Galena
COUNTRY

OUTDOOR
ADVENTURE

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WAPELLO LAND & WATER RESERVE, HANOVER, IL

OMENTS!

Galena Country is one big scenic playground. Just a quick drive around and you'll uncover dramatic bluffs that overlook rolling landscapes, miles of trails, quiet streams and the mighty Mississippi River. Professional camera or smart phone, no filters are needed for these great shots.

APPLE RIVER CANYON STATE PARK
Full of hidden adventures, five hiking trails, a tower rock and a 200-foot canyon. Take a trail map with you as you explore.
22 miles from Galena near Stockton and Elizabeth

CASPER BLUFF
Home of Native American burial grounds, year-round hiking and breathtaking views of the mighty Mississippi River. Bring a picnic basket and explore nature on this beautiful Land and Water Preserve.
10 minutes from downtown Galena

WINSTON TUNNEL HIKING TRAIL
Explore along out-of-service railroad tracks on a journey to find the old Winston Tunnel. Gear up with your camera and some comfy shoes, you'll want to capture this moment!
5 miles South of Galena on Blackjack Road

GRAMERCY PARK
An Illinois Natural Heritage Landmark, this 10-acre city park overlooks the Mississippi River and is home to walking trails and 26 ceremonial and burial mounds. Bring a picnic for lunch at the pavilion!
20 minutes from downtown Galena in East Dubuque

HORSESHOE MOUND PRESERVE
40-acres to explore, hike, birdwatch, picnic and learn about local geology while enjoying the view from atop the mound.
At the eastern gateway to Galena on Blackjack Road
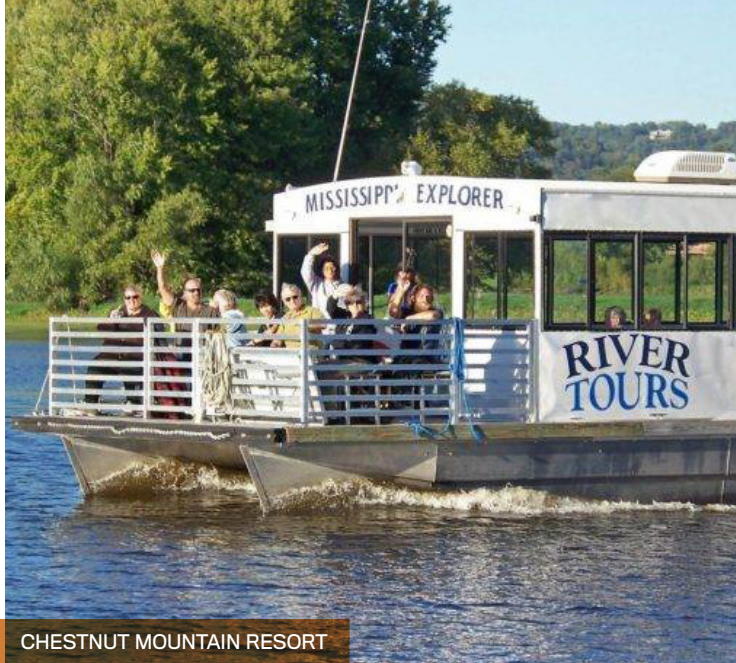
Water Lovers

——— WELCOME ———

With its mild current and picturesque riverbanks, the Galena River takes you down the same path that hundreds of steamboats traveled in the early 1800s. Today, the river is an adventure-seekers paradise, waiting for you to grab a canoe, kayak or stand-up paddle board and explore. As you voyage down the Galena River, take note of the stunning 19th century homes beautifully perched on the hillside. Many of these homes were once occupied by steamboat captains and other esteemed citizens of the community. Imagine, you'll be floating down the river that was once the largest steamboat hub on the Mississippi River north of St. Louis, Missouri.

CHESTNUT MOUNTAIN RESORT

GALENA RIVER

PHOTO BY QUINCY KOETZ

Mississippi River Cruise at Chestnut Mountain Resort is another great way to play on the water. Enjoy a relaxing 1.5-hour journey along the Mississippi River backwaters. It's a perfect way to see the quiet riverscape, geographical curiosities and wildlife that call the river banks home. Be on the lookout for bald eagles as this is a favorite spot for them to catch dinner. All cruises start with the Alpine Slide and end with a scenic chair lift ride. Chestnut Mountain also takes adventures to the trails with three-mile Segway Tours – an exhilarating way to see 220 rolling acres!

