Galesburg, Illinois wants you to experience more. More jaw-dropping experiences, crave-worthy foods, and those unexpected adventures crafted just for you! Located in Knox County, the City of Galesburg sits at the helm of those grand traditions, friendly faces, and dynamic moments in history that make our corner of the world an unbeatable match for your next trip!

Our neighbors represent some of the best of small-town America. Headed east from Galesburg, you’ll pass by Knoxville, Abingdon, Altona, East Galesburg, Dahinda, Maquon, Oneida, Rio, Victoria, Wataga, Williamsfield, and Yates City.

With so much to discover, we’ve only got one question…

*Are you ready?*

By train, use a passenger rail service like Amtrak. This fast and efficient travel method has daily trips in and out of the ‘Burg, so you can start your adventure sooner!

Galesburg Welcome Center
2163 E. Main St.
Galesburg, IL 61401
309-343-2485
Make sure to stop by for info and merchandise!

For more information please email info@experiencegalesburg.com or call 800-916-3330.

www.experiencegalesburg.com
The decisions made by President Lincoln in those critical moments of the American Civil War changed the tide of history forever. Galesburg’s Heritage Days invites you to fully immerse yourself. Come experience the tensions, technology, and heightened emotion of wartime with our annual Civil War Reenactment show. Is the history buff in your family still craving more? Galesburg’s always got more in store.

The Land of Lincoln doesn’t stop with our state capitol. In fact, you’ll find Lincoln’s influence hidden (maybe not so hidden) throughout Galesburg! Snag a selfie with the Lincoln statue at the Amtrak Station. Or, take a cruise on the self-guided Looking for Lincoln historical site tour that winds through picturesque towns in Central Illinois. Not to mention, Knox College was a location for the Great Lincoln-Douglas Debates. There’s always more to learn about America’s tallest president, right here in Galesburg.

Carl Sandburg, a two-time Pulitzer Prize winning author, may not have been as tall as Lincoln but was similar in...
historical stature, also once called our city home. Generations later, you can still experience that same Galesburg charm by exploring his home and on-site gardens at the Carl Sandburg State Historic Site. His legacy lives on through the countless visitors experiencing his life year after year.

Our city’s history uniquely positions Galesburg as a hub for more than one of the busiest railyards in the country. Glimpse into a few pivotal moments in American history and architecture with a visit to Galesburg’s finest churches. Your holy tour could include the Corpus Christi Catholic Church, the Central Congregational Church, and St. Mary’s Chapel! Each with their own special features and personality, you’ll feel nothing less than inspired!

That healthy dose of inspiration won’t stop there. The Knox County Courthouse represents the best of Romanesque architecture and ornate design. Take some time to explore its beauty and when you’ve worked up an appetite, find a cozy spot under the trees of Standish Park Arboretum for a picnic lunch!
A renowned beauty located at the heart of it all.

The Orpheum Theatre came to Galesburg the same way many things have: the railroad. Because of Galesburg's strategic position, shows that were headed west would look to Galesburg before turning their attention to the big cities of Los Angeles or San Francisco. A few bumps in the road led to its temporary closure in 1932, but in 1988, the newly renovated Orpheum reopened its doors to provide the people of Galesburg (plus guests from miles away) live music, amazing on-stage performances, and the occasional moving picture show.

A vaudeville performance like no other, the Orpheum Theatre is built for mixed use. With its large seating capacity, the Orpheum is equipped with classic theatre amenities like privatized box seating and built-in acoustic properties. The modern audio, video, lighting,
and rigging technologies (plus the oh so wonderful air conditioning!) help create the perfect culmination of old school flare and new school comforts.

Its history is full of the most iconic acts of generations past. From Harry Houdini, Fanny Brice, George Burns, and even the Temptations, the Orpheum never failed to disappoint the immense crowds that filled its seats.

