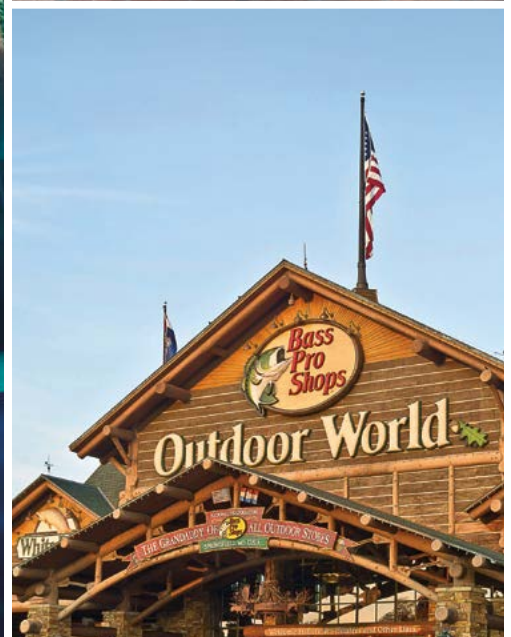
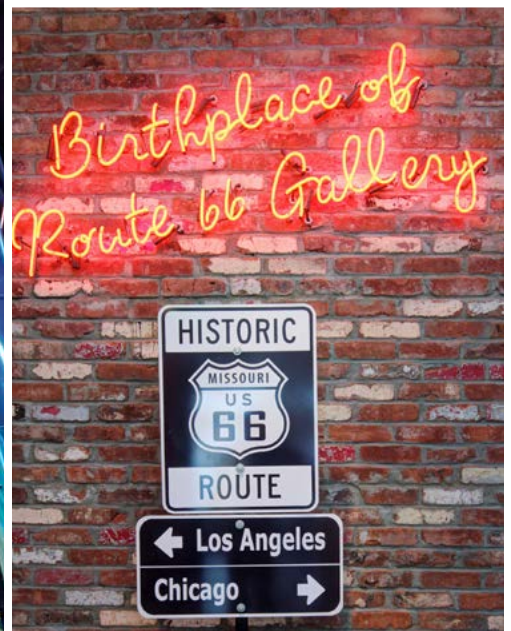
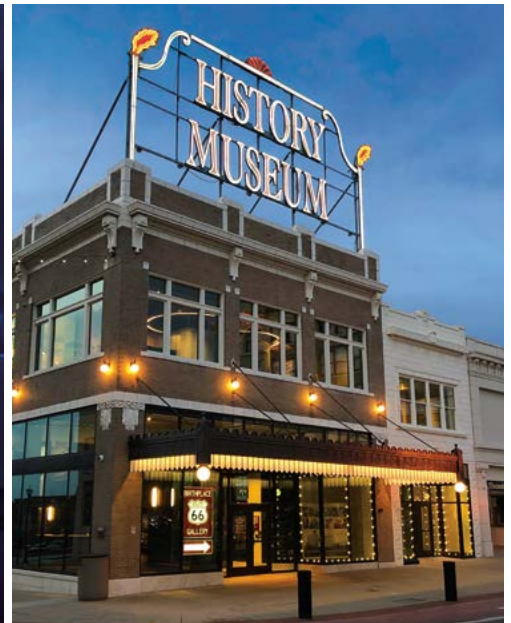


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### AQUARIUM ADVENTURE

Dive into the excitement of the world's oceans, lakes and streams with 1.5 million gallons of saltwater and freshwater aquariums teeming with more than 35,000 live fish, mammals, reptiles, amphibians and birds. Touch a stingray, be surrounded by piranhas, and go underwater with the biggest river monsters on the planet!

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### 2020 GROUP INFO AND PACKAGES

20 or more paying customers receive the group rate. Pricing for ticket, shopping and meal packages are available for snack, casual and sit-down dining.

**Museum Hours:** Seasonal operating hours vary (see website for updated times). Customize your journey with 1- to 4-hour experiences.

**Accessibility and Parking:** Scooters rent for \$25. Strollers rent for \$7. Wheelchairs are complimentary.

**Parking:** Convenient drop-off, pickup and level parking available.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

**Food Options:** Wonders of Wildlife offers two on-site dining and snack options. Fish Tales Café and the Shipwreck Snack Bar. Also featured is Hemingway's, a dine-in experience inside Bass

Pro Shops® Outdoor World®.

**Shopping:** Whether you're looking for something to commemorate your visit or a gift for a loved one, the Wonders of Wildlife Gift Shop offers a unique array of items that appeal to all ages. Shopping is also available at the adjoining Bass Pro Shops® Outdoor World®.

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# HISTORY MUSEUM ON THE SQUARE

Named by the readers of USATODAY's 10Best.com as the Best New Attraction in America in 2019, the History Museum on the Square features more than 18,000 square feet of exhibits in a 104-year-old former department store building in Downtown Springfield's entertainment district.

Discover the incredible Birthplace of Route 66 exhibit showcasing Springfield's legacy as the heart of the historic mother road. A 66-foot long

time-line and map details the moments and events that made Route 66 such an iconic fixture in American history.

