

Architecture &

Explore the rich history of Galena and Jo Daviess County. From the home of Ulysses S. Grant to historic reenactments, you'll capture our unique spirit that still thrives today. See Galena's stately 19th century architecture – including Greek Revival, Gothic Revival, Italianate, Second Empire, Vernacular and Queen Anne homes, which successful lead mining pioneers left behind. See the early lead mining exhibit, informative Civil War exhibits and Thomas Nast's "Peace in Union" painting (right) at the Galena History Museum. Stroll the Apple River Fort State Historic Site in Elizabeth. Discover these and a host of other historic sites and events throughout the region.

Walking Tour Information

Enjoy a self-guided walking tour of Galena using our free guidebook... or catch a narrated trolley tour. The Galena Walking Tour is a perfect way to explore this town's magnificent architectural treasures, 85 percent of which are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. You'll see the scenic parkways and river views, plus Prospect Street's elevated mansions, Spring Street's artisans and so much more. The tour is self-guided, so wear comfortable walking shoes, bring a camera and enjoy the sites at your own pace!



History

Historic Sites & Museums

☀ Seasonal ♿ Accessible

Explore Galena and Jo Daviess County's magnificent past and learn more about our most famous citizen, President Ulysses S. Grant.

Apple River Canyon State Park

8763 E. Canyon Rd., Apple River, IL 61001
815-745-3302

dnr.applriver@illinois.gov
dnr.state.il.us/lands/landmgt/parks/r1/apple.htm

In hilly northern Illinois, the park offers hiking, day use, camping and fishing, plus Millville, a National Historic Register site. ♿

Apple River Fort State Historic Site

311 E. Myrtle St., Elizabeth, IL 61028
815-858-2028

director@applriverfort.org
applriverfort.org

Black Hawk and his warriors attacked on June 24, 1832. His story and that of the early settlers are told. ♿

The Chicago Athenaeum Museum of Architecture and Design

601 S. Prospect St., Galena, IL 61036
815-777-4444

info@chicagoathenaeum.org
chi-athenaeum.org

This international museum has a satellite facility in Galena featuring contemporary art, architecture and photography from around the world.

Chicago Great Western Railway Depot Museum

East Myrtle St., Elizabeth, IL 61028
815-858-2343

elizabethhistoricalsociety.org

Full-size caboose, both G-scale and HO-scale operating model railroads, artifacts of northwestern Illinois railroads; open weekends, May-October, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. ☀

Council Hill Station

6521 N. Hill Rd., Scales Mound, IL 61075
815-777-2711

councilhillstation@gmail.com
facebook.com/?ref=home#!/pages/Council-Hill-Station/335929824600

Unique historic site. Railway station, general store, mill. Enjoy rural Jo Daviess County. Beer, food, Sunday afternoon music. ♿

Dowling House

220 Diagonal St., Galena, IL 61036
815-777-1250

Galena's oldest home. 1826 trading post/residence furnished with primitives. Thirty-minute tours. Discount Belvedere tickets. Noreen's Old Tyme Photo on site.

Elihu B. Washburne House State Historic Site

908 Third St., Galena, IL 61036
815-777-3310

granthome@granthome.com
granthome.com

Washburne was a popular congressman/friend of Lincoln and Grant. Grant's election news was received in the library via telegraph. ☀ ♿

Elizabeth History Museum

231 N. Main St., Elizabeth, IL 61028
815-858-2343

elizabethhistoricalsociety.org

Local history exhibits on lead mining; the Apple River Fort; Elizabeth businesses, schools, veterans; weekends, May-October, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; free. ☀



Galena History Museum

211 S. Bench St., Galena, IL 61036
815-777-9129
info@galenahistorymuseum.org
galenahistorymuseum.org

Civil War, Grant/Lincoln, steamboating exhibits. 1830s lead mine; "Peace in Union" painting. Award-winning video. Book/gift shop. Daily 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Gramercy Park

Beecher St., East Dubuque, IL 61025
815-747-6090

Within historic Gramercy Park lies 26 ancient Hopewell Indian Mounds, an archeological treasure. It affords a superlative view of the Mississippi.

The Mining Museum & Rollo Jamison Museum

405 E. Main St., Platteville, WI 53818
608-348-3301
museums@platteville.org
mining.jamison.museum

Tour the 1845 Bevans Lead Mine and ride above-ground 1931 mine train. See exhibits on mining and daily life.