As for its traditions, the Orpheum Theatre supports more than the on-stage acts brought to life on its iconic stage. As dutiful preservers of the higher art of live performance, the Orpheum supports the Galesburg area and the other theater programs within it. A long history of collaborating with its tenants, the dedicated staff and volunteers bring their time, boundless energy and excitement to make “it” happen for every single show and performance.
How can you join in on the fun during your Galesburg vacation? Catch the Orpheum’s Throwback Thursday tradition during the summer. Nostalgic movies are screened for the public free of charge (and they’ve been doing it for almost 5 years!). Or, check out the Rootabaga Jazz Festival, the Knox County Fair Queen Pageant, or their ongoing partnership with the Knox-Galesburg Symphony. Some of these collaborations have lasted for over 50 years with no plans to stop now, so come join in on the fun!

When you visit for a show, Director Erin Glasnovich explains that guests can expect “to be drawn in by the beautiful architecture and lovely plasterwork and Italian friezes, but even more importantly, they can expect a collective experience with friends, neighbors, and strangers.”

The future is bright for the “Jewel of Galesburg.” After a successful Capital Campaign in 2016, Erin states, “the theatre is more financially sound than ever, and is in a place where it can be not only preserved as a historic edifice but thrive as an institution and Galesburg staple.”

Art Around Town
Local business fuels our city, and Galesburg’s local artists aren’t any different! Art Around Town is the perfect culmination of local artists doing small, yet impactful projects to brighten this city. Do your civic duty and toss that waste into a trash can, but also take a peek at the artful upgrade created on each one!
So, now is the time to punch your ticket at the next incredible production brought to life on the main stage at the opulent Orpheum Theatre.

**Experience the arts**
The heart of expression comes in many forms. Proudly, Galesburg offers an intimate insight into the things that make us all feel something more—a connection between you and something you bring to life through your experiences. From monthly exhibits of both local and national artists in the Galesburg Civic Art Center to curating your own masterpiece with Art Defined, you’ll not only create something extraordinary, you may uncover something incredible about yourself in the process.

Continue your artful adventure with a show featuring the live-action performances of regionally, nationally, and internationally known acts at the Knox-Galesburg Symphony, Prairie Players Civic Theatre, and of course the Orpheum Theatre! Listen to the Knox-Galesburg Symphony and enjoy the beautiful live music of various genres including anything from the classics to a whimsical children’s concert. The Symphony’s musicians come from all over Illinois and even Eastern Iowa, so you can experience the best from our local talents! Prairie Players Civic Theatre, a long-standing community theatre, works to offer a diversity of experiences to participate or simply enjoy numerous entertainment opportunities. Between putting on live performances to hosting the local proms, this theatre has its finger directly on the pulse of Galesburg.

Visit [www.experiencegalesburg.com](http://www.experiencegalesburg.com) for more on art and culture in the Galesburg area.
The Cherry on Top of a Perfect Galesburg Getaway

A town favorite filled with memories and menu items that leave the locals buzzing year after year, Cherry Street Restaurant and Bar mixes up your old-time favorites with a fresh take on your soon-to-be must haves. With its start in 1981, the building wore several hats in its longstanding post on Cherry Street. Its versatility creates the unique ambiance that keeps people coming back to this local hotspot time after time.

Cherry Street, with its beautiful exposed brick and iconic neon signage, begs the adventurous foodie to try the immense variety of scrumptious eats and a constantly expanding drink menu. With three floors to dine, host a private event, or listen to live music, Cherry Street offers the largest restaurant and bar space in the Galesburg area.

A big venue requires a larger than life menu. As a new calendar month rolls into focus, Cherry Street raises the bar with their tasty, and out-of-the-box recipes in their Burger of the Month feature.

Permanent favorites include the Aloha burger topped with ham,
Eat like a jetsetter with the wide variety of cultural cuisines centralized right here. **Koreana Restaurant**, with its unique flare on traditional Korean food, offers a glimpse into a vibrant culture through its authentically tasty menu! **Coney Island**, the oldest restaurant in Galesburg, puts visitors in the heart of New York's fast food cuisine (without the crazy traffic).

