A Visitors Guide to Attractions and Events in Southeast Iowa, Northeast Missouri and Western Illinois
The Tri-State Development Summit celebrated it’s 15th year of regional cooperation in 2011. The Summit has celebrated many successes and continues to grow. This brochure is an effort of the Tri-State Development Summit Tourism Task Force, one of ten such task forces. We invite you to explore the Tri-State of Mind!

The Tri-State of Mind is rich in tourism opportunities including Hannibal, Missouri, boyhood home of Mark Twain; Nauvoo, Illinois, a restored Mormon settlement and home of the new LDS temple; and Southeastern Iowa which features quaint communities and covered bridges. The 35 county region is located at the heart of a tourism triangle with Iowa’s Amana Colonies to the north, Abe Lincoln’s Springfield, Illinois to the east and the Missouri Ozarks to the south.

Fairfield, IA - Iowa’s foremost art colony with diverse cultural events, international cuisine, 1st Fridays Art Walk and home to Maharishi University of Management

Burlington, IA - Give Snake Alley a try, 275 feet wound into only one village block—the “crookedest alley in the world” (according to Robert Ripley himself in the 1940’s).

Nauvoo, IL - Tour Illinois’ oldest winery, and visit over 40 restored sites on the beautiful lily pad-filled bend of the Mississippi. Free family fun!

Galesburg, IL - Railroad history galore, and the most authentic shopping experience along the downtown’s energetic Seminary Street.

Quincy, IL - 3,665 Buildings on the National Register, with year-round architectural tours and guided Sea Kayak tours in season.

Jacksonville, IL - The Underground Railroad, Abe Lincoln, and Steam-powered Ag history can be experienced through tours and events year round.

Macomb, IL - Explore nearly 30 barns across McDonough County, and visit the eclectic shops that line the square in Main Street USA.

Kirksville, MO - Home to two wineries – West Jackson at Jackson Stables and Jacob’s Winery – and a public art gallery at Truman State University.

Canton, MO - Watch the barges go through Lock and Dam 20, and while you’re there take a ride on the Canton Ferry – the oldest operating ferry on the Mississippi.

Moberly, MO - Play golf at two beautiful 18-hole golf courses – Elk Creek and Heritage Hills – or try out one of the walking trails at Rothwell Park.

For additional statewide travel information visit:
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People are visiting Greater Burlington in rapidly increasing numbers. The 40,000 people that live in Des Moines County and Greater Burlington welcome visitors from all over the world to share our enjoyment of natural attractions, complimented by equally impressive public and private venues and events. The mighty Mississippi River serves as a focal point for the community and provides not only breathtaking beauty, but also a myriad of recreational opportunities. From a natural heritage standpoint, Southeast Iowa is a striking combination of hills, valleys, prairies, rivers, streams and timberland. The same qualities that attracted Native Americans to this area provide a rich "natural architecture" for those who live and visit here.

Four seasons grace the community, with each providing its own beauty, charm and activities. From ice skating in beautiful Crapo Park to a spring evening at Community Field watching minor league baseball, to a summer day at the waterpark, there is something for everyone. Three eighteen-hole golf courses, each utilizing a beautiful setting, are available for enjoyment and challenge.

History is everywhere around you in Greater Burlington. Victorian homes on the river bluff, architecturally rich buildings in the downtown and dramatic steepled churches abound. The Des Moines County Heritage Center showcases the exciting past of the community and region, including the area's status as the first territorial capital of Iowa.

Whether looking to visit or locate in Greater Burlington, you will find an outstanding quality of life and much to do. Utilize this Community Guide or visit www.visitburlingtoniowa.com to learn more. We look forward to having you temporarily or permanently in Greater Burlington.

Fairfield has emerged as delightful mix of attractions – from the cultural heritage of our artists and artisans to the delectable offerings of local restaurants, as well as the fines of music, dance and theater of national touring performances plus the genuine organic agricultural experience scattered throughout the area. Make the trip and explore what Fairfield has to offer.

