



# VISITORS GUIDE



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Charleston and what  
we have to offer visit  
[www.charlestonillinois.org](http://www.charlestonillinois.org).



# CHOOSE CHARLESTON

## FOR ARTS & CULTURE

Experience the music of local performers or a play by local actors in the Daum Amphitheater at Kiwanis Park. Enjoy an art exhibition at Tarble Arts, or a world-class symphony or jazz ensemble at the Doudna Fine Arts Center, both on the campus of Eastern Illinois University.



## FOR LINCOLN HISTORY

Visit the Lincoln Douglas Debate Museum commemorating one of the seven debates between Senator Stephen A. Douglas and Abraham Lincoln and built at the very site of the 1858 debate. Learn about Lincoln's family ties to Charleston by visiting Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site, the last farm of his father and stepmother, Thomas and Sarah. Get your National Parks Passport stamped while at Lincoln Log Cabin since Charleston is within the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area, a National Park Service initiative. Stop by the Moore Home to see the location where Abraham said goodbye to his beloved stepmother before assuming the presidency in Washington. Read the historical markers on the square telling the 19th-century story of the Charleston Riot and the historic courthouse.

## FOR OUTDOOR RECREATION

Lake Charleston offers over 9 miles of trails, fishing, birdwatching, picnicking, kayak rentals, and more. Connecting Charleston and Mattoon, the Lincoln Prairie Grass Trail provides 12 miles of paved surface for bikers, walkers, and joggers with a comfort station midway on the trail. Fox Ridge State Park, 3 miles south of Charleston, sits on over 2,000 acres of timberland and prairie, with miles of trails to hike, Embarras River access, fishing, picnicking and camping. Charleston has numerous city parks and outdoor sports complexes, from baseball to soccer. Did you know Charleston is the Butterfly Capital of Illinois? Visit nearly 20 unique butterfly hotspots in and around Charleston. [www.urbanbutterflies.org](http://www.urbanbutterflies.org)



## FOR SHOPPING

Shop our historic downtown square for unique products, local antique shops for those hidden treasures, and charming gift shops for the perfect gift. Did you know Charleston is home to the original Jimmy John's sandwich shop? Visit store #1 for a sandwich and check out the memorabilia from the first shop.

# ANNUAL EVENTS

Charleston offers a wide variety of special events throughout the year. For a full listing of events please visit [www.charlestonillinois.org](http://www.charlestonillinois.org).

## FEBRUARY

### Mid-Winter Classic *Carl Sandburg School*

Get ready to run a 5K/10K/15K race. Sun, rain, or snow.

[www.charlestonillinois.org](http://www.charlestonillinois.org)

## APRIL

### Special Olympics Illinois

Spring games held at Eastern Illinois University O'Brien Field.

[www.soill.org](http://www.soill.org)

## MAY

### IHSA Girls State Track & Field Championship *EIU's O'Brien Stadium*

Class A & AA track meet. Over 500 schools competing.

[www.ihsa.org](http://www.ihsa.org)

### IHSA Boys State Track & Field Championship *EIU's O'Brien Stadium*

Class A & AA track meet. Over 500 schools competing.

[www.ihsa.org](http://www.ihsa.org)



## JUNE

### Farmers' Market on the Square

#### *Downtown Charleston Square*

Every Wednesday, 6 am - 11 am, and Saturday, 7:30 am - 10:30 am, June through October. Support our local farmers and craftsmen selling home-grown produce, baked goods, hand-made items, plants & flowers.

#### **📍 Charleston Farmers Market On The Square**

### Charleston Community Band *Kiwanis Park*

Free concerts every Thursday night in June at the Daum Amphitheater in Kiwanis Park.

[www.charlestonillinois.org](http://www.charlestonillinois.org)

### Races for All Paces *Sarah Bush Lincoln, Rt 16*

Join in the fun from a Diaper Dash all the way up to a Half Marathon! There is a race that is just right for everyone in the family!

[www.sarahbush.org/races](http://www.sarahbush.org/races)

# ANNUAL EVENTS

## JULY

### **Red, White & Blue Days** **Morton Park**

A family festival with a free concert of nationally known performers, parade, bell-ringing ceremony, children's games, and all you can eat ice cream.

[www.charlestonillinois.org/RWBDays](http://www.charlestonillinois.org/RWBDays)

### **Annual East Central Illinois Antique Farm Equipment Show** **Coles County Fairgrounds**

All makes and models, restored or unrestored welcome. Garden tractor pull, threshing, kids' tractor pull, parade, antique pull, music, and more.

📍 **East Central IL Antique Farm Equip. Club**

### **Coles County Fair** **Coles County Fairgrounds**

Visit the oldest, continuous fair in Illinois. Seven full days of entertainment and excitement await you.

[www.colescountyfair.com](http://www.colescountyfair.com)



## AUGUST

### **Bluegrass Jam** **Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site**

Everyone with a love of this traditional style of music is welcome. Those who play an instrument are encouraged to bring theirs along and join in a jam session with one of the many informal groups playing in the park.

[www.lincolnlogcabin.org](http://www.lincolnlogcabin.org)

## SEPTEMBER

### **Tour de Charleston - Illinois** **Downtown Charleston Square**

Tour Charleston on a 12.5, 25, or 50 mile bike ride.

📍 **Charleston Area Chamber of Commerce**

### **Harvest Frolic** **Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site**

Come celebrate the arrival of autumn! Don't miss experiencing 19th-century life on the farm. Enjoy music, cooking demos, period crafts, and much more.

