

# PLACES OF THE PAST

## Illinois Archaeological Sites and Exhibits



Illinois Association for Advancement of Archaeology

*Places of the Past* is a guidebook to Illinois archaeological sites and places throughout the state where you can view archaeological exhibits. These range from the world-famous Cahokia site, a Native American metropolis of 1,000 years ago in southwestern Illinois, to 19th century industrial ruins. Some sites and museums, like Dickson Mounds in western Illinois, are devoted entirely to the archaeology of past cultures. Historical societies may have only one case of local American Indian material, but all of the listings have in common that they are on property accessible to the public, and have some tie-in to Illinois archaeology.

During your visit, you can learn about prehistoric Native American cultures, beginning more than 12,000 years ago, up through the period of contact with European explorers and settlers in the 17th to 19th centuries. With more than 125 listings in *Places of the Past*, there is likely a location near you. Be sure to check on current hours before your visit.

Look for programs annually in September for Illinois Archaeology Awareness Month; see [ilarchsurv.org](http://ilarchsurv.org). Some events are held at the places listed here, and others are sponsored by chapters of the Illinois Association for Advancement of Archaeology.

From the Dunleith Mound Group in far northwestern Illinois, to the Kincaid mound and village site in the Ohio River valley, archaeology is all around us in Illinois, and now you know where to find it.

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## ILLINOIS ENDANGERED SITES

Archaeological sites in Illinois have material remains such as ancient stone tools, earthenware ceramic fragments, and tool-making debitage. These are often found at the present-day land surface where no other trace of structures or activities remain. Extending back as early as 12,000 years ago, these sites contain the only direct record of people who once lived within our state. Locations of early EuroAmerican exploration and settlement also have artifacts reflecting activities of that period. Modern farming practices and construction are rapidly destroying these sites, which sometimes also contain fragments of bone and charred plant remains that reflect early methods of subsistence.

State and federal legislation protects the thousands of archaeological sites on public property in Illinois. Any disturbance (including surface artifact collecting) to sites on public property is prohibited. Visitors to sites on public property can help protect them by reporting any activity, such as digging or collecting artifacts, to the facility supervisor. Rock-art sites with petroglyphs and pictographs are especially fragile and should not be touched.

Human skeletal remains, grave markers, and grave artifacts on private property in Illinois have legal protection from disturbance at all times. For more information see the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency web page Archaeology in Preservation Services <http://www.illinois.gov/ihpa/Preserve/Pages/Archaeology.aspx>.



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## ILLINOIS CULTURAL PERIODS



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# BE SURE TO SEE THESE

## ALBANY MOUNDS STATE HISTORIC SITE

The Albany site is the largest Middle Woodland (Hopewell) mound and village complex owned by the State.

Dating between 200 BC and AD 300, it originally contained 96 burial mounds. A portion of the burial mounds was purchased in 1970, with an additional part of

the village site later added to the State Historic Site. Material excavated from the site shows that the residents participated

in the Hopewell trade network, with items ranging from conch shells from the Gulf Coast to obsidian from the Rocky Mountains, making it a center for the Hopewell culture. Visitors can view some of the 39 mounds walking along a mown path; the site also features a 100-acre restored prairie. The Friends of the Albany Mounds Foundation is dedicated to the preservation and interpretation of the site. See page 7 for more information.

## CENTER FOR AMERICAN ARCHEOLOGY MUSEUM

Located on scenic Illinois State Highway 100, historic Kamp General Store is now a museum featuring artifacts, exhibits, and media presentations highlighting the cultural history and archeologi-

cal resources of the lower Illinois valley. Exhibits include information and artifacts detailing the rich and complex array of prehistoric cultures known to the area, ranging from the Paleoindian to Mississippian time periods, and also includes information about modern investigative methods used in archeological research. Highlights include displays about Clovis point manufacture, Middle Woodland exchange networks, and prehistoric pottery manufacture. Archeological investigations at the renowned Koster site (Greene County, IL) are also richly illustrated through photographs and artifacts. The Center for American Archeology sponsors a free Archeology Day in mid-July with family activities, and has an array of field experiences and educational programs available for the public. See page 17 for more information.



## CAHOKIA MOUNDS STATE HISTORIC SITE & INTERPRETIVE CENTER

Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site preserves 2,200 acres of the largest prehistoric Indian community north

of Mexico. The original site covered nearly 6 square miles, included 120 mounds and, at its peak around

AD 1050-1150, had a population of 10-20,000 people of the Mississippian culture. The focal point of the site, Monks Mound, is an earthen platform mound that covered more than 14 acres and rose to a height of 100 feet above the American Bottom floodplain. The site is one of



# FEATURED SITES

the few places in North America designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The world-class Interpretive Center features exhibits, dioramas, numerous artifacts and graphics, a life-size village recreation and museum shop. Seasonal guided tours and self-guided tours are available as well as year-round events. A variety of ridgeline, conical and platform mounds can be viewed from several tour trails, as well as a reconstructed portion of the two-mile long stockade that once enclosed the city center. An area west of Monks Mound has a reconstruction of the Woodhenge sun calendar, used to determine the equinoxes and solstices. See page 22 for more information.

## DICKSON MOUNDS MUSEUM

A branch of the Illinois State Museum and a National Historic Site, Dickson Mounds is one of the major on-site archaeological museums in the country.

The museum offers a unique opportunity to explore the world of the American Indian in an awe-inspiring journey through 12,000



years of human experience in the Illinois River valley. Multimedia presentations detail the shift from reliance on wild resources to food production and village life, and the changes brought about by the arrival of Europeans. Now a partner in the Nature Conservancy's restoration of Emiquon Preserve, Dickson Mounds sponsors a variety of special exhibits and programs throughout the year. See page 15 for more information.

## FIELD MUSEUM

The outstanding natural history and ethnographic exhibits at the Field Museum include

material from Illinois archaeological sites. A new permanent exhibit *The Ancient Americas* takes visitors on a journey through 13,000 years of cultural evolution in the Western Hemisphere, where hundreds of diverse societies thrived

long before the arrival of Europeans. It begins in the work of Ice Age mammoth hunters in Chicago circa 11,000 BC, and includes

a survey of the monumental earthworks of mound-building peoples. Following extensive presentations on the Aztec and Inca empires, the final gallery shows the diverse lives of contemporary native communities. See page 11 for more information.



## KINCAID MOUNDS STATE HISTORIC SITE

At Kincaid Mounds are preserved the remains of earthen mounds that were once part of a city created by Native Americans during the Middle Mississippian period (AD 900-1500). This period was characterized by the rise of agriculture, specialization of labor within communities, and building of elaborate mound systems for burials and rituals. The Kincaid site likely served as a trade link between native settlements in the Cumberland-Tennessee river valleys and the metropolis at Cahokia. State holdings contain the remains of nine mounds and a large portion of the associated village site. Additional mounds and the remaining portion of the village are located on adjacent private property. See page 27 for more information.



# NORTHWEST ILLINOIS



## (1) GRAMERCY PARK DUNLEITH MOUND GROUP

East Dubuque, IL

[cityofeastdubuque.com/communityinformation.html](http://cityofeastdubuque.com/communityinformation.html)

The park, situated on a high bluff overlooking the Mississippi River valley, includes 20 mounds still standing of an original group of 26 Middle Woodland conical mounds.

## (2) GALENA & U.S. GRANT MUSEUM

211 S. Bench St., Galena, IL 61036

Daily 9AM-4:30PM

815.777.9129

[galenahistorymuseum.org](http://galenahistorymuseum.org)

Regional museum includes a small Native American display with artifacts from the Galena area.

## (3) APPLE RIVER FORT STATE HISTORIC SITE

311 E. Myrtle St., Elizabeth, IL 61028

We-Su 9AM-

5PM

815.858.2028

[appleriverfort.org](http://appleriverfort.org)

An interpretive center relates the

story of the Black Hawk War, as well as the interactions between the Sauk and Mesquakie (Fox) and lead miners in the early 19th century.



## (4) WAPELLO LAND & WATER RESERVE

8642 Ill. Rte. 84 South, Hanover, IL

[jdcf.org](http://jdcf.org)

Owned by the Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation, the reserve includes the John Chapman site, a significant village and mound site with contemporaneous Woodland and Mississippian artifacts.

