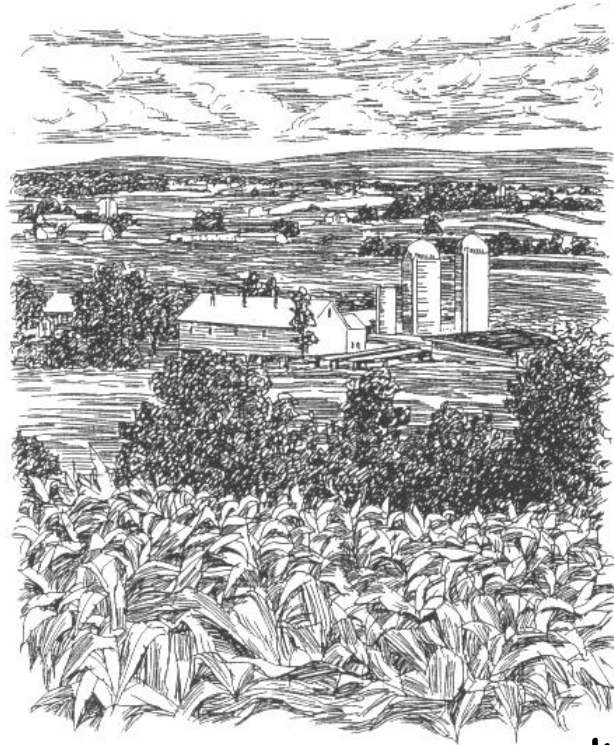




## Carroll County, Illinois Ag & Rural Heritage Tourism Guide

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*A Beautiful place to visit !!*



*A Great place to Live & Work !!*

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- For more information, visit [www.gocarrollcounty.com](http://www.gocarrollcounty.com) or call 1-800-678-2108 (toll free) for tourist assistance.
  - To obtain more "Guide" booklets, contact Carroll County Extension at 815-244-9444 or e-mail: [seoconno@uiuc.edu](mailto:seoconno@uiuc.edu)

2008/2009 Edition



# Welcome to Carroll County, Illinois

Carroll County Illinois, the rich and wild gateway to the western frontier during the 1800's, continues to maintain its rural nature and pristine charm for generations of travelers through the years. Located in gorgeous Northwest Illinois along the banks of the magnificent Mississippi river, Carroll County boasts an extraordinary blend of many wonderful opportunities for individuals, families and groups. Tours to various farms in the county will help visitors learn about modern farming techniques, its challenges and solutions. Guests can tour a beef farm, a corn and soybean farm, a dairy farm, a hog farm and several specialty farms consisting of orchards, pumpkin patches, organic foods or horse boarding. The county offers peaceful winding roads and an abundance of wild flowers, bird watching, picturesque golf courses, bike trails, and more - among the best getaways one can imagine. The adventure of Carroll County awaits you. Arrange for your next visit today!

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<i>2nd Sunday</i>	National Eagle Watching Day, Thomson - 815-273-2732
<b><u>February</u></b>	
<i>Last Saturday</i>	Winterfest at Point Rock Park, Mt. Carroll - 815-244-2255
<b><u>April</u></b>	
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<b><u>May</u></b>	
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<i>Memorial Day Weekend</i>	Mayfest Art Festival, Mt. Carroll - 815-244-2255
<b><u>June</u></b>	
<i>2nd Weekend</i>	Chadwick Days - 815-684-5188
<i>3rd Friday</i>	Music on the Mississippi, Savanna - 815-273-2722
<i>4th Weekend</i>	Old Settlers Days, Lanark - 815-493-2560
<i>4th Weekend</i>	City Wide Yard Sale, Savanna - 815-273-3316
<b><u>July</u></b>	
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<i>2nd Saturday</i>	Mt. Carroll Garden Walk - 815-244-2255
<i>2nd Weekend</i>	KCBS BBQ Cookoff, Shannon - 815-864-2679
<i>Last Weekend</i>	A Walk in the Garden, Savanna - 815-273-3964
<b><u>August</u></b>	
<i>1st Full Week</i>	Carroll County Fair, Millegdeville - 815-225-7444
<b><u>September</u></b>	
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	Shannon Homecoming Parade & Celebration - 815-864-2111
<i>Saturday After Labor Day</i>	Brick Street Day, Mt. Carroll - 815-244-2255

