



## Day Trips for the Family

### Places to Visit – Hillsboro

**Bremer Sanctuary** – located north of Hillsboro about ¾ mile on North Road just after Walter Webb Bridge. Turn left onto Bremer Lane. Open from dawn to dusk.

<http://www.prairienet.org/bremersanctuary>

**Harkey House** -- The Solomon Harkey House is open on special occasions and by appointment. Contact Hillsboro City Hall (217) 532-5566.

<http://www.hillsboroillinois.net/harkey.html>

### Places to Visit – Springfield, IL

**Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum** – 212 North Sixth Street – (217) 558-8844. Museum Hours: Daily 9-5 p.m. Child under 5 (Free); Children 5-15 (\$4.00); Student (I.D. required) -- \$7.00; Military (I.D. Required) -- \$7.00; Adult 16-61 (\$10.00); Senior 62 and up (\$7.00).

Library Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. daily (last admittance at 4:00 p.m.) Closed thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. <http://www.alplm.org/home.html>

**Adams Wildlife Sanctuary** -- 2315 E. Clear Lake Ave. – 30 acre Sanctuary preserved by the Illinois Audubon Society. Hike nature trails in a wildlife preserve (217) 544-5781

[http://www.illinoisaudubon.org/sanctuary\\_adams.html](http://www.illinoisaudubon.org/sanctuary_adams.html)

**Dana-Thomas House** – 301 E. Lawrence -- A 1902 Victorian home designed by Frank Lloyd Wright (217) 782-6776) Tours available Wed. thru Sun. 9-4 p.m. Admission Fee.

<http://www.dana-thomas.org>

**Henson Robinson Zoo** -- 1100 E. Lake Drive (217) 753-6217) March thru October 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Saturday - Sunday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. November thru February 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Admission Fee: Children 2 & under Free; Children 3-12 (\$2.25); Adults 13-61 (\$4.00); Seniors 62 & older (\$2.50). [www.hensonrobinsonzoo.org](http://www.hensonrobinsonzoo.org)

**Illinois State Capitol** -- 2<sup>nd</sup> and Capitol (217) 782-2099 Monday thru Friday 8 – 4 p.m.; Saturday thru Sunday 9- 3 p.m. <http://www.ilstatehouse.com/>

Illinois Old State Capitol – Old State Capitol Plaza, Springfield, IL. Hours: Tue. – Sat. 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. [http://www.illinoishistory.gov/hs/old\\_capitol.htm](http://www.illinoishistory.gov/hs/old_capitol.htm)

**Illinois State Museum** – 502 S. Spring St. -- Features fine and decorative arts, anthropology and cultural history. (217) 782-7386. Monday thru Saturday 8:30 – 5 p.m.; Sunday Noon – 5 p.m. <http://www.museum.state.il.us>

**Lincoln's Home** – 8<sup>th</sup> and Jackson -- Residence where the Lincoln family lived for seventeen years. Daily 8:30 – 5 p.m. May 23 – Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> 8:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. (Extended hours)

[www.nps.gov/liho](http://www.nps.gov/liho)

**Lincoln's New Salem** – 20 miles NW of Springfield on Rt. 97 – Log cabin village replica depicting the life of people who lived and worked there 150 years ago. (217) 632-4000  
Hours of Operation May 1 – September 14 Open 7 days a week 9 – 5 p.m. Suggested donation. \$2.00 Children and \$4.00 Adults \$10.00 for Family [www.lincolnsnewsalem.com](http://www.lincolnsnewsalem.com)

**Lincoln's Tomb** – Oak Ridge Cemetery – Final resting place for Abraham Lincoln and his family (217) 782-2717. Tue. thru Sat. 9 – 5 p.m.  
[http://www.illinoishistory.gov/hs/lincoln\\_tomb.htm](http://www.illinoishistory.gov/hs/lincoln_tomb.htm)

**Thomas Rees Memorial Carillon** – Washington Park – third largest bell tower in the world. Sunday afternoon concerts and Wednesday evening concerts (summer only).  
(217) 753-6219 [www.carillon-rees.org](http://www.carillon-rees.org)

**Washington Park Botanical Garden** – 1740 W. Fayette – Washington Park. A conservatory filled year-round with tropical foliage and a variety of indoor florals. (217) 753-6228.  
<http://www.springfieldparks.org/>

### Places to Visit – Elkhart, IL

**Under the Prairie Museum** – located along Interstate Highway 55 at exit 115. This museum features one of the largest single collections of frontier period, pre-Civil War archaeological artifacts in the Midwest. Open Wednesday thru Sunday 10 – 4 p.m. Admission: Adults and children over age 6 (\$3.00). <http://www.undertheprairie.com>

### Places to Visit – Bloomington-Normal, IL

**Prairie Aviation Museum** – located at 2929 East Empire St. Bloomington, IL 61704. Ph: 309-663-7632. Museum Hours: Sunday: 12-4 p.m. Monday: CLOSED Tuesday – Saturday: 11-4 p.m. Museum Admission – Adults \$4; Children 6-11 \$2; 5 and under FREE;  
<http://www.prairieaviationmuseum.org>