The Old Blacksmith Shop

245 Commerce St., Galena, IL 61036
815-777-1893
info@galenahistorymuseum.org
galenahistorymuseum.org

Authentic 1897 blacksmith shop with working forges. Original tools/equipment. On-site historian. Gift shop: Galena-forged items. May-October, Friday-Monday, 10 a.m.-4 a.m. ☀️ ♿



Old Market House State Historic Site

123 N. Commerce St., Galena, IL 61036
815-777-3310
granthome@granthome.com
granthome.com

Public building was center of community life during Galena's "Golden Era." U.S. Grant Exhibition is featured with several Grant artifacts. ♿

Old Stockade on the Cobblestone Street

208 Perry St., Galena, IL 61036
815-777-1222
cjart@galenalink.net
cjart.net

Galena's earliest history came alive as I researched this 1820s log building. Come, share! Saturday, 1 p.m.-4 p.m., or appointments. Donation.

Stockton Heritage Museum

107 W. Front Ave., Stockton, IL 61085
815-947-2863
stocktonmuseum@yahoo.com

Chicago Great Western model trains; Kraft Cheese history; 1890s building. Open Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., May 1-October 30. ☀️ ♿

Ulysses S. Grant Home State Historic Site

500 Bouthillier St., Galena, IL 61036
815-777-3310
granthome@granthome.com
granthome.com

This Italianate home was presented to U.S. Grant in 1865 and opened to the public in 1904. Furnishings original. ♿





Attractions & Tours

Laugh and learn while enjoying one of Galena and Jo Daviess County's popular tours.

1876 Banwarth House and Museum

408 E. Sycamore St., Elizabeth, IL 61028
815-858-2014
dsipiera@planets.org
planets.org

A fascinating, hands-on experience awaits! Join period interpreters on a journey through the fine Victorian home of Charles Banwarth.

All About A Ghost Tour

DeSoto House Hotel, 230 S. Main St., Galena, IL 61036
815-777-9252

Walking tour with researched, authentic stories about Galena's ghostly past & present. Mix of history, mystery. Friday-Saturday, 8 p.m.



Annie Wiggins Ghost Tour

1004 Park Ave., Galena, IL 61036
815-777-0336
annie@anniewiggins.com
anniewiggins.com

Join us for the original ghost tour of Galena's sites, cemeteries and famous ghostly tales. Costumed guide. Reservations recommended. ☼

The Belvedere

1008 Park Ave., Galena, IL 61036
815-777-0747
belvederemansionandgardens.com

Italianate 1857 mansion. Victorian furnishings, Liberace's estate items, "Gone With the Wind" green drapes. Guided tours. Dowling House combo available. ☼

Galena Main Street Walking Tour

DeSoto House Hotel, 230 S. Main St., Galena, IL 61036
815-777-9129
info@galenahistorymuseum.org
galenahistorymuseum.org

One-hour tour explores historic highlights, plus "Field of Dreams" movie locations. Saturdays, 10 a.m., May-October, DeSoto lobby. Reservations not required. ☼

Galena Trolley Tours

314 S. Main St., Galena, IL 61036
815-777-1248
877-GALENA1
galenatrolleys.com

City tours of Galena, tour of homes, nightly ghost tour, wine tour. Group services and charters. Original tour company since 1988.

Jack's Galena Carriage Co.

Galena, IL 61036
815-275-9470
jack@galenacarriage.com
galenacarriage.com

Historic carriage rides, dinner rides, romance and roses rides. Friday and Saturday evenings, 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. May-November. Reservations recommended. ☼

Linmar Gardens

504 S. Prospect St., Galena, IL 61036
815-776-0991
tourguide@linmargardens.com
linmargardens.com

Guided tour of breathtaking 3.5-acre gardens with seven water features. Add a gourmet catered lunch for a unique serene picnic. ☼

Ryan Mansion Tours

11373 US Hwy 20 West, Galena, IL 61036
815-281-0408
annie@anniewiggins.com
ryanmansiontours.com

Entertaining tours of Victorian life. The servants invite you to join in the fun and time travel to 1882.

Tri-State Trolley

4349 Industrial Park Dr., Galena, IL 61036
815-777-0820
800-779-4869
tristatetravel.com

Galena's only ADA-compliant and climate-controlled trolley service! Daily narrated tours, May-October. Unique group tours, wedding transportation offered year-round. ♿

Explore the historic charm of Jo Daviess County!

With much of it named to the National Register of Historic Places, Jo Daviess County offers visitors a wealth of well preserved 19th century storefronts, homes, churches, hotels, train depots, town halls, cemeteries and other historic points of interest, all found along historic Main Streets and scenic country roads.

