honey wine. foxesdenmeadery.com

Fox Valley Winery

Oswego

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

Hardware

North Aurora

Sustainable gastropub & brewery serving delicious food and over 400 whiskeys, plus ground-to-glass beers grown at the B.B.G.B. Hop Farm. eathardware.com

Hopvine Brewing Company Aurora

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

McCarty Mills Aurora

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

Oswego Brewing Co.

Oswego

Rave reviews and experimental brews are on tap at this craft brewery located in the heart of downtown Oswego. oswegobrewing.com

Sturdy Shelter Brewing

Batavia

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

Two Brothers Roundhouse

Aurora

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

twobrothersbrewing.com/roundhouse

PUBS & BURGERS

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

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



b Ballydoyle Irish Pub

Aurora Traditional Irish food and drink in a cozy pub with live music and events. ballydoylepub.com

Bulldog Ale House

Aurora, North Aurora American pub chain with dozens of craft beers on tap. bulldogalehouse.com

Burnt Barrel Social

Yorkville Comfortable lounge with farm-fresh food and craft cocktails. burntbarrelsocial.com

Fireside Grille

Sugar Grove American traditions grilled to perfection in a cozy supper-club style space. thefiresidegrille.com

Gammon Coach House

Batavia American comfort food and a rotating selection of craft beers. gammoncoachhouse.com

Oak Street Restaurant & Bar

North Aurora Friendly, spacious restaurant and sports bar. oakstreetrestaurant.com

O'Malley's Pub & Eatery

Aurora Friendly, casual sports bar near Phillips Park Golf Course. omalleysaurora.com

Oswego Inn

Oswego Casual downtown bar serving comfort food.

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

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 House

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

Tap House Grill

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

b 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









Pubs with Great Grub

Whether to watch a big game or to catch up with friends and family, try one of these casual spots for lunch, dinner, and live entertainment.

Ballydoyle, Aurora



Latin American Cuisine

Take your tastebuds on a tour of Central and South America.



Photos, left to right: La Marimba, Oswego Hacienda Real, Yorkville

lice's Corner

Aurora Bolivian empanadas, sandwiches, and signature desserts. alicescorner.com

Bien Chido Mexican Grill Plano

Hip, cozy, highly rated taco stand. bienchidomexicangrill.com

Bocaditos Cafe

Batavia Authentic Argentinian street food, pastries, and coffee. bocaditos.cafe

El Jefe

Aurora Authentic Mexican food grilled to perfection in a modern setting. eljeferestaurant.net

El Taco Grande

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

Grumpy Gaucho

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

Jefa Tacos

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

La Marimba

Oswego Chic, authentic Mexican restaurant and bar in downtown Oswego. 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

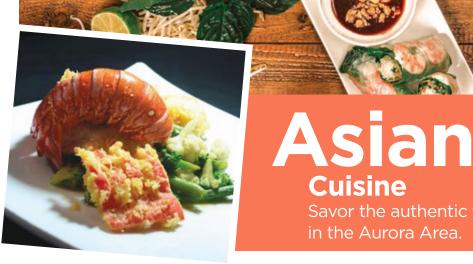
Que Brava

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

Taco Madre

North Aurora Gourmet taco & burrito chain. thetacomadre.com





Swordfish Contemporary Sushi, Batavia

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

🛻 Little Leilani Asian Fusion

Aurora Delicious bowls, mains, and vakitori. leilaniasianfusion.com

Mason Wok & Sushi

Oswego Modern Chinese and sushi with a cocktail bar. masonwoksushioswego.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

in the Aurora Area.

Cuisine

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

Pacifica Square, Aurora

Swordfish Contemporary Sushi

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

Thai Village

Savor the authentic flavors of Asian cuisine

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



Tastes of Chicago

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





Bouna Montgomery A favorite for Chicago-style Italian beef sandwiches. buona.com

Giordano's Oswego Famous stuffed crust Chicago-style pizza. 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. Ioumalnatis.com

M Burger

Aurora Fast-casual Midwestern beef burgers at Chicago Premium Outlets. mburgerchicago.com

Oberweis Dairy

North Aurora, Oswego Family-owned dairy with Aurora roots serving up memorable ice cream shakes & sundaes. oberweis.com

Portillo's

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

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. mikeanddenises.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.

