

5 Champaign County Historical Museum

in the Cattle Bank

102 E. University Avenue
Champaign, IL 61820
217-356-1010
www.champaignmuseum.org

Wednesday-Saturday 10-5
Sunday 1-4:30

Free Admission



Founded in 1974, the museum is located in the historic 1857 Cattle Bank, the oldest surviving commercial building in Champaign County. The museum has over 10,000 artifacts associated with people, businesses, and organizations important in County history that are displayed in permanent and rotating exhibits. The Cattle Bank features its main room as a recreated 19th-century grocery store furnished with items from turn-of-the-century County establishments. One of the best known artifacts is the museum's 1919 Cretor popcorn wagon, which has popped corn for three generations and still is used by the museum for special events.

6 Krannert Art Museum and Kinkead Pavilion

University of Illinois

500 E. Peabody Drive
Champaign, IL 61820
217-333-1861
www.kam.uiuc.edu

Tuesday-Saturday 9-5
Thursday until 9
Sunday 2-5
Call for summer hours

Free Admission;
a small donation is suggested.



Krannert Art Museum's collection of over nine thousand works of art represents the cultures of Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Americas. In addition to its permanent collection, the museum offers outstanding temporary exhibitions that are complemented by a full program of public lectures, music and dance performances, and film screenings. Krannert Art Museum's Gierz Education Center serves educators by providing workshops and a free-loan collection of over 5000 art and cultural objects and instructional items.

Spurlock Museum **7**

University of Illinois

600 S. Gregory Street
Urbana, IL 61801
217-333-2360
www.spurlock.uiuc.edu

Tuesday 12-5
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9-5
Saturday 10-4
Sunday 12-4

Free Admission



The Spurlock Museum celebrates the people and places of our world...our heritage as members of individual cultures and as the community of humanity. Feature exhibits are arranged in five main galleries: Europe; East Asia, Southeast Asia, and Oceania; the Americas; Africa, Ancient Egypt, and Mesopotamia; and the Ancient Mediterranean. The Campbell Gallery houses changing exhibits on a wide variety of topics. Events for visitors of all ages are held in the galleries and the Knight Auditorium, and the Learning Center serves as a venue for hands-on programs. Tours are available for groups of ten or more. Visit soon and visit often!

Anita Purves Nature Center **8**

Urbana Park District

1505 N. Broadway Avenue
Urbana, IL 61801
217-384-4062
www.urbanaparks.org

Monday-Saturday 8-5
Sunday 12-4
Seasonal variations; please call for updates.

Free Admission



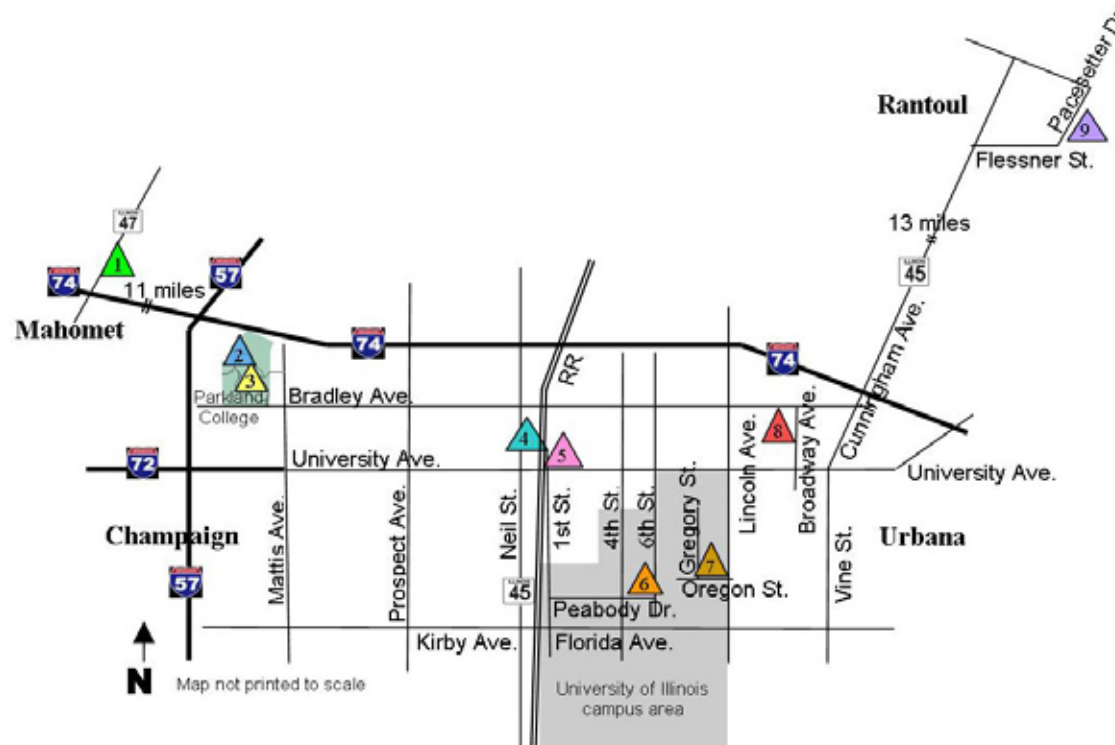
Serving as Champaign County's premier environmental education resource, the Nature Center and adjacent Busey Woods provide a natural resource to individuals, families, and groups interested in discovering the outdoors. The Nature Center features an interactive Field Station, Wildlife Observation Room, Gift Shop, educator resource room and four multipurpose rooms. Busey Woods has over two miles of hiking trails, including a boardwalk interpretive trail. Hundreds of programs and activities are held each year. Call for a seasonal program guide.

