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Donna Reynolds

Tourism Operations Manager  
Ottawa Visitors Center

**W**elcome to Ottawa! I would like to thank you for your interest in our Friendly City! Whether it's our parks, our downtown shopping and restaurants or our history, there is plenty to do or see here and I'm confident you will enjoy your visit.

Robert Hasty

Mayor of Ottawa



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**Ottawa Visitors Center**  
**1028 La Salle St, Ottawa**  
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The Ottawa Visitors Center is a must-visit spot for anyone taking a trip to the Starved Rock Country area. This informational hub, located at the start of this picturesque downtown district, is home to a wide array of visitors pamphlets, helpful staff and selection of great Ottawa-centric merchandise. While you're there, be sure to grab a copy of Ottawa's historic walking tour brochure. This guidebook will take you on a

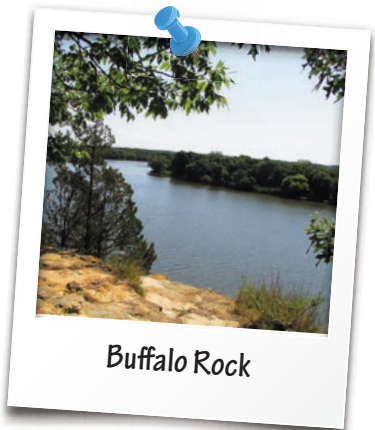


*Ottawa Visitor's Center*

stroll through the city's turn-of-the-century Old Town - pointing out sites of historical and cultural significance as you meander along lush walkways, past boutique shops and unique restaurants.

While Ottawa may be known for its historic downtown, boutique shopping and delicious dining destinations - there are also some great choices for interacting with nature.

Luckily, you've found the right place for information about the great outdoors in Ottawa. There is something for experienced hikers and casual nature lovers alike. Ottawa is home to Buffalo Rock State Park and The Dayton Bluffs Preserve, two gorgeous natural areas that allow you to experience all the beauty Illinois has to offer.



*Buffalo Rock*



# BUFFALO ROCK *State Park*

**B**uffalo Rock State Park is just one of the gorgeous natural areas that Ottawa has to offer. There is plenty to see and experience on site. Whether it's along the cliffs over the river or through the woodlands, the park is sure to satisfy any nature lover, whether you're an experienced hiker or just getting a breath of fresh air.

The trails of Buffalo Rock State Park, located at **1300 North 27th Road**, provide visitors with the chance to take in some spectacular views of the Illinois River and surrounding area from atop its cliffs and bluffs. There are also plenty of opportunities to explore the area's trees, other plants, and wildlife, to truly immerse yourself in the natural beauty of Ottawa. The site also hosts a baseball diamond, shelter with vending machines, and the signature attractions of Buffalo Rock State Park.

Buffalo Rock is home to three American bison, which can be seen daily. The animals can be seen daily. These creatures, once native to the area, truly make the state park feel alive and historic.

The Effigy Tumuli are art sculptures built with the purpose of emulating the same kind that were built by Native Americans in the past. Buffalo Rock hosts five of these sculptures, a snake, frog, catfish, water strider, and turtle.

History is abundant near Buffalo Rock. The region around the park was once home to an enormous intertribal trading post, a significant piece of the land's indigenous history - documented in the early Joliet-Marquette expedition. Centuries later, Buffalo Rock was used as a sanatorium and vacation spot for the workers of the Chicago based Crane Company. In 1928 the company donated the property to the state and it eventually became the attraction it is today.

With natural beauty all around, bison peacefully grazing, and effigies on site, Buffalo Rock State Park allows visitors to gaze into the past, viewing the land as it once was.



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# The DAYTON BLUFFS Preserve

**T**he Dayton Bluffs Preserve encompasses a natural area of 253 acres. A local volunteer group known as the Friends of Dayton Bluffs helps with the restoration and management of both the site's natural and historic resources. The Conservation Foundation and several other groups and volunteers also help manage the land of the Dayton Bluffs preserve.

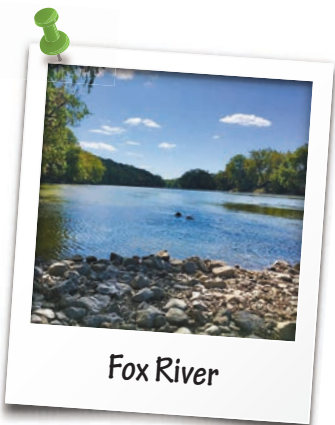
Located at **2997 Illinois Rt. 71**, this natural area allows visitors to explore many unique areas that are on the preserve. The property is home to woodlands, grass fields, cascades, and the Fox River. With plenty of trails to choose from and the variety of natural areas at Dayton Bluffs, there is always something new to discover.

At the Dayton Bluffs Preserve, nature and history come alive around all those who visit. The Conservation Foundation readily recognizes that Indigenous people lived on the land and as stewards of it, had a vital relationship with the land that now makes up the preserve,

and areas outside of it as well. With Native American burial grounds on site, the area is both an important natural and archaeological one.

Those who run Dayton Bluffs also have a plan to expand what the area has to offer. More seating, water fountains, an outdoor classroom, bridges and so much more will one day be available to all guests. Dayton Bluffs is dedicated to being a natural area, accessible to everyone.

Dayton Bluffs is a great place to attune yourself to nature while recognizing the vast history of the area.



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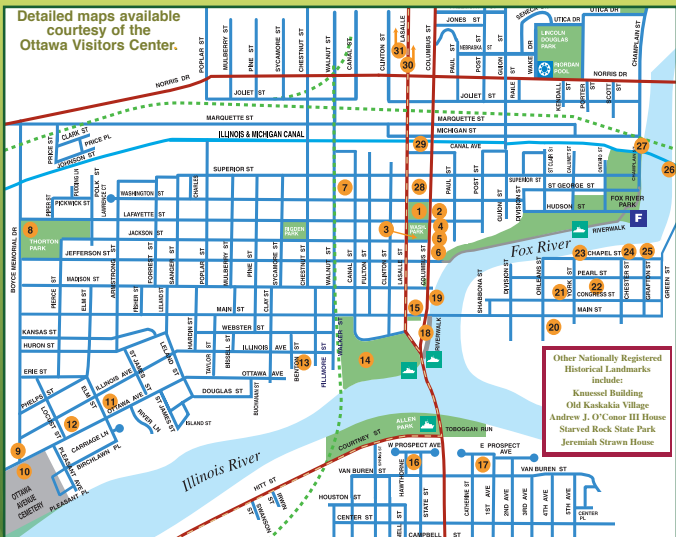
The Auto Tour of Historic Ottawa, Illinois is an educational adventure offering something for everyone. Discover the historic treasures Ottawa has to offer at your own leisure and in the comfort of your own automobile. The tour includes Ottawa's original town square, the many stunning homes, interesting architecture and breath-taking nature scenery, such as the I&M Canal. Detailed maps available courtesy of the Ottawa Visitors Center.

