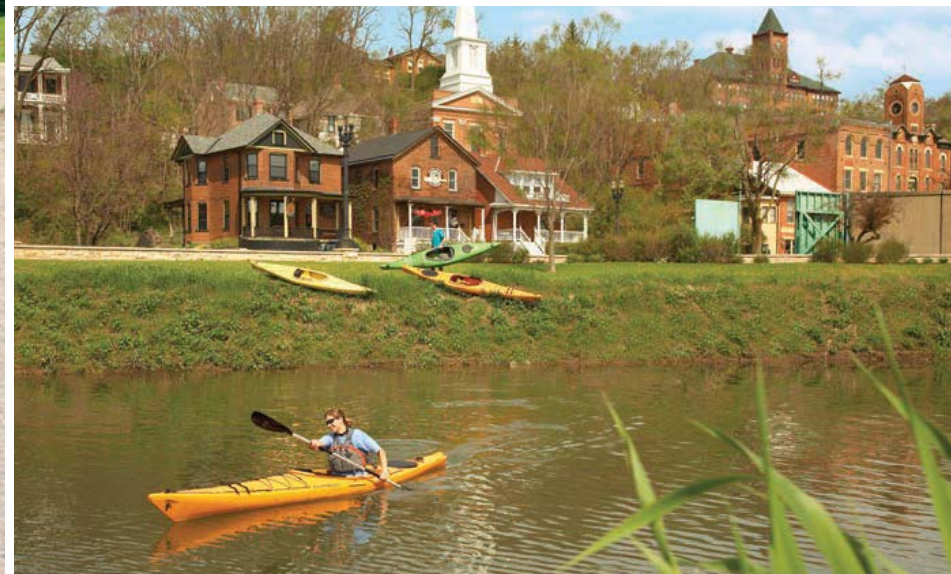


# Natural Beauty

Rejuvenate your spirit. Take in the splendor of our natural vistas as you enjoy your favorite outdoor experiences. Throughout Galena and Jo Daviess County you'll find so many ways to enjoy the outdoors. Bike along the Galena River Trail or hike through Apple River Canyon State Park's breathtaking cliffs and canyons. Spend a day identifying tree species at Schurmeier Teaching Forest. Go fishing, canoeing or kayaking down the Mississippi River – you can rent equipment or bring your own. Take in the scenery with horseback riding lessons at a local riding center or go camping at one of the county's several campgrounds.

For golfers, Jo Daviess County offers a wide range of golfing experiences, from world class championship courses to challenging 9-hole layouts, 10 courses in all. With so many different courses to choose from, you'll find the perfect fairway to suit your level of play. Or take the family on a memorable hot air balloon trip any time of year. You'll relish the wonders of winter with top-rated downhill or cross-country skiing and snowboarding at area ski resorts.



## Outdoor Recreation

☀ Seasonal   ♿ Accessible

With bikes, boats, birds, bluegill and more, you'll have plenty of ways to enjoy the fresh air and breath-taking scenery. Or glide down an exhilarating toboggan-like slide overlooking the mighty Mississippi.

## Hiking & Biking

### Apple River Canyon State Park

8763 E. Canyon Rd., Apple River, IL 61001

815-745-3302

[dnr.appleriver@illinois.gov](mailto:dnr.appleriver@illinois.gov)

[dnr.state.il.us/lands/landmgt/parks/r1/apple.htm](http://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 Canyon S.P. – Thompson/Salem Units

Scout Camp and Salem Rds., Stockton, IL 61085

815-745-3302

[dnr.appleriver@illinois.gov](mailto:dnr.appleriver@illinois.gov)

[dnr.state.il.us](http://dnr.state.il.us)

Areas allow hunting, hiking, fishing; no boating/biking. See postings/fact sheets at registration. Please sign in/out at visitor parking lots.

### Buehler Preserve

Galena River levee, 1 mile north of Meeker Street footbridge, Galena, IL 61036

815-858-9100

[info@jdcf.org](mailto:info@jdcf.org)

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

Hike or bike into Buehler Preserve from Galena and experience the prairie life! Pets welcome. Fishing is allowed.

### Casper Bluff Land & Water Reserve

870 S. Pilot Knob Rd., Galena, IL 61036

815-858-9100

[info@jdcf.org](mailto:info@jdcf.org)

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

Hiking, birdwatching, sightseeing, Native American archeology and much more on 85 acres of scenic Mississippi River bluffs.

