

VISITOR'S GUIDE



Including:
JACKSONVILLE,
SOUTH
JACKSONVILLE,
AND ALL
OF MORGAN
COUNTY



EXPLORE ■ EXPERIENCE ■ ENJOY

Welcome!

Welcome to Jacksonville,

a community rich in historical treasures, thriving arts, education, and culture, all wrapped in Midwest hospitality. Centrally located between St. Louis and Chicago, and near Springfield, Jacksonville offers an excellent place to live, work, and play.

This guide will help you get the most out of your visit to our area. We hope it will give you a taste of the history, attractions, events, entertainment, shopping, lodging, and dining in Jacksonville and surrounding vicinity. More information is available at the Jacksonville Area Convention & Visitors Bureau at 310 East State Street in downtown Jacksonville. You can also call 217.243.5678, or 800.593.5678, if you have questions about planning your trip. Additional information is available at: jacksonvilleil.org

Have a wonderful stay in Jacksonville and the surrounding vicinity!





To the first-time visitor,

Jacksonville is full of the unexpected. From our Civil War and Abraham Lincoln connections, to the modern businesses of today, the area offers something for everyone. There is a small-town friendliness mixed with a vibrancy of natural resources, educational institutions, and thriving businesses.

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

Natural Resources

- Illinois River • Illinois River eagle nesting
- Lake Jacksonville, named the #1 Fishing Spot in the State of Illinois by *Field and Stream* in 2007.

Educational Institutions

- Illinois College • Illinois School for the Deaf
- Illinois School for the Visually Impaired
- Lincoln Land Community College
- MacMurray College

Corporate

- Bound to Stay Bound
- Eli Bridge Company • FutureGen
- Hertzberg-New Method • Nestle Corporation
- Reynolds Consumer Products

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In the Area for One Day? Two Days? Romantic Getaway?

The Jacksonville Area can easily fill multiple days with activities and things to discover. Below is a list to help you get started!

HERE FOR ONE DAY

- Stop by the Eli Bridge Ferris Wheel for a picture in Community Park
- Do the Underground Railroad self-guided driving tour and end out at Woodlawn farm for a guided tour of the farm.
- Lunch at Mulligan's
- Splash around at the Play for all Park
- Walk our historic downtown and visit locally owned stores on the "The Arts Corner" (Just Fair Trade, Our Town Books, Eclectic Arts)
- Cool off at the Frozen Penguin
- Enjoy the end of your day with the Looking for Lincoln Audio Tour
- Don't forget dinner before you leave: Eat pizza at the locally famous Leo's Pizza

HERE FOR TWO DAYS

- Start your second morning off with a delicious breakfast from Norma's North Star Café
- Then head over to Governor Duncan Mansion for a tour. Take a little while to play at Duncan park
- Visit the Jacksonville historic district and take part in our self-guided Historical Homes Walking Tour
- Make some time for lunch at Annabel Lee's Tea Room and finish with some antiquing in The Transfer Company Shops
- Take a tour of our WallDog Murals downtown
- Do some shopping downtown in the square and at the Lincoln Square Shopping Center
- Catch a round of golf at Northridge or The Links
- Stop by the Irish Toad for drinks
- Finish the evening with dinner at Muggsy's

ROMANTIC GETAWAY

- Spend the night at Blessings On State Bed & Breakfast, located in the heart of the historic district.
- Check out the David Strawn Art Gallery
- Catch one of the local theatre or music events
- Have dinner at Lonzerotti's, located in a restored train depot

It's a bold statement! but the Jacksonville Area is honored to be host to many sights, restaurants, and events that are noted as some of the best in the region. These stand-outs are marked with the 'Best' logo elsewhere in this guide.

the
BEST
of the Midwest

BEST SIGHTS

Governor Duncan Mansion

The only Lincoln-era governor's mansion located outside the state capitol. *See page 10*

Lake Jacksonville

Voted #1 Bass Fishing Lake in Illinois, 2007. *See page 33*

Woodlawn Farm Underground Railroad Site

A history of freedom, brought to life. *See page 10*

Looking for Lincoln Sites

Walk where Lincoln Walked. *See page 15*

Godfrey Park/Play for All Park

Fully Accessible Water Play Park. *See page 29*

Strawn Art Gallery

Fine art set within a stately mansion. *See page 26*

BEST RESTAURANTS & LODGING

Leo's Pizza & Ristorante Italiano

Local favorite for pizza and Italian cuisine. *See page 39*

Lonzerotti's Italian Restaurant

Fine dining set in a rennovated train station. *See page 39*

Blessing Bed and Breakfast

Award-winning B&B in the historic district. *See page 36*

BEST EVENTS

Grierson Days and Veterans Remembered

One of the largest mounted Civil War reenactments in the Midwest. *See page 20*

Prairie Land Heritage Museum Steam Show & Fall Festival Days

Festival of Farming and Farm Equipment. *See Page 23*

Cruise Night and Car Show

One of the largest Cruise events in Illinois. Bring your classic car, or just bring your lawn chair and watch others cruise by. *See page 22*



Duncan Mansion



Downtown Jacksonville

History lives in Morgan County!


Morgan County was established in 1823 and named for General Daniel Morgan, a Revolutionary War hero. In 1825 the Morgan County surveyors staked out land at the center of a 160-acre tract, and the seat of government was established in the new town of Jacksonville. Thanks to early settlers Alexander Cox, Joseph Fairfield and George Hackett, the Jacksonville town square quickly developed.

Education was always a primary concern for city founders. Illinois College was founded in 1829. The Reverend John M. Ellis, a Presbyterian missionary in the West, felt the need for a “seminary of learning” in the new state. His plans came to the attention of a group of Congregational students at Yale University. Seven of them, in one of the now famous “Yale Bands,” came westward to help establish the college. As one of the earliest institutions of learning in the Midwest, the college was named after the state in which it was located, and the first president of the college was Edward Beecher, brother of Henry Ward Beecher and Harriet Beecher Stowe.

The courthouse was built on the square, churches were constructed, railways were planned, and before long, stores and taverns were flourishing. Jacksonville had the largest population in the state in 1834, outnumbering even Chicago.



*Morgan County
Courthouse*


Illinois College

Jacksonville's educational foundation grew stronger with the Illinois School for the Deaf, the School for the Blind (later Illinois School for the Visually Impaired), and the Illinois Conference Female Academy (later MacMurray College), in addition to the public schools. By 1850 Illinois College had conferred Illinois' first college degrees and opened the first medical school in the state. Because of this commitment to education, many referred to the community as "The Athens of the West."

Beginning with Capps Woolen Mills, established in the 1839, businesses located in Jacksonville because of the excellent economic climate and convenient access for transporting goods. Farmers appreciated the fertile soil of central Illinois, and agriculture enriched the economy as well. In 1900, W.E. Sullivan, founder of the Eli Bridge Company, introduced the "Big Eli" ferris wheel on the Jacksonville square. In 1919 the company relocated to the city. It is the world's oldest manufacturer of ferris wheels and other amusement rides.

Jacksonville has contributed three governors to the state: Joseph Duncan, Richard Yates, and Richard Yates, Jr. Governor Duncan's home still stands on West State Street. Built in 1834, this home served as the official Executive Mansion of Illinois from 1834-38.

The Jacksonville area has carefully built upon the foundation established by its forefathers. It is now a thriving community rich in educational, business and leisure activities, making the area an enjoyable place to live, work, play, shop and learn.


Downtown Jacksonville

Eli Bridge Company

Historic Sites

Interested in history?

Jacksonville is the perfect place to spend some time. The city's rich heritage includes numerous interesting sites that help make history relevant to new generations.

