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We love seeing your adventures, hearing about your favorite #MadeinEffingham finds and learning more about all of the ways that you enjoy our vibrant community.

Snap a selfie at your favorite local hot spot or — even better — share a hidden gem you've discovered with our @VisitEffingham audience.

Tag us in your photos and use #VisitEffingham to share your experiences with fellow travelers, explorers and those just passing through...

CHEERS, TRAVELERS!

WELCOME TO EFFINGHAM

Located in Central Illinois, where Interstates 57 and 70 meet, Effingham offers the **PERFECT CENTRALIZED LOCATION** to connect with yourself and the people you love. With 17 hotels to unwind at, more than 65 restaurants to indulge in, and countless things to see and do... You'll be hard-pressed to find a reason to leave.

We invite you to take the day off – or better yet, take the whole weekend – and discover what makes this Midwestern getaway so **IRRESISTIBLE** to travelers from all walks of life. Our community is a haven for those looking to 'fill their cup' – both in the metaphorical sense and the literal.

Grab a menu at our farm to table restaurant, Firefly Grill... Catch a once-in-a-lifetime show at the Effingham Performance Center... Find your newest guilty pleasure at Wheat Penny Bar.

GO AHEAD - "FILL YOUR CUP" AND LET IT "RUNNETH OVER".

However you decide to experience Effingham, we encourage you to soak up the people, the places and the experiences that set us apart. Define *your* getaway...

Safe Travels!



JODI THOELE

Director of Tourism
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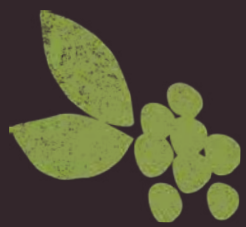
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Pinky's at Lake Sara



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27 CAN'T-MISS EVENTS

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April 7 - 13, 2025

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

April 19, 2025

HAZEL-JAYNE'S

MAGIC & MISCHIEF: A FAIRY MARKET

June 7, 2025

MOCCASIN CREEK FESTIVAL

June 19 - 22, 2025

DOWNTOWN EFFINGHAM'S

MOVIE NIGHT

June 20 & 21, 2025

MID AMERICA MOTORWORKS'

VOLKSWAGEN FUNFEST

June 20 & 21, 2025

THE GREAT RACE 2025 IN EFFINGHAM

June 24, 2025

LAKE SARA FIREWORKS

July 3, 2025

CITY OF EFFINGHAM

4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS

July 4, 2025

EFFINGHAM ARTISAN FAIR

July 11 & 12, 2025

10TH ANNUAL

EFFINGHAM-JAM BBQ COOKOFF

July 18, 2025

HAM CITY JAM SKATE COMPETITION

July 19, 2025

EFFINGHAM COUNTY FAIR

July 26 - August 2, 2025

44TH ANNUAL

MILL ROAD THRESHERMAN SHOW

August 7 - 10, 2025

GOECKNER BROTHER'S MOPAR NIGHT

September 5, 2025

EFFINGHAM CRUISE NIGHT

September 6, 2025

CONVOYING AT THE CROSSROADS

September 13, 2025

SUMMER SUNDOWN MUSIC FESTIVAL

September 12 - 14, 2025

MID AMERICA MOTORWORKS'

CORVETTE FUNFEST

September 19 & 20, 2025

EFFINGHAM HOMECOMING PARADE

September 2025

DOWNTOWN EFFINGHAM'S

FALL FEST

October 4, 2025

DOWNTOWN EFFINGHAM'S

TRICK-OR-TREAT

October 25, 2025

EFFINGHAM SUNRISE ROTARY'S

ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARADE

October 26, 2025

WALKING THROUGH WONDERLAND:

A VISIT EFFINGHAM EXPERIENCE

November 26, 2025

DOWNTOWN EFFINGHAM'S

HOMETOWN CHRISTMAS

November 29, 2025

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

November 29, 2025

THELMA KELLER CONVENTION CENTER'S

35TH ANNUAL BRIDAL EXPO

January 11, 2026

*For A Full Listing Of Local Events,
Please Scan the QR Code, Below:*





DEFINE YOUR GETAWAY

Moccasin Creek Festival at Lake Sara
Photo by Astrid Johana Photography

THE CROSS

The Cross at the Crossroads is certainly **"AN ENGINEERING WONDER"** but its greatest miracle is its call to travelers from every faith, background and circumstance, reminding them of the positive values shared and cherished by all.

