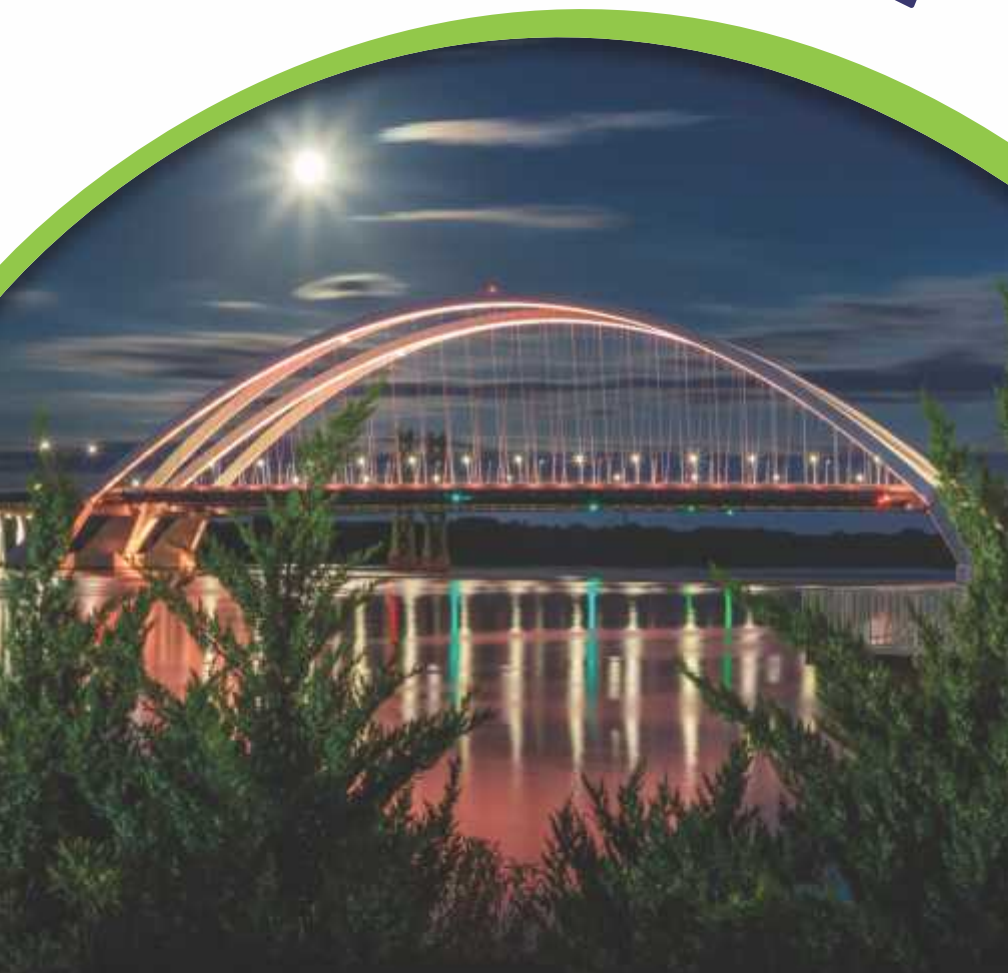


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Because you're a part of the Quad City community, you'll especially like the give aways, special deals and even free Welcome Packet described below. Please use the resources of this guide, and let's celebrate all that the Quad Cities has to offer!

Teri Taylor

Teri Taylor, Owner



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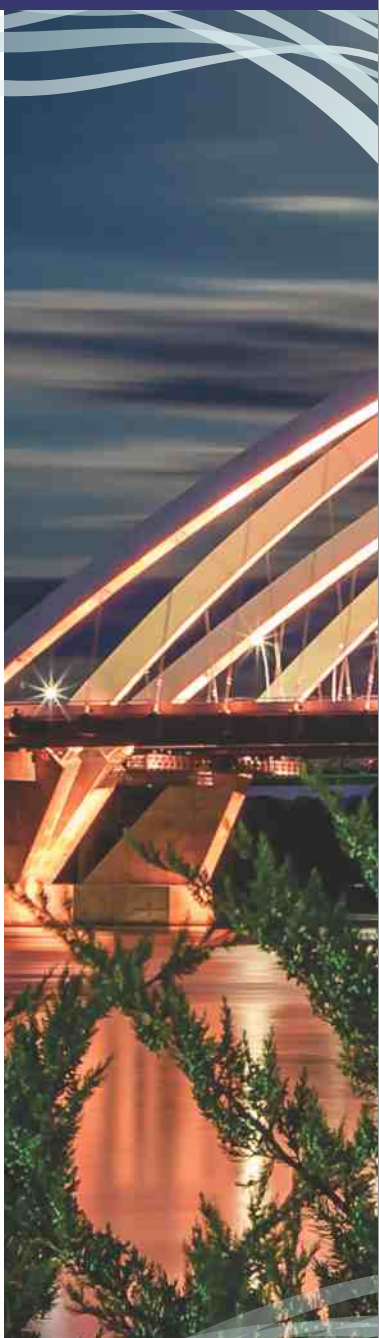
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Local Resources

City Websites and Keynote Numbers

Emergency Numbers

Quad Cities Area

Emergency: 911

FBI: 309-764-9559

Illinois State Patrol: 309-752-4915

Iowa State Patrol: 563-284-9501

Poison Control: 800-222-1222

Bettendorf

Animal Control: 563-388-6655

Fire Dept: 563-344-4052

Police Dept: 563-344-4015

Sheriff's Dept: 563-326-8625

Davenport

Animal Control: 563-388-6655

Fire Dept: 563-326-7906

Police Dept: 563-326-7979

Sheriff's Dept: 563-326-8625

East Moline

Animal Shelter: 309-797-6550

Animal Control: 309-752-1522

Fire Dept: 309-752-1505

Police Dept: 309-752-1555

Sheriff's Dept: 309-794-1230

Geneseo

Animal Shelter: 309-944-4868

Fire Dept: 309-944-5544

Police Dept: 309-944-5141

Sheriff's Dept: 309-937-3911

LeClaire

Animal Control: 563-388-6655

Fire Dept: 563-289-4242, Ext.1411

Police Dept: 563-289-4242, Ext.1

Sheriff's Dept: 563-326-8625

Milan

Animal Shelter: 309-787-6830

Fire Dept: 309-787-1131

Police Dept: 309-787-8520

Sheriff's Dept: 309-794-1230

Moline

Animal Control: 309-797-0741

Fire Dept: 309-524-2250

Police Dept: 309-797-0401

Sheriff's Dept: 309-794-1230

Rock Island

Animal Control: 309-732-2677

Fire Dept: 309-732-2800

Police Dept: 309-732-2677

Sheriff's Dept: 309-794-1230

Chambers of Commerce

Bettendorf

563-355-4753

bettendorfachamber.com

2117 State St, Bettendorf, IA

Davenport

563-322-1706

quadcitieschamber.com

331 W. 3rd St., Ste. 100, Davenport, IA

East Moline, Moline & Rock Island

563-322-1706

quadcitieschamber.com


Geneseo

309-944-2686 • geneseo.org

117 S. Oakwood Avenue, Geneseo, IL

LeClaire

563-289-9970 • leclairechamber.com



Milan
309-716-8144 • milanilchamber.org
801 Tech Drive, Milan, IL

City Services

Bettendorf
563-344-4000 • bettendorf.org
1609 State Street, Bettendorf, IA

Davenport
563-326-7711 • davenportiowa.com
226 West 4th St, Davenport, IA

East Moline
309-752-1599 • eastmoline.com
915 16th Ave, East Moline, IL

Geneseo
309-944-6419 • cityofgeneseo.com
115 S Oakwood Ave, Geneseo, IL

LeClaire
563-289-4242 • leclaireiowa.gov
325 Wisconsin St, LeClaire, IA

Milan
309-787-8500 • milanil.org
405 E 1st St, Milan, IL

Moline
309-524-2000 • moline.il.us
619 16th St, Moline, IL

Rock Island
309-732-2000 • rigov.org
1528 3rd Ave, Rock Island, IL

County Services

Bettendorf, Davenport & LeClaire
563-326-8611
scottcountyiowa.gov
600 W 4th St, Davenport, IA

**East Moline, Milan, Moline
& Rock Island**
309-558-3569 • rockislandcounty.org
Rock Island County Office Building
1504 3rd Ave, Rock Island, IL

Geneseo
309-937-3578 • henrycty.com
307 W Center St, Cambridge, IL

Hospitals

Bettendorf
Trinity - Bettendorf Campus
563-742-5000 • unitypoint.org
4500 Utica Ridge Rd, Bettendorf, IA

Davenport
Genesis Medical Center East
563-421-1000 • genesishealth.com
1227 East Rusholme Street, Davenport, IA

Genesis Medical Center West
563-421-1000 • genesishealth.com
1351 W Central Park, Davenport, IA

East Moline
Genesis Medical Center Illini Campus
309-281-4000 • genesishealth.com
801 Illini Dr, Silvis, IL

Geneseo
Hammond Henry Hospital
309-944-6431
hammondhenry.com
600 N College Ave., Geneseo, IL

Local Resources

City Websites and Keynote Numbers

Hospitals (cont.)

