ITINERARY · NORTHWEST ILLINOIS

ARTS & NATURE: A PERFECT EVENING IN MOUNT CARROLL

This half-day adventure is jam packed with fun, starting at Point Rock Park and choosing your own adventure there whether it be a leisurely stroll, sitting near the water and listening to it murmur by or letting kids burn off steam on the playground. Then head over to Copper Cow for delicious food and drinks pre-show. Finish the evening off with an incredible performance at Timber Lake Playhouse and you won't be disappointed!



An plein air artist wearing paints a canvas on an easel in a lush green garden

Half Day	3	Carroll County	Families
HOW LONG	STOPS	COUNTY	BEST FOR

OPEN ONLINE

Open the live itinerary
visitnwillinois.com/itineraries/arts-and-nature-combine-for-a-p...

DAY 1

THE TRIP

Start beside the cool water at Point Rock Park, linger over dinner in Mount Carroll, then take your seat at Timber Lake Playhouse for an evening where the scenery is only the opening act.

DRIVING ROUTE

Open this day in Google Maps

www.google.com/maps/dir/?api=1&origin=Mt+Ca...

3 PLANNED STOPS

1

SCENIC STOP

Point Rock Park

Mt Carroll

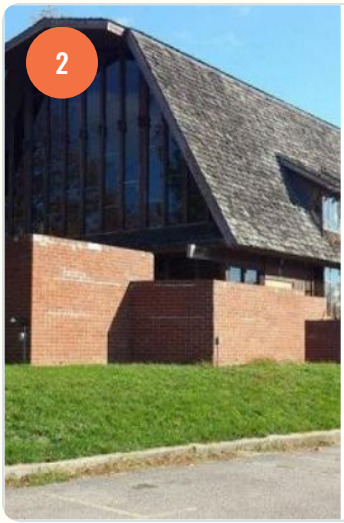
WHY IT BELONGS

Point Rock Park is a great spot to go for a nature walk up the bluffs, stroll along the water where you can toss sticks, leaves or stones in and watch them flow downstream or play on the play set if you have kids. On a hot day you can cool off in the water or bring a picnic lunch. We appreciate that they have restrooms available too.

Pro tip: Bring some swim trunks and a towel in case you want to cool off in the stream.

Address: 198 S Mill St, Mt Carroll, IL

OPEN IN MAPS



2

FOOD & DRINK

The Copper Cow

Mt Carroll

WHY IT BELONGS

The Copper Cow has a diverse menu that comes in clutch when traveling with a family of 5 like us. The kids menu prices were reasonable and drinks and food were delicious. We really enjoyed the alfredo and the melty cow sandwich. They have a tic tack toe game that helped pass the time while we waited for our food and the patio area looks beautiful on a perfect weather day!

Address: 834 S Jackson St, Mt Carroll, IL

VIEW THIS PLACE OPEN IN MAPS

Mt Carroll

3

SCENIC STOP

Timber Lake Playhouse

Mt Carroll

WHY IT BELONGS

Seeing the CLUE performance at this playhouse was possibly the highlight for us! We love a wide variety of entertainment when we travel so when we can combine the arts with outdoors in a beautiful area, it's a winning combination! You'll find reasonably priced concessions like popcorn and sodas, the doors open about 30 minutes prior to showtime but with assigned seating arriving right before showtime there's no issue.

Pro tip: Arrive early to see the gift shop and enjoy the beautiful outdoor areas

Address: 8215 Black Oak Rd, Mt Carroll, IL

VIEW SOURCE OPEN IN MAPS