### Galena River Trail

South end of visitor info center parking lot,

Galena, IL 61036

815-777-9772

[cityofgalena.org/recreation.cfm](http://cityofgalena.org/recreation.cfm)

Scenic biking and hiking along a 6-mile trail featuring views of the Galena River and towering bluffs. ♿

### Hanover Bluff Natural Area

Hanover Hill Rd., Hanover, IL 61041

815-745-3302

[dnr.appleriver@illinois.gov](mailto:dnr.appleriver@illinois.gov)

[dnr.state.il.us/lands/landmgt/parks/r1/apple.htm](http://dnr.state.il.us/lands/landmgt/parks/r1/apple.htm)

Sixteen-acre public lake. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish. No boating. Sign in/out at visitor parking. Area allows public hunting.

### Hanover Bluff Nature Preserve

Whitton Rd., Hanover, IL 61041

815-745-3302

[dnr.appleriver@illinois.gov](mailto:dnr.appleriver@illinois.gov)

[dnr.state.il.us](http://dnr.state.il.us)

Hike 450 natural acres, home of nine Illinois endangered or threatened plants and animals. The Prairie State's 150th nature preserve.

### Keough Effigy Land & Water Reserve

1683 N. Cross Rd., Galena, IL 61036

815-858-9100

[info@jdcf.org](mailto:info@jdcf.org)

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

Explore the past along Keough's hiking trails. Come and see its mining and Native American history.

### Rail Woods State Natural Area

Located 3.5 miles south of Hanover on Rt. 84, Hanover, IL 61041

815-745-3302

[dnr.appleriver@illinois.gov](mailto:dnr.appleriver@illinois.gov)

[dnr.state.il.us/lands/landmgt/parks/r1/apple.htm](http://dnr.state.il.us/lands/landmgt/parks/r1/apple.htm)

Public hunting, hiking, nature viewing.

### Schurmeier Teaching Forest

Reusch & Tower Rds., Elizabeth, IL 61028

815-858-9100

[info@jdcf.org](mailto:info@jdcf.org)

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

Two miles of beginner and intermediate hiking trails. This forest is the perfect way to spend the day. Horses welcome!



### Tapley Woods State Natural Area

Located five miles west of Elizabeth on US Hwy 20, Elizabeth, IL 61028

815-745-3302

[dnr.appleriver@illinois.gov](mailto:dnr.appleriver@illinois.gov)

[dnr.state.il.us/lands/landmgt/parks/r1/apple.htm](http://dnr.state.il.us/lands/landmgt/parks/r1/apple.htm)

Public hunting, hiking, nature viewing.

### Wapello Land & Water Reserve

8642 Hwy 84 South, Hanover, IL 61041

815-858-9100

[info@jdcf.org](mailto:info@jdcf.org)

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

Experience Native American mounds, prairie and the Apple River. Hike beginner trails. Pets welcome. Fishing allowed.

### Wards Grove Nature Preserve

Located 1.5 miles southeast of Stockton on

S. Willow Rd., Stockton, IL 61085

815-745-3302

[dnr.appleriver@illinois.gov](mailto:dnr.appleriver@illinois.gov)

[dnr.state.il.us/lands/landmgt/parks/r1/apple.htm](http://dnr.state.il.us/lands/landmgt/parks/r1/apple.htm)

Public hunting, hiking, nature preserve.

### Winston Tunnel State Natural Area

Located five miles south of Galena on

Blackjack Rd., Galena, IL 61036

815-745-3302

[dnr.appleriver@illinois.gov](mailto:dnr.appleriver@illinois.gov)

[dnr.state.il.us/lands/landmgt/parks/r1/apple.htm](http://dnr.state.il.us/lands/landmgt/parks/r1/apple.htm)

Public hunting, hiking, nature viewing, old railroad tunnel.

### Witkowsky State Wildlife Area

Located seven miles north of Hanover on Blackjack Rd.,

Hanover, IL 61041

815-745-3302

[dnr.appleriver@illinois.gov](mailto:dnr.appleriver@illinois.gov)

[dnr.state.il.us](http://dnr.state.il.us)

Public hunting/nature viewing. Transcontinental bluebird trail segment starts at parking lot 1. Sign in/out at visitor parking lots.

## Attractions & Tours

### Alice T. Virtue Water Park

8.5 acres on Field St., Galena, IL 61036  
815-777-0802  
info@cityofgalena.org  
cityofgalena.org

Beautiful family water park with waterslide, drop slide, diving board, and full menu concession stand adjacent to full service park. ☀ ♿

### Alpine Slide at Chestnut Mountain Resort

8700 W. Chestnut Rd., Galena, IL 61036  
815-777-1320  
800-397-1320  
info@chestnutmtn.com  
chestnutmtn.com

Fun for all ages. Ride your own sled down 2,050 feet of terrain-tailored track to the banks of the Mississippi. ☀ ♿