More than the savory flavors of this month's burger, Cherry Street knows its history runs deep with the people of this town. Fond memories were made here by the community. And its those memories that are the driving force behind maintaining the traditional charm of the space. Striking that balance of adhering to the classic Cherry Street that Galesburg knows and loves while making meaningful updates to preserve it for generations to come, makes all the difference to past, present, and future diners of Cherry Street Restaurant & Bar. For foodie lovers everywhere, Galesburg always leaves room for seconds (or thirds).

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Need a BBQ fix? **Big Catz BBQ** in Knoxville pulls the best from all the BBQ capitals of the country to make one location for scrumptious menu items to satisfy anyone. **Nowhere Bar & Grill** in Victoria offers all the best of your foodie classics—from pizza to steaks to sweet treats, it's all here!

Need a bit of sweetness to balance all that savory goodness? **The Packinghouse**, located in an old meat packing house, totes their famous cinnamon rolls (and of course some of the best prime rib in town)!
From farm to table, Craft Butcher and Deli offers fabulous cuts of meat plus a crave-worthy all-day breakfast menu. Not to mention, Acapulco - Mexican Restaurant gives you authentic, homemade meals led by an owner that was named “20 Under 40” for business savvy and intense dedication to the Galesburg community.

More than turning a profit, the local restaurateurs of Galesburg’s diverse variety of cuisine, help you enjoy a tasty meal while taking part in supporting the surrounding community and its people. So, what’s there to lose? Come be part of the magic!

Before your trip to the ‘Burg, plan to eat more than your piece of the pie—pizza pie that is! From Chicago style to the crispiest of thin crusts, enjoy the wonderful variety of pizza selections right here in the Galesburg area! From quirky renditions on classic favorites to a cauliflower pizza crust loaded high with fun ingredients, everyone is sure to find their new favorite!

To Top It All Off…there’s more!
Crust lovers rejoice! Innkeeper’s offers an upside-down pizza that features all your pizza favorites baked in a bowl with the crust on top! Iron Spike Brewing Co. promises some of the finest flatbread pizza options to pair with a thirst-quenching brew. Cherry Street provides your favorite toppings on garlic-brushed, hand-tossed crust! Plus, Landmark Café and Creperie has a variety of pita pizzas offering all the tastiness of pizza on an easy to handle pita crust.

Get ya crepes here!
Landmark Café, a Galesburg staple, offers the best in savory and sweet crepe options alongside a great lunch and dinner menu to keep everyone satisfied and coming back for more! When the weather warms up, take your goodies outdoors to Landmark’s stunning outdoor seating area complete with blooming flowers crowning your head from above!
Jump over to Jimmy’s

With over 30 years of experience perfecting the pizza pie, this husband and wife duo offer a high-energy sports bar theme and an area large enough to entertain all with Jimmy’s Pizza. Say hi to Jimmy and Debra (plus their hardworking family) as they help make your dining experience incredible! You are bound to experience a good time in this electric food establishment. Plus, they have amazing sandwiches, yummy pasta options, and a fully-stocked bar!
Eating your way through Knox County couldn’t be easier with the numerous options available to you. For a full list of dining options, please visit: www.experiencenaugustus.com
Coffee, Sweets & Treats