[www.lincolnlogcabin.org](http://www.lincolnlogcabin.org)

# ANNUAL EVENTS

## OCTOBER

### Eastern Illinois University Homecoming

Weekend events include an “all-you-can-eat” sunrise breakfast, EIU/Charleston 2.5k homecoming race, homecoming parade, and EIU Panther football game.

[www.eiu.edu](http://www.eiu.edu)

### Five Mile House Fall Festival

Living history open house and demonstrations.

[www.fivemilehouse.org](http://www.fivemilehouse.org)

## NOVEMBER

### Charleston Challenge 40 Mile Relay *Carl Sandburg School*

Spend the day running with friends on a scenic course that covers 40 miles of Coles County. Up to 4 runners per team or try the superman and go it alone!

## DECEMBER

### Christmas on the Prairie *Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site*

Christmas as celebrated on the prairie in the early 1800s on the Lincoln and Sargent Farms.

[www.lincolnlogcabin.org](http://www.lincolnlogcabin.org)

### Christmas in the Heart of Charleston *Courthouse Square*

Holiday Parade, ice skating rink, games and crafts, refreshments, entertainment, photos with Santa, and more.

[XmasheartofCharleston](http://www.XmasheartofCharleston)

Check out  
[charlestonillinois.org](http://charlestonillinois.org)  
for more events in our  
community!



# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

**Get involved in the Arts! Charleston offers music, theater, and drama performances throughout the year.**



**Doudna Fine Arts Center**  
***EIU Campus, 1860 7th St.***  
***College of Liberal Arts and Sciences***  
***(217) 581-3110***  
**[www.eiu.edu/doudna](http://www.eiu.edu/doudna)**

The Doudna Fine Arts Center at Eastern Illinois University is one of Charleston's architectural landmarks. Designed by internationally famous architect Antoine Predock, winner of the American Institute of Architects' Gold Medal for Lifetime Achievement in 2006 and the Smithsonian Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum's Gold Medal for Lifetime Achievement in Design in 2007, the Doudna stands at the center of EIU's campus. In addition to housing EIU's departments of Art, Music and Theater Arts, the Doudna boasts several public venues; the Theatre with 300 seats, the Black Box studio theater, the 600 seat Dvorak Concert Hall, the 180 seat Recital Hall, the 150 seat Lecture Hall and several corridor art galleries. Visitors are welcome.

# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## **EIU Symphony Orchestra & Musical Venues**

***Ticket Office***  
***(217) 581-3110***

**[www.eiu.edu/doudna](http://www.eiu.edu/doudna)**

Mon. - Fri. from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
The Department of Music proudly offers a wide variety of recitals and concerts year round in the 600 seat Dvorak Concert Hall.

## **EIU Theatre**

***Ticket Office***  
***(217) 581-3110***

**[www.eiu.edu/theatre](http://www.eiu.edu/theatre)**

The theatre wing of Doudna Fine Arts Center offers EIU Theatre Arts students, faculty, and patrons the best contemporary theatre design can offer, including a 300 seat proscenium theatre, a 150 seat flexible black box and a 75 seat experimental theatre.

**Tarble Arts Center**  
***EIU Campus, 2010 9th St.***  
***(217) 581-ARTS (2787)***  
**[www.eiu.edu/tarble](http://www.eiu.edu/tarble)**

The Tarble Arts Center is the teaching museum on the campus of Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, IL. With an artist-centered approach, the Tarble presents an annual program of rotating exhibitions that provide experiential encounters with art of international significance and local relevance. The onsite Education Lab, Design Lab, and Collection Lab are hubs for interdisciplinary activity, positioning art as a primary tool for research, advancing knowledge, and interpreting the world we live in. This experimentation produces projects, publications, and opportunities that reach EIU students, community members, regional partners, and international collaborators both in the museum and wherever they are. The Tarble's ongoing stewardship of a permanent collection of contemporary art, American Regionalism, and folk art provides opportunities for study and reflection to students of all ages.



# ATTRACTIONS

**Rich in Lincoln history with notable 19th-century architecture, Charleston has much to offer visitors looking for a view of or lesson about the past.**

## **Coles County is part of the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area**

(ALNHA), a 43-county area of Central Illinois designated by Congress in 2008. The ALNHA works in partnership with the National Park Service and tells the stories of Lincoln's life and times in Illinois. It is the only National Heritage Area named for an American President.



## **Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site**

**402 S Lincoln Hwy, Lerna**

**(217) 345-1845**

**[www.lincolnlogcabin.org](http://www.lincolnlogcabin.org)**

Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site, part of the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area, preserves the 19th-century home of Thomas Lincoln and Sarah Bush Lincoln, father and step-mother of our 16th president. Abraham Lincoln was a lawyer living in Springfield by the time his parents moved here, but his burgeoning law practice often brought him to Charleston and the farm, especially during the 1840s. Abraham Lincoln also owned a portion of the farm which he deeded back to his father and step-mother for their use during their lifetime. Today Lincoln Log Cabin is an 86-acre historic site that is owned and operated by the State of Illinois.