Destination choices include the murals of downtown Jacksonville that depict our history in a unique artistic fashion. Visit one of the many Underground Railroad sites, including Woodlawn Farm, and some of the historic homes in Jacksonville's historic district. Walk in the shadow of greatness, following the footsteps of Stephen A. Douglas, and General Benjamin Grierson, or listen to stories about Abraham Lincoln on the Voices of Jacksonville audio tour. Jacksonville is proud that many important figures have called our city their home.

Your choices are numerous, so we hope this guide will help you decide how to spend your day!



Woodlawn Farm
Underground Railroad Site

DOWNTOWN JACKSONVILLE

ABRAHAM LINCOLN VOICES OF JACKSONVILLE AUDIO TOUR

See page 14 in this booklet for more information.



CENTRAL PARK

State Street and Main Street

Jacksonville's historic city center recently underwent an exciting renaissance to restore historic traffic patterns, improve access, and enhance park amenities and landscaping, all making downtown even more appealing. Highlights include restaurants, theaters, shops, galleries, murals, audio & walking tours.

jacksonvillemainstreet.com

WALLD OG MURALS

Downtown Jacksonville

Painters from all over the U.S. and as far away as Ireland and Australia worked on these 10 historical



murals. They are located in various areas of downtown Jacksonville. *For more information call 217.245.6884 or visit the Jacksonville Area Convention & Visitors Bureau website for a map.*

UNDERGROUND RAILROAD

UNDERGROUND RAILROAD DRIVING TOUR

Various Jacksonville Locations

Jacksonville was one of the many stations along the Underground Railroad and one of the busiest during the mid-1800s. Prominent abolitionists like Edward Beecher, first president of Illinois College and brother to Harriet Beecher Stowe, author of Uncle Tom's Cabin, Jonathan B. Turner and Benjamin Henderson, a former slave, were among the many who were relentless in the pursuit of freedom for all. Networks existed across the United States, to help move people into areas of the country where they could find freedom. In Jacksonville we have at least nine documented sites which were

important to this endeavor during the years before the Civil War. Although most are private residences, many of the homes used in the Underground Railroad can still be seen in Jacksonville.

For more information call 217.243.5678 or visit the Jacksonville Area Convention & Visitors Bureau website to download a brochure.



BEST WOODLAWN FARM

East of Jacksonville. Follow Morton Avenue east over Route 72, and follow the signs.

The showcase homestead of Jacksonville's extensive Underground Railroad network. Former slaves were ushered through this home on their way to freedom.

Summer Hours: Wed, Sat, & Sun 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. or by appointment. 217.243.5678. Suggested Donation \$4. Under 12 Free

OTHER HISTORIC SITES

BANDSTAND

In Community Park, Morton Avenue & Main Street

The bandstands in Community Park were originally built as part of the grounds of the State Hospital.

Their unique construction and Victorian detail earned one of them a temporary home in the Smithsonian Institution. It has since been returned and rebuilt on the grounds of the local Prairieland Heritage Museum.



ELI BRIDGE WHEEL

Community Park, Main & Morton

Although the factory is not open for tours, visitors can take a spin on the locally-operated wheel in

Community Park during the summer and autumn months. Jacksonville is home to the Eli Bridge factory that builds rides including the famous Big Eli Wheel, Scramblers, and other amusements.

BEST GOVERNOR JOSEPH DUNCAN MANSION

Located in Duncan Park

Not all official Illinois Governors' Mansions were located in Springfield! Built in 1834, the mansion was used for State business during the term of Gov. Joseph Duncan from 1834-1838. It was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1971, and





houses many of the original Duncan family furnishings.
Open Memorial Day to Labor Day, Wednesday & Saturday 1-4pm.
Suggested donation: \$3, Students 6-12 \$2, children under 7 free

HERITAGE CULTURAL MUSEUM

301 East State Street

This center will feature the history of Jacksonville and a community resource center. *Closed for renovation. Check with the JACVB for an opening date.*

ILLINOIS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MUSEUM

125 Webster Avenue, Main Building

The museum has 13 rooms of displays.

Adults/ASL Students/College students with ID (18+up) : \$3

Elementary/Jr. High/High School Students with ID: FREE

5 and under: FREE. Hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 3pm

Saturdays by appointment, Closed Holidays. Donations Welcome!

MORGAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE

West State Street

Built in 1868, the Morgan County Courthouse is the center of government for the county.

PRAIRIE LAND HERITAGE MUSEUM

Michigan Ave & Lincoln Ave in South Jacksonville.

This museum features household and farming items, farm equipment, automotives, veterinarian's office, school house, bandstand, chapel and more. *Open during the Prairie Land Heritage Steam Show & Fall Festival Days, during the last full weekend in September. Fall Festival admittance fee includes entry to the museum.*

HAUNTED SITES TOURS

Private Investigations - Tours of Haunted Jacksonville.

Contact the Jacksonville Area Convention & Visitors

Bureau to set up a tour.

WALKING TOURS

Self-guided walking tours and maps of historic sites are available in our office or on our website.

PEOPLE

NEWTON BATEMAN

Illinois College graduate and teacher, Bateman was principal of what is purported to have been the first free public high school in Illinois. A friend of Abraham Lincoln, Bateman is said to have been the last person to shake hands with Lincoln as the train pulled away from the Springfield depot to take him to Washington to assume the presidency.

DR. GREENE VARDIMAN BLACK

In 1864, this father of modern dentistry began his Jacksonville practice, which would continue for 34 years. His Jacksonville office has been reconstructed as an exhibit in the Smithsonian Institution.

WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN

Illinois College graduate, Bryan practiced law in Jacksonville from 1883-1887 prior to making three unsuccessful campaigns for president of the United States.

STEPHEN A. DOUGLAS

Douglas was nicknamed the “Little Giant” because he was short (5’ 4”) but considered by many a “giant” in politics. Douglas served as Morgan County State’s Attorney from 1834-36. He held offices as a state legislator and as a U.S. Congressman. Democratic nominee for President in 1860, Douglas lost to the Republican Party’s candidate, Abraham Lincoln, whom he had debated two-years previously in the famed series of “Lincoln-Douglas Debates.”



BENJAMIN H. GRIERSON

Grierson joined the Union war effort as a volunteer from Jacksonville. His family lived in Jacksonville and remained here during the Civil War. He taught music in Jacksonville and was a merchant, owning a general store in Meredosia. An unlikely candidate for a cavalry officer, he had been

kicked in the head by a horse in his youth. “Grierson’s Raid” pulled the attention of the Southern army from Vicksburg and allowed Grant to take Vicksburg.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

To learn more about Abraham Lincoln and his many ties to Jacksonville, see page 12 in this book.

*Beecher Hall at
Illinois College—
Home to early abolitionists*



KEN NORTON

This former multi-time world champion heavyweight boxer and member of the Boxing Hall of Fame was an outstanding athlete at Jacksonville High School. His track coach entered him in eight State events, and Ken placed first in eight. As a result, the “Ken Norton Rule” was

instituted in Illinois high school sports, which limits participation of an athlete to a maximum of three track and field events. His professional career includes a shocking victory over Muhammad Ali in 1973 to win the NABF Heavyweight Crown, breaking Ali’s jaw in the process. For more information, visit kennorton.com

JACOB TUCKER

Tucker, a 5-foot-11 guard and graduate of Illinois College, became the first non-Division I player to win the Denny’s College Slam Dunk Contest (2011). With an estimated 50-inch vertical, Tucker earned his way into the contest by posting highlights of his dunking ability on YouTube. After winning the vote and gaining entry into the contest, Tucker was tagged the “dark horse” by celebrity judge and NBA Hall of Famer Karl Malone. Tucker reigned victorious after dunking the ball over and out of the hands of teammate Nathan Kohler and landing two perfect scores on previous dunks. This Carlyle native averaged 14.8 points and 7.1 rebounds per game, while slamming down 30 game dunks during his senior year.