**October**

- Saturday* Savanna Spook Walk - 815-273-2722  
*Before Halloween*
- Last Two Saturdays* Mt. Carroll October Nights - 815-244-2255
- Two weekends Before & on Halloween* Savanna Haunted Forest Festival- 815-273-2722

**November**

- 1st Weekend* Standish House Lanark, Thanksgiving Recreation - 815-493-2307
- 3rd Weekend* Shannon Hometown Christmas - 815-473-2861
- Friday after Thanksgiving* Savanna Christmas Walk - 815-273-2722

**December**

- 1st Saturday* Mt. Carroll Christmas Walk - 815-244-2255
- Chadwick Hometown Christmas - 815-684-5188

**Summer Theater - Timber Lake Playhouse, Mt. Carroll**

Call 815-244-2035 for tickets & listings. Website: [www.timberlakeplayhouse.org](http://www.timberlakeplayhouse.org)

**Carroll County Farmers Markets**

- Mt. Carroll** - Saturdays from May to October  
 7:00 a.m. to Noon  
 Main & Market Street (Courthouse Square)  
 More information: 815-244-2255

**McGinnis Melon Market**

- Thomson** - Open air market with fresh fruits and vegetables in business for over 100 years. More information: 815-259-2245

**Community Web Sites**

Chadwick-[www.villageofchadwick.com](http://www.villageofchadwick.com)

Lanark-[www.lanarkil.com](http://www.lanarkil.com)

Mt. Carroll-[www.mtcarrollil.org](http://www.mtcarrollil.org)

Savanna-[www.savanna-il.com](http://www.savanna-il.com)

Shannon-[www.shannonillinois.com](http://www.shannonillinois.com)

Thomson-[www.thomsonil.com](http://www.thomsonil.com)

(Please contact the listing for product availability and prices)

**Apples, Cherries, Peaches, Pears & Plums**

- **Fairhaven Fruit Farm** (*Thomas & Genevieve Nedbal*), Thomson - 815-499-1856, Website: [www.fairhavenfruitfarm.com](http://www.fairhavenfruitfarm.com); E-mail: [tnedbal@aol.com](mailto:tnedbal@aol.com); Tree fruit farm (apples, cherries, pears, peaches, plums) including 35 varieties of apples. School tours available. Closed on Mondays.

**Asparagus**

- **Weidman Asparagus Farm** (*Don Weidman*), Mt. Carroll - 815-244-3356, Open to the public 8:00 am to 8:00 pm from about May 1 to June 1
- **Argo Acres** (*Dennis & Diane Etnyre*), Argo Fay (east of Thomson) - 815-259-2132, Early garden produce starts in May. Call for availability. Farm stand opens in July from dawn until dusk through November.

**Beef (for processing)**

- **Geh Day Farms** (*Geh & Terry Schurecht*), Mt. Carroll - 815-244-2697, E-mail: [bigcows@grics.net](mailto:bigcows@grics.net); Offering hormone, antibiotic and steroid free freezer beef (single cuts,  $\frac{1}{2}$ , or whole sides) Also selling registered Polled Hereford seed stock.
- **Rahn Meats** (*Annette & Elmer Rahn*), Mt. Carroll - 815-684-5265, E-mail: [arahnholycow@hotmail.com](mailto:arahnholycow@hotmail.com); Offering  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$ , or full beef

**Christmas Trees & Wreaths**

- **Dollinger Christmas Tree Farm** (*John & Janie Dollinger*), Shannon - 815-864-2437, E-mail: [pinetree1965@frontiernet.net](mailto:pinetree1965@frontiernet.net); Open daily Nov 1 to Dec 20, 8-5 p.m.; Christmas tree farm including 8 varieties of trees nestled amongst woods and abundant wildlife. Featuring a gift shop with free hot cider and warming fire and offering wagon rides through farm and woods.
- **West Point Tree Farm** (*John & Bev Lundquist*), West Point Rd., Mt. Carroll - 815-244-9684, Open Saturdays & Sundays after Thanksgiving from 12-4 p.m. or by appointment.

