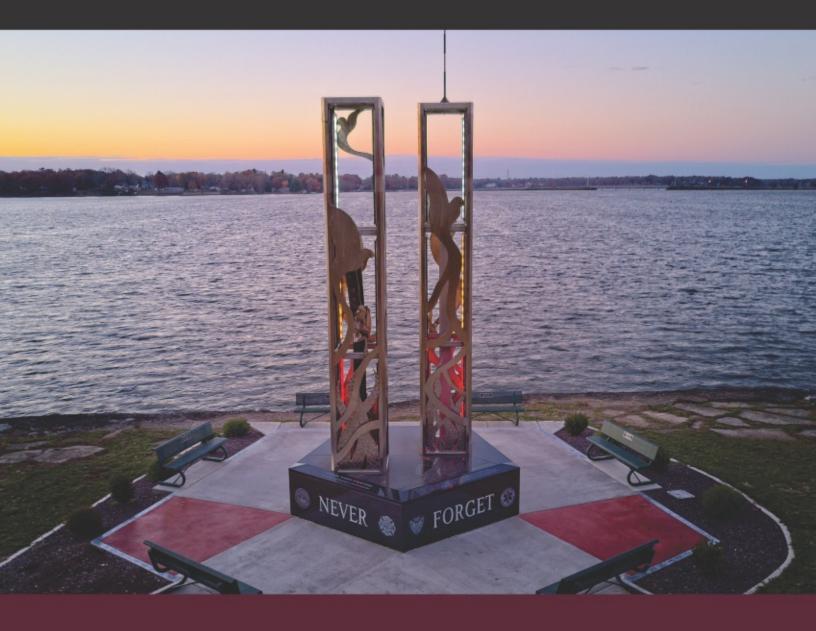
FALL/WINTER 2022

# Decatur Forsyth



PUBLIC ART TRAIL - SCULPTURE PARK - MURAL PROJECT

### STRONG ROOTS... MIDWEST VALUES

There's something special happening in Decatur. Residents are investing in a future that fosters a community-wide sense of pride, togetherness and enthusiastic spirit for getting things done.









Decatur is a great place to grow up. Established in 1829 on the banks of the Sangamon River when a few families decided to put down roots, Decatur has evolved into a hub of Midwestern hospitality with a solid foundation for growth, leading the way in American technological innovation and development of products that feed and fuel the world.

Children play to learn here with a hands-on accredited zoo and premier children's museum. Families discover nature and explore wildlife habitats and experience the thrills of Overlook Adventure Park. Innovative magnet schools, free Montessori education, and project based learning opportunities provide advanced public education.

Adults get the chance to play, too. A revitalized urban center offers fine dining, live entertainment and boutique shopping. Lakeshore Landing on the shores of Lake Decatur provides stellar entertainment, dining and adventure sports. Two institutions of higher learning offer training and advanced degrees to enhance career development.







# Nelcome



Julie Moore-Wolfe, Decatur Mayor, Jim Peck, Forsyth Mayor and Teri Hammel, DACVB Executive Director.

The middle is what you make it – Decatur and Forsyth make it memorable.

For many of us, life in the center of the state means: strolling along the shores of Lake Decatur at sunset; cruising the miles of scenic bike trails; searching for precious heirlooms; and from the best seat in the house, tapping our feet to the beat of great music.

Geographically, our spot on the map is exceptional, too. Located in the heart of Illinois, our acres of farm fields and prairieland embody our agricultural heritage. Farmer's markets offer the bounty of the harvest, and fairs and festivals celebrate our welcoming Midwestern hospitality.

Lively performance venues and interactive museum exhibits; specialty boutiques, art galleries and restaurants; and sporting events played out on soccer fields, golf courses and ball diamonds – make Decatur and Forsyth the center for fun.

Put it all together and the middle becomes a magnet, one that draws visitors and residents alike with appealing attractions, restful accommodations, and a welcoming spirit synonymous with an abundant quality of life.

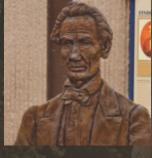
Are you considering a location for your next meeting, sporting event, family reunion or group tour? The Decatur Area CVB is a good place to start. Our resident concierges offer tips on how to best experience the area and have free maps and brochures to help guide the way.

## O *Houring*

#### **SCAN, CONNECT & ENJOY!**

Explore Macon County with self-guided walking and driving tours using brochures, audio CD's and digital mapping – interactive tools you can use to navigate safely on your own.

#### Scan the codes with your mobile device to get started on your journey.







#### LOOKING FOR LINCOLN

15 Wayside Exhibits – walking and driving tour Walk in the footsteps of Abraham Lincoln as you explore the significant sites where he began his journey to the White House at well-marked locations throughout Macon County. You'll find ten wayside exhibits in downtown Decatur marking the site of Lincoln's first stump speech and the spot where he was nominated as the Railsplitter Candidate for President, plus five more locations within a short drive.

#### PUBLIC ART TRAIL

Scovill Sculpture Park

12 Exhibits – walking tour Created by artists from across the country, twelve sculptures are on display and can be accessed by a walking trail that meanders throughout the park on the shores of Lake Decatur between Scovill Zoo and the Children's Museum.

#### **Mural Project**

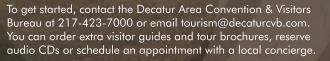
15 Installations – driving tour

View painted wall murals on buildings throughout Decatur and learn the stories behind each artist's creation. Unique photo opportunities at select stops.

#### HISTORIC PLACES

8 locations – driving tour

Tour the eight Decatur sites listed on the National Register of Historic Places starting at the iconic Transfer House, our city's landmark located in Central Park. Stop at the restored Wabash Depot to browse 10,000 square feet of antiques and collectibles. And, learn about the prairie life of Illinois settlers during the early 1800s with hands-on demonstrations and lectures at the <u>Homestead Prairie Farm</u>.













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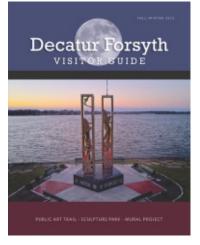
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**ON THE COVER: Decatur 9-11 Memorial** (photography by Lucas Crockett of Aloft Imagery) A moving tribute to those who lost their lives, the Decatur 9-11 Memorial sculpture is constructed with a steel I-beam salvaged from the World Trade Center in New York City. Located in Historic Nelson Park on the shores of Lake Decatur, the memorial is open year-round and is lighted at night. To learn more about Decatur's monuments and memorials, turn to page 8.

#### YOU LIVE HERE. WE LEND HERE.

Investing in the Decatur area one home at a time.

