

Things to See and Do in Champaign-Urbana Area

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1 General Community Information and Farmer's Market

Visit the Champaign-Urbana visitors' guide website at <http://www.visitchampaigncounty.org/> for more local activities and calendar of events.

Urbana's Farmer's Market, provides fresh locally grown produce, honey, baked goods, hand-crafted items, plants & flowers, SE corner of Lincoln Square Mall, Illinois and Vine Streets: <http://urbanaininois.us/market>

Urbana's sweet corn festival, great time to visit downtown Urbana, hear live music, and food (occurred last weekend): <http://urbanabusiness.com/events/sweetcorn>

2 UIUC Calendar of Events and Krannert

UIUC Events Calendar: great source of information about campus and local activities:

<http://illinois.edu/calendar/list/7>

Krannert Center for the Performing Arts, 500 South Goodwin Avenue, Urbana, IL:

<http://www.krannertcenter.com/>

Krannert Art Museum (KAM) and Kinkead Pavilion, 500 E. Peabody, Urbana, IL: <http://www.kam.uiuc.edu/>

3 Monticello and Allerton Park

Monticello, IL: <http://www.cityofmonticello.net/>

Monticello Railway Museum, located a couple blocks north of downtown Monticello: <http://www.mrym.org/>

Allerton Park: south on 45 (Neil), west on Monticello Road to Monticello, look for signs to Allerton Park, about 26 miles one way, National Natural Landmark, residence to Robert Allerton 1873-1964, 40 room mansion, 1946 to UIUC, 1500 acre park, landscaped gardens, 20 miles of trails, Fu dog garden, House of gold buddas, Sun Singer, Pioneer Cemetery, visitor center, 50 acre restored garden, <http://allerton.illinois.edu/>

4 Urbana Restaurants and Natural Food Store

The Bread Company on Goodwin: great bread, and sandwiches, nice selection of refreshments, 706 S. Goodwin, Urbana: <http://www.thebreadcompanyurbana.com/>

Hickory River Smokehouse, great ribs at an informal setting, 1706 N. Cunningham, Champaign, <http://www.hickoryriver.com/>

Courier Café, 111 N. Race, Urbana, located in the building that housed the Champaign County Herald in 1877, great breakfasts and burgers, <http://couriersilvercreek.com/couriercafe/>

Strawberry Fields Natural Food Store (and Café), 306 W. Springfield Ave., Urbana: <http://www.strawberry-fields.com/>

Red Herring Coffee House, Vegetarian restaurant across the street from Roger Adams Lab., great soups and sandwiches, 1209 W. Oregon, U: <http://www.channingmurray.org/redherringcoffeehouse.html>

5 Bike Route to Apple Orchard

Bike Route map for C-U, try UI Stadium Dr., to Hessel Blvd., up to Armory, Country Lane, and Waverly (Greencroft is quite nice too), head west along Kirby Avenue to biking/walking trail that is located south of Old Farm Shopping Mall, head west southwest on trail to the intersection of Duncan and Windsor, finally head south on Duncan to Curtis Apple Orchard. See bike routes at:

<http://www.champaigncountybikes.org/images/CUbike.pdf>

Curtis Apple Orchard, 3902 S. Duncan, south of Champaign, pick apples, pumpkins, berries; donuts; apple cider, large Indian, maze, small petting zoo: <http://www.curtisorchard.com/>

Let's Take a Seat Restaurant, offers authentic Thai cuisine in southwestern Champaign, southwest of Duncan and Windsor, SW of Duncan and Windsor, <http://www.letstakeaseat.com/>

6 Quick Out of Town Trips Going East or West

Covered Bridge Festival, Rockville, Indiana, Parke County, Indiana, 11-20 October, 32 covered bridges, Parke County Tourist Information, <http://www.coveredbridges.com/>
Springfield, IL (<http://www.visit-springfieldillinois.com/>); Dana Thomas House, Exquisite home designed by Frank Lloyd Wright (1902): (<http://www.dana-thomas.org/>); Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum (<http://www.visit-springfieldillinois.com/Lincoln/Museum/>); Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site (<http://www.lincolnsnewsalem.com/>)

7 Campus Recreation

Campus Recreation, <http://www.campusrec.illinois.edu/>
Activities and Recreation Center (ARC), great exercise facility, 201 E. Peabody Drive • Champaign: <http://www.campusrec.illinois.edu/facilities/arc/>
Campus Recreation, Ice Arena, 406 E. Armory, C, Hockey team has strong and vocal support from audience: <http://www.campusrec.illinois.edu/facilities/icearena/>
Campus Recreation Center, East, <http://www.campusrec.illinois.edu/facilities/crce/>

8 Champaign City and County Parks, Champaign County Forest Preserve, Octave Chanute Aerospace Museum

Champaign Park District, <http://www.champaignparkdistrict.com/>
Champaign County Parks and Forest Preserves covering more than 3,000 acres, including Lake of the Woods County Park, Middle Fork River Forest Preserve, and Salt Fork River Forest Preserve, <http://www.ccfpd.org/>
Octave Chanute Aerospace Museum, 2 Aviation Center, Rantoul, largest aerospace museum in Illinois, 126,000 ft², military aircraft, underground ICBM silo, memorial rooms honoring pioneer aviators of Illinois, travel east on University Ave. to Cunningham Rd. (Hwy 45) in Urbana, travel north on Cunningham Rd. to Rantoul, museum will be to your right as you enter Rantoul. Look for large aircraft parked near buildings, <http://www.aeromuseum.org/>

