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A WEEKEND IN SAVANNA

A cabin above the Mississippi, an old movie house, coffee and books on Main Street, bluff trails, wildlife backwaters, and a choose-your-own lunch crawl, all within a few miles of Savanna.



Painted wall mural reading Explore Savanna Illinois alongside icons depicting local outdoor activities

2 Days HOW LONG	8 STOPS	Carroll County COUNTY	3 BEST FOR Couples, Friends, Outdoors
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DAY 1

DAY 1: SETTLE INTO SAVANNA

Savanna compresses a whole weekend into one river town: check in on the bluff, walk to a movie, wake up for coffee, then choose between the Palisades and the wildlife refuge before lunch downtown.

Keep arrival day deliberately short: a cabin, Main Street, and a screen that has been glowing since 1941.

DRIVING ROUTE

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2 PLANNED STOPS

1

LODGING

Rustic River Cabins

Check-in - Savanna

WHY IT BELONGS

Drop your bags at a bluff-side cabin near downtown and Mississippi Palisades. Confirm check-in instructions and settle in before heading back to Main Street.

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ATTRACTION

Savanna Times Theater

Evening - Savanna

WHY IT BELONGS

Catch a film or special program at Carroll County's last operating historic movie theater, then return to the cabin for a quiet night above the river.

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DAY 2

DAY 2: BLUFFS, BACKWATERS & MAIN STREET

Start downtown, spend the middle of the day outside, and return hungry.

DRIVING ROUTE

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**6 PLANNED STOPS****ATTRACTION**

The Novel Bloom

Morning coffee - Savanna

WHY IT BELONGS

Begin with coffee among books and flowers in a relaxed Main Street shop before choosing the day's outdoor route.

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**OUTDOOR RECREATION**

Mississippi Palisades State Park

2-3 hrs - Savanna

WHY IT BELONGS

Hike a bluff trail or link the overlooks by car. Trail difficulty and conditions vary, so choose the route after checking the park map and weather.

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OUTDOOR RECREATION

Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife & Fish Refuge

1-2 hrs - Thomson

WHY IT BELONGS

As an alternative or add-on, explore the Savanna District's wetlands and floodplain forest. Bring binoculars and check seasonal access.

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Thomson



FOOD & DRINK

Poopy's Pub & Grub

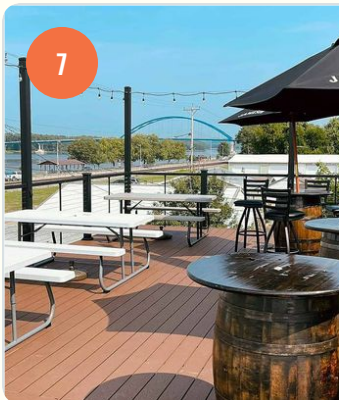
Lunch option - Savanna

WHY IT BELONGS

Choose the larger-than-life biker destination when the group wants hearty food, music, and a stop that is an attraction in its own right.

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FOOD & DRINK

Sippi-Side Pub & Grill

Lunch option - Savanna

WHY IT BELONGS

Choose a laid-back meal close to the Mississippi when the river view is the priority.

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ATTRACTION

Savanna Museum and Cultural Center

1 hr - Savanna

WHY IT BELONGS

Finish with Civil War, railroad, and Savanna Ordnance Depot stories. Public hours are limited, so put this stop on the calendar first.

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