The Beanhive
124 E Simmons St, Galesburg
309-344-0200

Carriage House
83 S Seminary St, Galesburg
309-342-6111

Flavor Freeze
552 S Farnham St, Galesburg
309-343-0414

Innkeeper’s Fresh Roasted Coffee
80 N Seminary St, Galesburg
309-344-2625

Java Station
1426 N Henderson St, Galesburg
309-343-1800

JT’s Carmelkorn Station
108 S Seminary St, Galesburg
309-343-3339

Kastle Cream
1595 W Main St, Galesburg
309-343-0485

Deli

Delino’s Deli and Bakery
319 E Main St, Galesburg
309-342-3372

Lieber’s Boxcar Express
1974 N Henderson, Galesburg
309-342-4626

European

Landmark Café & Creperie
62 S Seminary St, Galesburg
309-343-5376

Farm-to-table

Craft Butcher and Deli
41 S Seminary St, Galesburg
309-341-0127

Fine Dining

The Packinghouse
441 Mulberry St, Galesburg
309-342-6868

Italian & Pizza

Alfano’s Pizzeria
508 E Main St, Galesburg
309-343-8718

Alfano’s Pizzeria
801 E Main St, Knoxville
309-289-2222

Audi’s Restaurant
161 N Cherry St, Galesburg
309-343-1111

baked

575 Seminary St, Galesburg
309-297-4267

Budde’s Pizza and Spirits
425 E Main St, Galesburg
309-343-3502

Mexican

Acapulco
1576 N Henderson St, Suite B, Galesburg
309-345-0066

Mexican Cuisine Restaurant
506 Knox Square Dr, Suite 6, Galesburg
309-351-7691

Taco Hideout
1256 W Berrien St, Galesburg
309-343-5610

Vegan & Vegetarian

Globar
337 E Main St, Galesburg
309-348-9365

Sushi & Hibachi

Masa Sushi and Hibachi Steakhouse
58 South Cherry St, Galesburg
309-342-4293

Ny Sushi
1349 North Henderson St, Galesburg
309-342-6688

Coffee Shop

Iron Spike Brewing Company
1595 W Main St, Galesburg
309-343-0485

Happy Joe’s Pizza & Grill
1727 N Henderson St, Galesburg
309-344-3121
A partnership ahead of its time combines the expertise of 20 fishermen with the endless motivation of shared business ownership to coin Sitka Salmon Shares. The process is simple. First, your community of fishermen-owners go out to sea to do their thing. Your fish land in either the Sitka processing plant or one of their partner docks in Alaska. Then, every month (while in season), you’ll find a box of wild Alaskan seafood hand-delivered to your door. And you guessed it...Sitka Salmon’s administrative headquarters sits right in the heart of Galesburg, Il. Stop by for a sample selection of their huge variety of Alaskan seafood ready to be the star...fish for your next meal.

Visit www.experiencegalesburg.com to learn more!
Hazel Salmon

Ingredients:
1 lb coho salmon  
2 Tbsp butter  
4 cloves garlic, crushed  
4 green onions, sliced, white & green parts only  
3 leeks, thinly sliced, white & light green parts only  
1 teaspoon salt  
pepper to taste  
¼ cup dry white wine  
½ cup heavy cream  
6 cups chicken stock, divided  
8-12 ounces mini yellow tomatoes, halved  
½ lb fingerling or new potatoes  
4 Tbsp fresh parsley, chopped  
4 Tbsp fresh dill, chopped  
½ lemon, cut into wedges

Directions
Preheat oven to 425°.

In a Dutch oven, melt butter over medium heat. Add garlic, green onions, and leeks. Sauté 2-3 minutes, or until soft and translucent.

Stir in white wine, then add 2 cups chicken broth. Bring to a simmer. Heat slowly and do not boil. Stir in salt, pepper, and heavy cream. Remove from heat.

In a separate pot, boil potatoes in 4 cups chicken broth until tender.

Add sliced tomatoes and coho fillets to the Dutch oven. Let cook in oven, covered, for 10-12 minutes.

Pull out salmon from Dutch oven and remove skin. The salmon should flake easily. Drain stock from potatoes once tender.

Put a portion of salmon & potatoes in a shallow bowl. Ladle in soup. Serve hot with lemon wedges and chopped fresh dill & parsley.

Josh & Ashley’s Pro Cooking Tip:
If you prefer juicier, less cooked tomatoes, add them to the hot soup at the end. They recommend that you enjoy Hazel Salmon with a bright, crisp Chardonnay.

Use online code GACVB19 for a $25 discount towards the purchase of any CSF share!
www.sitkasalmonshares.com
Coffee & Beyond
Their passion is coffee. A focus on curating the perfect blend from freshly roasted beans right in store, Innkeeper’s Fresh Roasted Coffee offers the Galesburg area so much more than just a perfect cup of coffee.