## (5) MACKTOWN LIVING HISTORY EDUCATION CENTER

2221 Freeport Rd., Rockton, IL 61072

815.624.4200

[macktownlivinghistory.com](http://macktownlivinghistory.com)

The Education Center highlights archaeology investigating the 1838 to 1850 settlement, as well as native habitations dating back 10,000 years; volunteers are welcome at annual summer field work.

## (6) CARL AND MYRNA NYGREN WETLAND PRESERVE

Rockton Road, 1 mile west of Rockton, IL

(Entrance is across from Macktown)  
815.964.6666  
[naturalland.org/nygren.html](http://naturalland.org/nygren.html)  
Owned by the Natural Land Institute, this 700-acre preserve encompasses many Native American sites including two mound groups; look for signage along the Diana Nora Nature Trail.

### **(7) BURPEE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY**

737 N. Main St., Rockford, IL 61103  
10AM-5PM daily; Fr-Sa until 8PM  
815.965.3433

[burpee.org](http://burpee.org)  
Natural sciences museum with an emphasis on geology and paleontology has a time



line "The First People" with displays of Illinois-Wisconsin state line Native American artifacts.

### **(8) BEATTIE MOUND GROUP**

North Main & Park Ave., Rockford, IL  
815.987.8800

[www.rockfordparks.org](http://www.rockfordparks.org)

An effigy mound group dating to the Late Woodland period is located in a downtown Rockford park just west of the Rock River.

### **(9) THOMSON MOUND**

Lewis Ave., Thomson, IL  
815.259.3628

[mvr.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/MississippiRiverProject/Recreation/ThomsonCauseway.aspx](http://mvr.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/MississippiRiverProject/Recreation/ThomsonCauseway.aspx)  
[thomsonillinois.com/thomson-causeway/](http://thomsonillinois.com/thomson-causeway/)

Woodland period mound can be viewed along a path at the Mississippi River edge.

### **(10) JARRETT PRAIRIE CENTER**

7993 N. River Rd., Byron, IL 61010  
M-F 8AM-4:30PM (Tu & Th until 8PM);  
Sa 9AM-4PM, Su 1-4PM  
815.234.8535  
[byronforestpreserve.com](http://byronforestpreserve.com)  
Museum displays include information on the archaeology of the Rock River area of Ogle County.

### **(11) ALBANY MOUNDS STATE HISTORIC SITE**

South Cherry Street, Albany, IL  
309.788.0177  
[albanymounds.com](http://albanymounds.com)

[illinois.gov/ihpa/Experience/Sites/NorthWest/Pages/Albany-Mounds.aspx](http://illinois.gov/ihpa/Experience/Sites/NorthWest/Pages/Albany-Mounds.aspx)  
The Albany site is a large Middle Woodland mound and village complex dating between 200 BC and AD 300; it originally contained 96 burial mounds, making it one of the largest mound groups in Illinois.

### **(12) SINNISIPI PARK**

Hwy 2, north of Sterling, IL  
815.622.6200

[sterlingparks.org/facilities-a-parks/parks/sinnissippi-park.html](http://sterlingparks.org/facilities-a-parks/parks/sinnissippi-park.html)

Sinnissippi Park contains an impressive group of Hopewellian burial mounds and the Sterling-Rock Falls Historical Society Museum on 3rd Street in Sterling has information on the mounds.

### **(13) JOHN DEERE HISTORIC SITE**

8334 S. Clinton St., Grand Detour, Dixon, IL 61021

May-Oct: We-Su 9AM-5PM

815.652.4551

[deere.com/wps/dcom/en\\_](http://deere.com/wps/dcom/en_)

[US/corporate/our\\_company/fans\\_visitors/tours\\_attractions/historicalsitem.page](http://US/corporate/our_company/fans_visitors/tours_attractions/historicalsitem.page)  
Exhibit hall has on display the 1963 excavations of John Deere's blacksmith shop where he developed the first successful steel plow in 1837.



## (14) LOVELAND COMMUNITY HOUSE MUSEUM

513 W. Second St., Dixon, IL 61021  
Th-Fr 9AM-2PM, Sa 10AM-3PM  
815.284.2741  
[lovelandcommunityhouse.org/museum/](http://lovelandcommunityhouse.org/museum/)  
Museum has local history items including prehistoric stone artifacts.



## (15) NORTHWEST TERRITORY HISTORIC CENTER

205 West Fifth Street,  
Dixon, IL 61021  
Tu-Sa 9AM-4PM  
815.288.5508  
[nthc.org/](http://nthc.org/)  
Permanent exhibits include *An Unchanged Land Native American - Black Hawk War*.

## (16) ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL MUSEUM

Building 60,  
Rock Island  
Arsenal,  
Rock Island,  
IL 61299  
(Visitors use  
Moline entrance to Arsenal Island)



Tu-Sa 12-4PM

309.782.5021

[arsenalhistoricalsociety.org/museum/index.html](http://arsenalhistoricalsociety.org/museum/index.html)

North American battlefield specimens are included in the extensive weapons exhibits.

## (17) COLONEL DAVENPORT HOME

North Shore of Arsenal Island, Rock Island Arsenal, Rock Island, IL 61204  
May-Oct: Th-Su 12-4PM  
309.786.7336  
[davenport-house.org](http://davenport-house.org)  
Items found at excavations at George Davenport's 1833 home are exhibited.



## (18) BLACK HAWK STATE HISTORIC SITE

Hauberg Indian Museum  
1510 46th Ave., Rock Island, IL 61201

We-Su 9AM-12, 1-5PM

309.788.9536  
[blackhawk-park.org/museum](http://blackhawk-park.org/museum)

Museum exhibits include a timeline with artifact displays and 18th to 19th century artifacts from Sauk and Mesquakie tribes who lived nearby.



## (19) ROCK ISLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

822 11th Ave., Moline, IL 61265

We-Sa 9AM-4PM  
309.764.8590  
[www.richs.cc/](http://www.richs.cc/)  
Exhibits include prehistoric and historic period Native American artifacts.

### (20) GENESEO HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

205 S. State St., Geneseo, IL 61254  
By appointment, 9AM-noon, 1-3PM  
Jun-Aug: Sa 2-4PM  
309.944.3043  
[geneseohistoricalmuseum.com](http://geneseohistoricalmuseum.com)  
The large Italianate home, originally constructed in 1855, has displays including local American Indian artifacts.

### (21) BISHOP HILL STATE HISTORIC SITE

Bishop Hill, IL 61409  
We-Su 9AM-5PM  
309.927.3345  
[state.il.us/  
hpa/hs/bish-  
op\\_hill.htm](http://state.il.us/hpa/hs/bishop_hill.htm)  
[bishophill.  
com](http://bishophill.<br/>com)



Bishop Hill Colony was a mid-1800s utopian community founded a group of Swedish religious dissidents; the Colony Church includes an exhibit on archaeological investigations at Bishop Hill.

### (22) HENRY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM

202 S. Park St., Bishop Hill, IL 61419  
May-Oct: 10AM-4PM  
309.927.3528  
[bishophill.com](http://bishophill.com)  
Museum displays include an exhibit with stone tools illustrating the pre-history of Henry County.

[museum.state.il.us/iaaa](http://museum.state.il.us/iaaa)

### (23) KEWANEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

211 N. Chestnut St., Kewanee, IL 61443  
May-Oct: Th & Sa 1:30-4PM

Labor Day Weekend  
9AM-5PM  
309.854.9701

[kewaneehistory.com](http://kewaneehistory.com)  
Three floors of local history include prehistoric stone tools donated by local collectors.



### (24) BUREAU COUNTY MUSEUM

109 Park Ave. West,  
Princeton, IL 61356  
Mar-Nov: We-Sa 1-5PM  
815.875.2184  
[bureaucountymuseum.com](http://bureaucountymuseum.com)  
Exhibits include Native American artifacts.



Albany Mounds State Historic Site



# NORTHEAST ILLINOIS

## (1) ELIZABETH LAKE NATURE PRESERVE

Varga Archaeological Site

Hawk's Point Road/Rte. 173 & 11000 Lakeview Rd., Richmond, IL

815.338.6223

mccdistrict.org

345-acre preserve includes an archaeological site complex.