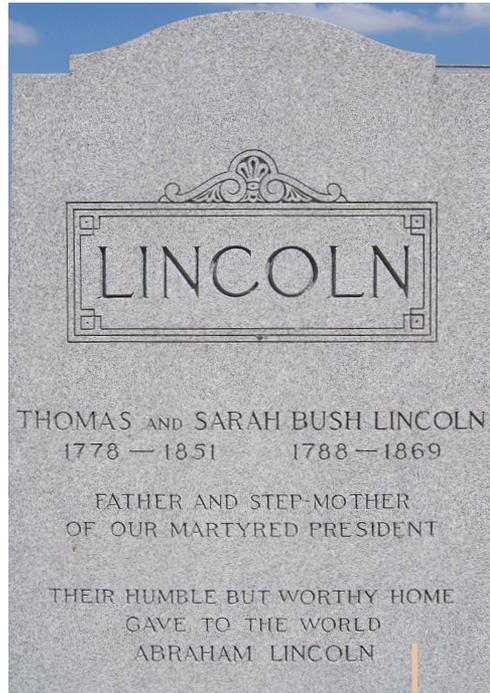
**Lincoln Douglas Debate Museum**  
**Coles County Fairgrounds, 126 E St.**  
**(217) 348-0430**  
**[www.charlestonillinois.org](http://www.charlestonillinois.org)**

Tour this self-guided museum retracing all the senatorial debates of 1858 between Abraham Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas. The museum offers exhibits and interactive displays telling the debates' story through film, audio selections, artifacts and photos. Special group tours available by appointment. Donations accepted. Hours: open year round, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.



**Moore Home State  
Historic Site**  
**S 4th St. off of  
S Lincoln Hwy, Lerna**  
**(217) 345-1845**  
**[www.lincolnlogcabin.org](http://www.lincolnlogcabin.org)**

Located just one mile north of Lincoln Log Cabin, the Moore Home was the 1860s home of Abraham Lincoln's stepsister, Matilda Hall Moore, and the location of President-elect Lincoln's last visit with his Coles County family on January 31, 1861. Contact Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site for information.



**Thomas Lincoln Cemetery**  
**S 4th St. off of  
S Lincoln Hwy, Lerna**  
**(217) 345-1845**  
**[www.lincolnlogcabin.org](http://www.lincolnlogcabin.org)**

Many visit this cemetery to see the burial site of Abraham Lincoln's father and stepmother, Thomas Lincoln and Sarah Bush Lincoln. Free Admission. Open daily from dawn until dusk.

# ATTRACTIONS

## **Old City Cemetery and Chambers Cemetery**

**Corner of Madison and 'E' St.  
(217) 348-0430**

**[www.charlestonillinois.org](http://www.charlestonillinois.org)**

Discover the graves of Charleston's earliest residents among which include Lincoln's extended family, local friends and victims of the 1864 Charleston Riot. The cemetery sits across the street from the Lincoln Douglas Debate Museum. Hours: open daily from dawn until dusk. Free Admission.

## **Downtown Square 7th and Jackson Ave. (217) 348-0430**

Charleston's Downtown Square has been the site of the Coles County seat since 1835. As a young lawyer, Abraham Lincoln practiced law in a previous version of the courthouse. Today, the late 19th century Romanesque courthouse sits at the center of the square. Historic buildings display stunning architectural details and serve as home to professional offices, unique shops and restaurants.

## **Charleston Riot Historic Marker Courthouse Square**

The Civil War spread to Charleston when a face-to-face encounter took place between southern sympathizers called "copperheads," Union soldiers, and citizens who favored the Lincoln Administration. An artistic mural of the rendition can be seen one block west of the Historic Marker at the corner of 6th Street and Jackson Avenue.



**Five Mile House**  
**5 miles South of Charleston**  
**on Illinois Hwy 130**  
**(217) 348-0430**  
**[www.fivemilehouse.org](http://www.fivemilehouse.org)**

Built around 1840 with a Civil War-era kitchen addition, the restored and furnished house received its name because it sits exactly five miles south east of the Coles County Courthouse in Charleston. Open certain summer weekends, for special events and by appointment. Donations accepted.

**Eastern Illinois University**  
**600 Lincoln Ave.**  
**[www.eiu.edu](http://www.eiu.edu)**

EIU has a rich tradition of preparing students to accomplish their life goals through a great combination of quality academics, personal relationships, and both on-campus and online opportunities.





**217-345-7689**  
**810 W Lincoln Ave**  
**Charleston, IL 61920**

## WB's PUB-N-GRUB, INC.

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Owners - Debbie & Duane Fuller

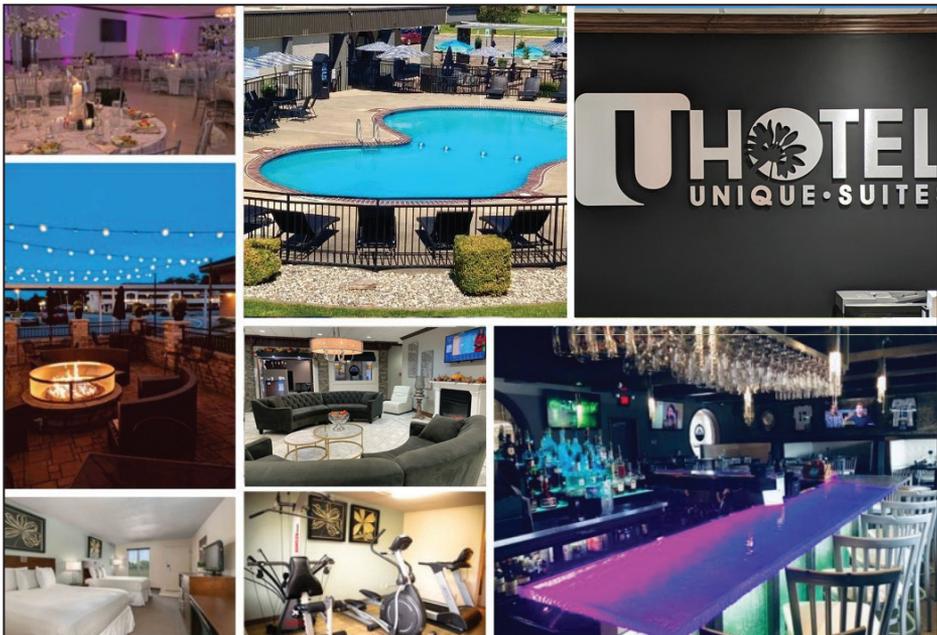


217.348.5147

Dine In, Carry Out, Catering &  
Private Banquet Room Available  
Opens daily at 7 AM