### Crystal Lake Cave

6684 Crystal Lake Cave Dr., Dubuque, IA 52003  
563-556-6451  
info@crystallakecave.com  
crystallakecave.com

Guided tour of beautiful nature's masterpiece takes visitors over 3,000 feet of crystal menagerie. Educational and unforgettable experience for all. ☀

### Dubuque River Rides

500 E. 3rd St., Ice Harbor, Dubuque, IA 52001  
563-583-8093  
boats@dubuqueriverrides.com  
dubuqueriverrides.com

Mississippi River ecological-historical sightseeing, lunch, dinner, Murder Mystery, "Weddings On Water" aboard SPIRIT of Dubuque paddlewheeler or Miss Dubuque yacht. ☀ ♿

### Galena Birding

602 Monroe St., Galena, IL 61036  
815-777-0621  
galenabirding@galenalink.com  
galenabirding.com

Experienced birder offers guided field trips on selected Saturdays. Private trips available by appointment.

### Mississippi Explorer Cruises at Chestnut Mountain Resort

8700 W. Chestnut Rd., Galena, IL 61036  
815-777-1320  
800-397-1320  
info@chestnutmtn.com  
chestnutmtn.com

Jump aboard Mississippi Explorer's latest 1.5-hour cruise. Experience the magical splendor of Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife & Fish Refuge. ☀ ♿

### River Cruises

406 Franklin St., Scales Mound, IL 61075  
815-845-2333  
800-331-1467  
info@riverboattwilight.com  
riverboattwilight.com

See the beauty of the Mississippi from the deck of a real, old-time riverboat. Relax, unwind and recharge! ☀

### Tri-State Market Pumpkin Barn

1887 Hwy 35 North, East Dubuque, IL 61025  
815-747-6832

Open-air market/fresh produce, honey, jams, veggies. October family fun: pumpkins, apples, bouncehouse, corn maze, hay rides, farm animals, food. ♿



## Boating & Fishing

### Apple River Canyon S.P. – Thompson/Salem Units

Scout Camp and Salem Rds., Stockton, IL 61085  
815-745-3302  
dnr.appleriver@illinois.gov  
dnr.state.il.us

Areas allow hunting, hiking, fishing; no boating/biking. See postings/fact sheets at registration. Please sign in/out at visitor parking lots.

### Arn's Bait Barn

653 S. Canyon Park Rd., Stockton, IL 61085  
815-947-3374  
arnsbaitbarn@jisp.net

Live bait, tackle, licenses, archery permits and trout stamps: a quarter-mile off Hwy 20, west of Stockton. ☀ ♿

### Hanover Bluff Natural Area

Hanover Hill Rd., Hanover, IL 61041  
815-745-3302  
dnr.appleriver@illinois.gov  
dnr.state.il.us/lands/landmgt/parks/r1/apple.htm

Sixteen-acre public lake. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish. No boating. Sign in/out at visitor parking. Area allows public hunting.

### Mid-Town Marina

285 5th St., East Dubuque, IL 61025  
815-747-3310  
sandy@midtownmarina.com  
midtownmarina.com

Mid-Town is a full-service marina, restaurant and lounge located on the Mississippi River in East Dubuque. Open March 1-October 30. ☀



## Camping

### Apple River Canyon State Park

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

dnr.appleriver@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. ♿

### Blanding Landing Recreation Area

5720 S. River Rd., Hanover, IL 61041  
815-591-2326  
800-645-0248

mvrodmn11@usace.army.mil  
missriver.org

Located on Mississippi River. Camping, fishing/boating accessibility, playground, potable water, showers, flush toilets. Class A campground, 50-amp electric. Reservations accepted.

## Ballooning

### Galena On The Fly, Inc.

P.O. Box 6543, Galena, IL 61036  
815-777-2747  
800-690-1287

andy@buyaballoonride.com  
buyaballoonride.com

Hot air balloon rides sunrise and sunset daily. Reservations required. Gift certificates available. Groups welcome. Call for pricing and information.

### Palace Campground

11357 US Hwy 20 West, Galena, IL 61036  
815-777-2466

palace@palacecampground.com  
palacecampground.com

Twenty-two full hookups, 49 water/electric, 31 electric, five cabins. Heated pool, outdoor movies, hay rides, basketball, horseshoes. Laundromat, firewood, ice. ☀

### Vel Terra Ranch and Family Campground

1478 Vel Terra Rd., Woodbine, IL 61028  
815-858-3866

veltterranch@hotmail.com  
veltterranch.com

Campsites are spacious, shaded or sunny. Can accommodate tent campers, pop-ups or RVs. Modern bathhouse. Water, 30/20 electric, free firewood. Peaceful! ☀

## Equipment Rental & Sales

### Fever River Outfitters

525 S. Main St., Galena, IL 61036  
815-776-9425

feverriver@sbcglobal.net  
feverriveroutfitters.com

Fever River rents canoes, kayaks, bicycles, scooters, snowshoes, cross-country skis, stand up paddle boards and sells boats, sports gear and apparel.