**Corn for furnaces**

- **Boelkens Farm** (*Jan, David & Tim Boelkens*), Lanark - 815-493-6003, E-mail: [boelkens@frontiernet.net](mailto:boelkens@frontiernet.net); Right moisture and easy loading. Bring your own containers.

**Farm Animals - Fainting Goats**

- **Boelkens Farm** (*Jan, David & Tim Boelkens*), Lanark - 815-493-6003, E-mail: [boelkens@frontiernet.net](mailto:boelkens@frontiernet.net)

**Farm tours-(no produce sold only tour)**

- **Fink Family Farms** (*Chris Fink*), Lanark - 815-493-1172, E-mail: [cdfink@hughes.net](mailto:cdfink@hughes.net); Cash grain farm available for tours. Tours include antique display of John Deere & Allis Chalmers combines.
- **Freedom Hills Ranch** (*Randall & Jane Adolph, Mick & Nancy Adolph*), Mt. Carroll - 815-284-4597, Tour a beef cow-calf, grain and hay operation.
- **Hunter Haven Farms** (*Doug & Edie Block, Tom & Mary Block*), Lanark - 815-864-2217, E-mail: [hunter-h@aeroinc.net](mailto:hunter-h@aeroinc.net); Tour a modern family dairy operation caring for and milking 600 cows.
- **Learn Great Foods** (*Pam Sorg*), Mt. Carroll - 815-244-5602, Website: [www.learngreatfoods.com](http://www.learngreatfoods.com); A Culinary Adventure! March-October Agriculinary food tours and weekend retreats - touring organic farms and artisans, cooking with chefs, and then dining organic gourmet - based at Campbell Center's Hathaway Hall in Mount Carroll. See website for listing of dates and farms.
- **Rack and Wing Hunting Farm** (*Dan Sweitzer*), Lanark - 815-493-6443, Tour a pheasant farm and bird hunting club including sporting clays.
- **Scenic Bluff Ranch** Savanna - 815-244-6232, Website: [www.scenicbluff.com](http://www.scenicbluff.com); Horse boarding & general farm nestled in scenic hills & vistas.

**Farm tours-(produce sold & tour available)**

See farm information under produce listing

**Dollinger Christmas Tree Farm**- Christmas Trees & Wreaths

**Fairhaven Fruit Farm**- Apples, Cherries, Peaches, Pears & Plums

**Johnson Creek Tree Farm**- Hardwood Lumber & Firewood

**Michael Family Farms**- Soaps & Goat Milk Lotions

**Rogers Creek Grist Mill**- Grist Mill Products (flour, mixes, etc.)**Segers'**

**Tree Farm**- **Mushrooms - Shiitake** (fresh & dried)

**Garden Fruits, Vegetables & Farm Fresh Eggs**

- **Argo Acres** (*Dennis & Diane Etnyre*), Argo Fay - 815-259-2132, Offering over twenty kinds of garden fruits and vegetables including: sweet corn, tomatoes, green beans, peppers, cucumbers and squash. Early garden produce starts in May. Call for availability. Farm stand opens in July from dawn until dusk through November.
- **Jon Swanson Thomson** - 815-772-3288, Vegetables in season, ear corn, and eggs year round.
- **The Great Harvest** (*William & Michelle Iske & Boys*), Lanark - 815-493-1151, Garden vegetables, jams & jelly, pumpkins & gourds, fresh eggs and sweet corn when ready. Open: Thursday-Saturday 9:00 am - 7:00 p.m. and Monday 9:00 a.m.-12:00p.m.