409 7th St, Charleston, IL 61920  
[wbspubgrub@consolidated.net](mailto:wbspubgrub@consolidated.net)





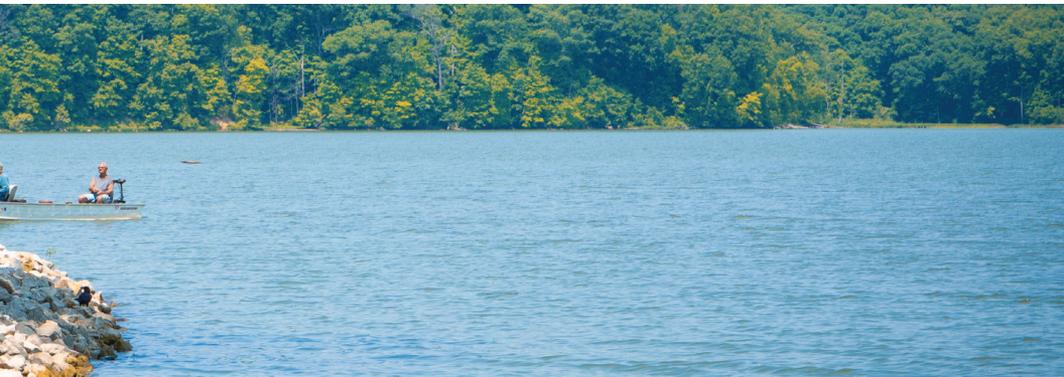
**UHOTEL**  
UNIQUE SUITES



217-348-8161 & 217-512-2174

920 W. Lincoln Ave, Charleston IL

[www.uniquesuiteshotel.com](http://www.uniquesuiteshotel.com)



# HOTEL, BANQUET & MEETING FACILITIES



## **Charleston Carnegie Public Library**

**712 6th St.**

**(217) 345-4913**

**[www.charlestonlibrary.org](http://www.charlestonlibrary.org)**

- 2 Rooms - Capacity 200

## **Charleston Country Club**

**8355 Country Club Rd.**

**(217) 345-6603**

**[www.charlestoncountryclub.org](http://www.charlestoncountryclub.org)**

- Main Dining - Capacity 130
- Garden Room - Capacity 70

## **Lincoln Garden Restaurant**

**703 W Lincoln Ave.**

**(217) 345-5070**

**[www.lincolngarden.cafe](http://www.lincolngarden.cafe)**

- 1 Room - Capacity 35

## **MLK Jr. University Union**

**EIU Campus**

**7th and Grant St.**

**(217) 581-3861**

**[www.eiu.edu](http://www.eiu.edu)**

- 2 Ballrooms - Capacity 400 & 650
- 12 Rooms - Capacity 60

## **WB's Pub-N-Grub**

**409 7th St.**

**(217) 348-5147**

**[www.wbspubngrub.com](http://www.wbspubngrub.com)**

- 1 Room - Capacity 44

## **Unique Suites Hotel/ Brickhouse Restaurant**

**920 W Lincoln Ave.**

**(217) 348-8161**

**[www.uniquesuiteshotel.com](http://www.uniquesuiteshotel.com)**

- 5 Rooms - Max Capacity 600

## Days Inn

**810 W Lincoln Ave.**

**(217) 345-7689**

**Toll-free: 800-DAYSINN**

**Fax: (217) 345-7697**

**www.wyndhamhotels.com**

- 51 Rooms with 1 Suite

Newly remodeled, new ownership, 27" television, cable TV/HBO, refrigerator, microwave, coffee maker, hairdryer, ironing station, free Daybreak continental breakfast, high-speed internet access, free local calls, large jacuzzi suite, handicap accessible, pets allowed with permission, fax & copy services, restaurants within walking distance, EIU specials & senior discounts.

## McGrady Inn

**803 6th St.**

**(217) 348-8259**

**www.mcgradyinn.com**

- 4 Bedrooms with 1 two-story loft

The McGrady Inn honors its heritage, a United Brethren Church constructed in 1919. From the original maple floors to the nine-panel stained glass window at the center of the 23-foot sanctuary ceilings, guests are surrounded by the results of a three-year restoration matching the original craftsmanship. The Inn offers modern amenities such as flat screen televisions, wireless internet, and spacious bathrooms in the company of intricate oak woodwork.

## Unique Suites Hotel

**920 W Lincoln Ave.**

**(217) 348-8161**

**info@uniquesuiteshotel.com**

**www.uniquesuiteshotel.com**

- 44 Newly Renovated Executive Rooms
- 2 Executive Master Suites
- 33 Standard Rooms

All rooms feature high-speed internet access, cable TV, ironing station, business center, outdoor fire pit, guest laundry, banquet & meeting rooms (formal seating for 300+), local & long distance calls, coffee maker, hot sunny side breakfast, large outdoor swimming pool, state of the art fitness room, vending room, ample bus & tractor trailer parking, EIU specials and one mile from campus. In addition the executive rooms offer 32" flat screen television, refrigerator, work station, microwave.