## (2) POWERS-WALKER HOUSE AT GLACIAL PARK

Rte. 31 & Harts Rd.,

Ringwood, IL 60072

Open for special events

815.338.6223

mccdistrict.org

Archaeological investigations at the 1854 Greek Revival farmhouse are featured in displays and at public programs.

## (3) ELGIN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM

360 Park St., Elgin, IL 60120

We-Sa 12-

4PM

847.742.4248

elginhistory.org

Museum exhibits include the E. Maude and Carl

Parlasca Native American Collection, housed in Old Main, an 1856 building that was once part of the Elgin Academy.



## (4) ST. CHARLES HISTORY MUSEUM

215 E. Main St., St. Charles, IL 60174

Tu-Sa 10AM-4PM; Ju-Aug: Su 12-4PM

630.584.6967

stcmuseum.org

The museum has over 25 exhibits on local history, including American Indian stone artifacts and handicrafts.

## (5) GARFIELD FARM INN & MUSEUM

3N016 Garfield Rd., LaFox IL 60147

Jun-Sep: We & Su 1-4PM

630.584.8485

garfieldfarm.org

Museum includes original 1840s buildings and period events and educational programs; selected artifacts from on-site excavations are displayed.

## **(6) SCHINGOETHE CENTER FOR NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURES**

Aurora University, Aurora, IL 60506

630.844.7843

[aurora.edu/museum](http://aurora.edu/museum)

The museum, relocating to the new Aurora University Welcome Center, reopens in January 2015 including a display of ancient Native American artifacts.

## **(7) ADDISON HISTORICAL MUSEUM**

131 W. Lake St., Addison, IL 60101

Sa 10AM-2PM;

Jun-Aug: Sa noon-3PM

630.628.1433

[addisonadvantage.org/visitors/history.shtml](http://addisonadvantage.org/visitors/history.shtml)

Located in the

1892 Balzer House, this local historical museum includes an exhibit with area American Indian artifacts.



## **(8) WINFIELD MOUNDS FOREST PRESERVE**

Winfield Road, between Geneva Road and High Lake Road, Winfield, IL

630.933.7200

[dupageforest.com/Conservation/Forest\\_Preserves/Winfield\\_Mounds.aspx](http://dupageforest.com/Conservation/Forest_Preserves/Winfield_Mounds.aspx)

The three conical mounds within the forest preserve are thought to date to the Late Woodland period, between AD 600-1000.

## **(9) WARRENVILLE HISTORICAL MUSEUM**

35 530 Second St., Warrenville, IL 60555

Feb-Nov: Su

1-4PM; Jun-Aug:

also We 1-4PM

630.393.4215

[warrenvillehistoricalcal.org](http://warrenvillehistoricalcal.org)

Permanent exhibits include a display of

Native American artifacts collected by an area family.



## **(10) MITCHELL MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN**

3001 Central St., Evanston, IL 60201

Tu-Sa 10AM-5PM; Th until 8PM; Su 12-4PM  
847.475.1030

[mitchellmuseum.org](http://mitchellmuseum.org)

The museum, with a focus on North American Indian art, culture, and history, includes some prehistoric artifacts.

## **(11) POTAWATOMI VILLAGE MARKER**

Forest Home Cemetery

863 S. Des Plaines Ave., Forest Park, IL  
708.366.1900

[www.oprfhistory.org/explore\\_local\\_history/foresthomedefault.aspx](http://www.oprfhistory.org/explore_local_history/foresthomedefault.aspx)

The Forest Home Cemetery, once the location of a Potawatomi village and burial ground, has an historical monument noting its location.

## **(12) CHICAGO PORTAGE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE**

Portage Woods, 4600 S. Harlem Ave., Lyons, IL

800.870.3666

[chicagoportage.org](http://chicagoportage.org)

[fpdcc.com](http://fpdcc.com)

The first Europeans to traverse the portage between the Great Lakes and the Mississippi River system in 1673 were Marquette and Jolliet.

## **(13) FIELD MUSEUM**

1400 S. Lake Shore Dr., Chicago, IL 60605

Daily 9AM-5PM

312.922.9410

[fieldmuseum.org](http://fieldmuseum.org)

The outstanding natural history and ethnographic exhibits at the Field Museum include material from Illinois archaeological sites.

## **(14) PLAINFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM**

23836 W. Main St., Plainfield, IL 60544

Sa 1-4PM

815.436.4073

[365plainfield.com/2013/02/22/plainfield-historical-society-museum/](http://365plainfield.com/2013/02/22/plainfield-historical-society-museum/)

Located in an old grain elevator office on Ill. Rte. 126, the museum has a display of local Native American artifacts.

### **(15) ISLE A LA CACHE MUSEUM**

501 E. 135th St. (Romeo Rd.),  
Romeoville, IL  
60411

Tu-Sa 10AM-4PM, Su 12-4PM  
815.886.1467

[reconnectwith-nature.org/preserves-trails/Isle-a-la-Cache](http://reconnectwith-nature.org/preserves-trails/Isle-a-la-Cache)

Located on an 80-acre island in the Des Plaines River, museum exhibits recreate the fur trade era of the 18th century, when French traders encountered the native Potowatomi.



### **(16) JOLIET IRON WORKS HISTORIC SITE**

Columbia Street, just east of Rte. 53 (Scott St.) and east of the Ruby St. Bridge

Joliet, IL

8AM-Sunset

815.727.8700

[reconnectwith-nature.org/preserves-trails/Joliet-Iron-Works](http://reconnectwith-nature.org/preserves-trails/Joliet-Iron-Works)

Archaeological investigations at this important industrial site showed that the foundations of 19th-century blast furnaces and related facilities are still present and can be viewed along a walking trail.



### **(17) OAKWOOD MOUND**

Joliet, IL

This low, broad burial mound is located in Oakwood Cemetery, Joliet, opposite the intersection of Walnut Street and U.S. 30; the Woodland period mound may be a little older than the Briscoe Mounds.

### **(18) HIGGINBOTHAM WOODS EARTHWORK**

Joliet, IL

From U.S. 30 west of the I-80 interchange, go north on Gougar St., then east on Francis Rd. Look for roadside parking and follow trail north.  
815.741.7275

[jolietpark.org](http://jolietpark.org)

This earthwork, now in a City of Joliet park, is an irregularly shaped embankment probably dating to the Middle Woodland period, around 200 BC to AD 500.

### **(19) BRISCOE MOUNDS**

Front St., Channahon, IL

I-55 Bluff Road Exit, then south via the frontage road towards Channahon, IL  
[dnr.state.il.us/lands/landmgt/parks/i&m/CORRIDOR/archeo/sites/sites.htm](http://dnr.state.il.us/lands/landmgt/parks/i&m/CORRIDOR/archeo/sites/sites.htm)

Situated along the northern side of the Des Plaines River valley, this mound and village site is affiliated with the Langford tradition of the Upper Mississippian, dating to around AD 1200-1500.



### **(20) PUTNAM COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM**

327 Old Hwy 26, Hennepin, IL 61327

Apr-Dec: We, Fr 10AM-3PM

815.925.7560

[rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ilpcbs/](http://rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ilpcbs/)

Museum with a focus on county history and agricultural heritage has a display of locally collected Native American artifacts.

### **(21) LASALLE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM**

Canal and Mill Streets, Utica, IL 61373

Sa-Su 12-4PM

Apr-Nov: We-Fr 10AM-4PM

Dec-Mar: Th-Fr 10AM-4PM

815.667.4861

[lasallecountymuseum.org](http://lasallecountymuseum.org)

Housed in a former limestone warehouse erected in 1848 for the Illinois & Michigan Canal, the museum includes extensive displays of artifacts excavated from the Grand Village of the Kaskaskia, located across the Illinois River from Starved Rock.

## (22) STARVED ROCK STATE PARK

Utica, IL 61373

815.667.4726

[dnr.state.il.us/lands/landmgt/parks/i&M/east/starve/park.htm](http://dnr.state.il.us/lands/landmgt/parks/i&M/east/starve/park.htm)



The Starved

Rock region was the location of human settlement from as early as 8,000 BC; including Native groups and French explorers - numerous archaeological investigations were conducted within the park, and Visitor Center exhibits interpret its complex culture history.

## (23) GRUNDY COUNTY COURT HOUSE

111 E. Washington St., Morris, IL 60450

Mo-Fr 8AM-4:30PM

815.942.9024

Lobby display cases include locally collected artifacts.