### The Tour Includes:

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|--|--|---|---|---|
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| 2. Appellate Court Building<br>1004 Columbus St.   | 8. Thornton Park<br>Lafayette St. & Boyce Memorial Dr.   | 13. William Hickling House<br>Illinois Ave. & Benton Ave. | 20. O.J. Harris House<br>527 E. Main St.          | 27. Fox River Aqueduct<br>Champaign St.         |
| 3. Washington Square *<br>Columbus St.             | 9. Memorial Columns<br>Ottawa Ave.   | 14. Little Red Schoolhouse<br>Central School              | 21. Osman House<br>532 Congress St.               | 28. St. Columba Church<br>122 W. Washington St. |
| 4. Christ Episcopal Church<br>113 E. Lafayette St. | 10. Ottawa Ave. Cemetery<br>Ottawa Ave.  | 15. LaSalle County Courthouse<br>LaSalle St. & Main St.   | 22. Washington Bushnell House<br>622 Pearl St.    | 29. I&M Canal Tollhouse<br>Columbus St.         |
| 5. Masonic Temple<br>916 Columbus St.              | 11. W.D. Boyce Memorial<br>Hosack Memorial<br>Reddick Memorial<br>Nash Memorial<br>Ottawa Ave. | 16. John Hosack House *<br>210 Prospect St.               | 23. Thorsen-Fleury House<br>602 Chapel St.        | 30. General WILL. Wallace House<br>Caton Rd.    |
| 6. First Congregational Church<br>910 Columbus St. | 11. Edward Swift House<br>1355 Ottawa Ave.   | 17. Fort Johnson<br>Prospect St.                          | 24. John Manley House<br>640 Chapel St.           | 31. Judge T. Lyle Dickey House<br>Caton Rd.     |
|  |  | 18. Ottawa Boat Club<br>Columbus St.                      | 25. M.H. Hollister House<br>804 Chapel St.        |   |

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Ottawa Visitors Center.



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# CITY PARKS *of Ottawa*

## **ALLEN PARK**

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Allen Park is a sprawling destination park located along the banks of the Illinois River on the south side of Ottawa.

The park features over 20 acres of land, shelters, fishing spots and convenient boat slips.

Upcoming park enhancements include a paved quarter-mile looped walking trail, gaming area for chess/checkers tables, a ping pong table, bag toss stations and new playground equipment. New native plantings and interpretive signage will be installed educating residents about the Illinois River, plants, and pollinators.

## **DAYTON BLUFF PRESERVE**

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## **EAST MAIN BOAT LAUNCH**

FAR EAST END OF MAIN STREET

East Main Boat Launch is a 10-acre area located at the far east end of Main Street along the Illinois River. The park contains a boat ramp, docks, fishing, and parking.

## **EAST SIDE PARK**

712 YORK STREET

East Side Neighborhood Park is located on the northeast corner of York and Congress Streets.

The park contains basketball courts, newly designed playground equipment in 2021 and a zip line.

## **FOX RIVER PARK**

1025 ONTARIO STREET

Fox River Park is located on the east side. The park is over 15 acres with many amenities, including a water splash pad, a newly expanded 18 basket Disk Golf Course, boat ramps, and playground equipment.

## **GREEN STREET PARK**

920 GREEN STREET

This neighborhood park features a practice baseball field, open to the public when not being used by a local team.

## **HOLLYWOOD PARK**

833 DELEON STREET

Hollywood Neighborhood Park is located on the north side of town, at the corner of DeLeon and Mulberry Streets. This newly constructed park features playground equipment, shelter and electric power.



### **KIWANIS PARK**

**115 E. GLOVER STREET**

Kiwanis Park is located south of the Illinois River on Route 23. The park contains playground equipment, shelters, and ample open spaces. The park also features a newly constructed free outdoor fitness court. The court has seven different areas to do exercises like lunges, core workouts, and agility. If you don't have a trainer or a group of people to workout with, there is an app called Fitness Court that has guided training on how to use the equipment located at the park.

### **LINCOLN-DOUGLAS PARK**

**600 E. NORRIS DRIVE**

This multi-use community park is located north of Route 6. The park consists of a newly installed pool, four baseball fields, two softball diamonds, a soccer field, batting cages, playground equipment, and a new inclusive playground for kids of all abilities to enjoy.

### **PECK PARK**

**1510 STATE STREET**

Peck Park is located on the south side, west of Route 23. It contains four softball diamonds, a baseball field, shelters, parking, playground equipment, and ample open spaces.

### **RIGDEN PARK**

**625 W. JACKSON STREET**

Ridgen Park is located west of downtown Ottawa on Lafayette Street. The park contains a baseball field, basketball courts, shelter, and playground equipment.

### **SKATE PARK**

**325 W. JACKSON STREET**

Ottawa Skate Park is a specialized community park that provides skateboarding opportunities.

### **THORNTON PARK**

**1600 W. JACKSON STREET**

This recently renovated park features a splash pad and playground equipment with shady benches and picnic tables for lounging families to enjoy. The park also features newly refinished pickle ball, tennis and basketball courts.

### **TURNBERRY PARK**

**2832 TURNBERRY DRIVE**

Turnberry Park is a small neighborhood park at the northeast part of Ottawa. The park contains a shelter, playground equipment, and basketball court.

### VARLAND PARK

310 E. MCKINLEY ROAD

Varland Park is located on the south side of town, east of Route 23. The park contains two baseball fields and playground equipment.

### WALSH PARK

509 BELLEVUE AVENUE

Walsh Park is located on the north side of town. This park is over 8 acres with basketball courts, regulation horseshoe pits, walking trails, playground equipment, and shelters with easy access from the parking lot.

### WASHINGTON SQUARE

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While preparing for your jump, there are still plenty of things to do. Skydive Chicago is home to Cougar Campground, perfect for a trip or getaway. Fishing, sand volleyball courts, rental cabins, and more are just some

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The fun doesn't stop outdoors, Skydive Chicago is also home to delectable indoor dining spot. The Eat Up Café offers a unique dining experience to guests, such as the Tiki Hut. Great food and drinks are the perfect way to end your day of thrilling ariel sight-seeing.

