

Visit Effingham: A Midwestern Getaway

· AN ITINERARY FOR THE FRIENDS ·

FRIDAY - ARRIVE, NOURISH + UNWIND

2:30 p.m. - Afternoon Refresh at Heartland Health Food

Before checking in, make a quick stop for a feel-good pick-me-up. Choose from fresh juices, smoothie bowls, supplements, or browse wellness essentials to kick off your weekend right!

3 p.m. - Check in to the hotel or Airbnb of your choosing...

Complimentary breakfast, downtown views, indoors pools, a buzzing business center... Whatever your vibe, we've got options. Freshen up, settle in and let your weekend reset begin.

5 p.m. - Dinner at Firefly Grill

Ease into the evening with a fresh, farm-to-table meal at Firefly Grill. Their rustic chic ambiance, thoughtful ingredients and hand-crafted cocktails offer a grounding start to your getaway.

7:30 p.m. - a Nightcap + Good Company

Keep things easy with a post-dinner drink - whether that's another round on the rooftop patio at Village Wine or a cozy corner booth at Wheat Penny Cocktail Bar... No set plans, just good vibes.

SATURDAY - RESET, RECHARGE + RECONNECT

6:30 a.m. - Mindful Morning at Mika

Begin your day with a slow, restorative class at MIKA Yoga Studio. Stretch, breathe and welcome a peaceful energy into your weekend.

8 a.m. - Fuel Your Morning at Joe Sippers Cafe

Plan a cozy morning in Downtown Effingham. Begin with a freshly-brewed cup of coffee at Joe Sippers Cafe, a local Illinois Maker! Fuel up for the day with savory sandwiches & fresh pastries.

10 a.m. - Shop Local in Downtown Effingham

Wander through local favorites like Beanstalk Boutique, Boots & Soles, The Thomas Shop, and The Red Thread Boutique. It's the perfect mix of browsing, discovering, and supporting small businesses.

12 p.m. - Patio Lunch at Tuscan Hills Winery

Share a flatbread or charcuterie board, sip a tasting flight, and enjoy a relaxed midday break... Bonus points for patio seating and a bottle to-go.

2 p.m. - Afternoon Finds

Stop by John Boos & Co. Factory Showroom to check out their iconic cutting boards (and even add engraving), then pop into nearby shops like Country Peddlers for unique finds.

5:30 p.m. - Lakeside Dinner at Pinky's

Head out to the lake for a laid-back evening. Think shareable bites, refreshing drinks, and golden hour views, an early summer essential. **Reservations are recommended!*

7 p.m. - Sunset + Stroll

Wrap up the day with a walk on the TREC Trail. It's the kind of slow, simple moment that makes the weekend.

**Pro tip: Pick up a trail map at the Effingham Tourism Office, located at 201 E. Jefferson Ave.!*

SUNDAY - DEPART (ON YOUR OWN TIME)

10 a.m. - Brunch at TK Grille

Savor one last slow moment with a comforting brunch - pancakes, eggs, waffles, mimosas and more. Recap your weekend with friends... and start dreaming about the next one.