## (24) ILLINOIS AND MICHIGAN CANAL NATIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR

401 Ottawa St. (Visitor Center), Morris, IL 60450

815.942.0796, 815.588.1100

[landmcanal.org](http://landmcanal.org)

[canalcor.org](http://canalcor.org)

[cr.nps.gov/heritageareas/AREAS/ILMI.HTM](http://cr.nps.gov/heritageareas/AREAS/ILMI.HTM)

[dnr.state.il.us/lands/landmgt/parks/i&m/main.htm](http://dnr.state.il.us/lands/landmgt/parks/i&m/main.htm)

The 97-mile long Illinois and Michigan Canal, completed in 1848, extends from Chicago to LaSalle-Peru, crossing through parts of five counties including many archaeological sites and museums, parks and natural areas.

## (25) MIDEWIN NATIONAL TALLGRASS PRAIRIE

30239 S. State Rte. 53, Wilmington, IL 60481

Trails: 4AM-10PM

Welcome Center: Nov-Mar:

Mo-Fr 8AM-4:30PM

Apr-Oct: Mo-Sa 8AM-4:30PM

815.423.6370

[fs.usda.gov/midewin](http://fs.usda.gov/midewin)

Nearly 20,000 acres of former farmland, once the location of the Joliet Arsenal, are undergoing restoration by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service; visitors can learn about prairie ecology and early inhabitants at the Welcome Center.

## (26) KANKAKEE RIVER STATE PARK

5314 W. Rte. 102, Bourbonnais, IL 60914

815.933.1383

[dnr.state.il.us/lands/landmgt/parks/R2/KANKAKEE.HTM](http://dnr.state.il.us/lands/landmgt/parks/R2/KANKAKEE.HTM)

The park extends for 11 miles along both sides of the Kankakee River northwest of Kankakee and includes several documented archaeological sites.

## (27) KANKAKEE COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

801 S. 8th St., Kankakee, IL 60901

Tu-Fr 10AM-4PM; Sa 1-4PM

815.932.5279

[kankakeecountymuseum.com](http://kankakeecountymuseum.com)

Permanent exhibits include American Indian artifacts related to cultural periods, with an extensive display of Potawatomi material from a nearby site.



Mitchell Museum of the American Indian

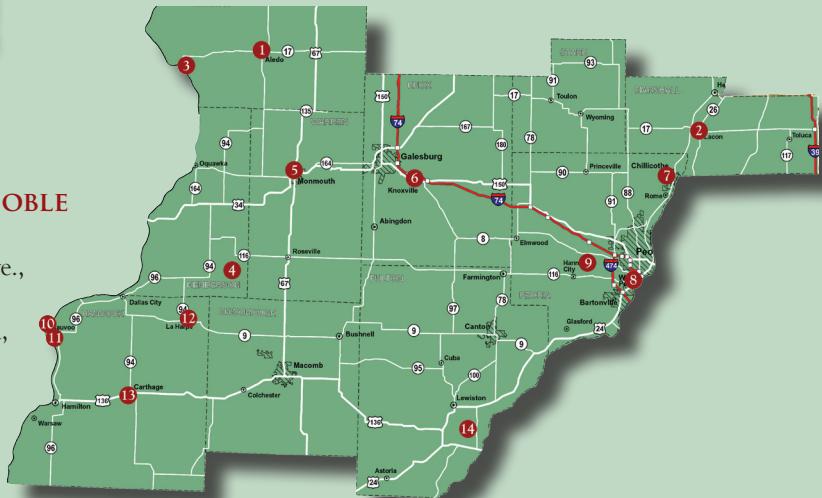


# WEST CENTRAL ILLINOIS

## (1) ESSLEY-NOBLE MUSEUM

1406 SE 2nd Ave.,  
Aledo, IL 61231  
Apr-Oct: We, Sa,  
Su 1-5PM  
Nov-Mar: Sa 12-  
4PM  
309.582.2280  
[mchsil.org](http://mchsil.org)

The museum,  
managed by the Mercer County Historical  
Society, has an exhibit of prehistoric Native  
American artifacts found in Mercer County.



## (2) MARSHALL COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM

314 Fifth St., Lacon, IL 61540  
Tu & We 9AM-noon, Sa 10AM-noon  
309.246.2349  
[marshallcountyhistory.org](http://marshallcountyhistory.org)

The museum has on display several diverse collections, including American Indian artifacts.

## (3) NEW BOSTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND MUSEUM

202 Main St., New Boston, IL 61272  
Apr.-Oct.: Su 1-5PM  
309.587.8181  
Museum includes a display of local American Indian artifacts.

## (4) HENDERSON COUNTY MUSEUM

East Main St., Raritan, IL  
Open seasonally  
[hendersoncountyllinoismuseum.com/](http://hendersoncountyllinoismuseum.com/)  
Museum complex of five buildings includes

displays of artifacts donated by local collectors.

## (5) WARREN COUNTY HISTORY MUSEUM

228 S. Sunny Lane, Monmouth, IL 61462  
1st Su of the month, 1-4PM  
309.221.3864  
[www.warrencountyhistoricalsociety.net](http://www.warrencountyhistoricalsociety.net)

Located in the old Solid Rich Church building, County historical items include a case of local American Indian artifacts.

## (6) KNOX COUNTY MUSEUM

33 Public Square, Knoxville, IL 61448  
Open by appointment  
309.289.6919  
[kville.org/kchistory/Museum.html](http://kville.org/kchistory/Museum.html)

The county museum is located in a building completed in 2009 and includes American Indian artifacts donated by area residents.



## **(7) CHILlicothe HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM**

723 N. 4th St., Chillicothe, IL 61523  
We, 1st Su of the month, 1-4 PM  
Summer: We, Sa, Su 1-4PM  
309.274.9076  
[chillicothehistorical.org](http://chillicothehistorical.org).  
Permanent exhibits include American Indian artifacts.

## **(8) PEORIA RIVERFRONT MUSEUM**

222 SW Washington St., Peoria IL 61602  
Mo-Th 10AM-5PM; Fr-Sa 10AM-8PM, Su  
12-5PM  
closed some  
Mondays Sep -  
May  
309.686.7000  
[peoriariverfront-museum.org](http://peoriariverfront-museum.org)  
Museum combines the former  
Lakeview Museum along with additional partners,  
emphasizing art, natural history and science, and  
includes Native American artifacts on exhibit.



## **(9) WILDLIFE PRAIRIE STATE PARK**

3826 N. Taylor Rd., Hanna City, IL 61536  
9AM-4:30PM  
309.676.0998  
[wildlifeprairiestatepark.org](http://wildlifeprairiestatepark.org)  
This 2,000-acre zoological park has the kinds of animals that were on the prairie during pioneer days; there is a pioneer farmstead and a visitor center that includes a display of Native American artifacts.

## **(10) WELD HOUSE MUSEUM**

Mulholland Street, Nauvoo, IL 62354  
May-Oct: 1-4PM  
[nauvoohistoricalssociety.org](http://nauvoohistoricalssociety.org)  
The 1840s Greek Revival home includes a local artifact collection.

## **(11) RHEINBERGER MUSEUM**

Nauvoo State Park, Ill. Rte. 96,  
south edge of Navoo, IL 62354  
May-Oct: 1-5PM

217.453.6671

[dnr.state.il.us/lands/landmgt/PARKS/R4/NAUVOO.HTM](http://dnr.state.il.us/lands/landmgt/PARKS/R4/NAUVOO.HTM)  
[nauvoohistoricalssociety.org](http://nauvoohistoricalssociety.org)

Housed in a restored home originally built by Mormons in the 1840s, the museum exhibits artifacts from all periods of Nauvoo's history, from Native American occupation to the 1930s.

## **(12) LAHARPE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM**

111 E. Main, LaHarpe, IL 61450  
Mo & Sa 9-11AM & 1-4 PM  
217.659.3635  
[carthage.lib.il.us/community/museums.html](http://carthage.lib.il.us/community/museums.html)  
Permanent displays include local artifacts.