**Children's Discovery Museum** – located at 101 E. Beaufort Normal, IL 61761 Ph: 309-433-3444. Museum Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday & Saturday 9-5 p.m.; Thursday & Friday 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.; Sunday 1-5 p.m. The Museum is closed Mondays. Effective in June, July and August, the Museum is open Mondays 9-5 p.m. Admission: \$6.00 per person ages 2 & over.  
<http://www.childrensdiscoverymuseum.net>

### Places to Visit – Decatur, IL

**Decatur Children's Museum** – 55 S. Country Club – Interactive museum encourages hand-on involvement. (217) 423-5437. Open Tues. – Fri. (9:30 – 4:30) Sat. (10-5) and Sunday (1-5). Admission: Children 1 and under (Free); Ages 2 and up (\$4.00). Closed on Monday except Memorial Day thru Labor Day and major holidays. <http://www.cmoFil.com/geninfo.html>

**Rock Springs Center** – 3939 Nearing Lane – Environmental Center, includes tours and a visit to the museum. (217) 423-7073 Mon - Fri. (8-5), Sat. (9-4:30), and Sun. (1-4:30)  
[www.maconcountyconservation.org](http://www.maconcountyconservation.org)

**Scovill Zoo** – 71 S. County Club Rd. Hands on activity with animals and reptiles (217) 421-7435 April 10-May 22 – Monday thru Friday 10-4 p.m. Sat. – Sun. 10 – 6:30 p.m.; May 23-August 16 – Open Daily 10 – 7 p.m.; August 17- October 2 – Monday thru Friday 10 – 4 p.m. Sat. thru Sun. 10 – 6:30 p.m. Children under 2 Free; Children 2-12 (\$3.00); Adults (\$4.75); seniors 65 and up (\$3.75) <http://www.decaturnparks.org/zoo/index.php>

## **Places to Visit – Collinsville, IL**

***Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site*** – Near Collinsville, IL off of Interstates 55,70 and 255, and Illinois 111, on Collinsville road. Historical Indian site. Open May 1<sup>st</sup> thru Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> 9-5 p.m. November 1<sup>st</sup> – April Tue- Sun. 9-5 p.m. Suggested Fee: \$4.00 (Adults) \$2.00 (Children) and \$10.00 (Family) <http://www.cahokiamounds.com/>

## **Places to Visit – St. Louis, Missouri**

***The Butterfly House*** – Faust Park – Visitors will see butterflies in flight and witness metamorphosis (636) 530-0076 Memorial Day thru Labor Day 7 days a week 9- 5 p.m.; Rest of year Tue.-Sun. (9-4) Admission: Children 3 and under (Free); Children 4-12 (\$4.00); General admission (\$6.00) ; Seniors 65 and up (\$4.50). <http://www.butterflyhouse.org/>

***Forest Park*** – Bounded by I-64, Kings Highway – This Park is the largest urban park in the U.S. (314) 289-5300. <http://stlouis.missouri.org/citygov/parks/forestpark/>

***Gateway Arch*** Jefferson, National Expansion Memorial – St. Louis Riverfront. Nations tallest manmade monument. (314) 655-1700. Order tickets ahead of time Children 3-15 (\$5.00); Adults (\$10.00). <http://www.gatewayarch.com/Arch/index.aspx>

***Grant's Farm*** – 10501 Gravois – Once owned by Ulysses S. Grant now features animal shows and a petting area. (314) 843-1700 SUMMER: May 5 - August 16 Closed Monday (except May 25), Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 am to 3:30 pm, Saturdays: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Sundays: 9:30 am to 4:00 pm, *Holiday: Monday, May 25: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm* [www.grantsfarm.com](http://www.grantsfarm.com) \$11 per vehicle

***The Magic House***, St. Louis children's Museum – 516 S. Kirkwood Rd. (Lindbergh Blvd.) Offers more than 100 hands-on educational exhibits for kids. (314) 822-8900 [www.magichouse.org](http://www.magichouse.org) Summer hours: Monday-Saturday (9:30-5:30), and Sunday (11-5:30). Ages 1 and up (\$8.50).

***Missouri Botanical Gardens*** – 4344 Shaw Blvd. --- The world's largest traditional Japanese garden in North America Open 7 days a week (9-5) Closed Christmas 12 and under (Free) 13 and up \$8.00 (314) 577-9400 [www.mobot.org](http://www.mobot.org)

***Purina Farms*** – 200 Checkerboard Dr. – Live pets, displays, hands-on activities and animal demonstrations. (314) 982-3232. <http://purina.com/Programs/>

***St. Louis Science Center*** – 5050 Oakland Ave. Explore 700 exhibits on environmental, aviation, technology and more, life-size dinosaurs and more. (800) 456-7572. [www.slsc.org](http://www.slsc.org) Open Mon.- Sat. (9:30-5:30), Sunday (10:30-5:30). General Admission is Free. Parking \$8.00

***Saint Louis Zoo*** – Forest Park – A world-class zoo with more than 6,600 animals. Open daily 9-5. No Charge There is a charge for some attractions within the zoo. Parking is \$11.00 <http://www.stlzoo.org/>