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Just 37 miles from Chicago, the 10 communities of the Aurora Area are distinct in character and charm yet unified by their placement in the Fox River Valley.

Let this be your guide to a weekend or week-long journey through the ten communities we call home.

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Can you feel it? The excitement is palpable in the moments before the headlining act hits the stage at RiverEdge Park in Aurora, Illinois, Chicagoland's newest large outdoor concert venue. Captured by Thomas J. King Photography.

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Welcome to the Aurora Area

Anchored by Aurora, the second largest city in the State of Illinois, this travel destination of ten communities offers an astonishing variety of attractions to visit, sights to see, people to meet, and places to shop and dine along the way. **Locals love it here, and we think you will, too.**





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Whether you're traveling with your family, friends, teammates, colleagues, or for a couples' getaway, there's an opportunity here for you to find activities your whole party will enjoy, from outdoor adventure and entertainment to nightlife, live music festivals, and award-winning theater. In this book you'll encounter hundreds of unique options to find fun in the Aurora Area — let it be your guide to a weekend or weeks-long journey through these ten communities which, when combined, add up to one amazing travel destination.



Aurora

Aurora's main attraction, the **Paramount Theatre**, is consistently ranked one of the top venues in the Chicago theater landscape. This should come as no surprise to anyone who's witnessed their critically acclaimed Broadway Series. Year after year, the Paramount Theatre has been recognized by Chicago's "Jeff" award nominating committees for staging some of the best shows in the region, notable for their breathtaking performances, larger-than-life set design, and innovative directing. The Paramount's awe-inspiring productions are built right here in Aurora, all the way from set construction to costuming.

Aurora's rise to prominence as an arts & culture hub is thanks in large part to the success of the Paramount Theatre, and also to its growing community of downtown businesses and the creative scene fostered there. **First Fridays in Downtown Aurora** are immensely popular, providing an opportunity for locals and visitors alike to enjoy pop-up art galleries and live music at dozens of venues throughout **Downtown Aurora**. Look for the @ symbol in this guide to identify sites in Aurora's Downtown, like RiverEdge Park, one of Chicagoland's newest outdoor concert venues.

With a picturesque setting on a gorgeous stretch of the Fox River, **RiverEdge Park** is where concertgoers flock to see some of the biggest names in live entertainment. **Summer Concert Series** headliners and annual events like the **Two Brothers Summer Festival** bring the hottest acts to the RiverEdge stage and this year's artist lineup is the biggest yet. Aurora's signature music festival, **Blues on the Fox** enters its 21st year of attracting the very best blues musicians from around the world to pay tribute to the rich history of the Blues in Aurora.

When you're not soaking in the sounds from the RiverEdge Park stage there's plenty more waiting for you just across the street at **Two Brothers Roundhouse**, where you can dine on chef's specials of sumptuous pub fare, sip delicious house-roasted coffees in the café, and enjoy award-winning craft beers from Two Brothers Artisan Brewing. Live entertainment in the Tavern at Two Brothers Roundhouse features touring and local acts Thursday through Saturday of each week. A new distillery, where Two Brothers



Artisan Spirits will be produced, will make its debut at the space later in 2017.

High stakes thrills and gaming can be found at **Hollywood Casino Aurora**, one of the largest poker venues in Illinois and home to over 1,100 of the hottest slots. At the **Fairbanks Steakhouse**, you can dine in updated elegance consistent with the casino's theme of the golden age of Hollywood.

Conveniently located along major driving routes, visitors can access destination shopping at Chicago Premium Outlets and Fox Valley Mall. **Chicago Premium Outlets** is one of the largest outdoor outlet shopping destinations in the Midwest, and provides a high-end experience for shoppers seeking exceptional values on over 160 designer and premium brands. **Fox Valley Mall** is the anchor of the Route 59 retail corridor in Aurora, where you can shop popular brand names and round out your stay with nearby dining and entertainment options.

Families will find a lot to love about Aurora, too, from interactive learning opportunities at **SciTech Hands On Museum**, the **Mastodon Gallery at Phillips Park Zoo**, and the living history of **Blackberry Farm**,



to splash pads, waterparks, and fun-filled entertainment centers. While you're here, visit the **Aurora Farmer's Market**, the longest-running market of its kind in the State of Illinois, where area farmers and artisans showcase fresh produce and wares for shoppers at the Aurora Transportation Center. The picturesque Fox River and its adjacent trails reward outdoor enthusiasts with excellent recreation opportunities for runners, paddlers, and cyclists.





This photogenic city is home to **Fermilab**, a U.S. Department of Energy site where the fundamental questions of the universe are investigated by an international team of scientists. Celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2017, Fermilab is open to the public year-round, offering group tours of its facilities and outdoor recreation on its over 6,800 acres of pristine nature, where you can behold a bison preserve, native prairie plants, and 300 different species of birds.

Batavia's historic downtown has undergone a recent revitalization with boutique shopping, charming dining options, and a vibrant local arts community that gathers on the second Friday of each month for gallery receptions at **Water Street Studios**. An impressive collection

of limestone buildings, river-side eateries, and highly walkable streetscapes combine to set a memorable stage for community and private events. The Fox River narrows here, diverting into a pond that's used for ice skating in winters and paddling in the warmer months. The **Batavia Depot Museum** is the city's cataloguer of artifacts and legends, including exhibits about Batavia's proud history as one of the major producers of windmills in the late 1800's. A collection of windmills stands today along the **Batavia Riverwalk**, where visitors can witness first-hand the precise engineering and artful decoration of these machines.

Shopping and entertainment districts beyond downtown combine brand-name retail with independent shops and



services. A favored area of naturalists and photographers, the **Dick Young Forest Preserve and Nelson Lake Marsh** on the western edge of Batavia contains complex ecological zones that support a great diversity of flora and fauna, including several rare and endangered species.



Big Rock

This big-hearted small town is a popular camping, hunting, and fishing getaway amongst rolling hills and unspoiled natural beauty. The annual **Big Rock Plowing Match** is a tradition going back decades, where visitors can enjoy a wholesome festival with live entertainment, a horse show and carnival, and get a glimpse at the strength, skill, and accuracy required to maintain the attractive farm fields of the surrounding area.

Esther's Place, a bed-and-breakfast in an idyllic sheep farm setting, educates visitors about crafting traditions with fiber

arts classes and is a provider of locally sourced knitting wool. The **Big Rock Forest Preserve** offers miles of wooded trails suitable for hiking and horseback riding, and a beautiful quarry lake that's popular with anglers and paddlers. Nearly 100 vehicle-accessible, powered campsites with fire rings are available at Big Rock Forest Preserve, offering creature comforts in the great outdoors. An additional dozen or so primitive, tent-only sites are also available for the outdoorsy type who prefers to rough it underneath clear skies.



Hinckley

The small town of Hinckley is home to historic treasures at its **Historical Society Museum**, where visitors can see pioneer life unfold in a series of exhibits and dioramas, including a feature on notable homes, railroad history, and the prehistoric mammals that once walked these lands. A memorable bit of history about Hinckley also includes the fact that the Harlem Globetrotters traveled here to play their very first road game all the way back in 1927. Hinckley is proud of its past and it shows in the preservation of old-fashioned eats and treats at **Dairy Joy**, a 50's style drive-in that's popular with locals and a must-see roadside attraction.



Stop, have a bite, and relax a while. The cozy confines of the **Hinckley Café** is a timeless road-trip attraction with a friendly family atmosphere along U.S. Route 30.

Windy City Soaring provides a unique perspective to visitors—at this attraction you can hop in a glider and enjoy awesome aerial views of Hinckley and the surrounding area while cresting mile-high thermals way up where native red-tailed hawks and eagles soar. Photographers can enjoy lower-altitude journeys in order to capture every splendid detail of the striking landscape in and around Hinckley.



Montgomery

Rich history surrounds you in Montgomery, from the historic **Gray's Mill**, a 5-story stone structure now home to acclaimed barbecue restaurant **South Moon BBQ**, to the **Dickson-Murst Farm**, a restored historical farm preserve where kids of all ages can get a glimpse into the agricultural roots of the Aurora Area. **Settler's Cottage Museum** is the oldest remaining structure in the village, dating back to a decade before its incorporation in the 1850's. A volunteer effort and tremendous community support to revitalize the building was recognized with a Governor's Home Town Award for restoration.

Montgomery Park hugs the Fox River offering scenic views, prolific fishing, and winding, well-maintained sections of the **Fox River Trails** for cycling. Each August, the community comes together in the town's center for **Montgomery Fest**, a weekend of activities that includes a carp derby, talent show, live entertainment, and frosty craft beer.

The area's largest sports venue, **Stuart Sports Complex**, is located in Montgomery just west of Aurora, where over 30 soccer fields and 8 lighted flex baseball/softball fields attract tournaments and events at all levels of competition. An on-site dog park is one of the largest in the Aurora Area, giving owners and their pets a safe, enclosed plot of land full of activities to practice off-leash training and agility.





North Aurora

The Village of North Aurora is home to some of the Aurora Area's most celebrated restaurants, perfect options for a hearty meal after you've worked up an appetite exploring the Fox River Trails or taking a guided nature hike at outdoor education centers. Whether you're dining family-style or celebrating a special milestone, you'll find a great meal to begin or end your day in North Aurora.

Notable examples include **The Turf Room**, a three-time winner of *Wine Spectator's* Award of Excellence for its extensive wine collection matching up to a seasonally rotating menu of eclectic American cuisine. **Hardware**, a sustainable gastropub and home to the B.B.G.B. Brewery and Hop Farm, has made a

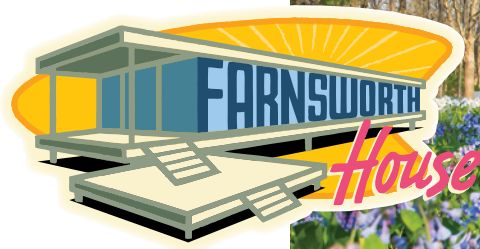
splash on the Chicagoland dining scene for its inventive menu of locally sourced ingredients—some of which are grown on-site at Hardware's greenhouse, orchard, and living wall—and the depth of its classic craft cocktail program, backed by shelves stocked with over 350 different whiskeys. Intimate, fireside patio dining is available at both locations and a perfect way to enjoy an evening with friends, family, or that special someone.

Unique to North Aurora is one of the Midwest's longest-running consumer dairies, **Oberweis Dairy**. Its production location is available for group tours and you can visit the shop to enjoy a cone or sundae and watch the old-fashioned glass jugs fill up on their way out the door to distributors throughout the region.



Red Oak Nature Center is a prized piece of Fox Valley Park District property snug against the eastern shoreline of the Fox River. Home to the area's storied limestone cave, the Red Oak Nature Center offers outdoor educational programming for children and families year-round, with popular events like **Maple Fest** in spring and **Bug Fest** in the summer. In winter months, Red Oak is popular with birdwatchers aiming to get up-close views of the majestic migratory American bald eagles that nest in tall trees on the islands of the Fox River and along its shores.





Plano



In the middle of the 20th century, Ludwig Mies van der Rohe constructed a home here on a magnificent sweep of the Fox River where its owner, Dr. Edith Farnsworth, could enjoy the restorative peace and quiet presented by the home's lush surroundings.

The **Farnsworth House**, as it was to be called, set the bar for mid-century modern domestic living and represents the ultimate

expression of van der Rohe's vision of clarity and simplicity for modern architecture. Tourists from around the world travel to Plano to enjoy the sanctuary-like grandeur of the Farnsworth House as well as its small-town appeal, where you'll also come across the **Smallville Museum** and the annually celebrated **Smallville Superfest** honoring Plano's status as a primary filming

location in 2013's *Man Of Steel* Superman movie. **The Homestead 1854**, a historically significant bed & breakfast that serves as a popular destination for weddings and creative retreats, affords visitors a luxurious departure from which to rest and recharge with candlelight yoga, a beautifully landscaped labyrinth, private dining, and well-appointed meeting space.

Sugar Grove



In the Village of Sugar Grove you'll discover an extraordinary set of attractions, flourishing greenery, and a tight-knit community that comes together each year to celebrate its agricultural history. Here you'll find peaceful walkways and cutting-edge conference space in an exquisite campus setting at **Waubensee Community College**. One of America's greatest (and most exclusive) golf courses, **Rich Harvest Farms**, host of prestigious events like the NCAA DI Golf Championships and Solheim Cup, is set against the captivating scenery of Sugar Grove's countryside.

