

ITINERARY · NORTHWEST ILLINOIS

EXPLORE MISSISSIPPI PALISADES STATE PARK

What's better than a day enjoying the beauty of a state park, surrounded by gorgeous trees, multiple short trails, and amazing views of the Mighty Mississippi? Mississippi Palisades State Park in Savanna is situated among the bluffs of northwestern Illinois and offers something for everyone. It's also a great spot to watch the sunset.



Elevated view of a wide river valley surrounded by lush green forests under a bright sky

<div>Full Day</div> <div>HOW LONG</div>	<div>4</div> <div>STOPS</div>	<div>Carroll Coun-ty</div> <div>COUNTY</div>	<div>2</div> <div>BEST FOR</div> <div>Couples, Outdoors</div>
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DAY 1

THE TRIP

Created by Lily from the SHRPA creator visit “Experience Fall on the Mississippi”. Location: Lanark · Distance: > 10 Miles What to bring: Hiking shoes/boots; sunscreen; backpack; sunglasses. SHRPA creator visit: “Experience Fall on the Mississippi”.

DRIVING ROUTE

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4 PLANNED STOPS



LODGING

Hickory Hideaway

Shannon

WHY IT BELONGS

Start your morning surrounded by nature at your cabin at Hickory Hideaway. Sherry and George, the owners, think of every single detail to make your stay absolutely wonderful. Grab a cup of coffee and sit outside if the weather is nice or curl up in front of the fireplace in the cooler months. There's even a short walking path on the property to take in the morning air.

Pro tip: Allow extra time to relax and enjoy the amenities at Hickory Hideaway!

Address: 24366 Payne Rd, Shannon, IL

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Shannon



FOOD & DRINK

Brothers Inn Family Restaurant

Lanark

WHY IT BELONGS

Fuel up for the day at Brothers Inn Family Restaurant, just a short drive from your cabin at Hickory Hideaway. Choose from many delicious options like eggs and bacon, classic French toast, or a heartier omelet. The restaurant also offers breakfast specials Monday-Friday. The wait staff is very friendly and goes above and beyond to make sure that you have everything you need. I loved that there was plenty of parking space for those busy weekend mornings.

Pro tip: The restaurant also serves lunch and dinner daily!

Address: 103 IL-64, Lanark, IL

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Lanark



OUTDOOR RECREATION

Mississippi Palisades State Park

Savanna

WHY IT BELONGS

Mississippi Palisades State Park is a 2,500-acre state park located near the confluence of the Mississippi and Apple Rivers. The park provides gorgeous views of the Mississippi River, the large, historic bluffs, and wildlife like hawks and eagles. The park is perfect for the outdoor lover, providing activities like hiking, fishing, hunting and camping.

Pro tip: Illinois State Parks have no entrance fees!

Address: 16327A IL-84, Savanna, IL

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Savanna



SCENIC STOP

Sentinel Trail

Savanna

WHY IT BELONGS

Sentinel Trail is a 1-mile loop that is located just past the South Entrance of the State Park. The trail is moderately-difficult with several rocky, steep areas and very narrow paths. However, the views are 100% worth the effort. About halfway up the trail, you'll reach the overlook that offers stunning views of the Mississippi and the rock formations. Plan for about 30 minutes to 1 hour to complete the trail and save energy for the additional trails and overlooks.

Pro tip: Wear shoes with good traction to better handle the rocks

Address: 13834 IL-84, Savanna, IL

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