JONATHAN B. TURNER

In 1833, Turner settled in Jacksonville as a professor at Illinois College. He was a great proponent of the public school system in Illinois and is recognized as the father of the land-grant college idea.

Abraham Lincoln

Our Local Hero.

BEST

Follow in the steps of Abraham Lincoln through historic Jacksonville. See the actual places, read about the history in wayside exhibits, and hear the real stories via an audio tour as his friends and associates knew him. Sites with a wayside exhibit are noted with the  symbol. Creative audio histories are professionally recorded and bring alive the rich history at each site. Audio is available at sites noted with a  symbol. You can download the MP3 files from the lincolninjacksonville.com website, or request a CD from the Jacksonville Area Convention & Visitors Bureau or area hotel.

On the Illinois College Campus walkway, you will find a life-size statue of a seated Lincoln and his dog. This location is a great place to begin or end your Lincoln tour, and take a commemorative photo.

Jacksonville is an official member of the Looking for Lincoln Heritage Coalition, a consortium of Illinois communities that share the legacy of Abraham Lincoln.

For additional information, visit:
lincolninjacksonville.com
or lookingforlincoln.com





BEECHER HALL

Illinois College Campus

The exhibit is located on College Avenue, directly north of Beecher Hall.

Beecher Hall, which was built in 1829-30 and originally was known as the College Building, is one of

the structures remaining on the Illinois College campus that would have been familiar to New Salem friends of Abraham Lincoln, several of whom attended IC in the 1830s. The New Salem residents most likely studied and prayed within Beecher Hall, as it was used for many purposes in the college's early history.

DAVID A. SMITH HOUSE

106I Grove Street

David A. Smith, was a Jacksonville attorney and colleague of Abraham Lincoln. When Lincoln had legal business in Jacksonville, he used Smith's law office as his headquarters. Records indicate that Lincoln and Smith were associated in 68 cases as either co-counselors or opposing attorneys.



GOV. DUNCAN MANSION

4 Duncan Place

Governor Joseph Duncan, who served as governor of Illinois from 1834 to 1838, had this two-and one-half-story house constructed between 1833 and 1835. Tradition says that

Lincoln visited the Duncan home, and it is quite possible that happened, given the fact that Lincoln lived in nearby New Salem and Springfield during the time both men were members of the Whig Party. *Open Memorial Day to Labor Day, Wednesday & Saturday 1-4pm. Suggested donation: \$3, Students 6-12 \$2, children under 7 free*

NEWTON BATEMAN HOUSE

907 West State Street

Bateman, while serving as state superintendent of

schools, had an office next to President-elect Lincoln in the Illinois Capitol in Springfield, and the two men became friends in the months prior to Lincoln's departure for Washington, D.C. Bateman is said to have been the last person to shake hands with Lincoln as the train pulled away from the Springfield depot.

LINCOLN AND SLAVERY MURAL 🏠🔊

on South Sandy Street

The mural is painted on the side of the building on Sandy Street, at the southwest corner of the downtown square. The exhibit is located on the SW corner of the Jacksonville Square.

In 1856 Abraham Lincoln delivered a speech in Jacksonville's Central Park, sharing his views about the extension of slavery into newly organized territories of the United States. Joseph O. King, a local merchant, later recalled Lincoln's oratory. "One of the first strong anti-slavery speeches made here was by Abraham Lincoln. He spoke in the courthouse park, and when he came out sharp and strong against slavery, I threw up my hat and shouted, 'Hurray for Abe Lincoln for president of the United States.'"

1858 SENATE RACE 🏠

Northeast side of square

On Monday September 27th Lincoln arrived in Jacksonville by train from Springfield and was met by large delegations from Morgan, Cass, and Scott Counties. They moved from the depot to the square where Lincoln made one of his sixty-three speeches he performed across the state, contesting for the U.S. Senate. Lincoln was said to have spoken for two and a half hours.

JAMES JAQUSS HOUSE 🏠🔊

339 East State Street

James Jaquess, the first president of the Illinois Conference Female Academy, now MacMurray College, once lived in this house. During the Civil War

Lincoln entrusted Jaquess with important missions. In 1863 Jaquess met with Confederate officials to discuss ending the war. The following year, Jaquess met with Confederate President Jefferson Davis, who declared that the South would accept peace only if it could remain independent.





THE CIVIL WAR GOVERNOR

East State Street

Richard Yates, the first graduate of Illinois College, shared strong views with Abraham Lincoln; they both supported the Whig Party and strongly opposed Stephen A. Douglas. Yates was the Radical Republican Governor of Illinois during the Civil War. He made many trips to visit and encourage troops by supporting the sick and wounded. This is why he became known as the “Soldier’s Friend”. After the war, Yates became a member of the U.S. Senate.

WHIG RIVALS AND FRIENDS

500 East State Street


In 1831 John J. Hardin moved to Jacksonville. Hardin and Lincoln served in the Black Hawk War. They both were lawyers and Whig politicians who became rivals for leadership of the party. It is said that Hardin may have saved Lincoln’s life by rushing to an island near Alton to stop a duel between Lincoln and General James Shields, whom Lincoln poked fun at in a published letter. Hardin persuaded the men to come to a compromise.


GENERAL BENJAMIN GRIERSON MANSION

852 East State Street

Civil War hero General Benjamin Grierson called this mansion home. Grierson joined the new Republican Party and became friends with one of its leaders, Abraham Lincoln. In 1860 Grierson, an accomplished musician, wrote campaign music for Lincoln’s first presidential campaign. The following year found Grierson answering President Lincoln’s call to service in the Civil War.



 Indicates historic site has an interpretive wayside exhibit

 Indicates historic site has an audio interpretation. CDs are available at the JACVB or area hotel. MP3 downloads are available at lincolninjacksonville.com

Annual Events

The changing of the seasons

brings many annual events to the Jacksonville area. Whether your interests include outdoor activities, the Civil War, or an appreciation for classic cars, there is an event that will draw you back year after year.

Winter is the time to enjoy the active wildlife in the area, including the American eagles on the Illinois River, and to enjoy the many celebrations of the holiday season.

Spring comes alive in central Illinois, with art shows and lots of outdoor social events, including craft markets and auto shows.

Summer is the time to lie back and enjoy the warmth of the season. History takes center stage during the largest mounted Civil War re-enactment in the Midwest. Sports and other events are highlights of this active time of year.

Fall is one of the most beautiful seasons in the Jacksonville area, with harvest in full swing, and an abundance of festivals and public events. Enjoy the annual Steam Show, Cruise Night, or Riverfest at the Illinois River in Meredosia.

A current schedule of area events is available at jacksonvilleil.org. There is something to celebrate for every season!





JANUARY

BRIDAL EXPO

This annual event sponsored by Jacksonville Main Street showcases the newest bridal fashions, information on wedding planning, and offers experts to assist with all of your wedding questions. In addition, the expo features ideal wedding cakes, florists, photographers, reception sites and door prizes for all to enjoy!

Location: Hamilton's, '110 North East', Admission Fee.

jacksonvillemainstreet.com



EAGLES ON THE ILLINOIS RIVER

This winter time event is great for the whole family and provides a wonderful opportunity to view bald eagles at one of Illinois' premier eagle-watching areas, the Illinois River at Meredosia.

Location: Meredosia, along the Illinois River,

Guided tour fee

APRIL

BEAUX ARTS BALL

This event features the crowning of the Beaux Arts Ball Queen and is the major fundraiser for the Art Association of Jacksonville. Money raised helps to support monthly art shows and gallery upkeep.

