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A DAY TRIP TO MOUNT CARROLL

Mt. Carroll is a quaint midwestern town and only 2 hours from many of the bigger cities in the area like Madison or Chicago. It's a perfect day trip or overnight destination, spending some time exploring the local shops and boutiques and local makers at the market. With a good selection of local restaurants you won't be disappointed!



Mt. Carroll Farmers Market

Half Day	3	Carroll County
HOW LONG	STOPS	COUNTY

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DAY 1

THE TRIP

Mount Carroll is the kind of town that rewards a slow Saturday: breakfast at the counter, local finds at the farmers market, and a courthouse-square stroll through shops that make the trip feel wonderfully unhurried.

DRIVING ROUTE

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3 PLANNED STOPS



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FOOD & DRINK

Mount Carroll Cafe

Mount Carroll

WHY IT BELONGS

Start your morning with delicious breakfast food at Mt Carroll Cafe. We loved the omelette and the pancakes are extra delicious! There's a hometown feeling here that you don't find everywhere anymore. We needed cash or check to buy our meal. It did get busy after a while so you may need to arrive early or be prepared to wait for your table, but it's definitely worth t he wait.

Pro tip: Bring cash or check as they don't take cards!

Address: 314 N Main St, Mt Carroll, IL

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Mount Carroll



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ATTRACTION

Mount Carroll Farmers Market

Mount Carroll

WHY IT BELONGS

Next, stroll the Saturday morning farmers market right around the corner from the cafe. With a wide variety of vendors to select from with fruits, veggies, artisans, and more, you're sure to find something to take home! We especially loved the live music that morning and the atmosphere it created while the kids played on the lawn nearby.

Pro tip: Bring a couple of $1s to tip the musician!

Address: E Market St, Mt Carroll, IL

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Mount Carroll



3

ATTRACTION

Mount Carroll National Register Historic District

Mount Carroll

WHY IT BELONGS

Stroll the shops and town of Mt Carroll! There are some expertly curated stores and selections to bring home with you. Pine Chrome was a particular favorite for us with a very upscale and refined feel to their offerings. You'll find a variety from artistic expression and vintage to crafts and candles.

Pro tip: Double check the hours first - and many opened early on Farmers Market Saturday!

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