Explore the rich history of Galena and Jo Daviess County. From the home of Ulysses S. Grant to historic reenactments, you’ll capture our unique spirit that still thrives today. See Galena’s stately 19th century architecture – including Greek Revival, Gothic Revival, Italianate, Second Empire, Vernacular and Queen Anne homes, which successful lead mining pioneers left behind. See the early lead mining exhibit, informative Civil War exhibits and Thomas Nast’s “Peace in Union” painting (right) at the Galena History Museum. Stroll the Apple River Fort State Historic Site in Elizabeth. Discover these and a host of other historic sites and events throughout the region.

Walking Tour Information
Enjoy a self-guided walking tour of Galena using our free guidebook... or catch a narrated trolley tour. The Galena Walking Tour is a perfect way to explore this town’s magnificent architectural treasures, 85 percent of which are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. You’ll see the scenic parkways and river views, plus Prospect Street’s elevated mansions, Spring Street’s artisans and so much more. The tour is self-guided, so wear comfortable walking shoes, bring a camera and enjoy the sites at your own pace!
Historic Sites & Museums
Explore Galena and Jo Daviess County’s magnificent past and learn more about our most famous citizen, President Ulysses S. Grant.

Apple River Canyon State Park
8763 E. Canyon Rd., Apple River, IL 61001
815-745-3302
dnr.appleriver@illinois.gov
dnr.state.il.us/lands/landmgmt/parks/r1/apple.htm
In hilly northern Illinois, the park offers hiking, day use, camping and fishing, plus Millville, a National Historic Register site. 🍃

Apple River Fort State Historic Site
311 E. Myrtle St., Elizabeth, IL 61028
815-858-2028
director@appleriverfort.org
appleriverfort.org
Black Hawk and his warriors attacked on June 24, 1832. His story and that of the early settlers are told. 🍃

The Chicago Athenaeum Museum of Architecture and Design
601 S. Prospect St., Galena, IL 61036
815-777-4444
info@chicagoathenaeum.org
chi-athenaeum.org
This international museum has a satellite facility in Galena featuring contemporary art, architecture and photography from around the world. 🍃

Chicago Great Western Railway Depot Museum
East Myrtle St., Elizabeth, IL 61028
815-858-2343
elizabethhistoricalsociety.org
Full-size caboose, both G-scale and HO-scale operating model railways, artifacts of northwestern Illinois railroads; open weekends, May-October, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. 🍃

Council Hill Station
6521 N. Hill Rd., Scales Mound, IL 61075
815-777-2711
councilhillstation@gmail.com
facebook.com/?ref=home#!/pages/Council-Hill-Station/335929824600

Dowling House
220 Diagonal St., Galena, IL 61036
815-777-1250

Elihu B. Washburne House State Historic Site
908 Third St., Galena, IL 61036
815-777-3310
granthome@granthome.com
granthome.com
Washburne was a popular congressman/friend of Lincoln and Grant. Grant’s election news was received in the library via telegraph. 🍃

Elizabeth History Museum
231 N. Main St., Elizabeth, IL 61028
815-858-2343
elizabethhistoricalsociety.org
Local history exhibits on lead mining; the Apple River Fort; Elizabeth businesses, schools, veterans; weekends, May-October, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; free. 🍃
**Old Market House State Historic Site**  
123 N. Commerce St., Galena, IL 61036  
815-777-9129  
info@galenahistorymuseum.org  
galenahistorymuseum.org  
Civil War, Grant/Lincoln, steamboating exhibits. 1830s lead mine; “Peace in Union” painting. Award-winning video.  
Book/gift shop. Daily 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

**The Mining Museum & Rollo Jamison Museum**  
405 E. Main St., Platteville, WI 53818  
608-348-3301  
museums@platteville.org  
mining.jamison.museum  
Tour the 1845 Bevans Lead Mine and ride above-ground 1931 mine train. See exhibits on mining and daily life.

**Gramercy Park**  
Beecher St., East Dubuque, IL 61025  
815-747-6090  
Within historic Gramercy Park lies 26 ancient Hopewell Indian Mounds, an archeological treasure. It affords a superlative view of the Mississippi.

