

YOUR GUIDE TO ADVENTURE IN HARDIN COUNTY AND THE SURROUNDING AREA

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Mileage/Distances

Cape Girardeau, MO	86 miles
Champaign, IL	247 miles
Chicago, IL	381 miles
Davenport, IA	432 miles
Effingham, IL	171 miles
Evansville, IN	80 miles
Louisville, KY	197 miles
Indianapolis, IN	252 miles
Nashville, TN	183 miles
Paducah, KY	44 miles
St. Louis, MO	181 miles
Sikeston, MO	110 miles
Springfield, IL	264 miles

1 River-to-River Trail

Hike or horseback from Hardin County on the Ohio River across the scenic Shawnee Hills of Southern Illinois to the Mississippi River. See www.rivertorivertrail.com for more information.

2 Rim Rock Forest Trail

Hike along the Rim Rock where you can explore an ancient Indian Wall, Fat Man's Squeeze and Ox-Lot Cave.



3 High Knob Vista

Enjoy a panoramic view of the great Shawnee Forest from its vast, wooded hills to pastoral landscape. This area is a mecca for hikers and horseback riders.

4 Camp Cadiz

Enjoy the seclusion of this remote camping and picnic area. The site of a 1930s C.C.C Encampment, it is also used as a trailhead for hikers and horseback riders.



5 Cave-in-Rock State Park

Wander along the Ohio River and step into the large cavern, steeped in history of river pirates. Enjoy the spectacular river view from the lodge perched atop the overhanging bluffs. Cabins, picnicking, showers and camping are available.



6 Cave-in-Rock Ferry to Kentucky Amish Country

Ride the only Illinois Ferry crossing the Ohio River and step into the lifestyle of our Kentucky Amish neighbors.

7 Tower Rock

Hike to the top of this majestic bluff rising 160 feet above the Ohio River midway between the historic river towns of Elizabethtown and Cave-in-Rock. Camp or picnic at the base of Tower Rock.



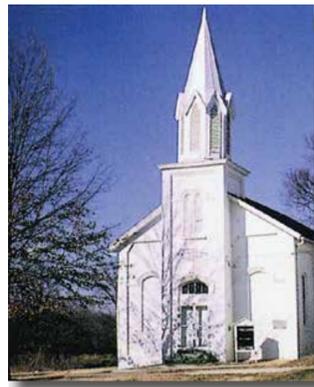
8 American Fluorite Museum

Discover the Illinois State Mineral, "Fluorspar." Learn of its history, production, and uses. Hardin County was the largest fluorspar-producing area in the United States.