Soaring nearly 200 feet into the Midwestern sky, The Cross at the Crossroads is a landmark for the **19 MILLION TRAVELERS** who pass through Effingham on Interstates 57 and 70 each year.

The campus includes a Ten Commandments display surrounding the base of the structure, a concrete walking path, featuring life-size statues of various times in Jesus' life, bench seating, and a Welcome Center, featuring a chapel, reception area, restrooms, refreshment center and media room where visitors can view a video of the construction and dedication of The Cross.

The Cross at the Crossroads is a project of The Cross Foundation, a not-for-profit organization that strives to offer messages and programs designed to **PROMOTE THE VALUES OF FAITH** and family daily living.

The site is host to several community events, including their Easter sunrise service, Christmas Open House and various memorial services. While the Cross campus is always open, the Welcome Center at the Cross is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., daily. For more information, visit www.crossusa.org and follow The Cross in Effingham on Facebook and Instagram.

217.347.2846

1904 W. Pike Avenue, Exit 159



FIREFLY GRILL

*Named one of Enjoy Illinois' top
Delicious Destinations!*



Firefly Grill is an **AWARD-WINNING**, eco-friendly roadhouse on the shores of Lake Kristie. Chef Niall Campbell and his wife Kristie own and operate this oasis of farm to table cuisine in the heart of the Midwest.

Firefly's ever-changing menu boasts fresh, sustainable seafood, prime steaks, brick-oven pizzas and soulful, American-fresh cuisine.

Firefly is so passionate about sourcing the best ingredients that they grow many themselves in their **ON-SITE BEYOND ORGANIC FARM**.

What they can't grow themselves, they source locally from artisan farmers and foragers.

A made-from-scratch, additive-free kids menu is available, as well, with healthy, organic choices to pair with favorites like mac-n-cheese and free-range, local chicken fingers.

Firefly, additionally, offers group tours and cooking demonstrations, and their private rooms and beautiful grounds make this the perfect place for special events... especially weddings!

Firefly Grill is also dog-friendly, so four-legged clients can join their families for lunch on the porch, or for a walk around the lake to stretch their legs.

INDOOR + OUTDOOR SEATING is available to those who desire a waterfront view; clients travel for miles just to feed Firefly's famous fish!

Reservations are recommended, but not required, and are available by phone or online at www.ffgrill.com/reservations.



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JOHN BOOS & CO.

Factory Showroom & Outlet

Known for their **BOOS BLOCKS** cutting boards crafted of solid quality American Hardwoods (maple, walnut and cherry), John Boos products can be seen on major cooking shows, including Chopped, Masterchef and The Kitchen, and they are used by chefs and celebs such as Bobby Flay, Gordon Ramsay, Alton Brown, Alex Guarnaschelli, Giada De Laurentiis, Michael Symon, Ina Garten, Jet Tila, Drew Barrymore, Kylie Jenner and many more.

John Boos & Co. is a leader in manufacturing butcher block prep surfaces for celeb chefs and **FOODIES** (cutting boards, butcher blocks, countertops, kitchen carts and prep tables), as well as custom fabricated stainless steel equipment for the food service industry (chef counters, compartment sinks, work tables and more). John Boos is the only company in the U.S. that has a wood and metal facility on location. The company has been in continuous business since 1887 and is the **"OLDEST INDUSTRY IN EFFINGHAM."**

The John Boos Factory Showroom & Outlet is a must-visit where one can buy the same products the **PROS** use. Their cutting boards can also be engraved for wedding or corporate gifts. The store is open to the public from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays. Closed on Sundays.

Customers can also order select John Boos products online through the online store for the Factory Showroom & Outlet at www.johnboos.com.

217.347.7790

1703 Ave. of Mid America, Exit 160



NATIONAL, REGIONAL + LOCAL PERFORMERS take the stage at the Effingham Performance Center! The EPC is a not-for-profit theater operated by the Arts Connection of Central Illinois and hosts a wide variety of programs each year.

With 1,518 seats, the auditorium has outstanding sight lines, comfortable seating and **EXCELLENT ACOUSTICS** making every live performance enjoyable. Enjoy a wide variety of refreshments from the concessions counter and the fully-stocked bar as you take in the show.