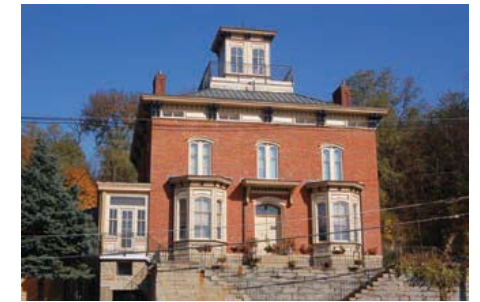
Apple River

Located on historic Stagecoach Trail, once a stagecoach route from Chicago to Galena, Apple River was established by the Illinois Central Railroad in 1854. This little village, surrounded by dairy farms and corn fields, still reflects the atmosphere and charm of rural Illinois. The Millville historic site is located within the Apple River Canyon State Park. And the beautifully landscaped grounds of Oak Hill farm are a popular location for destination weddings. The property is home to a charming, restored 1860s church that seats 200 and a restored one-room schoolhouse that was built in the 1850s.



East Dubuque

East Dubuque clings to the Mississippi bluffs and spreads along its flats. The 7,392-foot Julien Dubuque Bridge, named for one of the community's first settlers, remains one of the longest tied-arch and cantilevered spans ever built. Some of East Dubuque's first permanent settlers are laid to rest in the Frentress Family Cemetery, and Gramercy Park is the site of 26 ceremonial and burial mounds from the Hopewell Native American culture. The city also boasts a grand example of fine Italianate architecture. Built in 1867, this painstakingly renovated mansion is now an elegant bed-and-breakfast.



Elizabeth

Elizabeth, with its rich farmlands and an historic Main Street, bills itself as "The Heart of Jo Daviess County." Its Washington Street is lined with lead miners' cottages, six homes that pre-date the Civil War. Despite the addition of porches and other rooms, each structure retains its original box-like core on a stone foundation. The 1894 Commercial Hotel on Myrtle Street served as the dinner stop for the Chicago Great Western Railway's overnight train between Chicago and Minneapolis during the 1920s. And the Elizabeth Historical Society's Chicago Great Western Railway Depot Museum is housed nearby in the restored train depot.



Galena

From the early to mid-1800s, Galena was a mining, smelting and steam boating center and one of the busiest ports on the Mississippi River. During the Civil War, nine Union Army generals hailed from Galena, including Ulysses S. Grant, later the country's 18th president. But the arrival of the Illinois Central Railroad in 1854 began the city's decline and it became a quiet, backwater town. Galena was rediscovered in the 1960s by preservationists who restored her grand old buildings. Now this charming city on the Galena River delights visitors with its 19th century history and architecture.



Hanover

A drive down Hanover's Jefferson Street takes visitors past 19th century buildings housing antiques shops, a costume shop, an art gallery, an ice cream parlor, services, casual pubs and more. The town's oldest standing building can be found along this thoroughfare...a brick structure that was built in 1844 and now houses a local supermarket. A side trip off onto Monroe Street brings visitors to the United Methodist



Church, constructed in 1891, and the Hanover Town Hall. The main portion of this town hall was erected in 1848, with an addition built in 1883.

Stockton

Stockton is the birthplace of the Kraft Corporation, with the first cheese plant opened here by J.L. Kraft in 1914. The building now houses the Stockton Cheese Company, producer of Kraft Swiss cheese. The village also boasts a small but thriving downtown historic district anchored by the Stockton Heritage Museum, in a newly restored 1890s building, and a variety of shops, pubs, a community theatre, lodging properties and services. And a popular local eatery (famous for its homemade pies) boasts its original 1890s tin ceiling and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



Scales Mound

A full 90 percent of the village of Scales Mound is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Its proximity to the Wisconsin state line and Charles Mound, the highest elevation in Illinois at 1,235 feet, has born the proud slogan: "At the Top of Illinois." The village was begun in 1853 when the Illinois Central Railroad arrived, with most of the houses built by retired miners and farmers, many from England and Germany. The historic 1885 town hall is now used for a variety of events and an 1870s opera house is a destination wedding venue.



Warren

Northeast along scenic Stagecoach Trail is the Warren commercial district, also listed on the National Register. Warren's historic downtown now houses a number of antiques shops and cafés. Visitors can stop at the Warren Community Building, a pre-Civil War structure that was once a stagecoach stop and is now used for community events. Nearby, a restored 150-year-old



hotel is now a popular restaurant and an 1890s Victorian home serves as a B&B. And Major League outfielder Abner Dalrymple was laid to rest in a local cemetery on Jan. 25, 1939, when he died at the age of 81.