## Horse Liveries

### Shenandoah Riding Center

200 N. Brodrecht Rd., Galena, IL 61036  
815-777-2373

shenandoahriding@yahoo.com  
shenandoahridingcenter.com

Experience the beautiful, scenic Galena outdoors atop a horse! Our center offers knowledgeable staff, well-trained horses in a lovely setting.

### Silkrug Stable

7038 S. Curtiss Rd., Stockton, IL 61085  
815-947-3597

silkrug@aeroinc.net

Enjoy Jo Daviess countryside in a horse drawn buggy/ bobsled. Ride at our place or yours. Call for information/ reservations.



# Golf

If golf is your passion, you're sure to have a good time exploring Galena and Jo Daviess County's 10 golf courses, ranging from world class championship courses to challenging 9-hole layouts.

## Apple Canyon Lake Golf Course

14A200 E. Apple Canyon Rd., Apple River, IL 61001  
815-492-2477  
golf@applecanyonlake.org  
applecanyonlake.org

Scenic, challenging 9-hole course carved into the Jo Daviess County hills. Full-service pro shop, bar, grill. Call for tee time. ☉ ☒

## Black Hawk Run Golf Course

3501 S. Golf Rd., Stockton, IL 61085  
815-947-3011  
blackhawkrun.com

Beautiful course, hidden in the hills, awaits golfers of all skill levels. Eighteen challenging holes, elevated greens, wide open fairways. ☒

## Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa, East Course

100 East Point Dr., Galena, IL 61036  
815-776-5200  
800-892-2269  
res@eagleridge.com  
eagleridge.com

An excellent test of accuracy, shotmaking and putting touch makes the par 34, 9-hole East Course unique. ☉ ☒

## Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa, North Course

400 Eagle Ridge Dr., Galena, IL 61036  
815-776-5235  
800-892-2269  
res@eagleridge.com  
eagleridge.com

The North Course sports elevated tees, long vistas through the countryside, rolling fairways and large undulating greens. ☒

## Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa, South Course

10 Clubhouse Dr., Galena, IL 61036  
815-776-5235  
800-892-2269  
res@eagleridge.com  
eagleridge.com

Carved through a heavily wooded valley, a stream and natural rock outcroppings create dramatic views at the South Course. ☉ ☒

## Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa, The General Course

109 Eagle Ridge Dr., Galena, IL 61036  
815-776-5250  
800-892-2269  
res@eagleridge.com  
eagleridge.com

The resort's crowning achievement, Golf Digest magazine ranks The General as one of America's top 100 greatest golf courses. ☉ ☒



## Galena Golf Club

11557 US Hwy 20 West, Galena, IL 61036  
815-777-3599  
ggcpro@mchsi.com  
galenagolf.webs.com

Enjoy one of tri-states best manicured golf courses at a great rate! Full service bar, grille, pro shop and practice range. ☉

## Lacoma Golf Course

8080 Timmerman Dr., East Dubuque, IL 61025  
815-747-3874  
lacomagolf.com

Lacoma offers 45 holes of quality golf: 18-hole championship, two 9-hole and a par 3. Best value in the tri-states! ☒

## Storybrook Country Club

2124 W. Storybrook Rd., Hanover, IL 61041  
815-591-2210  
877-423-4870  
storybrook@jcwifi.com  
storybrook.com

One of the most challenging 18 holes in Jo Daviess County. ☉ ☒

## Woodbine Bend Championship Golf Course

3500 E. Center Rd., Woodbine, IL 61085  
815-858-3939  
woodbinebend@yahoo.com  
woodbinebend.com

Immaculate 18-hole links-style golf course offers a challenge and a great time for golfers of all skill levels. ☉ ☒



## Winter Recreation

Enjoy the crisp winter air and hit the slopes, go cross-country skiing or try snowboarding at an area resort.

### Chestnut Mountain Resort Downhill Skiing/Snowboarding

8700 W. Chestnut Rd., Galena, IL 61036

815-777-1320

800-397-1320

info@chestnutmtn.com

chestnutmtn.com

One of the Midwest's top-rated ski/snowboard resorts: 19 trails, 475-foot vertical drop, half-mile runs, nine lifts, seven-acre terrain park. ● ♿

### Sundown Mountain Resort

16991 Asbury Rd., Dubuque, IA 52002

563-556-6676

888-SUNDOWN

info@sundownmtn.com

sundownmtn.com

Sundown Mountain, a family-oriented ski and snowboard area, offers 100 instructors, 20 trails, six chairlifts, 475-foot vertical, two terrain parks. ● ♿