On-site Brick House Bar & Grill now open serving lunch and dinner. Find us on Facebook

📍 BrickHouseBarGrill61920



# CAMPGROUNDS

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**Fox Ridge State Park**  
**18175 State Park Rd.**  
**8 miles South of Charleston**  
**on Illinois Hwy 130**  
**(217) 345-6416**  
**[www.dnr.illinois.gov/parks/park.foxridge.html](http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/parks/park.foxridge.html)**

Fox Ridge State Park offers 42 Class "A" Camping Sites, drinking water, grills, picnic areas, electricity and water available, shower building, dump station.

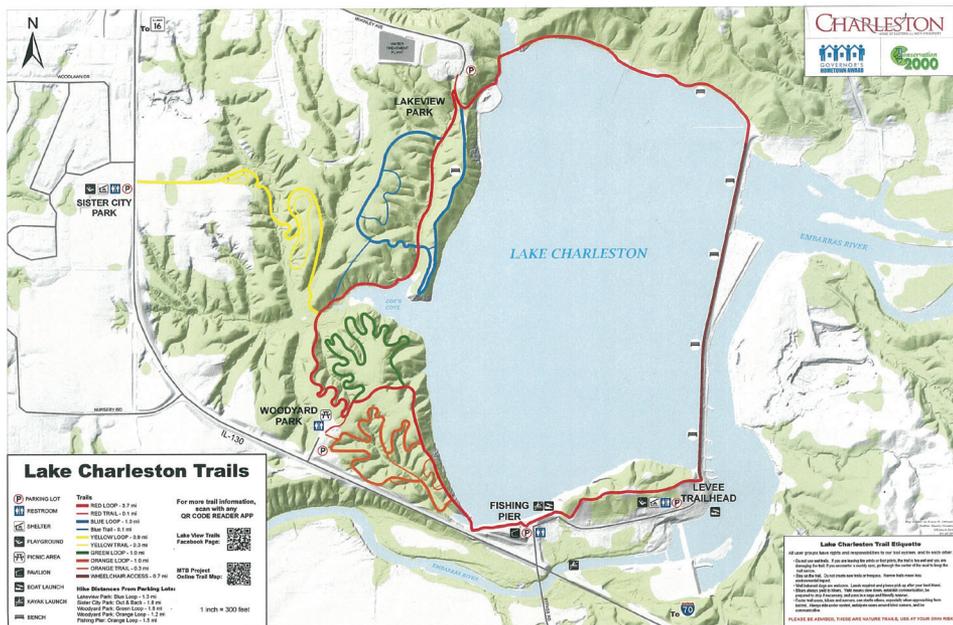


**Walnut Point State Park**  
**2331 E. CR 370 N, Oakland**  
**20 miles North of Charleston**  
**on Co Hwy 7**  
**(217) 346-3336**  
**[www.dnr.illinois.gov/parks/park.walnutpoint.html](http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/parks/park.walnutpoint.html)**

Walnut Point State Park offers 34 Class "A" camping sites with vehicle access and electric hookups, a shower building, sanitary dump station, drinking water, playground equipment and much more. Contact park office for program & site availability.



# LAKE CHARLESTON



## Lake Charleston 1 mile South of Charleston on Illinois Hwy 130 (217) 345-6897

Covering 440 acres, Lake Charleston has a fishing pier and gazebo, dock and boating, kayak rentals, pavilion, playground, and over 9 miles of trails. No wake entire reservoir. Hours: Open daily, 6 am - 10 pm.



# OUTDOORS

**Charleston offers a wide variety of recreation opportunities. Enjoy swimming, hiking, fishing, golfing, and racing all just minutes away!**



**Fox Ridge State Park**  
**18175 State Park Rd.**  
**8 miles South of Charleston**  
**on Illinois Hwy 130**  
**(217) 345-6416**  
**[www.dnr.illinois.gov/parks/park.foxridge.html](http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/parks/park.foxridge.html)**

With miles of rugged, scenic hiking trails, playgrounds, picnic shelters, fishing, hunting, and camping, Fox Ridge State Park is the perfect place to get back to nature. Hours: Daily, April 1 through September 30 from 7:30 am - 10 pm; October 1 through March 31 from 7:30 am - 5 pm.

**Lincoln Prairie Grass Trail**  
**5th St. and Railroad Ave.**  
**(217) 345-6897**

Whether you want to quietly pedal or jog briskly, the Lincoln Prairie Grass Trail is an excellent place to experience sights between Mattoon and Charleston. The trail features 12 miles of paved surface, multiple parking lots, and restrooms halfway. Jogging, walking, equestrian riding, and biking are permitted. Hours: Open daily, dawn to dusk.



**Charleston Parks & Recreation Department**  
**520 Jackson Ave.**  
**(217) 345-6897**  
**[www.charlestonillinois.org/parksandrec](http://www.charlestonillinois.org/parksandrec)**

Fifteen parks offer a variety of recreational areas and activities including swimming, tennis, skateboarding, playground, picnic shelters, amphitheater, ball fields, and walking trails. Parks are open during daylight hours. Linder Sports Complex features 13 multipurpose fields, concession building with outdoor seating, public restrooms, water bottle fillers, 300 parking spaces, and a 1.6-mile paved walking path, with an additional 1.2 miles of sidewalks.