Bliss Woods, a forest preserve favored by locals, is where you can enjoy an engrossing encounter with the expansive woodlands of this part of the region, as well as rare geological features that survived glacial erosion many thousands of years ago. The **Virgil L. Gilman Nature Trail** cuts laterally through the area, a boon to cyclists and runners.

Air Classics Museum, located near the **Aurora Municipal Airport**, showcases the

history of civil and military aviation for visitors of all ages through exhibits and hands-on experiences. The **Bliss House Museum** offers tourists a look into what the town was like as far back as 1838, when the P.Y. Bliss House & Store was the premier shopping destination in the area. The **Sugar Grove Corn Boil** celebrates the deep roots and development of this former farming community with good old-fashioned fun activities like a pie bake-off and some of the sweetest sweet corn you can find in the Midwest.





Sandwich

The antiques capital of the region is right here in Sandwich, where you can discover vintage and antique treasures at any number of shops, fairs, and festivals, from the delightful downtown where generous awnings address the town square to the **Sandwich Fairgrounds**, home of the oldest continuing fair in the State of Illinois.

A historically significant municipal building sits at the center of town, housing **Sandwich City Hall** and the **Sandwich Opera House**, a stunning venue with whisper-quiet acoustics that dates all the way back to 1878. Live entertainment running the gamut from earthy bluegrass and classical music to raucous theatrical performances can be witnessed here year-round.

Sandwich has been drawing massive crowds to the **Sandwich Fair** since 1888 thanks to its action-packed midway and a slate of stellar performances that cap off five days full of good old-fashioned fun throughout the Sandwich Fairgrounds. It's a great occasion for locals to stay connected and for visitors to get immersed in the defining example of a traditional Midwestern summertime festival atmosphere.

Sunday at Sandwich Antiques Show is another great opportunity for visitors to enjoy the beautiful tree-lined setting of the Sandwich Fairgrounds. With its curated assemblage of artisans and antiques dealers, the show offers a rewarding experience for both casual visitors and sophisticated collectors alike.

After you're done hunting for antique treasures, Sandwich offers a considerable variety of options for dining and nightlife,

from zesty barbecue and authentic Mexican to supper-club style dining and nightly entertainment. Visitors with even a passing interest in American history will appreciate the **Bull Moose Bar & Grill**: attached to the bar sits an 1893 Pullman railcar that was commissioned by "the old Bull Moose" himself, Teddy Roosevelt, for cross-country tours between 1900 and 1913.





Yorkville

The United City of Yorkville is known throughout the region for its diverse lineup of summer festivals, boundless opportunities for outdoor adventure, and its exciting downtown nightlife scene. Make a splash at **Raging Waves**, the largest waterpark in Illinois, where you can thrill down 20 different styles of breathtaking waterslides. Kiddie pools, cabanas, a long lazy river, and a variety of concessions make this the perfect place to chill out and beat the heat. Enjoy drinking, dining, and wrap-around views of a picturesque stretch of the Fox River in **Downtown Yorkville**. Restaurants here take comfort food to new heights, with mouthwatering barbecue and regional cuisine around every corner. Catch some of the most stylish and soulful touring bands and local

acts at **The Law Office Pub & Music Hall**, where craft beers and cocktails are served up to loyal audiences in this gorgeous, intimate venue every weekend.

Marge Cline Whitewater Course is a state-of-the-art paddling facility where paddlers can test their skills against a quarter-mile of rapids at a steep yet forgiving grade. Kayaks and canoes are available for rent with local outfitters who can get you geared up for a river romp, and a pedestrian footbridge offers great angles for viewing and photographing the activity. Thanks to its close proximity to the Fox River, nearby **Bicentennial Riverfront Park** is a popular destination for festivals and events throughout the summer months.

Get a glimpse at the rich natural and agricultural history of Yorkville at the historic **Kendall County Courthouse**, where the Kendall County Forest Preserve District hosts a nature center display and information



about parks and forests for hiking, cycling, fishing, and horseback riding. Northern Illinois Hunting & Fishing Days is held at nearby **Silver Springs State Fish and Wildlife Area**, a family-friendly event featuring kids activities, a fishing tournament, and outdoor sports from archery to trap-shooting and falconry shows.



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Dining



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BREW PUBS & GASTROPUBS

Appreciation for local ingredients and experimentation in the craft of brewing has made the Fox Valley a popular destination for beer lovers worldwide. Anchored by the presence of Two Brothers Brewing's massive Roundhouse restaurant, café, and concert hall in Downtown Aurora, the Aurora Area's stock of beloved beer properties has grown in recent years. **Here's a run-down of some of the top breweries and gastropubs in the Aurora Area.** Visit www.enjoyaurora.com/craftbeertour for more details.



Gillerson's Grubbery

Crusade Burger Bar



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@ Two Brothers Roundhouse

Discover the big, bold flavors of Two Brothers artisan beer, food, and soon, craft spirits, in this massive limestone roundhouse, a former railroad building listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Rotating taps and culinary delights are found in this brewpub, where close attention is paid to delivering high-quality food, beverage, and live entertainment. A distillery is planned for the space in 2017.

205 N. Broadway
630.264.2739
twobrothersbrewing.com/roundhouse

@ Gillerson's Grubbery

The scratch kitchen at Gillerson's is home to "Chicago's Best" burger, the Rebel Duck, a meat-lover's dream that pairs well with any one of this Downtown Aurora establishment's rotating stock of local beers and craft cocktails.

33 W. New York St.
630.340.3719
gillersons.com

Hopvine Brewing Company

Tucked away into an unassuming corner of the Fox Valley Mall area in Aurora, Hopvine Brewing Company turns out eclectic, experimental fare made possible by close collaboration between the heads of its kitchen and in-house brewing program, resulting in creative pairings on its dinner and happy-hour menus as well as signature craft beer cocktails. A secluded outdoor beer garden resplendent in hop vines provides a great space to meet or relax after shopping or a show at the nearby Comedy Shrine.

4030 Fox Valley Center Dr.
630.229.6030
hopvinebrewingcompany.com

BATAVIA

The River's Edge Bar & Grill

The gem of Batavia's River Street promenade is The River's Edge Bar & Grill, a gastropub masquerading as a local watering hole, with a food and drink menu to back it up. Three seasons out of the year two outdoor patios host local and touring bands with an emphasis on Americana: blues, roots, and bluegrass.

12 N. River St.
630.406.9200
theriversedgebatavia.com



NORTH AURORA

Hardware Sustainable Gastropub & Brewery

With a mission of sustainability that extends from the reclaimed architecture to the "living wall" that greets you with fresh herbs and greens, Hardware is an acclaimed new entrant into the Aurora Area's culinary scene. Generous patio seating is accompanied by a roaring fire pit and gathering space and strings of fresh hops from the adjacent B.B.G.B. Hop Farm, where essentials for Hardware's illustrious craft brews are grown on-site. Menus rotate seasonally based on availability but some standbys are already a hit with locals and visitors alike, including Hardware's decadent, deconstructed Chicago Hot Dog, a treat that must be tasted to be fully appreciated.

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eathardware.com

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Crusade Burger Bar

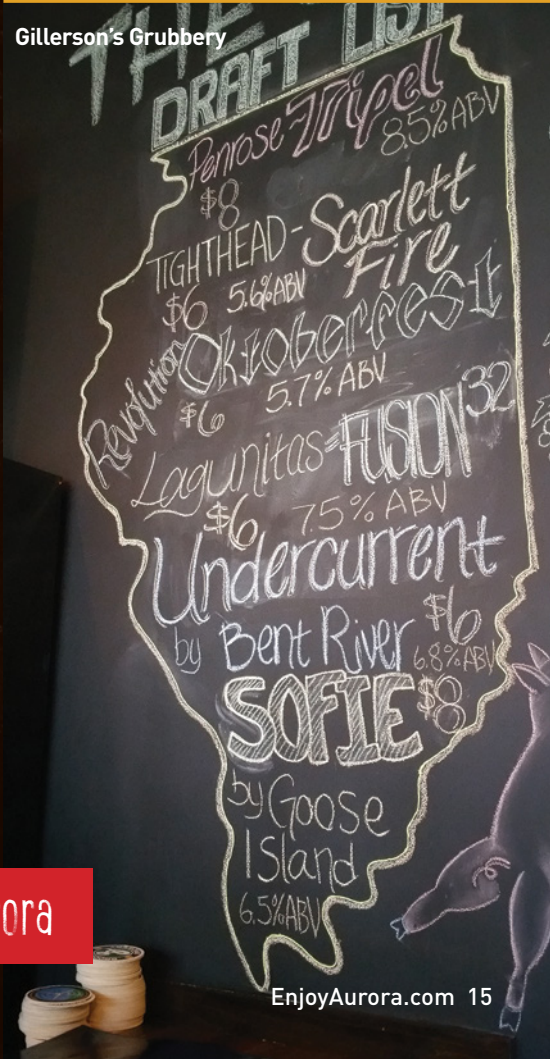
A gourmet burger restaurant featuring locally sourced beef along with a formidable selection of hard to find beers and small-batch spirits, Crusade Burger Bar in Downtown Yorkville is the western suburbs' answer to anyone who's been searching for a refined craft burger & beer bar with a punk ethos. Mouthwatering burgers and desserts of the week are promoted via their Facebook page to universal acclaim from their fervent fan-base.

209 S. Bridge St.
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crusadeburger.com

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@ Ballydoyle Irish Pub & Restaurant

28 W. New York St.
630.844.0400
ballydoylepub.com

Basil's Greek Dining

4000 Fox Valley Center Dr.
630.692.1300
basilsgreekdining.com

Blueberry Hill Breakfast Cafe

405 N. Eola Rd.
630.499.1500
blueberrybreakfastcafe.com

Brody's Irish Pub

1941 W. Galena Blvd.
630.892.2763
brodysirishpub.com

Chelio's Pub & Grill

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630.585.7650
cheliospubandgrill.com

China Chef

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830.844.2300
chinachefchinese.com

Chopsticks Noodle Café

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630.844.2444
colonialicecream.com

Domo 77 (Hibachi and Sushi)

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630.692.0030
domo77.com

Don Walker's Sandwich Center

257 W. New York St.
630.896.7850
donwalkerssandwich.com

Double Yolk Pancake House & Restaurant

1555 Butterfield Rd., #101
630.820.9655
doubleyolkrestaurant.com

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800.285.7600
hollywoodcasinaurora.com

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800.285.7600
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@ Jake's Bagels & Deli

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@ Leland Legends Pub & Grill

1 S. Stolp Ave.
630.264.5000
lelandlegends.com

Luigi's Pizza & Fun Center

732 Prairie St.
630.756.5451
luigispizzaandfuncenter.com

Maxfield's Pancake House & Restaurant

2290 Ogden Ave.
630.820.1177
maxfieldsaurora.com

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orchardvalleygolf.com/dining

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2340 N. Farnsworth Ave.
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papabearrestaurant.com

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1649 Montgomery Rd.
630.898.3448
pieboss.com

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630.692.0009
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A proud tradition of authentic Mexican cuisine can be found in the Aurora Area, from upscale eateries influenced by regional cooking to traditional fare like cemitas, enchiladas, tacos, and tamales served up hot and fresh from the area's best Mexican restaurants.

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Santa Fe Restaurant

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salsaverderestaurant.com

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331.207.8939
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Endiro Coffee

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endirocoffee.com

Kenny Corn Popcorn & Treats

2005 W. Galena Blvd.
630.896.2005
kennycorn.com

La Chicanita Bakery

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630.499.8845
lachicanitabakery.com

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Batavia Creamery

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630.482.3729
bataviacreamery.com

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harnersbakery.com

Oberweis Ice Cream & Dairy Store

951 Ice Cream Dr.
630.801.6131
oberweis.com

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Angie's Sugar Buzz Bakery

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815.786.7774
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205 S. Wells St.
815.570.2236
Find us on Facebook

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Foxy's Ice Cream

131 E. Hydraulic St.
630.385.2716
foxysicecream.com

Steve's Bakery

664 W. Veterans Pkwy.
630.385.2251
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Sweet Temptations Dessert Company

728 E. Veterans Pkwy., #101
630.553.8633
sweettemptationsco.com



Endiro Coffee

DINING (continued)

AURORA cont.