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## event calendar

Due to changes in staffing levels, some events may be altered or canceled. We recommend calling ahead to confirm details before attending.

Fall/Winter 2022

August 1 - 7 **USTA/Ursula Beck Pro Tennis Classic** Fairview Park, Tennis Complex 217-421-7432

#### August - September Devon Lakeshore Amphitheater Shows & Movies

2686 E. Cantrell St., doors open 6pm, shows 7pm, \$ unless otherwise noted. For schedule and to order tickets, go to devonamphitheater.com 217-422-5911.

August 28 & September 25 **Central Park Music & Art Series** Noon-8pm. Free centralparkdecatur.com

September 5 Labor Day Pops Concert Devon Lakeshore Amphitheater 6pm. Free. 217-424-6318

#### September 11 9/11 Memorial Ride & Ceremony 8:46am: Starts at Coziahr Harley Davidson and ends at the 911 Memorial, Nelson Park

10:03am: Ceremony 217-877-7115

September 11 Cruise 11 Car Show and Sunday Funday Salute to First Responders Downtown Decatur, Central Park 8am-8pm 217-423-7000

September 16-18 **Arts in Central Park** juried arts fair 217-423-3189

October 1 **Taste of History** Tour and tasting at five historic homes 217-423-6161

October 2 **33rd Annual Shoreline Classic** Nelson Park, 15K Run -5K Run/Walk shorelineclassic.com October 8 **Devon On Tap Craft Beer & Music Festival** Devon Amphitheater, Nelson Park devonamphitheater.com

October 14-16 **Harvest Festival** Macon County Fairgrounds 217-875-0135

November 3-5 **Pride of the Prairie Marble Show** Country Inn and Suites 217-872-2402

November 22 Community Thanksgiving Luncheon Decatur Civic Center 217-422-2200

#### November 25-27 Central Park Holiday Kick-Off

Central Park Lighting Ceremony: Friday 5pm Santa's House open in Transfer House through 12-23 217-423-7000 December 3 Lighted Holiday Parade Downtown parade route 4:30pm 217-875-2301

December 3-4 Vespers Kirkland Fine Arts Center 3pm and 7pm both days 217-424-6318

December 7 Christmas Walk Downtown Decatur 217-422-2200

December 8-11 and 15-18 **Trees on the Tees** Hickory Point Golf Course 5-6pm walk or 6-9pm ride in carts decatur-parks.org

December 30 Happy Noon Year Children's Museum of Illinois 217-423-5437

December 31 New Year's Eve on Ice Civic Center Arena 10pm-1am 217-422-7300

For more events, go to decaturmagazine.com/calendar



## attractions

#### **Art Galleries**

#### Anne Lloyd Gallery

Madden Arts Center 125 N. Water St.

Among downtown Decatur's treasures is the warm, welcoming and slightly funky Madden Arts Center - a richly renovated hub that's home to the Decatur Area Arts Council, galleries, classrooms, an art shop, photography lab, and rehearsal spaces. Particularly inviting are two first floor "storefront" galleries. The Anne Lloyd Gallery spotlights local exhibits, as well as extraordinary traveling collections. For gallery hours call, 217-423-3189. decaturarts.org

#### **Blue Connection Gallery**

117 N. Water St.

Millikin University colors run deep at Blue Connection Gallery, where space is devoted to the works of University students, faculty, and alumni. Call for gallery hours: 217-428-0112.

#### **David Erlanson Gallery**

Richland Community College One College Park

This intimate space showcases a wide range of works from regional artists, and also enhances the College's art program. Exhibits rotate monthly, and highlights include an annual student show in May. For hours call, 217-875-7211.

#### **Decatur Public Library Art Gallery**

#### 130 N. Franklin St.

Complementing 104,000 square feet packed with page-turners is a second floor gallery with "titles" from local artists, high school students, 4-H winners, and area teachers. Monthly displays on various mediums also are featured. The gallery is open during regular library hours. Call 217-424-2900 for library hours.

#### Gallery 510

#### 160 E. Main St.

Located in downtown Decatur on Main Street, you'll find the venue for Illinois Art Gallery local artist cooperative. Discover original creations by local artisans including pottery, paintings, textiles, fiber art and metal sculptures. A free public reception the First Friday of each month featuring a local artist. Call 217-422-1509 for gallery hours.

#### **Kirkland Galleries**

Kirkland Fine Arts Center Millikin University, 1184 W. Main The Perkinson Gallery highlights works of nationally known artists; the Lower Gallery focuses on photography exhibits; and student works grace the walls of the Studio Gallery. For hours call, 217-424-6227.

#### **Rock Springs Nature Center North & South Galleries**

3939 Nearing Lane The gallery showcases the work of local artists in various media. For hours call, 217-423-7708.

#### Public Art

#### **Mural Project**

Madden Arts Center 125 N. Water St.

Created in 2012 to showcase the creative talents of local artists, the Decatur Mural Project established positive collaboration with artists, business owners and volunteers for the beautification of local buildings throughout the city. Each painted mural tells a story through the eyes of the artist. For locations contact the Decatur Area Arts Council at 217-423--3189 or visit decaturarts.org.

#### Scovill Sculpture Park

71 S. Country Club Rd.

Home to exciting new works of art, Decatur's newest attraction opened to rave reviews. Created by artists from across the country, twelve sculptures are on display and can be accessed by a walking trail that meanders throughout the park on the shores of Lake Decatur. The exhibit is free and open to the public year round. For more information, go to behindeveryexperience.com or decatur-parks.org.



#### Public Art Trail Freestyle Touring

To get started on your self-guided walking and driving tour, scan the QR code on your mobile device for access to photos and descriptions or go to http://www.decaturarts.org/communityarts/Public-Art-Map/

#### Museums

#### The African-American Cultural & Genealogical Society of Illinois Museum (AACGS)

#### 235 W. Eldorado Street

AACGS promotes and provides resources and education on the history of the African-American. Embracing all cultures, it offers (in part), genealogy workshops, museum displays, storytelling, essay & poetry contests and the promotion of Cultural Arts. Three main annual community events sponsored are Black History Month, Juneteenth National Freedom Day, and Kwanzaa Celebration. For hours call, 217-429-7458. www.african-americancultural.org

#### **Chevrolet Hall of Fame Museum**

#### 3635 US Rt. 36 E.

A collection of Chevrolet automobiles combining various race cars, Indy 500 Pacecars, and original unrestored vehicles, including Chevrolet memorabilia. For hours call, 217-791-5793. chevrolethalloffamemuseum.com