Atrévete Confections

Montgomery European-style chocolatier and patisserie recently designated #IllinoisMade. atreveteconfections.com

Banana Split

Aurora Seasonal walk-up with signature ice cream. bananasplitinc.com

Batavia Creamery

Batavia Novelty flavors and vegan ice cream options in downtown Batavia. bataviacreamery.com

\rm Charlie's

Silver Spoon Creamery Aurora Locally-inspired gourmet ice cream shop in downtown Aurora. charliescreamery.com

The Dairy Barn

Oswego Modern hangout for ice cream & shakes. dairybarnoswego.com

Dairy Joy

Hinckley Classic Americana on the Lincoln Highway. dairyjoydrivein.com

Deri Delite

Aurora Patio parlor with fun flavors and a menu of snacks. deridelite.com

Foxy's Ice Cream

Yorkville Fresh treats along the Fox River at Bicentennial Riverfront Park. foxysicecream.com

Haylie B's Bakery

Batavia Handcrafted cakes, cupcakes, and dessert bar. hayliebsbakery.com

Kenny Corn

Aurora Premium popcorn and gourmet chocolates. kennycornpopcorn.com

La Chicanita Bakery

Aurora Authentic Mexican cakes, breads, and pastries. lachicanitabakery.com

La Michoacana

Aurora, Oswego Traditional Mexican ice cream in a variety of fun flavors. lamichoacanapremium.com

New Moon Vegan

Batavia Yummy vegan baked goods and plant-based treats. newmoonvegan.net

Patriot Popcorn Company

Hinckley Gourmet popcorn in a variety of sweet, savory, and spicy flavor combos. patriotpopcornco.com

Pie Boss

Aurora Serving South African sweet and savory pies. pieboss.com

SweetTooth

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

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

৬ 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 Newly renovated spot serving up Southern comfort food for breakfast & lunch. southernbellespancakes.com

SYRUP

Aurora

New 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





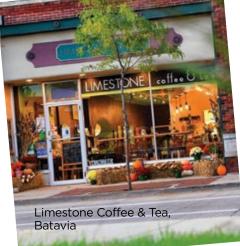


COFFEE + TEA

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

Uicehead Smoothies & Coffee Bar, Yorkville





b Calla Lily Tea Room

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

b Endiro Coffee

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

Flyleaf Bakery Cafe

Batavia

Artfully decorated coffee shop & small-batch bakery at Batavia Public Library. bataviapubliclibrary.org/cafe

GRACE Coffee & Wine

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

Iconic Coffee Shop

Yorkville Specialty coffee, espresso, and loose-leaf teas.

Juicehead Smoothies & Coffee Bar

Yorkville Smoothie bar with coffee and healthy fare. juiceheadsmoothies.com

Limestone Coffee & Tea

Batavia Coffee shop with breakfast and lunch items. limestonect.com

Oak + Bean, Oswego

ΜΟΚΑ

North Aurora Drive-thru & walk-up specialty coffee shop. mymokacoffee.com

Oak + Bean

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

left Society 57

Aurora Avocado toast and locally made Modest Coffee in a chic cafe and event space. society57.com See ad on page 66.

Two Brothers

Roundhouse Café

Aurora Artisan-roasted coffee and specialty beers. twobrothersbrewing.com/ roundhouse

The Village Grind

Oswego Cozy, relaxed coffeehouse in the heart of downtown Oswego. villagegrindoswego.com

SIGNATURE EVENTS

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



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.

Spring





Maple Fest, North Aurora St. Patrick's Day Celebration, Yorkville Food Truck Festival, Aurora Wine on the Fox, Oswego Aurora Pride Parade, Aurora PrairieFest, Oswego Blues on the Fox, Aurora



Find the latest Spring Event details at **EnjoyAurora.com/Events**

First Fridays occurs throughout the year in downtown Aurora

> 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 Summer Solstice Indie Music Fest, Yorkville Fiestas Patrias, Aurora Montgomery Fest, Montgomery North Aurora Days, North Aurora Sugar Grove Corn Boil, Sugar Grove Roots Aurora, Aurora Yorkville River Fest, Yorkville



Find the latest Summer Event details at **EnjoyAurora.com/Events**



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Sugar Grove Corn Boil



Abbey Farms' Corn Maze Aurora

Dig deep into the region's history and enjoy the harvest season with apple & pumpkin picking at agritourism destinations. Hoist a glass and say "Prost!" at craft beer events throughout the Aurora Area.

