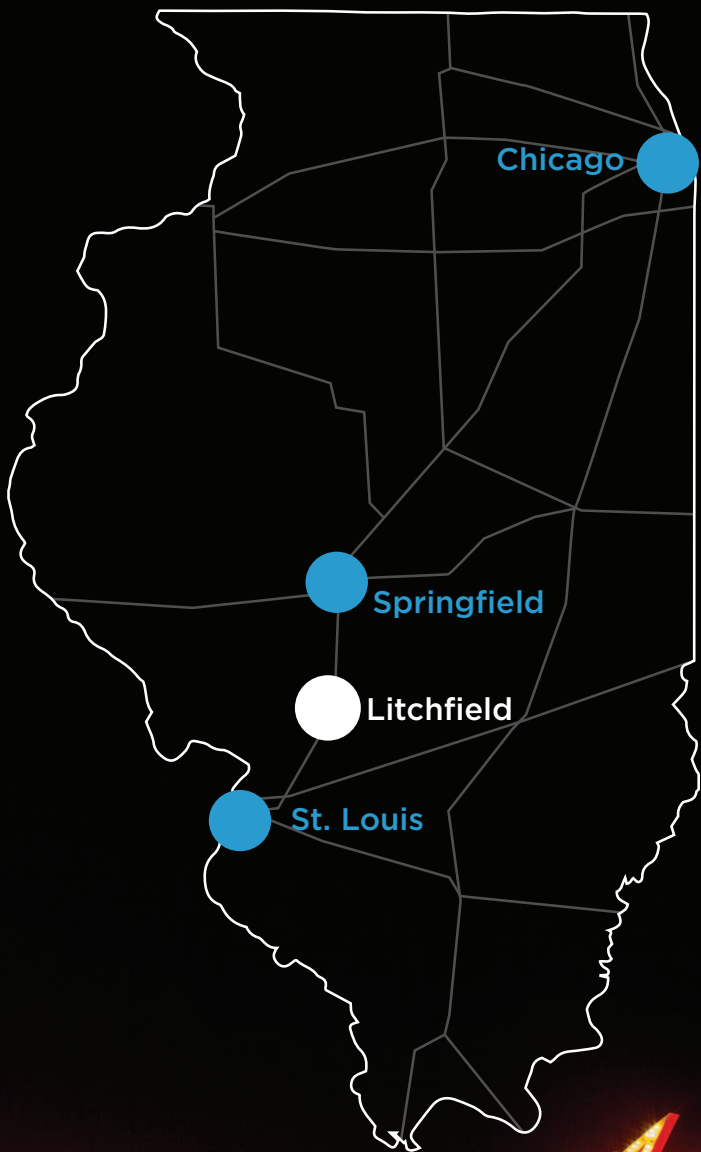


Welcome to Litchfield!

Spend a day on the lake, a night at the drive-in, and enjoy cruising on the good ol' Mother Road. You won't find any skyscrapers or traffic jams here, and that's just the way we like it.

Located an hour between the Land of Lincoln in the Illinois State Capital of Springfield and the Gateway to the West, St. Louis, MO, Litchfield's location couldn't be better. So, come pay us a visit. We'll be waiting.



Litchfield
ILLINOIS 66

Contact Us
For more information, please contact the Litchfield Tourism Office at tourism@cityoflitchfieldil.com or by phone at 866-733-5833.