#### Hieronymus Mueller Museum

#### 420 W. Eldorado St.

Located on Mueller Company grounds, where the accomplishments of inventor Hieronymus Mueller, Decatur's "unsung genius" and holder of over 500 patents, are celebrated. Among the expanded facility's treasures: The seventh of only eight cars manufactured by Mueller. For hours call, 217-423-6161. muellermuseum.org

#### Macon County History Museum

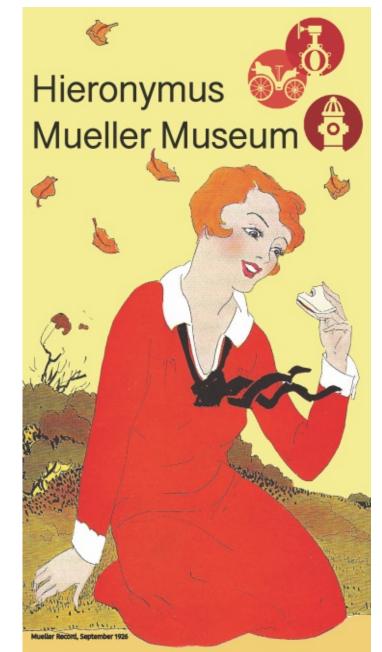
#### 5580 N. Fork Road

Imagine Abraham Lincoln, the 6'4" lawyer, ducking to avoid bumping his head on the entrance of Macon County's first courthouse built in 1829, which was the only log courthouse where Lincoln practiced law. Learn more about Lincoln's link to Macon County with a 12-minute video history lesson in the viewing room. For hours call, 217-422-4919. mchmdecatur.org

#### Staley Museum

#### 361 N. College Street

Located in the restored Staley Mansion, the Staley Museum chronicles the life of A. E. Staley, his family and the company he founded with exhibits and historical artifacts. The museum serves as a repository of information, historical documentation and memorabilia, as well as a cultural and educational contributor to the community of Decatur. For hours call, 217-422-1212. staleymuseum.com



#### Take a bite out of history!

Open 1-4pm Tuesday-Saturday

Adults \$2 17 and under \$1

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Guided tours available by appointment Find us on Facebook @MuellerMuseum

## attractions

#### **Monuments & Memorials**

#### Decatur 9-11 Memorial

Located in Historic Nelson Park on the shores of Lake Decatur, the 9-11 Memorial is constructed with a steel I-beam salvaged from the World Trade Center in New York City, a fitting remembrance to those who lost their lives. Open year round with lighting at night. Park closes at 10pm.

#### World War II Memorial

Decatur Civic Center (circle drive) 1 Gary Anderson Plaza, Decatur IL 62523 The black granite memorial, 48 feet in diameter and illuminated at night, contains the names of more than 300 Macon County military personnel, Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard, who were killed in World War II.

#### African American Civil War Soldiers Monument

300 N. Water St. Decatur, IL 62523

Commissioned by the City of Decatur in 2008, the work was designed and created by renowned artist, Preston Jackson. The monument stands more than 10 feet tall and is believed to be only the second monument in the United States honoring African American soldiers who fought in the Civil War.



#### Macon County Soldiers Monument

Central Park, Decatur IL 62523

A two-stepped granite base supports a capped pedestal with two bronze panels to the front and back. There are three bronze figures in the group: a wounded color bearer, a color sergeant and a kneeling soldier.

#### Grand Army of the Republic Memorial

253 South Park Street, Decatur IL 62523

Benjamin F. Stephenson organized the Grand Army of the Republic to provide for the mutual benefit of widows and orphans of fallen soldiers during the Civil War. A plaque marks the location where the first meeting took place when the GAR was created in Decatur on April 6, 1866. Growing to over 400,000 members nationwide, the organization was instrumental in establishing Memorial Day in 1868.

#### **Soldiers and Sailors Monument**

Fairview Park Cannonball Hill (near entrance of the tennis complex) 2095 W Eldorado St, Decatur, IL 62522 Memorial commemorates the residents of Macon County who

served in the American Civil War from 1861-1865.

#### Korean War Memorial

Graceland Cemetery

1801 N Oakland Ave, Decatur, IL 62526

The memorial was created in 1995 as a monument listing the names of the 26 servicemen from Macon County who died in the Korean War from 1950 to 1953. For hours call, 217-423-7708. maconcountyconservation.org





#### **Specialty Farms**

#### **Homestead Prairie Farm**

Rock Springs Nature Center 3939 Nearing Lane

Step into a restored 1860's farmhouse and experience an era when apple butter and ham and beans cooked over open fires; candles were hand-dipped and quilts were hand-stitched; dulcimer music filled the air; and fields were worked by man and beast. For hours call, 217-423-7708. maconcountyconservation.org

#### Mari-Mann Herb Farm

1405 Mari Mann Lane

Spanning six rolling acres on bluffs overlooking the Sangamon River and designated an Official Illinois Herb Garden, this specialty farm is a potpourri of herb beds, everlasting beds, wildflower fields, and formal gardens. Reputed for the area's largest variety of herb products, Mari-Mann also offers a gift shop, group tours, programs, and classes. For hours call, 217-429-1404. marimann.com

#### **Richland Student Farms**

#### One College Park

The on-campus acreage includes two greenhouses, two hoop houses, sixteen farm plots with fruit trees, brambles and vegetables. During the growing season from May-October, the weekly farmer's market provides ingredients for the culinary arts program where students prepare farm to table menus in Bistro Five Thirty-Seven, the campus restaurant. For hours call 217-875-7211, ext. 537. richland.edu.





#### **Family Fun**

#### Scovill Zoo

71 S. Country Club Road

Zoo exhibits hundreds of wild and domestic animals from Madagascar to Australia and every place in between. Take a ride on the Z.O.O. Express train or hop on the Endangered Species Carousel. For hours and fees, go to www.decatur-parks.org.

#### Children's Museum of Illinois

55 S. Country Club Road

Interactive stations encourage youngsters to be whoever they imagine — pilot, builder, banker, or scientist. The newest exhibit is Heroes Hall, a two-story, 7,000 square foot law enforcementthemed addition that was made possible by a 3 million dollar grant from the Howard G. Buffett Foundation. For hours and fees call, 217-423-5437. cmofil.org

#### **Overlook Adventure Park**

2501 E. Nelson Park Road

One of Decatur's newest attractions – two 18-hole miniature golf courses, ropes course and batting cages, nestled in the hills of Nelson Park. New Splash Cove family aquatic center. For hours and fees, go to www.decatur-parks.org.

