

# Effingham

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2019 VISITORS GUIDE

# EFFINGHAM, ILLINOIS

## *Welcome to Effingham*

Spend a few days exploring our unique city, and see what makes our vibrant community tick.

With 17 hotels and over 65 restaurants, Effingham provides the very best in service and hospitality. We welcome visitors to spend a few days exploring what the city and surrounding communities have to offer.

We hope you enjoy your stay in our community, and we welcome you to come back anytime!

**Safe Travels,  
Jodi Thoele  
Director of Tourism  
Effingham CVB**



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Effingham, IL 62401

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217-342-5310

[www.visiteffinghamil.com](http://www.visiteffinghamil.com)





**EFFINGHAM HAS BIG SIGHTS**

# Attractions

## The Cross at the Crossroads Pike Ave., Exit 159

The Cross at the Crossroads is certainly an engineering wonder, but its greatest miracle is its call to travelers from every faith, background and circumstance, reminding them of the positive values shared and cherished by all.

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

The Cross includes a Ten Commandments display surrounding the base and a Welcome Center, featuring a chapel, reception area,

restrooms, refreshment center and media room where visitors can view a video of the construction and dedication of The Cross.

The Cross at the Crossroads is a project of The Cross Foundation, a not-for-profit organization that strives to offer messages and programs designed to promote the values of faith and family daily living.

The site is host to several community events, including an Easter sunrise and memorial services.

The Welcome Center at The Cross is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. November to April and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. May to October.

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## Mid America Motorworks and MY Garage Museum

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Mid America Motorworks welcomes car clubs, tour groups and automotive enthusiasts to its 160-acre campus that houses MY Garage Museum and the corporate offices.

MY Garage Museum and Retail Store showcases between 20 and 25 cars--most of them privately owned Corvettes and VWs used for research, experimental concept projects, iconic films and more! The display is constantly changing to feature as many of the vehicles as possible.

In addition to the rare cars, MY Garage is home to thousands of collectibles and antiques. Neon signs, antique gas pumps, collectible model cars and even vintage display cases complete the experience.

MY Garage could also be the perfect location for your next event, as the museum has hosted club meetings, birthdays, weddings, reunions and business receptions.

The MY Garage Museum and Retail Store is the place where the Mid America Motorworks catalog and website come to life. From Corvette and VW parts to apparel, board games, furniture and drinkware, the retail store has something for every enthusiast.

With MY Garage Museum and Retail Store, a restored 1910 gas station, annual Funfest events and an amphitheater with outdoor seating to accommodate 14,000 guests, Mid America Motorworks has become an entertainment destination for everyone!

217-540-4277

[www.mamotorworks.com](http://www.mamotorworks.com)  
[www.mygaragemuseum.org](http://www.mygaragemuseum.org)



**One Weekend a Year, a Lifetime of Memories!**

### Funfest for Air-Cooled VW

Thousands of vintage Volkswagens come together for a three-day VW party! Enjoy low speed slaloms, a Saturday concert, exhaust awards and more! The event is traditionally held in June.

[www.funfestacvw.com](http://www.funfestacvw.com)

### Corvette Funfest

You're invited to the largest Corvette party in the world! Join thousands of Corvettes for four days of expert seminars, special displays, Celebrity Choice Awards, a Saturday concert... Corvettes, Corvettes and more Corvettes! The event is held the third weekend in September.

[www.corvettefunfest.com](http://www.corvettefunfest.com)



**my GARAGE**  
MUSEUM & RETAIL STORE



1315 Althoff Ave. | Exit 162, Effingham, IL

Legacy Harley-Davidson is not only a great place to stock up on the latest Harley-Davidson gear but is also an attraction that brings thousands of visitors to Effingham each year.

The Harley Barn, located just off the interstates, houses new and pre-owned motorcycles, along with clothing, merchandise, parts and much more.

The folks at the Harley Barn also invite travelers to visit their one-of-a-kind events that are held throughout the year.

Whether you are shopping for a new bike or just looking for a souvenir t-shirt, Legacy Harley-Davidson is the place to go.

Hours are from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

For additional information and a list of upcoming events, please visit [www.legacyhd.com](http://www.legacyhd.com) or call 217-342-3494.

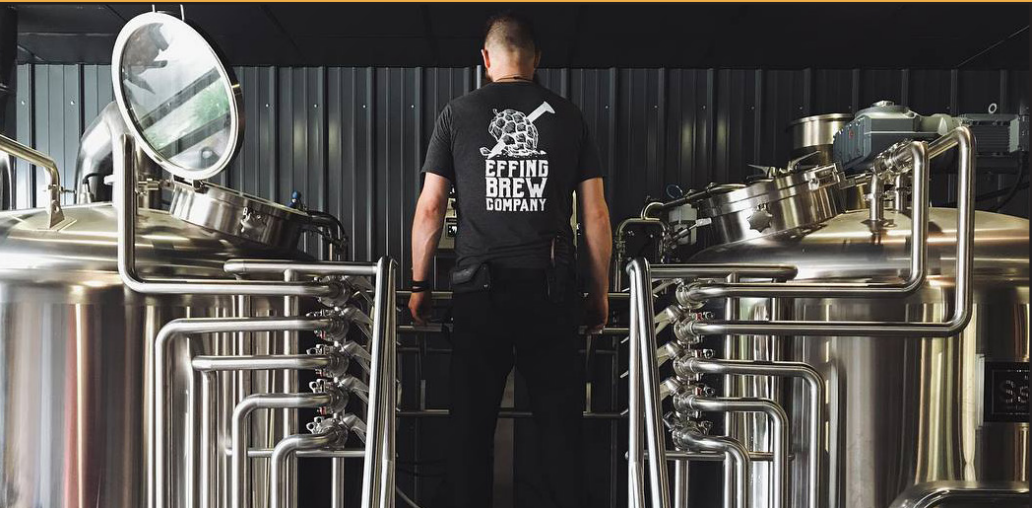
## Heartland Classics

1901A W. Evergreen Ave., Exit 162

Visit this 30,000-square-foot showroom filled with over 200 classic cars and motorcycles. Heartland Classics has items available for purchase, as well as a museum collection.

