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**Illinois' Ultimate Travel Guide Is Available Just In Time For Summer**

*93 Days of Summer, 224 Pages of Adventure*

**Chicago** (March 16, 2001) – The new 2001 Illinois Travel Guide is now available, just in time for summer vacation planning. The ultimate guide to adventure, outdoor, history, family fun, culture, shopping, museums, sports, nightlife, accommodations and more, this 224-page free guide is a wonderful resource for those wishing to escape and explore.

Hot off the press, the guide offers information on regional destinations and attractions and also includes a new section showcasing the state's remarkable history. Titled *Experience Illinois*, the new section features Illinois' presidential heritage and Presidential Pathways as well as the Grand Illinois Trail and specific details about Illinois' national scenic byways and heritage trails.

An essential travel tool full of interesting facts and useful travel information, the Illinois Travel Guide is the perfect companion for first-time and repeat visitors. It offers statewide information including Chicago, Chicagoland, Northern, Central, Western and Southern Illinois. Also new this year is a special section devoted to the Southwestern region of the state. Within the guide are listings of all attractions, museums, sightseeing opportunities and accommodations across the state. All listings include descriptions with contact numbers.

Whether you are hiking through the Shawnee National Forest, shopping in downtown Galena or tracing Abraham Lincoln's steps through Illinois, this new, free guide will help take you there. Illinois is just waiting to be explored, so don't miss your chance - right here, right now.

To start planning your next vacation, order a copy of the Illinois Travel Guide by visiting the Illinois Bureau of Tourism's Web site at [www.enjoyillinois.com](http://www.enjoyillinois.com) or call 1-800-2CONNECT.

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