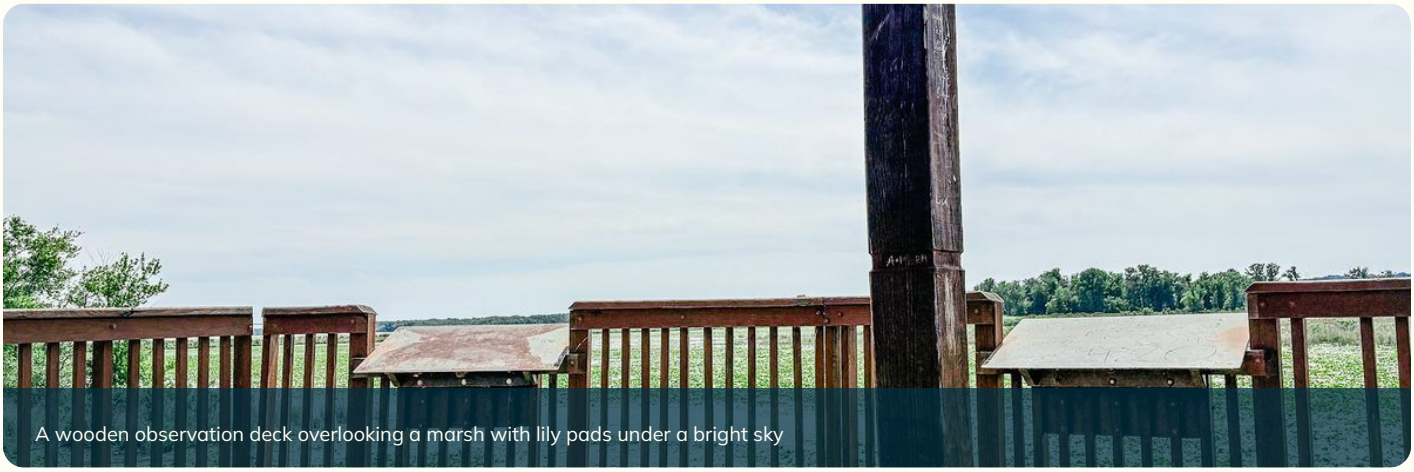
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# ESCAPE TO SAVANNA, IL: YOUR WEEKEND GETAWAY GUIDE

A trip to Savanna, IL, offers a perfect blend of relaxation and exploration, making it an appealing destination for those seeking a peaceful yet enriching weekend escape. The allure of staying in rustic cabins surrounded by nature provides an ideal retreat from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. Visitors can immerse themselves in the natural beauty of the area, where outdoor adventures await at every turn. Whether you're drawn to the serenity of the outdoors or the charm of a small river town, a weekend in Savanna, IL, promises a refreshing getaway that caters to both relaxation and discovery.



A wooden observation deck overlooking a marsh with lily pads under a bright sky

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DAY 1

# THE TRIP

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### 7 PLANNED STOPS

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SCENIC STOP

## Rustic River Cabins Savanna Illinois

Savanna

#### WHY IT BELONGS

Start your trip by checking in and dropping off your items at Rustic River Cabins. You will receive a lock box code to receive your key, so you can check in any time after 3 PM.  These beautiful cabins sit on a bluff overlooking the Mississippi River. With private porches, fire pits, fireplaces, and cozy cabin feels, the cabins are perfect for a getaway weekend. They are also dog-friendly!

Pro tip: check-in on Friday for this adventure

Address: 1000 Calhoun St, Savanna, IL

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## Savanna Times Theater

Savanna

#### WHY IT BELONGS

After getting settled, drive down Main St. to the Savanna Times Theater. A trip to the theater offers a nostalgic journey into the golden age of cinema in the heart of Savanna, IL. It's a twin theater showing current movies and admission is only $6. You can check what is playing on the theater's Facebook page. The theater has showings Thursday- Saturday at 7 PM and Sunday at 2 PM.

Pro tip: cash only

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SCENIC STOP

## Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge - Ingersoll Wetlands Learning Center

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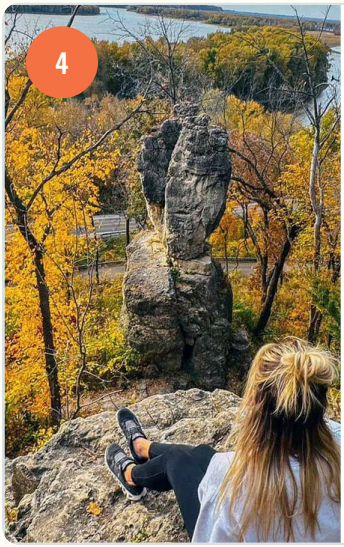
### WHY IT BELONGS

On Saturday morning, head to the Ingersoll Wetlands Learning Center. This educational center offers visitors an immersive experience, with interactive exhibits and guided tours that highlight the importance of wetlands and the diverse wildlife that call them home. The center features walking trails, observation decks, and a variety of programs designed to educate and inspire a deeper appreciation for nature. On the first and third Thursdays, as well as the third Saturdays of each month from May through September, you can pre-register for a golf cart tour of the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM. If the tour isn't available, you can spend the morning walking the available trails. The building center is NOT open on the weekends.

Pro tip: Contact (815) 273-2732 or stewardsumrr@gmail.com to pre-register, bring your camera and binoculars

Address: 7071 Riverview Rd, Thomson, IL

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OUTDOOR RECREATION

## Mississippi Palisades State Park

Savanna

### WHY IT BELONGS

After exploring the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge, it's time to head over to Mississippi Palisades State Park. The state park is a natural gem known for its breathtaking views and outdoor recreation. Perched along the Mississippi River, the park features dramatic limestone bluffs, dense forests, and a network of scenic trails that wind through diverse landscapes. Visitors can hike, birdwatch, fish, and picnic while enjoying panoramic views of the river and the surrounding wilderness.

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SCENIC STOP

## Sippi-Side Pub Grill and Liquor Store

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### WHY IT BELONGS

Now, it's time for lunch! Sippi-Side Pub Grill and Liquor Store is an ideal lunch stop for travelers exploring the area. Located along the scenic Mississippi River, this pub offers a laid-back atmosphere perfect for refueling after a morning of adventure. The menu features a variety of hearty comfort foods, from juicy burgers to fresh seafood, ensuring there's something to satisfy every appetite. With its friendly service, relaxed vibe, a nd outdoor seating with river views, Sippi-Side provides a welcoming spot to enjoy a delicious meal before continuing your journey.

Address: 701 Main St, Savanna, IL

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SCENIC STOP

## Shivers Inc

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### WHY IT BELONGS

After lunch, walk across the street to Shivers Inc. Shivers Inc. is a beloved local spot known for its delectable ice cream and sweet treats. This charming ice cream shop offers a wide variety of flavors, from classic favorites to creative concoctions, ensuring there's something to satisfy every sweet tooth. Whether you're craving a refreshing scoop on a hot day or a warm dessert to enjoy year-round, Shivers Inc. delivers with its friendly service and cozy atmosphere.

Address: 708 Main St, Savanna, IL

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## Savanna Museum and Cultural Center

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### WHY IT BELONGS

The Savanna Museum and Cultural Center is a hub of history and heritage located in the heart of Savanna, IL. This engaging museum offers visitors a glimpse into the rich cultural and historical tapestry of the region, featuring exhibits that explore local history, the Mississippi River's influence, and the area's unique contributions to American life. Wh ether you're a history buff or just curious about the area, the Savanna Museum and Cultural Center provides an en riching experience that deepens your understanding of this charming river town.

Pro tip: closes at 4 PM, $10 donation suggested

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