Milan & Rock Island

Trinity - Rock Island Campus
309-779-5000 • unitypoint.org
2701 17th St, Rock Island, IL

Moline

Trinity - Moline Campus
309-779-5000 • unitypoint.org
500 John Deere Road, Moline, IL

(Urgent Care)

Bettendorf

Unity Point Clinic Express (Bett Plex)
563-888-5660 • unitypoint.org
5185 Competition Drive, Bettendorf, IA

Davenport

Genesis Convenient Care
563-421-3800 • genesishhealth.com
3200 W Kimberly Road, Davenport, IA

Moline & Rock Island

Genesis Convenient Care
309-281-2840 • genesishhealth.com
3900 28th Avenue Drive #200, Moline, IL

Unity Point Clinic Express Care
309-779-7050 • unitypoint.org
106 19th Ave, Ste 103, Moline, IL

Libraries

Bettendorf Public Library

563-344-4175 • bettendorflibrary.com
2950 Learning Campus Drive
Bettendorf, IA

Davenport Public Library

Main Street Library
563-326-7832 • davenportlibrary.com
321 N Main Street, Davenport, IA

Fairmount Street Branch

563-326-7832 • davenportlibrary.com
3000 N Fairmount Street, Davenport, IA

Eastern Avenue Branch

563-326-7832 • davenportlibrary.com
6000 Eastern Ave, Davenport, IA

East Moline Public Library

309-755-9614 • eastmolinelibrary.com
745 16th Ave, East Moline, IL

Geneseo Public Library

309-944-6452 • geneseo.lib.il.us
805 N. Chicago Street, Geneseo, IL

LeClaire Community Library

563-289-6007
leclaireiowa.gov
323 Wisconsin St, LeClaire, IA

Milan & Rock Island

Main Public Library
309-732-7323 • rockislandlibrary.org
401 19th Street, Rock Island, IL

Southwest Branch

309-732-7338 • rockislandlibrary.org
9010 Ridgewood Road, Rock Island, IL

Moline Public Library

309-524-2440 • molinelibrary.com
3210 41st Street, Moline, IL



Newspapers

**Bettendorf, Davenport, Milan,
East Moline, Moline, Rock Island**
The Dispatch/Argus
309-764-4344 • qconline.com
500 E 3rd St, Davenport, IA

**Bettendorf, Davenport, LeClaire,
Moline, Rock Island and QC Area**
The Quad City Times
563-383-2200 • qctimes.com
500 E 3rd Street, Davenport, IA

Geneseo
Geneseo Republic
309-944-2119 • geneseorepublic.com
108 W First Street, Geneseo, IL



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Local Resources

City Websites and Keynote Numbers

Post Offices

usps.com

Bettendorf

4439 Devils Glen Road
800-275-8777

2900 Devils Glen Road (inside Hy-Vee)
563-764-5011

Davenport

933 W 2nd Street
800-275-8777

4018 N Marquette
800-275-8777

1823 E Kimberly Rd
563-359-9323

East Moline

805 16th Avenue
800-275-8777

Geneseo

120 W 1st Street
800-275-8777

LeClaire

310 Jones Street
800-275-8777

Moline

514 17th Street
800-275-8777

4218 Avenue of the Cities
309-764-5629

Rock Island

2633 11th Street
800-275-8777

1956 2nd Avenue
800-275-8777





Trash/Recycling

Bettendorf

Public Works

563-344-4088 • bettendorf.org
4403 Devils Glen Road, Bettendorf, IA

Davenport

Public Works

563-326-7923 • davenportiowa.com
1200 E 46th Street, Davenport, IA

East Moline

Garbage Collection Dept.

309-752-1574 • eastmoline.com
1200 13th Ave, East Moline, IL

Geneseo

Garbage Collection Dept.

309-944-6419 • cityofgeneseo.com
115 S Oakwood Ave, Geneseo, IL

LeClaire

Republic Services

republicservices.com

Milan

Public Works

309-787-8500 • milanil.org
613 W 1st Ave, Milan, IL

Moline

Public Works

309-524-2400 • moline.il.us
3635 4th Ave Moline, IL

Rock Island

Public Works

309-732-2200 • rigov.org
1309 Mill Street, Rock Island, IL

Utilities

(Gas & Electricity)

**Bettendorf, Davenport, East Moline,
Milan, Moline, LeClaire, Rock Island**

MidAmerican Energy Company
midamericanenergy.com

Customer Service: 888-427-5632
Emergency (Electric): 800-799-4443
Emergency (Gas): 800-595-5325
2811 5th Ave, Rock Island, IL

(Gas)

Bettendorf, Davenport

Dealers LP

563-386-3874 • dealerslp.com
8645 Northwest Blvd, Davenport, IA

Bettendorf, Davenport

Amerigas

amerigas.com

Customer Service: 800-288-7468
Emergency: 800-805-0659
7221 Gaines St Ct, Davenport, IA

Geneseo

Nicor Gas

888-642-6748 • nicorgas.com

Milan, Rock Island

FerrellGas

309-787-1115 • ferrellgas.com
7801 31st St, Rock Island, IL

East Moline, Milan, Moline, Rock Island

Goldstar FS

309-764-2941 • goldstarfs.com
2607 4th Ave, Moline, IL

Local Resources

City Websites and Keynote Numbers

Phone/TV/Internet

All Quad Cities Areas

GalaxyOne/Dish

866-546-1694 • galaxy1.tv

Mediacom

855-633-4226 • mediacomcable.com

MetroNet

877-407-3224 • metronet.com

Bettendorf, Davenport, LeClaire

Century Link

866-642-0444 • centurylink.com

Geneseo

Geneseo Communications

309-944-2103 • broadbandnow.com

Frontier Communications

frontier.com

800-921-8101

LeClaire

Windstream

800-347-1991 • windstream.com

East Moline, Milan, Moline, Rock Island

AT&T

888-374-1504 • att.com

Water/Sewer

Bettendorf

Public Works

563-344-4088 • bettendorf.org

4403 Devils Glen Road, Bettendorf, IA

Bettendorf, Davenport, LeClaire

Iowa American Water

866-641-2108 • amwater.com

5201 Grand Ave, Davenport, IA

Geneseo

Public Works

309-944-6419 • cityofgeneseo.com

115 S Oakwood Ave, Geneseo, IL

East Moline

Services Department

309-752-1530 • eastmoline.com

915 16th Ave, East Moline, IL

LeClaire

Public Works

563-289-4242 • leclaireiowa.gov

325 Wisconsin St, LeClaire, IA

Milan

Utilities

309-787-8530 • milanil.org

1200 SW 2nd Ave Milan, IL

Moline

Utilities

309-524-2070 • moline.il.us

619 16th St, Moline, IL

Rock Island

Public Works

309-732-2200 • rigov.org

1309 Mill Street, Rock Island, IL



Voter Registration

Bettendorf, Davenport

Scott County Auditor's Office
563-326-8631 • scottcountyiowa.gov
600 W 4th Street, Davenport, IA

East Moline

Rock Island County Clerk
309-558-3570 • rockislandcounty.org
1504 3rd Avenue, Rock Island, IL

Geneseo

Henry County Clerk
309-937-3575 • henrycty.com
307 W Center Street, Cambridge, IL

LeClaire

Scott County Auditor's Office
563-326-8631 • scottcountyiowa.gov
600 W 4th Street, Davenport, IA

Milan, Moline & Rock Island

Rock Island County Clerk
309-558-3570 • rockislandcounty.org
1504 3rd Ave, Rock Island, IL

Rock Island Arsenal

army.mil/ria
Bldg. 90 1775 East St, Rock Island, IL
Helpful Resources: mybaseguide.com

Army Community Service

309-782-0829

Chaplain

309-782-0910

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309-782-0791

Commissary

309-782-4614

Common Access Card & Military ID

309-782-0597

EAP

309-782-4357

Equal Employment Opportunity

309-782-2548

Family Child Care

309-782-0813

Garrison Commander

309-782-7722

Human Resources

309-782-1320

Legal Assistance

309-782-1443

Morale, Welfare & Recreation

309-782-0573

Public Affairs

309-782-1121

Relocation Readiness Program

309-782-0816

Rock Island Arsenal Museum

309-782-5021

Rock Island National Cemetery

309-782-2094

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- Find inspiration from the colors in a favorite piece of art, fabric, furniture or out in nature.
- Consider neutrals. While vivid color may work well in certain spaces or on accent walls, it is much easier to change out your decor than to change paint colors.
- Consider using the same color for connecting spaces, such as hallways and foyers, to achieve better visual flow.
- Using an all-warm or all-cool color palette in open-plan spaces will help give the area a cohesive look.
- Paint sample colors onto pieces of poster board and tape onto your walls, so you can try out new colors before committing. Use 2 coats of paint for the most accurate color representation.
- Observe the way the test colors look at different times of day. Light changes throughout the day and colors will appear differently in south-facing rooms than in north-facing rooms.

Education

Contact Information for Quad City-Area Schools

The Quad-City area is rich in educational opportunities for all ages with a wide variety of both private and public institutions. For statistical information about a specific public school, visit <https://nces.ed.gov/ccd/schoolsearch>

Public School Districts

Bettendorf School District

Bettendorf, IA

bettendorf.k12.ia.us • 563-359-3681 • 3311 18th Street, Bettendorf, IA

Davenport School District

IA - Blue Grass, Buffalo, Davenport, Walcott

davenportschools.org • 563-445-5000 • 1702 N Main Street, Davenport, IA

East Moline School District

IL - East Moline, Silvis

emsd37.org • 309-792-2887 • 3451 Morton Drive, East Moline, IL

Geneseo School District

Geneseo, IL

geneseoschools.org • 309-945-0450 • 648 N Chicago Street, Geneseo, IL

Moline/Coal Valley School District

IL - Moline, Coal Valley

molineschools.org • 309-743-1600 • 1619 11th Avenue, Moline, IL

Pleasant Valley School District

IA - LeClaire, Panorama Park, Riverdale, Pleasant Valley, Bettendorf

pleasval.org • 563-332-5550 • 525 Belmont Road, Bettendorf, IA

Rock Island/Milan School District

IL - Rock Island, Milan

rimsd41.org • 309-793-5900 • 2101 6th Avenue, Rock Island, IL

United Township High School District

IL - Silvis, Carbon Cliff, Barstow, Colona, Hampton, East Moline

uths.net • 309-752-1633 • 1275 Avenue of the Cities, East Moline, IL



Private Schools

Our area is home to many quality private schools, such as the following:

East Moline Christian School

309-796-1485

eastmolinechristianschool.org

900 46th Ave, East Moline, IL

Rivermont Collegiate

563-359-1366

rivermontcollegiate.org

1821 Sunset Dr, Bettendorf, IA

Quad City Montessori School

563-355-1289

montessori-namta.org

2400 E. 46th St, Davenport, IA

Trinity Lutheran School

563-322-5224

trinitydavenport.org

1122 W Central Park, Davenport, IA

Homeschool Resources

Are you a homeschooling family or considering your options? Check out these listings for more information and to get connected with a group near you.