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Once you've settled in you'll enjoy a vast array of locally owned restaurants and boutiques. Beautifully manicured parks and trails. You'll also feel an overwhelming sense of history. At this point, the most common question for visitors is WHY? Why is this city placed here in what seems like the middle of nowhere? Who are the people who envisioned such a town in north central Illinois? What has allowed this beautiful hamlet to remain and flourish?

The answers to those questions are many and vast. That's where Awesome Ottawa Tours comes in. With eight unique tours, Awesome Ottawa will take you on the journey that IS Ottawa, Illinois. From the city's humble beginnings as a canal town to its prominent position on the

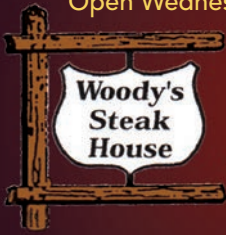
Illinois underground railroad, Ottawa's history runs deep. These captivating tours will delve into the dark history as well, such as when the notorious Radium Dial Corporation came to Ottawa in 1923. Hear about the early years of the city with the Ottawa Obscura tour, which is offered as both biking and driving adventure. Looking to explore contemporary Ottawa? Take a tour of the Tangled Roots Brewing Company. You've no doubt noticed the large historic homes in Ottawa, learn about those who built and occupied them on the Grand Homes of Ottawa, Illinois Tour. If you are more inclined to relax with a glass of wine or a cocktail as you learn about Ottawa, take the Wine Through Time Prohibition Pub Crawl.

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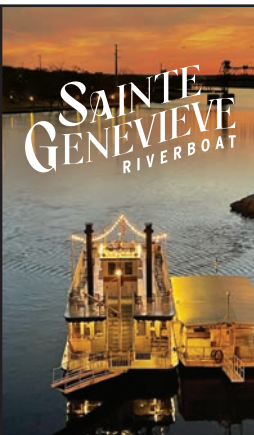
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Your trip aboard the Sainte Genevieve begins when you disembark from historic downtown Ottawa. You'll be expertly piloted up or down the Illinois River, between Buffalo Rock State Park and the Marseilles Lock and Dam. To top it all off, your voyage is accompanied by a 360-degree view of the Illinois River, by use of a top deck. Perfect for nature lovers, or those who simply enjoy taking in the world around them.

The Sainte Genevieve is host to a variety of exciting events. Themed dinner and live music are just a small taste of what this attraction offers to guests, guaranteed to awe all those who visit.

Up to 149 passengers are welcome on the vessel at a time, allowing for the opportunity to intermingle with others as much as one could wish for.

The vessel boasts a unique appearance, with a dark shade of green that sets the Sainte Genevieve apart from other riverboats. It's not just what's on the outside that counts either. The gorgeously decorated interior creates a luxurious environment that you won't soon forget.

Guests are treated to a wide array of food sourced from local restaurants, served in an enclosed dining area. Also available is a fully stocked cocktail bar. Dine in bliss as you soak in the views along the picturesque river, whether it's towards Buffalo Rock or the Marseilles Lock and Dam.

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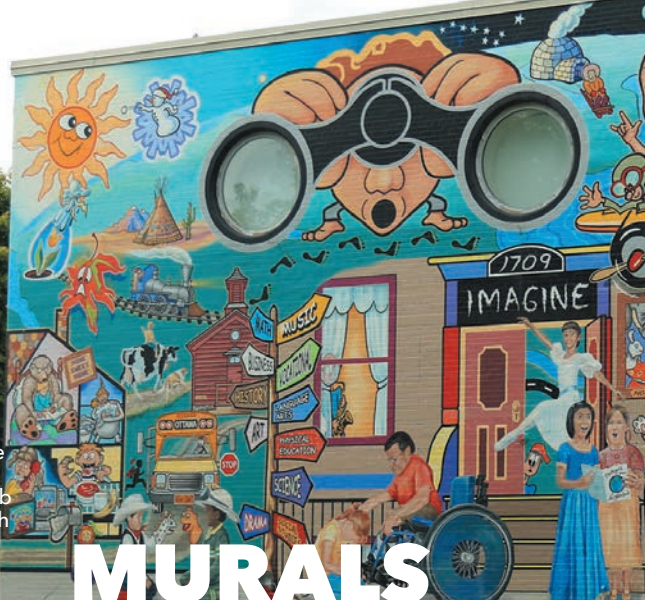


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to quality and excellence since the program's inception. Organized in 1993 the first mural became a reality in 2002. To date, ten murals have been completed. As of 2021, only nine murals remain.

These eclectic and larger than life murals focus on figures and events that shaped Ottawa's history including local industry, prominent citizens and wildlife.

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Paddle yourself down the Fox River on a self-guided canoe trip. Choose either a 7 or 12 mile trip and experience joy and tranquility in the great outdoors.

**CATLIN PARK**

2560 E. 1251ST ROAD  
(815) 434-0518  
illinoisriverroad.org



Catlin Park's 333 acres are a mix of pine and deciduous forests, prairie grasses, rugged ravines, winding stream beds, deer in abundance, wild turkeys, birds, squirrels, and rabbits. The park's well-organized trail system hosts 14 distinct trails plus numerous connector trails.

### **DAYTON BLUFFS PRESERVE**

2997 ILLINOIS ROUTE 71

(630) 428-4500

[theconservationfoundation.org](http://theconservationfoundation.org)  
Experience 100 acres of open prairie in the midst of restoration, the majesty and cool shade of 150 woodland acres, rugged ravines, glistening water cascades, the beautiful Fox River, sacred Native American burial mounds, and the Daniels family pioneer cemetery.

### **DAYTON RIDGE GOLF CLUB**

### **DETTORE'S TOWN LANES**

714 COLUMBUS STREET

(815) 433-0033

[dettorestownlanes.com](http://dettorestownlanes.com)  
Fun for all ages! Ottawa's leading bowling alley since 1968.

### **FOX RIVER AQUEDUCT**

This early engineering marvel carried waters of the Illinois & Michigan Canal over the Fox River. The Fox River Aqueduct is the largest aqueduct along the I&M Canal Corridor. Built in the 1840s by David Sanger & Sons Construction Co. of Ottawa, the aqueduct spans a length of 464 feet. Supported by seven towering piers constructed of Joliet limestone, the aqueduct was once considered the eighth wonder of the world.