Saddle Up Saloon & Dancehall

4440 W. Ogden Ave.
630.585.8600
su-foxvalley.org

Spartan House

1032 Prairie St.
630.340.4546
spartanhouse.com

Sushi + Rotary Sushi Bar

4430 Fox Valley Center Dr., #106
630.820.1666
rotarysushi.com

Szechuan House

4309 E. New York St.
630.820.8680
szechuanhouseaurora.net

Tamarind Indian Cuisine

4250 Fox Valley Center Dr.
630.375.1600
tamarindindianrestaurant.com

The Foundry

85 Executive Dr.
630.978.2088
thefoundryonline.com

The Patio

4400 Fox Valley Center Dr.
630.820.8800
patioribs.com/location/aurora

@ Two Brothers Roundhouse

205 N. Broadway
630.264.2739
twobrothersbrewing.com/
roundhouse

@ U Samba? Brazilian Café

37 W. New York St.
630.897.3903
usambacafe.com

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Aliano's Ristorante

90 N. Island Ave.
630.406.9400
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Andre's Restaurant

5 Webster St.
630.482.9420
andresrestaurantil.com

Apple Villa Famous Pancake House

1961 W. Wilson St.
630.406.8022

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Bar Evolution

27 N. River St.
630.454.4315
barevolutionbatavia.com

Bulldog's Celler

1 E. Wilson St.
630.406.9177

Crosstown Pub & Grill

1890 Mill St.
630.406.0669
crosstownpub-grill.com

Daddio's Diner

134 W. Wilson St.
630.879.5299
daddiosdiner.biz

Elm's Restaurant

912 Main St.
630.879.1194

Gaetano's

15 E. Wilson St.
630.406.3009
gaetanos.us

Gammon Coach House

3 & 7 S. Batavia Ave.
630.482.3663
gammoncoachhouse.com

Limestone Coffee & Tea

8 W. Wilson St.
630.454.4556
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Lumes Pancake House & Restaurant

1902 W. Fabyan Pkwy.
630.761.9676
lumespancakehouse.com

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31 N. River St.
630.593.6600
paljoey.com

River's Edge Bar & Grill

12 N. River St.
630.406.9200
theriversedgebatavia.com

Swordfish Contemporary Sushi

207 N. Randall Rd.
630.406.6463
swordfishsushi.com

Thai Village

4 N. Batavia Ave.
630.879.5495
thaivillagebatavia.com

Tribella Bar & Grill

1900 Mill St.
630.406.9696
tribellagrill.com

Tusk Thai Cuisine

102 N. River St.
630.406.6995
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Wilson Street Tavern

105 E. Wilson St.
630.482.3200

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Big Rock Café

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630.556.3610

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Montgomery: 630.340.4657
Sandwich: 815.786.9227

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Brian's Pizza

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815.286.7071

Brown Pub

200 Somonauk Rd.
815.286.3329

Dairy Joy

435 E. Lincoln Ave.
815.286.7701
dairyjoydrivein.com

Hinckley Café

116 E. Lincoln Ave.
815.286.7081
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J&K's Half Moon

120 W. Lincoln Ave.
815.286.7303
jkhalfmoon.com

South Moon BBQ

100 E. Lincoln Ave.
815.286.9227
southmoonbbq.com

The Harrington Family Bakery

146 E. Lincoln Ave.
815.286.8700
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9er's Grill

350 Rt. 30
630.229.0333
9ersgrill.com

Gario's Pizza Villa

813 Montgomery Rd.
630.898.5300
gariospizza.com

George's Family Restaurant

110 Webster St.
630.859.0033

Grandma's Table

1700 Douglas Rd.
630.892.1100
sites.google.com/site/
grandmastablerestaurant

Pig Dog Pub

1250 S. Broadway
630.340.5221
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Riverview Diner

1420 S.E. River Rd.
630.859.3737
riverviewdiner.com

South Moon BBQ at the Gray's Mill

211 N. River St.
630.340.4657
southmoonbbq.com

NORTH AURORA

A&W Family Restaurant

113 S. Lincolnway
630.844.9393
awrestaurants.com

Ari's Kitchen Co.

362 N. Randall Rd.
630.340.3569
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Bull Dog Ale House

459 S. Randall Rd.
630.264.0333
bulldogalehouse.com

Hardware Gastropub & Brewery

2000 W. Orchard Rd.
630.299.3977
eathardware.com

Harner's Bakery & Restaurant

10 W. State St.
630.892.4400
harnersbakery.com

Oak Street Restaurant & Bar

945 Oak St.
630.301.7202
oakstreetrestaurant.com

Raimondo's Pizza & Pub

1033 Kilberry Ln.
630.301.7727
raimondos.com

Run-A-Way Restaurant

120 Butterfield Rd.
630.299.3778
runawayrestaurant.wixsite.com/
runaway

Sushi Pirate

1139 Oak St.
630.907.8983
sushipiratemenu.com/
north_aurora

The Turf Room

1033 Kilberry Ln.
630.906.9300
theturfroomrestaurant.com

Vietnam Gate Restaurant

321 S. Lincolnway
630.299.3585
vietgatepho.com

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Jade's Garden

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630.552.9828
jadesgardenplano.com

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630.273.8095
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Suzy's Pizza

141 E. South St.
630.552.1330
suzyspizza.com

The Brick Lounge

115 E. South St.
630.780.2103
planobricklounge.com

The Friendly Tap

14 N. Center St.
630.552.3696

The Harvester Café

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Uncle Lar's Pizza

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630.552.3535
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Belladonna Tea Room

708 E. Railroad St.
815.570.2123
belladonnatearoom.com

Brother's Restaurant & Lounge

512 E. Church St.
815.786.2133

Bull Moose Bar & Grille

202 S. Main St.
815.786.8002
bullmoosebar.com

Gonzo's Pizzeria

9 N. Main St.
815.786.3322
gonzospizzeria.com

Main Street Pub & Grill

1 S. Main St.
815.570.2315

Route 34 Pub & Grub

1201 E. Church St.
815.786.3861
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The Turf Room



Southbank Original Barbeque

Barbeque



Sandwich Freedom Hall

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102 E. Railroad St.
815.786.9227
southmoonbbq.com

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336 W. Church St.
815.786.9898
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Timber Creek Inn & Suites
3300 Drew Ave.
630.273.6022

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Calamity Jane's Bar & Restaurant

95593 Rt. 47
630.466.4427
calamityjanesplace.com

Fireside Grille

49 Sugar Grove Ln.
630.466.4557
thefiresidegrillesugargrove.com

Open Range Southwest Grill

Bliss Creek Golf Course
1 Golfview Ln.
630.466.0727
openrangegrill.com

YORKVILLE

Armonia Tea & Coffee

129 Commercial Dr.
630.882.9173
armoniacafe.org

Asian Kitchen

934 N. Bridge St.
630.882.9590
asiankitchenyorkville.com

Barbara Jean's Grill

197 E. Veteran's Pkwy.
331.207.8160
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Blackstone Bar & Grille

600 E. Veterans Pkwy.
630.882.8305
blackstonebarandgrill.com

China Garden

1207A N. Bridge St.
630.553.1168
chinagardenyorkville.com

Crusade Burger Bar

209 S. Bridge St.
630.708.3170
crusadeburger.com

AURORA

The Patio

Celebrating its 40th anniversary in 2017, The Patio is a barbecue chain unique to Chicagoland. Visit the Aurora location near Fox Valley Mall where delicious baby back ribs, rotisserie chicken, and signature smoked meats are seasoned and slow-cooked for hours before hitting your plate.

HINCKLEY, SANDWICH & MONTGOMERY

South Moon BBQ

Voted "Chicago's Best Pulled Pork Sandwich" in 2014, South Moon BBQ serves traditional slow cooked barbecue with a variety of beloved original sauces out of three locations in the Aurora Area — in Hinckley, Downtown Sandwich, and at Gray's Mill in Montgomery.

YORKVILLE

Southbank Original BBQ

Beer, Bait, and Barbecue. Downtown Yorkville's local barbeque restaurant is known for their gorgeous patio with wraparound views of the Fox River and Marge Cline Whitewater Course and wood-cooked barbecue served out of the smoker that never quits. You can even rent or buy gear for a river adventure at Freeman's Sports, located right next door.

Smokey's Wood Pit BBQ

Chicago-style classics and authentic barbeque come together in delicious harmony here at Smokey's. Try the "Pit Boss," a brisket and pulled pork combo with onion rings piled high on a bun. Kids will love the dessert menu, which includes specialty sundaes, malts and floats.

Lakeview Grille

604 W. Veterans Pkwy.
630.553.3055
lakeviewgrille.com

Legend's Grill & Bar

620 Veterans Pkwy.
630.882.8380
legendsgrillbar.com

Mike & Denise's Pizzeria Bar & Grill

728 E. Veterans Pkwy.
630.882.9072
mikeanddenises.com

Millhurst Ale House

2075 Marketview Dr.
630.553.4585
millhurstalehouse.com

Pinheadz Bar & Grill

Yorkville Bowl
1211 N. Bridge St.
630.553.0018
yorkvillebowl.com/pinheadz-bar-grill

Roadhouse Country Restaurant

1901 S. Bridge St.
630.385.2571
roadhouseyorkville.com

Rowdy's

210 S. Bridge St.
630.553.5054
rowdysbarandgrill.com

Silver Dollars Restaurant

102 E. Stagecoach Trl.
630.553.1835
eatbetterpancakes.com

Smokey's Wood Pit BBQ

1002 S. Main St.
630.553.1515
smokeyswoodpit.com

Southbank Original Barbecue

129 E. Hydraulic St.
630.385.2477
southbankoriginalbarbecue.com

Southern Belles Pancake House

56 W. Schoolhouse Rd.
630.553.9977
southernbellespancakes.com

Suzy's Bar & Grill

4353 Tuma Rd.
630.553.6500
suzysyorkville.com

Whitetail Ridge Restaurant

7671 Clubhouse Dr.
630.882.8988
whitetailridgегolfclub.com

aurora area

Shopping



From premium outlets and shopping centers to hidden gems in charming downtowns, the Aurora Area is a true shopping destination. Visit enjoyaurora.com/Getaways to discover shopping getaways and package deals at Aurora Area hotels.



Fox Valley Mall



Avant Garden
MarketPLACE

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Chicago Premium Outlets

Experience high-end shopping and exceptional deals at one of the largest outdoor outlet shopping destinations in the Midwest with over 160 designer goods and premium brands. On-site dining options feature the best of Chicago fast-casual restaurants. A collection of public art can be found throughout the mall's plazas and courtyards.

1650 Premium Outlets Blvd.
630.585.2200
chicagopremiumoutlets.com

Fox Valley Mall

Anchoring the largest retail corridor in Illinois along Route 59, Fox Valley Mall features over 130 popular brands on three levels of shopping all under the same roof. Kids can enjoy play spaces, special events, and a magnificent carousel that marks the center of the food court. The new Round 1 Entertainment Center features fun for all ages with an arcade, billiards, a 16-lane bowling alley, food and drink, and private karaoke rooms.

195 Fox Valley Center Dr.
630.851.7200
shopfoxvalleymall.com

BATAVIA

Historic Downtown

Batavia's historic downtown is a perfect destination to stock up on chic and elegant clothing, gifts, and home décor at vintage and specialty shops. Stroll the riverfront pedestrian promenade where on Saturday mornings local produce, meats, cheeses, and coffee can be found at the Batavia Farmers Market. Beards are a big deal here: visitors travel from all over the Midwest for expert trims and deluxe grooming products at Beardsgaard Barbers of Batavia.

Batavia Main Street
630.761.3528
downtownbatavia.com

NORTH AURORA

Cremer Guitarworks

For over 30 years this small guitar shop tucked into a mid-century style building has been servicing musicians from all over Chicagoland and beyond with expert treatment for their beloved instruments.



Rare and hard-to-find guitars, amps, effects and accessories can be found here, too, and the owners are happy to help you pick the gear that's right for your playing style.

153 S. Lincolnway
630.897.0006
cremerguitarworks.com

SANDWICH

Antique Treasures

The antiques capital of the region is in Sandwich, Illinois, where you can visit its gorgeous, welcoming town square and historic buildings that take your shopping getaway back to a bygone era. Sunday at Sandwich Antiques Show is a monthly fair that celebrates this rich tradition spring, summer, and fall of each year with rewarding shows for everyone from the casual visitor to the sophisticated collector. Located at the Sandwich Fairgrounds.