Location: Jacksonville High School Bowl, Admission fee
strawnartgallery.org

ROTARY BASS TOURNAMENT

This event offers nice cash prizes for the best catches; the Buddy Tournament brings anglers from throughout the area. The tournament is held

at Lake Jacksonville and brought to you by the local Rotary Club. *Location: Lake Jacksonville, Entry fee*



MAY

DOWNTOWN CELEBRATION

A festive day of music, food and fun in the heart of Jacksonville's downtown. *Location: Central Park Plaza, Free Event*

SPRING FLEA & CRAFT MARKET

Sponsored by Heart of Jacksonville. *Free event*



JACKSONVILLE STREET ROD REUNION/N.S.R.A. APPRECIATION & SAFETY DAY

Games, prizes and free safety inspections. *Location: Community Park Building, Free event*

JUNE

HEART OF JACKSONVILLE PLAZA AUTO SHOW

Antique and classic automobiles from a three-state area compete for 50 trophies. *Free event*

BEST

GENERAL GRIERSON DAYS & VETERANS REMEMBERED

The largest mounted Civil War re-enactment in the Midwest is held the third weekend in June. Step back in time and experience the life of a Civil War soldier. Visit the Confederate and Union camps. Watch the soldiers drill and prepare for battle, prepare meals and practice medicine. Parades, full period dress grand ball, exhibits, food and, of course, major battle re-enactments. *griersonsociety.com*

Location: Community Park, Free event

PEPSI PASSAVANT TEAM REHAB VARSITY BASKETBALL SHOOTOUT

Features 100+ teams from a multi-state area competing in 300+ games. The event has steadily grown over the years, becoming the largest basketball tournament in the state of Illinois. *Location: Bruner Fitness Center, Illinois College, Entry fee, Admission fee*



Grierson Days

Grierson Days

JULY

4TH OF JULY PARADE & CELEBRATION

Celebration at Community Park. Parade through historic downtown Jacksonville. Fireworks display begins at dusk at Nichols Park. *Free event*



MORGAN COUNTY FAIR

Complete with a carnival, food, livestock judging, and grandstand entertainment including major headliners, the Morgan County Agricultural

Fair has something for everyone. themorgancountyfair.com

Location: Morgan County Fairgrounds, Admission fee

CRAZY HORSE BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL

A great opportunity to enjoy national, regional and local touring bands in a family-friendly atmosphere. Friday and Saturday performances are held rain or shine. Event concludes Sunday with a morning gospel show. Hiking, fishing, canoeing, food concession and General Store available. crazyhorsecamp.com

Location: Crazy Horse Campground, Admission fee

RIVER COUNTRY QUILT SHOW

Quilters throughout the area exhibit an impressive number of quilts, wall-hangings, antique quilts and much more. *Location: Jacksonville High School, Admission fee*



ROBBIE MCEVERS

MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Free tournament for over 350 junior golfers.

mceversgolf.org *Location: The Links, Nichols Park, Free event*

AUGUST

JACKSONVILLE MAIN STREET “ART FAIR ON THE SQUARE”

Fine art by regional artists. Children’s art tents & more! *Location: Downtown Square*

PILOT CLUB'S ANNUAL "DANCING WITH THE STARS"

Enjoy an evening of dance by local 'celebrities!'



DAR ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Held on the lawn of the historic Governor Joseph Duncan Mansion, enjoy delicious desserts and Big Band entertainment.

*Location: 4 Duncan Place,
Duncan Park, Admission fee*

UNITED WARRIORS

EXTREME OBSTACLE COURSE RACE

5K run with 14 slingin', tire swinging', fire jumpin', heart pumpin' obstacles at the Morgan County Fairgrounds. Proceeds to benefit Prairieland United Way agencies. *Location: Morgan County Fairgrounds*

SEPTEMBER

PRAIRIELAND CHAUTAUQUA

Modeled after traditional Chautauquas, and featuring musical shows, historical storytellers, catered communal suppers, and evenings with experienced re-enactors representing famous Americans. Four days of historic re-enactments, Labor Day weekend.

Location: Community Park, Free event

BEST

CRUISE NITE & CAR SHOW


One of the largest cruise events in Illinois. Come to the cruise on Saturday night and stay for the show on Sunday. This event brings in classic and antique autos for a weekend of fun for the whole family. *Location:*

Downtown Square, Free event, Free parking



Prairie Land Steam Show





Prairieland Chautauqua

PRAIRIE LAND HERITAGE MUSEUM STEAM SHOW & FALL FESTIVAL DAYS

See horse-powered equipment, antique tractors, gas & steam engines, demonstrations on baling, blacksmithing and more. Steam train rides, very large flea market and food. Last full weekend in September. *prairielandheritage.com* Location: *Prairie Land Heritage grounds, corner of Michigan Avenue & Lincoln Avenue, South Jacksonville. Admission fee good for whole weekend.*

OCTOBER

OKTOBERFEST

Enjoy the fall season with a German tradition! Sponsored by Jacksonville Rotary. Location: *Morgan County Fair Grounds.*

PORKY DAYS & APPLEFEST

Sponsored by Heart of Jacksonville. *Free event.*

PUMPKIN FEST

Held on the Historic Downtown Square for a weekend of FREE family fun! Location: *Downtown Square*

NOVEMBER

WOODHAVEN HOSPICE FESTIVAL OF TREES

Featuring designer trees and wreaths. This fund raiser also includes holiday foods, gifts and live music entertainment. Location: *Masonic Temple, 345 West College, Admission fee*

DECEMBER

PILOT CLUB HOLIDAY HOME WALK & TEA

Visit beautifully decorated homes. The decorations by the homeowners result in a pleasant afternoon that inspires the holiday spirit. Sponsored by the International Pilot Club of Jacksonville. Location: *Various locations around Jacksonville, Admission fee*

jacksonvilleil.org

Recreation & Shopping

No need to leave town!

Fill all of your shopping and entertainment needs
right here in Jacksonville!

From one-of-a-kind antiques to locally owned specialty shops, Jacksonville offers something for everyone. That special treasure you've been searching for is just waiting for you in one of the shops and stores scattered throughout the city.

Looking for culture? A highly-acclaimed community theatre group puts on productions all year long. The Jacksonville Symphony and Chorale and Illinois College's Fine Arts Series all present fantastic seasons of concerts each year.

Artists and art lovers return again and again to the David Strawn Art Gallery.

Need to stretch your legs? Recreation abounds! Multiple golf courses, lakes, parks, campgrounds, and athletic opportunities are just moments away.

You'll find lots to do, both night and day.



Strawn Art Gallery





ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



ECLECTIC ART

66 East Central Park Plaza

The gallery represents local and regional artists in a quirky reclaimed urban space.

Tues - Sat 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

217.883.3511

eclecticartco-op.com

2NINE

Central Park Plaza

Gallery featuring artists from around the US, as well as art instruction for people of all ages.

XXXXXXXXX 6 p.m.

XXXXXX.com

IMAGINE FOUNDATION

Asa Talcott House,

859 Grove Street

Monthly Imagine

Foundation Events:

- Downtown Gallery Hop -

visit a variety of gallery sites

and stores to view art from local and visiting artists,

First Friday of every month, 5-9 p.m.

- Dining with the Arts - includes exhibits by local or visiting artists and a special four-course dinner at Asa Talcott House. The evening starts with a viewing, followed by dinner and a gallery talk between courses.