#### **Rock Springs Nature Center & Trails**

Find out what surprises nature has in store through the window on wildlife and the hiking and biking trails. Interpretive staff members are always on hand to help translate the child-to-critter dialogue. Bike rental fee. Trails are open daily 7:00 am to sunset. For hours call, 217-423-7708. maconcountyconservation.org



## attractions

#### LOOKING FOR LINCOLN SITES

Decatur, Illinois is the site of many firsts for Abraham Lincoln. In March of 1830, Lincoln and his family came to Decatur and built their first Illinois home here. It was in Decatur that same year when Lincoln mounted a stump by Harrell's Tavern and made his first political speech. In 1860, during the Republican Convention, Mr. Lincoln was nominated by John Palmer as a candidate for the presidency of the United States. At that same event he was given the campaign nickname of "The Rail Splitter" candidate.

#### Wayside Exhibits

As part of the Looking for Lincoln initiative, wayside exhibits have been produced in cooperation with the State of Illinois to highlight sites related to the life of Abraham Lincoln. Decatur is proud to be the home of 15 wayside exhibits. Each contains text, photos or graphics and a "rubbing medallion" where you can create a paper/crayon rubbing as a souvenir to document your visit.

#### **Bronze Shadows**

Four of the downtown Decatur waysides are further enhanced by original bronze sculptures called Bas-Relief. Similar to a copper penny in color and in style, the single-sided sculptures were designed and created by artist John McClarey of Decatur. The sculptures are designed so that visitors may "participate" in the event depicted and create a memorable photo.



#### **Lincoln Wayside Exhibits**

#### Downtown Decatur Freestyle Walking Tour

- 1. Music Please, Maestro!
- The Macon House 130 North Franklin 2. Lincoln's Legacy
- Founding of the GAR 262 South Park Street 3. Choosing a President
- 1860 GOP Convention 231 South Park Street
- The Rail-splitter Candidate 1860 GOP Convention 200 South Park Street
   Finding the Biggest Man
- Barnwell Photograph 126 North Water Street
   Wake Up, Lincoln!
- Wake Op, Enconne 1860 GOP Convention 101 North Water Street
   Lincoln's First Political Speech
- The Stump Speech Corner of Main & Main Streets 8. Lincoln On The Circuit
- The Second Courthouse Corner of Main & Main Streets 9. Coming to Illinois
- First Night in Decatur 110 South Main Street 10. Let Us All Be United
- The Cassell House Corner of Main & Main Streets

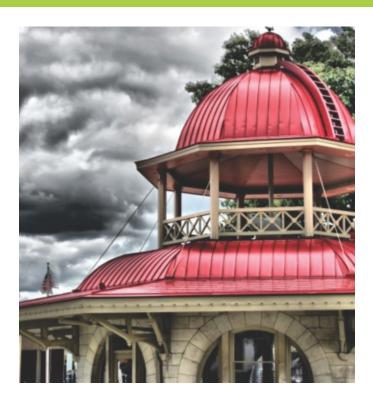
#### Macon County Wayside Exhibits Freestyle Driving Tour

- 11. Getting There From Here
- The Circuit Rider 820 West Main Street 12. Lincoln's Decatur Ally
- The Oglesby Mansion 421 West William Street 13. Settling in Illinois
  - Site of the Lincoln's cabin of 1830 on the Sangamon River 2600 South Lincoln Memorial Parkway
- 14. Winter of the Deep Snow
- 15. A Favorite Lies Here
- Boiling Springs Cemetery 2418 Boiling Springs Road 16. Macon County History Museum
- Log Court House in which Lincoln practiced law 5580 North Fork Road



Looking for Lincoln Freestyle Touring Scan the QR code on your mobile device for access to self-guided navigation with brochure and digital mapping. Questions? Contact the DACVB at 217-423-7000 or decaturcvb.com





#### NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

#### Decatur's Transfer House

Central Park, Decatur IL 62523

The Transfer House is a historic building located in Central Park in downtown Decatur. Built in 1896, the building originally served as a transfer point for Decatur's electric streetcar system. Architect William W. Boyington's design for the building was influenced by a number of Victorian styles, particularly the Richardsonian Romanesque, and is considered a prime example of octagonal transportation architecture. Widely used as the iconic symbol for the city, the Transfer House is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



#### Historic Places Freestyle Touring

Scan the QR code on your mobile device to activate digital mapping with photos and descriptions. Or each address can be entered on Google maps for self-guided navigation

#### Wabash Depot Antique Center

780 E. Cerro Gordo

In its heyday, all tracks led to the Depot — longtime headquarters for the Wabash Railroad Company. Restored to its early 1900's grandeur, the 10,000-square-foot Depot now brims with antique shops and treasures unique to Decatur, and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. For hours call, 217-233-0800.

#### **Oglesby Mansion**

421 W. William St., Decatur IL 62522This historic Decatur landmark is the beautifully restored Victorian home of Illinois Governor Richard Oglesby, a close friend of Abraham Lincoln. Located at 421 W. William St in the Historic District. For more information about tours and open houses during the year, call 217-429-9422. oglesbymansion.org

#### James Millikin Homestead

125 N. Pine St., Decatur IL 62522The home of James and Anna Millikin was completed in 1876. Regarded as the centerpiece of Decatur's architectural heritage, residents are captivated by its Victorian splendor. A monthly open house and tours are available. Located at 125 North Pine Street in Decatur's Historic District. 217-422-9003. performance.millikin.edu/millikinhomestead

#### **Greenwood Cemetery**

#### 606 S. Church Street

Officially established in 1857, historic Greenwood Cemetery is the final resting place for over 600 Civil War Veterans', including an African-American soldier and a civil war nurse. Also home to the oldest documented gravestone in Illinois.

A small cannon and Grand Army of the Republic monument dedicated to the brave veterans is also displayed. Many of the headstones are of Civil War soldiers from outside of Illinois. For hours and more information, call 217-422-6563.

#### **Trobaugh - Good House**

3939 Nearing Lane, Decatur IL 62521 Rock Springs Conservation Area Walk into the past to an exciting place where the days before the Civil War live on. Homestead Prairie Farm is built around the Trobaugh-Good House, which has been restored to let visitors explore rural life on the Grand Prairie of Illinois in 1860 and was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1996.

Free tours are offered June-October on weekends. Special tours and programs may be scheduled by appointment at other times for students or various groups. Call 217-423-7708 for further information.