With homemade pastries and a stellar breakfast and lunch menu, Innkeeper’s remains a force to be reckoned with in Galesburg’s coffee scene. Why the name? The owners ran a bed and breakfast (making them actual Innkeepers) back in the day before deciding to open a coffee shop, so the name just stuck with them as they moved business ventures. Owner Mike Bond explains, “Our passion is the very best, freshly roasted coffee from the best coffee growing regions around the world.”
It all began with the Victorian Breakfast Blend Coffee in 1998. The shop’s popularity grew and with it so did the menu options. While you wait for your coffee to be freshly prepared, peruse the fresh baked pastries, desserts, chocolates and peek at what you’ll come back and snatch for lunch. No matter what you choose, each menu item comes to you with fresh, good-for-you ingredients served with a ton of love from the excited staff! Plus, you’ll certainly catch the smell of freshly roasted coffee beans since it’s done frequently right in the store. So, will your next coffee addiction be for here or to go?

If eclectic coffee is kind of your thing, then there’s so many more options for you to discover. The Beehive located in Galesburg offers all the best of a quaint, but lively coffee shop armed with the best chocolate chip cookies that keep the locals buzzing. Plus, they offer hearty breakfast and lunch options like mouth-watering French toast or a quinoa taco salad! Hop over to Java Station Espresso for refreshing iced teas and Italian soda concoctions plus a wonderful coffee bar filled with your old school and soon-to-be favorites!

For a full list of the Burg’s sweets and treats, visit www.experiencegalesburg.com.
Cheers for beers!

From the littlest of hands to the most seasoned of minds, it starts and ends with family here. People and memories were left in Knox County that encouraged a move back west—Midwest that is. The local beer scene had exploded, allowing Sarah and Matthew Hansen a prime opportunity to learn the intricacies of brewery craftsmanship. This once-in-a-lifetime opportunity culminated into Galesburg’s latest local hot spot Knox County Brewing Co.

Proudly toting that “it’s more than just beer,” the Hansen Family understands that the best way to make a person do something good (for a long time) is to make them have fun while doing it. “Our business practices and brew methods embody what we believe—no filters, artificial flavors or preservatives—just natural, authentic, beer and people.” A portion of every beer brewed is donated to a local, non-profit organization. Plus, KCBC sources their ingredients from local vendors and farms as close to home as possible.

No matter the selection available, you’ll experience tastes from around the world that may include a Mexican-style Lager or a Norwegian Farmhouse Ale. Or, enjoy a variety of beer-infused cocktails! The best of tangy flavors mixed with the current beer on tap will leave your taste buds ready for more.

Need more brewing expertise? Iron Spike Brewing Co. also offers another great space to enjoy a cold one located right in Galesburg! Swing by for the amazing brew flavors like a whimsical Peach Wheat made with real peaches and a savory meal to pair perfectly with that flavor infusion!
Wine time
Owner and wine maker David Poland had a vision for the future. This vision provided an educational opportunity to learn more about the viticulture and wine making process. After some investments by his family, David’s retirement dream came to reality. Together, they opened Hidden Hills Vineyard and Winery which provided a new local wine spot for fanatics across the Galesburg area.

Come visit the Vineyard and sample all the wines from the variety of grapes and blends Hidden Hills Vineyard and Winery has to offer. With so many varieties of grapes grown in the world, it’s no wonder that Hidden Hills continues to find new blends for you to try! Some classic favorites include a Crisp Dry White, a Rosé, a Sweet Red, or a Light Dry Red plus so many more! Not always your quaint and quiet venue, Hidden Hills offers lively Wine & Paint nights and Live Music that will spill out into the outdoor patio during the warmer months! These events allow you to be creative while sipping on your favorite variety. As David and his hardworking family uncover a new type of wine, they host a release party for all to come enjoy the newest addition to the HH family! So, stop by and become a part of something incredible…and enjoy some great wine while you’re at it!