217.473.2726 theimaginefoundation.wildapricot.com



JACKSONVILLE THEATRE GUILD

210 West College Avenue

Live theater productions, performed at the JTG

Studio Theatre and other

various locations. jaxtg.com

217.245.1402



JACKSONVILLE SYMPHONY SOCIETY

One of the top orchestras in the state, the JSS is on stage for five concerts each year. Auditioned performers work with featured guest performers, including members of the St. Louis Symphony. Programs include classical, holiday, and pop offerings. 217.245.1181 jaxsym.com

BEST

STRAWN ART GALLERY

331 West College Ave

Visit this beautiful, historic structure, featuring monthly changing art exhibits and permanent collections which include displays of early Mississippian Native American pottery and the Miriam Cowgur Allen doll collection. 217.243.9390
Open September to May, Tues. – Sat. 4-6pm & Sunday 1-3pm
strawnartgallery.org



MOVIE THEATRES

ILLINOIS THEATRE

(5 SCREENS, including balcony theatres)

Northeast corner of Central Park

217.245.8212 illinoistimestheater.com

SOUTH COUNTY CINEMA (6 SCREENS)

2199 South Main, South Jacksonville

217.245.1850 rmccinemas.com

RETAIL SHOPPING AREAS



DOWNTOWN

Jacksonville's downtown area, historic Central Park, offers a range of shops and services, with unique gifts, crafts and artwork, as well as a nice selection

of restaurants. Jacksonville's historic city center is in the midst of an exciting renaissance to restore historic traffic patterns, improve access, enhance park amenities and landscaping, all making downtown even more appealing.



TRANSFER COMPANY SHOPS

Located on East State Street in a historic building, this grouping of eclectic shops creates a unique shopping experience.

Antiques, gifts, furniture,

and women's boutique and children's clothing. Top off your day with lunch at Annabel Lee's Tea Room or Lonzerotti's Italia Restaurant, located in the historic Chicago & Alton Railroad depot.

LINCOLN SQUARE AND MORTON AVENUE

All along Morton Avenue, you will find many of the national chains of department and discount stores, including Wal-Mart, Shopko, Staples, and Home Depot. Lincoln Square Shopping Center, on Morton Avenue between Diamond and Lincoln Avenue, houses JCPenney, Glik's, Kirlin's Hallmark, and other clothing and retail stores.



*Farmer's Market,
Lincoln Square Shopping Center*

ANTIQUES

ANTIQUARIUS

701 W. State Street, 217.245.2662

SOUTH JAX ANTIQUE MALL

1850 South Main Street

217.245.9113

THE PEDDLER'S ANTIQUE & HOME DÉCOR SHOPPES

1847 South Main Street

217.245.1900

GRACE ANN'S TIQUES AND MORE PLUS THE BABY STORE

611 East State Street

Located in the Transfer Company Shops

UPTOWN COUNTRY

420 Superior Street, Chapin, 217.491.4550

PARKS

CENTRAL PARK, located in the center of the city's historic downtown. A beautiful Civil War monument highlights this area of constant activity.

DEWEY PARK, South Jacksonville, located at Dewey Drive and South West Street, has four tennis courts, playground equipment, and picnic facilities.

DUNCAN PARK, located in the 1200 block of West State Street. The Duncan Mansion, home of former Illinois Governor Joseph Duncan, stands in the park.

JACKSONVILLE COMMUNITY PARK is the newest park in the Jacksonville parks system. Located on 60 acres at the intersection of Main Street and Morton Avenue, this park is equipped with playground equipment, picnic areas and large, shady playgrounds, and a historic Eli Bridge Ferris wheel. Large soccer fields occupy the southern portion of the park. A brand new Skate Park is located on the east edge of the park.



Community Park

JACKSONVILLE SKATE PARK inside Jacksonville Community Park, is a new facility featuring a 5,000-square-foot concrete pad with 10 pieces of equipment including grind boxes, grind rails, 1/4 pipes & 1/2 pipes.



Jacksonville Skate Park

NICHOLS PARK, the largest of the parks, covers 86 acres in southeast Jacksonville and offers an Olympic-size swimming pool. A large, well-equipped playground lies on the south side of the park. Along with The Links, an additional 9-hole golf course winds through the park. There are horseshoe courts, ball parks, gazebos and picnic facilities big enough for any family reunion.

**BEST**

GODFREY PARK, PLAY-FOR-ALL PARK, South Jacksonville, located at Greenwood Avenue and Hardin Avenue, is an extraordinary free playground with a splash pad and water features, where children with and without disabilities can learn together through play. This is a unique barrier-free play environment. A covered picnic area is perfect for family gatherings. This project was awarded a 2008 Governor's Hometown Award!

VETERANS PARK, 124 City Place, has two tennis courts and picnic facilities, and features a new dog park.

Godfrey Park,
Play-for-All Park

SPORTS & RECREATION

ANYTIME FITNESS

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217.479.8000 Anytimefitness.com



Buena Vista Farms

BUENA VISTA FARMS

Located 3 miles northwest of Jacksonville on HWY 67 North, features new campground and exclusive spa/resort. A 12-station sport clay shooting range with 24 target presentation. Buena Vista has two large fully stocked lakes for fishing and boating. A large toy for younger children, sand volleyball and a large pad for

basketball and dodge ball games. Banquet centers and other recreational opportunities are available on this 145-acre farm. 217.243.3290 buenavistafarms.net

CURVES FOR WOMEN, 330 East Morton Avenue, created specifically for women, Curves is one of the largest fitness franchises in the world and offers a complete fitness and nutrition solution.

217.243.6464 curves.com

SKATELAND OF JACKSONVILLE, located at 1204 Lincoln Avenue, provides roller skating fun for the whole family. 217.243.4121 skatelandofjacksonville.com

EMMA MAE LEONHARD WILDLIFE SANCTUARY & NATURE TRAIL,

located on East Vandalia Road, is a 1/4 mile long nature trail with other side trails along Lake Mauvaisterre. The trail is suitable for hiking, biking, jogging or viewing local wildlife and plant life. The Nature Trail includes tree identification signs.

FITNESS WORLD HEALTH CLUB,

1521 West Walnut Street, has a mission of building community awareness and educating the Jacksonville area on the importance of fitness and healthy living. Facilities include; swimming pool, racquetball courts, cardio room, toning & cardio classes and childcare services. 217.243.5858 fitnessworldhealthclub.net



Lenz Field and Sports Complex

JACKSONVILLE SPORTSMAN'S CLUB, 1021 New Lake Road, offers trap and sporting clay shooting, both registered and practice, rifle and pistol ranges. Open to the public. 217.245.8879 or 217.245.5615

LENZ FIELD AND LENZ SPORTS COMPLEX, 5 Kelly Street, Where dreams come true, the premier tournament location for competitive teams from all over the Midwest. Lenz Field contains 6 state-of-the-art synthetic youth baseball and softball fields. Lenz Sport Complex includes fields covered in Players Turf making it virtually rain out proof and allowing for a variety of different levels of play. It has Musco lighting and features turfed batting cages, dugouts and concession stand. 217.245.8405 lenzfield.com

JACKSONVILLE SPEEDWAY is a high banked dirt oval track. Classes: Sprints, Micro-Sprints, Street Stock, Pony Stock, Modifides, late models, and 305. Morgan County Fairgrounds, Corner of East Westgate Avenue. 888.959.1432. jacksonvillespeedway.com



YMCA

BOB FREESSEN YMCA, located at 1000 Sherwood Lane, has an indoor swimming pool, large gymnasium, handball and racquetball courts, tennis court, softball, soccer and football fields, and a private health club. Classes are offered in aerobics, swimming, spinning and more. 217.245.2141 jacksonvilleymca.org

Jacksonville Speedway



GOLF

JACKSONVILLE COUNTRY CLUB is a beautiful private club with an 18-hole golf course considered to be one of the best in Illinois. The club also has a swimming pool, tennis courts, pro shop and clubhouse. The Jacksonville Country Club is a private club, located on Country Club Road. 217.245.7717 jacksonvillecc.com



LINKS GOLF COURSE is an 18-hole Championship Golf Course designed by David Gill, architect of the Village Links at Glen Ellyn & Hulman Links at Terre Haute. The Links is one of the finest public golf courses in the central Illinois area.