MORE THAN 30 PERFORMANCES are presented each season, featuring genres such as Country, Rock, Contemporary, Comedy, Dance, Bluegrass and Family-friendly.

A few of this past season's nationally recognized acts include Aaron Tippin, Terri Clark, Kenny G., Great White & Slaughter, Lee Greenwood and Randy Travis. Complete show information and a list of upcoming events can be found on the Effingham Performance Center's website, www.the-epc.org.

Tickets may be purchased online at www.ticketmaster.com/epc or by calling 217.540.2788... See you at a show!

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Car clubs, tour groups and automotive enthusiasts are always invited to visit the Mid America Motorworks campus, which includes the MY Garage Museum, the Install Center, the Parts Warehouse, the Corporate Office and the iconic 1910 Gas Station. MY Garage Museum & Retail Store showcases an extensive **COLLECTION** of Corvettes and Volkswagens. Many featured cars were used for research, experimental-concept projects, films and much more. In addition to race cars, MY Garage is home to thousands of collectibles and memorabilia from the MY Treasures collection: neon signs, artist-signed guitars, antique gas pumps, vintage advertising materials and even vintage Mid America Motorworks equipment. MY Garage Museum's hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Turn into Gate 2, and keep right, to find the museum building and corporate headquarters.

Mid America Motorworks hosts two major annual automotive **EVENTS**: Corvette Funfest and Air-Cooled Volkswagen Funfest. In the summer, Volkswagen enthusiasts come to celebrate their passion for classic cars such as the Volkswagen Beetle, Volkswagen Bus, Karmann Ghia or Dune Buggy. In mid-September, Corvettes from around the country gather to celebrate Corvette Funfest, a weekend filled with camaraderie, vendor displays, interactive activities, expert seminars, food and live entertainment. The museum and campus also serve as the venue for numerous car club meetings, birthdays, weddings, reunions, business receptions and more. To book an event, reach out to their event specialist at 217-540-4277.

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LEGACY HARLEY DAVIDSON

Legacy Harley-Davidson is not only a great place to stock up on the latest Harley-Davidson gear, but also, an attraction that brings thousands of visitors to Effingham to visit their unique Harley Barn!

Legacy's Harley Barn, located just off I-57 and I-70, houses new and pre-owned motorcycles, along with clothing, merchandise, parts and much more! Aside from what you can purchase, Legacy also hosts several events throughout the year for motorcycle-enthusiasts.

For additional information or to shop for Legacy-specific gear, please call or visit www.legacyhd.com.

Hours for Legacy Harley Davidson barn are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

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VILLAGE WINE + SPIRITS

Village Wine & Spirits offers the area's largest and finest selection of premium wines, spirits and luxury beers at very competitive prices. Enjoy your drink of choice at their full-service bar or, on a nice night, at a table with a **ROOFTOP VIEW** of Downtown Effingham.

Village Wine is open Monday and Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to midnight, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 a.m. and Sunday, noon to 7 p.m. For more information, or to view their calendar of events, visit www.effinghamvillagewine.com.

217.347.0477
109 S. Banker Street, Exit 159

Village Wine + Spirits
Photos by Astrid Johana Photography



TUSCAN HILLS WINERY



Established in July 2011, by Wes and Wanda Pitcher, Tuscan Hills Winery is a beautiful winery with an **OLD-WORLD TUSCAN FEEL**.

Enjoy tasting any of their **DIVERSE** selection of wines with help from their knowledgeable staff. As everyone's sensitivities to the smells and tastes of wines are different, the staff is trained to help guests compare the subtle differences in each wine until they find a favorite!

If wine isn't for you, Tuscan Hills also offers an excellent variety of sangrias, wine slushies, craft & domestic beers, cocktails and mocktails! Hand-crafted pizzas, stuffed breads, charcuterie boards and desserts are served all day.

Tuscan Hills is a **FAMILY-FRIENDLY AND PET-FRIENDLY** winery where you are invited to "come as our guest, leave as our friend."

Visit www.effinghamwinery.com for a list of upcoming events, full food menu and wine selection for shipping.

The winery is open:

Monday - Thursday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.
Sunday, 1 to 7 p.m.

217.347.WINE (9463)
2200 Historic Hills Drive, Exit 162



FOODIES WELCOME!