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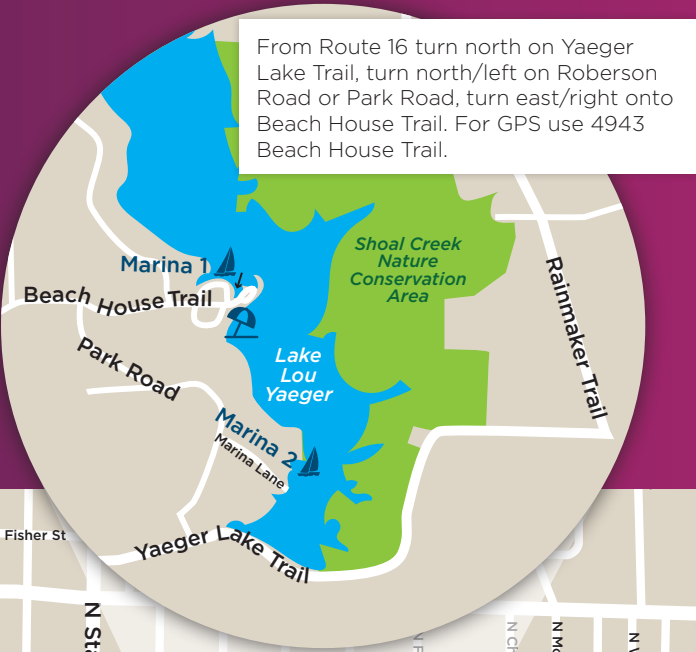
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Where to Stay

Families and groups traveling to the area, exploring Route 66 history, and visiting Lake Lou Yaeger can find ideal overnight accommodations in the 300+ modern hotel rooms in Litchfield, Illinois. Choose to stay at any of our competitively priced national brand hotel properties.

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| 1 America's Best Value Inn
224 N. Ohren Lane
217-324-2181 / 888-315-2378 | 3 Baymont Inn & Suites
1405 W. Hudson Drive
217-324-2500 | 5 Holiday Inn Express & Suites
4 Thunderbird Circle
217-324-4556 |
| 2 Super 8
211 Ohren Lane
217-324-7788 | 4 Hampton Inn
11 Thunderbird Circle
217-324-4441 | 6 Quality Inn & Suites
1010 East Columbian Blvd. N
217-324-9260 |



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Downtown Litchfield

Mix with the locals in Litchfield's downtown. Our eclectic selection of salons, boutiques, resale and antique shops, along with turn-of-the-century architecture, gives Litchfield's downtown a classic Midwestern vibe. Explore the local shops or take a jaunt to picturesque Library Park and relax next to the Classical Revival style gem, the Litchfield Carnegie Library building, complete with a restored 1800s fountain and adjacent Veterans War Memorial Garden.

Where to Eat

In addition to the many chain restaurants Litchfield has to offer, check out some more dining options on our website at www.VisitLitchfield.com/dining.

Events

Wanna get the most out of your Litchfield adventure? Plan your stay around one of our local events, like our Pickers Market or the annual Litchfield TriathLou.

Go to www.VisitLitchfield.com/events or more information.





Ariston Café

Another Mother Road original, the Ariston Café, is the oldest continuously operated restaurant along Route 66. Serving up tasty Midwest favorites, from pork tenderloin to fried chicken and the largest dessert tray you've ever seen, the Ariston is the perfect place to stop for a bite on your Route 66 adventure (or any time really). The Ariston Café is on the National Register of Historic Places and holds a spot in the Route 66 Hall of Fame.



Litchfield Museum & Route 66 Welcome Center

After breakfast at Jubelt's Bakery & Restaurant, head across the street to the Litchfield Museum & Route 66 Welcome Center. Step back in time with an eclectic blend of artifacts from Litchfield and Route 66 history - including an ORIGINAL Route 66 road-sign. For more information, visit www.litchfieldmuseum.org.



Jubelt's Bakery & Restaurant

Also in the Illinois Route 66 Hall of Fame, Jubelt's Bakery & Restaurant is the right stop for a fresh pastry and a cup of joe. Don't miss their best-selling Tea Cookie! With delicious, hearty meals and baked goods served all day long, there's no better way to start the day (or continue it).



Sky View Drive-In

The last of its kind, the Sky View Drive-In first opened its gates in the spring of 1950, and remains the only original operating drive-in movie theater on the Illinois stretch of Route 66. It is also the oldest continuously operated drive-in from Chicago, IL to Santa Monica, CA. From April through mid-October, you can enjoy a first-run or throwback double-feature for one super low ticket price. Don't forget to show up at least 10-minutes early for the vintage "10 minutes to show time" pre-roll. For prices and show times, visit their website at www.litchfieldskyview.com.