Along with a myriad of classics, other merchandise memorabilia is available. Heartland Classics' goal is to help you find your dream car or motorcycle at a great price! They are open Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and are free of charge.

217-342-5549  
[www.hclassics.com](http://www.hclassics.com)



**Effing Brew Company**  
**221 West Jefferson, Exit 159**

Established in 2018 by Colby Patterson, Aric Cornell and Chad Eirhart, Effing Brew Company is a local, family-owned and operated company.

Effing Brew offers delicious food, outstanding beer, excellent catering services and delightful events!

Their brews are old-world and handcrafted, using the freshest ingredients, with complete attention to detail. The brewery is actually on display in the restaurant as well!

Hours are Tuesday through Thursday 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., Friday and Saturday 11 a.m. to midnight and Sunday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. They are closed on Mondays.

**217-347-BEER (2337)**  
**217-347-EFFN (3336)**  
**[www.effingbrewcompany.com](http://www.effingbrewcompany.com)**







## TUSCAN HILLS WINERY

### Tuscan Hills Winery

#### 2200 Historic Hills Dr., Exit 162

Established in July 2011 by Wes and Wanda Pitcher, Tuscan Hills Winery is a beautiful winery with an old-world Tuscan feel. Enjoy a wine tasting with ten different Tuscan Hills wines, or indulge in an excellent variety of sangrias, seasonal beers, liquors or non-alcoholic beverages. Hot pizzas and Italian baguettes are served all day.

They are a family-friendly and pet-friendly winery where you are invited to “come as our guest, leave as our friend.” Check out their website for the entertainment happening each weekend.

Hours are Monday through Thursday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday 11 a.m. to midnight and Sunday 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.



217-347-WINE  
[www.effinghamwinery.com](http://www.effinghamwinery.com)



*Named one of Enjoy Illinois' top  
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**Firefly Grill**  
**1810 Ave. of Mid America, Exit 160**

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

Firefly's ever-changing menu boasts fresh, sustainable seafood; prime steaks; brick oven pizzas and soulful, American-fresh cuisine. Firefly is so passionate about sourcing the best ingredients that they grow many themselves in their on-site organic garden. What they can't grow themselves, they source locally from artisan farmers and foragers.

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

Firefly offers group tours and cooking demonstrations. Their private rooms and beautiful grounds make this the perfect place for weddings and special events.

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

Indoor and outdoor seating is available on the water, and clients travel for miles to feed Firefly's famous fish.

Reservations are recommended but not required and are available by phone or online.

**217-342-2002**  
**[www.ffgrill.com](http://www.ffgrill.com)**





## **John Boos & Co.** **1703 Ave. of Mid America, Exit 160**

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

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

The Boos Factory Showroom & Outlet is a must-visit where one can buy the same products the pros use. Their products can also be engraved for wedding or corporate gifts. The store is open to the public from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays.

Customers can also order select John Boos products online through the new online store for the Factory Showroom & Outlet at [www.shop.butcherblockspecialist.com](http://www.shop.butcherblockspecialist.com).

**217-347-7790**

**[www.butcherblockspecialist.com](http://www.butcherblockspecialist.com)**





## Hodgson Mill Mercantile

1001 Ford Ave., Exit 160

Since 1882, Hodgson Mill has made high quality, stone-ground, whole grain products—full of whole grain goodness but free of artificial preservatives, additives and colorings. Proudly based in America’s heartland, their production plant in Effingham makes nearly 200 products that appear in flour, baking mix, pasta, side dish and gluten-free grocery aisles across the country!

Their beautiful red-roofed log building just off I-70/57 houses **Hodgson Mill Mercantile** on the upper level. Visit their welcoming fireside lounge and retail store to see the full line of all Hodgson Mill offerings, along with other local and U.S.-made crafts, products and gifts. Enjoy coffee or tea and some fresh house-made granola or grab-and-go baked goods while you shop.

An educational center offers a variety of engaging baking/cooking classes, including private classes tailored to your group’s needs as well. “Have a Grain Day!”





## **Effingham Performance Center** **1325 Outer Belt West, Exit 160**

National, regional and local performers take the stage at the Effingham Performance Center. The EPC, a not-for-profit theater, hosts a wide variety of programs each year.

The theater seats 1,518 people. Outstanding sight lines, comfortable legroom and acoustic excellence, as well as concessions and a bar, make the EPC a desirable venue to enjoy a live performance. There are also large screens on each side of the stage to enhance the special moments of each performance. More than 30 performances are presented each year, including Country, Rock, Contemporary, Comedy, Dance, Bluegrass, family events and more.

A few of this season's nationally recognized acts include Plain White T's, Tanya Tucker, Don Felder, Trace Adkins and Buckcherry.

Complete show information and a list of upcoming events can be found on the Effingham Performance Center website. Tickets may be purchased through Ticketmaster, at 800-745-3000 or online. See you at a show!

**217-540-2788**  
**[www.TheEPC.org](http://www.TheEPC.org)**





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# Lodging

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[www.americasbestvalueinn.com](http://www.americasbestvalueinn.com)

## **BAYMONT INN**

1811 W. Fayette Ave., Exit 159  
800-528-1234 or 217-342-4121  
[www.wyndhamhotels.com](http://www.wyndhamhotels.com)

## **BEST WESTERN**

1509 Hampton Dr., Exit 160  
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[www.bestwestern.com](http://www.bestwestern.com)

## **COMFORT SUITES**

1310 W. Fayette Ave., Exit 159  
800-228-5150 or 217-342-3151  
[www.choicehotels.com](http://www.choicehotels.com)

## **COUNTRY INN & SUITES**

1200 N. Raney St., Exit 160  
217-540-5555  
[www.countryinns.com](http://www.countryinns.com)

## **DAYS INN**

1205 N. Keller Dr., Exit 160  
217-347-7131  
[www.daysinn.com/hotel/11091](http://www.daysinn.com/hotel/11091)

## **ECONOLOGDE**

1412 W. Fayette Ave., Exit 159  
800-4CHOICE or 217-342-9271  
[www.choicehotels.com/hotel/IL287](http://www.choicehotels.com/hotel/IL287)