Lucia's Italian Kitchen
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CHINA EXPRESS

112 S. Banker St., Exit 159

China Express offers a delicious array of authentic Chinese dishes, with favorites like General Tso's chicken and flavorful fried rice. Known for its quick service and convenient downtown location, it's the perfect spot to grab take-out for a cozy date night in!

217.347.0304

<https://chinaexpresseffingham.com>

What to order here: Traditional Beef + Broccoli with a side of Crab Rangoon to share.

FIREFLY GRILL

1810 Ave. of Mid America, Exit 160

Firefly boasts a soulful, seasonal menu created with herbs and vegetables from their on-site, beyond-organic farm. Ingredients they don't grow or find locally are sourced from sustainable purveyors who care for them as ardently.

217.342.2002

www.ffgrill.com

What to order here: Anything in-season, as it comes straight out of the garden!

GABBY GOAT AMERICAN PUB & GRILL

303 E. Fayette Ave., Exit 159

Gabby Goat is a premiere restaurant and sports bar, serving steaks, burgers, wraps, gourmet hot dogs, horseshoes, nachos and more. Their mission? To provide guests with the "Greatest Of All Times." Eat, drink & get your goat on!

217.342.4628

www.gabbygoat.com

What to order here: Turn up the heat! Try the "Flaming Goat" Burger.

JOE'S PIZZA & PASTA

115 E. Jefferson Ave., Exit 159

Joe's Pizza and Pasta is a hometown favorite serving fine Italian dishes, including pizza, pasta, submarine sandwiches, desserts and more. Enjoy delicious homemade sauces crafted with the Trupiano family's secret recipes.

217.347.JOES (5637)

www.orderjoes.com

What to order here: "The Lunch Special"... A personalized pizza, salad + drink, made to order.

JOE SIPPERS CAFE

114 S. 4th St., Exit 159

Enjoy a hand-brewed coffee or tea, or perhaps, a freshly-baked treat! The Joe Sippers team makes, bakes and creates what they can with quality ingredients like local stone-ground flour, local free-range eggs, all-natural deli meats and lofty portions of nutritious produce. Stop in and enjoy your cafe experience at Joe Sippers Cafe!

217.347.CAFE (2233)

www.joesippers.com

What to order here: The Santa Fe Wrap, a perennial favorite, paired with an Iced Matcha Latte.

LUCIA'S ITALIAN KITCHEN

400 W. Clark St., Exit 159

From brick oven pizzas to beautiful pastas and salads, unforgettable gelato, indulgent apps and more... Lucia's is the place to experience fresh, modern and authentic Italian cuisine in an open-concept kitchen.

217.207.0226

<https://luciasik.com>

What to order here: The Deconstructed Grilled Cheese appetizer and a seasonal pizza to share.

NIEMERG'S STEAKHOUSE

1410 W. Fayette Ave., Exit 159

Niemerg's Steakhouse & The Brass Rail Lounge is a locally-owned, independent restaurant that has served countless customers for more than 35 years. Enjoy their made-from-scratch entrees, salad bar and baked goods.

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1204 Ave. of Mid America, Exit 160
217.342.5551
2408 N. 3rd St., Exit 162
217.347.0701

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217.342.5500

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217.342.0319

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We invite you to explore the sculptures that have transformed the City of Effingham's Downtown avenues into a **WALKABLE ART GALLERY**! Nearly 30 sculptures, created by some of the Midwest's best-known and unknown artists, bring life to the streets of Effingham as part of the annual Sculptures on the Avenues outdoor exhibition.

The exhibition will begin its twenty-seventh year in Spring 2025. Sculptures on the Avenues is a self-guided walking tour that begins at Effingham City Hall, located at 201 E. Jefferson Ave. From there, the exhibition winds in and out of **DOWNTOWN EFFINGHAM**.

The Sculptures on the Avenues program began in 1997 when the Effingham Community Committee for the Arts formed and raised over \$60,000 to commission Leonardo Nierman's Flame of Hope. The Flame of Hope stands prominently in front of the west entrance of City Hall and is featured on the walking tour.

Each year, new sculptures are chosen with the hope of capturing the viewer's imagination and appealing to a variety of individuals. The pieces feature a medley of both whimsical and striking pieces and include realistic and abstract work, as well. The sculptures are placed to be **ACCESSIBLE AND INTERACTIVE**.