## **Bent Tree Golf Course**

**14618 E Co Rd. 400 N**

**(217) 348-1611**

**[www.benttreegolfcourse.com](http://www.benttreegolfcourse.com)**

Public 18 hole golf course. Carts available.

## **Charleston Driving Range**

**4253 Lincoln Hwy Rd.**

**(217) 348-1883**

## **Rotary Community Aquatic Center**

**920 17th St.**

**(217) 345-3233**

**[www.charlestonillinois.org](http://www.charlestonillinois.org)**

With an Olympic-size pool, zero-entry pool with large splash toys, a 121-foot waterslide, diving boards, large umbrellas, deck chairs, and concessions, there is fun in the sun for everyone! Hours: Daily Memorial Day through Mid-August. Subject to change, weather permitting.



## **Charleston Speedway**

**4 miles East of Charleston**

**on Illinois Hwy 16**

**(217) 345-2929**

**[www.charlestonspeedway.myracepass.com](http://www.charlestonspeedway.myracepass.com)**

The Charleston Speedway provides the most exciting racing events around. Family friendly entertainment that allows for designated sections for alcohol consumption as well. Great entertainment for all ages! The Speedway has National Sanctioning from DIRTcar Racing, providing national oversight for all divisions. DIRTcar Modified, DIRTcar Pro Modified, DIRTcar Pro Late Model, DIRTcar Street Stock, DIRTcar Factory Stock, and DIRTcar Hornet are the divisions that compete on a weekly basis, with special events throughout the season. Fans can expect a front row seat to side-by-side, wheel-to-wheel action, lap after lap.

## **Coles County Dragway USA**

**4700 W State St**

**(217) 345-7777**

**[www.ccdragway.com](http://www.ccdragway.com)**

1/8 mile drag strip. 2007 Summit Racing Series Track of the Year.

## **Coles County Modified Midget Racing**

**10743 E County Rd. 900 N**

**(217) 348-8035**

**[www.colescountyspeedway.com](http://www.colescountyspeedway.com)**

Coles County Speedway is one of the oldest dirt track facilities in the midwest. Constructed and operated by the Coles County Modified Midget Racing Association, the track opened for racing in 1956. The track features a challenging 1/8th mile dirt/clay oval which produces two, three wide racing.

**Take a walking tour of the murals around the square.  
Visit all seven murals at your own pace!**

## **Lincoln's Last Journey to Charleston**

**by Diann Graham (Charleston, IL)  
On 5th St. at Monroe Ave.**

Shortly before he left for Washington for his March 4, 1861, inauguration, President-elect Abraham Lincoln made his last journey to Charleston to bid farewell to his friends and family. He arrived on a freight train, and there were no formalities to welcome President-elect Lincoln. A witness recalled that he was unceremoniously dropped off "in the mud several hundred feet down the track" from the station.

## **Lincoln Saying Goodbye to Sarah Bush Lincoln**

**by Glen C. Davies (Urbana, IL)  
On 5th St. at Jackson Ave.**

On January 31, 1861, President-elect Abraham Lincoln bid farewell to his stepmother, Sarah Bush Lincoln, at the Moore Home located south of Charleston. At their farewell, legend has it that Sarah had a premonition -- this would be the last time she would see her beloved stepson. On Lincoln's death, she is quoted as saying: "I knowed they'd kill him. I ben awaiting fur it." The Moore Home, now a State Historic Site, is located seven miles south of Charleston on South 4th Street.





## Charleston Arts & Entertainment Mural

by Bernard Williams (Chicago, IL)

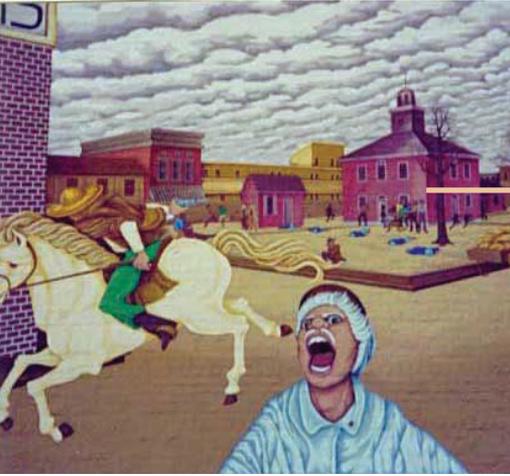
708 Monroe Ave.

This montage of images is made up of well-known Charleston artists, theatre and opera houses, architectural details, and posters of events, all dating from the late 1800s to the mid-1900s. Featured are: Oscar-winning cinematographer Gregg Toland, famous for his work in 1939's *Wuthering Heights* and *Citizen Kane*; noted folk artist Jennie Cell; silent movie star Charles Clary, known for his role in *The Penalty* (1920); Brown County landscape painter Paul Turner Sargent; and the celebrated folk singer and actor, Burl Ives. All are Charleston natives except Ives, who attended Eastern Illinois University. There are also references to the historic Will Rogers movie theatre, the Lincoln Theatre, and the Coles County Fair. This mural was co-sponsored with the Tarble Arts Center (EIU) and funded in part by the Illinois Arts Council, the Jaenike Access to the Arts Fund (EIU Foundation), and Tarble Arts Center membership contributions.