## **EFFINGHAM MOTEL**

702 E. Fayette Ave., Exit 159  
217-342-3991

## **FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES**

1111 N. Henrietta St., Exit 160  
217-540-5454 or 800-288-5150  
[www.marriott.com/mtoef](http://www.marriott.com/mtoef)

## **HAMPTON INN & SUITES**

1305 N. Keller Dr., Exit 160  
217-540-5050  
[www.effinghamSuites.hamptoninn.com](http://www.effinghamSuites.hamptoninn.com)

## **HOLIDAY INN**

1301 Ave. of Mid America, Exit 160  
217-540-7777  
[www.ihg.com/holidayinn](http://www.ihg.com/holidayinn)

## **LA QUINTA INN & SUITES**

1103 Ave. of Mid America, Exit 160  
800-753-3757 or 217-540-1111  
[www.lq.com](http://www.lq.com)

## **LEXINGTON INN & SUITES**

1604 W. Fayette Ave., Exit 159  
217-994-9949

## **PARADISE INN**

1000 W. Fayette Ave., Exit 159  
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## **QUALITY INN**

1304 W. Evergreen Ave., Exit 160  
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## **SUPER 8**

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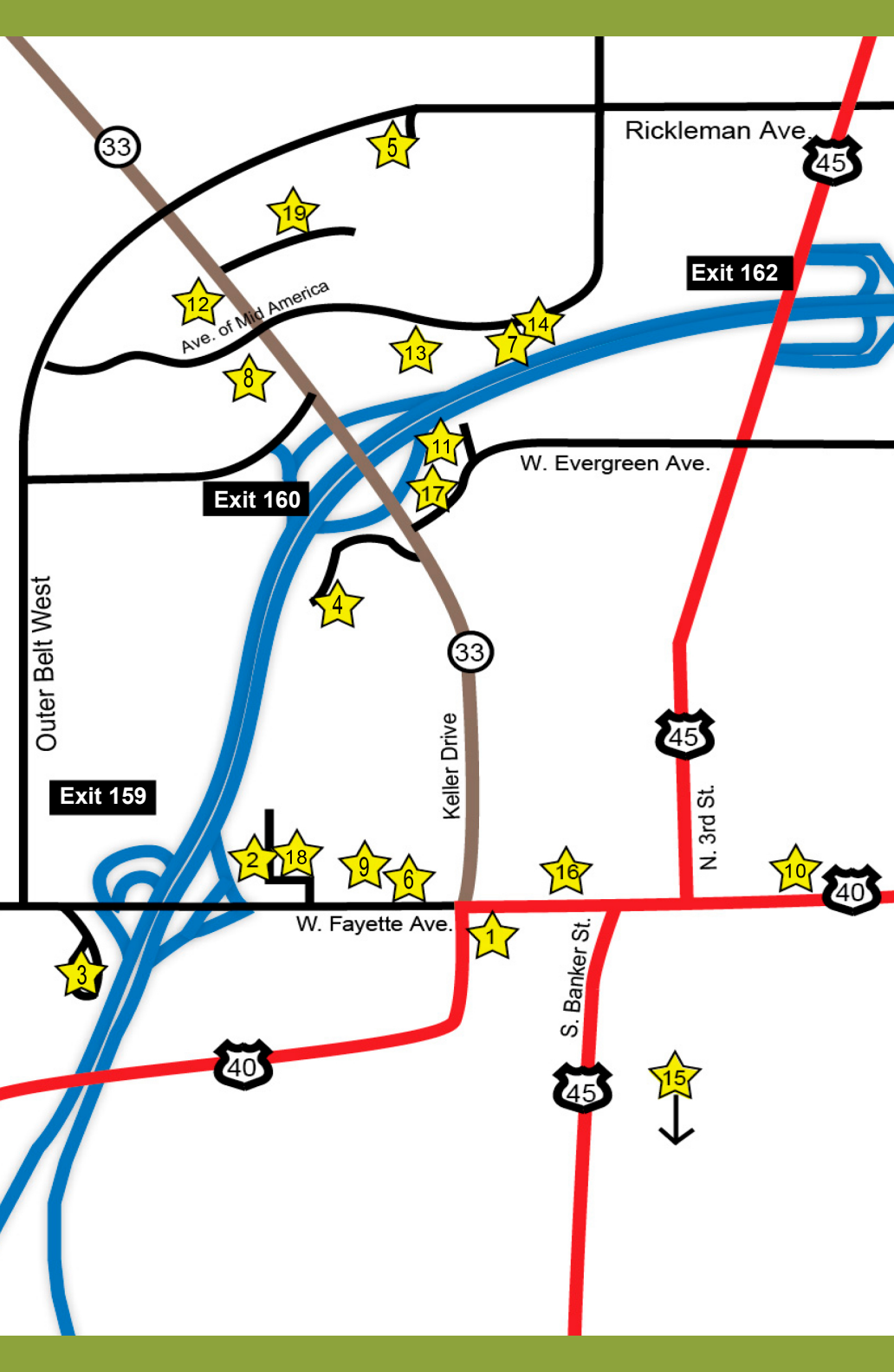


# What are you looking for?

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1. Abe Lincoln Motel			●	●	●	●			
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4. Best Western	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	
5. Camp Lakewood	●				●	●	●		
6. Comfort Suites	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●
7. Country Inn & Suites		●	●		●	●	●	●	
8. Days Inn	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●
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10. Effingham Motel				●		●	●		
11. Fairfield Inn & Suites	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●
12. Hampton Inn & Suites		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
13. Holiday Inn		●	*		●	●	●	●	●
14. La Quinta Inn & Suites	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	
15. Lexington Inn & Suites		●	●		●	●	●	●	●
16. Paradise Inn	*			●	●	●	*		
17. Quality Inn	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
18. Super 8	●		●		●	●	●	●	

\* available upon request or with fee

For more information about lodging, call  
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 or visit our website,  
[www.visiteffinghamil.com](http://www.visiteffinghamil.com).