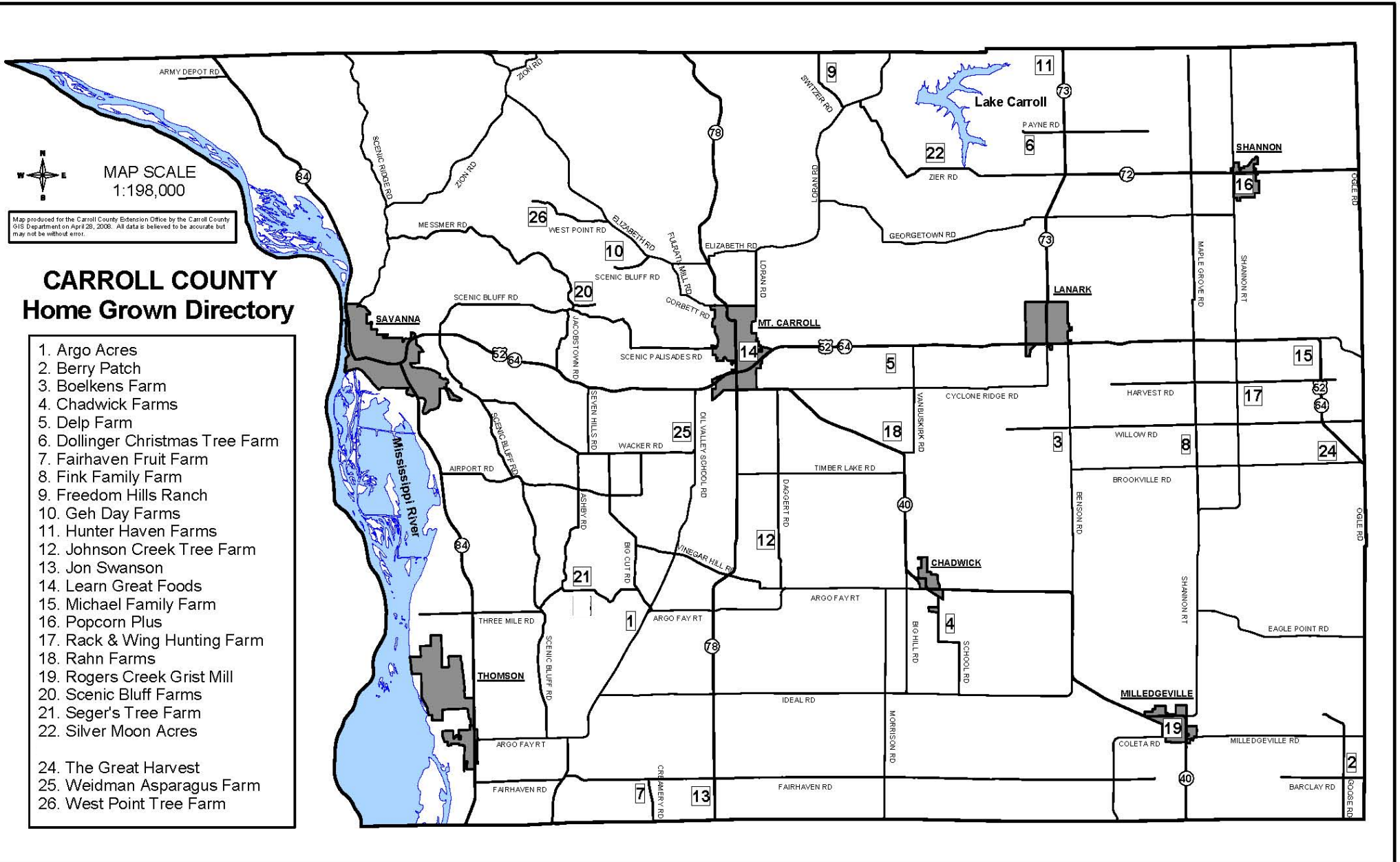


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**Grist Mill Products (flour, mixes, etc.)**

- **Rogers Creek Grist Mill** (*Roger & Bonnie Bork*), Milledgeville - 815-225-7236, Grist mill products for sale include: corn meal, whole wheat flour, five varieties of whole wheat muffin mix, cranberry corn bread, pancake, fish batter mixes, and more. Tour a recreated 1920's full-size water wheel stone grind grist mill, a miniature grist mill and historical information (located in residential area).

**Hardwood Lumber & Firewood**

- **Johnson Creek Tree Farm** (*Michael & Patricia Johnson*), Mt. Carroll - 815-684-5411, E-mail: [johnson@jcwifi.com](mailto:johnson@jcwifi.com); Kiln dried, planed hardwood lumber for furniture & wood turning; firewood. Sawmill operation tours and tree farm tours through mown paths with descriptions of plantings.