### **FOX VALLEY OFF ROAD**

1952 N. 35TH ROAD

(815) 431-9913

[foxvalleyoffroad.com](http://foxvalleyoffroad.com)

### **GENERAL W.H.L. WALLACE**

815 LASALLE STREET

### **HERITAGE HARBOR**

111 HARBOR VIEW DRIVE

(815) 433-5000

[visitheritageharbor.com](http://visitheritageharbor.com)

### **HISTORY OF COMMUNICATIONS MURAL**

216 W. LAFAYETTE STREET

(815) 214-2123

### **I&M CANAL TOLL HOUSE**

1221 COLUMBUS STREET

(815) 434-2737

Visit the only remaining toll house on the Illinois and Michigan Canal, and learn the history of the waterway that built Illinois, Chicago, and Ottawa. View tools and other artifacts used by the toll collector and boat captains.

### **ILLINOIS RIVER ROAD**

ROUTE 71

You will be immersed in the rich cultural and archaeological history of Indigenous peoples, French explorers, American settlers, and immigrants who were drawn here by the river valley's abundant natural resources and who built their lives and communities from the land and river.

### **ILLINOIS WATERWAY VISITORS CENTER**

950 NORTH 27TH ROAD

(815) 667-4054

Ever want to see the operation of a lock and dam? Watch impressive towboats of mammoth proportions navigating through the Starved Rock Lock. Plus, view our displays to learn about the modern lock and dam system as well as the historic I & M Canal. Call to inquire about our eagle watching season, history, and educational programs.

### **IMAGINE & LEARN WITH BOB MCGRATH MURAL**

1709 COLUMBUS STREET

(815) 214-2123

Objects in the mural swirl as fast and as far as a child's imagination! Here you can travel to the East Coast of the United States, or to the universe! Cartoon characters lend a touch of whimsy to the art as real Ottawa children take center-stage singing, dancing, painting, playing make-believe or offering comfort.

### **KANE FAMILY FARMS**

2165 N. 3020TH ROAD

(815) 324-4144

[kanefamilyfarms.com](http://kanefamilyfarms.com)  
Family fun on the farm! Pick the perfect pumpkin, get lost in the corn maze, and enjoy tons of other outdoor games and adventures. (Seasonal)

### **LASALLE COUNTY GENEALOGY GUILD**

115 W. GLOVER STREET  
(815) 433-5261

lscgg.org

People come from all parts of the globe to study their genealogy in the guild's library.

### **LOOKING FOR LINCOLN**

#### **NELL'S WOODLAND**

2301 COLUMBUS STREET

Promoting a connectedness to nature, while providing programs that support stewardship in the areas of ecology, wellness, and the arts within the 60-acre nature preserve

#### **O-NETT GAMING CO.**

215 WEST WASHINGTON STREET

(815) 488-3786

onettgaming.com

One-of-a-kind arcade featuring 30+ games. All arcade machines are set to free-play, so customers can play as much as you like for the duration of their arcade pass.

#### **OPEN FOR BUSINESS MURAL**

701 LASALLE STREET

(815) 214-2123

As you look at the painting, notice the limestone facade surrounding the painting. This is very much how the front of the bank looked during the Great Depression of the 1930's.

#### **OPEN SPACE ART GALLERY & STUDIOS**

223 WEST MADISON STREET

(815) 293-7099

osartstudios.com

The gallery is a space for artists to show their work in a professional setting and gives them the opportunity to sell their pieces. They also offer a variety of classes and workshops for all ages and skill levels.

#### **OTTAWA DISC GOLF**

1025 ONTARIO STREET

Enjoy the fresh air and scenic views along the Fox River while playing disc golf on our 9-hole course at Ottawa's Fox River Park. Test your precision at each hole as they weave around different obstacles or just toss for fun. No need to call a head for a "tee time" because Ottawa's disc golf course is FREE and open to the public.

### **OTTAWA'S EARLIEST RESIDENTS MURAL**

812 LASALLE STREET

(815) 214-2123

Early residents relied on that great beast of the plains, the buffalo, as a source of food, clothing, medicine and other items necessary for their daily lives. Armed with bows and arrows, the hunters rounded up buffalo herds in canyons to make the animals easy targets.

#### **OTTAWA HISTORICAL & SCOUTING HERITAGE MUSEUM**

1100 CANAL STREET

(815) 431-9353

ottawahistoricalscoutingmuseum.org

Experience rich history and relics of notable businesses and historical events to our local area. As well as the dedicated history of the boy scouts, girl scouts, lone scouts, and camp fire.

#### **PARAMOUNT SKATING ARENA**

1511 CHESTNUT STREET

(815) 433-9463

paramountskatingarena.com

The area's leading skating rink and roller derby arena since 1981.

#### **PELTIER GLASS FACTORY MURAL**

LASALLE & JEFFERSON STREET

(815) 214-2123

In 1886, a young French glassblower named Victor Peltier opened his own company in Ottawa. Peltier Glass made opalescent glass, sheet glass, stained glass and glass marbles. In this mural, you can spot not only the innovative machinery that occupied the factory, such as the marble-making machine, but see some of the products that the factory made.

#### **PINE HILLS GOLF CLUB**

1665 N. 2501ST ROAD

(815) 434-3985

ottawapinehillsgolfclub.com

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### **RADIUM DIAL GIRLS MEMORIAL**

NW CORNER OF CLINTON & W. JEFFERSON STREET

pickusottawail.com

A statue commemorating the tragic loss of the Radium Girls who contracted radiation poisoning from painting watch dials with glow-in-the-dark paint. Their story forged the way for the labor rights movement.

### **REDDICK MANSION**

100 WEST LAFAYETTE STREET

(815) 433-6100

reddickmansion.org

Built in 1855, this lovely 22-room Italianate mansion was possibly the most expensive and ornate private home built in Illinois before the Civil War. Take a step back in time and tour this beautiful home, where numerous rooms have been restored to their previous grandeur.

### **REDDICK PUBLIC LIBRARY**

1010 CANAL STREET

(815) 434-0509

reddicklibrary.org

### **REVOLUTION MURAL**

628-630 COLUMBUS STREET

(815) 214-2123

"Revolution" overlooking the confluence of the Fox and Illinois Rivers, is a tribute to Ottawa's, and America's tenacious women exploding into independence.