2300 E. Rt. 34, Sandwich
815.786.6122
shopsandwichil.com

YORKVILLE

Avant Garden MarketPLACE

For all things vintage, retro, off-the-wall and on it, you'll find it at this garden shop which boasts a unique and varied assortment of fun, tasteful finds for the home. Salvaged and repurposed items are on offer from dozens of artisan consignors, as well as clothing, jewelry, and entertaining treasures to posh up your next party. Whether you're shopping for one-of-a-kind gifts or seasonal garden accessories, this shop in Yorkville should be on your list.

10711 Rt. 71
815.228.6245
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Sandwich Antiques



SHOPPING (continued)

From quaint boutiques & specialty shops to record stores & retail corridors, here's your guide to shopping the Aurora Area.

AURORA

@ Boca Rosa Fashions Boutique

22 N. Broadway
630.892.1864
bocarosafashions.weebly.com

Boutique Repeats & Gifts

444 N. Eola Rd.
630.585.0920
boutiquerepeat.com

Chicago Premium Outlets

Largest outlet center in the Chicago market.
1650 Premium Outlets Blvd.
630.585.2200
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@ Culture Stock

43 E. Galena Blvd.
630.264.3380
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@ Flower Basket

302 N. Lake St.
630.892.7673
flowerbasketinc.com

Fox Valley Mall

Anchored by Macy's, Carson Pirie Scott, JCPenney & Sears.
195 Fox Valley Center Dr.
630.851.7200
shopfoxvalleymall.com

@ If These Walls Could Talk Art & Framing

32 S. Stolp Ave.
331.212.5962
itwct.com

Kenny Corn Popcorn & Treats

2005 W. Galena Blvd.
630.896.2005
kennycorn.com

@ Museum Store & Gift Shop

David L. Pierce Art & History Center
20 E. Downer Pl.
630.256.3340
aurorahistory.net/visit/store

Oxie Affordable Optical

131 W. Galena Blvd.
630.692.9220
oxieoptical.com

@ Rodeo Drive Gift Shop

Hollywood Casino
1 W. New York St.
800.285.7600
hollywoodcasinourora.com

@ Wardell Art Glass Studio

28 S. Stolp Ave.
630.896.4181

@ Waubensee Community College Books & Gifts

Aurora Campus, 18 S. River St.
630.801.7900
waubensee.edu/experience/bookstore

Wolsfelt's Victorian Bridal & Prom

1025 S. Lincoln Ave.
630.896.7166
wolsfelts.com

@ YM Boutique

5 W. Downer Pl.
630.800.3407
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BATAVIA

Beardsgaard Barbers

117 S. Batavia Ave.
630.454.4820
beardsgaardbarbers.com

FAWN Gifts

2 E. Wilson St.
630.326.9146
fawn gifts.com

For All Occasions Boutique

235 W. Wilson St.
630.879.1234
foralloccasionsboutique.com

K. Hollis Jewelers

147 S. Randall Rd.
630.879.8003
khollisjewelers.com

Healing Arts Metaphysical Center

4 E. Wilson St.
630.937.4094
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Instrument Exchange

17 N. River St.
630.879.2815
chicagoinstrumentexchange.com

Kiss the Sky

180 W. First St.
630.406.0086
kissthesky.net

Special Occasions on the Avenue

Gammon Corner
2 N. Batavia Ave.
630.406.1515
specialoccasionsontheavenue.com

The Tea Tree

29 N. River St.
630.425.3340
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WHERE IT'S



Located in Downtown Aurora



Beardsgaard Barbers



YM Boutique



Antiques & Vintage

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HINCKLEY

Treasures Old & New

358 W. Lincoln Ave.
815.286.7921

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The Happy Hen House

8329 E. Sandwich Rd.
815.286.9055
thehappyhenhousehinckley.com

SANDWICH

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815.786.3235

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Dawn's Country Corner

109 W. Church St.
815.786.2130

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Farmer's Daughter

303 S. Main St.
815.786.6370
shopsandwichil.com

JR Antiques & Collectibles

723 W. Church St.
815.786.2550
shopsandwichil.com

Maggie's Da Ja Vu

421 E. Church St.
shopsandwichil.com

Olde Timers Antique Centre

131 E. Church St.
815.786.6430
olde-timers.com

Pixies on Main

117 S. Main St.
815.570.2380
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Prindi's Antique Mall

2 E. Railroad St.
815.570.2073
shopsandwichil.com

Sandwich Antique Mart

2300 E. Rt. 34
815.786.6122
shopsandwichil.com

Storehouse II

427 W. Church St.
630.849.6856
shopsandwichil.com

Sunday at Sandwich Antiques Show

Sandwich Fairgrounds
1401 Suydam Rd.
630.251.3454
sundayatsandwichantiques.com

The Rusty Rooster Old & New

2300 E. Rt. 34
815.570.2486
shopsandwichil.com

Two Sisters Then & Now

316 S. Main St.
815.786.1555
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Vintage Farmgirls

37 S. Main St.
815.970.1566
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YORKVILLE

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Scout Flea Market

10826 Rt. 71
630.553.2860
scoutfleamarket.blogspot.com

AURORA

Out of the Attic Antiques

4054 Fox Valley Center Dr.
630.898.0557
outoftheatticantiques.biz

BATAVIA

715 Vintage

715 W. Main St.
630.777.2727
715-vintage.com

Bee Attitudes Antiques

9 S. Batavia Ave.
630.761.0813
beeattitudesantiques.com

Furniture Dollies LTD

103 N. Washington Ave.
630.235.9753
furnituredolliesltd.com

The Salvaged Heart Vintage Wares

14 N. Island Ave.
630.310.9022
thesalvagedheartvintagewares.com

NORTH AURORA

Past & Present Shoppes

22 E. State St.
630.844.4468
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Scott's Vintage

105 S. River Rd.
630.673.8145
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The Vintage Market

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Esther's Place Fiber Arts

201 W. Galena St.
630.556.9665
esthersplacefibers.com

More Polish Pottery

85953 Jericho Rd.
630.605.2371
morepolishpottery.com

HINCKLEY

Consciously Rooted

103 W. Lincoln Ave.
815.218.3061
consciouslyrooted.com

Hinckley Floral & Gifts

950 W. Lincoln Ave.
815.286.7400
hinckleyfloral.com

Mandy's Just Because

105 E. Lincoln Ave.
815.786.4752
mandysjustbecause.com

MONTGOMERY

Ogden Hill Shopping Center

Anchored by JC Penney,
Sam's Club & Binny's.
1100 Ogden Ave.

Schaefer's Greenhouse & Garden Shop

120 S. Lake St.
800.407.8141
schaefergreenhouses.com

NORTH AURORA

North Aurora Towne Center

Anchored by JC Penney & Target.
1600-1800 Orchard Gateway Blvd.

Reef Plus Saltwater Fish

935 Oak St.
630.906.7333
reefplus.net

Wild Rose Florist

217 S. Lincolnway
630.896.6566
thewildroseflorist.com

The Vintage Market

211 S. Lincolnway St.
630.780.0935
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Avanti Jewelers

12700 E. Rt. 34
630.552.9101
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Cooper Home Furnishings

112 W. Main St.
630.552.8288
cooperhomefurnishings.com

Knee High to a Grasshopper

8 E. Main St.
630.273.2665
kneehighgrasshopper.com

The Village Peddler

619 W. Rt. 34
630.552.9005
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SANDWICH

Complete Consignment

142 Indian Springs Dr.
815.786.6777
completeconsignmentshop.com

Dawn's Country Corner

109 W. Church St.
815.786.2130

Deluca's Hallmark

26 E. Railroad St.
815.786.8076
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Country Divas Boutique Women's Consignment Shoppe

36 E. Railroad St.
815.786.0106
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OffWorld Designs Custom T-shirts

624 W. Center St.
815.786.7080
offworlddesigns.com

Village Square Mall

Vintage Farmgirls, Johnson's
Floral, 3 Chicks Bowteak.
37 S. Main St.
815.786.2151
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SUGAR GROVE

Crow's Nest Studio & Gallery

41 W 130 Norris Rd.
630.466.4278
springbluffnursery.com

Nanette's Boutique

30 Cross St.
630.466.1200
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Bunhead Boutique

608 E. Veterans Pkwy.
630.882.9316
bunheadboutique.wix.com/
bunheadboutique

Duy's Shoes & Sportswear

135 E. Veterans Pkwy.
630.553.7775
duysshoes.com

Kendall Marketplace

Anchored by Kohl's, Dick's
Sporting Goods & Super Target.
1652 Beecher Rd.

The Logo Shirt Factory

910 N. Bridge St.
630.553.0357
thelogoshirtfactory.com

The Olive Gallery

2671 N. Bridge St.
630.553.6790
theolivegallery.com

Valley Fresh Market & The Chocolate Shoppe

1905 Marketview Dr. #105
630.553.3355
valleyfreshmarket.com



Wild Rose Florist



The Vintage Market



Farmers Markets

Enjoy Aurora's Farmers Market, the longest-running market of its kind in the State of Illinois, and more fresh produce, artisan crafts, and local flavor at the farmers markets of the Aurora Area.

AURORA

Abbey Farms
2855 Hart Rd.
630.966.7775
abbeyfarms.org

@ Aurora's Farmers Market Downtown
at Aurora Transportation Center
233 N. Broadway
630.256.3370
aurorasfarmersmarket.com

Aurora's Farmers Market West
West Aurora Plaza
1901 W. Galena Blvd.
630.256.3370
aurorasfarmersmarket.com

BATAVIA

Batavia Farmers Market
in Downtown Batavia
1 N. River St.
630.761.3528
downtownbatavia.com

Downtown Batavia Indoor Market
at Gaetano's Batavia
15 E. Wilson St. (Lower Level)
630.761.3528
downtownbatavia.com

BIG ROCK

Esther's Place Farmstand
201 W. Galena St.
630.556.9665

HINCKLEY

Bountiful Blessings Farm Produce
15565 McGirr Rd.
320.217.9253
bountifulblessingsfarm.weebly.com

Hinckley Farmers Market

at Brown Pub
200 Somonauk Rd.
630.674.4069
Find us on Facebook

PLANO

Audi's Acres
601 Little Rock Rd.
audisacres.com

SANDWICH

Larson's Family Farm
4404 Somonauk Rd.
815.786.2249
larsonfamilyfarm.com

SUGAR GROVE

Ben's Giant Pumpkins
43W200 Jericho Rd.
630.466.1331
bensgiantpumpkins.com

Spring Bluff Nursery

U-Pick Veggie Garden
41W130 Norris Rd.
630.466.4278
springbluffnursery.com/
u-pick-veggie-garden

YORKVILLE

Redbud Creek Farm
Avant Garden MarketPLACE
803 Stagecoach Trl.
815.496.9400
redbudcreekfarm.com

Yorkville Farmers Market

at Yorkville Town Square
Route 47 & Center St.
630.553.3355
Find us on Facebook



**DOWNTOWN
AURORA**
WHERE IT'S



Located in Downtown Aurora

aurora area

Nightlife

GAMES, TUNES & SHOWS

Paramount
Theatre

Award-winning theater, Vegas-style casino gaming, and exhilarating live entertainment take center stage at the nightlife venues of the Aurora Area. See more at enjoyaurora.com.



Sandwich
Opera House



Hollywood
Casino Aurora

AURORA

@ Ballydoyle Irish Pub & Restaurant

Ballydoyle carries the tradition of the Irish pub with the customary selection of classic and craft brews, delicious Irish food, and nightly live entertainment.

28 W. New York St.
630.844.0400
ballydoylepub.com

@ Hollywood Casino Aurora

Over 1,100 of the hottest slots and Chicagoland's largest poker room combine under the glitz and glamor of Hollywood's golden age at the Hollywood Casino Aurora, where you can try your luck at table games and enjoy fine dining at the casino's Fairbanks Steakhouse.

1 W. New York St.
800.285.7600
hollywoodcasinaurora.com

@ Paramount Theatre

Paramount's award-winning Broadway Series dazzles crowds & critics alike with breathtaking performances, larger-than-life set design, and innovative directing. Between seasons the Paramount lineup is packed with world-class touring entertainers.

23 E. Galena Blvd.
630.896.6666
paramountaurora.com

@ RiverEdge Park

Find the Aurora Area's biggest parties all summer long on the Fox River with an electrifying roster of performances by the biggest names in pop, country, rock, and R&B. Host to Two Brothers Summer Festival, Blues on the Fox, Summer Concert Series, and Aurora's 4th of July Fireworks celebration.