Visit www.experiencegalesburg.com for more on wine and brews!
SEMINARY STREET MERCHANTS

Specialty Shops
- Bondgård Dekor
- Calico Cat - a gift boutique
- Cooks & Company
- Cornucopia Natural Market & Deli
- Dovetail Rivet & Stitch
- Four Seasons
- Galesburg Antiques Mall
- Hairtcetera Salon & Spa
- JT’s CarmelKorn Station
- Kohl’s Diamond Gallery
- Mother Goosebumps
- Stray Cat Art

Food & Drink
- baked
- Carriage House Bakery
- Craft Butcher & Deli
- Jimmy’s Pizza
- Landmark Café & Creperie
- The Packinghouse
SHOP ON Seminary

A red bricked road guides your path to the center of it all. From fantastic local eateries to the most wonderful boutique shopping, Seminary Street invites you to shop (and dine) ‘til you drop right in downtown Galesburg! The history of these magical three blocks tell a one-of-a-kind story fit with different styles and aesthetics. Immediately, the vibrant energy, originality, and local distinction curate a lively experience for everyone and anyone. The merchants of Seminary Street all hope you’ll find a unique treat, garment, or trinket to help make your trip to the ‘Burg that much more special.
As your travels take you places in and around Galesburg, you’ll uncover that the shopping scene is hard to beat. From antique shopping to a more modern approach, you are bound to leave the ‘Burg with more bags than you originally packed to come visit us! Peek at the different districts that will bring new meaning to shop ‘til you drop.
Antique Shopping

With six antique shops filled floor to ceiling with one-of-a-kind finds at “wait, that’s all?” prices, it’s no wonder people come into town just to find that perfect “new-to-me” antique find.

Downtown District

You’ll find specialty retail stores from a running supply store to wine rooms, furniture stores to book and gift shops, and even clothing and handcrafted jewelry boutiques. Together, these unique boutiques offer some of the best of Galesburg’s small business owners all in one, convenient downtown area.

Farmer’s Markets

At the corner of Simmons and Kellogg every Saturday from May - October, you’ll find the Galesburg Farmer’s Market providing fresh produce, crafts, homemade food, and even freshly butchered meats. Don’t be afraid to drop by more than once…there’s always going to be new things to pick up each week!

Henderson Street & Seminary Square

Not to be confused with the historic Seminary Street, Seminary Square and Henderson Street offer a taste of many well-known store fronts and restaurants.

Check out all of the Galesburg area shopping at www.experiencegalesburg.com.

Did you hear that? That’s the sound of one of Galesburg’s finest cooking up something special for you! Located at the corner of all the eateries and boutiques on Seminary Street, JT’s CarmelKorn Station offers classic and quirky renditions on popcorn favorites! Inside you’ll find the owner, JT herself, and her special copper pot popping that popcorn to perfection (can you say that 5 times fast?). With so many flavors to try, we’ll leave that tough decision up to you!
Next Stop: IMAGINATION STATION
Two floors of fun await you and your littlest of adventurers at Galesburg’s **Discovery Depot Children’s Museum**. Far from the expected, it’s highly encouraged to touch, climb, create, and splash your way through the endless adventures awaiting inside. With their mission to “inspire wonder and excitement for learning,” your nonstop fun shop begins as soon as you walk in the door.

Excitedly, Discovery Depot offers the best in productive play time with fun twists on classic lessons in art, science, agriculture, banking, architecture, and so much more. Watch your child’s imagination run wild in Ferris Junction, an immersive role-playing village.

Filled with everything from a highly-detailed postal office to a kid-friendly emergency dispatch center, your child might play their way into a future career. Or, get creative with the in-house art studio stocked with all the best in supplies, programming, and readiness to learn new skills!

Here, double the space means double the fun. In the newly opened upstairs, there’s so much more in store with an air exhibit, water play area, giant railroad climber fit with slides, and many more fresh ways to play and learn. Oh, did we mention there’s a 10 ft. tall interactive Ferris Wheel inside, too?

Need some fresh air? Step outside to enjoy the exhilarating playground space or hop onto the real-life train caboose. When it comes to fun, the Discovery Depot Children’s Museum knows how to make it happen.