Located in Nichols Park.

217.479.4663

linksofjacksonville.com

NICHOLS PARK GOLF COURSE is a 9-hole Par 33 golf course. Located in Nichols Park.
217.479.4663

NORTHRIDGE HILLS GOLF COURSE is a 9-hole course offering a 2300-yard executive length course with rolling terrain and challenging greens. Driving range, 6000 sq. ft. practice green. Course Slope and Rating of 104 and 31.2 respectively.

Located at 1265 Sandusky Road.
217.243.4241 Northridgehills.com



CAMPING, FISHING & LAKES



BUENA VISTA FARMS is located 3 miles northwest of Jacksonville on HWY 67 North, features new campground and exclusive spa/resort. A 12-station sport clay shooting range with 24 target presentation. Buena Vista has two large

fully stocked lakes for fishing and boating. A large toy for younger children, sand volleyball and a large pad for basketball and dodge ball games. Banquet centers and other recreational opportunities are available on this 145-acre farm. 217.243.3290 buenavistafarms.net

Lake Jacksonville

CRAZY HORSE CAMPGROUND, 2113 Crazy Horse Road, provides level, grassy sites with full hook-ups with 20,30 & 50-amp service, dump station, back-in & pull-thru sites, sleeping cabins (2 bed & 4 bed), primitive/tent area, picnic table & fire ring at every RV site. Family-style bathrooms, washer/dryer, pets welcome. Lodge with firewood, ice, snacks and other items for sale. Recreation includes; hiking, fishing, swimming, paddle boats & canoes, disc golf course, picnic shelters, playground, horseshoe pits and volleyball. 217.886.2089

crazyhorsecamp.com

GREEN PASTURES CHRISTIAN RETREAT CENTER, near Meredosia on U.S. Hwy. 67, 16 miles northwest of Jacksonville. 3 full hookup RV sites and 7 electric only. Tents

Green Pastures



and groups welcome. Also picnic area, fishing pond, shower-house, dump station, amphitheater and hiking trails. Accommodations include a 16 unit motel facility, two 40 bed bunkhouses, two efficiency-style cabins, and family cottage. 217.584.1374

or 877.263.1374 *greenpasturesretreatcenter.org*

BEST

LAKE JACKSONVILLE was named the #1 Fishing Spot in the State of Illinois by *Field and Stream* in 2007 and is located three miles south of Jacksonville off Route 267. This 500-acre man-made lake is filled with bass, bluegill, red-ear sunfish and channel catfish, and is the perfect location for boating, water skiing, fishing and other water activities. Camping is available. Boat dock. 217.479.4646

jacksonvilleil.org

Sleep, Eat & Pamper

Relax!

Jacksonville has a host of dining and lodging options to welcome you to our community.

Need a place to stay for a day or a week? There is an abundance of lodging options in the area to suit all tastes and budgets.

Getting hungry? Well, you've come to the right place! Jacksonville is bursting with places to grab a quick snack, or sit down to a leisurely meal. Morton Avenue and its environs offer a wide variety of local and national chains, while the downtown area hosts many local dining experiences.

So pull up a chair, sit back, and relax!
We're glad you're here!





*Blessings On State
Bed and Breakfast*

LODGING

BUENA VISTA FARMS

1630 Hwy 67, Chapin
217.243.3290

3 Cabins

www.buenavistafarms.net

Buena Vista Farms, Inc and its Resort offers three luxury cabins lined with a knotty pine interior. All with full baths, A/C, heat, satellite TV, and Wi-Fi access. Cabins overlook



one of two stocked lakes, where you can relax over an open campfire. Amenities include a mini fridge, microwave and gas grill for your cooking convenience. Buena Visa Farms also offers one economy cabin. Guests can enjoy swimming, canoeing, paddle boats, Kayaks, hiking, and many outdoor games.



BLACKHAWK VILLAGE INN

1111 E. Morton Ave.,
217.245.2187

49 Units

The Blackhawk Village Inn is locally owned and offers renovated non-smoking rooms out in their

courtyard or in the lodge. They are located right off interstate I-72. Long term monthly rates are available. The Inn is an affordable well-kept alternative. They have a welcoming front desk member on duty 24 – hours a day. *Hotel & Room Amenities: Pet Friendly (with small deposit), Free Wi-Fi, Refrigerators, Microwaves, Hair dryer and Coffee Maker.*

jacksonvilleil.org



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& BREAKFAST
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COUNTRY HEARTH INN & SUITES

1709 W. Morton Ave.

217.245.4500

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Newly renovated and under new management.

Country Hearth Inn & Suites wants

to help you feel at home as much as possible when you're on the road. Experience a warm, inviting, and family-oriented lodging choice at a reasonable price at Country Hearth Inn & Suites hotels, with complimentary "InnCredible" continental breakfast. At Country Hearth Inn – Expect More. Get More™. *Hotel & room amenities: indoor pool & whirlpool, complimentary "InnCredible" breakfast, exercise room, free high speed wireless internet, free local calls, hair dryer, coffee maker, iron/ironing board, outdoor patio area, pets welcome, refrigerator/microwave, all non-smoking.*



Country Hearth Inn & Suites



Hampton Inn

HAMPTON INN

1725 W. Morton Ave.

217.291.0415, 65 Units

jacksonvilleil.hamptoninn.com

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you're in Jacksonville to enjoy the great outdoors, we

want you to enjoy our great indoors as well. That's why

we offer a full range of services and amenities at our

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are we certain that you'll enjoy one of our comfy rooms,

but we're convinced you'll appreciate all of the little

touches that make us a great place to stay.

Hotel & room amenities: indoor pool & whirlpool, business center,

coffee maker, complimentary hot breakfast, complimentary beverage

area, fitness center, free high-speed internet access, free USA TODAY,

hair dryer, in-house convenience store, iron/ironing board. Rooms

with refrigerators available.



SUPER 8 MOTEL

1003 W. Morton Ave

217.479.0303

41 Units

super8.com

Everything you might

need, wherever you're

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Jacksonville is a Pride

of Super 8 award-

winning property conveniently located on Morton

Avenue, easily accessible to I-72 and Route 67. Our

friendly professional staff is available to serve you 24

hours a day. *Hotel & room amenities: business center, coffee maker,*

complimentary hot breakfast, free

high-speed internet access, free

HBO, hair dryer, iron/ironing

board, microwave, refrigerator.

Pets welcome; nightly fee required.