**Fairfield 1st Fridays Art Walk** – 641-233-8883; FairfieldArtWalk.org

Held the first Friday of every month, this Iowa Tourism Event of the Year is a fusion of all types of art and entertainment and highlights Fairfield’s art & culture, unique shops and entrepreneurial experience.

**Fairfield Arts & Convention Center** – 200 N. Main Street; 641-472-2000; FairfieldACC.com

Located in the heart of downtown, this Center is a gathering place designed to showcase a world of arts and culture. This full service facility is home to the Sondheim Center for the Performing Arts and boasts a vibrant season of entertainment, showcasing Broadway shows, theater, comedy and dance performances.

Other highlights include:

- Maasdam Barns – Step back into an early farming experience.
- Fairfield Loop trail – Explore our recreational trail system as it passes through prairies, woodlands, wetlands, old railroad corridors and over major bridges.
- All Things Italian Festival; 2nd weekend in June
- Maharishi University of Management, home of consciousness based education.
- International Cuisine featured at over 40 restaurants
- Vintage Power Wagon Rally; 1st week in June
- Carnegie Historical Museum: The museum houses one of the Midwest’s foremost Native American pottery collections and Civil War artifacts.
The Galesburg area offers the traveler many historical sights and leisure destinations to enjoy. Carl Sandburg, Pulitzer Prize winning author and noted Lincoln Biographer was born in Galesburg. His birthplace is a state historic site and a popular attraction. "Old Main," located on the Knox College campus, is the only building still in existence where the 5th of 7 Lincoln-Douglas debates took place in 1858. Since 2005, then Senator Barack Obama, Comedy Central star Stephen Colbert, President Bill Clinton, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and U.S. Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald have all spoken at Knox College commencements. The Amtrak Depot is also a home to a life size granite statue of Abraham Lincoln modeled after the Lincoln statue in the Capitol rotunda in Washington, D.C.

Presidential history continues as The Reagan Trail is also located in Galesburg. Ronald Reagan's grade school, Silas Willard School, is still in use today and his childhood home is a frequent stop on tours. The Carr Mansion on North Prairie Street was the site of the first presidential cabinet meeting held outside of Washington, D.C. Those present for this meeting in 1899 were President McKinley and Secretary John Hays. This home is still a residence today and is a part of a walking tour of historic homes.

The town is rich in rail history but continues to be the home to one of the largest rail yards in the United States. Two local museums focus on the rail experience: Discovery Depot Children's Museum and Galesburg Railroad Museum. The Stockdale Soldier Citizen Museum focuses on soldier military history and is named after Admiral James Stockdale.

Downtown Galesburg offers plenty of shopping and sightseeing with Seminary Street Historic District, many small shops including an abundance of antique stores and historic buildings. The Vaudeville era Orpheum Theatre has entertained continuously for 96 years and many downtown churches reflect beautiful architecture with guided and walking tours available.

Outdoor adventures are also plentiful with Lake Storey Recreation Area with fishing, camping, beach swimming, paddle boats, walking trails and an outdoor water park. There are also 25 parks in the community. A 2,479 acre State Fish and Wildlife Area, Snakeden Hollow is a favorite fishing and hunting destination north east of Galesburg near Victoria. There are 3 public and several private golf courses in the area as well.

Galesburg also offers many local events throughout the year including the Chocolate Festival in February, Railroad Days in June, Heritage Days in August and the National Stearman Fly-In every September. These events, combined with the attractions, make Galesburg a wonderful getaway destination. The overnight accommodations offer great convenience to out-of-town guests with nearly 500 rooms available, 4 charming Bed & Breakfasts and 4 area campgrounds. Galesburg is easily accessed by way of Interstate 74 and Amtrak. To learn more about attractions and events visit Galesburg Area Convention & Visitors Bureau on Facebook, www.visitgalesburg.com, or call 800-916-3330.