## parks & recreation

#### Nature & Conservation

#### Fort Daniel Conservation Area

This 380-acre conservation area sits east of Decatur, near Mt. Zion, IL. and contains over 4 miles of hiking trails, picnic pavilion, playground, and restrooms. Scenic Big Creek winds through the area providing water for the forest, prairie and wetland habitats. Free. Open 7am to sunset year round. 217-423-7708

#### **Friends Creek Conservation Area**

18 miles north of Decatur on Route 48 near Argenta. The park features three nature trails - the quarter-mile Friends Creek Trail, the 2-mile Woodland Trail, and the 2.5-mile Sun Trail. Each varies in difficulty and meanders through topographies ranging from open meadows and floodplains, to towering oak-hickory forests and undulating hillsides. Open daily from 7 a.m. until sunset year round. 217-423-7708

#### **Griswold Conservation Area**

Located 14 miles southwest of Decatur off Rt. 48 near Blue Mound. Hike the trail up the glacial kame to the observation deck for sweeping views of the prairie. Picnic facilities and playground. 217-423-7708

#### **Rock Springs Conservation Area**

Hiking trails are rated easy to difficult with varying distances that offer a glimpse of prairie wildlife. Be sure to walk through the Pine Forest or schedule a nature walk with one of the resident naturalists. Entrance off Rock Springs Road. Open daily 7:00 a.m. to sunset year round. 217-423-7708

#### Sand Creek Conservation Area

Hike the trails to the bluff overlooking Sand Creek for panoramic views of the countryside. Over 7.5 total miles with varying difficulty. Open to hikers & horseback riders. Open daily 7:00 a.m. to sunset. 217-423-7708

#### Birding

Fine-feathered friends thrive here, thanks to protected areas like the Macon County Conservation District, brimming with tall prairie grass, woods, and streams. Grab the binoculars, the field guide, and go! www.maconcountyconservation.org

#### Sportsman's Park

Located off S. Lost Bridge Road on Lake Decatur. Observation deck.

217-422-5911

#### Camping

#### Friends Creek Campground

The only public campground in Macon County, Friends Creek Campground is located at Friends Creek Conservation Area, in Cisco, IL. It offers many amenities and provides a quiet place to relax, explore the outdoors, and spend time with friends and family. www.maconcountyconservation.org.

#### Parks

#### **Dog Parks**

Fido Fields is located in Fairview Park and Decatur's newest dog park is now open in Nelson Park on Lakeshore Drive. Both dog parks feature separate areas for small and large dogs, electronic gates and are open from sunrise – 10 p.m. year round. Registration is required at the DISC, 1295 W. Wood St.

217-429-3472

#### **Fairview Park**

1455 W. Fairview Park Dr.

Located in Decatur's historic West End, the park was established in 1857 by the Macon County Agricultural Society for the purpose of holding county fairs, and acquired by the Decatur Park District in 1924. Over the years, Fairview Park has grown to 181 acres and includes the Dreamland Lake, Mary Seaman Wildflower Garden, Rose Garden, Ursula K. Beck Tennis Facility, D-town Skatepark, and Fido Fields Dog Park. Fairview Park also is home to a 1.5 mile paved bicycling/walking trail, which is part of the Park District's larger trail system that extends north to the community of Forsyth and south to the Macon County Conservation District's Rock Springs Nature Center.

217-422-5911

#### Nelson Park

200 Nelson Blvd.

Established in 1912, Nelson Park is nestled along the shores of Lake Decatur and is the community's largest park. It was named in honor of William E. Nelson, a longtime Decatur resident and Circuit Judge. With 187 acres, the park is home to the Nelson Park Marina, Overlook Adventure Park and Devon Amphitheater. The Decatur Park District is taking the lead with extensive lakefront renovations to enhance recreational opportunities for visitors. 217-422-5911

#### Forsyth Village Parks

Nestled throughout the village, Forsyth's public parks feature acres of woods, open fields, and neighborhood parks with playground equipment. A wildlife observation stand is located near the fishing ponds for those who enjoy nature. The entire park system is tied together with miles of paved hiking and biking trails. 217-877-9445



#### **Sports**

#### **Biking, Hiking & Running Trails**

Walk or ride the "wild" side. Our network of easily accessible nature trails takes you miles from streets and traffic to worlds of wildlife wonders.

#### Decatur Trail System

Discover Decatur's natural treasures while you bike, walk, or run along the Park District's 11-mile scenic trail system. The trailways wind through Fairview Park, meander north along Stevens Creek, trace the historic inter-urban railway to the Macon County Conservation District's Rock Springs Center, and wrap around Kiwanis Park to Lincoln Park Drive. The trail system features a 10-foot wide paved handicapped accessible trail. 217-422-5911 or 217-423-7708

#### Forsyth Trail System

Nestled throughout the village are public parks, open fields and playground facilities tied together with miles of paved hiking and biking trails. Near the fishing pond is a wildlife observation stand. 217-877-9445

#### **Boating/Sailing/SUP**

Spend a sunny day, or two, boating Lake Decatur. For watercraft licensing requirements, please contact the City of Decatur at 217-424-2709.

#### City of Decatur Lake Management Office

Nelson Park Marina, 217-424-2837.

#### Commodore Decatur Yacht Club

Entrance off Lost Bridge Road

#### Standing Paddle

board & kayak rentals, Nelson Park Beach Open Memorial Day to Labor Day 217-615-1986

#### **Cross-Country Skiing**

Miles of manicured trails take the skier through gently rolling terrain nestled between the pine trees and prairie of Central Illinois.

#### **Rock Springs Conservation Area**

Whenever there's at least four inches of snow on the ground, the 2.9 miles of trails are open from 7 a.m. to sunset. Access is free. Skis, poles and boots can be rented. Rentals subject to availability. Call 217-423-7708.



flathead catfish – crappie freshwater drum – white bass

- public boat launching facilities
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- pole and line fishing only

To obtain licenses and schedule tournaments, call the City of Decatur Lake Management Office 217-424-2837

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#### Fishing

#### Lake Decatur

State license required. Contact the Lake Management office for limits and restrictions.  $217\mathchar`-2424\mathchar`-2837$ 

#### **Rock Springs Conservation Area**

State license required. Three stocked ponds have posted limits and restrictions.  $217\mathchar`217\mathchar`423\mathchar`708$ 

#### **Disc Golf**

Looking for an exciting, active new sport? Try disc golf in Nelson Park and Forsyth Park. The game is played much like traditional golf, but instead of a ball and clubs, players use a flying disc or Frisbee®. The objective is to complete the course in as few throws as possible. Participants begin their play at concrete tee pads and progress toward a series of elevated metal baskets. When the "putt" lands in the basket, the hole is completed. To print off a course map and scorecard for the Nelson Park course, go to decatur-parks.org. For a course map and scorecard for the Forsyth Park course, go to forsythvillage.us/about/forsyth-park-discgolf-course. 217-422-5911

#### **Gun Club**

Sharpshooters find their mark with The Decatur Gun Club, founded in 1890 and the state's second oldest club. Among the lineup: Recreational and competitive skeet-trap, five-stand sporting clays, and turkey shoots.