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Ave. of Mid America

Exit 160

W. Evergreen Ave.

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Exit 159

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217-540-9464

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1300 Ave. of Mid America, Exit 160  
217-294-6248

### **China Buffet**

1500 W. Fayette Ave., Exit 159  
217-342-3188

### **Classic Thai Restaurant**

108 S. Henrietta St., Exit 159  
217-342-6436

### **Cracker Barrel Country Store**

1101 Ave. of Mid America, Exit 160  
217-347-7130

### **Denny's on Evergreen**

1701 W. Evergreen Ave., Exit 160  
217-342-0102

### **Denny's Restaurant**

1307 N. Keller Dr., Exit 160  
217-342-4543

### **Effing Brew Company**

221 W. Jefferson Ave.  
217-347-2337

### **El Rancherito**

1311 N. Keller Dr., Exit 160  
217-342-4753

### **Firefly Grill**

1810 Ave. of Mid America, Exit 160  
217-342-2002

### **Fujiyama Japanese Steak House**

1302 Ave. of Mid America, Exit 160  
217-342-3833

### **Gabby Goat American Pub & Grill**

303 E. Fayette Ave., Exit 159  
217-342-4628

### **Gopher's Grill**

206 W. Jefferson Ave., Exit 159  
217-342-4674

### **Heron Cove**

14839 Park Rd., Exit 160  
217-881-9087

### **Iron Horse Café**

101 S. Merchant St., Exit 159  
217-347-7191

### **Iron Skillet**

1805 W. Fayette Ave., Exit 159  
217-347-0447

### **Joe's Pizza & Pasta**

115 E. Jefferson Ave., Exit 159  
217-347-JOES (5637)

### **McAlister's Deli**

1507 Hampton Dr., Exit 160  
217-240-7175

### **Midway Bar & Grill**

18924 US Hwy 45, Exit 162  
217-844-2111

### **Niemerg's Steak House**

1410 W. Fayette Ave., Exit 159  
217-342-3921

### **Pinky's**

8724 E. Marina Rd., Exit 160  
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217-868-2791

**Puerta Vallarta**

3005 S. Banker St., Exit 159  
217-342-3177

**Raintree Restaurant**

1809 W. Fayette Ave., Exit 159  
217-347-5336

**Taqueria Don Pedro**

1002 W. Fayette Ave., Exit 159  
217-347-2216

**TGI Fridays**

1208 N. Keller Dr., Exit 160  
217-342-9499

**TK Grille**

1301 Ave. of Mid America, Exit 160  
217-540-7777

**Witt's Smokehouse**

10325 E. State Hwy 33, Exit 160  
217-868-5615

## COFFEE & SWEET TREATS

**Culver's of Effingham**

1510 W. Fayette Ave., Exit 159  
217-347-4986

**Dairy Queen Brazier**

1411 S. Banker St., Exit 159  
217-342-9432

**Daylight Donuts**

207 N. Keller Dr., Exit 160  
217-342-4288

**Dunkin' Donuts**

Travel Centers of America, Exit 160  
217-347-7183  
Petro Stopping Center, Exit 159  
217-347-0480

**Homewood Grill**

608 S. Willow St., Exit 159  
Open March to October  
217-342-4677

**Joe Sippers Café**

114 S. Fourth St., Exit 159  
217-347-CAFE (2233)

**Smoothie King**

1601 Ford Ave., Exit 160  
217-342-3401

**Starbucks Coffee**

1700 Ave. of Mid America, Exit 160  
217-342-5577





# GOOD FOOD FAST

## Arby's

1401 Keller Dr., Exit 160  
217-342-6615

## Burger King

1308 Keller Dr., Exit 160  
217-342-4721

## China Express

112 S. Banker St., Exit 159  
217-347-0304

## Chipotle

1207 N. Keller Dr., Exit 160  
217-347-3800

## Cruiser's

806 E. Fayette Ave., Exit 159  
217-342-3760

## Culver's of Effingham

1510 W. Fayette Ave., Exit 159  
217-347-4986

## Dairy Queen Brazier

1411 S. Banker St., Exit 159  
217-342-9432

## Hardee's

1505 W. Fayette Ave., Exit 159  
217-347-3455

## Jimmy John's

401 Keller Dr., Exit 160  
217-342-7296

## KFC

1304 Ave. of Mid America, Exit 160  
217-342-4276

## Long John Silver's

1309 Keller Dr., Exit 160  
217-347-7553

## McAlister's Deli

1507 Hampton Dr., Exit 160  
217-240-7175

## McDonald's - 3 locations

2911 S. Banker St., Exit 159  
217-342-4933  
1304 Keller Dr., Exit 160  
217-342-2355  
2500 N. Third St., Exit 162  
(open 24 hours)  
217-342-2605

## Panda Express

1203 N. Keller Dr., Exit 160  
217-342-6699

## Panera Bread

1601 Damron Ct., Exit 160  
217-240-3001

## Popeye's Louisiana Kitchen

Travel Centers of America, Exit 160  
217-347-7183

## Sbarro's Pizza

Travel Centers of America, Exit 160  
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## Steak 'n Shake

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# Recreation

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Lake Sara is a 640-acre recreational lake nestled into a wooded shoreline, encircled by a winding road. Spend a day, a week or a season on the shores of Lake Sara.

Fishing is a popular activity at the lake with fish including black bass, crappie, bluegill, channel catfish and walleye. Other features include a public beach, a boat-launching area, boat rentals and camping and picnic areas.

**217-868-2787**

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

## Larson's Landing

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## Bluegill Marina

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**217-868-2950**

**[www.anthonycres.com](http://www.anthonycres.com)**

## Camp Lakewood

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**217-342-6233**

**[www.camplakewoodcampground.com](http://www.camplakewoodcampground.com)**

## Lake Sara Campground

**15482 Wildwood Dr., Exit 160**

Lake Sara Campground welcomes families and pets of all sizes, RV and coach camping, cabin rentals and tent camping.