9 Urbana Park District

Urbana's Park District including, Meadowbrook Park, Urbana Park District, walking path with outdoor sculptures and prairie restoration, and Prairie Play area, travel south on Lincoln to Windsor Rd., then go east on Windsor Rd. past Race St. about 1,000 m. <http://www.urbanaparks.org/facilities/34.html>, and Wendell's Sculpture Garden: <http://www.urbanaparks.org/facilities/254.html>
Anita Purves Nature Center, 1505 N. Broadway, Urbana, nature center located next to Busey Woods. Located at the north end of Crystal Lake Park. A nice walk is to park your bike/car/bus at south end of Crystal Lake Park and walk to Nature Center/Busey Woods through the Park: <http://www.urbanaparks.org/facilities/4.html>

10 General Information

Huber's West End Store, 1312 W. Church St., Champaign, <http://www.chamberofcommerce.com/champaign-il/3169907-hubers/>
One World Café, 809 South Fifth St., Champaign, great place for coffee drinks and snacks, lots of room to read or meet with people, McKinley Foundation, <http://springfield.diningguide.com/data/d100384.htm>
Great Harvest Bread Company, 2149 S. Neil, St., Champaign, <http://www.greatharvestchampaign.com/>
Farm and Fleet, I-74 and Hwy 45, Urbana, travel east on University Ave. to Cunningham Rd. (Hwy 45) in Urbana, travel north on Cunningham Rd. to just north of I-74, unusual yet great place to go for holiday gifts and other essentials (car batteries and tires, clothes, holiday gifts, and farm supplies) <http://www.farmandfleet.com/stores/urbana.aspx>

11 Places to Take visitors for Dinners when They are Treating

Ko fusion, offers entrees that offer French, American, Italian, and Sushi oriented entrees in downtown Champaign, <http://www.kofusion.com/>
Silvercreek: great salads and soups, fresh seafood, and bread, 402 N. Race, Urbana, <http://www.couriersilvercreek.com/silvercreek/>
Timpones: contemporary American dishes, 710 S. Goodwin, Urbana, near Krannert Center for the Performing Arts, <http://www.timpones-urbana.com/>
Biaggi's Ristorante Italiano, great italian cuisine, 2235 S. Neil, Champaign, <http://www.biaggis.com/>

Alexander's Steakhouse, prepare your own food at large indoor grills, 202 N. Anthony, Champaign, <http://www.mercedesrestaurants.com/alexanders.html>
Escobar's, Nuevo Latino Cuisine, 6 E. Columbia Ave., Champaign, <http://www.escobarsrestaurant.com/>
Milo's Restaurant, nice range of American cuisine, 2870 S. Philo Rd., Urbana, <http://milosurbana.com/Welcome.html>
Biaggi's, nice range of Italian styled entrees including soups, salads, pasta, meat and seafood, individual seating areas and outdoor eating are possibilities, <https://plus.google.com/106585586989474916222/about?gl=us&hl=en>
Yellowfin Japanese Restaurant, smaller restaurant with sushi bar, and nice Japanese cuisine, nice Asian restaurant next door: <https://plus.google.com/100761310266865836217/about?gl=us&hl=en>
Bacaro Restaurant: Contemporary restaurant and meals, smaller portions of high quality and unusual servings, great wines, 113 N. Walnut Street, Champaign, <http://www.bacarowinelounge.com/>

12 Middle Eastern and Indian Restaurants/Stores

Jerusalem Middle Eastern Cuisine, 601 S. Wright, Champaign: <https://plus.google.com/109508691441015302314/about?gl=us&hl=en>
Bombay Indian Grill, 403 E Green St, Champaign, <http://www.bombayindiangrillchampaign.com/>
World Harvest International and Gourmet Foods, University Avenue, 519 E. University Avenue, Champaign, <http://www.worldharvestfoods.com/node/11>

13 Asian/Pacific Rim Restaurants

Golden Harbor, 505 S. Neil Street, Champaign, (217) 398-8988: http://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurant_Review-g35790-d2010890-Reviews-Golden_Harbor-Champaign_Champaign_Urbana_Illinois.html
Peking Garden, great Chinese food, 206 N. Randolph, Champaign: <http://www.pekinggardencu.com/>
Golden Wok Restaurant, Thai-Chinese cuisine, 405 E. University, Champaign, delivers!: <http://www.goldenwokcu.com/>
A Ri Rang, Korean cuisine, 607 S. Wright St., Champaign: <http://www.yelp.com/biz/a-ri-rang-champaign>
B Won Korean Restaurant, Korean cuisine, 2006 S Neil St., Champaign, (217) 352-2966, <http://www.yelp.com/biz/b-won-champaign>

14 Italian Restaurants along 1st Street, Champaign

Manzella's Italian Patio, 115 S. 1st Street, Champaign: <http://manzellasitalianrestaurant.com/>
Minnici's Ristorante, 401 S. 1st Street, Champaign: <http://www.minnecisristorante.com/>

15 Mexican Restaurants

Dos Reales, 1407 N. Prospect, Champaign and 1106 W University Ave, Urbana, <http://www.yelp.com/biz/dos-reales-champaign>
El Torero restaurants, Fuentes family: <http://www.eltororestaurante.com/index.html>
Fiesta Cafe, 216 S. First St. (between Springfield and University of First St.), Champaign, <http://www.fiestacafe.com/>
Mas Amigos, 1106 W. University, Urbana: <http://www.masamigoschampaign.com/>