## **(13) KIBBE HANCOCK HERITAGE MUSEUM**

304 Walnut, Carthage, IL 62321  
Mo, We, Fr-Su 1-4PM  
May-Sep: Daily 10AM-4PM  
217.357.3119  
[carthage.lib.il.us/community/museums.html](http://carthage.lib.il.us/community/museums.html)  
Permanent displays include American Indian exhibits.

## **(14) DICKSON MOUNDS MUSEUM**

10956 N. Dickson Mounds Rd.,  
Lewistown, IL 61542  
Daily 8:30AM-5PM  
309.547.3721  
[museum.state.il.us/ismsites/dickson/experiencedicksonmounds.com](http://museum.state.il.us/ismsites/dickson/experiencedicksonmounds.com)

A branch of the Illinois State Museum and a National Historic Site, Dickson Mounds is one of the major on-site archaeological museums in the country, and is now a partner in the Nature Conservancy's restoration of Emiquon.





# LOWER ILLINOIS RIVER

## (1) INDIAN MOUNDS PARK

5th and Harrison,  
Quincy, IL  
217.223.7703

[quincyparkdistrict.com](http://quincyparkdistrict.com)

The 37-acre park at the southwest edge of Quincy, overlooking the Mississippi River, includes several Woodland period mounds and a walking timeline with interpretive panels and engravings of artifacts on concrete blocks.

## (2) QUINCY MUSEUM

1601 Maine St., Quincy, IL 62301  
Tu-Su 1-5PM  
217.224.7669

[thequincymuseum.com](http://thequincymuseum.com)

With an emphasis on natural history, the museum has a large collection of area Native American artifacts, with a portion of the collection on display.

## (3) OLD LINCOLN COURTROOM & MUSEUM

101 W. 3rd St., Beardstown, IL 62618  
Apr-Nov: Mo-Sa 10AM-4PM  
217.323.4514

[lincolninbeardstown.org](http://lincolninbeardstown.org)

Restored courtroom where Abraham Lincoln participated in trials has a display of locally collected Native American artifacts.



## (4) NEW PHILADELPHIA TOWN SITE

Barry, IL  
[newphiladelphiail.org](http://newphiladelphiail.org)

A National Historic Landmark located southwest of Barry, IL, New Philadelphia is the earliest town in the United States to be platted by an African American, Free Frank McWorter; this was the location of recent archaeological investigations.

## (5) RAY NORBUT STATE FISH & WILDLIFE AREA

46816 290th Ave., Griggsville, IL 62340  
217.833.2811  
[dnr.state.il.us/Landmgt/PARKS/R4/ray.htm](http://dnr.state.il.us/Landmgt/PARKS/R4/ray.htm)

This conservation area, with more than 1,000 acres along the Illinois River, includes Middle Woodland mounds and habitation areas.

## (6) PIKE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM



400 E. Jefferson, Pittsfield, IL 62363  
We-Sa 10AM-2PM  
217.285.4618

Located in the Historic East School, the history museum includes a display of Native American artifacts.

## (7) CENTER FOR AMERICAN ARCHEOLOGY MUSEUM AND VISITOR CENTER

Route 100, Kampsville, IL 62053  
Apr-Oct: Tu-Fr 10AM-5PM, Sa 10AM-4PM,  
Su 12-4PM  
618.653.4316  
[caa-archeology.org](http://caa-archeology.org)

The CAA Museum and Visitor Center features artifacts, exhibits, and media presentations highlighting the cultural history and archeological resources of the lower Illinois River valley, and visitors can view ongoing summer excavations.

## (8) TWO RIVERS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Headquarters and Visitors Center, Hagen Road, Calhoun County

618.883.2524  
[fws.gov/refuge/two\\_rivers](http://fws.gov/refuge/two_rivers)

Located in the Calhoun Division, the wildlife refuge headquarters and visitors center for the Mark Twain National Wildlife Refuge includes area artifacts.



[museum.state.il.us/iaaa](http://museum.state.il.us/iaaa)

## (9) PERE MARQUETTE STATE PARK

Grafton, IL 62037

618.786.3323

[dnr.state.il.us/lands/Landmgmt/PARKS/R4/](http://dnr.state.il.us/lands/Landmgmt/PARKS/R4/)

Peremarq.htm

This 8,000-acre preservation area offers spectacular views of the Illinois and Mississippi Rivers from several bluff top



points; numerous archaeological studies have been conducted at the park, and the visitor center and hiking trails include information about some of the archaeological sites there.



Quincy Museum

## (10) PRINCIPIA SCHOOL OF NATIONS MUSEUM

Principia College, Elsah, IL 62028  
School hours & by appt.  
618.374.5236

[community.principia.edu/museum](http://community.principia.edu/museum)  
Museum includes American Indian collections.

## (11) VILLAGE OF ELSAH MUSEUM

26 LaSalle St., Elsah, IL 62028

Apr-Oct: Sa-Su 1-4PM

618.374.1568

[elash.org](http://elash.org)

Museum includes local history and artifacts.



# CENTRAL ILLINOIS

## (1) FORT CREVECOEUR

508 Scenic Park Place, Creve Coeur, IL 61610

Park: Daily, 7AM-8PM

309.694.3193

[ftcrevecoeur.org](http://ftcrevecoeur.org)

The reproductions of a fort, Indian village, and trading house include a display of American Indian material.



## (2) COMLARA PARK

13001 Recreation Area Dr., Hudson, IL 61748

Summer: 8AM-6PM

309.434.6770

[mcleancountyil.gov](http://mcleancountyil.gov)

The park visitor center, part of the Evergreen Lake public recreation complex, includes a display about the area's American Indian inhabitants.

## (3) MCLEAN COUNTY MUSEUM OF HISTORY

200 N. Main St., Bloomington, IL 61701

Mo-Sa 10AM-5PM (Tu, until 9PM)

309.827.0428

[mchistory.org](http://mchistory.org)  
The permanent exhibits include some material from



the Grand Village of the Kickapoo, as well as some ancient Native American material.

## (4) GRAND VILLAGE OF THE KICKAPOO PARK

8144 N 3100 East Road,

Arrowsmith, IL

309.261.3043

The park has an historical marker with information about the Kickapoo village occupied during the late 18th to early 19th centuries; it was the location of Illinois State University archaeological investigations.

## **(5) WATER TOWER MUSEUM**

145 S. Market St., Paxton, IL 60957

Summer: Su 2-4PM

Winter: 1st Su of month 2-4PM

217.379.3723

[Roots.ancestry.com/~ilfchs/](http://Roots.ancestry.com/~ilfchs/)

Museum displays include Native American artifacts collected from the area.

## **(6) ROCKWELL MOUND**

N. Orange and Franklin Sts., Havana, IL

309.543.6240

[havanaparkdistrict.com](http://havanaparkdistrict.com)

You can imagine Indian life as it was 2,000 years ago at the largest and best-preserved Middle Woodland Indian mound in the Midwest.



## **(7) LINCOLN'S NEW SALEM STATE HISTORIC SITE**

15588 History Lane, Petersburg, IL 62575

Mar-Oct: 9AM-5PM

Nov-Feb: We-Su: 9AM-5PM

217.632.4000

[lincolnsnewsalem.com](http://lincolnsnewsalem.com)

Abraham Lincoln lived in New Salem in the 1830s, and you can visit numerous buildings reconstructed to their period appearance; signs for an "archaeology walk" show places excavated during archaeological investigations.

## **(8) MUSEUM OF THE GRAND PRAIRIE**

600 N. Lombard St., Mahomet, IL 61853

Mar-Dec: Su 1-5PM

Mar-May & Sep-Dec: Daily 1-5PM

Jun-Aug: Mon-Sat 10AM-5PM

217.586.2612

[museumofthegrandprairie.org](http://museumofthegrandprairie.org)

Museum emphasizes local natural and cultural history and early settlement; the Prairie Stories exhibit has a Native American diorama that includes a time line and artifacts.

## **(9) CHANUTE AIR MUSEUM**

1011 Pacesetter Dr., Rantoul, IL 61866

Mo-Sa 10AM-5PM

May-Dec: Su 12-5PM

217.893.1613

[aeromuseum.org](http://aeromuseum.org)

The largest aerospace museum in Illinois also includes prehistoric stone tools found on the former Air Force base property, and private artifact collections.