Have your own gear? Galena has a public landing dock with easy access and parking just off Main Street.

Hike and Bike
(YOUR WAY)

With miles of breathtaking trails, Galena Country offers something for all fitness levels. Grab your boots, bikes (or both) and make your way through the beautiful landscape.

Take it easy

With eight-miles of intersecting trails, **The Galena River Trail** is a favorite for hikers and bikers. It has amazing views of the Mississippi and extends to Chestnut Mountain Resort and beyond! **The Loop at Hanover Wapello Nature Preserve** is also an easy hike at 1.3 miles. Fun fact: A Native American village stood here 1,000 years ago! **Casper Bluff** is another great leisure trail. At 1.4 miles, it's a birdwatcher's paradise with bluebirds, eagles, hawks, sandhill cranes and home to the only remaining thunderbird effigy in Illinois.

CASPER BLUFF, GALENA
A spectacular, three-state view of the Driftless area. Worth the short drive from town, especially at sunrise or sunset.

Just under a half-mile, **Gateway Park** is a great option for a leisurely walk right off U.S. Highway 20. Featuring native wildflowers and stunning views of the town, you'll want to take your time.

Up to a challenge?
The Loop at Horseshoe Mound is a bit more of an incline, but the spectacular views make for a delightful reward! The Council Ring, a Stonehenge-style amphitheater with giant stone markers that align with the summer and winter solstices, is a great place to take a break! **Apple River Canyon State Park** is a mix in trail difficulty, but the 26% grade climb to the top of **Sunset Nature Trail** is no joke. Be sure to take the **River Route Nature Trail** for even more incredible views.

GALENA RIVER TRAIL

AFTER HOURS:
Quench your thirst at **Highway 20 Brewing Company** and compare who snagged the best photos. Let us tag along with #GalenaCountry!

GREAT GALENA BALLOON RACE

LONGHOLLOW CANOPY TOURS

Take your trip to new heights with some aerial adventures through Galena Country. You'll love watching the sunset from a hot air balloon with **Galena on the Fly**. The ride lasts about an hour and you can bring along up to 14 of your friends and family. The pilot will keep you entertained with great stories about the area.

Dare to
—— FLY ——

The Soaring Eagle Zipline at Chestnut Mountain Resort gives you an eagle's perspective of the majestic Mississippi River Valley. The views are out of this world and it's a great rush. Upgrade to the all-day pass for multiple rides!

Long Hollow Canopy Tours is another amazing experience through a canopy of trees. This 2.5-hour guided zipline adventure begins with a UTV ride to the first platform, where you'll then venture through the trees. The thrill factor increases as you go. Prepare to reach heights of 75 feet and speeds up to 40 mph! They even throw in a quick jump and rappel!

INSIDER TIP:
Start your day with a delicious breakfast at **Woodland's Restaurant** in Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa. It's a five minute drive from **Long Hollow Canopy Tours**!

Winter
— WONDERLAND —

Let Galena Country be your "cabin fever" cure this winter. From snowboarding to snowshoeing, Galena Country offers something for every level of outdoor enthusiast. If you are looking for a thrill, head out to **Chestnut Mountain Ski Resort**. With 19 ski trails and an unrivaled view of the Mississippi River, this place is a must visit.

NORDIC CENTER AT EAGLE RIDGE RESORT & SPA

PHOTO BY ANNA ALEXES

INSIDER TIP:
Don't let cold temps keep you from exploring some of Galena's most beautiful territory on horseback! Horseback riding is available year-round at the **Shenandoah Riding Center**.

Featuring beginners trails for the first-time skier, and The Farside, a snowboard park with 25 rails and structures to showcase your skills, Chestnut has trails for every skill level.

Take a break and head inside to any of Chestnut's three restaurants. Opt to sit outside on the deck and enjoy a beer while you watch skiers on the hills below. The view is more than worth it!

The Nordic Center at Eagle Ridge Resort and Spa is another incredible location for some winter fun. Enjoy sledding, ice-skating, cross country skiing and snowshoeing. So many options and memories to be made!