Want to learn more?

Visit the Museums at the Crossroads website, www.m-crossroads.org, to find:

- links to individual museums.
- the Consortium's *Educator Resource Guide*, with information about school tours and programs offered by each museum.
- suggested multi-venue itineraries for bus tour groups or conference events.

Note: Hours and admission prices are subject to change. Please contact each museum before your visit. This brochure was published in August 2007.



9 Octave Chanute Aerospace Museum

1011 Pacesetter Drive
Rantoul, IL 61866
217-893-1613
www.aeromuseum.org

Monday-Saturday 10-5
Sunday 12-5

Admission
Adults (18+): \$7.00
Seniors (62+) and Retired Military: \$6.00
Children (K-12): \$4.00/(4 and under): FREE
Scheduled Group Tour Discount Available



The Octave Chanute Aerospace Museum opened in 1994 after the closure of the Chanute Air Force Base. The Museum preserves and interprets the life and accomplishments of Octave Chanute, Chanute Field/AFB, the heritage of Illinois aviation, Illinois aviation pioneers, and the community of Rantoul. The Museum's holdings include large artifact, library, and archive collections. Visitors can experience over 40 historic aircraft, such as a P-51H and XB-47, and explore exhibits telling the story of the Tuskegee Airmen's 99th Pursuit Squadron, the World War II POW experience, and much more. The Museum also conducts annual education programs and special events. Tours and tour buses welcome. Facilities rental available.



Early American Museum

Champaign County Forest Preserve

Illinois Route 47 North
Mahomet, IL 61853
217-586-2612
www.earlyamericanmuseum.org

March to December 1-5
June, July, & August extended hours
10-5 except Sundays 1-5
Special hours at Christmas

Free Admission/Fees for Special Programs



Explore the history of East Central Illinois! Learn about daily life in the 19th century, try on a Civil War uniform in the Discovery Room, or shop at the General Store. The Early American Museum has exhibits and hands-on activities for visitors of all ages. Special events highlight the traditional culture of Illinois. Please call for a seasonal schedule. We're keeping something special for the future—your history.



William M. Staerkel Planetarium

Parkland College

2400 W. Bradley Avenue
Champaign, IL 61821
217-351-2446 show info
217-351-2568 office
www.parkland.edu/planetarium

Friday & Saturday nights (except holidays)
Thursday summer matinees

Admission
Regular shows: \$4 Adults
\$3 seniors/students/children under 12
Light shows: \$5 all seats / Science Lectures: \$1



The Staerkel Planetarium's 50-foot projection dome is one of the largest in the United States. The Carl Zeiss star projector displays 7,600 stars, the Sun, Moon, and planets. The Planetarium features sky tours, multi-media science education, large screen films, and musical light shows using a 3,000-watt sound system. View the famous *Cosmic Blink* mural in our lobby or walk along our scale model solar system. It's the perfect place for your memorable experience with the stars!



Parkland Art Gallery

Parkland College



2400 W. Bradley Avenue
Champaign, IL 61821
217-351-2485
www.parkland.edu/gallery

Monday-Thursday 10-3 & 6-8
Friday* 10-3
Saturday* 12-2
*Closed Fridays & Saturdays in summer

Free Admission

An art gallery is more than walls to hang art on. It's a place where feelings and ideas are expressed, heard, and inspired. The Parkland Art Gallery conveys and reflects culture through visual arts, offering the diverse views on the world that can only be gained through artistic expression. Its eight exhibits per year move from the evocative to the provocative. They seek to elate, and they seek to astonish. Paintings, photographs, sculptures, ceramics, and mixed media works are exhibited and are created by international, national, and regional artists.



Orpheum Children's Science Museum



346 N. Neil Street
Champaign, IL 61820
217-352-5895
www.orpheum.science.museum

Tuesday 9-6
Wednesday-Sunday 1-6

Admission
Children \$2.00/Adults \$3.00
Members free

The 1914 Orpheum Theatre is home to Champaign-Urbana's only children's science museum. Live exhibits (snakes, tarantulas, turtles, bearded dragons, and Madagascar hissing cockroaches), an interactive tugboat, water flume, and giant lever create exciting hands-on fun for all ages. Visitors will explore simple machines in the new Castle exhibit. A Whisper Dish, Dino Dig, and Rock Grotto offer outside discoveries. At the Orpheum, children explore science informally and at their own pace. Call for school visits and birthday party information. Bus parking is available.



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