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.

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.

1. America’s Best Value Inn
224 N. Ohren Lane
217-324-2181 / 888-315-2378

2. Super 8
211 Ohren Lane
217-324-7788

3. Baymont Inn & Suites
1405 W. Hudson Drive
217-324-2500

4. Hampton Inn
11 Thunderbird Circle
217-324-4441

5. Holiday Inn Express & Suites
4 Thunderbird Circle
217-324-4556

6. Quality Inn & Suites
1010 East Columbus Blvd. N
217-324-9260

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

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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.
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.

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).

Ariston Café
Another Mother Road original, the Ariston Café, is the oldest continuously operated restaurant along Route 66. Served 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.

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.

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.

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 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 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.

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.

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-centric/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.

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.

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.

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 one of Lake Lou’s five campgrounds complete with water, electricity, and shower house specifically for equestrians.