Discovery Depot fits perfectly into your next vacation to the ‘Burg. From energetic young parents to seasoned grandparents, the Depot strikes a delicate balance of entertainment and fun for everyone in the family. Plus, with its numerous indoor and outdoor exhibits, there’s never a “bad season” to come visit! Your family will leave with a smile on their face no matter the weather outside!

**INSIDER’S TIP:** IT’S ENCOURAGED TO PACK A LUNCH (OR ENJOY ANY OF THE LOCALLY OWNED HOTSPOTS IN TOWN) IN-BETWEEN A FULL DAY OF PLAY!
LET’S GET Adventurous!
Galesburg’s Parks & Recreation Department understands the need to get outside and be immersed in some physical activity.

In the summer months, the local parks buzz with activity. With five newly added playground spaces, kids can rip and roar to burn off their endless amounts of energy. Lake Storey Beach offers the best for both the lazy beach bums looking to absorb some sun and the adventurous types ready to rip through the white caps of Lake Storey. Or, stay dry on the adrenaline-pumping biking trails that wind around the lake!

Don’t want to haul your own equipment? Rent a kayak, paddle boat, canoe, or john boat right at the beach! These rentals are available on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Take a leisurely stroll (or a brisk run or ride) on the Lake Storey biking, walking, and hiking trails.

Grab those golf clubs from the garage because Bunker Links Golf Course offers an 18-hole regulation course designed by golf enthusiasts, so it’s always ready for an impromptu golf day. Try your hand at something new on the Kiwanis Disc Golf Course on the east side of town! Need to cool down? Take the kids to enjoy the splash pad and wading pools of Lakeside Waterpark.

Not to mention, there’s a horse area at Bursey Williams Area in Lake Storey or fishing at Lincoln Park. Or, take the family to the Monarch Migration Festival during early Summer. If you need a dose of history, Galesburg’s Heritage Days puts on one of the best Civil War Reenactment shows in the area. The best part? All of these events are family friendly!

Substitute graham crackers with your preferred chocolate chip cookie. (We suggest the cookies from the Beanhive!)

Add some extra flavor to your s’more with your favorite peanut butter or hazelnut spread!

Replace your standard chocolate bar with any specialty chocolate - Inkeepers truffles are a must-try!

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON KNOX COUNTY’S CAMPGROUNDS, SEE PAGE 33.
The Knox County Scenic Drive

A trip down memory lane, but you’re still making new memories turn after turn. The Knox County Scenic Drive, with its appeal to thousands of visitors every season, helps you uncover the best of Knox County’s deeply rooted history and culture. Started in 1976, the Drive is impossible to finish in one day—which just means you’ll have to visit us again to complete your trek! With nine total stops including the gorgeous Walnut Grove Barn, each destination offers food, drink, and a plethora of homemade items for purchase by local vendors.

It’s no small feat to be selected to set up shop on the Scenic Drive. You must pass certain quality criteria to be selected, so rest assured you are receiving the best in the county. For the community, the Scenic Drive presents an opportunity for local talent to show off their skills and for you to see it all in one, cohesive place. Not to mention, you’ll be driving past and through some iconic historical buildings and towns that you’re more than welcome to explore on your own!

Director Tom Collopy excitedly extends the offer to all to join in, “If you come, you’re gonna feel the appreciation of the culture of people, goods, and services.” From homemade items to historical demonstrators, there’s something for everyone. So, what are you waiting for? Grab the keys and we’ll meet you over here! The Knox County Scenic Drive runs the first two weekends in October every year.

ENDLESS ADVENTURES AWAITS

9 Stops
Get your fill of authentic crafts, delicious food and plenty of photo-worthy moments in these nine stops of the Knox County Scenic Drive.

City of Knoxville
Knox County Fairgrounds
Walnut Grove Farm
Maquon
Orange Chapel
Elmwood
Dahinda
Wolf Covered Bridge
Fat Frieddy’s at 41 Junction
Spring

April
Rootabaga Jazz Festival
Big names with larger than life energy head to the ‘Burg to celebrate a genre that helped unite people from all walks of life.

