



GREAT RIVERS, ROUTES & DETOURS

Looking for your next road trip?
Then consider visiting Southwest Illinois
where the Mother Road meets the Great River Road!

DAY 1

Begin your drive along Route 66 to Cahokia Mounds State Park located in Collinsville, IL. designated as a World Heritage Site & National Historic Landmark. Next visit the World's Largest Catsup bottle for a great photo op!

Take a short drive to Edwardsville, IL for lunch at one of the many local favorites! Afterwards step back into the early history of Edwardsville as you explore the 1820 Benjamin Stephenson House and enjoy a concert or movie at the 1909 Wildey Theatre.



DAY 2

It's time to take a short detour to the Great River Road/Meeting of the Great Rivers National Scenic Byway for your next adventure! Start at the Lewis & Clark State Historic Site, Trail Site #1 on the National Trail! Learn about the Corp of Discovery and how they planned for their journey west.

A must see in Alton, IL is the Robert Wadlow Statue. At 8'11.1" tall this "Gentle Giant" is still in the Guinness Book of Records as the world's tallest man. Then visit the National Great Rivers Museum & Melvin Price Locks & Dam, one of the largest locks & dams on the Mississippi River. Learn about the history of Alton by following in Lincoln's footsteps on the Lincoln & Civil War Legacy Trail. You can pick up this brochure at the Alton Visitor Center along with dining & shopping



DAY 3

One of the most scenic drives in the state can be found along the Great River Road from Alton to Grafton! As you are leaving Alton, stop at Piasa Park for a photo of the dragon-like beast painted high on the bluff of the Mississippi River. The Piasa Bird, reportedly haunted the rivers and bluffs centuries ago. At Grafton, IL you can relax at one of the riverside wineries, stop at the Grafton Harbor for a cruise aboard the riverboat Hakuna Matata and zip through the trees on the Grafton Zipline!

Travel back to the Mother Road where diners abound! At Weezy's in Hamel, IL you can enjoy a burger & fries while you read all the old signs that decorate the walls. Your next stop will be in Livingston, IL so leave room for some ice cream at Twistee Treats Diner located at the must see Pink Elephant Mall!

Travel safely and come back to see us!



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