Abbey Farms Pumpkin Daze, Aurora **Apple & Pumpkin Picking:** at Keller's Farmstand, Oswego at Woody's Orchard, Plano Big Rock Plowing Match, Big Rock Brew at the Bridge, Oswego Pacifica Square Moon Festival, Aurora **Thrills & Chills:** at Basement of the Dead, Aurora at Massacre Haunted House, Montgomery Two Brothers Roundhouse Oktoberfest, Aurora



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Woody's Orchard, Plano







Massacre Haunted House, Montgomery

Holiday

Holiday lights make spirits bright at the largest collection of drive-thru displays in Illinois. Hop aboard the Holiday Express, celebrate in mid-century style at the Edith Farnsworth House, and enjoy Chicagoland's top holiday attraction, Christkindlmarket, at a new location in RiverEdge Park.

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 Winter Lights, Aurora

Aurora Festival of Lights at Phillips Park, Aurora



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Christkindlmarket at RiverEdge Park, Aurora

Winter Lights, Aurora



Christmas Walk Week, Oswego



Edith Farnsworth House Mod & Merry, Plano

Explore the scenic trails and parks of the Aurora Area.

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Violet Patch Park, Oswego

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

Fox River Trail

Batavia to Yorkville

Enjoy miles of trail for cycling, running, or a leisurely stroll along the Fox River through the communities of the Aurora Area. foxvalleyparkdistrict.org/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

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

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

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 Waubonsee Community College in Sugar Grove.

kaneforest.com









Gear Up!

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Aurora Rent a comfortable hybrid bicycle. Sales, service, repair center. allspokedup.com

BOJ-E-BIKES

Batavia Rent a comfortable hybrid bicycle. Sales, service, repair center. boj-e-bikes.com

Oswego Cyclery

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

Pedal & Spoke Bike Shop

North Aurora Offering top-notch bikes, parts, accessories, service, and repairs. pedalandspoke.com

Prairie Path Cycles

Batavia Bicycle retail and repair shop. prairiepathcycles.com

Paddle

the scenic trails and parks of the Aurora Area.

EnjoyAurora/FoxRiver





Fox River





Marge Cline Whitewater Course in Yorkville 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 abundant birdwatching, with a rookery containing dozens of nests, home to 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 and visit Oswego Brewing Co.

Oswego to Yorkville: 6.3 miles

A shallow beach at Oswego's Hudson Crossing Park allows for easy put-in. Paddle past wildflower patches and Saw Wee Kee Park. Buoyed take-out available above Marge Cline Whitewater Course. Enjoy wrap-around 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

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

Marge Cline Whitewater Course

Yorkville

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

Outfitters

Dick's Sporting Goods

Oswego Chain store offering a wide range of sporting goods and apparel.

dickssportinggoods.com

Howling Wolfe Canoe & Kayak

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

howlingwolfe.com See ad on page 51.

Nock & Feather Kustom Archery

Aurora

Full-service archery & hunting store with an indoor range. nockandfeatherarchery.com

Plano Synergy Outlet

Plano

Wholesale outlet of the Plano Synergy hunting and fishing brands.

planosynergy.com

Sierra Trading Post

Batavia

Chain store focused on active outdoor sports, including paddling & fishing. sierra.com

Windy City Soaring

Hinckley Take an intro glide and tour scenic farmlands from above. windycitysoaring.org

Yak Shack

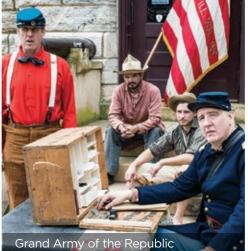
Yorkville Rent canoes, recreational kayaks, tube tracker inflatables. yakshackonline.com



Discover

An outstanding collection of attractions that foster a lifelong love of learning. Find our guide at **EnjoyAurora.com/Discovery**

> Red Oak Nature Center, North Aurora



Memorial Hall, Aurora





AURORA

Abbey Farms

Grow memories at this familyfriendly agritourism destination, where you can enjoy seasonal events, a cafe, and Kane County's largest corn maze. 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 See ad on page 48.

Blackberry Farm

Blackberry Farm is a living history museum where pioneer life is re-created through educational demonstrations and hands-on fun. blackberryfarm.info See ad on page 49.