### **RIORDAN POOL**

500 EAST NORRIS DRIVE

(815) 433-4324

ottawarecreation.org/pool

### **RIVERWALK**

1025 ONTARIO STREET

(815) 434-2737

pickusottawail.com

Take a leisurely stroll or bike ride along the Fox and Illinois Rivers on Ottawa's beautiful Riverwalk. You'll enjoy beautiful river and scenic views as the Riverwalk winds along the rivers and

through some of Ottawa's public parks and boat launches. Don't forget to bring your disc golf or fishing gear, the Riverwalk passes by Ottawa's Disc Golf course and many different fishing spots.

### **ROXY CINEMAS**

827 LASALLE STREET

(815) 433-1816

### **SAINTE GENEVIEVE RIVERBOAT**

231 ALBIN STEVENS DRIVE

stegenriverboat.com

Enjoy the sights and sounds of Starved Rock Country from a fresh riverboating experience. Aboard is an enclosed dining area serving catered food curated from local restaurants, a stocked cocktail bar, and an expansive top deck with a 360 view of the Illinois River.

### **SALT TREE WELLNESS & SALT CAVE**

310 1/2 WEST MAIN STREET

(815) 343-2751

salttreeyoga.com

This destination center focuses on restoring wellness and balance to the body, mind, and spirit. Be sure to visit the Himalayan salt cave and absorb the healing benefits of 84 minerals.

### **SKYDIVE CHICAGO**

3215 E. 1969TH ROAD

(815) 433-0000

skydivechicago.com

Skydive Chicago is the midwest's premier skydiving facility. Offering top of the line services to first time jumpers, students and experienced jumpers. It is also the home of several World Records, multiple local and national competitions and the largest skydiving festival of the year.

### **STARVED ROCK HOT GLASS**

700 WEST MAIN STREET

(815) 313-5445

starvedrockhotglass.com

Visit this one-of-a-kind glassblowing studio and gallery specializing in original hand-blown art glass, jewelry, and cremation glass.

## STREETSCAPE REFLECTIONS MURAL

LASALLE & MADISON STREET  
(815) 214-2123

Ottawans regularly marched in parades, cheered for them or stood transfixed along the route as the city hosted this most universal of celebrations.

## THE ALLEY

1758 OTTAWA AVENUE  
(815) 313-5686

Strike! Come try your luck at scoring a perfect bowling game.

## THE DAY OF THE GREAT DEBATE MURAL

LASALLE & W. JACKSON STREET  
(815) 214-2123

## THIRD DISTRICT APPELLATE COURT BUILDING

1004 COLUMBUS STREET  
(815) 434-5050

illinoiscourts.gov  
Completed in 1860, the building was built to house the State Supreme Court, which initially met in Ottawa, Mount Vernon and Springfield. Today, Ottawa is the seat of the Third Appellate Court District, which serves 21 northern Illinois counties.

## WASHINGTON SQUARE PARK

101 EAST LAFAYETTE STREET  
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# SHOPPING

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229 W. MAIN STREET/1002 1ST  
(630) 205-0489

[229esates.business.site](http://229esates.business.site)

We are experienced estate hunters with one goal in mind, bringing you the best finds into the store every other day. We have an extensive collection of vintage and unique items, custom painted signs, woodworking, arts, crafts and other gift ideas all under one roof.

## **A MESS OF THINGS**

726 LASALLE STREET  
(815) 481-2389

Welcome to "A Mess Of Things" where you will find vintage, shabby chic, repurposed, recycled, home decor, clothing, accessories, this and that, and more! Sip while you shop by grabbing a glass of wine from CatsEye Wine Bar next door!

## **B DOMINIQUE BOUTIQUE**

542W. NORRIS DRIVE  
(815) 993-5828

[shopbdominique.com](http://shopbdominique.com)

Here at B Dominique Boutique we do not focus on size. We offer a unique and trendy selection of women's S-3XL clothing and accessories at great prices.

## **BELLS CLOTHING**

603 LASALLE STREET  
(815) 434-4854

[ibellsclothing.com](http://ibellsclothing.com)

Helping Ottawa dress well since 1922. Men's boutique fashions featuring brands like Tommy Bahama, Geoffrey, Mavi, and Levi's. Along with designer suits from brands like Ralph Lauren, Zanetti, and more. Plus, expert tailoring and alterations.

## **BLYTHE FLOWERS**

1231 LASALLE STREET  
(815) 434-0875

[blytheflowers.com](http://blytheflowers.com)

We feel honored to help every customer, locally and nationally, celebrate a new life, life past, birthday, anniversary, wedding and everything in between. Specializing in contemporary and traditional fresh/silk arrangements, gourmet fruit baskets, and plants.

## **CURIOUS GOODS**

2973 N. STATE ROUTE 71  
(815) 433-3453

[curiousgoodscostumes.com](http://curiousgoodscostumes.com)

Offering a unique mix of gifts, Christmas and our year-round Costume Co. We strive to bring interesting and beautiful home decors for all seasons. Unusual cards and gifts from small companies and artists to well known boutique brands.

### **DEJA VU**

716 LASALLE STREET

(815) 434-2836

Something for every style of home! Browse our shop and explore an amazing handpicked selection of home goods, seasonal decor, greenery & florals, candles, body products, purses, jewelry, gift items and much more!

### **DON'S FURNITURE**

2571 IL 23

(815) 433-5313

donsfurnitureinc.com

Don's Furniture offers a full line of quality furniture from major brands in the industry. We also offer free delivery, free set-up, and free removal of old furnishings for the Ottawa area.

### **FLORET PLANT & PROVISIONS**

610 COURT STREET

(815) 324-5002

floretplants.com

No matter the season, we always have an ever-evolving variety of houseplants, succulents and creatively imagined containers to add a special touch to any area of your home or office. We also carry an assortment of household decor and gift ideas, come see what's new!

### **FURNITURE SELLERS**

201 W. STEVENSON ROAD

(815) 434-9344

furniture sellersottawa.com

Carrying the best valued brands in the furniture industry like Ashley, Catnapper, Englander, Coaster, Simmons and plenty of others. Everything is brilliantly displayed in the showroom and ready for delivery.

### **GARDEN'S GATE**

611 E. DAYTON ROAD

(815) 433-4006

shopgardensgate.com

In addition to our vibrant greenhouses, we offer full-service landscape services that range from design, to maintenance, to installation and everything in between. Our passionate associates help you take the guesswork out of gardening so you can focus on enjoying your beautiful landscape for years to come.