Resources and Legal Requirements

thehomeschoolmom.com • hslsda.org

Quad Cities Homeschool Coalition

An organization of local homeschooling families who meet up for activities and share information and ideas online. Membership in their closed Facebook group is open to anyone living locally or moving to the area.

Classical Conversations

A unique, structured learning environment in which families share education responsibilities and students learn in a group setting. To find a community near you: classicalconversations.com

Public School Services

These school districts will partner with homeschooling families to help them fulfill their legal obligations and achieve their educational goals.

Davenport School District

563-336-7418

<https://www.davenportschools.org/family-and-students/family-resources/family-services/home-school/>

Bettendorf School District

563-359-3681 ext. 3001

<http://bettendorf.k12.ia.us/services/curriculum-instruction/homeschooling>

Education

Contact Information for Quad City-Area Schools

Colleges & Universities

Our community offers many different ways to pursue higher education and vocational training. Some of the larger institutions are listed below.

Augustana College

augustana.edu • 309-794-7000 • 639 38th Street, Rock Island, IL

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bhc.edu • 309-796-5000 • 6600 34th Ave, Moline, IL

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palmer.edu • 800-722-2586 • 1000 Brady Street, Davenport, IA

Upper Iowa University - Quad Cities

uiu.edu/locations/quad-cities/ • 563-359-7111 • 1401 Kimberly Rd. Bettendorf, IA

St. Ambrose University

sau.edu • 563-333-6000 • 518 Locust Street, Davenport, IA

Western Illinois University - Quad Cities

wiu.edu/qc/ • 309-762-9481 • 3300 River Dr, Moline, IL



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Tips for Helping Your Child Adjust to a New School

Because children thrive on routine and predictability, starting fresh at a new school can be a challenging experience. If your child is facing this situation, here are some tips that can help both you and them successfully navigate the transition.

- Accept that the adjustment process is different for each child and may be easier or harder, depending on their personality and the circumstances surrounding the change. Some may adjust well to a new school in just a few weeks, while others may take much longer.
- Be honest with them about the reason for the change. Whether due to a move, personal circumstances or some other reason, using age-appropriate language to explain the reasons for needing to change schools will help them to accept it—especially if they understand that the change is difficult for you, the adult, as well.
- Before your child starts at a new school, find out if there will be gaps in their education due to a new curriculum and discuss with school staff the best way to mitigate any disruption. If possible, arrange for your child to meet their new teacher and tour the school in advance, so they will be more comfortable on their first day.
- Check in with your child regularly and be supportive while allowing them to work through their feelings. Do what you can to minimize stress, understanding that your child’s learning and socialization may be affected by their anxiety and emotions.
- Consider reaching out to your child’s doctor, the school counselor or a therapist who specializes in children’s mental health to give your child additional support and tools for coping with the change.



www.humilityhomes.org
www.facebook.com/HumilityOfMaryShelter/

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Administrative Office

519 Filmore St. • Davenport, IA, 52802 • 563-326-1330

Shelter/Program Offices

1016 W. 5th St. • Davenport, IA, 52802 • 563-322-8065

Mom's Connection

The Quad Cities is a very family-friendly area with many fun and educational opportunities for parents and kids. Check out the resources below for some ways to get connected with other moms and caregivers in the community.

Quad City Mom Collective

qcmoms.com

Quad City Mom Collective is all about encouraging and connecting moms, both online and in person, by sharing helpful information and fun ideas. Visit their website to access all resources and be sure to like the "QC Moms" Facebook page to get event reminders.

MOPS

mops.org

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) is a grassroots movement that connects moms all over the world to a community of women in their own neighborhoods who meet together to laugh, cry and embrace the journey of motherhood. Visit their website to find a group that meets near you.

Local Libraries

Connect with your local library for great ways to foster learning while having fun with your kids and meeting other families. Call a library or visit one of the websites below to find out about activities in your area.

Bettendorf Public Library: 563-344-4175 • bettendorflibrary.com

Davenport Public Library (Main): 563-326-7832 • davenportlibrary.com

Davenport Public Library (Fairmount): 563-326-7832 • davenportlibrary.com

Davenport Public Library (Eastern): 563-326-7832 • davenportlibrary.com

East Moline Public Library: 309-755-9614 • eastmolinelibrary.com

Geneseo Public Library: 309-944-6452 • geneseo.lib.il.us

LeClaire Community Library: 563-289-6007 • leclaireiowa.gov

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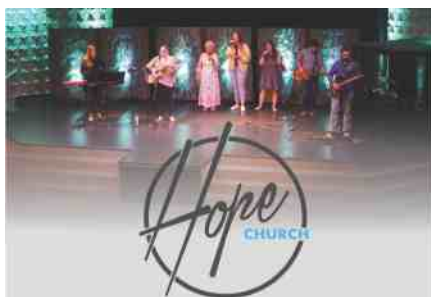
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563-355-4310

United Way focuses on making a positive difference in the community by organizing volunteers and resources to help in the areas of education, income and health. Volunteers provide a wide variety of services, from reading to children to delivering meals to those in need. To get involved, call or visit their website above.

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Family Resources

famres.org

2800 Eastern Ave, Davenport, IA

563-326-6431

24-Hr Free Crisis Line: 866-921-3354

Family Resources provides social services in our community, designed to help strengthen families, children and individuals. Some examples are: support and shelter for domestic/sexual abuse survivors, adoption and foster care services, mental and healthcare services, and specialized child care services. Volunteers help with many areas, such as events planning, groundskeeping, child care, transportation, tutoring, shelter and legal advocacy. Call or visit the website above for more information.

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Davenport, IA

Habitat Office: 563-359-9066

Habitat ReStore: 563-391-4949

Health & Home Division: 563-349-7339

Habitat for Humanity partners with different organizations to fund and build new, affordable homes for families in need. The Habitat ReStore center sells donated new and used building materials with the proceeds helping to fund the house-building projects. Volunteers are needed in the areas of construction, neighborhood revitalization, lunch provisions, committee and office work and running the ReStore shop. Call or visit the website above for more information.



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www.humilityhomes.org

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More opportunities include assisting with data collection and analysis, research, office support, website and social media management, and assisting with the maintenance and landscaping of our properties.



History of the Quad Cities Area

The Mississippi River

The Mississippi River, known as “great water” by the Indians, is at the heart of the Quad Cities community, but it wasn’t always calm and peaceful as it appears today. The 14-mile stretch between LeClaire, IA and Davenport, IA was once called the “Rock Island Rapids” because of large fingers of rock that protruded from the sides, resulting in a treacherous journey that sunk many boats. Settlements developed at both ends of these rapids and eventually grew into the Quad Cities as we know it.

In the early 1800s, many believed these rapids would never be passable by commercial vessels. But by the 1920s, steamboats were hiring expert navigators called “rapids pilots” to take them through passage. In 1837, the Corps of Engineers sent Confederate General Robert E. Lee to survey the rapids. Over the next decades, improvements were made, such as blasting away portions of rock and dredging channels to increase water depth. Finally in 1934, Lock and Dam No. 15, which spans the river from Rock Island to Davenport, opened. It was the first of 26 locks and dams across the upper Mississippi River and is the largest roller dam in the world today. With its completion, the Rock Island Rapids were successfully submerged allowing this stretch of the Mississippi to be safely used by various water vessels.

Steamboats and Railroads

In 1854, the first railroad came to the Quad Cities area and by 1876, three major railroads, including the Rock Island Lines, served the area and contributed to its population and economic growth. In 1856, the first railroad bridge to cross the Mississippi was built between Rock Island and Davenport. However, the steamboat industry felt threatened by the bridges and a bitter rivalry ensued. Just 15 days after the completion of the first railroad bridge, the Effie Afton steamboat collided with it, causing a fire that destroyed both the boat and the bridge. Some steamboat captains celebrated the destruction by blowing their whistles as they passed. The steamboat’s owner sued the Rock Island Railroad company who hired Abraham Lincoln to legally represent them. It was a major turning point in Lincoln’s legal career before he became our nation’s 16th president.





The Black Hawk War

Native Americans inhabited this area for thousands of years before European settlers arrived. They lived along the river and grew crops in the fertile soil. Arsenal Island was once a honeymoon destination for their newlyweds. The village of Saukenuk was one of the largest Indian settlements in North America covering much of the Rock Island area. The Indians, who traded with the French and were allies with the British, often wore western clothing, hunted with rifles and lived in wooden structures. But by 1831, after a series of treaties and land cessions, the Indians were forced across the river to Iowa.

In 1832, the Sauk warrior, Black Hawk, refused to accept the treaty that had taken his people's Illinois land and led a band of 1,500 followers back across the river to reclaim it. They were quickly defeated. The result of the war was the cession of 6 million acres of Iowa land known as the Black Hawk Purchase. Because of his bravery, Black Hawk is revered as a local hero and is the only man in U.S. history to have a war named after him. The Black Hawk State Historic Site in Rock Island sits on former Sauk territory and is now a museum dedicated to preserving Indian history.

Immigrants and Industry

In the 1800s, immigrants from all over the world came here to begin new lives and attain land. They first arrived as pioneers in covered wagons and later on steamboats and trains. They were from Germany, Belgium, Sweden, Ireland, France, England, Wales, Greece, Armenia and Mexico.