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

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

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

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

William Tanner House

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

BATAVIA

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.

bigrockhistoricalsociety.org

HINCKLEY

Hinckley Historical Society Museum

Mastodon diorama and displays of historic homes. Open Saturdays and by appointment.

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.

the conservation foundation.org

Settler's Cottage Museum

Learn about the rich history of the Village of Montgomery and tour its oldest remaining structure. Limited hours, call ahead: 630.896.8080, x9003.

ci.montgomery.il.us

NORTH AURORA

Red Oak Nature Center

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

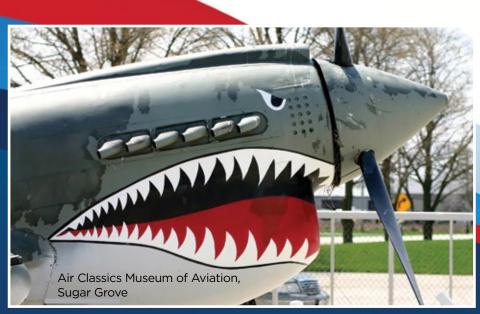
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The Aurora Regional Fire Museum features a variety of hands-on interactive exhibits designed to educate children and families of all ages. Come learn about the Aurora Fire Department, firefighting in our region, and fire safety.

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info@auroraregionalfiremuseum.org www.AuroraRegionalFireMuseum.org



OSWEGO

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 25.

Smallville Museum

Props and other items used in the filming of the "Man of Steel" movie in downtown Plano. Limited hours, call ahead: 630.552.8275.

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. co.kendall.il.us

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









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Funway, Batavia

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Sky Zone Aurora Trampoline Park, Aurora

AURORA

Astro Fun World

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

Aurora Skate Center

Old-fashioned roller rink with modern amenities. Home to the Aurora 88's roller derby team. skateaurora.com

Kiddy Club

Mom-founded indoor sandbox and playground at Pacifica Square. kiddyclubplayground.com

Legendary Escape Rooms & Axe Throwing

Themed escape rooms, axe-throwing, and tic-tac-toe venue. legendaryescaperooms.com/aurora

Mega Fun Park

Discover "the most fun under one roof" with dozens of attractions for all ages to enjoy. megafunpark.com

MISH MASH Adventures

This urban adventure space at Fox Valley Mall re-created the challenges of video games and TV shows (without the slime!) mishmashadventures.com

Round 1 Bowling & Amusement

Two floors of entertainment at Fox Valley Mall include bowling, billiards, arcade, and private karaoke rooms. roundlusa.com

Sky Zone Aurora Trampoline Park

Take fun to new heights with trampoline dodgeball, basketball, and a new Ninja Warrior course! skyzone.com/aurora

Sport Zone Family Fun Center

Soccer, go-karts, mini-golf, indoor golf, batting cages. 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

OSWEGO

Altitude

Aerial challenges abound at Oswego's new trampoline park: walk walls, play wipeout, and soar on super-trampolines. 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 artsonfirefoxvalley.com

SUGAR GROVE

Sugar Grove Family Fun Center

Go-karts, mini-golf, bumper boats, water wars, game room, golf range. sugargrovefamilyfuncenter.com

YORKVILLE

Riemenschneider Fire and Spray Park

Baseball, softball fields, firefighterthemed play area. yorkville.il.us





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Hall Quarry Beach, Batavia

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The Boomerang at Raging Waves Waterpark, Yorkville



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

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

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 multilevel dive platforms for swimmers of all ages and abilities.

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

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 1/4 mile long lazy river, three kiddie areas, and a 350,000 gallon wave pool. New to the park: Aussie Mat Dash, a sixlane, wet and wild racetrack that was one of the first of its kind in the world. A variety of tasty concessions and private cabana rentals make Raging Waves the perfect summer getaway. ragingwaves.com See ad on page 51.

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

Sugar Grove Family Fun Center

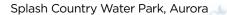
Sugar Grove Take a break from go-karts and mini-golf to play bumper boats and water wars!