**217-868-2964**

**[www.lakesaracampground.com](http://www.lakesaracampground.com)**

## Sara's Sanctuary

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# GOLF COURSES



## Cardinal Golf Course 15737 N. Beach Rd., Exit 160

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

An outside pavilion is available for hosting parties and outings. The course also has a clubhouse for visitors to enjoy when taking a break. The course's season runs from March 1 to October 31.

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## Fore-Way Challenge Golf 16041 N. 1000th St., Exit 160

Fore-Way is a challenging 9-hole public course located near Lake Sara and just minutes from Effingham and Anthony Acres.

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**217-868-5418**

**[www.forewaygolfcourse.com](http://www.forewaygolfcourse.com)**



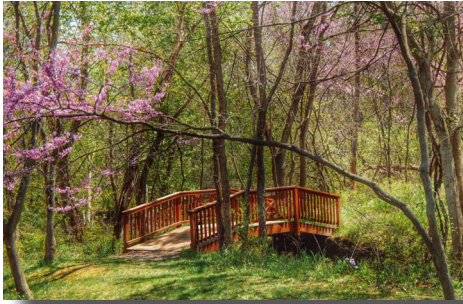
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Ballard Nature Center is a terrific outdoor experience in every season. Spring wildflowers bloom throughout the grounds, and the natural prairie is in full glory come summer. Fall foliage is not a cliché when you can walk under the trees and touch the leaves. In winter, follow the tracks of wildlife that share the trails.

Dioramas and interactive exhibits offer entertainment and effortless education on the flora and fauna of this region. A naturalist is on staff throughout the week. Trails and the outdoor areas are open from dawn until dusk.

The Visitor Center is open daily from March to October, with limited hours in the winter months.

**618-483-6856**  
**[www.ballardnaturecenter.org](http://www.ballardnaturecenter.org)**

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**[www.alwerdtsgardens.com](http://www.alwerdtsgardens.com)**

## TREC Recreation Trails

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

The first phase of the trail was completed in 2010. The Ryan Wolters Memorial Bridge was completed to connect the two sections of phase one.

The John and Fran Schultz Bridge that is part of phase three was completed in the fall of 2014. The remaining portion of phase three was completed in 2015. Phase four was completed in 2016.

TREC and the City of Effingham completed phase five of the trail this year, which links the current trail system (phase one – four) to the pedestrian bridge over Interstate 57/70.



The TREC mission is to develop a countrywide, multi-use trail system; educate the communities on the benefits of trails and promote an active lifestyle by providing recreational activities. Trail maps are available at the Effingham Visitor Center.

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# PARKS & RECREATION

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**Kluth Aquatic Complex** includes a large leisure pool, water slides, play equipment and a lap pool. The complex is open from 12:30 to 7 p.m. Memorial Day to Labor Day.

Evergreen also has a **tree walk**, featuring approximately 75 species of trees indigenous to Illinois.

It's a jungle out there on **Effingham's Miniature Golf Course!** Try your skill outwitting the wild beasts. After a round, enjoy some refreshments at The Purple Hippo. Call 217-821-3922 for more information and hours.

There are also two large pavilions at the park. One is available to reserve for a small fee by calling the Effingham Park District.

**217-342-4415**

**[www.effinghamparkdistrict.org](http://www.effinghamparkdistrict.org)**



## **Hendelmeyer Park** **1906 S. Fourth St., Exit 162**

Hendelmeyer Park is a 20-acre park that includes a skate park, four lighted tennis courts, three lighted softball diamonds, two playground areas and a picnic area. Ron Diehl Recreation Center is also located on this property and houses three basketball courts, two meeting rooms and a kitchen.

**217-342-4415**

**[www.effinghamparkdistrict.org](http://www.effinghamparkdistrict.org)**

## **Community Park** **E. Temple Ave. and N. Pembroke Ave., Exit 162**

Community Park is a 35-acre park that includes a disc-golf course, four lighted ball diamonds, four lighted tennis courts, large playground areas, three outdoor basketball courts, an outdoor ice rink and picnic areas.

**217-342-4415**

**[www.effinghamparkdistrict.org](http://www.effinghamparkdistrict.org)**

## **Bliss Park** **Fifth St. and Clark Ave., Exit 159**

This cozy, city block-sized park with large trees and a fountain is located just minutes off the interstates. It features a pavilion, a playground area, outdoor basketball courts and a beautiful garden area. This park is a great place to enjoy a picnic with the family.

**217-342-5300**



## **Harmony Playground** **1301 N. Maple St., Exit 160**

This brand-new, inclusive playground is accessible to all children, adults and veterans. The playground features wheelchair-friendly ramps, accessible swings, as well as musical elements designed to help children who face sensory challenges.

**217-342-4415**

**[www.effinghamparkdistrict.org](http://www.effinghamparkdistrict.org)**



## **Richard E. Workman Sports & Wellness Complex** **1301 N. Maple St., Exit 160**

The Workman Sports Complex offers a full fitness center, two indoor pools, multiple sports courts and activities for everyone of all ages at an affordable price. A Day Pass is available to purchase for guests who are visiting short-term.

The mission for the Workman Complex is to give back to Effingham and surrounding communities by supplying services that promote a family atmosphere, health and wellness. The complex is also a great place to hold a pool or court-side event!

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# Culture & Art

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Come explore the sculptures that have transformed the City of Effingham's Downtown avenues into an art gallery! Over 25 sculptures created by some of the Midwest's best-known and unknown sculptors bring life to the streets of Effingham as part of the annual Sculptures on the Avenues outdoor exhibition. The exhibition will begin its twenty-first year in Spring 2019.

Sculptures on the Avenues is a self-guided walking tour that begins at Effingham City Hall, located at 201 E. Jefferson Ave. From there, the exhibition winds in and out of Downtown Effingham.