**Old Stockade on the Cobblestone Street**  
208 Perry St., Galena, IL 61036  
815-777-1222  
cjart@galenalink.net  
cjart.net  
Galena’s earliest history came alive as I researched this 1820s log building. Come, share! Saturday, 1 p.m.-4 p.m., or appointments. Donation.

**Stockton Heritage Museum**  
107 W. Front Ave., Stockton, IL 61085  
815-947-2863  
stocktonmuseum@yahoo.com  
Chicago Great Western model trains; Kraft Cheese history; 1890s building. Open Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., May 1-October 30.

**Ulysses S. Grant Home State Historic Site**  
500 Bouthillier St., Galena, IL 61036  
815-777-3310  
granthome@granthome.com  
granthome.com  
This Italianate home was presented to U.S. Grant in 1865 and opened to the public in 1904. Furnishings original.
**Attractions & Tours**
Laugh and learn while enjoying one of Galena and Jo Daviess County’s popular tours.

**1876 Banwarth House and Museum**
408 E. Sycamore St., Elizabeth, IL 61028
815-858-2014
dspiera@planets.org
planets.org
A fascinating, hands-on experience awaits! Join period interpreters on a journey through the fine Victorian home of Charles Banwarth.

**All About A Ghost Tour**
DeSoto House Hotel, 230 S. Main St., Galena, IL 61036
815-777-9252
Walking tour with researched, authentic stories about Galena’s ghostly past & present. Mix of history, mystery. Friday-Saturday, 8 p.m.

**Annie Wiggins Ghost Tour**
1004 Park Ave., Galena, IL 61036
815-777-0336
annie@anniewiggins.com
anniewiggins.com
Join us for the original ghost tour of Galena’s sites, cemeteries and famous ghostly tales. Costumed guide. Reservations recommended. ©

**The Belvedere**
1008 Park Ave., Galena, IL 61036
815-777-0747
belvedere@belvedere.com

**Galena Main Street Walking Tour**
DeSoto House Hotel, 230 S. Main St., Galena, IL 61036
815-777-9129
info@galenahistorymuseum.org
galenahistorymuseum.org
One-hour tour explores historic highlights, plus “Field of Dreams” movie locations. Saturdays, 10 a.m., May-October, DeSoto lobby. Reservations not required. ©

**Galena Trolley Tours**
314 S. Main St., Galena, IL 61036
815-777-1248
877-GALENA1
galenatrolleys.com

**Jack’s Galena Carriage Co.**
Galena, IL 61036
815-275-9470
jack@galenacarriage.com
galenacarriage.com
Historic carriage rides, dinner rides, romance and roses rides. Friday and Saturday evenings, 5 p.m.- 9 p.m. May-November. Reservations recommended. ©

**Linmar Gardens**
504 S. Prospect St., Galena, IL 61036
815-776-0991
tourguide@linmargardens.com
linmargardens.com
Guided tour of breathtaking 3.5-acre gardens with seven water features. Add a gourmet catered lunch for a unique serene picnic. ©

**Ryan Mansion Tours**
11373 US Hwy 20 West, Galena, IL 61036
815-281-0408
annie@anniewiggins.com
ryanmansiontours.com
Entertaining tours of Victorian life. The servants invite you to join in the fun and time travel to 1882.

**Tri-State Trolley**
4349 Industrial Park Dr., Galena, IL 61036
815-777-0820
800-779-4869
tristatetravel.com
Galena’s only ADA-compliant and climate-controlled trolley service! Daily narrated tours, May-October. Unique group tours, wedding transportation offered year-round. ©
Explore the historic charm of Jo Daviess County!

With much of it named to the National Register of Historic Places, Jo Daviess County offers visitors a wealth of well preserved 19th century storefronts, homes, churches, hotels, train depots, town halls, cemeteries and other historic points of interest, all found along historic Main Streets and scenic country roads.