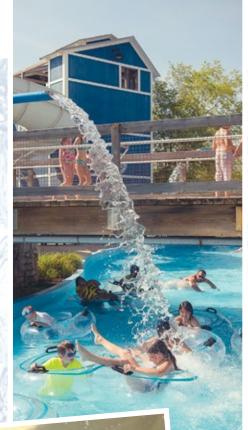
sugargrovefamilyfuncenter.com

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





Phillips Park Family Aquatic Center, Aurora



Vaughan Aquatic Center, Aurora

Shopping

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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



Pacifica Square **Chicago Premium Outlets**

Aurora

Largest outlet center in the Chicago market with over 140 designer and brand-name stores, including exclusive Shinola and Restoration Hardware outlets.

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 See ad on inside back cover.

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

Wyckwood House, Aurora

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Boutiques

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

> Hudson Design House, Oswego





Bella-gia Boutique

Oswego Women's clothing & accessories, the hottest trends at great prices. bella-gia.com

House of 423

Batavia Cozy collection of classy closet staples. houseof423.com

Hudson Design House

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

Marmalade Tree

Oswego Eclectic gift shop and women's clothing shop in downtown Oswego. themarmaladetreeoswego.com

Melissa Jean Boutique

Oswego Look and feel fabulous in today's latest fashions. melissajeanboutique.com

🕹 Premil

Aurora Street-inspired apparel, thrift, and sneaker shop. premilonline.com

The Rustic Fox

North Aurora Upscale boutique marketplace showcasing over 150 vendors. therusticfoxhome.com

🕹 Wyckwood House

Aurora Lifestyle and apparel boutique with a cocktail bar. wyckwoodhouse.com



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Happenstance Goods, Oswego





Olde Farm Creek, Yorkville

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AURORA

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Thrift & Dollar Inc.

Located at Northgate Shopping Center—site of the Northgate Sign, a mid-century neon classic. thriftandollar.com

🕹 Warehouse 55

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

Warehouse 55.

Aurora

beeattitudesantiques.com

Red Hive Market

Quality antiques, jewelry, and vintage decor. 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

OSWEGO

Happenstance Goods

Wide variety of vintage & antique furniture and décor. happenstancegoods.com

PLANO

Plaid Umbrella Collective

Collaborative market offering antique furnishings, books, and apparel in downtown Plano on Route 34. plaidumbrellacollective.com

YORKVILLE

Olde Farm Creek

Vintage farmhouse and industrial home decor destination, check website for hours and event times. 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

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. aurorahistory.net/visit/store

الله Gary Brown Art

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



Superjumbo

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

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

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

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.

Wilson Street Mercantile

Batavia Boutique mall hosting a unique collection of independent crafters.





Cremer Guitarworks, North Aurora

Cremer Guitarworks

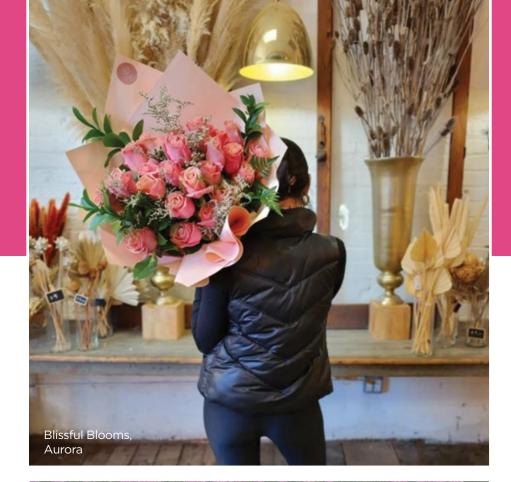
North Aurora Guitar repair shop with curated selection of vintage instruments. cremerguitarworks.com

DeMont Guitars

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

🕹 Undisputed Vintage

Aurora Rare, collectible vintage and sports apparel, shoes, and accessories. undisputedchicago.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.

CatTalpa Manor

Batavia Rare plant shop with locally made art & decor. cattalpamanor.com

Farmdog Flowers

Batavia Ground-to-vase grower of decorative blooms. farmdogflowers.com

Floral Expressions & Gifts

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

The Growing Place

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

🐠 Pure Skin Solutions

Aurora Upscale skin spa with eco-friendly products. pureskinaurora.com

The Olive Gallery

Yorkville Artisan olive oils & vinegars sourced from around the world. theolivegallery.com

The Tea Tree

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



Abbey Farms

Monk-brewed beer and farm-fresh items available at this agritourism destination. abbeyfarms.org

🕹 Aurora Farmers Market

The oldest farmers market in Illinois returns to its scenic downtown location every Saturday. aurora-il.org