In 1833, the area west of the Mississippi known as the Louisiana Purchase was officially opened through a land grant program in Scott County, IA. During the Industrial Revolution, entrepreneurs were attracted to the Mississippi River as a source of water power and transportation. The Weyerhaeuser & Denkmann Lumber Company, established in 1860 by German immigrants, used mills in Rock Island and Moline and became the largest lumber producer in the country. In 1848, John Deere, a blacksmith from Vermont, opened a steel plough factory in Moline, IL. Today, Deere & Company is an international agricultural corporation and the largest employer in the Quad Cities.

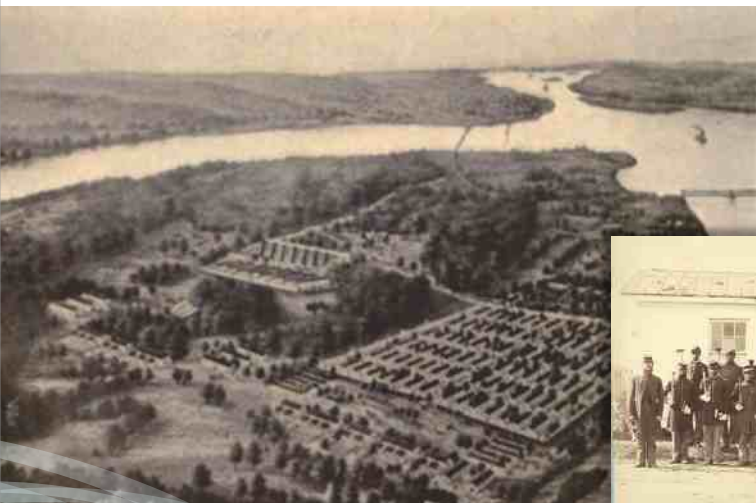
Arts and Music


The Quad Cities has a rich music and arts history. 1920s Jazz musician, Bix Biederbecke was inspired by steamboat music. The annual Bix 7 road race is named in his honor. The Quad City Symphony Orchestra, established in 1916, still gives live concerts and plays for Ballet Quad Cities performances. Many events take place at Davenport's Adler Theatre, built in 1931 as the RKO Orpheum Theatre, which was originally a movie house. The Col. Ballroom, built in 1914, has hosted music legends like Jimi Hendrix, Johnny Cash, Duke Ellington, The Beach Boys and Frank Sinatra. In the visual arts, Isabel Bloom is well-known today for her whimsical concrete sculptures. In the 1930s, she studied under artist Grant Wood, American Gothic painter, and her Davenport studio still produces sculptures from her original molds. These are only a handful of the many noteworthy artists and venues that have made their mark in Quad Cities' cultural history.

History of the Rock Island Arsenal

Originally belonging to the Sauk Indians, The Rock Island Arsenal sits on a 946-acre island in the middle of the Mississippi River between Davenport, IA and Rock Island, IL. In 1816, Fort Armstrong was built as a peacekeeping operation and in 1832, became the military headquarters for the Black Hawk War. Colonel Davenport (for whom the city of Davenport is named), was a successful merchant who, in 1833, built a grand home on the island, which still stands today and is open to visitors.

In 1863, barracks were hurriedly built to house the first Confederate prisoners who arrived by train in December. Conditions were harsh—many died from smallpox as well as frigid temperatures, and 41 successful escapes (including one which involved tunneling under the barracks) are recorded. In 1864, the 108th Colored Infantry Regiment (many, former slaves) arrived to guard the camp, to the outrage of the southern prisoners. The camp operated until July of 1865 and housed over 12,000 prisoners while in use. Nearly 3,000 of these men earned their “freedom” by pledging allegiance to the North and serving in the Union military (although not on the battlefield against their southern brethren). Today, the only remaining evidence of the camp is the Confederate cemetery—the final resting place for 1,964 rebel soldiers and 125 Union guards. The National Cemetery, which is still in operation, was established in 1863 and holds over 29,000 grave markers today.





In 1865, the U.S. Army Ordnance Department assigned Brevet Brigadier General Thomas J. Rodman to command a manufacturing arsenal on the island because of his impressive service in weapons advancements during the Civil War—historians believe his superior cannon manufacturing technology discouraged European naval participation against the Union. In 1866, under Rodman’s design and direction, construction began on the arsenal as we know it today. The access bridges were relocated and updated and the arsenal site itself was moved to the center of the island where 10 large stone shop buildings and several smaller ancillary buildings were built on either side of the main road. Rodman also built a grand, Italianate-style villa as his personal residence, which is known today as Quarters One and is available to rent for special events.

The arsenal was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1969, and the original buildings were designated as a National Historic Landmark in 1989. The Arsenal, which has had an essential manufacturing role in every U.S. war for the past 120 years, is still an active military facility today and is the second largest employer in the Quad Cities area.

The island also has a premier golf course and club house, museum and many other recreational opportunities. Civilians with proper identification are encouraged to tour the Rock Island Arsenal during visitor hours. Visit army.mil/ria or go to page 13 for more information.

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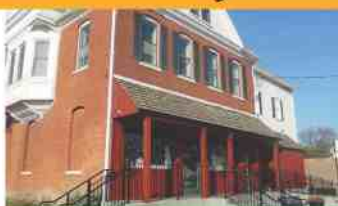
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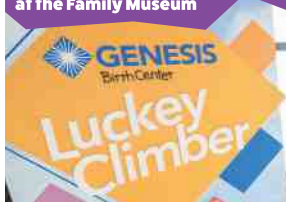


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563-333-6251 • sau.edu

518 Locust St, Davenport, IA

Genesius Guild

Free theatre in the park, all summer

309-794-8900 • genesius.org

Lincoln Park, 1120 40th St, Rock Island, IL

G.I.T. Improv

Stand up comedy, magic, event hosting

and kids' programs in local venues

309-721-1598 • gitimprov.com

Vibrant Arena at The Mark

12,000-seat indoor concert arena

309-764-2001 • vibrantarena.com

1201 River Dr, Moline, IL

It's A Mystery

Interactive murder mystery dinner theatre

563-344-9187 • itsamysteryqc.com

Public Shows at Skellington Manor:

420 18th St, Rock Island, IL

Playcrafters Barn Theatre

Live theatre performed in a historic barn

309-762-0330 • playcrafters.com

4950 35th Ave, Moline, IL

Quad City Music Guild

Broadway shows in Prospect Park Auditorium

309-762-6610 • qcmusicguild.com

1584 34th Ave, Moline, IL

Quad City Symphony Orchestra

Professional music & education center

563-322-7276 • qcso.org

327 Brady St, Davenport, IA

Quad-Cities Waterfront Convention Ctr

Multi-purpose 1500-seat event center

563-441-7000 • qcwcc.com

2021 State St, Bettendorf, IA

Common Chord

Live music and educational programs

563-326-1333 • commonchordqc.org

129 Main St, Davenport, IA

The Bucktown Revue

Old-fashioned-style radio variety shows

563-940-0508 • bucktownreview.org

Performances at Davenport Jr. Theatre:

2822 Eastern Ave, Davenport, IA

The Black Box Theatre

Live theatre experiences for all audiences

563-284-2350 • theblackboxtheatre.com

1623 5th Ave, Moline, IL

The Speakeasy

Big bands, burlesque, comedy & more

309-786-7733 ext. 2

thecirca21speakeasy.com

1818 3rd Ave, Rock Island, IL



FREE SUMMER CONCERTS

Visit the websites below to find concert schedules in your area.

Bettendorf

bettendorf.org

Davenport

www.davenportiowa.com

Moline

molinetownship.com

Rock Island

rigov.org

Vander Veer Botanical Park

friendsofvanderveer.com

Davenport, IA

A Changing Landscape

The original I-74 bridge, spanning the Mississippi River to link Iowa and Illinois, had been a fixture on the Quad Cities' landscape since 1935. But a growing community and increasing daily traffic (74,000 vehicles per day in 2016 and expected to reach 99,900 by 2035) led both the Iowa and Illinois Departments of Transportation, along with several other local and regional organizations, to work together to find a solution. Federal approval for the construction of a new bridge was granted in 2009. Construction began in July 2017 and in December of 2021 both the westbound and eastbound spans were fully opened to traffic. The new bridge is more than twice the width of the old one, with four lanes in each direction and has already made traveling across the Mississippi River much easier.

In the spring of 2022, the new pedestrian/bike path was opened, enhancing the usability of this Quad Cities icon. It is 14 feet wide and ADA-accessible, connecting to trails on both the Iowa and Illinois sides. A glass-bottomed scenic overlook area provides a fantastic river view with benches for rest and contemplation. The new bridge is already a destination spot for Quad City residents and visitors alike and will continue to bring both sides of the river together for many years to come.

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Fun Activities *Nightlife*

Grab some friends and enjoy a fun night out at any of these late-night locations.

Bowling & More

Big River Bowling

Bowling, billiards & sports grill
563-359-4770 • bigriverbowling.com
2902 E Kimberly Rd, Davenport, IA

Blackhawk Bowl and Martini Lounge

Located inside the historic Hotel Blackhawk
563-484-5955 • blackhawkbowl.com
200 E 3rd St, Davenport, IA

QC Family Entertainment

Bowling, laser tag, game room, sports grill
309-517-1158 • qcfec.com
4401 44th Ave, Moline, IL

Downtown Fun

Bettendorf

downtownbettendorf.org

Davenport

downtowndavenport.com

East Moline

emmainstreet.org

LeClaire

visitleclaire.com

Moline

molinecentre.org

Rock Island

downtownrockisland.org



River Cities' Reader

The River Cities' Reader is a locally-produced, monthly paper, dedicated to arts and entertainment in the Quad Cities. Free publications can be picked up from newsstands throughout the area and mail subscriptions are also available. They also produce a yearly dining guide to all of the best local restaurants. Check out their website for more helpful resources or to subscribe.