Apple River
Located on historic Stagecoach Trail, once a stagecoach route from Chicago to Galena, Apple River was established by the Illinois Central Railroad in 1854. This little village, surrounded by dairy farms and corn fields, still reflects the atmosphere and charm of rural Illinois. The Millville historic site is located within the Apple River Canyon State Park. And the beautifully landscaped grounds of Oak Hill farm are a popular location for destination weddings. The property is home to a charming, restored 1860s church that seats 200 and a restored one-room schoolhouse that was built in the 1850s.

East Dubuque
East Dubuque clings to the Mississippi bluffs and spreads along its flats. The 7,392-foot Julien Dubuque Bridge, named for one of the community’s first settlers, remains one of the longest tied-arch and cantilevered spans ever built. Some of East Dubuque’s first permanent settlers are laid to rest in the Frenntress Family Cemetery, and Gramercy Park is the site of 26 ceremonial and burial mounds from the Hopewell Native American culture. The city also boasts a grand example of fine Italianate architecture. Built in 1867, this painstakingly renovated mansion is now an elegant bed-and-breakfast.

Galena
From the early to mid-1800s, Galena was a mining, smelting and steam boating center and one of the busiest ports on the Mississippi River. During the Civil War, nine Union Army generals hailed from Galena, including Ulysses S. Grant, later the country’s 18th president. But the arrival of the Illinois Central Railroad in 1854 began the city’s decline and it became a quiet, backwater town. Galena was rediscovered in the 1960s by preservationists who restored her grand old buildings. Now this charming city on the Galena River delights visitors with its 19th century history and architecture.

Elizabeth
Elizabeth, with its rich farmlands and an historic Main Street, bills itself as “The Heart of Jo Daviess County.” Its Washington Street is lined with lead miners’ cottages, six homes that pre-date the Civil War. Despite the addition of porches and other rooms, each structure retains its original box-like core on a stone foundation. The 1894 Commercial Hotel on Myrtle Street served as the dinner stop for the Chicago Great Western Railway’s overnight train between Chicago and Minneapolis during the 1920s. And the Elizabeth Historical Society’s Chicago Great Western Railway Depot Museum is housed nearby in the restored train depot.
Hanover
A drive down Hanover’s Jefferson Street takes visitors past 19th century buildings housing antiques shops, a costume shop, an art gallery, an ice cream parlor, services, casual pubs and more. The town’s oldest standing building can be found along this thoroughfare…a brick structure that was built in 1844 and now houses a local supermarket. A side trip off onto Monroe Street brings visitors to the United Methodist Church, constructed in 1891, and the Hanover Town Hall. The main portion of this town hall was erected in 1848, with an addition built in 1883.

Stockton
Stockton is the birthplace of the Kraft Corporation, with the first cheese plant opened here by J.L. Kraft in 1914. The building now houses the Stockton Cheese Company, producer of Kraft Swiss cheese. The village also boasts a small but thriving downtown historic district anchored by the Stockton Heritage Museum, in a newly restored 1890s building, and a variety of shops, pubs, a community theatre, lodging properties and services. And a popular local eatery (famous for its homemade pies) boasts its original 1890s tin ceiling and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Scales Mound
A full 90 percent of the village of Scales Mound is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Its proximity to the Wisconsin state line and Charles Mound, the highest elevation in Illinois at 1,235 feet, has born the proud slogan: “At the Top of Illinois.” The village was begun in 1853 when the Illinois Central Railroad arrived, with most of the houses built by retired miners and farmers, many from England and Germany. The historic 1885 town hall is now used for a variety of events and an 1870s opera house is a destination wedding venue.

Warren
Northeast along scenic Stagecoach Trail is the Warren commercial district, also listed on the National Register. Warren’s historic downtown now houses a number of antiques shops and cafés. Visitors can stop at the Warren Community Building, a pre-Civil War structure that was once a stagecoach stop and is now used for community events. Nearby, a restored 150-year-old hotel is now a popular restaurant and an 1890s Victorian home serves as a B&B. And Major League outfielder Abner Dalrymple was laid to rest in a local cemetery on Jan. 25, 1939, when he died at the age of 81.