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Family Fun  
in Illinois



## instant childhood memories



**You're gonna need a bigger photo album**

Are we there yet? How much longer? How do you avoid road trip questions? Go down a speeding waterslide. Head to the country to feed adorable animals. Explore captivating museum exhibits. Kids, parents, cousins, aunts, uncles, everyone will have the time of their lives in Illinois.

**3 days**  
**146mi**  
(Approx)

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Great Wolf Lodge



Six Flags Great America



Chicago Botanic Garden

Many attractions have reopened with limited capacity or different operating hours. Inquire with attractions ahead of time for up-to-date travel policies and health and safety information.

## 📍 Day 1-2 Gurnee/Lake County

For an unforgettable stay, start by booking a room at **Great Wolf Lodge** in Gurnee. More than a hotel, **Great Wolf Lodge** is a water park resort experience the whole family will love. Thrilling tube rides, slides, a multi-level splash-loaded treehouse, wave pool and more—the kids won't want to leave! The excitement doesn't stop there. Just nearby is **Six Flags Great America**, the largest theme park in the Midwest. Roller coasters, shows and all sorts of attractions offer endless adventures for everyone in the family.

When you need a break from the thrills, take in a bit of nature by visiting the **Independence Grove Forest Preserve** or the **Chicago Botanic Garden**. Step back in time at the **Superdawg Drive-In**, the perfect roadside diner to get you in the road trip mood.

Nothing adds to a good family road trip like bragging rights, so try out Lincolnshire's **Par-King Skill Golf**, self-titled as "the world's most unusual golf course." **The Cheesecake Factory** is right nearby if you need to refuel. Also close by is **Lambs Farm** where your little ones can meet the residents of their petting zoo and get a sweet treat at their bakery.

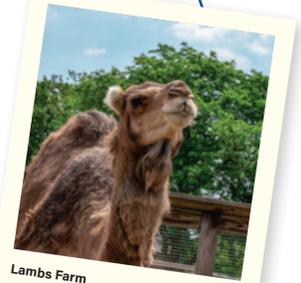
For a great family dinner, head up to Wadsworth to **The Shanty**, which was featured on *Diners, Drive-Ins & Dives*.

## 📍 Day 3 Rockford

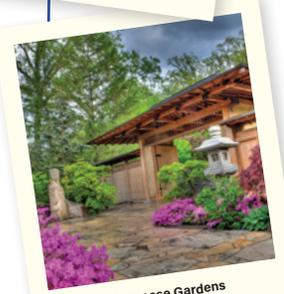
Let nature be your guide today. The **Anderson Japanese Gardens** is the perfect place to start your day with some serenity, and the **Nicholas Conservatory and Gardens** are a great place to continue the good vibes. Be sure to stop by Illinois Made maker **Rockford Art Deli** for a souvenir. The **Rockmen Guardians** are also a great unique photo opportunity.

For lunch, try **Ciao Bella Italian Kitchen** and then grab a quick pastry from **Crust and Crumbles** before you continue your adventure.

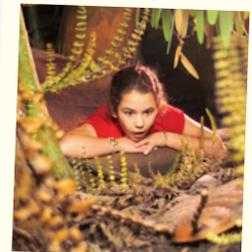
Inquisitive minds need to look no further than the **Burpee Museum of Natural History** to dive into our distant past. For those who need a little bit more activity, try the **Discovery Center Museum** which has over 250 interactive exhibits for your kids to explore. If you need a coffee to keep up with the kids, Illinois Made maker **Rockford Roasting Company** has got you covered. And when you're all wiped out, have your family rest at the new **Embassy Suites Hotel** sitting right on the Rockford riverfront.



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