Even more historic gems are on display including exhibits about the history of the region's indigenous people, Springfield's role in the American Civil War and the duel between "Wild Bill" Hickok and Davis Tutt — the first recorded quick-draw shootout of the Wild West era.

**Location:** 154 Park Central Square.

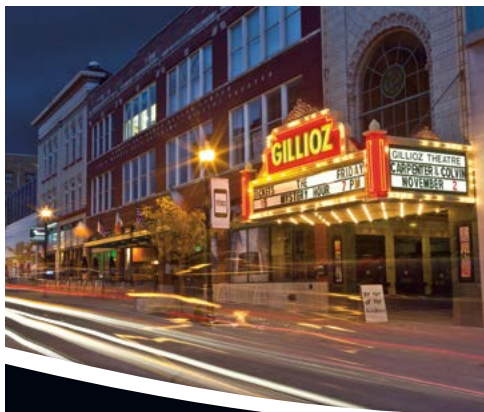
**Availability:** Monday – Saturday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Sunday: 1:00 to 5:00 pm

**Representative:** Katie School, Guest Experience Manager

**Website:** [historymuseumonthesquare.org](http://historymuseumonthesquare.org)

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# Springfield, Missouri

## The Birthplace of Route 66



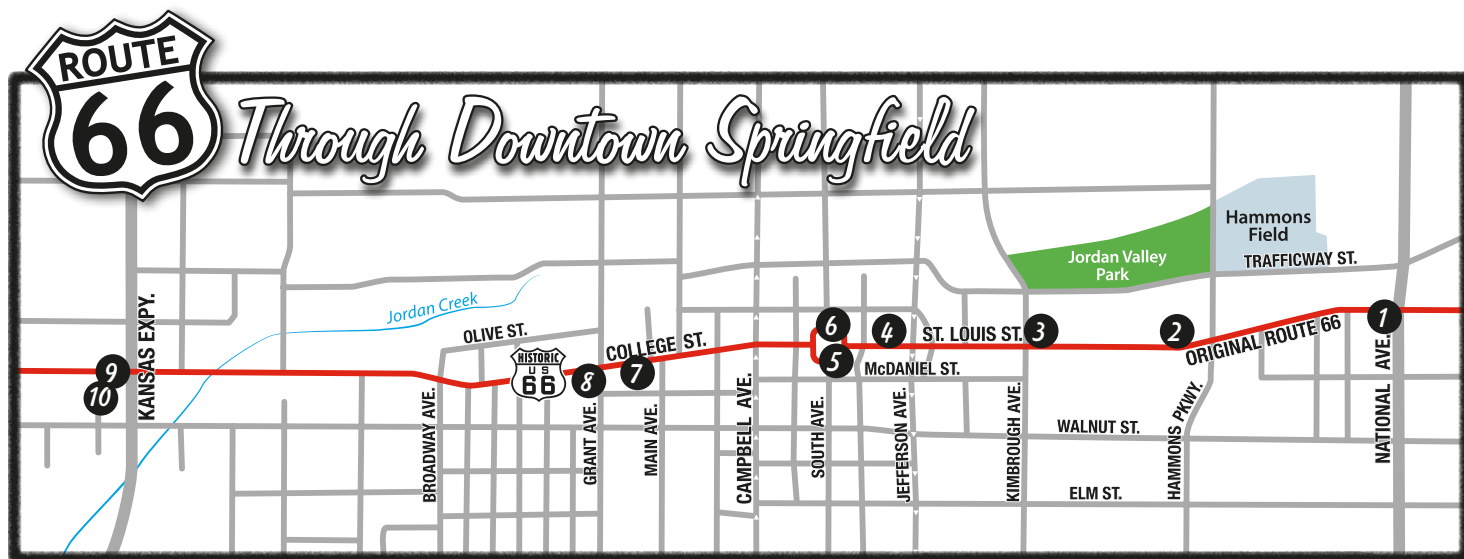
Officially recognized as the birthplace of Route 66, it was in Springfield, Missouri on April 30, 1926, that officials first proposed the name of the new Chicago-to-Los Angeles highway. In 1938, Route 66 became the first completely paved transcontinental highway in America, the "Mother Road," stretching from the Great Lakes to the Pacific Coast.

The birthplace of Route 66 offers something for every traveler – from pristine parks and trails to boutique shopping to diverse wineries, breweries and distilleries.

Springfield mixes its past with the future as historic Route 66 borders the downtown Jordan Valley Park. The road that once was to be the east/west thoroughfare for travelers in a hurry to get their

destinations now serves sightseers who take a more relaxed pace and savor every detail.

Below are just a few must-see stops along the historic route through the heart of Springfield.