563-324-0049 • rcreader.com • 532 W 3rd St, Davenport, IA



*Fun*tivities

Swimming Pools & Fitness Centers

Swimming Pools

Annie Wittenmyer Aquatic Center
563-326-7828 • davenportiowa.com
2828 Eastern Ave, Davenport, IA

Centennial Spray Park
563-328-7275 • davenportiowa.com
315 S Marquette St, Davenport, IA

East Moline Municipal Pool
309-752-1624 • eastmoline.com
4011 Archer Dr, East Moline, IL

Fejervary Family Aquatic Center
563-326-7829 • davenportiowa.com
1900 Telegraph Rd, Davenport, IA

Riverside Aquatics Center
309-524-2428 • moline.il.us
3300 5th Ave, Moline, IL

Scott County Park Pool
563-328-3282 • scottcountyiowa.gov
18850 270th St, Eldridge, IA

Splash Landing
563-344-4124 • bettendorf.org
2220 23rd St, Bettendorf, IA

West Lake Park
563-328-3281 • scottcountyiowa.gov
14910 110th Ave, Davenport, IA

Whitewater Junction
309-732-7946 • rigov.org
1601 Longview Dr, Rock Island, IL

Fitness Centers

Anytime Fitness
Visit their website to see all locations:
anytimefitness.com

Planet Fitness
Visit their website to see all locations:
planetfitness.com

Quad Cities YMCA
Multiple, full-service facilities in IA and IL.
Visit their website to find one near you!
QuadCitiesYMCA.org

Quad Cities YWCA
309-788-3479 • ywcaqc.org
229 16th St, Rock Island, IL

Rock Island Fitness & Activity Center
309-732-7275 • rigov.org
4303 24th St • Rock Island, IL

Quad City Performance
563-313-0656
quadcityperformance.fitness
4351 53rd Ave, Bettendorf, IA





Fun Activities

Parks, Trails & Gardens

Biking

Quad Cities residents and visitors enjoy a wide range of trails designed for bicycle riding along the riverfront, in wooded areas and even through town. The Quad Cities Bicycle Club offers a complete list of area trails and maps at qcbc.org

Hiking

Opportunities to explore nature abound in the Quad Cities. The next time you feel like going for a walk in the woods, try one of the much-loved locations listed below or for more ideas visit qctrails.org

Black Hawk State Historic Site

309-788-0177 • blackhawkpark.org
1800 46th Ave, Rock Island, IL

Illiniwek Forest Preserve

309-496-2620 • ricfpd.org
836 State Ave, Hampton, IL

Loud Thunder Forest Preserve

309-795-1040 • ricfpd.org
19408 Loud Thunder Rd, Illinois City, IL

Maquoketa Caves State Park

563-652-5833 • iowadnr.gov
9688 Caves Rd, Maquoketa, IA

Scott County Park

563-328-3282 • scottcountyiowa.gov
18850 270th St, Eldridge, IA

West Lake Park

563-328-3282 • scottcountyiowa.gov
14910 110th Ave, Davenport, IA

Wildcat Den State Park

563-263-4337 • iowadnr.gov
1884 Wildcat Den Rd, Muscatine, IA

Parks & Playgrounds

Whether you're in the mood for a picnic, a peaceful walk or a place to let the kids run & play, there's a park near you! Visit the websites below for more information on parks in your area.

Bettendorf

bettendorf.org

Davenport

davenportiowa.com

East Moline

eastmoline.com

Geneseo

geneseoparkdistrict.org

LeClaire

leclairereiova.gov

Moline

moline.il.us

Milan

milanil.org

Rock Island

rigov.org





Gardens

Immerse yourself in living color at these favorite Quad City green spaces where the art of gardening is on full display.

Black Hawk State Historic Site

Take a walk through towering native grasses and wildflowers like those that once covered much of the state of Illinois.

309-788-9536 • blackhawkpark.org
1510 46th Ave, Rock Island, IL

Butterworth Center & Deere-Wiman House

Enjoy a glimpse into the past as you stroll through the well-preserved formal gardens of these historic homes.

309-743-2700 • butterworthcenter.com
1105 8th St, Moline, IL

Miss Effie's Flower Farm

Enjoy the view of rolling hills as you sip lemonade in the corn-zebo before heading out to pick your own flowers and herbs.

563-282-4338 • misseffies.com
27387 130th Ave, Donahue IA

Quad City Botanical Center

Step into the tropical paradise of the Sun Garden, featuring a 14-foot waterfall & koi ponds. Outdoor attractions include a butterfly garden, perennial garden, wildflower prairie garden, greenhouse and a raised garden for those with disabilities as well as a children's garden and play area with a "river" meant for splashing fun.

309-794-0991 • qcgardens.com
2525 4th Ave, Rock Island, IL

Vander Veer Botanical Park

Established in 1885, this 33-acre park features a conservatory, duck lagoon & playground, enabling garden, rose garden, hosta glade, children's sculpture garden and tree-lined Grand Allee leading to the old world gardens and fountain as well as large swaths of green space and trees dating back to the 1890s.

563-326-7818 • davenportiowa.com
215 W Central Park, Davenport, IA



Beef Stew

Ingredients

- 1 1/2lb. chuck roast, cut in cubes
- 1 tsp. kosher salt
- 1 tsp. black pepper
- 2 Tbsp. olive oil
- 3 medium cloves garlic, minced
- 2 medium onions, chopped
- 3 Tbsp. flour
- 14.5 oz. can diced tomatoes with juice
- 3 c. low sodium beef or chicken broth
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 tsp. dried thyme
- 6 small red potatoes, cut in quarters
- 4-6 carrots, sliced thick

Directions

Sprinkle cubes of beef with salt and pepper. Heat 2 Tbsp. oil in large skillet over medium high heat. Brown meat on all sides. Remove meat and set aside. Add 1 Tbsp. oil to pan and add onions. Saute a few minutes until soft. Reduce heat to medium and add garlic. Stir in flour and stir about 2 minutes or until light brown. Add juice from tomatoes and broth to deglaze skillet. Add tomatoes, bay leaf, and thyme. Put everything into a roasting pan and add beef, potatoes, and carrots. Cover with a tight lid and bake at 300 for about 3 1/2-4 hours.

Recipe by Teri Taylor



Funtivities Seasonal Events

The Quad Cities is home to many different festivals and celebrations throughout the year! Go to visitquadcities.com for a detailed list of what's happening in your area or check out our picks for popular seasonal events and activities.

January & February

QCCA Expo Center
309-788-5912 • qccaexpocenter.com
2621 4th Ave, Rock Island, IL

Bald Eagle Days

QCCA Expo Center
Each year, hundreds of bald eagles winter in the Quad Cities, where river fish are plentiful. Come see live birds in action outside as well as indoor demonstrations from rehabilitated birds and other wildlife. Bring your kids for a day of fun and learning at the largest environmental fair in the Quad Cities!

LeClaire, IA

Come see and learn about bald eagles in LeClaire! See visitleclaire.com for info.

Fishing, Hunting & Outdoor Show

QCCA Expo Center
Anyone who loves the outdoors will enjoy this show, featuring the best fishing and hunting equipment, destination spots, boats, clubs and more. There will also be special speakers sharing their expertise, an archery competition and a trout pond for the kids.





Icestravaganza

Over 20,000 lbs of ice will be transformed into beautiful sculptures during the live ice carving competition! This free event also includes children's activities and prize giveaways. The indoor farmers market will be open and families can go ice skating at the nearby River's Edge arena. Come back at sundown to see the sculptures lit up for a spectacular winter display!

downtowndavenport.com
Freight House Farmers Market
421 W River Drive, Davenport, IA

Snow Star

Enjoy the best of winter on the slopes with skiing, snowboarding and tubing. Open from early December through mid-March, weather permitting.

800-383-4002 • skisnowstar.com
9500 126th W, Andalusia, IL

Ice Skating at Vander Veer Park

Strap on your ice skates and go for a spin the old fashioned way on the outdoor lagoon! Park staff monitors the ice throughout the winter season for safety.

563-326-7818 • davenportiowa.com
215 W Central Park Ave, Davenport, IA



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March

QCCA Expo Center
309-788-5912 • qccaexpocenter.com
2621 4th Ave, Rock Island, IL

Quad Cities Antique Spectacular

QCCA Expo Center
An annual favorite, this popular show will have fine antiques and vintage collectibles of all kinds. Featuring over 70 vendors from around the world, this indoor show is a collector's dream!

antiquespectacular.com

QCCA Flower and Garden Show

QCCA Expo Center
Welcome spring with this huge, indoor garden show, featuring vendors selling landscaping services, plants, tools, furniture, decorations and much, much more. Enjoy the beautiful, live displays and water features that will fill you with inspiration for the upcoming Midwest growing season!

Quad City Regional Auto Show

Featuring over 150 of the hottest new cars and trucks, all in one place, this show is a dream come true for auto lovers of all ages! Check their website for dates and locations.

quadcityautoshow.com

St. Patrick's Society Grand Parade

Join the tens of thousands who line the streets each year for the only bi-state St. Patrick's Day parade in the USA! The parade starts at 4th Ave/23rd St in Rock Island, crosses the Centennial Bridge and ends in Davenport at the River Center. Featuring marching bands, decorated floats, musical groups and more, this event offers fun for the whole family!

Rock Island, IL & Davenport, IA
stpatsqc.com





April & May

The River Bandits

April opens the season for the Quad Cities' own minor league baseball team. Special events & activities take place all summer at their home stadium in downtown Davenport.

Top-right photo by Sean Flynn

Modern Woodmen Park
563-324-3000 • milb.com/quad-cities
209 S Gaines St, Davenport, IA

Heritage Days at Walnut Grove

Held in May each year, you will enjoy seeing the past brought to life as volunteers in costume offer craft demonstrations, folk music and live performances at the historic Walnut Grove Pioneer Village.

563-328-3283 • scottcountyiowa.gov
18817 290th St, Long Grove, IA

MIP Arts & Crafts Fair

Each year, hundreds of crafters and artisans gather to sell their best handmade goods at this fair, held on the first Sunday in May and October.