**Hay & Straw**

- **Boelkens Farm** (*Jan, David & Tim Boelkens*), Lanark - 815-493-6003, E-mail: [boelkens@frontiernet.net](mailto:boelkens@frontiernet.net); Hay (small bales)
- **Rahn Brothers**, Mt. Carroll - 815-684-5265, E-mail: [arahnholycow@hotmail.com](mailto:arahnholycow@hotmail.com); Hay (small bales)
- **Delp Farm** (*Richard Delp*), Mt. Carroll - 815-493-2586, Straw (small bales)

**Mushrooms - Shiitake (fresh & dried)**

- **Segers' Tree Farm** (*David & Joyce Seger*), Thomson- 309-887-4520, Produce and tours available at farm raising mushrooms and black walnut trees.

**Popcorn (locally grown gourmet popcorn)**

- **Argo Acres**, Argo Fay - 815-259-2132, Early garden produce starts in May. Call for availability. Farm stand opens in July from dawn until dusk through November.
- **Chadwick Farms** (*Nancy & Larry Spaulding*), Chadwick- 815-684-5625, E-mail: [spauldingn04@yahoo.com](mailto:spauldingn04@yahoo.com); Handmade caramel corn sold wholesale and for fundraisers.

- **Popcorn Plus**, Rt. 72, Shannon (*Lydia Nowak & Joe Pinder*), 815-864-3000, Enjoy our gourmet popcorn varieties including toffee cashew, savory cheese, caramel drizzled in dark chocolate and many more delicious flavors. The gift shop features Pinder Pottery and other locally handmade gifts. Store hours: Wed.-Fri. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Website: [www.popcornplus.com](http://www.popcornplus.com)

**Pumpkins**

- **Silver Moon Acres**, Lake Carroll - 815-493-6888; Website: [www.silvermoonacres.com](http://www.silvermoonacres.com)
- **The Great Harvest** (*William & Michelle Iske & Boys*), Lanark- 815-493-1151, Open: Thursday-Saturday 9:00 a.m. -7:00 p.m. and Monday 9:00 a.m.-12:00p.m.

**Raspberries**

- **Argo Acres** (*Dennis & Diane Etnyre*), Argo Fay - 815-259-2132; Red Raspberries, July thru September; We-pick, call to order.

**Soaps & Goat Milk Lotions**

- **Michael Family Farms** (*Phil & Joyce Michael*), Lanark - 815-493-2557; E-mail: [farmerphil02@yahoo.com](mailto:farmerphil02@yahoo.com); Homemade soaps and goat milk lotions for sale. Tour Farrow to finish hog operation & grain operation.

**Strawberries**

The Berry Patch (*Mark & Laurie Barrett*), Milledgeville-815-225-5560 or 815-631-4204, Email: [grinenbarrett6@yahoo.com](mailto:grinenbarrett6@yahoo.com); U-pick or We-pick. Season: end of May through the middle of June. Please call or email for picking times or to place an order

***Lanark***

Lanark Historic District - 815-493-2307

***Mt. Carroll***

Carroll County Historical Society Museum - 815-244-3474

- Owen P. Miles Museum, Mt. Carroll
- Oakville Settlement Museum, Rural Mt. Carroll

Soldiers & Sailors Monument & Annex (designed by Laredo Taft) - 244-0221

***Savanna***

Army Depot Museum & Welcome Center - 815-273-4013

Ingersoll Wetlands Learning Center (April- Nov.) - 815-273-2732

Monument Park - 815-273-2722

Motorcycle Museum @ Iron Horse Social Club - 815-273-2600

Savanna Historical Museum - 866-367-6505

Train Car Museum - 815-273-3292

***Thomson***

Thomson Depot Museum (May 31 - Oct 1) - 815-259-2361

**Carroll County Libraries & Genealogy Societies**

(Many libraries possess computers for public Internet access)

Carroll County Genealogical Society , Basement Savanna Public Library-  
815-273-3714 (Collection of written records of county and family records.)