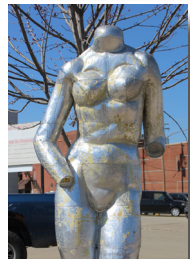
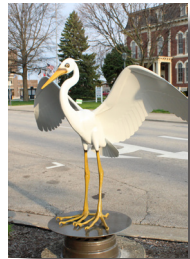
The Sculptures on the Avenues program began in 1997 when the Effingham Community Committee for the Arts formed and raised over \$60,000 to commission Leonardo Nierman's *Flame of Hope*. The *Flame of Hope* stands prominently in front of the west entrance of City Hall and is the first piece featured on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

Each year, new sculptures are chosen with the thought of capturing the imagination and appealing to a variety of tastes. The pieces feature a variety of fun, whimsical and stark lines and edges, including realistic and abstract work as well. The pieces are placed to be accessible-to be touched and viewed from every angle.

Residents and visitors wholeheartedly embrace the program. Several sculptures have found permanent homes in Effingham and the surrounding areas.

An informative guide, which facilitates a walking tour, is available at the Effingham Visitor Center and City Hall. Please contact the Effingham Visitor Center with any questions or interest in the program's pieces or artists.

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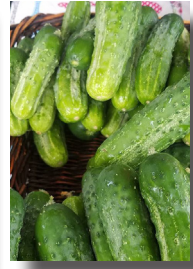
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# EFFINGHAM ARTISAN FAIR

Downtown Effingham, Exit 159/162

The Annual Artisan Fair includes two days of activities and is sure to be fun for the entire family.

Held in the spring, the event kicks off on a Friday evening with "Arts and Hearts." Activities include a live art auction, artist soft openings, wine and beer tasting, live music and more.

On Saturday, pieces from over 40 artists from across the region will be on display for purchase at the Annual Artisan Fair. Several artists will demonstrate their crafts. Art for sale includes oil paintings, pottery, sculptures and jewelry. Other events include a wine and beer tasting, food fair, Kids Korner and live music.

This event continues to be a favorite with new events and booths added each year. Come and enjoy the arts!

217-342-5310

[www.effinghamartisanfair.com](http://www.effinghamartisanfair.com)

# LOCAL GALLERIES



## Heartpeace Studio

1010 N. Henrietta St.

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## Fresh Digs

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Fresh Digs features over 20 different makers who create a range of products like furniture, artwork, jewelry, magnets, plants, wands and more. Be sure to check the back room for vintage items while you're there as well!

Hours are Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (open until 6 p.m. on Thursdays) and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**217-350-0812**

**[www.freshdigsinc.com](http://www.freshdigsinc.com)**

## Frye Pottery

19746 N. 1060th St., Shumway

Frye Pottery is located in a beautiful country setting. Artists Tim and Pam Frye have been professional potters for over 30 years. They produce award-winning ceramic art as well as functional stoneware pottery designed for everyday use. Frye Pottery also has a sculpture garden for visitors to enjoy. Frye Pottery is open by appointment.

**217-868-5583**

**[www.fryepottery.com](http://www.fryepottery.com)**

## StangARTs Studio & Gallery

112 W. Washington Ave.

StangARTs features art classes for both children and adults, and also holds other events, such as paint parties. The studio is open by appointment, or you can book an event!

**850-960-0106**

**[www.stangarts.com](http://www.stangarts.com)**

## Pins & Pine

1901 S. 4th St.

Pins & Pine offers both public and private hands-on classes for wooden signs and other home decor items. Pre-made items are also available for purchase.

**217-663-2191**

**[www.pinsandpine.com](http://www.pinsandpine.com)**



## **EFFINGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**200 N. Third St., Exit 162**

The Effingham Public Library has over 60,000 books, magazines and audio-visual materials and an annual circulation of over 190,000 items. They offer a wide variety of programs and services. Hours are Monday to Thursday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. They are closed on Sundays. For more information, call 217-342-2464, or visit [www.effinghamlibrary.org](http://www.effinghamlibrary.org).



## **EFFINGHAM ART GUILD**

**Locations throughout Effingham**

**[www.effinghamartguild.com](http://www.effinghamartguild.com)**

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

The exhibits change every four months and can be found at these locations:



**Bonutti Orthopedic Clinic**

**1303 W. Evergreen Ave.**

**Effingham Performance Center**

**1325 Outer Belt West**

**Effingham Public Library**

**200 N. Third St.**

**Joe Sippers Café**

**114 S. Fourth St.**



# LIVE PERFORMANCES

## Three Chicks & a Stage

**1325 Outer Belt West, Exit 160**

Three Chicks & a Stage is a non-profit community theater in residence at Effingham Performance Center. Three Chicks produce original works and popular comedies to provide a creative outlet for area actors and to engage regional audiences in quality theatre. The company's annual Christmas program is a festive production that has become a local favorite.

**217-540-2788**

**[www.theEPC.org](http://www.theEPC.org)**

## FACE Players

Fine Arts County of Effingham offers consistently entertaining performances. FACE is a not-for-profit organization whose purpose is to enrich, educate and entertain our community by providing superior theatrical, musical and choral experiences for both participants and audiences. Each year, FACE players perform a variety of productions at the Ron Diehl Recreation Center and on the Courthouse lawn in Downtown Effingham.

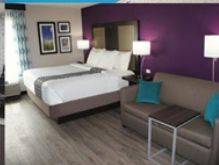
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# History

## **EFFINGHAM COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

The historic Effingham County Courthouse was built in 1871 on the site of the 1850s courthouse, which tragically burned to the ground in March 1869, reducing most of the county's records to ash.

The courthouse, located on the square in Downtown Effingham, was the fourth one built in Effingham County and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The historical structure was built in Second Empire style and is made of brick, stone and wood with 18-inch outside walls. Special features of the building include stone window headers with keystones above each window and a mansard roof with dormers.

The building was the working courthouse for Effingham County until 2007, when Effingham County constructed a new courthouse two blocks west of this structure. Monuments recognizing the history of the city and county can also be viewed on the lawn surrounding the historic courthouse. According to the Illinois State Historical Society, Effingham was named after General Edward Effingham, an Englishman by birth, who was a United States Surveyor who laid out the county.

The courthouse is the site of special events, including the Artisan Fair, Farmer's Market, Hometown Christmas and the Old Settler's Reunion.

## **EFFINGHAM COUNTY COURTHOUSE MUSEUM**

The Effingham County Cultural Center and Museum Association came into existence as the result of a desire to promote interpretive culture and history as a means of increasing public awareness of the history of Effingham County and the National Road.