309-781-6100 • On Facebook
325 1st Ave E, Milan, IL

Beaux Arts Fair

Held each year in May and September, this juried art fair draws many fine artisans from across the United States. Check their website for dates and locations.

Davenport, IA • beauxartsfair.com



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June

Backwater Gamblers

A Quad Cities' favorite, this show will leave you in awe as these water ski performers complete jumps, form human pyramids and more on the Rock River!

The free shows are performed each Wednesday & Sunday at 6:30pm from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Ben Williamson Park, Rock Island, IL
backwatergamblers.com

Aledo Rhubarb Fest

Over 13,000 people each year visit the Rhubarb Capitol of Illinois for this one-of-a-kind festival, featuring all things rhubarb! The event also has live bands, children's activities and a cooking competition as well as antique and flea market vendors.

Central Park in Aledo, IL
aledorhubarbfest.com

Geneseo Music Festival

Enjoy music, food, arts & crafts, Queen Contest, Pedal Pull, a parade and more at this annual festival held each June.

Geneseo, IL • geneseo.org

Quad Cities Museum Week

Don't miss this chance to tour area museums and historic sites at discounted rates and to view special exhibits. This week-long event is held each June.

qcmuseumweek.com





4th of July Celebrations

Our picks for the best Independence Day parties QC!

Red, White & Boom

Friends and family gather each year on both the Davenport & Rock Island riverfronts for a spectacular fireworks display set off from river barges! The festival also features live music, food, fun for kids and lots of glow-in-the-dark items to get you in the patriotic spirit.

Davenport, IA • Rock Island, IL
redwhiteandboomqc.org

Bettendorf Celebration

Come see the parade in downtown Bettendorf. Then head over to Cumberland Square on Spruce Hills Drive for more fun with food, arts & crafts, carnival rides, kids activities and more. Fireworks go off at dusk in Middle Park.

Bettendorf, IA • bettendorf.org

Fireworks in Grand Mound

Thousands line the gravel roads amid surrounding cornfields each year for the fireworks display set off from the baseball diamond in Grand Mound, IA. Come early to see the parade and enjoy live music food and fun family activities.

Grand Mound, IA
cityofgrandmound.org

Fireworks in Milan

Bring your friends and family, picnic blankets and coolers to Camden Park in Milan. Fireworks will begin after dark.

Milan, IL • milanil.org



COUNTY FAIRS

Local county fairs are a true Midwestern summer experience with food, carnival rides, animals, competitions, grandstand events and tons of family-friendly fun! Visit the websites below for each fair's specific dates and information.

Great Mississippi Valley Fair

563-326-5338 • mvfair.com
2815 W Locust St, Davenport, IA

Mercer County Fair

309-582-2350 • mercercountyfair.org
848 170th St Ave, Aledo, IL

Jackson County Fair

563-652-4282
jacksoncountyiowafair.com
1212 E Quarry St, Maquoketa, IA

Rock Island County Fair

309-796-1620 • rockislandfair.org
4200 Archer Dr, East Moline, IL



Farmers Markets

Shop for locally-sourced produce, baked goods, honey, meats, cheeses, soaps, candles, flowers, handmade gifts and much more at any of our indoor/outdoor markets from May–October. Visit the websites below for specific times and information.

Freight House Farmers Market

Indoor market also open year-round

563-770-3436

freighthousefarmersmarket.com

421 W River Dr, Davenport, IA

Quad Cities Growers Markets

309-737-2427

growersmarkets.com

SouthPark Mall

4500 16th St, Moline, IL

Skate City

1140 Avenue of the Cities, East Moline

Mississippi Valley Growers Association

563-332-5529 • mvgrowers.com

Bettendorf, IA

2850 18th St, Bettendorf, IA

Davenport, IA

NorthPark Mall - East entrance

Kimberly Rd & Welcome Way

*Fun*tivities Seasonal Events

July & August

Walcott Truckers Jamboree

Hosted by the World's Largest Truckstop, this yearly event is a celebration of America's Truckers. Visit the Antique Truck Museum and also see tricked-out, modern big rigs on display. With vendors, food, carnival games, live music, fireworks and more, this event is a Quad City favorite.

563-284-6961 • iowa80truckstop.com
755 W Iowa 80 Rd, Walcott, IA

John Deere Classic

Come watch as top athletes on the PGA tour compete at TPC Deere Run in this exciting annual event.

309-762-4653 • johndeereclassic.com
TPC Deere Run, Silvis, IL

Ragbrai

A 7-day bicycle ride across the state of Iowa (averaging 468 miles), organized by The Des Moines Register.

515-284-8388 • ragbrai.com

Bix Block Parties

Held annually in July, the same weekend as the Bix 7 run, this event—a cooperation of dozens of downtown businesses—features live music, food, drinks and fun!

downtowndavenport.com
Davenport, IA

Quad City Times Bix 7 Run

Founded in 1975, this challenging, 7-mile road race draws tens of thousands of runners each year from around the world and thousands more line the streets to cheer them on! This annual July event is named after legendary jazz musician, Bix Beiderbecke, who was born in Davenport.

Davenport, IA • bix7.com

Bix Beiderbecke Memorial Jazz Festival

Held the first weekend after the Bix 7 run, this annual festival, commemorating the passing of legendary jazz musician Bix Beiderbecke, draws many traditional jazz bands from around the world.

563-324-7170 • bixsociety.org





Great River Tug Fest

Join the downtown festivities, with food, arts & crafts, live music, a carnival, fireworks and much more as two river towns gather each August for the annual rope tug-of-war across the Mississippi River.

563-650-6809 • tugfest.com
LeClaire, IA • Port Byron, IL

QC Symphony Riverfront Pops Concert

Bring your picnic basket to LeClaire Park on the Davenport riverfront and enjoy popular musical hits performed by the Quad City Symphony Orchestra. Held annually at summer's end.

563-322-7276 • qcso.org
LeClaire Park • Davenport, IA

Floatzilla

Bring your canoe or kayak and join thousands of other participants on the Mississippi River for the largest paddlesport event in the area.

563-322-2969 • riveraction.org

Quad Cities Balloon Festival

Thousands come each year to see the colorful balloons launch into the air and view the popular 'night glow'. The festival also features children's activities & food vendors. Admission is free, but donations are accepted to benefit Quad City Animal Welfare Center.

quadcitiesballoonfestival.com
Rhythm City Casino Resort
7077 Elmore Ave, Davenport, IA



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September & October

Mississippi Valley Blues Festival

A summer gathering of international and regional acts celebrating Blues music with entertainment and activities the whole family can enjoy.

563-322-5837 • mvbs.org
LeClaire Park, Davenport, IA

Beaux Arts Fair

Held each year in May and September, this fair draws many fine artisans from across the USA to downtown Davenport.

Davenport, IA • beauxartsfair.com

Rock Island Grand Prix

Head to downtown Rock Island on Labor Day weekend for the world's largest go-karting street race! Food vendors, live music & family activities add to the fun. Free admission.

Rock Island, IL • racerockisland.info

TEDxDavenport

This annual speaking conference brings together the brightest minds in technology, innovation and education, with the goal of exchanging ideas from many perspectives with open minds.

Adler Theater, Davenport, IA
tedxdavenport.com





Our Big Fat Greek Festival

Immerse yourself in Greek culture at this annual Sept. event, featuring food, dancing, family activities & more!

St. George Greek Orthodox Church
309-786-8163 • stgeorgeri.il.goarch.org
2930 31st Ave, Rock Island, IL

Buckskinners Rendezvous

Be a pioneer for the day at this annual event, held each September at Wild Cat Den State Park. Enjoy traditional food, music, storytelling, arts & crafts, log-sawing, blacksmithing and other demonstrations. Also tour the historic Pine Creek Grist Mill.

563-263-4818 • pinecreekgristmill.com
1884 Wild Cat Den Rd, Muscatine, IA

Oktoberfest

This annual event features beer tasting, food, music and games, celebrating the Quad Cities' German heritage.

309-373-5080 • haubergestate.org
1300 24th St, Rock Island, IL

Apple Picking at Camp Creek Farm

Pick your own apples on this family-owned farm, starting in September. Choose from Honeycrisp, Gala, Fuji or Cortland apple trees. Other produce and flowers available. Fun for the whole family!

309-944-7900 • campcreekfarm.com
3753 N 1100th Ave, Lynn Center, IL

Celebration Belle River Cruises

Open April-October, this 750-seat passenger paddlewheel boat offers a variety of sightseeing, luncheon and dinner cruises with dancing and entertainment. You'll enjoy a relaxing atmosphere while experiencing the sights along the Mississippi River in a whole new way!

800-297-0034 • celebrationbelle.com





Pumpkin Patches

Enjoy the best fall has to offer at any of these family-friendly locations, with children's activities, food, hayrack rides and picking your own pumpkins right out of the patch!

Buffalo Pumpkin Farm

563-209-6305

buffalopumpkinpatch.com

1500 Front Street, Buffalo, IA

Corn Crib Nursery

309-799-3745 • shopthecrib.com

6924 US-150, Coal Valley, IL

Shady Knoll Farm

309-496-9636 • shadyknollfarm.com

3115 Dennhardt Rd, East Moline, IL

Pride of the Wapsi

563-285-8180 • prideofthewapsi.com

14600 305th St, Long Grove, IA

A group of children in Halloween costumes, including a witch and a girl with a pumpkin headband, are smiling and holding an orange bucket. The background is dark and blurry, suggesting an outdoor night setting.

Spooky Fun

For spine-chilling thrills the whole family can enjoy, check out the events below!

Fright Night in the Park

Free children's activities, music, dancing, Trick-or-Treating and a costume contest at Schwiebert Riverfront Park in downtown Rock Island.

Rock Island, IL • On Facebook

QC Haunted Forest

Take a hayrack ride out into the night where you will be dropped off and have to make your way back through the woods on foot—if you survive the journey!