Chadwick Public Library, 110 Main St., Chadwick - 815-864-5215

Lanark Public Library, 110 W. Carroll Ave., Lanark - 815-493-2166

Wysox Township Library, 18 W. 5<sup>th</sup> St., Milledgeville - 815-225-7572

Mt. Carroll Township Library, 208 N. Main St., Mt. Carroll - 815-244-1751

York Township Public Library, W. Main St., Thomson - 815-259-2480

Savanna Public Library, 326 Third St., Savanna - 815-273-3714

(Please contact each listing for hours of operation)

**Airboat Tours**

Captain Ron's Adventures, Savanna - 630-531-1172

**Airports**

Tri-Township Airport, 8049 IL Rt. 84, Savanna 815-273-3555

**Amusements**

Raven's Grin Inn Haunted House, Mt. Carroll - 815-244-4746

Website: [www.hauntedravensgrin.com](http://www.hauntedravensgrin.com); E-mail: [ravensgrin@grics.net](mailto:ravensgrin@grics.net)

**Antiques & Arts**

321 Art Gallery, Savanna - 815-273-2781

BJ's Resale (antiques & collectibles), Thomson - 815-259-3550

Charlotte Arvelle Glass, Mt. Carroll- 815-244-3554

dabluz Boutique, Mt. Carroll- 815-244-4058

Heritage Market, Mt. Carroll - 815-244-4054

Ideas N' Designs, Mt. Carroll - 815-244-7875

Pulford Opera House Antique Mall, Savanna - 815-273-2661

Remembering When - Les Accessoires, Lanark - 815-493-8233

The Clay Pot, Mt. Carroll- 815-244-2667

**Bike Trails & Bike Rentals**

Great River Trail (Savanna to Moline) - 815-273-2722

Arnold's Bicycle Repair & Rental, Savanna - 815-273-7789

**Boat Launches / Boat Rentals / Marinas**

Fin and Feather, Thomson - 815-273-3302

Lazy River Marina, Savanna - 815-273-2851

Marquette Park, Savanna (along the riverfront near Pizza Hut) - 815-273-4487

Savanna Marina, Savanna - 815-273-2955

U.S. Army Corp of Engineers Big Slough, Thomson - 815-259-3628

**Bowling**

Carroll Lanes & Lounge, Mt. Carroll - 815-244-4023

Shannon Lanes & Lounge, Shannon - 815-864-2803

**Campgrounds & RV Parks**

<b>Mt. Carroll</b>	Timber Lake Resort - 815-244-1600 or 800-485-0145
<b>Savanna</b>	Lakewood Resort & Guide Service - 815-273-2898 Mississippi Palisades State Park - 815-273-2731 Savanna Marina & Camping - 815-273-2955 Seven Eagles Resort & Campground - 815-273-7301 Winters Spring Lake Resort - 815-273-4595
<b>Thomson</b>	Fin & Feather - 815-273-3302 Thomson Causeway Campground - 815-259-3628

**Corn Maze/Pumpkin Patch**

Silver Moon Acres, Lake Carroll - 815-493-6888;

**Garden & Floral Centers**

Carroll's Country Gardens Center, Lanark- 815-493-2521  
Flower Fan-A-See, Mt. Carroll- 877-645-0625  
Forest Green Trees, Shannon- 815-864-2808  
Great River Garden Center, Savanna -815-273-4800  
Milledgeville Greenhouse, Milledgeville - 815-225-7234  
River Valley Designs, Savanna- 815-273-2325  
Sweitzer Nursery, Lanark - 815-493-2434  
The Special Touch, Lanark- 815-493-6366

**Golf Courses & Mini-Golf**

Lake Carroll Golf - 18 Holes, Lake Carroll/Lanark - 815-493-2808  
The Lynks at Buck's Barn - 18 Holes, Thomson - 815-259-8278  
Oakville Country Club - 9 Holes, Mt. Carroll - 815-684-5295  
Palisades Golf - 9 Holes, Savanna - 815-273-2141  
Trailside Mini-Golf, Lake Carroll/Lanark- 815-493-8484