STAR LITE MOTEL

1910 W. Morton Ave

217.245.7184

32 Units

Affordable, locally owned motel with recently remodeled

rooms, centrally located to shopping and dining. Pull right up to your room, with easy access. Nice outdoor area with playground. *Hotel & room amenities: coffee maker, complimentary breakfast, free high-speed internet access, free HBO, hair dryer, iron/ironing board, microwave, refrigerator.*

Other Area Lodging — Baymont Inn, Comfort Inn, & Holiday Inn Express

FULL SERVICE SPAS & SALONS

INNER HARMONY

227 South Main Street, 217.245.1888

innerharmonydayspa.com

A HEAD OF TIMES

GRAND SALON & DAY SPA

230 South Sandy, 217.243.4533

K-CERAZ SALON & SPA

421 South Main Street, 217.271.1031

DINING



AMERICAN

Applebee's

1721 W. Morton, 217.243.3654

BJ's Restaurant

1904 W. Morton, 217.245.9314

Brickhouse BBQ

49 S. Central Park, 217.245.4587

Rudi's Grill

1913 W. Morton Ave., 217.291.0905

The Coop

418 Superior, Chapin, 217.472.2001

Kottage Café

1850 S. Main Street, 217.245.9430

The Luau Grill Island BBQ

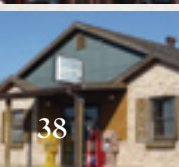
1108 West Morton, 217.371.2329

Main Street Café

317 Main Street, Meredosia, 217.584.2233

Mulligans

7 W. Central Park, 217.243.5761





Mulligan's

Muggsy's Fine Dining

230 S. Mauvaisterre Street, 217.245.0641

Norma's Northstar Café

211 E. Court Street, 217.245.6037

On The Rox Café

219 South Main, 217.243.7698

The 104 Grill

997 State HWY 104, Meredosia, 217.584.1919

Ponderosa

1001 W. Morton Ave., 217.245.2445

R & R

105 W. Walnut, 217.243.4663

Schiraz

27 South Central Park Plaza, 217.243.0550

South Side Restaurant

215 Main Street, Meredosia, 217.584.9905

Toni's Place

903 East Morton, 217.243.6814

Verda Mae's

220 S. Miller St., Waverly, 217.435.3408

CHINESE

Best Buffet

901 W. Morton Ave., 217.479.8883

Szechuan House

1237 W. Morton Ave., 217.243.3033



ITALIAN

BEST

Lonzerotti's Italia Restaurant

600 E. State Street,

217.243.7151

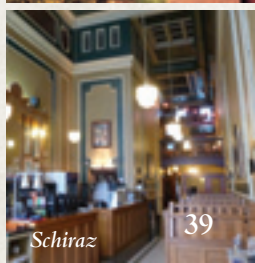
BEST

Leo's Pizza

& Ristorante Italiano

230 S. Main Street,

217.243.3413



Schiraz

MEXICAN

El Rancherito Mexican Restaurant

901 W. Morton Ave., 217.243.1368

Los Rancheros

1020 Lincoln Ave., 217.243.5612



*Leo's Pizza
& Ristorante Italiano*

PIZZA

Barney's Pizza

218 W. Morton Ave., 217.245.1678

Casey's Pizza

525 East Morton, 217.243.5792

Domino's Pizza

901 W. Morton Ave., 217.243.7541

Irish Toad

304 S. Main Street, 217.243.4811

Papa John's Pizza

940 W. Morton Ave., 217.243.7744

Pizza Hut

818 W. Morton Ave., 217.245.1575

SANDWICHES

Annabel Lee's Tea Room & Boutique

611 E. State Street, 217.243.2747

Schiraz

27 South Central Park Plaza, 217.243.0550

FAST FOOD OPTIONS

Arby's

1117 West Morton Ave., 217.245.9277

Burger King

905 West Morton Ave., 217.243.3388

Charlies Coffee & Cones

115 W. Lafayette Ave., 217.243.1888





Sonic Drive-In

Dairy Queen

1360 S. Main Street, 217.243.7255

Hardee's Family Restaurant

842 W. Morton Ave., 217.245.4932

Jimmy John's

328 E. Morton Ave., 217.243.0076

KFC

244 W. Morton Ave., 217.245.9239

Long John Silver's

1703 W. Morton Ave., 217.243.2532



McDonald's

520 W. Morton Ave., 217.243.4221

Quizno's

101 Comfort Drive, 217.243.4200

Sonic Drive-In

1803 W. Morton Ave., 217.245.8081

Steak n' Shake

2005 W. Morton Ave., 217.245.9422

Subway

948 W. Morton Ave., 217.245.0403

Subway

1941 W. Morton Ave., 217.291.0705

Taco Bell

837 W. Morton Ave., 243.8331



Taco Gringo

501 S. Main Street, 217.243.5334

The Burger Board

2005 W. Moron Ave., 217.245.0740

Wendy's

901 W. Morton Ave., 217.243.6668

SPECIALTY

Frozen Penguin

216 S. Mauvaisterre St, 217.473.4451

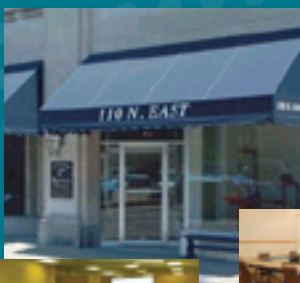
Safeco Donut & Bakery


218 West Morton Ave, 217.243.0000

Banquets, Conventions & Meetings

Planning a meeting, wedding or reunion?

Jacksonville has meeting and banquet facilities to fit any budget and size of party. From beautiful outdoor facilities and locations to elegant banquet facilities, we can accommodate your requests. The Jacksonville Area Convention & Visitors Bureau has newly renovated meeting space available for up to 100, conveniently located in the Hamilton's Building. Booking arrangements can be made through any Jacksonville lodging facility. Call the Jacksonville Area Convention & Visitors Bureau for a complete listing of all area banquet, convention and meeting facilities.





Hamilton's '110 North East'

Amyvets (Open to the Public)

210 East Court, 217.243.9990 *Accommodates 184-280*

Bogart's

2142 Old State Road, 217.245.5757, bogarts.net

Accommodates 475

Buena Vista Farms

1630 Hwy 67 North, 217.243.3290, buenavistafarms.net

Accommodates 50 & 225 indoor, 425 Tent

On the Rox

219 South Main, 217.243.7698 *Accommodates 500*

Community Park Center

1309 S. Main in Community Park, 217.479.4613,

jacksonvilleil.com *Accommodates 175*

Country Hearth Inn & Suites

1709 West Morton, 217.245.4500, *Accommodates 15*

Crazy Horse Campground

2113 Crazy Horse Rd, 217.886.2089, crazyhorsecamp.com

Accommodates 200+ indoor & outdoor

Elks Lodge #682

231 West Morgan, 217.245.5215 *Accommodates 250*

Gov. Joseph Duncan Mansion

#4 Duncan Place, 217.243.2001 *Accommodates 30*

Green Pastures Christian Retreat Center

1936 US Hwy 67 Meredosia, 217.584.1374,

greenpasturesretreatcenter.org *Accommodates 350 indoor*

Hamilton's Catering

110 North East, 217.675.2720, hamiltonscatering.com

Accommodates 420 South Room, 150 Fireside Room,

80 West Side Room

Illinois College

1101 West College, 217.245.3025, www.ic.edu

Accommodates 10 - 350

Irish Toad

304 South Main, 217.243.4811

Accommodates 80 indoor & 100 outdoor

Jacksonville Country Club

100 Country Club Rd, 217.245.2134, jacksonvillecc.com
Accommodates 300 +

Jacksonville Area Convention & Visitors Bureau

310 East State, 217.243.5678, jacksonvilleil.org
Accommodates 15 - 100

Jacksonville High School

1211 North Diamond, 217.243.4384,
www.jsd117.org *Accommodates 250, Auditorium 501*

Knights of Columbus

320½ East State, 217.243.1015 *Accommodates 240*

Jacksonville Theatre Guild

210 West College, 217.245.1402, jaxtg.com
Accommodates 200

Leo's Pizza

230 South Main, 217.243.3413 *Accommodates 40-80*

Lonzerotti's

600 East State, 217.243.7151, lonzerottis.biz
Accommodates 40 - 75

MacMurray College

447 East College, 217.479.7006, www.mac.edu
Accommodates 500+

Moose Lodge #865

901 West Superior, 217.245.6417 *Accommodates 125*

Muggsy's

230 South Mauvaisterre, 217.245.0641
Muggsysfinedining.com *Accommodates 40 - 90 indoor
& 80 outdoor*

Norma's Northstar Café

211 E. Court St., 217.245.6037 *Accommodates 45*

Nichols Park Pavilion

Nichols Park, 217.479.4613, jacksonvilleil.com
Accommodates 250

Northridge Hills Golf Course

1265 Sandusky, 217.243.4241, northridgehills.com
Accommodates 40-50

The Old Rectory

462 East State, 217.245.9175 *Accommodates 50-100*

Passavant Hospital

1600 W. Walnut, 217.245.9541, passavanthospital.com



Illinois College

Pathway Services Unlimited, Inc.