Route 66

Looking to experience the Mother Road? You've cruised into the right town. With two separate alignments of Route 66, 1930-1940 and 1940-1977, cutting through Litchfield, you can bet we've got some fuel to rev your engine.



Niehaus Cycle Sales

Located on Historic Old Route 66, Niehaus is a popular stop for motorcyclists cruising the Mother Road. Niehaus Cycle Sales opened in 1971 and has been on both alignments of Route 66. Since their opening, they have been a Honda-Yamaha dealer. Now as the largest new and used Gold Wing and Trike dealership in the Midwest, you'll definitely find a few shiny toys to keep you busy.



Wayside Exhibits

Whether you're cruising full throttle or taking the scenic route, make sure to stop at each of our three Route 66 wayside exhibits. Wayside exhibits showcasing the Mother Road's history can be found on the 1930-1940 alignment at the Ariston Café, Niehaus Cycle Sales, and The Litchfield Sky View Drive-In.



Milnot Beach

Cool off on a hot day at Milnot Beach. Play a little sand volleyball or go for a swim, float on the water or catch some rays on the shore. Milnot Beach is open to the public from Memorial Day to Labor Day, Monday-Friday from noon to 5pm, Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays from 11am to 6pm - weather permitting. Kayaks and paddle boards are available to rent. Snack bar is available.



Shoal Creek Nature Conservation Area & Trails

Shoal Creek Nature Conservation Area is one of the best remaining examples of a native Illinois environment. This area is home to 700 plant species, 70 butterfly species, and more than 70 bird species. Shoal Creek Conservation area is must see for environmental enthusiasts. In addition to Shoal Creek, the Lake Lou Yaeger, Route 66 Hike & Bike trail offers around six miles of hiking/biking trails. Both areas are open 365 days a year, and hikes range from easy to moderate in difficulty. Don't forget to bring your binoculars.



Lake Lou Yaeger

Get outside at Litchfield's Lake Lou Yaeger. This 1,357-acre, 5.5-mile-long lake is the centerpiece of Litchfield's bustling outdoors culture. In addition to boating and fishing, the surrounding 4,641 acres offers a beach, campgrounds, conservation area, and trails for hiking, biking, and equestrians. You'll find plenty to see and do at Lake Lou Yaeger.



Boating

With no horsepower limitations, Lake Lou Yaeger is an ideal destination for boating. From kayaking, paddle-boarding, and fishing, to waterskiing or a good ol' fashioned pleasure cruise, you can do it all at Lake Lou Yaeger. Annual and daily boat passes, along with other items for a successful day at the lake, are available at Marina 1. Kayaks and paddle boards are available to be rented during normal working hours at Milnot Beach.



Equestrian Resources

Lose the wheels, and get ready to hoof it. Literally. Visitors are encouraged to bring horses and take advantage of the area's 25+ miles of beautiful equestrian trails. Equestrians are invited to make a reservation and stay at our equestrian campground complete with water, electricity, and shower house specifically for equestrians.

Camping

If you feel like "roughing it," pack up your tent, camper or two-door sedan, and book a campsite at Lake Lou Yaeger. Campgrounds offer primitive/tent, Bi-Centennial/RV and equestrian campsites to suit visitors. Don't feel like getting quite that rough? Book one of our camping cabins. These one-room domiciles sleep up to four, offering electricity, water, and a personal fire pit. Campgrounds are open April 1-October 31. For reservations, please call 217-324-4771.



Fishing

Bring your fishing pole and try your luck at catching Crappie, Bass, Catfish, and Bluegill. Lake Lou Yaeger is open for fishing all year long, and boats are always welcome. Be sure to pick up your fishing license at the following locations: Wal-Mart, Rural King, UJ's or Denny's Package Liquor & Bait Shop. Boat passes, bait, beverages, snacks, and fishing limits can be found at Marina 1.