360 N. Broadway
630.896.6666
riveredgeaurora.com

@ Two Brothers Roundhouse

Housing the big, bold flavors of Two Brothers artisan beer and its adventurous gastropub menu is the historic Two Brothers Roundhouse. Inside, the Two Brothers Tavern live room is stocked with a tastemaker's selection of bands and comedy acts every weekend, pairing well with events at RiverEdge Park and First Fridays in Downtown Aurora.

205 N. Broadway
630.264.2739
twobrothersbrewing.com/roundhouse



BATAVIA

Kiss the Sky

Hear an eclectic mix of handpicked, emerging acts play everything from free jazz to bluegrass at Kiss the Sky. Relax and enjoy the show or hunt through an abundance of rare, new, and used records in the bins.

180 W. First St.
630.406.0086
kissthesky.net

SANDWICH

Sandwich Opera House

The Sandwich Opera House hosts a full season of entertainment for concert- and theater-goers ranging from pop, country, bluegrass and classical ensembles to dramatic productions and speakers. Sophisticated lighting and sound equipment integrates seamlessly into the restored grandeur of the venue offering a historic setting for modern performances.

140 E. Railroad St.
815.786.2555
sandwichoperahouse.org

YORKVILLE

Law Office Pub & Music Hall

Head out to The Law Office Pub & Music Hall in Downtown Yorkville, a frequent tour stop for the most stylish and soulful acts coming out of the Midwest, Nashville, and beyond. The Law Office stands out amongst suburban venues for its anything-goes atmosphere and a discerning approach to booking which makes every show an opportunity to get introduced to your new favorite band.

226 S. Bridge St.
630.882.9559
lawofficepub.com



Law Office Pub & Music Hall



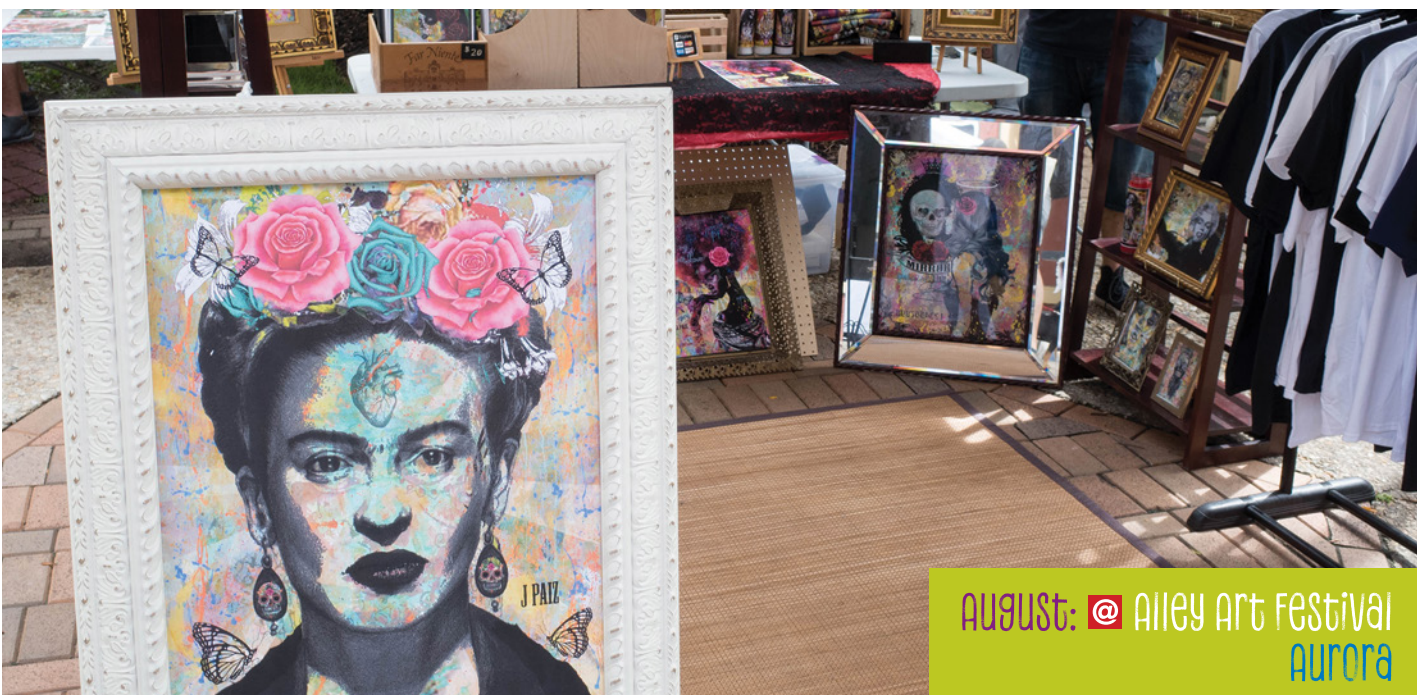
Blues on the Fox

Festivals & Events



June: @ BLUES on the FOX
Aurora

Live entertainment and good old-fashioned fun can be found year-round at the signature events of the Aurora Area. Dates and more details are on our website enjoyaurora.com/events.



August: @ Alley Art Festival
Aurora

JANUARY-APRIL

@ Paramount Broadway Series

Award-winning live entertainment takes the stage with four Broadway shows each year. Paramount Theatre, Aurora
630.896.6666
paramountaurora.com

Civil War Encampment

10th Illinois Regiment portrays a Civil War soldier from this area. James Knights Park, Sandwich
815.786.8044
sandwichparkdistrict.org

El Día de los Niños

Traditional Latin American event. Vaughan Athletic Center
2121 W. Indian Trl., Aurora
630.256.4636 or 630.256.3370
aurorahispanicheritage.com

Maple Fest

Hands-on family fun making maple syrup from tree sap. Red Oak Nature Center, North Aurora
630.897.1808
foxvalleyparkdistrict.org

MAY

@ Food Truck Festival

Enjoy delicious street food and art at this special event in Downtown Aurora.
auroradowntown.org

Motorcycle Sunday

Motorcycle rally, bike blessing, live concert, 60-mile ride. Phillips Park, Aurora
630.859.0600
motorcyclesunday.com

Spring at Dickson-Murst Farm

Antique Truck & Tractor Show, petting zoo, hayrides, crafts, music. Dickson-Murst Farm, Montgomery
630.272.0686
theconservationfoundation.org

Flea Market & Antique Car Show

Sandwich Fairgrounds, Sandwich
815.970.4371
sandwich-il.org

JUNE

Big Rock Classic Car, Truck, Tractor & Motorcycle Show

Plowman's Park, Big Rock
630.768.3251
bigrockcarshow.org

Blues & Roots on Water Street

Annual indoor music festival on two stages. Kiss The Sky, Batavia
630.406.0086
kissthesky.net

Blues on the Fox

A celebration of Aurora's rich Blues history with incredible music and top Blues artists. RiverEdge Park, Aurora
630.896.6666
riveredgeaurora.com

Mid-American Canoe & Kayak Race

Join hundreds of amateur paddlers for this historic canoe/kayak race. McCullough Park, Aurora
630.966.4527
foxvalleyparkdistrict.org

Gears & Ears

Midwest Car Show

Car show with 600 cars, awards ceremony and roasted corn. Kendall County Fairgrounds, Yorkville
msraofil.org

Farm Days Open House

Hold a baby lamb, help with crafts and other farm-friendly activities. Esther's Place & Lamb of God Farm, Big Rock
esthersplacefibers.com

Juneteenth Emancipation Celebration

Live entertainment and activities for all ages. Martin Luther King Park, Aurora
aamou.org

@ Chicagoland Tour de Cure

Regional bike tour raising support for the American Diabetes Association. RiverEdge Park, Aurora
tour.diabetes.org

Two Brothers' Summer Fest

Friends, food, bands and beer for charity. RiverEdge Park, Aurora
630.264.2739
twobrothersbrewing.com/events

Summer Solstice

Music and craft beer on the scenic Yorkville Riverfront. Bicentennial Riverfront Park, Yorkville
630.774.6695
summersolstice.roguebarristerrecords.com

JULY

Annual Polo Match

Tailgate, picnic, and see polo players from around the world compete in tournament-style play. Blackberry Polo Club, Batavia

Fox Valley Pro Rodeo

Big hat world championship rodeo action and family fun. Kendall County Fairgrounds, Yorkville
630.553.2860
kendallcountyfair.org

Independence Day Celebrations

See enjoyaurora.com for details.

@ Aurora Puerto Rican Heritage Festival

Celebrates the rich heritage of Puerto Rico. RiverEdge Park, Aurora
844.402.7722
auroraprcc.org

Sugar Grove Corn Boil

Live entertainment, carnival, crafts, 5K, fireworks and lots of corn! Volunteer Park, Sugar Grove
630.449.7999
sugargrovecornboil.org

Windmill City Festival

Carnival, pet parade, 5K and ice cream eating contest. Downtown Batavia Riverwalk, Batavia
630.879.5235
windmillcityfest.org

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June: summer solstice
Yorkville

FESTIVALS & EVENTS (continued)



September: @ Fiestas Patrias
Aurora



August: Smallville Superfest
Plano

Yorkville River Fest & Illinois Whitewater Festival

Joint event features family fun, live performances, BBQ, market, and paddling events. Bicentennial Riverfront Park, Yorkville
630.553.4357
yorkville.il.us

AUGUST

Bug Fest

Fun bug adventures, games and insect encounters. Lippold Park & Red Oak Nature Center, Batavia & North Aurora
630.897.1808
foxvalleyparkdistrict.org

Day at the Farm

Pony rides, antique tractors, harvest demonstrations and family fun. Dickson-Murst Farm, Montgomery
630.272.0686
theconservationfoundation.org

Civil War Days

Mix history with fun for the whole family. Blackberry Farm, Aurora
630.892.1550
foxvalleyparkdistrict.org

Kendall County Fair

Traditional country fair, including carnival rides, live entertainment, demo derby, live animals. Kendall County Fairgrounds, Yorkville
630.553.2860
kendallcountyfair.org

@ LaSalle Street Auto Row Car Show

Trophies, silent auction, BBQ, raffle and cars! LaSalle Street, Aurora
630.896.0181
lasalle-auto-row.org

Montgomery Fest

Live entertainment, carnival, pony rides, petting zoo, fishing derby, car show, parade and fireworks. Montgomery Park, Montgomery
630.896.8080
ci.montgomery.il.us

North Aurora Days

Live entertainment, carnival, crafts, beer and parade. Downtown North Aurora
630.897.8228
northauroradays.com

Smallville Superfest

Costumed characters, live entertainment, zip line and craft vendors. Downtown Plano
630.254.6950
facebook.com/smallvillesuperfest

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER

@ Paramount Broadway Series

Award-winning live entertainment takes the stage with four Broadway shows each year. Paramount Theatre, Aurora
630.896.6666
paramountaurora.com

Yorkville Hometown Days Festival

Pride & Joy Car Show and Ultimate Dock Dog Diving contest. Beecher Park, Yorkville
630.553.4357
yorkville.il.us

Sandwich Fair

Harness races, tractor pulls, draft horse pulls, carnival rides, demo derby, grand stand shows and exhibits. Sandwich Fairgrounds, Sandwich
815.786.2159
sandwichfair.com

Taste of Sandwich

Downtown Sandwich
815.570.2073
sandwich-il.org

Fiestas Patrias

Mexican cultural festival, carnival, crafts, parade. RiverEdge Park, Aurora
aurorahispanicheritage.com

Big Rock Plowing Match

A step back in time: plowing competition, horse show, art and craft show, carnival, food, live auction and contest. Plowman's Park, Big Rock
630.556.3171
bigrockplowingmatch.com

