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Last Minute Family-Friendly Summer Getaways to Illinois

Mark your calendars and travel to Illinois before summer ends with these trip ideas

CHICAGO – Now is the perfect time for families to visit Illinois for a last-minute summer getaway and enjoy the great outdoors, learn a little history and unwind before kids head back to school.

“Don’t let the summer slip away without traveling to Illinois, because this time of year brings an exciting energy to the state that’s hard to ignore,” said Illinois Tourism Director, Cory Jobe.

Explore the Great Outdoors

Families seeking outdoor adventures need to look no further than Illinois State Parks:

- Starved Rock State Park in Oglesby offers guided hikes, canyon walking tours, kayaking and canoeing on the Illinois River. Visitors can also enjoy a narrated tour aboard the Belle of the Rock paddle wheel boat.
- Matthiessen State Park in Utica and Buffalo Rock State Park in Ottawa are ideal for hiking and experiencing the picturesque views of canyons, streams, prairie and forest.



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Take A Step Back in Time

Looking for a fun getaway mixed with history? Travel to Springfield, the state capital, where history comes alive as you walk in the footsteps of President Abraham Lincoln. Visitors can tour Lincoln's home where he lived with his family for 17 years, his tomb and the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum. Baseball fans can explore the Museum's new exhibit *The Rivalry: Cubs vs. Cardinals* featuring historical artifacts from the Chicago Cubs and St. Louis Cardinals through 2017.

Relax and Unwind

Escape to scenic Galena for a long weekend getaway. Historic Galena is known for its wineries, spas, unique shops, and restaurants. Visitors can discover award-winning wines at Galena Cellars tasting room and vineyard, and sample locally crafted whiskey and spirits at Blaum Bros. Distilling Co. While parents relax, kids can test their wild side on a guided zipline course through the woods at Long Hallow Canopy Tours.

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