Residents and visitors wholeheartedly embrace the program. Several sculptures have found permanent homes in Effingham and the surrounding areas. An informative guide, which facilitates a walking tour, is available at Effingham City Hall. Please contact the Effingham Tourism Office with any questions or interest in the program's pieces or artists. Guided tours are available upon request.

217.342.5310

Downtown Effingham



From left, 'Flower Power' by Lorelei Sims; 'Just a Little Peace' by Alex Mendez and 'Sentinel' by Gregory Mendez





Greetings Effingham Mural
Photo by Rachel Kawate

MURALS

Effingham is home to a vibrant collection of murals that bring our Midwestern culture to life.

From colorful tributes to local heritage, to whimsical photo ops, share your mural moments with us by tagging @visiteffingham on social media. Your photo might just be featured in next year's guide!

Downtown Effingham, Exit 159



Tuscan Hills Winery
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EFFINGHAM ARTISAN FAIR

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Visit www.effinghamartisanfair.org for more information.

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The Effingham Art Guild is home to dozens of award-winning artists. The Art Guild has traveling exhibitions that are open to the public at several different locations in the community.

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1303 W. Evergreen Ave.

Effingham County Courthouse Museum
100 E. Jefferson Ave.

Effingham Surgical Associates SC
900 W. Temple Ave. #101

Heartland Human Services
1200 N. 4th St.

Effingham Performance Center
1325 Outer Belt West

Effingham Public Library
200 N. Third St.

Joe Sippers Café
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For more information, please email effinghamart@gmail.com.

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Downtown Effingham, Exit 159
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FEATURING THE EFFINGHAM COUNTY CULTURAL CENTER & MUSEUM ASSOCIATION

The historic Effingham County Courthouse was built in **1871** on the site of the 1850s courthouse, which tragically burned to the ground in March 1869, reducing most of the county's records to ash. The courthouse, located on the square in **DOWNTOWN EFFINGHAM**, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The historical structure was built in Second Empire style and is made of brick, stone and wood with 18-inch outside walls. Special features of the building include stone window headers, with keystones above each window, and a mansard roof with dormers. The building was the working courthouse for Effingham County until 2007. Monuments recognizing the history of the city and county can be viewed on the lawn, which is the site of many special events throughout the year.

The Effingham County Cultural Center and Museum Association came into existence as the result of a desire to **"PROMOTE INTERPRETIVE CULTURE AND HISTORY"** as a means of increasing public awareness of the history of Effingham County and the National Road. The Effingham County Courthouse Museum features two rooms devoted to a specific military experience, which both change throughout the year. The second floor features a courtroom, turned ballroom, that is available for events. The Courthouse Museum also has a room dedicated to transportation and the railroads in Effingham County. The exhibit features various railroad artifacts throughout time.

The museum is open on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., March through December. The museum is closed to the general public in January and February, except for special programming or by appointment. Donations are appreciated. Visit www.effinghamcountymuseum.org for more information.

217.240.2471

110 W. Jefferson Ave. in Downtown Effingham, Exit 159

EFFINGHAM COUNTY VETERAN'S MEMORIAL

On Veteran's Day, November 11, 1991, the first three stones of the Memorial were dedicated in honor of all Effingham County veterans. The "Memorial Names Stone" addition was dedicated on Armed Forces Day, May 19, 2012. This memorial has nearly 4,000 names of men and women veterans from all five branches of the armed forces. The stones were designed and etched with the past, present and future in mind. Each year, more names can and will be added. It is an on-going memorial with space for over 9,000 names.

The Memorial is not only a tribute, it is our history: a standing memorial to the living and the dead, our neighbors, families and friends, who have served to preserve, protect and secure peace for our nation. Some served on foreign shores, some within our own borders, some died, some never saw action, some were drafted and some enlisted. All served. All gave themselves to our country. We are forever thankful for their sacrifice.

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Downtown Effingham, Exit 159

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The second generation to live in the home was Dr. Wright's son, who practiced medicine for 65 years in Altamont. Charles M. Wright III was a lawyer for Shell Oil until retirement, when he moved into his family home. At his death, the home was left in a trust to be preserved and maintained.