The Effingham County Courthouse Museum features two rooms devoted to a specific military experience, which changes throughout the year. The second floor features a courtroom that is available for events.

The Courthouse Museum also has a room dedicated to transportation and the railroads in Effingham County. The exhibit features various railroad artifacts throughout time.

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

**217-540-8655**

**[www.effinghamcountymuseum.org](http://www.effinghamcountymuseum.org)**

# EFFINGHAM COUNTY VETERAN'S MEMORIAL

On Veteran's Day, November 11, 1991, the first three stones of the Memorial were dedicated in honor of all Effingham County veterans. The "Memorial Names Stone" addition was dedicated on Armed Forces Day, May 19, 2012. This memorial has close to 3,700 names of men and women veterans from all five branches of the armed forces. The stones were designed and etched with the past, present and future in mind. Each year, more names can and will be added. It is an ongoing memorial with space for over 9,000 names.

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



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**N. Main St. & W. Jackson Ave.  
Altamont, Exit 82**

Described as a time capsule, this 18-room historic home features the furnishings and collections of three generations of the Wright family. Listed in the National Register of Historic Places, the 1889 home was built by one of the first medical doctors in Altamont. The self-sufficient home had indoor plumbing, central heating and gaslights in 1889.

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

For additional information or a tour, call 618-483-6397 or email [scott@wrightmansion.org](mailto:scott@wrightmansion.org).

**[www.wrightmansion.org](http://www.wrightmansion.org)**



## MONASTERY MUSEUM

**110 S. Garrett St.  
Teutopolis, Exit 159**

The museum is a prism into the history of the settlers of the Teutopolis region and the Franciscans who ministered to them. View a dazzling panorama of the early life in this German Catholic community, founded in 1838, and the multitude of religious artifacts left by the Franciscans who first arrived in 1858.

The three priests and six brothers who arrived in 1858 set about building a parish and friary. Today, that monastery houses

the antique Bibles, hand-scribed books and hundreds of other items representative of daily religious life. The furnishings, clothing, toys, utensils and elaborate documents on display are works of art in themselves. These artifacts offer a poignant and amazingly complete look at the lives of Teutopolis' first residents.

Hours are from 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. the first Sunday of each month from April to November and by appointment.

**217-857-3586**

**[www.teutopolis.com/museum/88/a](http://www.teutopolis.com/museum/88/a)**

# HISTORY & GENEALOGY

Cemeteries in this part of Illinois date back to the earliest pioneers, who traveled the newly-built National Road to a new life in a new land. These prairie fields are the final resting places of farmers, statesmen, lawmen, thieves, heroes, villains and ordinary folk—all part of the fabric of our history.

The Effingham Genealogy Society continues to work to preserve the history of our region and has

established a collection of works that is available at the Effingham Public Library located at 200 N. Third St. Members of the Genealogy Society are available from 10 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays and Saturdays to assist those exploring the history of our region.

For more information about services, please contact the Genealogy Society at 217-342-2464.

## OAKRIDGE CEMETERY

### E. Jefferson Ave., Exit 159/162

This non-denominational City cemetery is the final resting place of many fascinating figures from Effingham's stories of the past.

Ada Kepley, the first female law graduate in the United States, was an ardent advocate of women's rights and friend of Susan B. Anthony. She published a newspaper and wrote books and songs. Mrs. Kepley was also a zealous prohibitionist, whose numerous detractors chafed at her activism. One was even driven to make an attempt on her life!

Lying in wait for the Kepleys to return home late one night, the perpetrator shot at but missed Mrs. Kepley as she ascended the stairs to her downtown home. Mrs. Kepley was not unscathed, as unfortunately, the shot hit her dog.

President Grant offered Col. John J. Funkhouser, a Civil War veteran, the office of Secretary of War, but he

declined. He later became the first mayor of Effingham. Col. Funkhouser's father, Senator Presley Funkhouser, had considerable influence in the decision to move the county seat from from Ewington to Effingham, spelling the demise of Ewington.



A monument honoring Ada and husband, Henry Kepley, stands at the location where their home once stood.

Mary (Mother) Newcomb came to Effingham during the Civil War after her husband, Hiram, enlisted in the 11th Illinois Infantry. She was 44 years old at the time.

After Hiram was wounded in battle, Mary brought her husband back to Effingham, but he died shortly after on February 26, 1862. Fulfilling his dying wish, Mary returned to the regiment to nurse the sick and wounded soldiers until the end of the war. Mary visited the White House and had a visit on the porch with Mr. Lincoln.

Another resident with a strong Lincoln connection was Catherine (Katie) McPherson Kelly Clutter, who was born in Washington D.C. Katie remained in Washington D.C. while her husband, Tom Kelly, was on detached duty during the Civil War. Katie—a personal friend of Mary Todd Lincoln—frequently cared for “Little Tad.” Tom Kelly died in 1876, and in 1879, Katie married Noah D. Clutter of Effingham.

Meet these and many other fascinating figures during the annual cemetery walk, “Glimpses of the Past.”



The Grand Army of the Republic Soldiers Memorial is located in the north section of Oakridge Cemetery.

## HEART THEATER

133 E. Jefferson Ave., Exit 159/162

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





# NATIONAL ROAD

**It was a superhighway of dirt, rock and timber. In 1806, President Thomas Jefferson signed legislation creating a National Road funded solely by the federal government, a first at the time.**



With westward expansion on the lips of a nation busting at the seams, this road would provide a route from Cumberland, Maryland to Pennsylvania, Virginia (later West Virginia), Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. Because of its point of origin, it was often referred to as the Cumberland Trail, although other popular names included the National Pike, the National Trail and the National Road.

The National Road rose from the transportation scrapbook to become the blueprint for an ocean-to-ocean route known as U.S. Route 40.

Today, the Illinois National Road stretches 164 miles from the Indiana border to the Mississippi River in East St. Louis and encompasses seven counties: Clark, Cumberland, Effingham, Fayette, Bond, Madison and St. Clair. Many of the communities owe its origin to the National Road, bringing the settlers that turned prairieland to civilization.