Batavia Boardwalk Shops

Outdoor market featuring a seasonal collection of artisan startups. downtownbatavia.com/bataviaboardwalk-shops/

Batavia Farmers Market

Shop the makers and merchants of River Street in downtown Batavia each Saturday morning, all year round. downtownbatavia.com Batavia Farmers Market

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

Yorkville Farmers Market

Summertime market featuring local vendors at Yorkville town square, just blocks away from the charming riverfront. yorkville.il.us

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AURORA Hampton Inn & Suites Aurora

2423 Bushwood Dr., Aurora 630.907.2600 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.



Holiday Inn AURORA Holiday Inn Aurora-North Naperville

> 2424 W. Sullivan Rd., Aurora 630.806.7400 holidayinn.com/aurorail

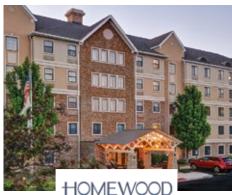
Full-service hotel with outstanding amenities and service. Unwind at the indoor pool and rejuvenate at the 24-hour fitness center.
Complimentary high-speed wireless internet, business center, and easy access to major expressways. Banquet meeting space for up to 40 guests with full-service dining menus.



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.



SUITES by Hilton"

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.



AURORA Quality Inn

4005 Gabrielle Ln., Aurora 630.820.3400 qualityinn.com

Enjoy the combination of cozy accommodations and friendly service at the Quality Inn hotel in Aurora. Signature Q Bed in all guest rooms features a comfortable, premium mattress and linens, a generous supply of fluffy pillows and a soft, plush blanket. Close to Route 59 and Fox Valley Mall.



Comfort

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

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OSWEGO AmericInn by Wyndham Oswego

1050 Douglas Rd., Oswego 630.554.9090 wyndhamhotels.com/americinn

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OSWEGO Best Western Oswego

2055 Wiesbrook Dr., Oswego 630.844.4700 bestwestern.com/oswegohotel

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PLANO The Homestead 1854

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YORKVILLE Hampton Inn Yorkville

310 E. Countryside Pkwy., Yorkville 630.553.9805 yorkville.hamptoninn.com

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YORKVILLE Holiday Inn Express & Suites Yorkville

577 E. Kendall Drive, Yorkville 630.882.0600 hiexpress.com/yorkvilleil

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YORKVILLE Super 8 by Wyndham Yorkville

1510A N. Bridge St., Yorkville 630.553.1634 wyndhamhotels.com/super-8

Find comfortable accommodations and time-saving amenities at the Super 8 by Wyndham Yorkville. Head to the Fox River for boating or canoeing or walk the riverfront to see everything from farmers markets to local festivals.

Arranmore Farm & Polo Club

Oswego Laid-back luxury at a premier open-air venue. arranmorefarmandpoloclub.com

Ashley Farm

Yorkville Tasteful country venue for events with memorable touches throughout. ashleyfarmweddings.com

Belle Salle Banquets

Aurora Elegant accommodations at an upscale venue with a spacious ballroom. bellesallebanquets.com

Blackberry Farm

Aurora The Barn at Blackberry Farm is a beautifully appointed, one-of-a-kind setting. blackberryfarm.info/ weddings-at-the-farm

Company 251

Aurora Loft-like luxury with bespoke furnishings in an unparalleled renovation. company251.com

Fox River's Edge Theatre

Yorkville A hospitality space where creativity flows, teams collaborate, and people come together. foxriversedge.com

Gray's Mill Estate

Montgomery Beautifully renovated historical venue on the Fox River. graysmillestate.com

The Homestead 1854

Plano

Spirited and refined experiences that marry vintage with modern amenities. thehomestead1854.com

Loft 28 West

Aurora

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

Northfork Farm

Yorkville Events with pastoral charm at this thoroughbred horse farm. nforkfarm.com

Revelry 675

Batavia Stylish modern event space with scenic river views. revelry675.com

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EnjoyAurora.com/Weddings

Northfork Farm, Yorkville

Rosewood Farm

Sugar Grove Flower and vegetable farm with flexible gathering space for weddings & events. rosewfarm.com



Aurora Rich history & modern design with picturesque river views. society57.com See ad on page 66.

Venue 5126

Oswego

Elegant, rustic and picturesque country barn venue on seven acres with outdoor ceremony spaces. venue5126.com





Below: Ashley Farm, Yorkville





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