Decatur Gun Club 61 Faries Park, 217-877-0400

#### **Ice Skating**

The indoor ice arena at the Decatur Civic Center offers skating time for all ages.

#### Ameren Illinois Arena

Open from October-March. Public Ice Skating & skating lessons. \$. Skates available for rental. For hours and fees call, 217-422-7300.

#### **Indoor Sports & Fitness Facilities**

Decatur Indoor Sports Center 1295 W. Wood St. 217-429-DISC (3472)

#### Decatur Family YMCA

220 W. McKinley Ave. 217-872-9622

#### Miniature Golf

Two 18-hole mini golf courses offer challenges for any skill level at Overlook Adventure Park.

#### **Overlook Adventure Park**

2501 E. Nelson Park Blvd. Go to decatur-parks.org for hours and rates.

#### **Motor Racing**

Macon Speedway 205 N. Wiles St., Macon, IL 217-764-3000



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#### **Pickleball**

Created to grow the sport in Decatur with multiple courts across the city. For more information go to decaturpickleball@gmail.com.

#### **Ropes Course**

Walk the tightrope, balance on rickety bridges, brave the balance beams and fly 68 feet on the zip line.

**Overlook Adventure Park** 2501 E. Nelson Park Blvd. Go to decatur-parks.org for hours and rates.

#### Skateboarding

Skateboard enthusiasts now roll in a new "home of their own" at Decatur's Fairview Park.

#### D-Town Skate Park

For hours and rules, go to decatur-parks.org. Decatur Park District 217-422-5911

#### Soccer

Decatur Soccer Complex

Located off Mound Road and home to the Midstate Soccer Club. For team information call 217-429-3472



#### **Softball and Baseball**

Play ball! Softball and baseball diamonds dot the area and appeal to the slugger in everyone.

#### **Bases Loaded Batting Cages** 350 S. Route 51

Forsyth, IL 62535

#### **Batting Cages**

Overlook Adventure Park 2501 E. Nelson Park Blvd. Go to decatur-parks.org for hours and rates.

Forsyth Park 500 W. Weaver Rd., Forsyth 217-877-9445

**Rotary Park** 980 Rotary Way 217-422-5911

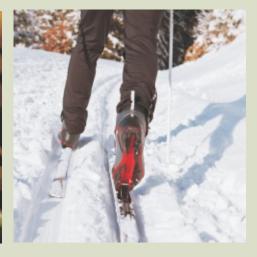
Sunnyside Park 1500 N. Sunnyside Rd. Decatur Park District 217-422-5911

#### Swimming

Splash Cove Family Aquatic Center Opening 2021 in Nelson Park. Go to decaturparks.org for hours and rates. 217-422-5911.

#### Decatur Family YMCA

220 W. McKinley 217-872-9622



#### Tennis

Volleys heat up from courts in every corner of the city - public parks, complexes, and athletic clubs.

**Decatur Athletic Club** 1010 Southside Dr. Non-member fees, nominal court fee. Call ahead to schedule, and for pricing. 217-423-7020

#### Fairview Park Tennis Complex

Courts may be reserved daily by calling 217-424-7432. Ball machine rental, call for pricing.

Free outdoor tennis courts are located in several neighborhood parks: Cresthaven, Kiwanis, Sinawik, and South Shores. 217-422-8535

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#### Licenses

For your safety, and the safety of community residents, licenses are required for fishing, hunting, and boating in the Decatur area. For more information about requirements and the application process, visit www.dnr.state.il.us, or call 800-867-3542. Rules and regulations for boating on Lake Decatur are also available by calling the Lake Patrol office at 217-424-2837.

## golf



Enjoy championship-style golf at the Decatur Park District's two award-winning public golf courses, ranked 18<sup>th</sup> in the nation for accessibility and affordability by Golf Digest magazine. Call the Pro Shops for tee times, green fees and cart rental pricing. Reservations are taken up to 7 days in advance for weekdays and on Monday for the following weekend. Each course has a 24-hour cancellation notice policy. Pro Shops are open daily from dawn until dusk or go to www.golfdecatur.org for pricing and to book your tee time.



#### Red Tail Run Golf Club by Raymond Floyd

520 West Grove Road Decatur, IL 62521

217-422-2211 for tee times.

Designed by legendary hall of fame player Raymond Floyd, this signature course features large undulating greens, wide rolling fairways and native grasses. Located on Decatur's south side, the Park District's newest course is designed for players of all skill levels. From five tee locations and multiple angles, this signature Floyd course is truly designed for the championship to the novice golfer.

- Multiple Tee Locations from Championship to Junior
- Driving Range with Double Tees
- Golf Academy Programming
- First Tee Learning Center

Course information: Yardage: 6713 Slope: 125 Par: 72 Course Rating: 72.0

#### Hickory Point Golf Club

727 Weaver Road, Forsyth, IL 62535 217-421-7444 for tee times

Hickory Point Golf Course is truly a course for the beginner, as well as, the competitive golfer. The flat, wide fairways are perfect for learning, while long distances and the ever present wind provide challenge for more experienced golfers. Hickory Point hosts the Tate & Lyle Players Championship, the developmental tour of the LPGA. Designed by Roger Packard, the course features a lighted driving range. A special six-hole short course, opened in 1999, is designed specifically for beginning and youth golfers.

Course information: Yardage: 6848 Slope: 127 Par: 72 Course Rating: 72.3



#### GOLF COURSES



727 Weaver Rd., Forsyth, IL • 217-421-7444 Host of the IHSA Class AA Girls' State Tournament

Yardage: 6848 | Par: 72 | Slope: 127 | Course Rating: 72.3

- Larry Packard design
- Certified footgolf course
- Traditional parkland style



520 W. Grove Rd., Decatur, IL • 217-422-2211 Host of IHSA Class A Girls' State Tournament

Yardage: 6713 | Par: 72 | Slope: 125 | Course Rating: 72.0

- Designed by Raymond Floyd
- Prairie-style, Scottish links

#### HOMEWOOD SUITES

(per person - single occupancy)

#### by Hilton

333 West Marion Ave. • Forsyth, IL 62535 217-877-0887 www.decaturforsyth.homewoodsuites.com Golf Package Rate: \$125.00 per day

**RESIDENCE INN** 

230 Lucile Ave • Forsyth, IL 62535 217-872-6600 • www.marriott.com **Golf Package Rate: \$120.00 per day** (per person - single occupancy)