The house is open for tours every Sunday, May through September, from 2 to 4 p.m. and by appointment, as well. For additional information, call the number, below, email scott@wrightmansion.org or visit www.wrightmansion.org.

618.483.6397

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217.857.3586

110 S. Garrett St., Teutopolis, Exit 159



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The National Road rose from the transportation scrapbook to become the blueprint for an ocean-to-ocean route known as U.S. Route 40. Today, the Illinois National Road stretches 164 miles, from the Indiana border to the Mississippi River in East St. Louis and encompasses seven counties: Clark, Cumberland, Effingham, Fayette, Bond, Madison and St. Clair. Many of these communities owe their origins to the National Road, as it brought settlers who turned prairieland into civilization.

The National Road Association of Illinois promotes the unique attractions the road offers. An "Art & Architecture" guidebook was created to highlight the art and architectural treasures located in communities along the National Road. In addition, the National Road Association has placed 21 kiosks placed in 21 communities along the Illinois National Road. The kiosks provide an overview of the National Road history and timeline, a map of the National Road and individual community history that includes local sites of interest. Effingham's kiosk sits on the grounds of the Effingham County Courthouse Museum.



For more information on the roadway, or on upcoming events, visit www.nationalroad.org or call 888.268.0042.

HEART THEATRE

Across the street from the old courthouse is the Heart Theatre, a 1930s landmark. The theater is one of two examples in Effingham of the Art Deco style that was popular from 1920 to 1940. The cream and maroon terra-cotta tiles are a perfect match for the neon and marquee lights. Visit www.thehearttheatre.org for more information.

135 E. Jefferson Ave., Exit 159/162

RESEARCH + GENEALOGY

EFFINGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Suzette Brumleve Memorial Effingham Public Library houses over 60,000 books, magazines and audio-visual materials and has an annual circulation of over 190,000 items. They also offer a wide variety of programs and services for both children and adults, including the Effingham Genealogy Society.

A microfilm and microfiche reader/ printer, as well as magazines, census records, genealogy files and reference materials are available through the library. Members of the Genealogy Society are available from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Wednesdays & Saturdays to assist those exploring the history of our region. The library is open Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. It is closed on Sundays. Visit www.effinghamlibrary.org for more information.

217.342.2464

200 N. Third St., Exit 162

OAKRIDGE CEMETERY

This non-denominational City cemetery is the final resting place of many fascinating figures from Effingham's past... One, being Ada Kepley, the first female law graduate in the United States. She was an ardent advocate of women's rights, a friend of Susan B. Anthony and a talented writer.

Another character, Col. John J. Funkhouser, a Civil War veteran, was offered the office of Secretary of War by President Grant, but he declined. He later became the first Mayor of Effingham. Col. Funkhouser's father, Senator Presley Funkhouser, had considerable influence in the decision to move the county seat from Ewington to Effingham, spelling the demise of Ewington.

Yet another, Mary (Mother) Newcomb, came to Effingham during the Civil War after her husband, Hiram, enlisted in the 11th Illinois Infantry. She was 44 years old at the time. After Hiram was wounded in battle, Mary brought her husband back to Effingham, but he died shortly after on February 26, 1862. Fulfilling his dying wish, Mary returned to the regiment to nurse the sick and wounded soldiers until the end of the war. Mary actually visited the White House and had a visit on the porch with Mr. Lincoln. ***Meet these and many other fascinating figures at the Oakridge Cemetery!***



Effingham Public Library
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W. Evergreen Ave., Exit 160

HENDELMAYER PARK

Hendelmeyer Park is a 20-acre park that includes a newly-renovated skate park, lighted tennis/ pickleball courts, three lighted softball diamonds, two playground areas and a picnic area. Ron Diehl Recreation Center is also located on this property and houses three basketball courts, pickleball courts, two meeting rooms and a kitchen that can be reserved for a fee.

1906 S. Fourth St., Exit 159

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E. Temple Ave. and N. Pembroke Ave., Exit 162

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Fifth St. and Clark Ave., Exit 159



See page 37 for details on the Lake Sara Forever Beach Park and page 39 for TREC's Nature Park, pictured below.

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Dioramas and interactive exhibits, inside the Visitors Center, offer entertainment and education on the flora and fauna of this region. A naturalist is on staff throughout the week, and all trails and outdoor areas are open from dawn until dusk. The Visitor Center is open with seasonal hours throughout the winter months.