Pumpkin Daze at Abbey Farms

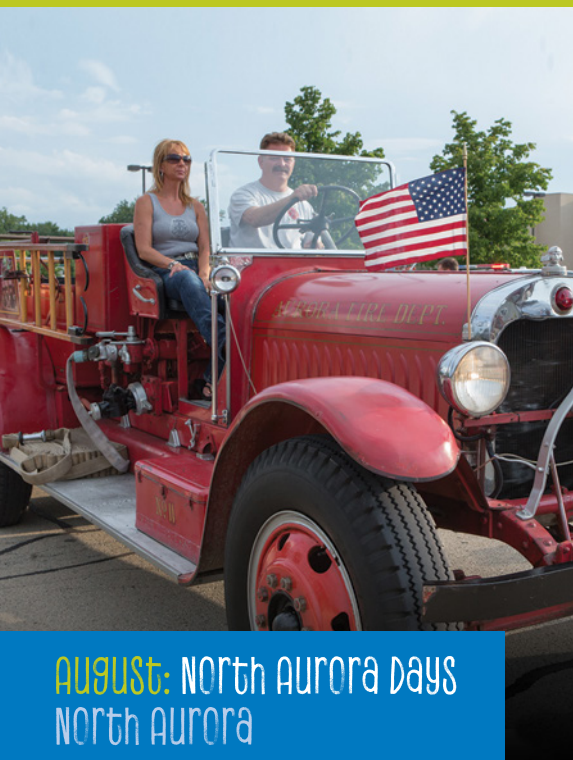
Fun, fall activities for the whole family. Enjoy apple cider, donuts, and pumpkin picking. Abbey Farms, Aurora
630.966.7775
abbeyfarms.org

Northern Illinois Hunting & Fishing Days

Enjoy archery, trap shooting, rifle demos, falconry demo, hunting dog demos, bow fishing, paddling demos, historical re-enactments. Silver Springs State Fish & Wildlife Area, Yorkville
708.373.4878
nihfd.org

Lyon Farm Fall Festival & Craft Fair

Crafts, flea market, blacksmith shop, pumpkins, hay rides, children's games and car show. Lyon Farm, Yorkville
630.554.3064
lyonfarmkchs.wordpress.com



AUGUST: North Aurora Days
North Aurora



SEPTEMBER: Sandwich Fair
Sandwich

Festival of Crafts

Oldest and largest in Illinois.
Sandwich Fairgrounds
Downtown Sandwich
Indian Springs Shopping
Center, Sandwich
815.498.9688
sandwich-il.org

@ Cock-A-Doodle Brew Fest

Hundreds of craft beers are
paired with hot wings and live
music.
Hollywood Casino, Aurora
815.556.0100
cockadoodlebrewfest.com

Oktoberfest

Authentic German bands,
beers, wine and food.
Downtown Plano
630.898.9242
planooktoberfest.com

Pumpkin Weekends

Halloween festivities including
seasonal crafts, harvest décor
and pumpkin stories.
Blackberry Farm, Aurora
630.892.1550
foxvalleyparkdistrict.org

@ Basement of the Dead

Ranked Top 13 3D Haunt
in America by *Hauntworld*
Magazine.
42 W. New York St., Aurora
630.896.2466
42fear.com

Cemetery Walk

Meet the "ghosts" of pioneers
and hear stories of area
settlers.
Riverside Cemetery,
Montgomery
630.896.8080
ci.montgomery.il.us

NOVEMBER- DECEMBER

@ Paramount Broadway Series

Award-winning live
entertainment takes the stage
with four Broadway shows
each year.
Paramount Theatre, Aurora
630.896.6666
paramountaurora.com

Holiday Lights at Mooseheart*

1.8 miles of over 80 lighted
displays! Santa, cookies,
crafts, hot cocoa.
Mooseheart Child City
mooseheart.org

Holiday Festival of Lights*

One of the largest free
outdoor light displays in
Northern Illinois.
Phillips Park, Aurora
aurorafestivaloflights.com

@ Winter Lights & Holiday Tree Lighting*

Miss Merry Christmas and
Jack Frost, a grand lighted
parade and fireworks!
Downtown Aurora
630.256.4636 or 630.256.3370
aurora-il.org/events

Holiday Express*

All aboard the Holiday
Express train!
Blackberry Farm, Aurora
630.892.1550
foxvalleyparkdistrict.org

Christmas at Abbey Farms*

Christmas trees, Pine Tree
Café, bakery, tractor rides.
Abbey Farms, Aurora
630.966.7775
abbeyfarms.org

Christmas at Lyon Farm*

Santa, cookies, hayride
and crafts.
Lyon Farm, Yorkville
630.554.3064
lyonfarmkchs.wordpress.com

**For a full list of Christmas
holiday lights and events see
enjoyaurora.com.*



Haunted Hometowns

Since 2004, Haunted Hometowns
has offered historic ghost tours and
cemetery ghost hunts in Aurora,
Naperville and Elgin, where guests
use EMF "Ghost Meters" to hunt
ghosts on every tour. Runs April thru
November, suitable for ages 8+. Group
rates available for van, bus, trolley and
walking tours. Reservations required.

Get tickets online or
call 630.978.7033.

Haunted Hometowns Corporation
630.978.7033

hauntedhometowns.com

FESTIVALS & EVENTS (continued)

@ RiverEdge Park
Aurora



Ongoing Events

Dates and more details are on our website enjoyaurora.com/events.

@ Paramount Theatre
Aurora



@ Classic Movie Mondays

Classic films in the magnificent
Paramount Theatre Monday
evenings for only \$1.

23 E. Galena Blvd.,
Downtown Aurora
630.896.6666
paramountaurora.com

[Select Mondays](#)

Concerts in the Park

Bring a lawn chair or a blanket
and enjoy a free, live outdoor
summer concert.

630.897.0516
foxvalleyparkdistrict.org
[Select Thursdays \(Summer\)](#)

McCullough Park

150 W. Illinois Ave., Aurora

Montgomery Park

301 N. River St., Montgomery

Cruise Nights with Sandwich Lions Club

Downtown Sandwich
815.786.7380
sandwich-il.org
[Summer \(June – Sept.\)](#)

Cruise Nights in Yorkville

Riverfront Park
131 E. Hydraulic Ave., Yorkville
630.553.4357
yorkville.il.us
[1st Wednesdays \(June & Aug.\)](#)

Fermilab Arts and Lecture Series

Diverse array of art performances
and lectures celebrating the
intellectual vision of the lab.

Fermilab
Kirk Rd. and Pine St.
events.fnal.gov
[Fall through Spring](#)

@ First Fridays Aurora

Dozens of venues host pop-up art
galleries, live performances, and
more. Downtown Aurora
auroradowntown.org

[1st Fridays](#)
[No event Jan. or July.](#)

Movies in the Park

Enjoy a cool summer night
watching a classic family movie
outside under the stars.

Phillips Park Sled Hill
1153 Howell Pl.
Aurora
aurora-il.org/events
[Select Saturdays \(Summer\)](#)

@ Paramount Theatre Broadway Series

Award-winning live entertainment
takes the stage with four
Broadway shows each year.

Paramount Theatre
23 E. Galena Blvd., Aurora
630.896.6666
paramountaurora.com

Million Dollar Quartet
[Sep. 13 – Oct. 29, 2017](#)

Elf
[Nov. 22 – Jan. 7, 2018](#)

Cabaret
[Feb. 7 – Mar. 18, 2018](#)

Once
[Apr. 25 – Jun. 3, 2018](#)

@ Picnic at the Plaza

Come picnic along the river and
enjoy a day in Downtown Aurora.
Millennium Plaza, Aurora
auroradowntown.org
[Second Saturdays \(May–Sept.\)](#)

@ RiverEdge Park

From rockers to country legends,
festival to funk, it's going to be one
hot summer at RiverEdge Park.
RiverEdge Park
360 N. Broadway, Aurora
630.896.6666
riveredgeaurora.com
[Summer](#)

Rhythm on the Riverfront Summer Concert Series

North Aurora Riverfront Park
25 E. State St., North Aurora
noarda.org
[2nd Thursdays \(June – Aug.\)](#)

Sunday at Sandwich Antiques Show

Discover treasures and
hard-to-find items at the
historic Sandwich Fairgrounds.
1401 Suydam Rd.
Sandwich
815.784.5983
sundayatsandwichantiques.com
[Select Sundays \(May–October\)](#)

@ Wednesdays at the Plaza

Enjoy a free, live outdoor concert
in Downtown Aurora.
Millennium Plaza,
33 S. Stolp Ave.
Aurora
auroradowntown.org
[Select Wednesdays \(Summer\)](#)



@ First Fridays
Aurora

DOWNTOWN
AURORA
WHERE IT'S

@ Located in Downtown Aurora

aurora area

Outdoors

BOAT, BIKE & HIKE

Virgil L. Gilman Trail

Our trails provide some of the best hiking, biking, fishing, and birding in the region. Individual parks like Phillips Park, Dick Young Forest Preserve, Red Oak Nature Center, Fermilab, and Silver Springs State Fish and Wildlife Area offer nature-lovers exquisite scenery for outdoor activities.

Fermilab Natural Areas



Red Oak Nature Center



AURORA AREA

Illinois Prairie Path & Fox River Trail

Red Oak 16-mile loop, includes Fox River Trail, Illinois Prairie Path Aurora and Batavia branches.

Batavia, North Aurora and Aurora
630.897.0516
foxvalleyparkdistrict.org/trails

Virgil L. Gilman Trail

12-mile trail from Aurora west through woods, wetlands, unique wildlife, natural vegetation.

Aurora, Montgomery, Sugar Grove
630.897.0516
foxvalleyparkdistrict.org/trails

AURORA

Phillips Park

Located on over 325 acres, this historic municipal park known for its famed Mastodon Gallery was established in 1899 and provides year-round outdoor activities and a beautiful natural getaway just minutes from the urban center of the second largest city in Illinois. Site includes a zoo, sunken garden, and golf course.

1000 Ray Moses Dr.
630.256.3860
phillipsparkaurora.com

BATAVIA

Dick Young Forest Preserve & Nelson Lake Marsh

Dick Young Forest Preserve comprises some of the region's greatest wetlands, woodlands and prairie, creating a setting that supports a diverse ecosystem of plant and animal life; includes several rare and endangered species.

25326 Nelson Lake Rd.
630.232.5980
kaneforest.com

Fermilab Natural Areas

An ecosystem rich in biodiversity, the natural areas at Fermilab are open to the public and free to access year-round. Enjoy over 6,800 acres of pristine prairie where you can see bison, hike gorgeous trails, ski cross-country, and spot 300 native and migratory bird species.

S. Kirk at Pine St.
630.840.4845
fermilabnaturalareas.org



Silver Springs State Fish and Wildlife Area

BIG ROCK

Big Rock Campground

Opened in 2013, the campground hosts over 100 campsites, the majority of which are updated vehicle sites with electricity, water, parking pads, and fire rings. Primitive and equestrian camping is also available for those campers who want to rough it and enjoy the clear, star-lit skies of Big Rock.

46W072 Jericho Rd.
630.232.5980
kaneforest.com

NORTH AURORA

Red Oak Nature Center & Lippold Park

A bountiful forest nestled on the east bank of the Fox River, the Red Oak Nature Center is a lush habitat for nature and wildlife and an ideal setting for visitors to learn about the great outdoors. Adjoining Lippold Park offers a tree-house playground, climbing wall, and boardwalk path through rich wetlands leading to the banks of the Fox River.

1385 N. River Rd.
630.897.1808
foxvalleyparkdistrict.org

YORKVILLE

Silver Springs State Fish and Wildlife Area

A natural prairie restoration project gives visitors a feeling of the original landscape with native wildflowers, songbirds, waterfowl and upland game. Fishing, hunting, and Fox River paddling activities are popular here.

