

CENTRAL/SOUTHERN BYWAY ITINERARY



Day One

•East Peoria Riverfront Greenway

Observe three separate wetland areas from the 1200-foot section of raised boardwalk, including four levels of ponds created by the damming of the river by resident beavers.

•River Trail of Illinois

Walk, hike, jog, skate or bicycle your way down the 4.8 miles connecting East Peoria and Morton. The trail offers an educational introduction to tall grass prairie and bluffland forest habitats.

•Lakeview Museum

The largest private downstate museum features art and science exhibitions, children's Discovery Center, Planetarium, Illinois Folk Art Gallery, Illinois River Decoy and Illinois Jacquard Coverlet exhibitions, the Museum Store and more!

•Lunch

Visit www.peoria.org for a listing of dining options in the area.

•Lavender Creek Farm

A 10-acre all-organic farm harvesting lavender as the number one crop, as well as vegetables, grapes and a fruit/nut orchard. Lavender plants and other products are sold at the farm year-round, but during Harvest Days (mid-summer) the public is invited to participate in harvesting their own plants for purchase.

•Mackinaw Valley Vineyard

Experience a bit of Napa Valley in Central Illinois. Visit the winery, tasting room and gift shop.

•Overnight in Peoria or East Peoria

Visit www.peoria.org for a listing of accommodations in the Peoria Area.

•Dinner in East Peoria

A list of dining facilities in East Peoria can be found at www.peoria.org.



Day Two

- **Fort Crevecoeur Park**

Fort Crevecoeur Park commemorates French explorer Robert Rene Cavalier de LaSalle's presence here on the east bank of the Illinois River in 1680. The fort was built to protect the Illini Indians from the aggressive Iroquois Nation.

- **McNaughton Park**

The 850 acres of McNaughton Park contain some of the most impressive specimens of white oak in the entire Illinois River Valley.

- **Rockin' P Public Riding Ranch**

Calling all equestrian enthusiasts! Take a guided trail ride, pony-on-a-lead ride or hayrack rides through McNaughton Park!

- **Lunch on Pekin's Main Street**

Pekin's historic downtown district offers inviting restaurants. Visit www.pekinmainstreet.com for a list.

- **Willett's Winery and Cellar**

A family owned and operated winery nestled in a small-town atmosphere. Experience European charm with a glass of wine in our Market Street Courtyard.

- **Jake Wolf Memorial Fish Hatchery**

Located atop a natural aquifer the hatchery can simultaneously accommodate 16 different species of fish and produce approximately 42 million fish annually for stocking in public and private waters.

- **Chautauqua National Wildlife Refuge**

Known primarily for its waterfowl, Chautauqua National Wildlife Refuge also attracts numerous other bird groups into its forests, marshes and lakes. Bald Eagles are regulars during migration periods!

- **Dinner and overnight in Havana**

Walk the tree-lined streets of historic Havana before choosing on a dinner destination. Visit www.scenichavana.com for a listing.