Discover all that the Jacksonville Area has to offer, where history is alive and waiting for you to explore! To the first time visitor, Jacksonville is full of the unexpected. From our Civil War and Abraham Lincoln connections to the modern businesses of today, the area offers something for everyone. There is a small-town friendliness mixed with vibrancy from a richness of natural sites, intellectual institutions, and businesses.

Jacksonville is just a 25 minute drive west of Springfield on I-72. Call for tours of local historic sites, schedules of festivals and events, art and antique info, lodging choices and more! To learn more contact the Jacksonville Area Convention & Visitors Bureau: www.jacksonvilleil.org • (217)243.5678 (800) 593.5678 or stop by our office at 310 East State Street in downtown Jacksonville.

Meeting space for your group or organization available at our centrally located office.

Macomb is a comfortable place with the kind of vibe you only get from a college town. It’s like taking a walk down Main Street USA, with strong Midwestern values, downstate prices and local charm. It’s a town of discovery, both in the classrooms at WIU or at one of our local architectural or agricultural attractions.

Make it Macomb for great food & libations, We’re an easy 3-hour ride from St. Louis, 4-hours from Chicago and less than 5 from Indianapolis! Amtrak has unbelievable rates to and from Chicago, St. Louis, Milwaukee and all points across the country!

Welcome to your one-stop-shop for planning great seminars, conferences & meetings, sports events, awesome family vacations and a variety of recreational experiences. Tour bus operators will find Macomb a great stop for day trips!
Top 5 Events

1. The Nauvoo Grape Festival – held annually over Labor Day weekend hosts live entertainment, the area’s largest open air car show – Festival on Wheels, parades, a carnival, arts & crafts, a flea market, competitions and SO much more!

2. Boo-ti-ful Nauvoo Pumpkin Walk – held the Saturday before Halloween, this outdoor event features over 500 intricately hand carved pumpkins, which line Nauvoo’s historic Mulholland Street.

3. The Nauvoo Pageant – A Tribute to Joseph Smith, is held annually in July in Nauvoo with performances held Tuesday – Saturday beginning at 8:30 p.m. Narrated by Parley P. Pratt, the Nauvoo Pageant emphasizes the prophetic mission of Joseph Smith and honors the sacrifice, faith and courage of the Saints who gave their all to build a city and a temple to their God.

4. The Great River Road Half Marathon – Held annual each fall, this half marathon beings in Hamilton, Illinois and follows the National Scenic By-Way to Nauvoo, Illinois. Don’t miss the opportunity to safely run, walk or bike this beautiful stretch of road!

5. Untold Nauvoo Stories – A collaborative effort hosts this annual historical symposium to celebrate the peoples and events that make the Nauvoo area unique and significant in American History.

Nauvoo, a former abode of the Mormons is rich in landmarks and history and is a mecca for tourists. The city is known for important pioneering leadership from the likes of Joseph Smith, Brigham Young, and Etienne Cabet. Along with the pioneering spirit of the Saints, Nauvoo is considered to be a crossroads in history. Influxes of cultures and development of forward thinking societies, Nauvoo came to be a place of constant change and evolution among diverse groups that happened upon this beautiful area nestled along the banks of the Mississippi River.

Today, Nauvoo is home to more than 40 restored historic sites with three visitors centers welcoming visitors from all over the globe. The city also boasts two cultural museums, the oldest winery in Illinois along with small town shopping, restaurants, entertainment, recreational opportunities and more! Nauvoo is located on a horseshoe bend in the Mississippi river, 50 miles north of Quincy, Illinois.

Free Family Fun
Quincy is the economic and cultural hub of West-Central Illinois, serving nearly 300,000 people. Majestically built on the lime-stone bluffs of the Mississippi, Quincy is known as the Gem City, twice recognized as an All-American City.

Renowned for its standout architecture, Quincy touts some of the most significant structures outside of Chicago, with an impressive 3,665 buildings on the National Register. It’s no surprise that National Geographic named Quincy’s celebrated corner of 16th and Main as “one of the most architecturally significant corners in the United States.”