13608 Fox Rd.
630.553.6297
dnr.illinois.gov



Dick Young Forest Preserve



Phillips Park

OUTDOORS (continued)

Abbey Farms

Shop locally grown produce, traverse the corn maze, pick pumpkins and Christmas trees, and enjoy seasonal festivities at Pumpkin Daze in the fall. 2855 Hart Rd., Aurora 630.966.7775 abbeyfarms.org

@ Aurora Riverfront

Pedestrian walks and bike paths along the Fox River and Stolp Island, public sculptures and heritage signs, access to Aurora's Paramount Theatre, RiverEdge Park, Hollywood Casino, museums, shops, fine and casual dining. auroradowntown.org

Batavia Riverwalk

Centerpiece of downtown Batavia offers gorgeous views and street-side shopping and dining. 301 N. Island Ave., Batavia 630.879.5235 bataviaparks.org

Beecher Community Park

Baseball fields, playground, and picnic area. 901 Game Farm Rd., Yorkville 630.553.4357 yorkville.il.us

Ben's Giant Pumpkins

Giant pumpkins, heirloom tomatoes, sweet corn, berries and fall decorations. Open seasonally. 43W200 Jericho Rd., Sugar Grove 630.466.1331 bensgiantpumpkins.com

Bicentennial Riverfront Park

Centerpiece of downtown Yorkville with views of the Marge Cline Whitewater Course on the Fox River and street-side shopping and dining. 301 E. Hydraulic St., Yorkville 630.553.4357 yorkville.il.us

Big Rock Forest Preserve

840 wooded acres with trails and 32-acre stone quarry lake. Horseback, fishing, paddling, and camping. 46W072 Jericho Rd., Big Rock 630.232.5980 kaneforest.com

Blackberry Farm

Pioneer life is re-created at this fanciful outdoor playground. Train rides, hay wagon, pedal tractors, and more. 100 S. Barnes Rd., Aurora 630.892.1550 foxvalleyparkdistrict.org

Bliss Woods Forest Preserve

Rare geologic feature, the last remnant of the Kaneville Esker, a prehistoric glacial formation. Trails, shelters, and Nickels Farm Forest Preserve. 5S660 Bliss Rd., Sugar Grove 630.232.5980 kaneforest.com

Fox River Trail

43 miles of scenic trails either side of the Fox River in Aurora, North Aurora and Batavia and on the east side of the river in Montgomery. 630.897.0516 foxvalleyparkdistrict.org/trails

Hall Quarry Beach

Zero-depth sand beach, two islands, youth water slide, drop slide and diving tower. 400 S. Water St., Batavia 630.406.5275 bataviaparks.org

Harris Forest Preserve

Lake, horse arena, picnic shelters, sled hill, baseball diamond. 10460 Rt. 71, Yorkville 630.553.4025 co.kendall.il.us/forest-preserve



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Paddlesports-Camping-Tours&Rentals-Instruction-Apparel





Paddle Sports
Nordic Sports
Tours and Rentals
Instruction
Apparel

630-506-5706
107 Spruce Street
Aurora, IL



Harvey Creek Conservation Area

Wetlands, prairie grasses, trail, bridge, picnic shelter, interpretative signs. ADA accessible. 1025 Lions Rd., Sandwich 815.786.8044 sandwichparkdistrict.org

Hoover Forest Preserve

Trail, scenic overlooks, oak-wooded bluffs, steep ravines, unique prairie remnants, educational center, recreated Pottawatomi Village. 11285 Fox Rd., Yorkville 630.553.4025 co.kendall.il.us/forest-preserve

Larson's Family Farm

Pumpkins, gourds, hayrack rides and home décor in the fall and cut your own Christmas tree in winter. 4404 Somonauk Rd., Sandwich 815.786.2249 larsonfamilyfarm.com

Les Arends Forest Preserve

Wooded preserve on the Fox River Trail. Picnic, fish, hike. 25731 State Rt. 31, Batavia 630.232.5980 kaneforest.com

Maramech Forest Preserve

Northern flatlands with diverse native flora and vegetation. 14780 Griswold Springs Rd., Plano 630.553.4025 co.kendall.il.us/forest-preserve

Marge Cline Whitewater Course

Whitewater paddle destination featuring 1/4-mile kayak course, scenic river walk and picturesque bridge at Bicentennial Riverfront Park with nearby shopping and dining in downtown Yorkville. 301 E. Hydraulic St., Yorkville 630.553.4357 yorkville.il.us

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Fox River Trail



Marge Cline Whitewater Course



Bliss Creek Golf Course

Hit the Greens

From championship to executive courses, you're sure to find a tee time to fit your budget and sense of adventure in the Aurora Area!

AURORA

Orchard Valley Golf Course

18 holes, par 72.
2411 W. Illinois Ave.
630.907.0500
orchardvalleygolf.com

Phillips Park Golf Course

18 holes, par 71.
1001 Hill Ave.
630.256.3760
phillipsparkaurora.com

BATAVIA

Settler's Hill Golf Course

18 holes, par 71.
919 E. Fabian Pkwy.
630.232.1636
settlershill.com

BIG ROCK

Deer Valley Golf Course

9 holes, par 29.
46W994 Jericho Rd.
630.556.3333

PLANO

Cedardell Golf Club

9 holes, par 35.
14264 S. Hale Rd.
630.552.3242
cedardellgolfclub.com

NORTH AURORA

Valley Green Executive Golf Course

18 holes, par 60.
314 Kingswood Dr.
630.897.3000
valleygreengc.com

SANDWICH

Edgebrook Golf Course

18 holes, par 72.
2100 Suydam Rd.
815.786.8923
edgebrookgolf.com

SUGAR GROVE

Bliss Creek Golf Course

18 holes, par 69.
1 Golfview Ln.
630.466.4177
blisscreekgolf.com

Sugar Grove Golf Center

Driving range.
9 S. 825 Rt. 47
630.466.4554
sugargrovegolfcenter.com

YORKVILLE

Whitetail Ridge Golf Club

18 holes, par 71.
7671 Clubhouse Dr.
630.882.8988
whitetailridgegolfclub.com



Whitetail Ridge Golf Club



Orchard Valley Golf Course



Cedardell Golf Club

OUTDOORS

(continued)

McCarty Park

Aurora's first park features an interactive fountain and splash pad to beat the summer heat.
350 E. Galena Blvd., Aurora
630.256.3730
aurora-il.org/parksandrecreation

Milestone Park & Skate Park

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1375 North Castle St., Sandwich
815.786.8044
sandwichparkdistrict.org

Montgomery Park

Picturesque setting of free summer concerts and the annual Montgomery Fest.
301 N. River St., Montgomery
630.897.0516
foxvalleyparkdistrict.org

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Lake/marsh complex: fish, hike, wildlife observation, sled hill.
1680 Fifth Ave., Aurora
630.232.5980
kaneforest.com

Phillips Park Aquatic Center

Waterpark with tube slides, simulated river, zero-depth pools, sand activity areas.
828 Montgomery Rd., Aurora
630.851.8686
foxvalleyparkdistrict.org

Plowman's Park

48W508 Hinckley Rd., Big Rock
630.556.3171
bigrockplowingmatch.com

Raging Waves Waterpark

Illinois' largest outdoor waterpark. 19 water slides, kiddie pool area, wave pool, lazy river, concessions, and private cabanas.
4000 N. Bridge St., Yorkville
630.882.6575
ragingwaves.com

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Trail system, picnic shelter.
8225 Rt. 71, Yorkville
630.553.4025
co.kendall.il.us/forest-preserve



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allspokedup.com

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630.406.9749

NORTH AURORA

Pedal & Spoke Bike Shop

157 S. Lincolnway
630.892.1010
pedalandspoke.com

PLANO

Plano Synergy Outlet

Wholesale outlet of the Plano Synergy brand with an emphasis on hunting and fishing.
431 E. South St.
630.552.3111

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630.553.0515

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630.479.8074
yakshackonline.com

RiverEdge Park

Chicagoland's newest outdoor concert venue, home of the Blues on the Fox festival, is also a photogenic park and recreation space along the Fox River Trails.
360 N. Broadway
630.896.6666
riveredgeaurora.com

Sandwich Fairgrounds

Home to the state's oldest fair, the Sandwich Fair, and Sunday at Sandwich Antiques Show and more fun summer events. Camping available with modern amenities.
1401 Suydam Rd., Sandwich
815.786.2159
sandwichfair.com

Splash Country Waterpark

Tube slides, lazy river, zero-depth pools, small kids' play attractions, sand activity areas.
195 S. Barnes Rd., Aurora
630.906.7981
foxvalleyparkdistrict.org

Steven G. Bridge Park

Ball field complex, baseball-themed play structure, shelter, picnic area.
3351 Kennedy Rd., Yorkville
630.553.4357
yorkville.il.us

Stuart Sports Complex

Premier athletic venue with 32 soccer fields, eight softball/baseball fields, and dog park.
10 Civic Center Dr., Montgomery
630.897.0516
stUARTsportscomplex.org

Subat Forest Preserve

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4845 Eldamain Rd., Plano
630.553.4025
co.kendall.il.us/forest-preserve

Waubonsie Lake Park & Trail

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95080 Kautz Rd., Aurora
630.897.0516
foxvalleyparkdistrict.org/trails

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40W101 W. Main St., Batavia
630.879.5235
bataviaparks.org

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aurora area

Family Fun

Raging Waves
Waterpark

Water Parks & More

Whether you want to beat the heat at the state's largest water park or get the family moving with roller skating, bumper cars, laser tag, bowling, and more at the biggest family entertainment center in the region, **the Aurora Area is full of fun family activities at kid-approved attractions you won't find anywhere else.**



Hall Quarry Beach



Splash Country
Water Park

AURORA

Phillips Park Family Aquatic Center

Located at Phillips Park, the Family Aquatic Center is a local favorite for its family-friendly amenities like a zero-depth leisure pool, two drop-off slides, twists and turns down its enclosed body slide, kid-friendly areas, volleyball and sand play area, lap lanes, and more. Take a break during your stay in the Aurora Area with a hike around Phillips Park and a dip at the pool!

828 Montgomery Rd.
630.851.8686
foxvalleyparkdistrict.org

Splash Country Water Park

Take a refreshing dip at Splash Country in Aurora, a laid-back summertime chill spot with over a thousand feet of lazy river to cruise down on summer's hottest days. Zero-depth pools at the park are perfect for kids, while more active swimmers can play with spray guns, soak under an artificial waterfall, and work up a sweat at the volleyball courts.

195 S. Barnes Rd.
630.906.7981
foxvalleyparkdistrict.org

Vaughan Aquatic Center & Indoor Waterpark

Make a splash at the area's largest indoor waterpark! Located at the Vaughan Athletic Center, the Vaughan Aquatic Center & Indoor Waterpark has an eight-lane, 25-yard by 25-yard lap pool for competitive swimmers. A warm-water therapy pool is open and available on-site, as well as a zero-depth pool for teaching younger children the basics of swimming. Vaughan Aquatic Center has perfect playtime amenities like a two-story enclosed waterslide, body slide, and interactive water elements.

2121 W. Indian Tr.
630.907.9600
foxvalleyparkdistrict.org



Phillips Park
Family Aquatic
Center

BATAVIA

Funway

Illinois' largest entertainment center is Funway in Batavia, an action-packed play emporium open year-round featuring both indoor and outdoor family fun activities for kids of all ages. Featuring 20 lanes of bowling, a spacious indoor roller skating rink, laser tag, bumper cars, water wars & bumper boats, go-karts, mini-golf, batting cages for baseball and softball, and an updated arcade with all the latest games!

1335 S. River St.
630.879.8933
funway.com

Hall Quarry Beach

Harold Hall Quarry Beach is a unique swimming facility dating back to 1920. The site of a former stone quarry, Hall Quarry Beach occupies 60,000 square feet of sand-bottom pool at varying depths with slides, islands, and multi-level dive platforms for swimmers of all ages and abilities.

400 S. Water St.
630.406.5275
bataviaparks.org

YORKVILLE

Raging Waves Waterpark

The largest waterpark in Illinois is right here in the Aurora Area at Raging Waves in Yorkville, IL. At Raging Waves you'll find over 40 acres of family-friendly water park features. Thrill down 20 different styles of water slides, including Wonambi, a four-person tube adventure that will take your breath away. Kiddie pools, cabanas, a quarter-mile lazy river, and a variety of concessions make this the perfect place to chill out with the family.