### **HEARTLAND BY HAND**

231 W. MAIN STREET

(815) 324-9289

heartlandbyhand.com

This artisan boutique offers a wide variety of handmade gifting goods, from cards to candles, jewelry, novelty socks & napkins, and home decor. They do custom framing for photographs, awards, prints or original art, Hank will turn every project into a masterpiece.

### **HOME HARDWARE**

814 CLINTON STREET

(815) 433-1800

doitbest.com

Your local hardware store providing the best home improvement products to the community and customers.

### **ICONIC BOUTIQUE**

721 LASALLE STREET

(815) 325-5101

geticonicboutique.com

A women's boutique where moms and daughters can shop together for on-trend casual, or chic dresses & rompers, and accessories. Our goal is to make every woman feel proud, confident, and strong in their own skin.

### **INFINITE CHARM**

601 LASALLE STREET

(815) 324-9352

infinite-charm.square.site

A consignment shop offering thrift prices with a boutique feel.

### **JOBST MONUMENTS & GIFTS**

402 W. MAIN STREET

(815) 433-0312

Our shop offers unique home and garden decor, gifts for everyone and a historical building worth seeing. A few things you will find in our shop are airplants, chimes, garden stakes, statuary of every kind, religious gifts and much more. Be enchanted by mystical garden and fairy merchandise too!

### **LADY DI'S**

717 LASALLE STREET

(815) 434-3234

[ladydisnow.com](http://ladydisnow.com)

At Lady Di's they strive to bring their customers a luxury collection of women's apparel, denim, shoes, and accessories. Featuring top brands such as, Brighton, Dolce Vita, Tart, Vince Camuto, and much more!

### **LAURILEA'S UNIQUE BOUTIQUE**

112 W. MAIN STREET

(815) 252-7896

[laurileas.com](http://laurileas.com)

A small business that started out painting and repurposing furniture but quickly added other services like cabinet painting, home staging, and expanded the shop to include more seasonal items, home decor, signs, plants, and more.

### **LILY PADS TOO**

411 E. STEVENSON STREET

(815) 313-5776

[ivpads.com](http://ivpads.com)

Lily Pads Too offers a boutique shopping experience at resale prices. Donated items are either sold to earn revenue to support IV PADS, or donations are given directly to the homeless clients we serve.

### **MAIN STREET ESTATES**

409 STEVENSON ROAD

(815) 434-5400

Main Street Estate Sales is a family owned and operated business focusing on estate liquidation. Offering a 25,000 sq. ft. gallery space for estate sales and auctions.

### **MAIN STREET SPACES**

221 W. MAIN STREET

(815) 302-4641

[mainstreetspaces.com](http://mainstreetspaces.com)

Featuring over 30 vendors with a mix of new, handmade, re-purposed, vintage, and antiques. Chances are you will be bringing a new treasure home after your visit!

### **O-NET GAMING**

215 W. WASHINGTON STREET

(815) 488-3786

[onettgaming.com](http://onettgaming.com)

Fun stuff for all ages! Our arcade offers fun and games with over 30 vintage to modern and everything in between. Come shop of collection of comic books, game guides, trading cards, and retro memorabilia.

### **OPEN SPACE GALLERY & STUDIO**

223 W. MADISON STREET

(815) 293-7099

[osartstudios.com](http://osartstudios.com)

Open Space is a contemporary art gallery and community arts center in the heart of downtown Ottawa. Be sure to check out their extensive monthly listing of special events, workshops/classes, and private lessons. They offer something for everyone, from tots to 99!

### **OTTAWA COMMUNITY THRIFT**

1022 LASALLE STREET

(833) 584-7438

Local thrifting store by the donations of community members who want to help our neighbors in need while also serving as the community center. We host, inspire, and support local art too.

### **OTTAWA WAREHOUSE BARGAINS**

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[shopwarehousebargains.com](http://shopwarehousebargains.com)  
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### **PERSONALITEES**

721 LASALLE STREET

(815) 587-5238

[personaliteesofottawa.com](http://personaliteesofottawa.com)

[myshopify.com](http://myshopify.com)

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### **POLANCIC'S MEAT & TENDERLOINS**

412 W. NORRIS DRIVE  
(815) 433-0324  
polancicsmeats.com  
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### **PRAIRIE FOX BOOKS**

719 LASALLE STREET  
(815) 433-7323  
prairiefoxbooks.com  
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820 LASALLE STREET  
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rps.toys  
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1401 LASALLE STREET  
(815) 434-0870  
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801 LASALLE STREET  
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### **UNIQUE FORMAL WEAR**

720 LASALLE STREET  
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uniqueformalwear.com  
We offer exclusive choices in formal wear for any occasion for both women and men. Prom dresses, Homecoming dresses, tuxedo rentals, First Communion dresses, and a full line of accessories.

### **VAN DUZER JEWELERS**

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vanduzerjewelers.com  
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### **YOUR INTERIOR MOTIVES**

222 W. MADISON STREET  
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yourinteriormotivesinc.com  
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# EATS & *Treats*

## **A'LURE**

243 W. MADISON STREET  
815-324-5184

[alureaquariumbar.com](http://alureaquariumbar.com)

It takes more than exquisite cooking to make a memorable meal. We at A'Lure believe a social atmosphere in the right location, personal and attentive service and great company are what separates a delicious dinner from an unforgettable experience. Serving up delicious entrees like the Lobster Mac & Cheese, Kabobs, and Mushroom Ravioli.

## **ALFANO'S**

737 W. NORRIS DRIVE  
815-434-0923

[alfanospizzail.com](http://alfanospizzail.com)

Proudly serving the area for over 65 years. Alfano's has perfected the art of pizza making while adding their family Italian pasta dishes, beef subs, salads, and desserts.

## **ALFI'S**

424 W. MAIN STREET  
815-431-9620

[alfispizza.com](http://alfispizza.com)

We are proud to offer pizza dough made from scratch daily, pan or thin crust pizza, appetizers, and freshly made cinnamon bites. Try our famous beef rolls or one of our combo Mini Meal Deals. We look forward to serving you!

## **ANNIE'S HIDE-AWAY**

323 RAILROAD AVENUE  
815-433-9686

[annieshideawaysupperclub.com](http://annieshideawaysupperclub.com)

Serving Italian American food since 1968. A local favorite for the best fried chicken, seafood, steaks, chops, pasta, sandwiches, and delicious cocktails from our full bar.