## **(10) KENNEKUK COUNTY PARK**

Vermilion County Conservation District

22296-A Henning Rd., Danville, IL 61834

217.442.1691

[vccd.org](http://vccd.org)

Visitor Center has an artifact display and Native American history exhibit, and a self-guiding trail map notes the location of the Collins site, a Late Woodland/Mississippian period village and mound site investigated by University of Illinois archaeologists.

## **(11) VERMILION COUNTY MUSEUM**

116 N. Gilbert St., Danville, IL 61832

Tu-Sa 10AM-

5PM

217.442.2922

[vermilioncounty-museum.org](http://vermilioncounty-museum.org)

Museum

exhibits include

a collection of

locally collected

chipped stone and ground stone tools.



## **(12) FOREST GLEN PRESERVE**

Vermilion County Conservation District

20301 E. 900 North Rd., Westville, IL 61883

Education Center Sun 1-4PM

217.662.2142

[vccd.org/giforestglen.html](http://vccd.org/giforestglen.html)

Vermilion County Forest Preserve location has an exhibit with American Indians artifacts at the Gannett Outdoor Education Center.

### **(13) ILLINOIS STATE MUSEUM**

502 S. Spring St., Springfield, IL 62706

Mo-Sa 8:30AM-5PM; Su 12-5PM

217.782.7386

museum.state.

il.us

The Illinois State Museum has been telling the story of Illinois—its land, life, people, and

art—since 1877 through research, educational programs and exhibits ~ those on Illinois archaeology feature life-sized dioramas depicting Native Americans from ancient times through the post-contact period.



### **(14) LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE**

426 S. 7th St. (Visitor Center),

Springfield, IL 62701

Daily: 8:30AM-5PM

217.492.4241

nps.gov/liho

In the four-block neighborhood of Abraham Lincoln's family home, the Dean House and Arnold House have exhibits that include information from excavations at the National Historic Site.

### **(15) ROCK SPRINGS NATURE CENTER**

Macon County Conservation District

3939 Nearing

Lane, Decatur, IL

62521

Mo-Fr 8AM-5PM,

Sa 9AM-4:30PM,

Su 14:30PM

217.423.7708

www.maconcounty-conservation.org

Natural history displays include an exhibit "Digging into the Past" on Illinois archaeology.



### **(16) CHRISTIAN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM**

Rts. 29 & 48 E, Taylorville, IL 61568

Apr-Dec: Th-Sa 10AM-3PM

Dec-Mar: Sa 10AM-3PM

217.824.6922

cchistoricalsociety.blogspot.com/

Permanent exhibits include some locally collected Native American artifacts.

### **(17) LAKE SHELBYVILLE VISITOR CENTER**

Dam East Recreation area, Ill. Rte. 16,  
Shelbyville, IL 62565

Nov-Mar: Mon-Fri 9:30AM-4:30PM

Apr & Oct: Daily, 9:30AM-4:30PM

May-Sep: Sun-Thu 9:30AM-4:30PM

Fri & Sa 9:30AM – 6:30PM

217.774.3951

lakeshelbyville.com/attractions.htm

The visitor center has displays that include information on Native American sites in the Lake Shelbyville area.

### **(18) LINCOLN LOG CABIN STATE HISTORIC SITE**

402 S. Lincoln Highway, Lerna, IL 62440

Nov-Mar: We-Su 9AM-4PM

Apr-May and Sep-Oct: We-Su 9AM-5PM

Memorial Day-Labor Day: 9AM-5PM daily

217.345.1845

lincolnlogcabin.

org

86-acre site

includes reconstructed cabin and

1840s living his-

tory farm; visitor center at Lincoln Log Cabin includes an exhibit "Reconstructing the Past," about excavations prior to reconstruction.



### **(19) FAYETTE COUNTY MUSEUM**

301 W. Main, Vandalia, IL 62471

Mo-Sa 9:30AM-4PM; Apr-Dec: also Su 1-4PM

618.283.4866

vandaliaillinois.com/museum.html

Museum includes an American Indian exhibit.



# AMERICAN BOTTOM

## (1) PIASA BIRD MEMORIAL

Ill. Rte. 100, 3 miles north of Alton, IL  
[greatriverroad.com/Cities/Alton/PiasaBird.htm](http://greatriverroad.com/Cities/Alton/PiasaBird.htm)

In 1673, Marquette and Joliet observed two monsters painted on the limestone bluffs overlooking the Mississippi River; the current image is reconstructed from more recent lore.

## (2) LEWIS AND CLARK STATE HISTORIC SITE

1 Lewis & Clark Trail, Hartford, IL 60248  
618.251.5811

May-Labor Day: Mo-Su 9AM-5PM  
Labor Day-Apr: We-Su 9AM-5PM  
[campdubois.com](http://campdubois.com)  
[illinois.gov/ihpa/Experience/Sites/Southwest/Pages/Lewis-Clark.aspx](http://illinois.gov/ihpa/Experience/Sites/Southwest/Pages/Lewis-Clark.aspx)

Lewis and Clark established a winter camp in December, 1803 near Hartford prior to starting their more than two-year journey of western exploration of the Louisiana Territory; gallery exhibits include a 55-foot full scale replica of their keel boat.



## (3) SOUTH ROXANA MOUNDS

South Roxana Park, Smith Street, South Roxana, IL

Two mounds that may date to the Middle to Late Woodland period are visible within the park.



## (4) MADISON COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

715 N. Main St., Edwardsville, IL 62025

We-Fr 9AM-

4PM; Su 1-4PM

618.656.7562

[madisoncountyhistoricalmuseum.org](http://madisoncountyhistoricalmuseum.org)

Exhibits in a re-

stored 1836 home

include Native American and pioneer artifacts.



## (5) HORSESHOE LAKE STATE PARK

3321 Highway 111, Granite City, IL 60240

618.931.0270

[dnr.state.il.us/lands/Landmgt/  
PARKS/R4/HORSESP.HTM](http://dnr.state.il.us/lands/Landmgt/PARKS/R4/HORSESP.HTM)

The nearly 3,000-acre park area was inhabited by Native Americans as early as 10,000 years ago, and includes the Horseshoe Lake platform mound dating to the Mississippian period (AD 1000-1200).

## (6) CAHOKIA COURTHOUSE

107 Elm St., Cahokia, IL 62206

Mar-Oct: Th-Sa 8AM-5PM

Nov-Feb: Th-Sa 9AM-4PM

618.332.1782

[illinois.gov/ihpa/Experience/Sites/  
Southwest/Pages/Cahokia-Court-](http://illinois.gov/ihpa/Experience/Sites/Southwest/Pages/Cahokia-Court-house.aspx)

house.aspx  
Originally constructed by the French about 1740, the Cahokia Courthouse served as the center of political activity in the Northwest Territory in the late 18th century; WPA excavations in the 1930s are included in the courthouse exhibits.



## (7) CAHOKIA MOUNDS STATE HISTORIC SITE & INTERPRETIVE CENTER

30 Ramey St., Collinsville, IL 62234

May-Oct: Daily 9AM-5PM

Nov-Dec & Feb-Apr: We-Su 9AM-5PM

Jan: We-Su 9AM-4PM

Grounds,

8AM-dusk

618.346.5160

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amounds.org

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tage Site, Cahokia Mounds State

Historic Site preserves 2,200 acres of the largest pre-contact American Indian community north of Mexico; the original site covered nearly 6 square miles, included 120 mounds and, at its peak around AD 1050-1150, had a population of 10-20,000 people of the Mississippian culture.

## (8) EMERALD MOUND

Lebanon, IL vicinity

From Lebanon, take Ill. Rte. 4 north to Emerald Mound Road, turn east; mound is to the south.

A driver can loop around the mound by taking Emerald Mound Grange Road south, then

Midgley-Neiss Road west, back to Ill. Rte. 4.

Owned by the State of Illinois, the largest of the three remaining Mississippian mounds in this group is a large flat-topped pyramid, about 20 feet high.



## (9) FORT DE CHARTRES STATE HISTORIC SITE

1350 Ill. Rte. 155,

Prairie du Rocher, IL 62277

Site is four miles west of Prairie du Rocher, IL on Ill. Rte. 155

We-Su 9AM-

5PM

618.284.7230

[ftdechartres.  
com](http://ftdechartres.com)

[illinois.gov/  
ihpa/Experience/Sites/  
Southwest/  
Pages/Fort-de-Chartres.aspx](http://illinois.gov/ihpa/Experience/Sites/Southwest/Pages/Fort-de-Chartres.aspx)



Visitors to the Peithman Museum, in the king's storehouse at Fort de Chartres, will see on display many eighteenth-century archaeological artifacts relating to the French occupation of Randolph County.