Photo Credit: Bruce Wicks

# MURALS



## 1920's Charleston Storefronts

by Glen C. Davies (Urbana, IL)  
*On Madison Ave. at 6th St.*

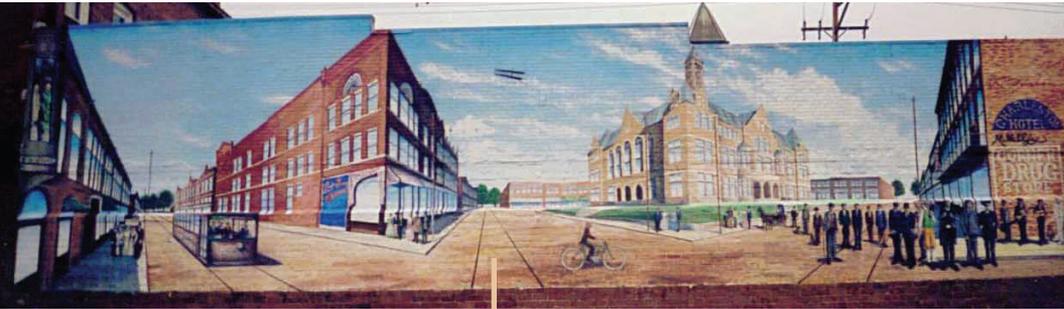
The storefronts shown, taken from locations around the Charleston Square, are the Model Barber Shop (414 6th St.), Goodwin Brothers Grocery (307 6th St.), The Corner Confectionery (623 Monroe Ave.) and Alexander's Department Store (521 7th St.).

## The Charleston Riot of 1864

by Rebecca Sawyer Spoon  
(Charleston, IL)  
*520 Jackson Avenue*

On March 28, 1864, a gunfight erupted on the Charleston Square between Union soldiers and Civil War opponents known as "Copperheads" -- pro-southern Democrats. A large crowd had gathered for a Democratic rally, and Union soldiers were in town on leave. Fighting broke out between the groups. Nine men were killed and twelve wounded before troops arrived from Mattoon to quell the riot. Hostilities between pro-Union Republicans and Copperheads were not new to eastern Illinois -- before the Charleston Riot, Copperheads had been killed in Mattoon and Paris. The Copperheads, convicted in the subsequent trial, were later pardoned by Lincoln.





## **Coles County Courthouse and Charleston Square in 1912**

**by Mark Monken (Charleston, IL)**

***On Van Buren Ave. at 6th St.***

This mural shows the Coles County Courthouse and Charleston Square as they appeared in 1912 when Charleston was a booming city. The Courthouse Square was the hub of the business district in Charleston in the early 1900s.

## **The Second Coles County Courthouse, c. 1858 - 1898**

**by Rebecca Sawyer Spoon (Charleston, IL)**

**based on a pen-in-ink drawing by Jim Donahoo, (Charleston, IL)**

***617 Madison Ave.***

It was in this courthouse that a lawyer named Abraham Lincoln handled dozens of cases from the early 1840s to 1857, including the famous Matson Slave Trial of 1847. The second Coles County Courthouse sat in the center of the Courthouse Square where the present Coles County Courthouse now stands. Built in 1835, new wings were added beginning in 1858 that changed the building's appearance. In 1898, the courthouse was completely demolished, except for one cornerstone, and rebuilt as it appears today.



# SHOPPING

## **Bike & Hike**

**959 18th St.**

**(217) 345-1316**

[www.bikeandhikeweb.com](http://www.bikeandhikeweb.com)