309-756-7494 • qchauntedforest.com
3501 207th St N, Port Byron, IL

Halloween Fun in the QC

For a full list of Halloween-themed events for all ages in the Quad Cities, check visitquadcities.com

Extra Spooky

For an extra dose of scary fun, check these websites for haunted happenings, geared towards teens and adults.

illinoishauntedhouses.com • iowa hauntedhouses.com

*Fun*tivities Seasonal Events

November & December

Quad City Arts

Festival of Trees & Parade

This favorite annual event opens to the public each November with a parade in downtown Davenport, which kicks off the festival inside the RiverCenter—filled to the brim with decorated trees, gingerbread houses and other holiday decor, all available for purchase. Children will delight in watching the Festival Express train travel around its winter landscape as well as the North Pole activity center and a visit from Santa! All proceeds support art programs in the Quad Cities.

309-793-1213 • qcfestivaloftrees.com
136 E 3rd St, Davenport, IA

Weber's Christmas Forest

Opening for the season each November, this family-owned farm has over 50 acres of trees and multiple varieties to choose from. Cut your own or pick a pre-cut tree. Live wreaths and other holiday decor are also available in the gift shop.

309-944-3656
weberschristmasforest.com
27356 N Weber Rd, Geneseo, IL

The Nutcracker Ballet

The holidays would not be complete without this magical classic tale, danced to Tchaikovsky's famous score! Join Clara and the Nutcracker prince on their enchanted journey, performed by professional ballet company, Ballet Quad Cities, in the historic Adler Theatre.

309-786-3779 • balletquadcities.com
136 E 3rd St, Davenport, IA

Christmas in the Village

This annual celebration features children's activities, a live nativity, petting zoo, carolers, music and shopping as well as guest appearances from your favorite holiday characters.

Village of East Davenport, IA
villageofeastdavenport.com

Christmas in LeClaire

Enjoy the sights, sounds and tastes of the season in LeClaire with bake sales, crafts, Santas from around the world, children's activities and more in the festive downtown shopping & dining district.

LeClaire, IA • On Facebook

Walnut Grove Christmas Walk

Take a stroll through yesteryear in the historic Walnut Grove Pioneer Village, featuring Santa in the General Store, cookies & hot drinks in the Soda Shop, holiday music in the Olde St. Ann's Church and crafts & games for children. Free with food pantry donation.

563-328-3283 • scottcountyiowa.gov
18817 290th St, Long Grove, IA

Geneseo Christmas Walk

Magic is in the air at Geneseo's downtown holiday celebration, with live storefront window displays, family activities, Jingle Run 5K, and the lighted Christmas parade with over 30 floats.

Geneseo, IL • geneseo.org

QC Holiday Lights

For a full list of drive-thru and walk-thru holiday light displays in the Quad Cities area, go to visitquadcities.com.



19th Century Christmas

See the historic former John Deere family homes dressed up for the holidays at this annual event held the first Sunday in December featuring living history volunteers in costume, music, Santa and children's activities. Free admission.

309-743-2700 • butterworthcenter.com
1105 8th St, Moline, IL

Winter in Bloom

The historic "Tulip" mansion will come alive with holiday cheer at this annual event featuring live music, cookies & hot chocolate, house tours, horse & carriage rides and favorite holiday characters as well as crafts and games for children.

309-373-5080 • haubergestate.org
1300 24th St, Rock Island, IL

Winter Nights Winter Lights

The Quad City Botanical Center gardens will be "blooming" with over 100,000 lights for a full month, beginning in early December. Come stroll the grounds, then warm up inside with free hot cocoa and crafts for kids.

309-794-0991 • qcgardens.com
2525 4th Ave, Rock Island, IL





Quick Peach Cobbler

Ingredients

- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup flour (if using self-rising flour, omit baking powder and salt)
- 1 Tbsp. baking powder
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1 cup milk
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 can (29 oz) sliced peaches (can also substitute cherries)
- 1/8 tsp. nutmeg

Directions

Mix sugar, flour, baking powder, salt, vanilla, and milk. Melt butter in 9 x 13 inch pan. Pour the sugar mixture in center of the pan, then pour sliced peaches and juice in the center of the sugar mixture. DO NOT STIR or spread the dry ingredients or peaches. Sprinkle just a little nutmeg (for peaches) over cake. Bake at 400 degrees for about 35 minutes or until the crust forms and rises to the top and browns. If using self-rising flour, omit baking powder and salt.

Recipe by Charla Lundgren

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Village of East Davenport

Welcome to the Village of East Davenport in Iowa—a quaint historic shopping and entertainment district located on the banks of the Mississippi River.

The Village is the perfect place to spend the day with your family and friends. Experience the true essence of “Main Street America” where local shop owners greet you with a warm smile, offer impeccable service and love getting to know their customers. Spend the day strolling down the streets and browsing our unique stores. Recharge your batteries with a bite to eat or a refreshment in one of our wonderful eateries or watering holes, then shop some more!

The Village began in 1851 as a logging town, and several original structures remain. Today, our surrounding area is filled with beautiful parks, lovely homes and a river’s edge bike path. The Channel Cat water taxi runs for three seasons, weather-permitting, and makes four stops on both the Iowa and Illinois sides of the Mississippi.

For overnight accommodations, the historic Hotel Blackhawk and the Radisson Quad City Plaza are just over a mile west of the Village, in downtown Davenport.

Plan your trip around one of our fun family events listed on our website or just come and enjoy a weekend at your leisure. For night life, we’ve got you covered with several pubs, a wine-tasting room, great eateries and live music.

Leave the hustle and bustle of the malls behind you! In the Village, you’ll find the time to smell the flowers in the parks, breathe in the fresh air of outdoor shopping and enjoy friendly conversation.

See you soon in the Village!
www.VillageOfEastDavenport.com



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LeClaire, IA

LeClaire, Iowa is the quintessential river town, rich in history and pleasantly situated on the Mississippi River. Whether watching bald eagles snag fish in winter or graceful white pelicans come spring, cruising Libations Lane or spending the night in a historic river pilot home, you create your own history when you visit LeClaire.

The Cody Road Historic District is a wonderful starting point to your LeClaire explorations. The 60-building district is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. You're not simply an observer when you visit LeClaire—you can actually lodge in the Old Mill House. You can also visit many other famed river pilot houses, the homes of boat captains and river pilots who boarded the ships to negotiate the challenging Upper Rapids near LeClaire. Many independent shops and restaurants are housed in these historical buildings.

LeClaire's food scene offers everything from casual cafés to fine dining, as well as sweets shops and unique wines, spirits and beers. You will never be thirsty or go hungry when visiting LeClaire. If shopping is on your agenda, you can find something here to suit every aesthetic. LeClaire's many unique shops offer antiques, hand crafted goods, artwork, clothing, novelty items, home decor and much more.

The Buffalo Bill Museum is an educational center with displays that highlight local river pilots, regionally significant artifacts, Native American society and Buffalo Bill—America's greatest journeyman showman, who was born here in 1846. It houses an 1869 Western River-style wooden-hulled boat (the only one left in the United States) and an interior replica of a 1920s one-room school. The new, interactive "Just for Kids" room is a great place for children to play and learn.

Outdoor lovers will enjoy Hollyhock Park, Scout Park and one public parkland-style golf course, in addition to time beside the Mississippi River on the LeClaire Levee, where Riverboat Twilight River Cruises picks up passengers.

A visit to LeClaire provides a lens into one of the most vibrant segments of American history—life along the Mississippi River. With so much to do and see in one place, it's easy to see why LeClaire, Iowa has been listed as the "Best Place to Take an Out of Town Guest" 7 years in a row!

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Geneva, IL

Only 40 miles west of Chicago nestled along the banks of the Fox River, Geneva, Illinois is a scenic getaway with unique sites, entertaining activities and diverse pleasures to experience. Visitors can explore Geneva's downtown with over 150 specialty shops—many located in historic storefronts—and charming Victorian-style homes. The downtown shops offer one-of-a-kind gifts, trendy apparel, distinctive art, home accessories, antiques, jewelry and much more. Just minutes from the downtown is Geneva Commons, an outdoor lifestyle mall with a selection of favorite stores, restaurants and services.

When it's time to eat, visitors can choose from a variety of 5-star restaurants, casual bistros, fine chocolatiers, coffee houses and bakeries. To enjoy some nature, walk or ride along the Fox River Trail, visit the Butterfly House at Peck Farm, or explore the Japanese Gardens and Dutch Windmill at Fabyan Forest Preserve. Those interested in local history can check out the Geneva History Museum and join a guided tour. Downtown Geneva has annual festivals throughout the year, such as the upcoming Festival of the Vine in September. From its quaint downtown to its rich heritage, natural appeal and cultural scene, Geneva offers something to delight everyone who comes for the day or a short stay.

For more information about local attractions, upcoming events, shopping, dining and lodging, visit www.geneva.il.us and check out the Explore Geneva section.





Pike's Peak State Park

Pikes Peak State Park, rich in natural, cultural and historical resources, and famed for its majestic views of the Mississippi River, is one of the most photographed places in Iowa. From the top of the 500-foot, 1130-foot elevation bluff (Iowa's incarnation of Pikes Peak in Colorado), a breathtaking view of the confluence of the Wisconsin River and the mighty Mississippi may be seen to the south.

Pikes Peak offers 11.5 miles of mostly shaded hiking trails, picnicking, a stone shelter, a playground and campground with electric sites, modern shower and RV facilities. A half-mile wooden boardwalk guides visitors to picturesque Bridal Veil Falls. The trail passes Bear Mound, an effigy built by ancient American Indians, just one of 63 mounds in the park. A remote 4-mile trail, for the more adventurous, leads to Point Ann, a bluff overlooking the Mississippi and the town of McGregor. A portion of the park trails is open to mountain bikes. The concession (Park Store) is operated by the Friends of Pikes Peak, a non-profit organization to benefit the park, and is open Wed-Sun, Memorial weekend through mid-October.

