

Itinerary #11 – Southwestern Indiana/Southeastern Illinois

Starting in Evansville, this 102-mile trip will take you along the southwest border of Indiana into Illinois. Begin your trip by exploring historical sites and museums in Evansville, then take State Route 66 to Shawneetown. Continue the trip on State Route 11 to Equality. Along the way, stop and explore Mount Vernon and New Harmony. At Equality, take State Route 1 to Rosiclare. Then take State Route 146 to your final destination in Golconda, Illinois. In Go lconda, there’s something for everyone, including events and activities throughout the year.

Sites to see & things to do (listed from east to west)

Attraction	Description
Angel Mounds State Historic Site Evansville, Indiana	Angel Mounds is the site of a large prehistoric Native American town that flourished from 950 A.D. to 1450 A.D. Visitors can explore the town’s reconstructed buildings, stockade and nature preserve. Contact: (812) 853-3956. www.angelmounds.org
Evansville Visitors Center Evansville, Indiana	Originally built in 1912 as a Japanese-style park shelter, the Evansville Visitors Center is now located in the recently restored Pagoda. The Center is complete with exhibits, area information and a rooftop terrace overlooking the Ohio River. www.evansvillecvb.org
Riverside Historic District Riverside, Indiana	The Riverside Historic District is located on an oxbow of the Ohio River adjacent to the city’s commercial area. The area includes some of Evansville’s most significant examples of high style residential architecture from the period of 1850 to 1920. The district is roughly bounded by Southlane Drive, Walnut, 3 rd and Parrett Streets.
Evansville Museum of Arts and Science Evansville, Indiana	One of Southwestern Indiana’s most established and significant cultural centers, the Evansville Museum, encourages visitors to view our lively world inside their many permanent and changing galleries. www.emuseum.org
Downtown Evansville Historic District Evansville, Indiana	The Downtown Evansville Historic District, also known as Multiple Resource Area, encompasses the city’s downtown commercial district. The buildings included in this district represent the growth of Evansville from its early years as a river town through its emergence as a regional commercial and industrial center. www.courierpress.com/areaguide/west_side_history.html
Southwind Maritime Center Mount Vernon, Indiana	Southwind Maritime Center is located at Mount Vernon, Indiana on the right descending bank of the Ohio River 15 land miles east of Evansville. The river port is the center of the richest grain production area in the world and one of the globe’s largest fertilizer markets. Extensive coal and petroleum reserves are located in the region, as well as large tracts of commercial timber.
Riverfront Park Mount Vernon, Indiana	Scenic park with access to and views of the Ohio River.
Posey County Courthouse Mount Vernon, Indiana	Posey County is named for Indiana Territory Governor Thomas Posey. Built in 1876, the courthouse architectural style is Italianate. www.mtvernonposeycochamber.com
Historic New Harmony New Harmony, Indiana	Historic Tours and exhibits at this site of two early 19 th century communal societies. Contact: (800) 231-2168.
John T. Myer Lock & Dam Posey County, Indiana	The locks were opened in 1969 and the dam was completed in 1977. The project replaced Lock and Dams 47, 48 and 49 on the Ohio River. The project, originally named Uniontown Locks and Dam was renamed in honor of Indiana Congressman John T. Myers in 1996.
Old Shawneetown Shawneetown, Illinois	In 1810, the federal government laid out Shawneetown on the river, and it quickly became a major port and gateway for immigrants into the new frontier. After the 1937 flood of the Ohio River, Shawneetown

	was moved to a new location. Some residents remained in the old town while others moved to New Shawneetown.
Shawneetown Bank State Historic Site Shawneetown, Illinois	Shawneetown Bank is the oldest structure in Illinois built specifically as a bank. Constructed in 1840 during Shawneetown's commercial heyday, the Greek Revival structure housed banking operations for more than a century and closed in 1942.
Shawnee National Forest Gallatin, Hardin, Pope, Saline & Massac Counties, Illinois	The more than 270,000 acres of the Shawnee National Forest lie in the rough, unglaciated areas of southern Illinois known as the Ozark and Shawnee Hills. Boasting an unusual combination of five natural ecological divisions, this area provides excellent recreation. Contact: (800)MY-WOODS or (618) 253-7114. www.gorp.com/gorp/resource/US_National_Forest/il_shawn.htm
Saline County Conservation Area Saline County, Illinois	Native Americans made salt from their "Great Salt Springs" before early settlers arrived. The conservation area includes 1,200 acres of timber. Contact: (618) 276-4405.
Garden of the Gods Saline County, Illinois	Explore the rock formations, cliffs and trails of the most visited site in the Shawnee National Forest. See Carmel Rock, Anvil Rock, Devil's Smokestack and other fascinating formations. Contact: 800-699-6637. www.gorp.com/gorp/resource/US_National_Forest/il_shawn.htm
Cave-In-Rock State Park Cave-In-Rock, Illinois	Once the headquarters for outlaw gangs of river pirates, the large cave at Cave-In-Rock Park is not the only attraction. On its bluff is a restaurant with scenic view. Visitors can enjoy suite lodging, trails, picnic facilities and a ferry across the river. Contact: (618) 289-4325.
Cave-In-Rock Ferry Cave-In-Rock, Illinois	This ferry, located within the Cave-In-Rock State Park is the last operating ferry between Illinois and Kentucky.
Illinois Iron Furnace Hardin County, Illinois	Visitors can step back to Civil War days when "pig-iron" was smelted at this, the first charcoal-fired iron furnace in Illinois, now on the National Register of Historic Places. Picnicking, hiking and swimming. Contact: (618) 833-8576 or (800) 679-6637.
American Fluorite Museum Rosiclare, Illinois	Discover the Illinois State Mineral – "Fluorspar." Hardin County was the largest fluorspar producing area in the U.S. Contact: (618) 285-3513 or (618) 287-3183.
Golconda-National Register Community, Historic District Golconda, Illinois	The beautiful town of Golconda is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is home to a state-of-the-art boating and fishing marina on the Ohio River. The Main Street Program enhanced the charm and beauty of the downtown and has many special activities throughout the year.
Buel House Golconda, Illinois	Built in 1837, this two-story log house has two rooms on each floor. It is believed to be the only remaining Illinois structure linked to the tragic walk that took the lives of many Cherokees. Contact: (618) 683-9702.
Lock and Dam #51 – Staff Houses Golconda, Illinois	Original powerhouse building and lockmaster housing for Dam #51. Four residence structures have been renovated for upscale heritage tourism lodging and plans call for the powerhouse building to become an interpretive and visitor center. Enjoy beautiful views of the Ohio River at this location. Contact: (618) 683-6702.