The National Road Association of Illinois is currently busy promoting the unique attractions the road offers. An "Art & Architecture" guidebook was

created to highlight the art and architectural treasures located in communities along the National Road. In addition, the National Road Association has recently completed the kiosk project.

This project includes 21 kiosks placed in 21 communities along the Illinois National Road. The kiosks provide an overview of the National Road history and timeline, a map of the National Road and individual community history that includes local sites of interest.

Effingham's kiosk sits on the grounds of the Effingham County Courthouse Museum. Also, look for the children's story by National Road enthusiast Molly Bellamey, called *Patch on the National Road*. You can pick up this book at the Effingham Visitor Center and Vandalia National Road Interpretive Center.

The Illinois National Road Association promotes the roadway and activities on the roadway.

For more information on the roadway or on upcoming events, visit [www.nationalroad.org](http://www.nationalroad.org), or call 888-268-0042.



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# Meetings & Events

## Austin Mansion

**1007 S. Fourth St., Exit 159/160**

For information on holding an event in this beautifully restored 1892 Victorian home, contact Walnut Street Weddings.

**217-342-3584**

**www.walnutstreetweddings.com**

## Country Haven Event Center

**8560 E. 1400th Ave., Exit 160**

This facility features one large banquet room that holds up to 425 people. Plenty of parking is available.

**217-821-4091**

**www.countryhaveneventcenter.com**

## Effingham Event Center

**1501 W. Fayette Ave., Exit 159**

Facility includes:

- Up to three meeting rooms
  - First and second meeting rooms combine to total 10,000 square feet
  - Third meeting room totals 1,800 square feet
- 100 hotel rooms within walking distance

**217-342-6565**

**www.effinghamkc.com**

## Fairfield Inn and Suites

**1111 N. Henrietta St., Exit 160**

Facility includes:

- One large meeting room that can be divided
  - Holds up to 85 people
  - 1,890 total square feet
- 68 hotel rooms connected

**217-540-5454**

**www.marriott.com/mtoef**

## Firefly Grill

**1810 Ave. of Mid America, Exit 160**

Facility includes:

- The Sunset Room seats up to 55 people; fully private with audio visual equipment and an outdoor dock
- The Corner Suite seats up to 24 guests with 360 degree water views, fully private with audio visual equipment
- The Wine Room seats up to 12 people; fully private with audio visual equipment
- The Pharmacy seats up to 35 people; semi-private with an outdoor area
- The Garden outdoor tent area seats up to 500 people
- The Ultimate Buy-out reserves entire restaurant and grounds with seating for up to 600.

**217-342-2002**

**www.ffgrill.com**

## Hampton Inn & Suites

**1305 N. Keller Dr., Exit 160**

Facility includes:

- Two meeting rooms
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  - 75 people fit in each meeting room
- 1250 total square feet
- 92 hotel rooms connected

**217-540-5050**

**www.effinghamsuites.hamptoninn.com**



## Lake Sara Pavilions

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**217-868-2787**

## Lexington Inn & Suites

**1604 W. Fayette Ave., Exit 159**

This facility features a meeting room that holds up to 80 people. Hotel rooms are available on site.

**217-994-9949**

## Thelma Keller Convention Center

**1202 N. Keller Dr., Exit 160**

Facility includes:

- Seven meeting rooms
- 600 people fit in largest room (10,500 sq. ft.)
- Over 20,000 total square feet
- 110 hotel rooms on site
- 17 breakout rooms
- Two grand ballrooms
- Exhibit hall capable of holding up to 110 booths

**217-347-5115**

**[www.kellerconventioncenter.com](http://www.kellerconventioncenter.com)**

## Tuscan Hills Winery

**2200 Historic Hills Dr., Exit 162**

Facility includes:

- The Stellar Cellar seats 85 people or 100 including bar and couch area
- The Fireplace Area seats up to 50 people
- The North Vineyard Patio seats 65+

**217-347-9463**

**[www.effinghamwinery.com](http://www.effinghamwinery.com)**

## Village Wine & Gifts

**109 S. Banker Ave., Exit 159**

Facility includes:

- The Register Room holds up to 75 people
- The conference/ meeting room holds up to 30 people
- The Event Center holds up to 95 people
- The Rooftop Deck holds up to 45 people

**217-347-0477**

**[www.effinghamvillagewine.com](http://www.effinghamvillagewine.com)**



# Nightlife

## **BJ's Downtown Lounge**

102 N. Main St.  
217-342-5654

## **Brass Rail Lounge**

1410 W. Fayette Ave.  
217-342-3921

## **Chaser's Sports Bar**

1811 W. Fayette Ave.  
217-347-5336

## **Gabby Goat**

303 E. Fayette Ave.  
217-342-4628

## **Gopher's Grill**

206 W. Jefferson Ave.  
217-347-7445

## **Effing Brew Company**

221 W. Jefferson Ave.  
217-347-2337

## **The Hall Bar & Patio**

1501 W. Fayette Ave.  
217-342-6565

## **The Midway Bar & Grill**

18924 US Hwy 45  
217-844-2111

## **The Office**

105 E. Jefferson Ave.  
217-347-4920

## **Orchard Inn**

800 N. Third St.  
217-342-9025

## **Scrubby's Pub**

101 E. Jefferson Ave.  
217-342-0897

## **Tuscan Hills Winery**

2200 Historic Hills Dr.  
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## **Village Wine & Gifts**

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Hobnob Spring Market – April 26-27

Effingham Artisan Fair – May 3-4

Effingham Cruise Night – May 17 & September 7th

Mid America Motorworks' Volkswagen Funfest – June 7-9

Moccasin Creek Festival – June 20-23

Middle of America Craft Brew Festival – June 1

EffingHAM-JAM BBQ Cookoff – July 26-27

Effingham County Fair – July 27-August 3

Hobnob Harvest Market – September 6-7

Summer Sundown Music Festival – September 13-15

Mid America Motorworks' Corvette Funfest – September 19-22

Chili Fest – October 12

Effing Oktoberfest – October 5

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