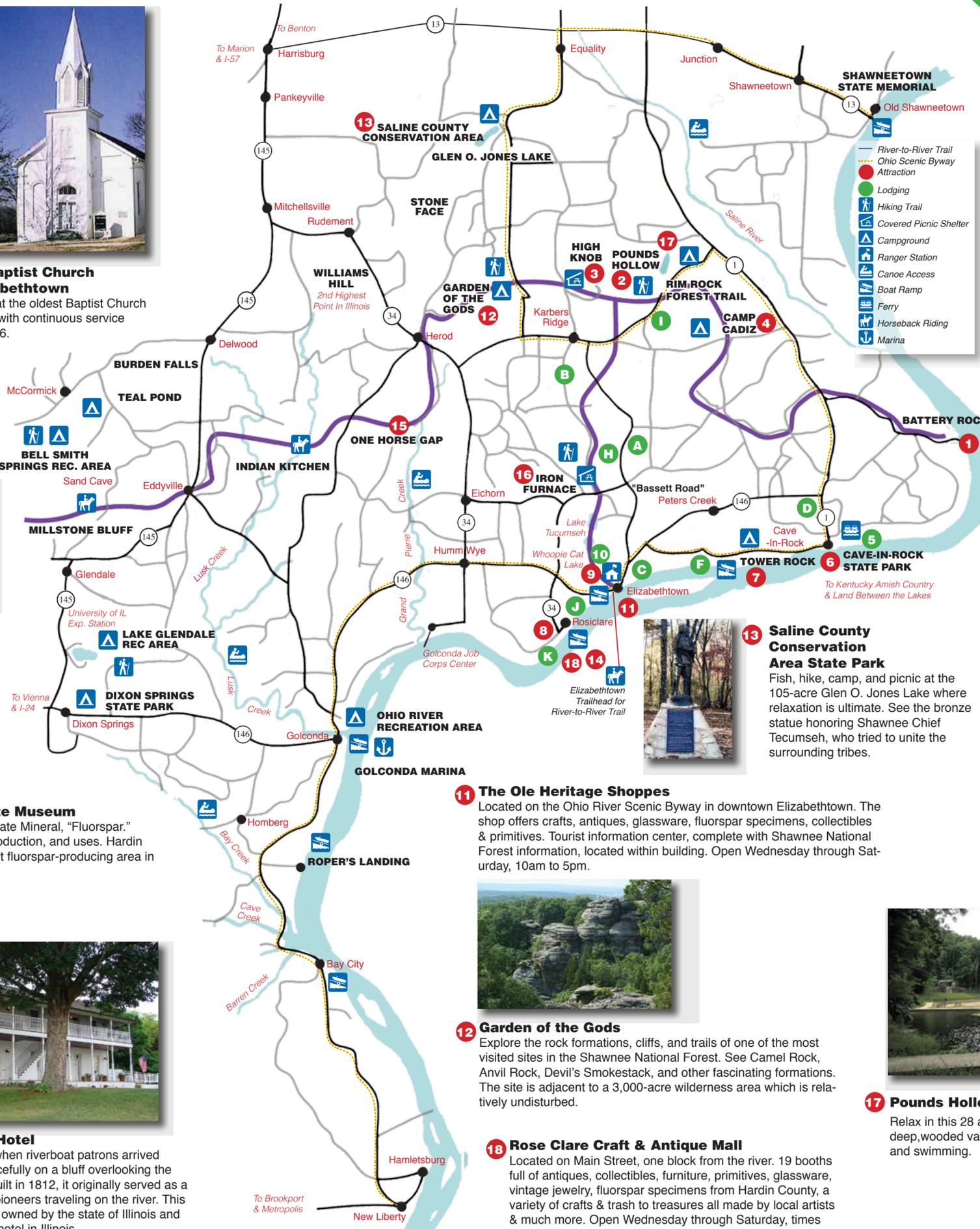
10 The Grand Rose Hotel

Reflect on yesteryear when riverboat patrons arrived at this hotel sitting peacefully on a bluff overlooking the beautiful Ohio River. Built in 1812, it originally served as a tavern on the river for pioneers traveling on the river. This National Historic site is owned by the state of Illinois and is the oldest operating hotel in Illinois.



9 First Baptist Church in Elizabethtown

Worship at the oldest Baptist Church in Illinois with continuous service since 1806.



14 Rosiclare River Walk

Located in the Rosiclare City Park, the River Walk offers spectacular views of the Ohio River and entertainment for the entire family. The walk is handicapped accessible with benches for those who want to rest and enjoy the view.

15 One Horse Gap

Visualize an ancient tribe of Native Americans passing through the narrow crevice downward from the top of a sheer bluff. Site of an annual 9-day horseback ride, modern day horseback riders take the same trail. Fish at the nearby, but remote, One Horse Gap Lake.



16 Illinois Iron Furnace

Step back to Civil War days when "pig-iron" was smelted at this, the first charcoal-fired iron furnace in Illinois, now on the National Register of Historic Places. Unwind at this secluded stream valley, where you can picnic, and visit "the ole swimmin' hole."

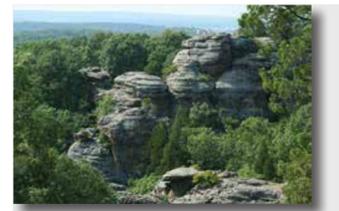


17 Pounds Hollow Lake

Relax in this 28 acre picturesque lake nestled in a deep, wooded valley. Enjoy camping, picnicking, fishing, and swimming.

11 The Ole Heritage Shoppes

Located on the Ohio River Scenic Byway in downtown Elizabethtown. The shop offers crafts, antiques, glassware, fluorspar specimens, collectibles & primitives. Tourist information center, complete with Shawnee National Forest information, located within building. Open Wednesday through Saturday, 10am to 5pm.



12 Garden of the Gods

Explore the rock formations, cliffs, and trails of one of the most visited sites in the Shawnee National Forest. See Camel Rock, Anvil Rock, Devil's Smokestack, and other fascinating formations. The site is adjacent to a 3,000-acre wilderness area which is relatively undisturbed.

18 Rose Clare Craft & Antique Mall

Located on Main Street, one block from the river. 19 booths full of antiques, collectibles, furniture, primitives, glassware, vintage jewelry, fluorspar specimens from Hardin County, a variety of crafts & trash to treasures all made by local artists & much more. Open Wednesday through Saturday, times vary from 10am to closing.

COMMUNITY FESTIVALS

For most current information, see our website: www.hardincountyil.org

... **Hardin County Heritage Festival** ...
Pageant, Quilt Show, Entertainment, Food, 1860s Outdoor Play, Fireworks, Duck Race on the Ohio River
Weekend Closest to the Fourth of July, Elizabethtown

... **Rosiclare Rocks** ...
A community party of food and fun - Second Friday of June and First Friday of September, Rosiclare Park

... **Nine Day Trail Ride** ...
Renowned gathering of horseback enthusiasts - Begins last weekend of July, One Horse Gap

... **Cave-in-Rock Frontier Days** ...
Car Show, Entertainment, Food, Pageant, Parade, Variety Show - Cave-in-Rock

... **Fluorspar Festival** ...
Pageant, Barbecue, Carnival, Parade, Car Show, First Weekend of October, Rosiclare