October is the busiest time of year at Pikes Peak due to the fall colors, which peak around Oct. 9-15. McGregor hosts an Arts & Crafts Festival and Marquette hosts a Flea Market during the first two full weekends in October.

Park Office: 563.873.2341

32264 Pikes Peak Road, McGregor, IA 52157

For reservations: iowastateparks.reserveamerica.com or 877.427.2757





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More One-Day Destinations

The Quad Cities is conveniently located within easy driving distance of many great places to get away for the day or weekend. Here are some of our favorite destinations.

Iowa City, IA & Coralville, IA

Home to the University of Iowa, Iowa City is a bustling academic community with many opportunities for shopping, dining and recreation. Students and alumni regularly pack the stands for Iowa Hawkeye football games. Visitors love the Antique Car Museum, hiking along the Iowa River and the vibrant downtown life—to name a few! And, just a short drive away in Coralville, Coral Ridge Mall (the area's largest shopping center), is a destination spot for both locals and travelers alike.

Convention & Visitors Bureau • 800-283-6592 • thinkiowacity.com

Des Moines, IA

Iowa's state capitol is brimming with attractions, such as the Pappajohn Sculpture Park, Downtown Farmer's Market (rated #2 in the country), Adventureland, Science Center of Iowa, Blank Park Zoo and Iowa State Fair. Its two biggest taprooms boast over 340 different beers. Opportunities to shop range from premier malls to hip, local shops in the Historic East Village. And outdoor lovers will enjoy over 800 miles of biking trails. There is something for everyone to enjoy here in the heart of Iowa.

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Galesburg, IL

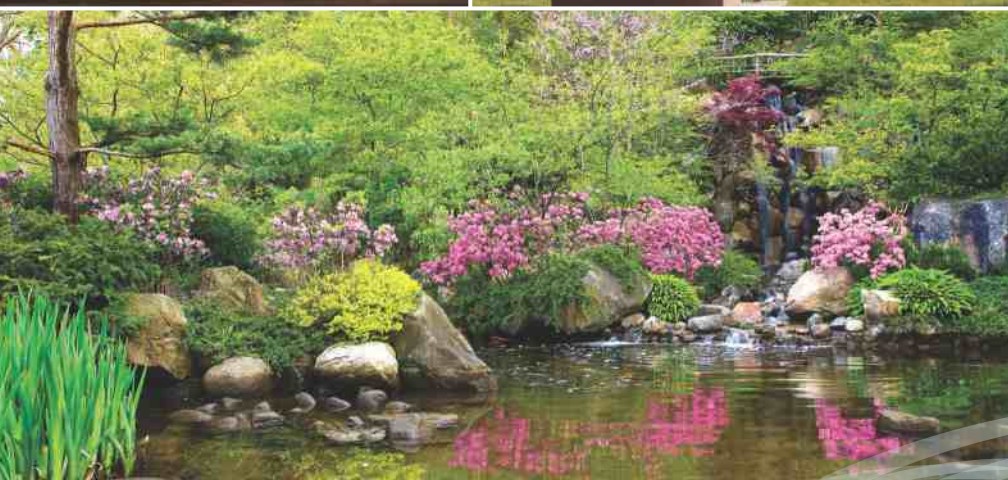
Visitors to Galesburg will enjoy its rich history, charming Victorian homes and many different attractions, such as Galesburg Railroad Days, The Great Balloon Race, Knox County Scenic Drive and the historic Orpheum Theatre.

Tourism & Visitors Bureau • 309-343-2485 • experiencegalesburg.com

Rockford, IL

Just outside of Chicago, Rockford offers some truly unique experiences you won't find anywhere else. Favorite outdoor destinations include the world-class Anderson Japanese Gardens and the hiking trails in Rock Cut State Park. Burpee Museum of Natural History, Discovery Center Museum and Rockford Art Museum also attract many visitors each year.

Convention & Visitors Bureau • 800-521-0849 • gorockford.com



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Airport

Quad Cities International Airport
309-764-9621 • qcairport.com
2200 69th Ave, Moline, IL

Four different airlines offer non-stop flights to ten cities as well as hundreds of connecting flights to both domestic and international locations. The airport features two restaurants, gift shops, free wifi, customer care assistance, a business center and more. Flight tracking and status updates are available on their mobile-friendly website.

Allegiant flies non-stop to Las Vegas, Orlando-Sanford, Phoenix-Mesa, St. Petersburg/Clearwater and Punta Gorda (seasonal)

American Airlines flies non-stop to Chicago O'Hare and Dallas/Ft. Worth

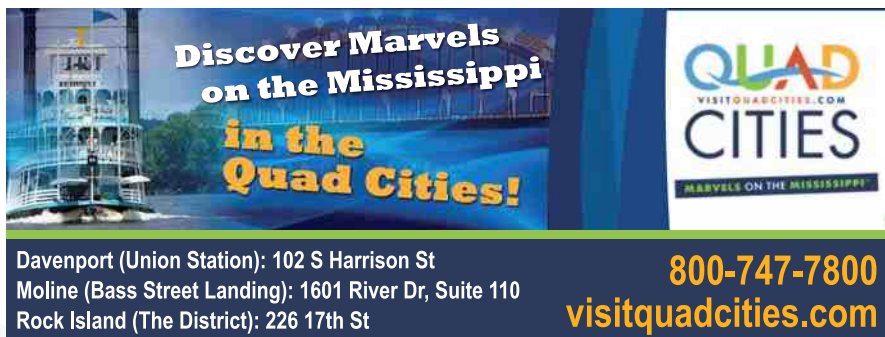
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Bike Rentals

Quad Cities Convention & Visitors Bureau
800-747-7800 • visitquadcities.com
1601 River Dr, Suite 110, Moline, IL (Bass Street Landing)

Free bike rentals and helmets (adult sizes only) are available on a first-come, first-served, basis (drivers license, credit card and signed waiver required). The Moline station is one block away from the Great River Trail and the I-74 pedestrian path offers access to trails on both sides of the river. Bikes can also be taken on the Chanel Cat Water Taxis.



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John Deere Commons, 1415 River Drive, Moline, IL

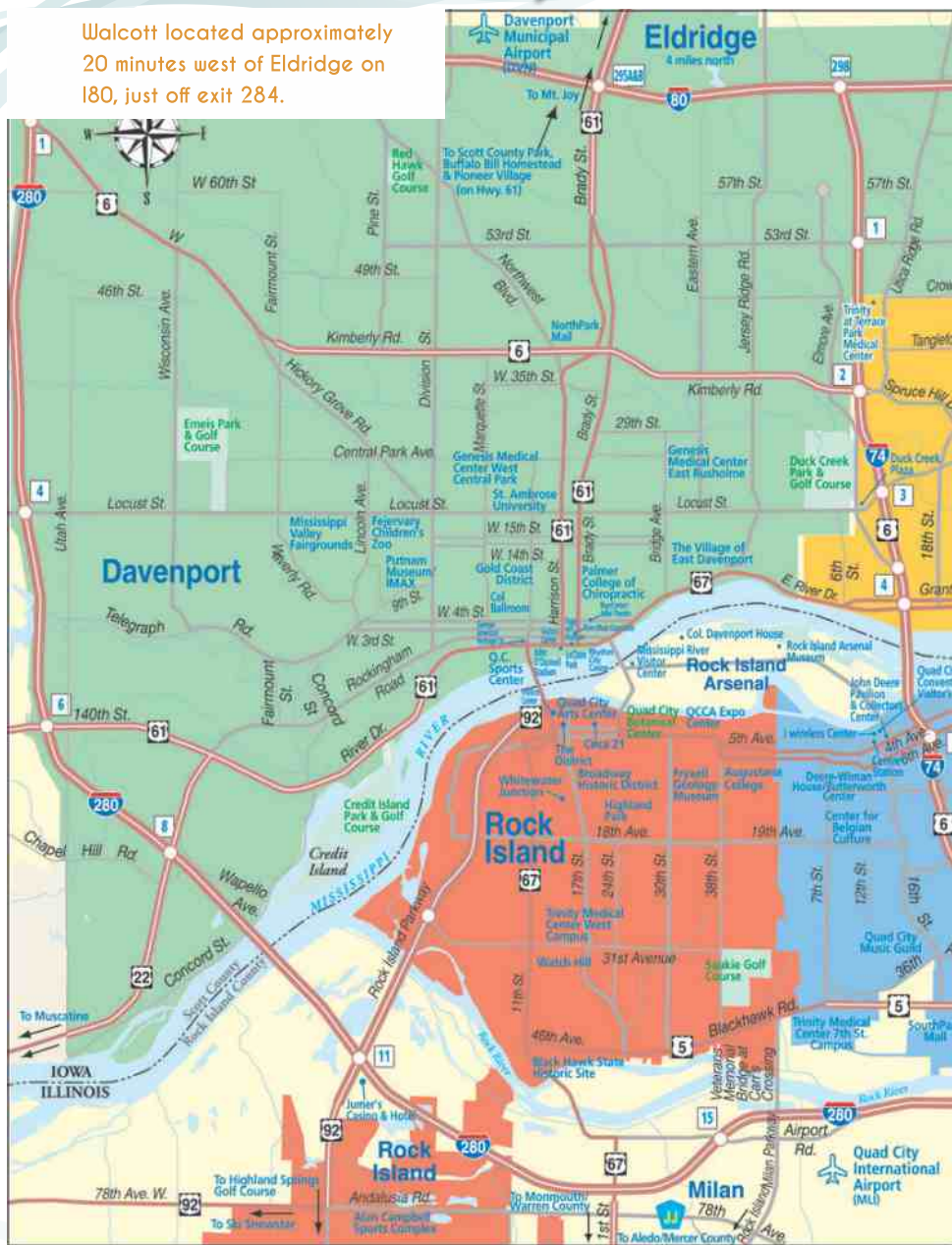
Village of East Davenport, Lindsay Park, 2100 E River Drive, Davenport, IA

Isle Casino Hotel, 17th St & Isle Parkway, Bettendorf, IA



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