4000 N. Bridge St. (Rt. 47)
630.882.6575
ragingwaves.com



Funway



Vaughan Aquatic Center &
Indoor Waterpark

FAMILY FUN (continued)



Blackberry Farm

Air Classics Museum of Aviation

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44W546 Rt. 30, Sugar Grove
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airclassicsmuseum.org

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630.851.7525
airtastic.com

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623 US Rt. 34, Plano
630.273.2119
artsonfireplano.com

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53 N. Broadway
630.256.4140
auroraregionalfiremuseum.org

Aurora Skate Center

34W113 Montgomery Rd., Aurora
630.898.5830
skateaurora.com

Batavia Depot Museum

1854 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad depot.
155 Houston St.
630.406.5274
bataviahistoricalsociety.org

Blackberry Farm

Living history museum where pioneer life is re-created through educational demonstrations and hands-on fun. Admission includes unlimited train rides, hay wagon, pedal tractors, paddleboats, carousel and ponies.
100 S. Barnes Rd., Aurora
630.892.1550
foxvalleyparkdistrict.org

@ David L. Pierce Art & History Center

Rotating innovative art exhibits. Historical photographs, books, maps and other memorabilia related to Aurora history.
20 E. Downer Pl.
630.256.3340 (art)
aurora-il.org/publicarts
630.906.0650 (history)
aurorahistory.net

Dickson-Murst Farm

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2550 Dickson Rd., Montgomery
630.428.4500
theconservationfoundation.org

Fermilab Science Education

Science for kids and educators. Lerman Science Center Kirk Rd. at Pine St., Batavia
630.840.8258
ed.fnal.gov/lsc

Luigi's Pizza & Fun Center

Laser tag, arcade room.
732 Prairie St., Aurora
630.756.5451
luigispizzaandfuncenter.com



Sugar Grove Family Fun Center



Aurora Regional Fire Museum

Lyon Farm & Village

15 historic buildings, 1819 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy caboose, fully-stocked general store, 1840s schoolhouse, town hall, working blacksmith shop. Limited hours: check website or call in advance.
7935 Rt. 71, Yorkville
630.553.6777
lyonfarmkchs.wordpress.com

Milestone Park & Skate Park

Softball, tee ball, tennis, playground, skate/BMX, splash pad.
1375 North Castle St., Sandwich
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Phillips Park

Free zoo, Mastodon Gallery, Sunken Garden, war memorials and recreation areas.
1000 Ray Moses Dr., Aurora
630.256.3750
phillipsparkaurora.com

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1385 N. River Rd., North Aurora
630.897.1808
foxvalleyparkdistrict.org

Riemenschneider Fire and Spray Park

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600 Hayden Dr., Yorkville
630.553.4357
yorkville.il.us

Round 1 Bowling & Amusement

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2480 Fox Valley Center Dr., Aurora
round1usa.com

Schingoethe Center of Aurora University

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630.844.7843
aurora.edu/museum

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ci.montgomery.il.us

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1900 Hill Ave., Aurora
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sportzonepark.com

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9S825 Rt. 47, Sugar Grove
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sugargrovetfamilyfuncenter.com

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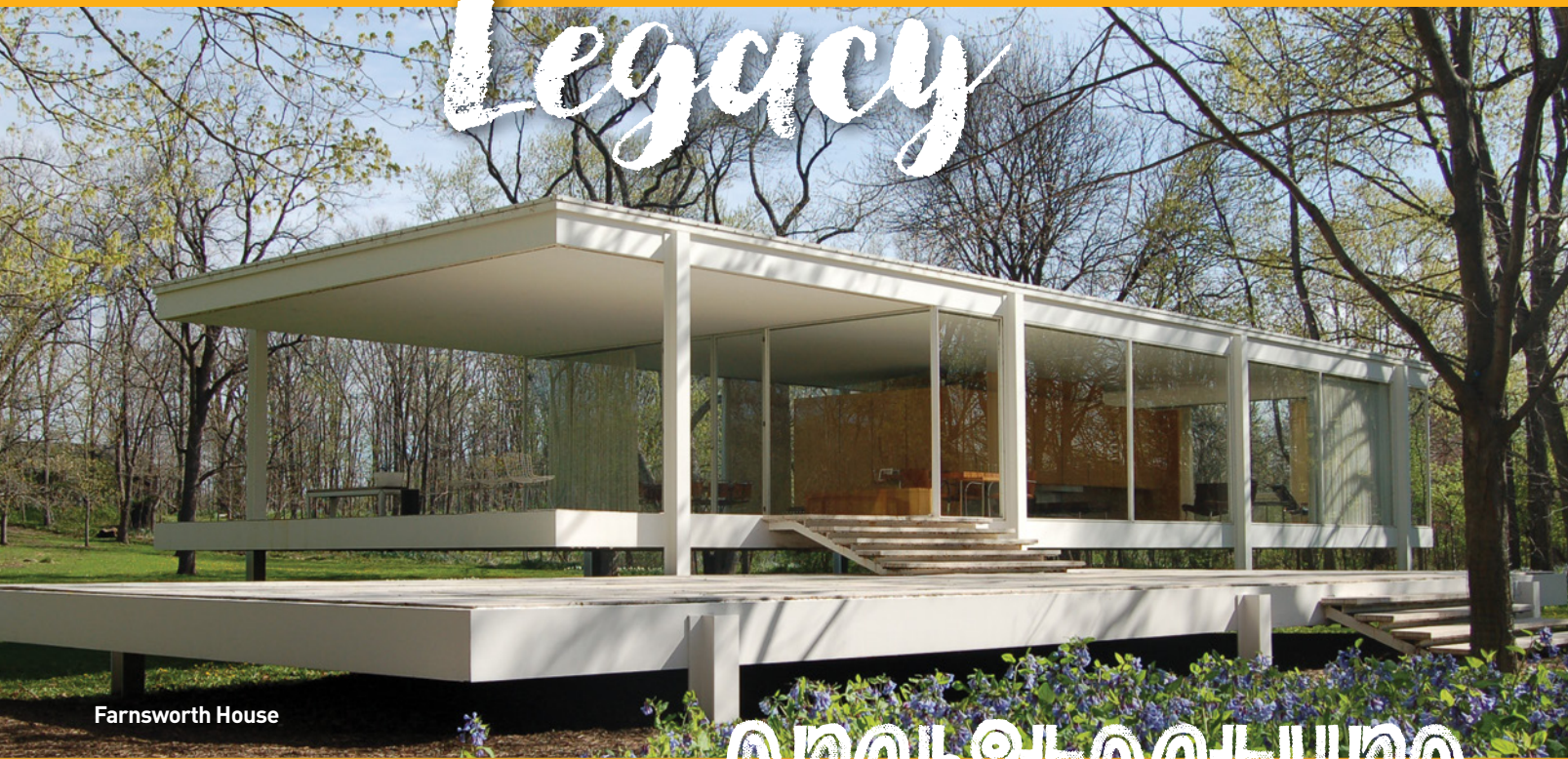
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Farnsworth House

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Aurora Regional
Fire Museum

AURORA

@ Aurora Architectural Walking Tour

Downtown Aurora and the Stolp Island Historic District is an outdoor architectural museum, where you'll find dozens of registered historic places representing a varied array of architectural styles.

auroradowntown.org/architecture

@ Aurora Regional Fire Museum

Known for its decorative cornice, unique bay windows, and "onion-dome" typical of Victorian-era architecture, the building has undergone a series of restorations that have returned it to its original glory.

53 N. Broadway
630.256.4140
auroraregionalfiremuseum.org

@ Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Museum

1878 monument to Aurora's Civil War Veterans. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

23 E. Downer Pl.
630.256.3340
aurora-il.org/gar

@ Paramount Theatre

This Art Deco movie palace was designed by Rapp & Rapp, the renowned theatre architects of Hollywood's golden age, in a Venetian theme. Today, the Paramount Theatre has been named one of the Top Ten Theatres in Chicago by the League of Chicago Theatres.

23 E. Galena Blvd.
630.896.6666
paramountaurora.com

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BATAVIA

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S. Kirk Rd. at Pine St.
630.840.3000
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14520 River Rd.
630.552.0052
farnsworthhouse.org

SANDWICH

Sandwich Opera House

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140 E. Railroad St.
815.786.2555
sandwichoperahouse.org

YORKVILLE

Kendall County Courthouse

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109 W. Ridge St.
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co.kendall.il.us



Sandwich Opera House

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ARTS & ARCHITECTURE

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630.256.3340
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auartsandideas.com

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630.897.9496
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svsbalaji.force.com

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yorkvilleperformingarts.com



Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Museum



Kendall County Courthouse

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BATAVIA

Batavia Depot Museum

Housed in an 1854 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad depot. Exhibits include bed and dresser of Mary Todd Lincoln when she was a patient at Bellevue Place in 1875.
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630.406.5274
bataviahistoricalsociety.org

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815.286.3319
rootswb.ancestry.com/~ilhhs2

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Settler's Cottage Museum

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630.896.8080
ci.montgomery.il.us

SANDWICH

Stone Mill Museum

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259 Main St.
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BATAVIA

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Paramount Theatre



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@ Multipurpose Room, Downtown Aurora Campus

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Lovely country venue on a historic landmark farm.

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Hampton Inn Yorkville

Free wired and wireless Internet.

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Aurora Fox Valley Inn
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Candlewood Suites
2625 W. Sullivan Rd., Aurora
630.907.9977
candlewoodaurora.com



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Near major attractions and located off I-88. 127 guest rooms and suites. Amenities include 6,000 square foot swimming complex, kiddie pool, 2,200-gallon hot tub, exercise room, free high speed Internet access and On the House™ hot breakfast. 5,000-square-foot conference center has five meeting rooms and full A/V and video-conferencing capability. Close to Chicago Premium Outlets, Vaughan Athletic Center and Orchard Valley Golf Course.

Hampton Inn & Suites Aurora
2423 Bushwood Dr., Aurora
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Holiday Inn



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Holiday Inn Aurora
2424 Sullivan Rd., Aurora
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All new! Walk to Paramount Theatre, Two Brothers Roundhouse, RiverEdge Park, Hollywood Casino and Metra Rail serving downtown Chicago. Minutes from Chicago Premium Outlets, Aurora University, Waubensee Community College, Great Lakes Center, Stuart Sports Complex and Fox River Trail. Close by attractions include Phillips Park Zoo, Fermilab, Raging Waves Waterpark, Vaughan Athletic Center & Indoor Waterpark. Hotel amenities include an indoor pool and spa, fitness center and Complimentary Hot Breakfast Buffet. Conference Services for up to 48 people with high-speed Internet and Business Center. Easy expressway access to O'Hare International Airport and Midway International Airport and just minutes from Aurora Municipal Airport.

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All-suite hotel designed for business, leisure or relocating travelers. Spacious one-bedroom and two-bedroom/two-bath suites come with complimentary hot breakfast buffet and midweek evening dinner receptions. Features indoor pool and hot tub, gym and outdoor sport court, walking distance to Metra train station to downtown Chicago and minutes from downtown Aurora. Surrounded by numerous restaurants and shopping choices. Close to the Great Lakes Center volleyball venue. (This property will be joining the Hilton Family of Brands this summer and will be known in the future as the Homewood Suites by Hilton of Aurora-Naperville.)

Meridian Park Suites - Aurora
4320 Meridian Pkwy., Aurora
630.978.2222
meridianparksuites.com

HOTELS (continued)



AURORA
MOTEL 6

119 rooms, located within close proximity of Chicago Premium Outlets and just off I-88. Amenities include free local calls, kids stay free, pet-friendly rooms and free morning coffee. Coin laundry, Wi-Fi and truck parking available.

Motel 6
2380 N. Farnsworth Ave., Aurora
630.851.3600
motel6.com



AURORA
SUPER 8 AURORA

65 rooms including hot tub suites, complimentary deluxe breakfast, free high-speed Internet, an indoor heated pool and spa, fitness room, free local calls and cable TV. Chicago Premium Outlets, restaurants, golf courses and other attractions nearby.

Super 8 Aurora
4228 Longmeadow Dr., Aurora
630.898.5419
super8.com



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NORTH AURORA
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Rodeway Inn North Aurora

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Timber Creek Inn and Suites and RedBerri Convention Center

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Super 8 Yorkville
1510A N. Bridge St., Yorkville
630.553.1634
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77 guest rooms, including studio and whirlpool suites, indoor pool and whirlpool, fitness room, business center, On the House™ hot breakfast buffet, meeting space, and complimentary wired and wireless Internet. Less than a mile from Raging Waves Waterpark, near Marge Cline Whitewater Course, Silver Springs State Fish and Wildlife Area, and Whitetail Ridge Golf Club. Rooms feature a 37" flat screen TV, microwave and refrigerator and Clean and Fresh Bedding™.

Hampton Inn Yorkville
310 E. Countryside Pkwy., Yorkville
630.553.9805
yorkville.hamptoninn.com

MOTELS & CAMPING

All Season Motel
104 E. Stagecoach Trl.
Yorkville
630.553.7147

Hansen's Motel
1057 E. Benton St.
Aurora
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630.553.7353

**Big Rock Forest Preserve
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46W499 Granart Rd.
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630.232.1242
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The Homestead 1854
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630.552.4322
thehomestead1854.com

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Esther's Place
201 W. Galena St. (Rt. 30), Big Rock
630.556.9665
esthersplacefibers.com





FARNSWORTH

The Farnsworth House was designed in 1951 by legendary architect, Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, and is recognized around the world as one of the foremost icons of modern architecture. Its exterior walls are made entirely of glass and provide uninterrupted views of the surrounding landscape along the Fox River.

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