Things to See and Do in Champaign-Urbana Area  
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Caution: Sites and Websites can Change during the Year  
Fall 2017

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://urbanaillinois.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  
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://couriercafe.squarespace.com/  
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/CUbikemap.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/

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/

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, and Champaign County Forest Preserve
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/

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/anita-purves-nature-center/

10 General Information
Huber’s West End Store, 1312 W. Church St., Champaign, https://www.facebook.com/huberschampaign?rf=121782401165848
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, nice outdoor seating, 402 N. Race, Urbana, http://www.couriersilvercreek.com/silvercreek#modernamericandining


Alexander’s Steakhouse, prepare your own food at large indoor grills, 202 N. Anthony, Champaign, http://www.mercedesrestaurants.com/alexanders.html


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/

Nando Milano: Excellent pasta and sea bass, wine selection is also nice, a bit pricey for CU, a nice place to go for a special occasion, 204 N Neil St, Champaign, IL 61820, http://www.nandomilanochampaign.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 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-rl-rang-champaign

San Maru, Korean cuisine, 2504 Village Green Place, Champaign, [https://www.yelp.com/biz/san-maru-champaign](https://www.yelp.com/biz/san-maru-champaign)

**14 Italian Restaurants along 1st Street, Champaign**
Manzella’s Italian Patio, 115 S. 1st Street, Champaign: [http://manzellasitalianrestaurant.com/](http://manzellasitalianrestaurant.com/)
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](https://plus.google.com/106585586989474916222/about?gl=us&hl=en)

**15 Mexican Restaurants**
Fiesta Cafe, 216 S. First St., Champaign, fun and nearby Mexican restaurant, [http://www.fiestacafe.com/](http://www.fiestacafe.com/)

**16 Additional Cool Restaurants**
Baxter’s American Grill, novel American cuisine, outdoor seating, 100 Trade Center Dr., Champaign, [http://www.baxtersgrille.com/home](http://www.baxtersgrille.com/home)
Hamilton Walker’s, steakhouse and seafood, 201 N Neil St, Champaign, [http://www.hamiltonwalkers.com/](http://www.hamiltonwalkers.com/)
Things to Do in the Chicagoland Area

Online information about tourism in Chicago:
Electronic Chicago’s Visitors Guide for fall and winter 2014/2015. I will forward the spring/summer Guide once I am able to download it:
http://edition.pagesuite-professional.co.uk//launch.aspx?eid=104179a3-b219-4700-9cbb-0b7f3bf0153f

Another source of information about tourism in Chicago:
http://www.choosechicago.com/

TripAdvisor (online travel review and reservation agency):
http://www.tripadvisor.com/Tourism-g35805-Chicago_Illinois-Vacations.html

There are many cool things to do and to eat in Chicago, for all ages. Some of my recommendations include:
Art Institute of Chicago (Art Museum):
http://www.artic.edu/

Museum of Science and Industry:
http://www.msichicago.org/

Sporting Events (e.g., baseball):
http://chicago.cubs.mlb.com/index.jsp?c_id=chc

Architecture tours:
http://www.wendellaboats.com/Boat-Tours

Boat ride along Illinois River and Lake Michigan:
https://www.architecture.org/experience-caf/tours/

Chinatown:
http://chicagochinatown.org/

Performing Arts (musicals, plays, …. Chicago’s symphony and opera are not performing during August.):

Ravinia musical performances:
http://www.ravinia.org/Page/FirstTimers

Millennium Park:
https://www.google.com/webhp?sourceid=chrome-instant&ion=1&espv=2&ie=UTF-8#q=millennium%20park%20chicago%20il
Signature Room on the 95th:
http://www.signatureroom.com/

Amusement Parks (Six Flags):
https://www.sixflags.com/

Brief History of Chicago:
http://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/about/history.html

Willis Tower (Sky deck):
http://theskydeck.com/