1905 West Morton, 217.479.2300, *Accommodates 150*

Pizza Hut

818 West Morton, 217.245.1575 *Accommodates 54*

Playhouse on The Square

68 East Central Park, 217.491.3977, *Accommodates 50*

Ponderosa

1001 West Morton, 217.245.2445 *Accommodates 40*

Prairie Land Heritage Grounds

1005 West Michigan, 217.243.7262, *prairielandheritage.com*
Accommodates 500+

Bob Freesen YMCA

1000 Sherwood Lane, 217.245.2141, *jacksonvilleymca.org*
Accommodates 70 - 100

VFW Post #1379 (Open to the Public)

903 East Morton, 217.243.6814 *Accommodates 190*

Western Illinois Youth Camp

2244 4-H Club Road, 217.673.3771,
westernillinoisyouthcamp.org Accommodates 150

CATERING**Hamilton's**

110 North East, Jacksonville, 217.291.0985
hamiltonscatering.com

Jeff's Country Smokehouse

1265 Merritt Lane, Winchester, 217.473.5906

Little White Cottage Catering

619 N. Prairie St, Jacksonville, 217.243.8600
littlewhitecottagecatering.com

Thrifty Sisters

Po Box 635, Jacksonville, 217.370.2038 or
217.370.0807 *thriftysisterscatering.com*

Twyforbs

2565 Twyford Road, Jacksonville,
217.370.2274 *twyfordbbq.com*



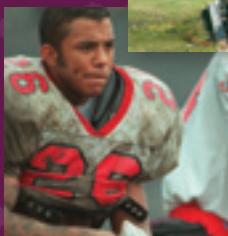
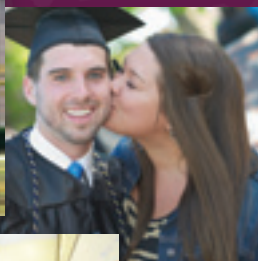
Education


**A small city with
3 colleges and
2 state institutions? Yes!**

Education has played a vital role in the development of Jacksonville and the surrounding area. For a city of our size, the opportunities for learning are plentiful. Illinois College, MacMurray College, and Lincoln Land Community College all call Jacksonville home.

The local public schools are complimented by private school options, and all combined, provide a rich and diverse community of learning.

When blended with our local art galleries, museums, historic sites, and cultural options, there is a reason Jacksonville is known as the “Athens of the Midwest.”





Illinois School for the Deaf



ILLINOIS COLLEGE

1101 West College Avenue

Illinois College is a four-year liberal-arts college, offering degrees in various fields of study, including Education and Biology. The College is one of the oldest colleges west of the Alleghenies, founded in 1829. The College is also home to

some Lincoln letters. Because of the strong views of many of the students and faculty, Illinois College was considered an engine of abolitionism. ic.edu

ILLINOIS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

125 Webster Avenue

The Illinois School for the Deaf offers educational programming for students 0-21 in a language rich and cultural environment that challenges students with curricula designed to fit their individual needs. Students are given respect and support their choices whether they embrace American Sign Language, spoken language, hearing aids or cochlear implants. illinoisdeaf.org

ILLINOIS SCHOOL FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED

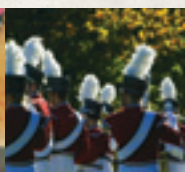
658 East State Street

A residential facility which serves children from Illinois between the ages of five and twenty-one who are blind or partially-sighted. ISVI offers a comprehensive academic program with emphasis on the development of independence and pre-vocational skill. isvi.net

JACKSONVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

201 West College Avenue, 217.243.5435

The Jacksonville Public Library is housed in a beautiful historic building, originally built with funds from Andrew Carnegie. jaxpl.org





JACKSONVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT 117

Seven neighborhood public schools serve students in grades K through 6 and assure parents that their children will receive the personal attention they need. Jonathan Turner Junior High School has received several local, state and national honors. Jacksonville High School offers an excellent preparatory program to ready students for college study. jsd117.org

LINCOLN LAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Downtown Jacksonville LLCC offers a wide variety of college transfer courses, occupational training, and classes for those who want to learn a new skill or explore a new interest. In addition to transfer courses in the humanities, math and science, LLCC provides developmental and GED courses to strengthen skills for advanced study. llcc.edu



MACMURRAY COLLEGE

447 East College Avenue

MacMurray College dates its history from 1846 when a group of Methodist clergymen, led by Peter Cartwright and Peter Akers, founded it as the Illinois Conference Female Academy. In 1955, the Trustees established MacMurray College for Men as a coordinate institution related to the Women's College. Finally, in 1969, the coordinate

colleges were reorganized into a single institution. MacMurray is a four-year college, specializing in Social Work, Nursing, and other degrees. mac.edu

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

- Our Saviour Grade School
and Routt Catholic High School
- Westfair Baptist School
- Salem Lutheran School



HOW DO I GET TO JACKSONVILLE?

It's easy to get to Jacksonville by highway or air. Interstate 72 and Routes 67, 267, 104, and 78 all converge in the city. Convenient commercial air service is available through Springfield, Bloomington, or St. Louis. Jacksonville Municipal Airport is available for private aircraft. Amtrak serves the nearby communities of Springfield or Quincy.

FROM SPRINGFIELD

Take Interstate 72 West, 25 minutes to Jacksonville.

FROM ST. LOUIS

Take Route 367 North to Route 267 North, for a 2 hour journey to Jacksonville. If interstate routes are preferred, a simple alternative is 55 North to Springfield, then 72 West to Jacksonville.

For more detailed directions, please contact the Jacksonville Area Convention & Visitors Bureau at 217.243-5678, 800.593.5678, or email at visitors@jacksonvilleil.org



TRANSPORTATION

Amtrak

Train service served through nearby cities of Springfield and Quincy. 800.872.7245 amtrak.com

Enterprise Rent-A-Car

Car and truck rental. 950 West Morton Avenue
217.243.5300 enterprise.com

Executive Transportation

Limousine and group transportation.
217.245.5466 or 877.868.5466 etlimos.com

Star Cab

Taxi service. 217.243.9381

West Central Illinois Mass Transit District

Public Transportation. 217.245.9122 wcmtld.org

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JACKSONVILLE & SOUTH JACKSONVILLE



HOTELS/MOTELS

- ① Country Hearth Inn
- ② Blackhawk Village
- ③ Blessings On State B&B
- ④ Hampton Inn
- ⑤ Star Light Motel
- ⑥ Super 8 Motel



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SELECTED SITES

- ⑦ County Fairgrounds
- ⑧ Duncan Mansion
- ⑨ Duncan Park
- ⑩ Big Eli Wheel
- ⑪ Morgan Co. Speedway
- ⑫ Lake Jacksonville
- ⑬ Lenz Field
- ⑭ Passavant Hospital
- ⑮ Godfrey/Play-For-All Park
- ⑯ Public Library
- ⑰ Strawn Art Gallery
- ⑱ Woodlawn Farm
- ⑲ Morgan Co. Courthouse

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