Carl Sandburg Festival
Celebrating the life and legacy of Galesburg native & two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning poet, Carl Sandburg.

Knox-Galesburg Symphony
A professional orchestra serving the Galesburg area with fine music from talented musicians playing year round.

Summer

June
Seminary Street First Fridays
An opportunity to relax, enjoy the outdoors, and visit with friends as you peruse the shops and eateries of Seminary Street, enjoy June through September.

Railtown Rumble Car Cruise
Enjoy the sights of cars from generations past!

Semi-Truck Cruise-In
Come see trucks from various makes, models, and years show off their pulling power (with bonus points for style).

More on 34 Weekend
Miles and miles of bargains located on one, convenient stretch of road!

Fall

September
National Stearman Fly-in
Come see the largest gathering of Stearman bi-planes in the world plus enjoy seminars, programs, and even fly-outs!

Monarch Migration Festival
Migrate to the Lakeside Nature Center for a day of activities, education, and fun events centered around the Monarch butterfly.

Galesburg Farmer’s Market
A chance to experience fresh produce, flowers, and even butchered meats from dedicated local producers!

Winter

November
Christmas Begins at Walnut Grove Farm
Begin your winter season with festive music, great eats, a pop-up Christmas boutique and a visit from St. Nick himself!

December
Galesburg Express: Believe in Magic
Come along as a Polar Express-themed event brings in the holiday season all along Seminary Street and downtown Galesburg!

For more information on the local events, visit www.experiencegalesburg.com.
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Where Comfort Meets Natural Beauty

Off the backroads leading to Walnut Grove Farm, you’ll find a relaxing space far from the noise of traffic and the hustle of daily responsibilities. Whether your final destination or en route to your next adventure, you’ll find this “off the beaten trail” Bed & Breakfast quaint and peaceful, yet full of exciting adventure.

A cute bungalow style home will lead you into the property. From there, you’ll sneak a peek at the surrounding farmland that makes this location ideal for the perfect vacation, wedding, or other special event. Now, the cozy guest house (yes, your reservation secures the entire house) may be too tight to host a major life milestone like a wedding, but the beautiful, picturesque red barn turns any classic wedding up a notch with its naturally rustic flare.

Fondly listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1989, preserving the barn’s natural history means granting future generations the honor of experiencing its beauty for themselves. Barn Again! helped Walnut Grove with the ongoing process of renovating and maintaining the beauty of the 19th century farmstead. Jan King, the owner of this beautiful property, dedicated much of her life to the preservation of Walnut Grove Farm.
Her philosophy? In order to preserve this jaw-dropping piece of property, you must share it with the world—granting its visitors and guests a piece of ownership to ensure its continued prosperity for generations to come.

During your stay at Walnut Grove’s Bed & Breakfast, expect the simplest of comforts together with the best amenities. An everlasting bungalow offers an authentic view of the 19th century without losing any comforts of modern day living. A fully equipped kitchen, bath, two bedrooms, living room, and dining room allow guests to feel cozy while giving space to spread out. In the morning, enjoy a tasty, homemade breakfast from the owner, herself. If you’re lucky, you might get a taste of a beautiful quiche made with vegetables homegrown on the property. Did we mention there’s homemade bread, too?

Your B&B experience does not stop there. Spend the night in a true timber-frame, post-and-beam barn set on 135-acres of land. The Barn Bed and Breakfast in Dahinda, IL offers the best of rustic living together with modern amenities. Or, experience timeless hospitality in an 1890s-style Victorian home at the Seacord House. Furnished with fine antiques and a warm, fresh breakfast, you’ll be treated like family.

Let’s go camping!

Allison Campgrounds in Galesburg, offers playgrounds, a lakeside water park, and ample fishing! Galesburg East Campground in Knoxville provides generous shade with shady trees that visitors (and their furry friends) appreciate on its well-kept grounds with tons of space. Also, Whispering Oaks Campground in Gilson, with its wide variety of amenities will make your camping experience incredible!

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