### (10) MODOC ROCK SHELTER

County Rte. 7, 2 mi SE  
of Prairie du Rocher  
Listed on the National Register  
of Historic  
Places and  
a National  
Historic  
Landmark,  
the sand-  
stone bluff at  
Modoc Rock  
Shelter pro-  
vided shelter  
for Native  
American  
groups begin-  
ning shortly  
after the Ice Age, then continuing  
for almost 8,000 years.



### (11) FORT KASKASKIA STATE HISTORIC SITE

4372 Park Road, Ellis Grove, IL 62241  
Daily 8AM-4PM  
618.859.3741  
[illinois.gov/  
ihpa/Experi-  
ence/Sites/  
Southwest/  
Pages/Fort-  
Kaskaskia.aspx](http://illinois.gov/ihpa/Experience/Sites/Southwest/Pages/Fort-Kaskaskia.aspx)  
The 200-acre  
bluff-top park includes the remnants of  
a French earthen-work and timber fortification constructed in the mid-1700s.



### (12) RANDOLPH COUNTY MUSEUM

1 Taylor St., Chester, IL 62233  
Su, Mo, Th, Fr 12:30-3:30PM

[museum.state.il.us/iaaa](http://museum.state.il.us/iaaa)

618.826.2667

[greatriverroad.com/stegen/randattractions.htm](http://greatriverroad.com/stegen/randattractions.htm)

Exhibits include Native American artifacts.

### (13) PINEY CREEK RAVINE STATE NATURAL AREA

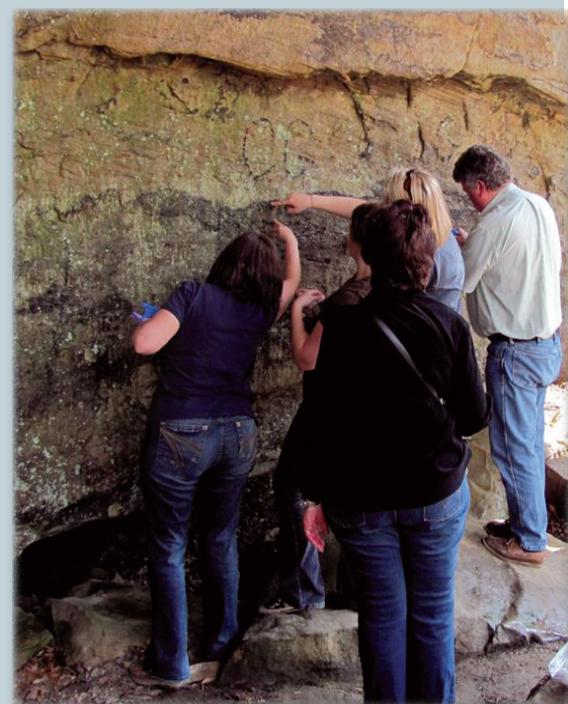
c/o 4301 S. Lake Dr.,  
Chester, IL 62233

West of DuQuoin and south of  
Steeleville on the Randolph-Jackson  
County line.

618.826.2706

[dnr.state.il.us/Lands/landmgt/parks/  
R4/pcr.htm](http://dnr.state.il.us/Lands/landmgt/parks/R4/pcr.htm)

Piney Creek Ravine contains the largest body of prehistoric rock art in Illinois, with almost 200 designs believed to date to the Late Woodland (AD 500-1000) and Mississippian (AD 1000-1550) periods occur within the ravine.



Archaeologists recording rock art at Piney Creek.



# WABASH RIVER

## (1) BALLARD NATURE CENTER

5253 E. U.S. Highway 40,  
Altamont, IL 62411

Tu-Fr 8 AM-4PM; Sa noon-4PM  
Summer, also open Mon & Sun  
618.483.6856

[ballardnaturecenter.org](http://ballardnaturecenter.org)

Six miles of trails provide access  
to 210 acres of woodland, tallgrass  
prairie and wetlands; Nature Center  
displays include a collection of pro-  
jectile points donated by longtime  
collector John William Warner.

## (2) TEUTOPOLIS MONASTERY MUSEUM

110 S. Garrett St.,

Teutopolis, IL 62467

Apr-Nov: 1st Su of month 12:30-4PM  
217.857.3586

[stfrancischurch.com/newsite/](http://stfrancischurch.com/newsite/) word  
press/?page\_id=173

Within the  
museum,  
which fea-  
tures many  
books and  
artifacts  
related to  
Franciscan  
Friars dur-  
ing their  
novitiate  
year, is one

room with displays related to lo-  
cal history, including some Native  
American material.



## (3) HUTSON MEMORIAL VILLAGE MUSEUM

One and a half miles south of Hut-  
sonville on Outer South Rose Street.  
Hutsonville, IL 62433

Jun-Sep: Su 2-4PM

618.546.1557

[www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ilcchs/  
Articles/hutsonvillage.html](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ilcchs/Articles/hutsonvillage.html)

Museum includes five restored and  
recreated pioneer cabins, general  
store and barbershop, a barn, work-  
ing outhouse, family cabin, log barn,  
and log church, recreating an 1812

EuroAmerican settlement; some American Indian artifacts are included in displays.

#### (4) NEWTON PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

100 S. Van Buren St., Newton, IL

62248

Open during library hours

618.783.8141

[newton.lib.](http://newton.lib.il.us/)

il.us/

Displays

include some

Native American artifacts.



#### (5) CRAWFORD COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

408 S. Cross St., Robinson, IL 62454

Sa-Su 2-4PM & by appointment

618.544.3087

[rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ilcchs/](http://rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ilcchs/)

Museum, located in the former

Schmidt Clinic building,

has extensive displays of regional Wabash River valley

material from both pre-contact Native American

sites and pioneer-era sites, collected over several decades of archaeological investigations.



#### (6) FIFE OPERA HOUSE

123 S Main St, Palestine, IL 62451

Open for special events & by appointment

618.586.9418

[www.fifeopera-](http://www.fifeopera-house.org/)

house.org/

Display of Palestine-

area artifacts

includes material from the Roy Mor-



ris site, dating to the Middle to Late Woodland period, and early 19th-century pioneer remains..

#### (7) OLNEY CARNEGIE LIBRARY /CARNEGIE BUILDING MUSEUM

401 E Main

St., Olney, IL

62294

Apr-Nov:

Sun. 1-4PM

618.395.1963

[richland-countymuseums.org](http://richland-countymuseums.org)



Library houses many local artifacts, including Native American artifacts.

#### (8) WHITE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

L. Haas Store Museum

219 E. Main St., Carmi, IL 62801

Open by appointment

618.382.8425

[rootsweb.com/~ilwcohs/museums.htm](http://rootsweb.com/~ilwcohs/museums.htm)

Along with tools, photographs, and vintage clothing, the museum has the hanging tools of Phil Hanna, “the hangman,” and exhibits also include Native American artifacts.





# SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

## (1) CARLYLE LAKE VISITOR CENTER

50 miles east of St. Louis, MO on US 50, Carlyle, IL 62231

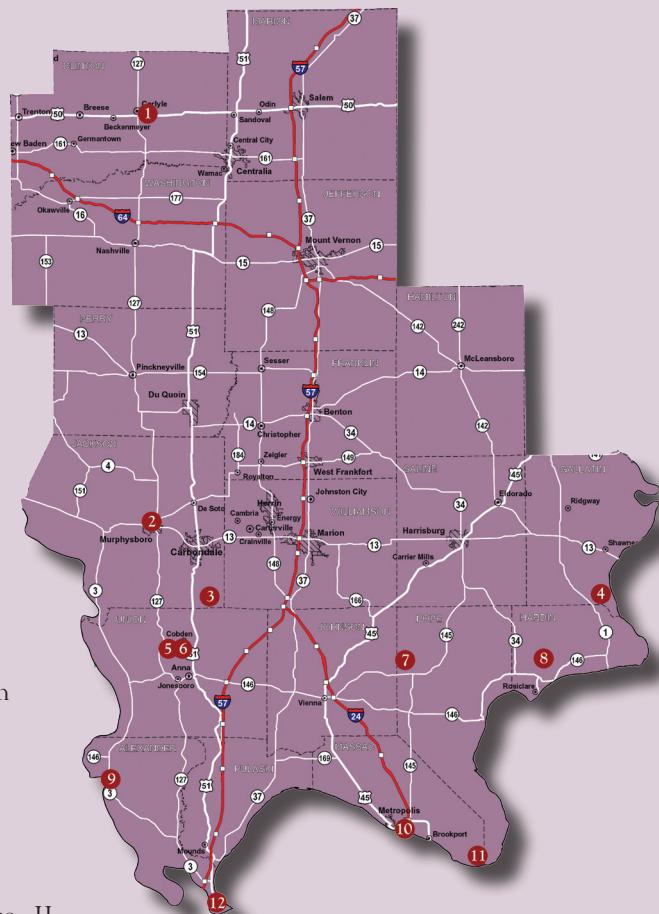
Apr-end of May and Sep: Sa & Su 10AM-6PM

End of May -early Sep: Daily 10AM-6PM

618.594.5253

[mvs.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Carlyle-Lake/Recreation.aspx](http://mvs.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Carlyle-Lake/Recreation.aspx)

Located at the southern end of the 26,000-acre lake, the visitor center has exhibits on the construction of the lake, natural history, and a display about area archaeology.



## (2) GENERAL JOHN A. LOGAN MUSEUM

1613 Edith St., Murphysboro, IL 62966

Jun-Aug: Tu-Sa 10AM-4PM; Su 1-4PM

Sep-May: Tu-Su 1-4PM

618.684.3455  
[loganmuseum.org](http://loganmuseum.org)



The museum is located in the Christopher C. Bullar house; archaeological collections from a decade of excavations from the original Logan home are on display at the museum.

## (3) GIANT CITY STATE PARK

235 Giant City Rd., Makanda, IL 62958  
618.457.4836

[dnr.state.il.us/lands/landmgt/parks/r5/gc.htm](http://dnr.state.il.us/lands/landmgt/parks/r5/gc.htm)

Like the several other stone forts in southern Illinois, Giant City Stone Fort was constructed during the Late Woodland period, 1,400 to 1,200 years ago; interpretive signs can be found on one of the hiking trails.

## (4) THE POUNDS SITE

Rim Rock National Recreation Trail, 5 miles east of the Garden of the Gods on Karbers Ridge Blacktop.

618.658.2111

The Rim Rock National Recreation Trail, a paved interpreted trail, includes signage for the Pounds site, which contains the remains of one of eleven Late Woodland stone forts located in the Shawnee Hills in southern Illinois.

### (5) KAOLIN POND

5 miles west of Cobden, IL

This archaeological site, managed by the USDA Forest Service, was the location of a mid 19th-century kaolin clay mine and village.

### (6) UNION COUNTY MUSEUM

117 N. Appleknocker Dr., Cobden, IL 62920

Sa-Su 1-5PM

618.893.2865

[unioncountymilmuseum.com](http://unioncountymilmuseum.com)

Exhibits include American Indian artifacts from private collections from sites in

Union County and southern Illinois; in addition, there are 19th-century pottery vessels from the Kirkpatrick family and Anna Pottery.



### (7) MILLSTONE BLUFF ARCHAEOLOGICAL AREA

13 miles northeast of Vienna, IL

[fs.usda.gov/recarea/shawnee/recreation/hiking/recarea/?recid=10689&actid=51](http://fs.usda.gov/recarea/shawnee/recreation/hiking/recarea/?recid=10689&actid=51)

Millstone Bluff, a unique topographical feature rising 320 feet above the surrounding terrain, is the site of an unplowed prehistoric Mississippian village, stone box cemetery, and rock art site within the Shawnee National Forest.



### (8) ILLINOIS IRON FURNACE

Elizabethtown area

[theshawneenationalforest.com/home/recreation-areas/iron-furnace-recreation-area](http://theshawneenationalforest.com/home/recreation-areas/iron-furnace-recreation-area)

A 0.9-mile trail winding along the bottomland habitat of Big Creek includes a partially reconstructed 19th-century iron blast furnace.

### (9) THEBES COURT HOUSE

Oak and 5th Streets, Thebes, IL 62990

Tours by appointment.

618.764.2658

[thebescourthouse.com/](http://thebescourthouse.com/)

The 1845 courthouse, an impressive stone building overlooking the Mississippi River, houses a limited collection of prehistoric artifacts in the basement.

### (10) FORT MASSAC STATE PARK

1308 E. 5th St., Metropolis, IL 62960

618.524.4712

[dnr.state.il.us/lands/Landmgmt/PARKS/R5/fmindex.htm](http://dnr.state.il.us/lands/Landmgmt/PARKS/R5/fmindex.htm)

The visitor center at Fort Massac contains both ancient Native American artifacts and artifacts recovered from Fort Massac during 1939-42, 1966 and 1970 excavations.

### (11) KINCAID MOUNDS

Near Avery Lake, southeast of Unionville [illinois.gov/lhpa/Experience/Sites/Southeast/Pages/Kincaid-Mounds.aspx](http://illinois.gov/lhpa/Experience/Sites/Southeast/Pages/Kincaid-Mounds.aspx) [kincaidmounds.com](http://kincaidmounds.com)

From an interpretive area and platform, visitors can view some of the mounds preserved at this Middle Mississippian period (A.D. 900-1500) fortified village and mound site, which once served as a link between settlements to the southeast and the metropolis of Cahokia to the west.



### (12) CUSTOMS HOUSE MUSEUM

1400 Washington Ave., Cairo, IL 62914

Tu-Fr 10AM-noon, 1-3PM

618.734.9632

[greatriverroad.com/meetohio/customshouse.htm](http://greatriverroad.com/meetohio/customshouse.htm)

The Federal Customs House, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is a three-story limestone building with collections that include prehistoric Native American artifacts.

## ILLINOIS ANTIQUITY

c/o Dickson Mounds Museum  
10956 N. Dickson Mounds Rd.  
Lewistown, IL 61542-9733  
[museum.state.il.us/iaaa](http://museum.state.il.us/iaaa)

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## ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) owns and manages more historic properties than any other state or local entity. We seek to fulfill an important mandate, to ensure the protection and interpretation of these significant historic properties located throughout Illinois. Some properties are listed in this guidebook, and you can go to [dnr.illinois.gov/recreation/Pages/default.aspx](http://dnr.illinois.gov/recreation/Pages/default.aspx) to find information on all of the IDNR locations. The web page [dnr.illinois.gov/naturalresources/cultural/pages/programs.aspx](http://dnr.illinois.gov/naturalresources/cultural/pages/programs.aspx) outlines our programs, including cemetery preservation and National Register of Historic Places listings. Whether you are atop Starved Rock at the site of a 17th century French fort overlooking the Illinois River, or at the Piney Creek Ravine Natural Area where people created symbolic rock art in the southern part of the State, significant archaeological sites offer visitors a unique opportunity to experience the past.

## ILLINOIS HISTORIC PRESERVATION AGENCY

Over a millions visitors come every year to the more than 70 sites managed by the Historic Sites Division of the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency (HPA). Often they are not aware of the

clues, the tangible links to a site's past that lie within the land or water associated with the site they are visiting, but nearly all of them contain irreplaceable archaeological resources. HPA has an active set of stewardship programs to identify, protect and record our extensive archaeological heritage. Educational outreach includes special exhibits, public participation in field schools, and conferences on archaeology. Visit the IHPA web site: [illinoishistory.gov](http://illinoishistory.gov) to learn more about Illinois' often hidden history- an amazing wealth of ethnic, social, and economic diversity.

## ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION FOR ADVANCEMENT OF ARCHAEOLOGY

[museum.state.il.us/iaaa](http://museum.state.il.us/iaaa)

Organization of avocational archaeologists, professional archaeologists, public at large Publishes quarterly *Illinois Antiquity* and *Places of the Past*.

## ILLINOIS ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY

[ilarchsurvey.org](http://ilarchsurvey.org)

Organization of professional archaeologists Publishes peer-reviewed journal *Illinois Archaeology* Provided support for FREE DISTRIBUTION of *Places of the Past*.