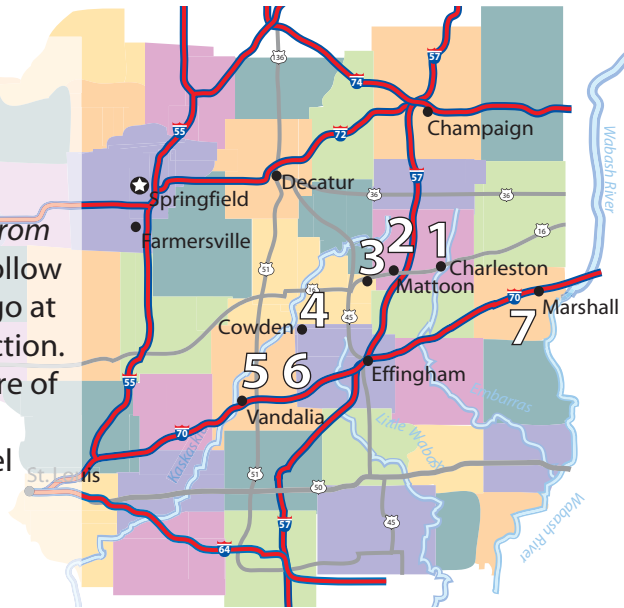


CENTRAL ILLINOIS CORRIDORS DRIVING TOUR

This tour will take you to some of the places mentioned in *The View From Here to There*. You can follow the tour numerically or go at your own pace and direction. Enjoy the aesthetic nature of Illinois's transportation corridors while you travel them yourself.



1 Lincoln Prairie Grass Trail (5th St. and Railroad Ave., Charleston, IL)

This trail runs from Charleston to Mattoon along an old railroad right-of-way. The 12.6 mile long trail is open to joggers, bicyclists, and horseback riders. This is an excellent example of adaptive reuse where a historic transportation corridor being refitted to accommodate another form of travel. (www.discoverourtown.com/IL/Charleston/Attractions-632.html)



2 Mattoon Depot (1718 Broadway Ave., Mattoon, IL)

The Mattoon Amtrak Station is housed in the former Illinois Central Railroad Depot. The depot, completed in 1918, was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2001. During its period of highest use, the building encompassed a power plant, mail room, luggage room, restaurant, and main hall where passengers waited to board. The depot is still in use today, though it does not employ permanent staff. (www.preservationcoles.org/icrr.htm)



3 Historical Two-story Outhouse (Rt. 16, Gays, IL)

One of the more interesting vernacular structures, this two-story outhouse was built in the 1870s and is one of the few examples of its kind in Illinois. (<http://www.illinois.com/details/city.php?cityFips=1728807>)



4 Thompson Mill Covered Bridge (NE on Rt. 33, Cowden, IL)

This bridge over the Kaskaskia River near Cowden was built during the 1860s along a major route through Springfield, Taylorville, and Effingham. The bridge is named for John Thompson who claimed the surrounding land in 1839 and operated a mill along the Kaskaskia River. (<http://www.lib.niu.edu/1995/im950711.html>)



5 Madonna of the Trail (315 West Gallatin St., Vandalia, IL)

This monument, dedicated in 1928, sits on the grounds of the Old State Capitol in Vandalia, Illinois. The monument originally stood at the south entrance but was moved to its present location in 1939. This is one of 12 Madonna of the Trail statues along Route 40, the National Road, which stretches from Maryland to California. (www.vandaliaillinois.com/madonna.html)



6 Kaskaskia River (off Rt. 51, Vandalia, IL)

The Kaskaskia was a major travel corridor during the 1800s, carrying freight and travellers up and down its length. It is also the subject of artwork in the exhibit *The View From Here To There*, such as *Old Wagon Bridge Over the Kaskaskia*, by Ruby Beck.



7 Harlan Hall (603 Locust Street, Marshall, Illinois)

Built in 1871, Harlan Hall serves the community of Marshall as a community center. Originally designed as a livery and stable, the Hall has been everything from an opera house to a skating rink. It also houses exhibits on Marshall and the community's history. (www.marshallilharlanhall.com)