## **AUSSEM DOGS**

624 COURT STREET  
815-343-4940

[aussemdogs.com](http://aussemdogs.com)

Aussem Dogs is a vintage hot dog cart regularly located on historic Washington Square in downtown Ottawa.

## **B.A.S.H - BURGER AND SUSHI HOUSE**

1012 LaSalle Street  
815-434-BASH

[burgerandsushihouse.com](http://burgerandsushihouse.com)

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1607 OTTAWA AVENUE

815-434-5168

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### **BERTA'S TAP**

616 CLINTON STREET

815-434-6797

bertastap.com

Berta's Tap is the leading bar and grill since 1945. We offer lunch and dinner, drinks, cocktails, draft beer, video gambling, live music, and much more. ATM

### **BIANCHI'S**

607 LASALLE STREET

815-434-6884

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815-434-0881

captainscovebarandgrill.net

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### **CASA MIA**

219 18TH AVENUE

815-434-0758

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724 LASALLE STREET

630-362-1287

catseye-wine-bar.square.site

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1219 FULTON STREET

815-433-0478

thecheeseshop.biz

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221 W. ETNA ROAD

815-433-6688

chinainnottawa.com

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620 COURT STREET

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skydivechicago.com

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2973 N. STATE IL 71

815-433-2540

hanksfarm.com

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hiwayrestaurant.com

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## **MR J'S HOT DOGS & GYROS**

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815-431-8888

mrsjshotdogsandgyrosil.com

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## **MUFFY'S TAP**

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## **THE OTTAWA BAKERY**

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theottawabakery.com  
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perfectmomentsottawa.com  
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ottawapinehillsgolfclub.com  
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102 E. NORRIS DRIVE

815-433-9787

stevesbakery.org

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610 COLUMBUS STREET

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thaicafe-ottawa.weebly.com

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### **TONES CONES**

523 W. MAIN STREET

815-434-1488

tonescones.com

Come in and enjoy our premium soft serve because nothing says childhood memories like the taste of a soft serve cone or sundae. Tone's Cones specializes in unique premier sundaes, shakes, malts, flurries, waffle cones, or cake cones. With over 40 different topping to choose from, we are sure you will find something that will keep you coming back for more. We also offer made-to-order ice cream cakes, pies, and cupcake cakes

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521 W. MAIN STREET

815-431-8000

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Offering the taste of Chicago dogs without the drive. Tone's Dog House also offers other

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2750 COLUMBUS STREET  
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surreymotel.com  
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# EVENTS

**O**ttawa is home to an assortment of exciting seasonal festivals and fan-favorite annual events. Join us as we explore some of the year-round gatherings you can enjoy during your trips to this picturesque river town. For further details and exact dates, be sure to follow the Ottawa Illinois Visitors Center on Facebook and explore our events list at [PickUsOttawaIL.com/Calendar](https://PickUsOttawaIL.com/Calendar)

## KITES IN FLIGHT

Giant Kites take to the skies over Ottawa during the Kites in Flight festival! Slated for May 2023, this family-friendly fest will feature a vendor market, food and beverage sellers, kids crafts, live entertainment, and an air flotilla of larger than life professional kites. This gathering has grown every year, bringing more and more kite fliers (both amateur and professional) to Starved Rock Country's riverfront. Guests are encouraged to bring their own kites to the open flying portion of the event, or purchase one from the specialty kite sellers at the event.

## OTTAWA CANAL DAYS

Join the Ottawa Historical Museum, Canal Toll House and the Reddick and take a Step back in time enjoy a day of Coopering, artist and crafters vendors, RC boat racing, Kayak racing and so much more.

## OTTAWA'S 3RD FRIDAY ARTISAN MARKET

Billed as a celebration of arts, music, dance and community, Ottawa's Third Friday events

have become a staple of the region's art scene since the series debuted in September of 2021. Held on the third Friday of each month, June through August, this event is centered around Madison street and features kids activities, live music, art vendors, gallery shows and much more.

## MUSIC IN THE PARK

Enjoy Ottawa's free concert series, Music in the Park, which features 10 musical acts delivering a delightful blend of retro rock, country and contemporary that'll carry audiences on a music journey from the '50s to the present. Concerts run from 6-8 p.m. on Saturdays in downtown's historic Washington Park, starting in late June. Embrace Ottawa's small-town charm: bring a lawn chair, spread a blanket on the grass, or settle on one of the park benches to listen. We'll bet you can't stop tapping your toes to the beat, clapping in time, or breaking into a spontaneous dance step under the trees during these free shows.



### **STARVED ROCK COUNTRY MARATHON, HALF MARATHON & RUN SRC 5K**

Since launching in 2014, this scenic marathon has become the “must do” event of the running community in central Illinois. Featuring a Full Marathon, Half Marathon and a 5K, these jaw droppingly beautiful routes travel past the Illinois River, historic neighborhoods of Ottawa, and the rolling landscapes in and around Starved Rock State Park. Runners will be inspired by the scenery of rolling country hills and natural rock formations tucked into heavily wooded areas created by the Illinois River thousands of years ago. A portion of the proceeds from this event will benefit local charities and events to promote running and physical activity.

### **FAMILY PRIDE FESTIVAL**

Celebrate LGBTQ+ Pride Month at Ottawa’s annual Family Pride Festival. This inclusive and family-friendly event features vendors, artists, food, live music, drag shows, crafts, activities and much more. Don’t miss the family-friendly Pride Parade that will travel through downtown Ottawa. Held at both Ottawa’s Jordan Block and Washington Square Park, this event will benefit the Youth Outlook Drop-In Center, located at OpenTable UUC.



**Kites in Flight**



**Wine Festival**



**Starved Rock Country Marathon**

#### **LASALLE COUNTY CRUISERS CAR SHOW**

This sprawling show brings together several blocks worth of beautifully restored classic cars to the picturesque riverfront community of Ottawa. Now in its 25th year, this long running cruise night takes over the eternity of Ottawa's downtown LaSalle street and several crossroads, bringing together hundreds of classic automobiles from a wide variety of eras - featuring entries from all across Illinois and beyond.

#### **4H FAIR**

Come out to the LaSalle County Fairgrounds for some summertime family fun! At this celebration of rural life, local youth will exhibit their livestock and projects, there will be plenty of activities for kids to enjoy, delicious food, classic fair snacks, nighttime entertainment and much more

#### **OTTAWA 2 RIVERS WINE FESTIVAL**

The Ottawa 2 Rivers Wine Festival is one of the signature annual festivals held in Starved Rock Country. This celebration of viticulture and great live music has brought together guests from around the state and across the country for three full days of fun. The fest takes place at the sprawling Jordan Block event space, located at the end of Ottawa's downtown shopping district - just paces away from the Illinois River.