#### FAIRFIELD INN

1417 Hickory Point Dr. • Forsyth, IL 62535 217-875-3337 • www.fairfieldinn.com Golf Package Rate: \$84.00 per day (per person - double occupancy)

#### RAMADA

355 Hickory Point Rd • Decatur, IL 62526 217-876-8011 • www.ramada.com **Golf Package Rate: \$80.00 per day** (per person - double occupancy)

#### DECATUR CONFERENCE CENTER & HOTEL

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#### HAMPTON INN

by Hilton (Forsyth) 1429 Hickory Point Dr. Forsyth, IL 62535 217-877-5577 www.hampton.com Golf Package Rate: \$79.00 per day

(per person - double occupancy)

QUALITY INN

134 Barnett Ave. Forsyth, IL 62535 217-875-1166 www.qualityinn.com **Golf Package Rate: \$75.00 per day** (per person - double occupancy)

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2370 Mt. Zion Rd. Decatur, IL 62521 217-864-9311 www.wyndhamhotels.com Golf Package Rate: \$99.00 per day (per person - double occupancy)

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## entertainment & nightlife

#### LIVE MUSIC/KARAOKE/DJ

Curly's Sports Bar & Grill 2683 N. Water St. 217-875-9800 Entertainment Wed/Fri/Sat

Donnie's Homespun Pizza 126 S. Oakland Ave. 217-424-4344 Open Mic Night every Wed. Live Music Scheduled

Lock Stock & Barrel 129 S. Oakland Ave. 217-429-7411 Karaoke Wednesday & DJ Thursday, Live Music Scheduled

**The New Back Door** 3925 Faries Parkway 217-330-6292 Th/Sat DJ/Karaoke

Pop's Place 4335 W. Main 217-330-6546 Call for Karaoke and Band Schedule

Port Royal Gastropub 2880 N. Oakland Ave. 217-875-2746 Call for Karaoke Schedule

#### Sliderz

5995 E. US Rt. 36 217-864-9227 Live Music Scheduled **Timbuktu Saloon** 5842 E. US Rt. 36 217-864-2826 Live Music Fr/Sa

**The Wagon** 3190 N. Woodford St. 217-429-2260 Live Music Scheduled

#### **SPORTS BARS**

**22nd St. Bar & Grill** 1325 N. 22nd St. 217-428-5420

Caddy Shack 231 N. Main St. 217-422-4444

**Bourbon Barrel** 1355 N. Rt. 48 217-429-7506

**Buffalo Wild Wings** 851 S. Rt. 51 217-877-8370

Curly's Sports Bar & Grill 2683 N. Water St. 217-875-9800

Doherty's Pub & Pins 242 E. William 217-428-5612 The Draft 5180 Hickory Point F rontage Rd. 217-791-5364

Lock, Stock & Barrel 129 S. Oakland 217-429-7411

**Sliderz** 5995 E. US Rt. 36 217-864-92

#### **MOVIE THEATRES**

Avon Theatre 426 N. Water St. 217-422-8151 www.theavon.com 3 Screens. Features an expanded concession menu.

AMC Classic Decatur 10 2360 S. Mt. Zion Rd. 217-864-4272 10 Screens

Hickory Point Cinemas 150 Hickory Point Rd gqtmovies.com

#### THEATRE VENUES

Decatur Civic Center 217-422-6161 decaturciviccenter.org The Devon Lakeshore Amphitheater Nelson Park 217-422-5911

Millikin University Fine Arts millikin.edu/kirkland 217-424-6318

#### **BINGO HALLS**

Macon County Fairgrounds 3700 N. Westlawn Avenue Decatur, IL 62526 217-875-0135 Call for hours & pricing.

Majestic Hall 830 N. State Highway 121 Mt. Zion, IL 62549 217-864-3842 Call for hours & pricing.

#### **BREWERY & TAPROOM**

**Decatur Brew Works** 102 E. William St. 217-330-8683 Call for hours and special events.

**Door 4 Brewing Co.** 1214 W. Cerro Gordo 217-330-2008

**Golden Fox Brewing** 2874 N. Dinneen St. 217-330-9993

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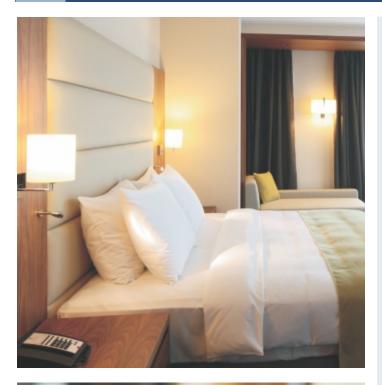


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## accommodations





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S	PA	pets allowed
. <u>.</u>	HA	handicap access
iat	AIR	airport shuttle
Lev .	FIT	free access to local fitness cen
lqq	KIT	in-room kitchen facilities
0 3	WI	access to Internet and voice m
ey to abbreviations	BFT	continental/hot breakfast
e	E\/	electric vehicle charger

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#### Decatur Conference Center & Hotel

4191 U.S. 36 West 217-422-8800, www.hoteldecatur.com 180 rooms, 19 suites, on-site restaurant, sports bar & grill, conference facility, business center, outdoor picnic area, indoor pool, hot tub, PA, HA, FIT, WI

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#### Homewood Suites

by Hilton 333 W. Marion Avenue, Forsyth 217-877-0887 www.homewoodsuites.com 103 suites, meeting facilities, outdoor grill, patio, sports area, indoor pool, whirlpool, Wednesday Mixer 5-7 pm, BFT, FIT, HA, KIT, WI

#### Fairfield Inn

1417 Hickory Point Dr., Forsyth 217-875-3337, www.marriott.com 62 rooms, indoor pool, whirlpool, HA, BFT, WI, FIT Hampton Inn by Hilton 1429 Hickory Point Dr., Forsyth 217-877-5577, www.hamptoninn.com 61 rooms, indoor pool,

FIT, HA, BFT, WI, PA

#### **Quality Inn**

134 Barnett Ave., Forsyth 217-875-1166, www.qualityinn.com 55 rooms, indoor pool, hot tub, HA, BFT, WI, FIT, PA

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business center, PA, HA, FIT, KIT, WI, BFT

#### Country Inn & Suites by Radisson

5150 Hickory Point Frontage Rd. 217-872-2402, www.countryinns.com 71 rooms, meeting room, indoor pool, HA, AIR, BFT, FIT, WI

#### Baymont

by Wyndham Decatur 5100 Hickory Point Frontage Rd. 217-875-5800, www.wyndhamhotels.com/ baymont 93 rooms, meeting facility, business center PA, HA, WI, BFT