618.483.6856

5253 E. US Hwy 40, Altamont, Exit 82

www.ballardnaturecenter.org

GOLF COURSES

CARDINAL GOLF COURSE

Cardinal Golf Course is an 18-hole public golf course that borders Lake Sara and features The Nest Tavern. The course was remodeled to include several new holes and landscaping, along with a driving range, putting green and chipping green.

An outside pavilion is available for hosting parties and outings. The course also has a clubhouse for visitors to enjoy when taking a break. The course's season runs from March to December.

217.690.4138
15737 N. Beach Rd., Exit 160

FORE-WAY CHALLENGE GOLF COURSE

Fore-Way Challenge Golf is a 9-hole public course located near Lake Sara, just minutes from Effingham and Anthony Acres. The course offers formidable fairways, exacting greens and six major water hazards to test your skill level. Call to take advantage of special packages or to plan your family or business outing.

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217.868.5418
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LAKE SARA

Lake Sara is a **QUIET COVE** at dawn, where the only sound is the whirl of a casting reel and the gentle splash of the fly hitting the water's surface; a sunny afternoon slalom skiing behind a powerboat or running along the beach; a family picnic, near the pirate ship playground, or a family reunion with fried chicken and the works under one of the pavilions. All of these scenarios - and more - exemplify the **UNIQUE, CALMING SURROUNDINGS** of Lake Sara.

Fishing, especially, is a treasured pastime at the lake, which houses a wide variety of fish, including: black bass, crappie, bluegill, channel catfish and walleye. Other popular features include a **PUBLIC BEACH**, a pirate ship playground, disc golf course, pickleball courts, a beach volleyball court, quarter-mile walking trail, ninja challenge course, a boat-launch area, boat rentals, camping, golf courses, delicious food and drinks and picnic areas.

Come visit this **640-ACRE** recreational lake, nestled into a wooded shoreline, encircled by a winding road. Stay for a day, a week or a season, and enjoy the shores of Lake Sara...

Visit www.effinghamwaterauthority.org for more information.

217.347.7333

15250 N. Beach Rd., Exit 160



Lake Sara Forever Beach Playground
Photo by Lake Sara Forever

LAKE SARA FOREVER BEACH PARK

Children and parents alike will enjoy this new addition to the Lake Sara Pearson Peninsula! The Lake Sara Forever Project is a project aimed to preserve and enhance Lake Sara for future generations. Enjoy an all-new beach volleyball court, quarter-mile walking trail, ninja challenge course and four pickle ball courts.

Kids (as well as adventurous parents) can explore a larger-than-life pirate ship in the 5 to 12-year-old playground, in addition to a swingset, climbing ropes, a 2 to 5-year-old fort area and much more - designed for all ages and abilities.

An accessible fishing dock, 9-hole disc golf course and 4-hole accessible disc golf course, were also completed with the park. There is a bathhouse and water fountains on-site.

Visit www.lakesaraforever.com for updates to the project.

15250 N. Beach Rd., Exit 160



PINKY'S & THE RUSTY REEL BAR + BOATYARD

Just a short walk to the beach, you won't want to miss Pinky's, an open-air, waterfront restaurant, and the Rusty Reel Bar and Boat Yard, a full service bar that also offers boat rentals, tackle, fuel and more.

Pinky's is a family-owned and operated restaurant that leaves guests feeling like they're in the Key West of the Midwest! Enjoy a hand-breaded fish sandwich, grilled chicken beach wrap, wings, burgers, pizzas and more. Don't leave without trying a fun, seasonal cocktail.

This kid-friendly (and dog-friendly) lakeside retreat features live acoustic music throughout the summer and cozy, heated igloo domes in the cooler months.

Stop by and enjoy the entertainment, the view and the good vibes. Don't forget to check out their gift shop for a variety of #lakelife merchandise!

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8726 E. Marine Dr., Exit 160



Pinky's at Lake Sara
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CAMPING

CAMP LAKEWOOD

This 19-acre RV campground features 75 wooded campsites on the north shores of Lake Pauline, along with a variety of cabins and tent camping. Campsites offer water, sewer, electricity, cable and WiFi.

Parking areas provide long, level, pull-through convenience. 30/50-amp service is also available. The clubhouse is available to guests only. Visit www.camlakewoodcampground.com for more information.