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## FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Celebrate the holiday season with the lighting up of historic Washington Square Park. A visit from Santa, a Holiday Parade, festive decorations make this Ottawa tradition a memory to cherish.

## CHRIS KRINGLE MARKET

Get into the seasonal spirit at downtown Ottawa's Chris Kringle Market. This fan-favorite market features artisan gift vendors, tasty holiday treats, traditional German-style beer, and memorable activities for the whole family to enjoy. More than 70 curated vendors will take over Ottawa's Jordan Block and Washington Square Park during select December weekends. The market also will feature special seasonal activities and free performances, there is no shortage of exciting family-friendly events happening in Ottawa.



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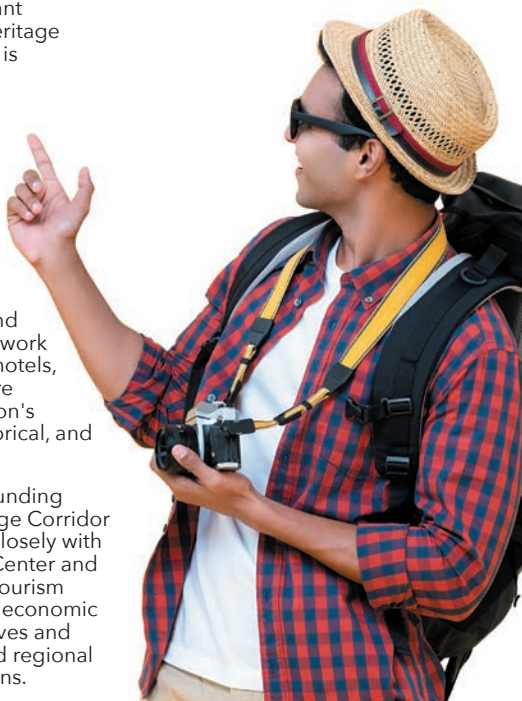
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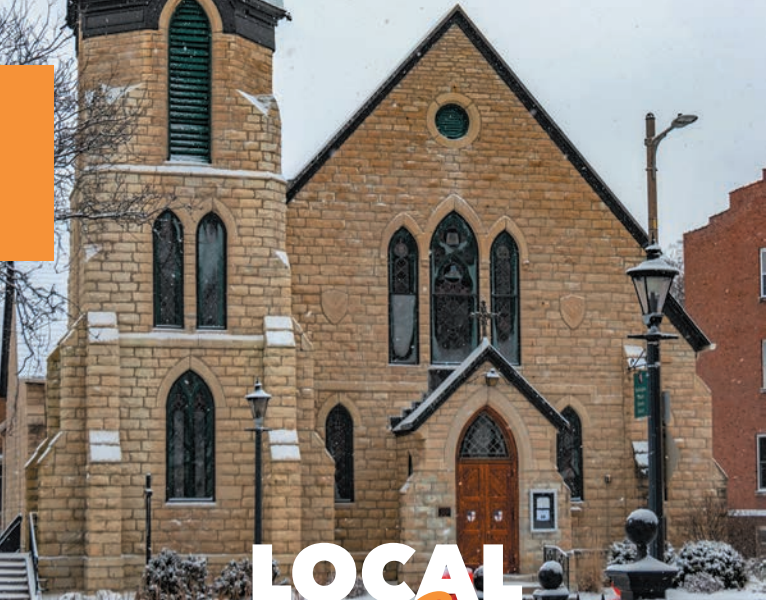
Ottawa is an important community in the Heritage Corridor region as it is part of two of the organization's major areas of focus: Starved Rock Country and the I&M Canal Towns.

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651 Madison Street

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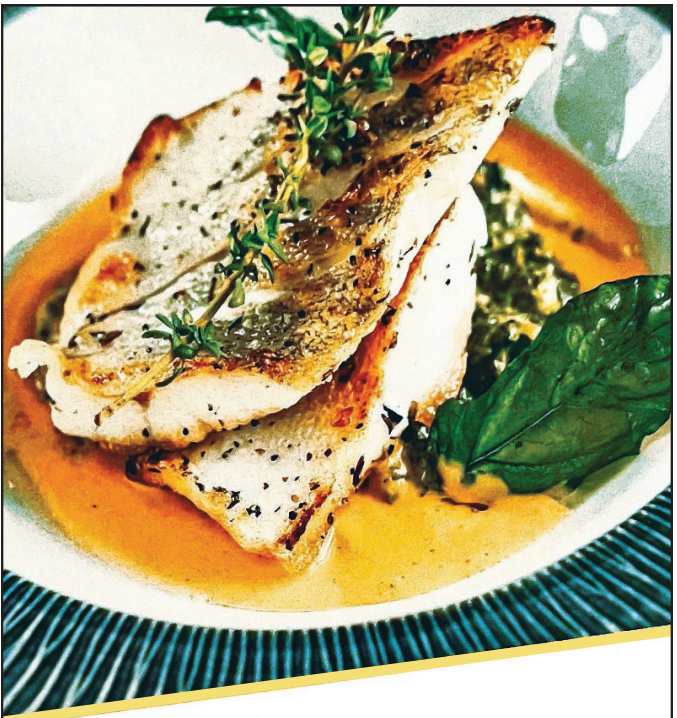
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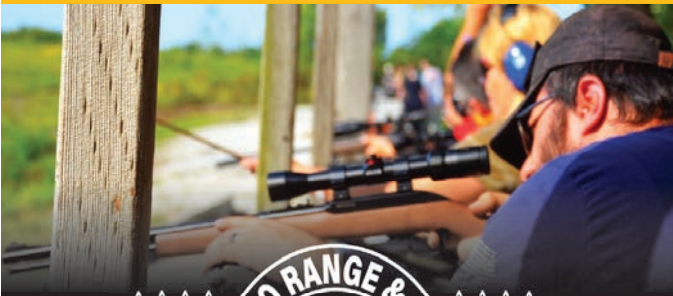
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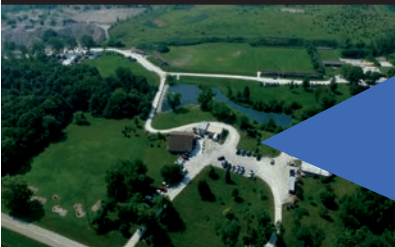
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