**Health Clubs**

Curves for Women, Savanna - 815-273-7777  
Hazelwood Court, Milledgeville - 815-225-7178  
On The Move Community Fitness Center - Lanark - 815-493-8213

**Horse Trail Riding**

Eagle Point Horseback Riding, Milledgeville - 815-225-7473  
Scenic Bluff Farms, Savanna - 815-244-6232  
Smooth Gait Ranch, Mt. Carroll - 815-244-2699

**Hunting, Hunting Outfitters, Taxidermy**

American Trading Post, Thomson - 815-259-2050  
Big River Taxidermy, Mt. Carroll - 815-244-3115  
Lake Wood Resort & Guide Service, Savanna - 815-273-2898  
Rack and Wing, Lanark - 815-493-6443  
Van's Country Sports Store & Shooting Club, Mt. Carroll - 815-493-2601

**Motocross Park**

MC Moto Park, Mt. Carroll - 815-238-1614

**Paint Ball**

Eagle Point Paint Ball Games, Milledgeville - 815-225-7473

**Parks**

Handel Park, Chadwick - 815-684-5188  
Lanark City Park, Lanark - 815-493-2431  
Marquette Park (on the Mississippi), Savanna - 815-273-4487  
Milledgeville Park, Milledgeville - 815-225-7912  
Mississippi Palisades State Park, Rt. 84, Savanna - 815-273-2731  
Monument Park, Savanna - 815-273-2722  
Old Mill Park, Rt. 52/64, Savanna - 815-273-4549  
Point Rock Park, South Mill St., Mt. Carroll - 815-244-4424  
Upper Mississippi River National, Riverview Road, Thomson - 815-273-2732  
Shannon City Park, Shannon - 815-864-2195  
Thomson Causeway Recreational Area, Lewis Lane, Thomson - 815-259-2353

**Skeet and Trap/Sporting Clay Shooting**

Rack and Wing Upland Bird Hunting Club, Lanark - 815-493-6443  
Van's Country Sports Store and Sporting Club, Mt. Carroll - 815-493-2601

**Swimming Pools (Public)**

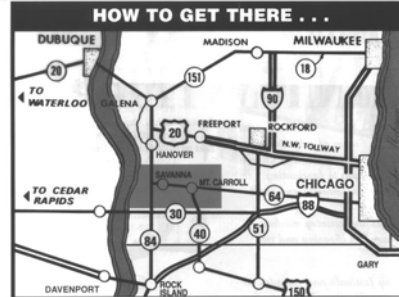
Mt. Carroll Swimming Pool (outdoor) - 815-244-3483  
Savanna Swimming Pool (indoor) - 815-273-3887 or 4487

**Walking Trails & Tours**

Great River Trail (Savanna to Moline) - 815-273-2722  
Lost Mound Observation Overlook, Savanna - 815-273-3184  
National Register Historic District Walking Tour, Mt. Carroll - 244-2255  
Mississippi Palisades State Park, Savanna, 815-273-2731

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- Lake Carroll**    The Lake House on Shadow Ridge- 630-664-4348  
                          Trailside Inn - 815-493-8484
  - Lanark**            The Standish House - 815-493-2304 or 866-493-2307
  - Mt. Carroll**      Country Palmer House 815-244-2343  
                          The Farm B & B - 815-244-9885 or 877-244-9885  
                          Prairie Path Guest House - 815-244-3462  
                          Simple Comforts Retreat Center- 815-382-4544  
                          Timber Lake Resort - 815-244-1600 or 800-485-0145
  - Savanna**          Blue Bed & Breakfast- 815-541-8684  
                          Granny O'Neils River Inn -815-273-4726  
                          Indian Head Motel - 815-273-2154  
                          L & M Motel - 815-273-7728  
                          Mississippi Bluff Cabins - 815-238-1080  
                          The Nest at Palisades - 815-273-7824  
                          Seven Eagles Campground & Motel - 815-273-7301  
                          Super 8 Motel - 815-273-2288
  - Shannon**          Hickory Hideaway - 815-864-2099 or 866-333-1333
  - Thomson**           Buck's Barn Golf Resort - 815-259-8278  
                          Executive Inn - 815-259-7378

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