217.342.1111 or 217.342.6233
1217 W. Rickelman Ave., Exit 160/162

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Enjoy picturesque views of Lake Sara from the comfort of this wooded resort. Amenities are abundant, and include grills for cooking your fresh catch and private decks. Each cabin features an efficiency kitchen, as well.

For your convenience, Anthony Acres Resort is just five minutes away from Effingham's many fine restaurants and entertainment venues. Stay awhile! Visit www.anthoniacres.com for more information.

217.868.2950
15286 N. Resort Rd., Exit 160

LAKE SARA CAMPGROUND

Lake Sara Campground welcomes families and pets of all sizes. The campground is open for RV and coach camping, cabin rentals and tent camping!

217.868.2964
15482 Wildwood Dr., Exit 160



TREC RECREATION TRAILS

The TREC trail system is a **PUBLIC TRAIL** designed to create recreational opportunities. The trails provide a great place for visitors to exercise, whether it is riding bikes, roller blading or walking.

The first phase of the trail was completed in 2010. The Ryan Wolters Memorial Bridge was completed to connect the two sections of phase one. The John and Fran Schultz Bridge - phase three - was completed in the fall of 2014. The remaining portion of phase three was completed in 2015. Phase four was completed in 2016. TREC and the City of Effingham completed phase five of the trail in recent years. This phase links the current trail system (phase one through four) to the pedestrian bridge over Interstates 57/70. More recently, the new **53-ACRE NATURE PARK**, featuring a 2-mile walking loop along the Little Wabash River, was unveiled.

The TREC mission is to develop a **"COUNTYWIDE, MULTI-USE TRAIL SYSTEM"**; educate the communities on the benefits of trails and promote an active lifestyle by providing recreational activities. *Trail maps are available at the Visit Effingham Office, located at 201 E. Jefferson Avenue.*

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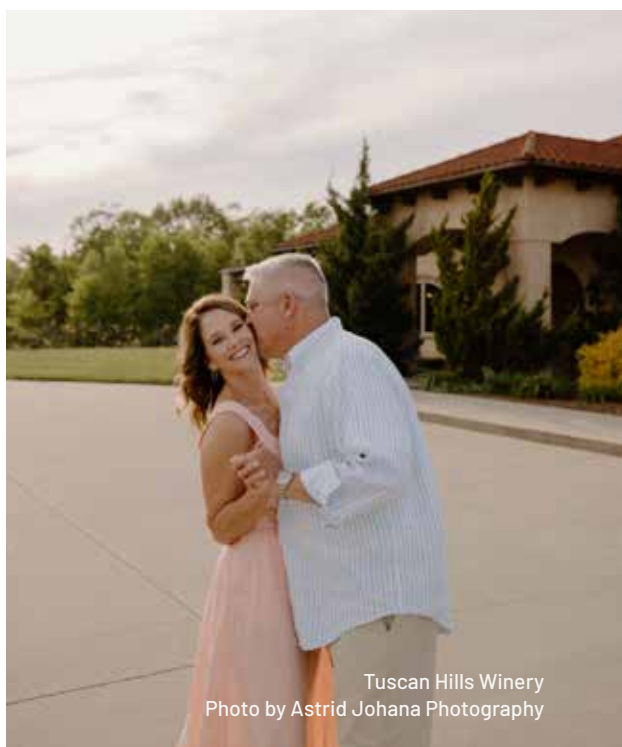
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- The Stellar Cellar seats 85 guests or 100, including bar + couch area
- The Fireplace Area seats up to 50 guests
- The North Vineyard Patio seats 65+ guests
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VISITOR FAQs



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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Local, regional and state travel information can be found at the Visit Effingham Office, located at 201 E. Jefferson Ave. in Effingham, IL. You can also call us at 217.342.5310 or visit www.visiteffinghamil.com to learn more about our town!

IS THERE AN AMTRAK STATION IN EFFINGHAM?

Yes, you can find more information about Amtrak, as well as view their scheduled stops, at www.amtrak.com. The station is located at 401 West National Avenue in Effingham, IL.

WHERE IS THE CLOSEST INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT?

The closest international airport to Effingham, IL is the St. Louis Lambert International Airport, located at 10701 Lambert International Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63145. You can also view flights online at www.flystl.com.

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