- 1 **STEAK 'N SHAKE** – 1158 E. St. Louis St., Springfield, 417-866-6109 – Outside, this Route 66 icon still offers curb-side service. Inside, enjoy the 1950's-style decor.
- 2 **ROUTE 66 SPRINGFIELD VISITOR CENTER** – 815 E. St. Louis St., Springfield, 417-881-5300 – Route 66 souvenirs and all the information you need for your visit.
- 3 **ABOU BEN ADHEM SHRINE MOSQUE** – 601 E. St. Louis St., Springfield, 417-869-9164 – Built in 1923, this unique building has a museum and serves as a community event venue.
- 4 **GILLIOZ THEATRE** – 325 Park Central East, Springfield, 417-863-9491 – This opulent movie house opened in 1926 and remains a premiere event destination.
- 5 **PARK CENTRAL SQUARE** – Downtown Springfield – Designed by renowned landscape architect Lawrence Halprin, it is the site of the 1865 Wild Bill Hickok shootout.
- 6 **HISTORY MUSEUM ON THE SQUARE** – 157 Park Central Square, Springfield, 417-831-1976 – Discover the "How, When & Why" of the history that makes Springfield and Greene County unique!
- 7 **LOST SIGNAL BREWING COMPANY** – 610 W. College St., Springfield, 417-869-4755, [lostsignalbrewing.com](http://lostsignalbrewing.com) – Craft beer and slow smoked BBQ made on The Mother Road.
- 8 **MOTHER ROAD ANTIQUES & UNIQUES** – 1031A W. College St., Springfield, 417-861-9917 – Antiques and Route 66 souvenirs and gifts on Route 66.
- 9 **COLLEGE STREET CAFE** – 1622 W. College St., Springfield (next to Route 66 Car Museum) – Stop by and see us on your travels down Route 66!
- 10 **ROUTE 66 CAR MUSEUM** – 1634 W. College Street, Springfield – More than 65 unique and classic cars, including Batman's Gotham Cruiser.



# EXPLORE A WELCOMING CITY AT THE CROSSROADS OF AMERICAN HISTORY.

Looking for a genuine, all-American vacation destination that allows you to celebrate life's simple pleasures with family and friends? Look no further than Springfield, Missouri, the Gateway to the Great Outdoors, the heart and soul of the Ozarks and the birthplace of the historic Route 66. With a unique blend of outdoor and cultural explorations, and non-stop flights from 13 cities, Springfield invites travelers to visit and experience the heart of America firsthand.

Springfield, Missouri is known as the crossroads of many historic trails including the Trail of Tears, the Butterfield Overland Stagecoach route, the Old Wire Road and, of course, Route 66. From pristine parks and trails and boutique shopping to diverse wineries, breweries and distilleries and family-friendly (and even pet-friendly) activities, Springfield offers something for every traveler. Here are just a few ideas:

## DAY ONE:



- **Johnny Morris' Wonders of Wildlife National Museum & Aquarium** - Springfield's newest attraction is adjacent to Bass Pro Shops® Outdoor World®. This 1.5-million-gallon aquarium and immersive wildlife museum adventure showcases 35,000 live fish, animals, reptiles and birds.
- **Lunch at Hemingway's** - Enjoy great seafood and down-home cooking at this unique restaurant located in **Bass Pro Shops® Outdoor World®**.



- **NRA National Sporting Arms Museum** - The most amazing gun museum in the Midwest! You'll see almost 1,000 incredible sporting artifacts from the 1600s to modern day, including some of the finest and most historically significant firearms from the NRA Museum Collection. **Free Admission.**
- **Archery Hall of Fame Museum** - The finest archery museum in the world honors outstanding figures in archery and preserves the history and tradition of archery and bow hunting. **Free Admission.**



- **Bass Pro Shops® Outdoor World®** - Shop in the original Granddaddy of All Outdoor Stores, with nearly 500,000 square feet of shopping fun.

## DAY TWO:



- **Route 66 Guided Driving Tour** - A step-on guide will share Springfield's Route 66 history.
- **History Museum on the Square** - See exhibits ranging from prehistoric times to the 1950s including a Route 66 exhibit and history of Springfield.
- **Park Central Square** - Take a stroll back in time through the streets of downtown Springfield. Check out the historic site of the first recorded shootout of the Wild West era between "Wild Bill" Hickock and Davis Tutt, visit the art galleries, and do some shopping in the downtown boutiques!



- **Lunch at Steak 'n Shake on Historic Route 66**
- **Pythian Castle** - Tour Springfield's only castle and experience the history and mystery.



- **Commercial Street District** - Take the "C-Street Stroll" through six blocks of turn-of-the-century architecture now filled with art galleries, boutiques, a chocolate factory, flea markets, the historic **Jefferson Avenue Footbridge** and more!

## DAY THREE:



- **Wilson's Creek National Battlefield** - A critical Civil War battlefield in Missouri, the site includes walking trails to various battlefields, a museum and changing exhibits.



- **Lunch at Leong's Asian Diner** - A trip to Springfield is not complete without trying some of our famous "Springfield-Style" Cashew Chicken!



- **Fantastic Caverns** - Fantastic Caverns is America's only ride-through cave. Beyond the scientific value of this site, it also holds strong historical value to the area.



- **Springfield Cardinals** - Enjoy the excitement of a ballgame in Hammons Field, a 11-time Texas League Field of the Year winner and home to the Double-A affiliate of the St. Louis Cardinals.

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