- Ramada Limited 355 E. Hickory Point Rd. 217-876-8011 www.ramada.com 61 rooms, indoor pool, fitness center, PA, HA, FIT, WI, BFT
- Comfort Inn & Suites 5170 N. Wingate Drive 217-875-5500, www.econolodge.com 81 rooms, 4 suites, conference facility, indoor pool, KIT, HA, FIT, BFT, WI
- Holiday Inn & Suites 5150 N. Wingate Dr. 217-542-5400 www.holidayinn.com 113 rooms, restaurant, pool, banquet space, HA, FIT, WI
- Sleep Inn 3920 Hospitality Lane

217-872-7700, www.sleepinn.com 68 rooms, meeting facilities, business center, indoor pool, hot tub, PA, HA, FIT, WI, BFT

#### A Tri-Manor Motel

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#### Sandy's Motel

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#### USA Inn

3141 N. Water St. 217-877-8888 www.choicehotels.com 47 rooms, HA, WI, BFT

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1013 E. Eldorado St. 217-422-9080 20 rooms, HA, WI

#### Soy City Motel 1828 E. Eldorado St. 217-428-8624 13 rooms, HA, PA, WI

Lakeview Motel U.S. 36 East & 16 S. Country Club Rd. 217-428-4677 25 rooms, WI, HA

#### Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham 2370 Mt. Zion Rd. 217-864-9311, www.hawthorn.com

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## shopping

#### **Decatur-Forsyth Shopping Districts**

Macon County is known for its eclectic neighborhoods and entrepreneurial spirit and that translates into a unique shopping experience, too. Sure, we have national chain stores, but we also have locally owned boutiques, specialty shops and antique centers offering just what you're looking for...

#### **Hickory Point Mall in Forsyth**

Home to more than 45 merchants, one mall packs it all. Located at the crossroads of I-72 and Rt. 51 north of Decatur in Forsyth, you'll find what you're shopping for at Hickory Point Mall. Anchored by Von Maur, Hobby Lobby and Kohls, you'll also discover an array of specialty shops and eateries. Bordering the mall complex are Coziahr Harley Davidson and several restaurants that offer indoor or patio seating.

#### **Downtown Decatur**

Take a ride on the free trolley in downtown Decatur, with fourteen convenient stops that take you to boutique and specialty shops around every corner. Historic Merchant Street is home to locallyowned shops and restaurants. The stores on Main, Prairie and Water Streets offer everything from apparel and home décor to gourmet novelties and toys, and the West Main Village offers quaint shops for browsing.

#### **Oakwood**

Just to the west of downtown Decatur, the Oakwood Business District, aka "Campustown," is an easy walk from the Millikin University campus. With an eclectic tone all its own, the mix of specialty shops at the intersection of West Main, Wood Street and Oakland Avenue is made for multi-tasking. Where else can you check out bikes and gear, meet for breakfast, lunch or dinner and listen to great music?

#### **South Shores**

Drive south of Lake Decatur on Route 51 and you'll find a shopping center packed with conveniences. Dine in or carry out at the many restaurants, fill a prescription, browse for gifts, fill up your tank and wash the car, stock up on groceries, or get your oil changed – you'll get service with a smile.

#### **Brettwood Village**

Located on Route 51 North and Pershing Road, Brettwood Village is packed with shopping choices and free convenient parking. Anchored by Kroger, you'll also find party supplies, jewelry and plenty of services.

#### **Mound Center**

When residents listed Target, Olive Garden and Starbucks on their community "wish lists", the City of Decatur answered in the form of Mound Center, a retail/restaurant hub on the city's north side at the intersection of Route 51 and Mound Road.

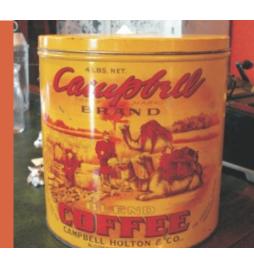
#### **Decatur Marketplace**

Located on State Highway 121, just South of Route 36, Decatur Marketplace offers something for everyone. Whether you're looking to dine in a great restaurant, be pampered in a beautiful salon, or a place to shop, you are certain to find something of your liking.

#### **Decatur Crossing**

On the North end of Decatur, located on Route 51 just south of I-72, is Decatur Crossing. This shopping center offers multiple dining and shopping opportunities including unique, Japanese cuisine and new and used electronics.

# antiques & collectibles





#### Antique Hunting Freestyle Tour

You'll need an entire weekend to explore all the treasures to be found in Macon County. Whether you're tracking down antiques, collectibles and vintage items as a pleasurable hobby or compulsive obsession, the hunting grounds for both are fertile here. There are nine antique centers

located in or near Decatur, offering thousands of square feet to explore. Scan the QR code to link to digital mapping and store information.



#### **Antique Centers**

#### **Boody General Store Antiques**

6185 S. Rt. 48 Boody, IL 62514 217-454-4736 Located ten minutes from Decatur, this antique shop offers primitives, furniture, stoneware, toys and more.

#### The Drive-In Antiques & More

2905 N. Oakland Ave. Decatur, IL 62526 (217) 877-8805 Located in a former fast food joint, this shop features two floors of booths and is located next door to a stained glass shop.

#### **Elwin Antique Mall**

5027 Rt. 51 South Elwin, IL 62532 217-865-3292 This spacious antique mall carries a wide range of rare and beautiful pieces, from primitive quilts and furniture to more refined Victorian pieces and chandeliers. Leave yourself plenty of time to browse.



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#### **Firehouse Flea Market**

550 N. Morgan Street Decatur, IL 62523 217-620-6955 Just down the street from the Wabash Depot, shoppers will find items such as glassware, furniture, lamps, books, Fenton Glass, Corningware, jewelry, knick knacks something for everyone!

#### **Garriott Antiques**

110 S North St Argenta IL 62501 217-450-7062 Antiques and collectibles housed in a 2-story barn with seasonal farmers market and baked goods.

#### Never Forgotten Thymes Shoppe

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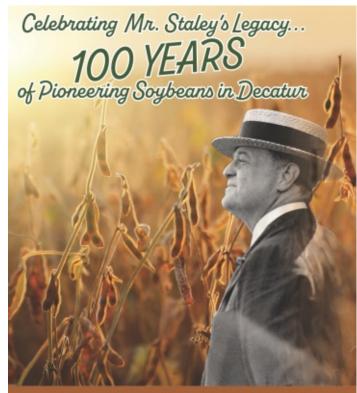
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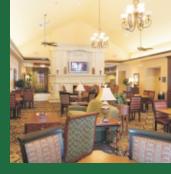
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