With its keen cultural eye and strong German roots, Quincy is big on the arts, history & hospitality. The Historic Downtown District was the hub of the 1858 Lincoln-Douglas Debates. It’s also home to the most extensive portion of the Looking for Lincoln Story Trail outside of Springfield, IL. Eighteen Lincoln Storyboards dot the streets telling the tale of Lincoln and the friends in Quincy who were influential in his life. A great way to see these, as well as the fantastic architecture is via bicycle. Tour Quincy Bikes has affordable tandem and automatic trek limes for rent.

Quincy is a beautiful, well-rounded four season city. Winter brings the majestic bald eagles, spotted from interesting vantage points up and down the Great River Road, America’s historic north-south transcontinental byway since 1938. While local eateries offer up hearty comfort foods, home-brewed beer and special recipe hot chocolates, there’s plenty of outdoor fun. With the two Quincy bridges as the backdrop, the new River Ice Skating Rink is welcome family fun on a clear winter day. Shoppers who are looking for a twist on the traditional shopping experience will love the outdoor Christkindl Market (heated tents!) in Washington Park. This is a German traditions market with gifts, food and toasty drinks vendors.

Spring ushers in the Dogwood blossoms and All-American parades, foods & festivities, while summer is chock full of activity and adventure in downtown Quincy and along the relaxing riverfront. Sea kayaking on the back waters of the Mississippi, free Friday night blues concerts in Washington Park, as well as the much-anticipated Midsummer Arts Faire are just few of the highlights visitors and locals enjoy. Not to mention Smoke on the River BBQ Contest, annual Wine Stomps at area wineries and the Classic Boat Show and Quincy 5 Miller Rowing Regatta.

While the fall foliage bursting along Maine Street and speckling the river bluffs is enough in itself, there are ample festivals and color drives around every corner in this refreshing season. The Great River Grape Escape draws a huge crowd of wine lovers with its 12 Illinois wineries and local chef food pairings. Several sure crowd pleasers are the Early Tin Dusters Fall Color Run, with hundreds of American Bald Eagles spotting from interesting vantage points up and down the Great River Road, America’s historic north-south transcontinental byway since 1938. While the fall foliage bursting along Maine Street and speckling the river bluffs is enough in itself, there are ample festivals and color drives around every corner in this refreshing season. The Great River Grape Escape draws a huge crowd of wine lovers with its 12 Illinois wineries and local chef food pairings. Several sure crowd pleasers are the Early Tin Dusters Fall Color Run, with hundreds of colorful pre-1949 street rods throughout the city, and the Quincy Preserves Behind Closed Doors Fall Home Tours of outstanding homes and historic buildings.

No matter the season, Quincy always offers the best in hospitality, creativity and value. It will surprise you in unexpected ways. Come and see. See the Unexpected.
It doesn't matter if you're traveling north or south on the Avenue of the Saints; Canton is a great stop on the way to your destination. Discover what makes Canton special by planning your next visit here. Enjoy a variety of restaurants that will tempt your taste buds and satisfy any appetite.

No matter what the season, you'll find plenty of things to see and do in Canton. Experience the great outdoors as you bike or fish along the Mississippi River. Park your RV in our unique RV Park within a stone's throw of the Mississippi River's edge. Take a break from traveling and enjoy the exceptional view of the river and waterfowl atop our levee walk. Give your children an opportunity to stretch and run around our well-kept City Parks. Shop for antiques or unique items at one of our local stores or just enjoy the small town Americana atmosphere.

To make sure you don’t miss out on anything, go to our website to sign up for our e-newsletter to stay informed of events or specials from our area businesses. Located in the northeast corner of Missouri, the City of Canton is a small town with much to show you!