📍 BIKE & HIKE Charleston

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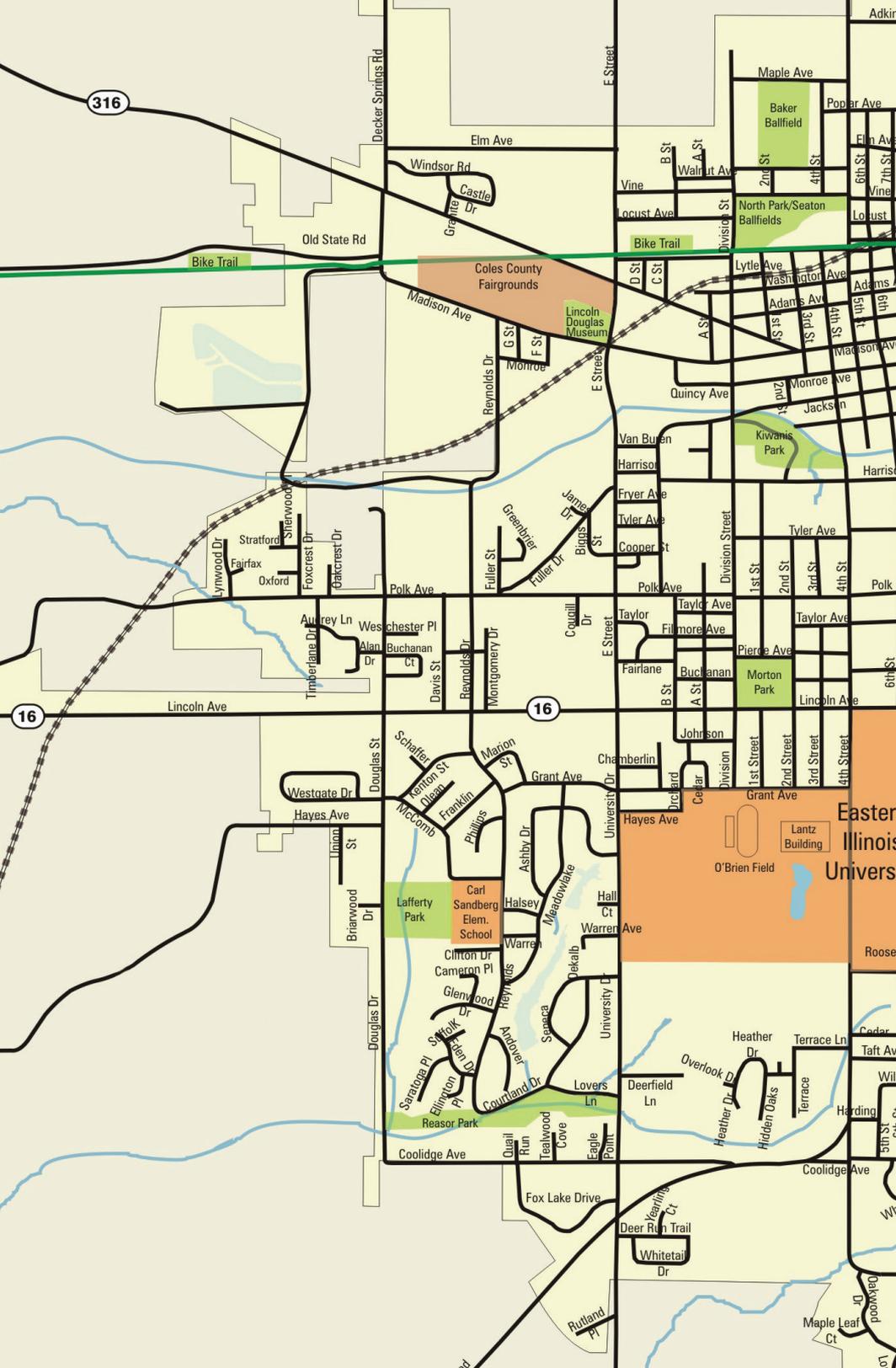
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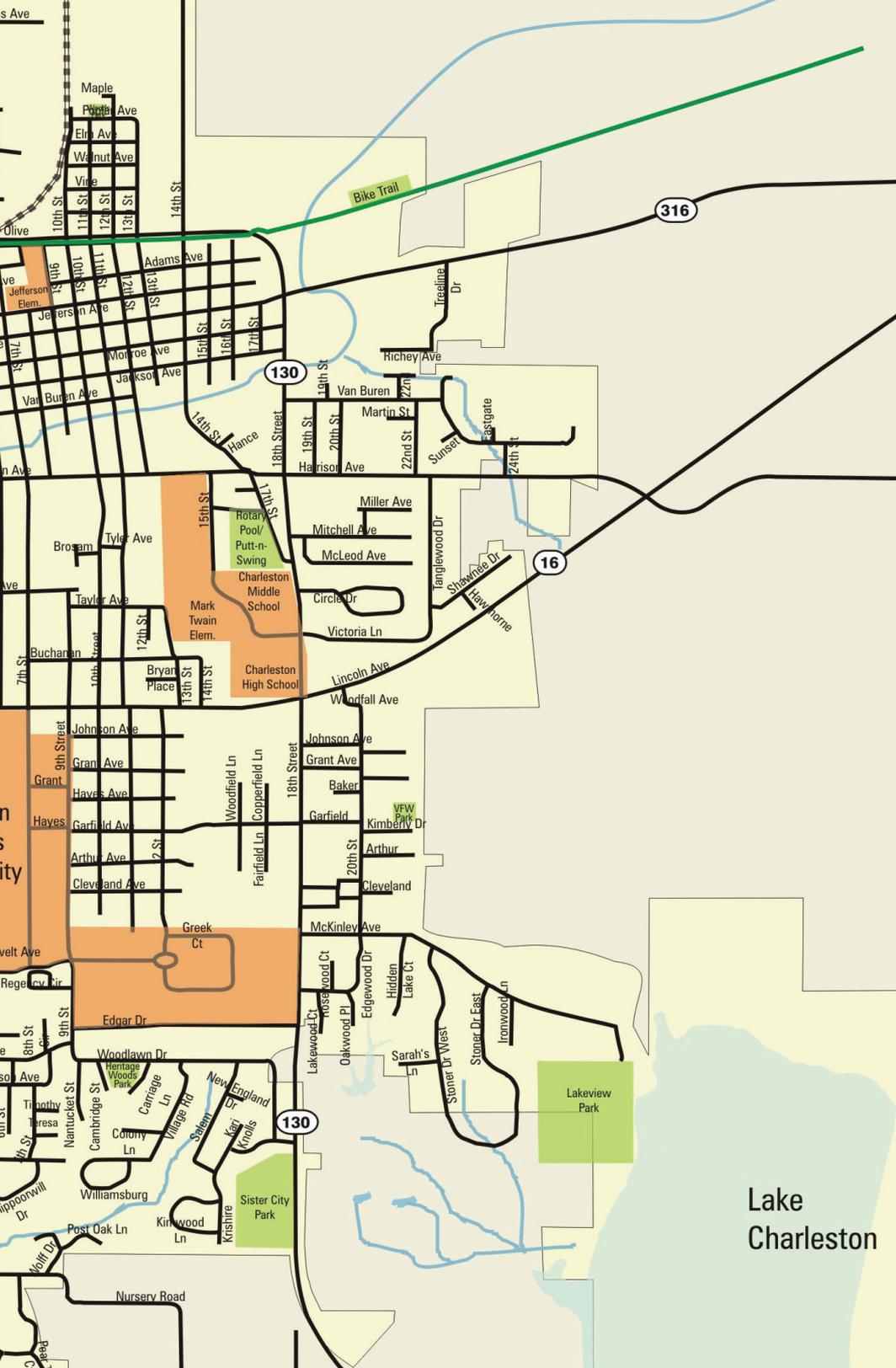
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