Don’t Miss:
- February Eagle days
- Pelicans on the river in the spring
- Spring and fall yard sales
- Culver-Stockton College Homecoming Parade

And much more…

Missouri’s North Star

Top 5 “Don’t Miss” Events:

1. All American Red White and Blue Festival
   An Independence Day Celebration - the all American way! This multi day festival features a parade and a community wide fireworks display. A classic apple pie baking contest ends with a pie auction and festival goers can eat their fill on pie and ice cream while watching live entertainment downtown. A pancake breakfast, a bike ride, and family fun activities round out a celebration worth looking forward to!

2. Kirksville Air Festival
   Each September, the skies above the Kirksville Regional Airport are full of flying fun! Stunt fliers wow crowds with daring tricks and shows. Helicopter rides and sky diving are available to the most daring of attendees. Live music, food, and a kid’s zone offer fun for those who prefer to stay on the ground.

3. Red Barn Arts and Crafts Festival
   Held each fall in September; this festival brings together artisans from across the countries that are involved in visual arts, performing arts, and crafts. Featuring arts, awards, food, and entertainment, this juried festival attracts more the 9,000 people to Kirksville's downtown district each year.

4. Round Barn Blues
   The best of blues legends and newcomers converge to perform at this festival held each May and September. Musicians take the stage in a rare, circular red barn that’s listed on the National Historic Register. Barbecue, burgers, blues make the event an evening to remember.

5. Scottish Highland Games
   Held in Mid-October, this competition features Scotland’s traditional feats of strength. The caber toss, the hammer throw, the stone put, sheaf toss, and other feats have been contested in Scotland for centuries as test of strength.

With a State Park in our backyard, festivals year round, and unique shopping and dining, Kirksville is truly Missouri’s North Star. Kirksville and Northeast Missouri are home to some of the most beautiful scenery the Midwest has to offer. At Thousand Hills State Park, just a few miles west of Kirksville you will find water sports, hiking, camping and historical treasures.

Our community has 6 hotels, 2 bed and breakfasts, camping sites and lodges nearby, and transportation options that make it easy to arrive in style! The Kirksville Regional Airport offers flights every day connecting from St Louis and the Amtrak Station in La Plata is just a 12 mile drive south of town. Stop by our Chamber of Commerce and Visitor’s Center to meet our Tourism Staff, Debi and Amanda, who can help with reservations, discounts and more during each stay!
Play golf at two beautiful 18 hole golf courses – Elk Creek Golf Course and Heritage Hills Golf Course.

Enjoy beautiful Rothwell Park. Full Camping facilities, fishing in Rothwell Lake, The Moberly Aquatic Center, a beautiful walking and hiking trail as well as The Magic City Express Mini Train that runs on Sundays from April through October, weather permitting. Also has facilities perfect for business retreats and family reunions.

Revisit historic places like the Sycamore Brothel and hear some local history as well as some chilling stories.

Moberly offers many annual events for the entire family.

Railroad Days Heritage Festival – The second week in June – Four days of live entertainment, carnival and special events.

Randolph County Rodeo and Fair – The Third week in July

Downtown Haunted Tour – The last week in October in Historic Downtown Moberly

Great Holiday Events
• Living Windows – The Thursday after Thanksgiving – Store windows come to life with live displays, entertainment and special events.
• Christmas Parade – Saturday following Living Windows
• Altrusa Holiday Home Tour – The First Sunday in December
• The Frosty 5K – First Week in December

Visit www.moberlychamber.com for all events in Moberly and Randolph County

While you’re traveling in the tri-states, consider taking the Great River Road – a historic byway of the Mississippi River.

A leisurely scenic drive is the classic American way to relax and connect to the countryside. As one of the oldest, longest and most unique scenic byways in North America, the Great River Road offers a respite for travelers seeking a getaway.

And there is plenty so see along the Great River Road. There are museums and historical sites, parks and wildlife areas. Take time to explore the unique eateries and shopping districts and rest in one of the region’s many bed and breakfasts.

Whatever your interest, you’re sure to find it in Midwest River Country!

Visit www.experiencemississippiriver.com for more information.