



Apple River Canyon State Park, Salen Unit



Galena River Trail



Mississippi Palisades State Park

“We come and go, but the land is always there.

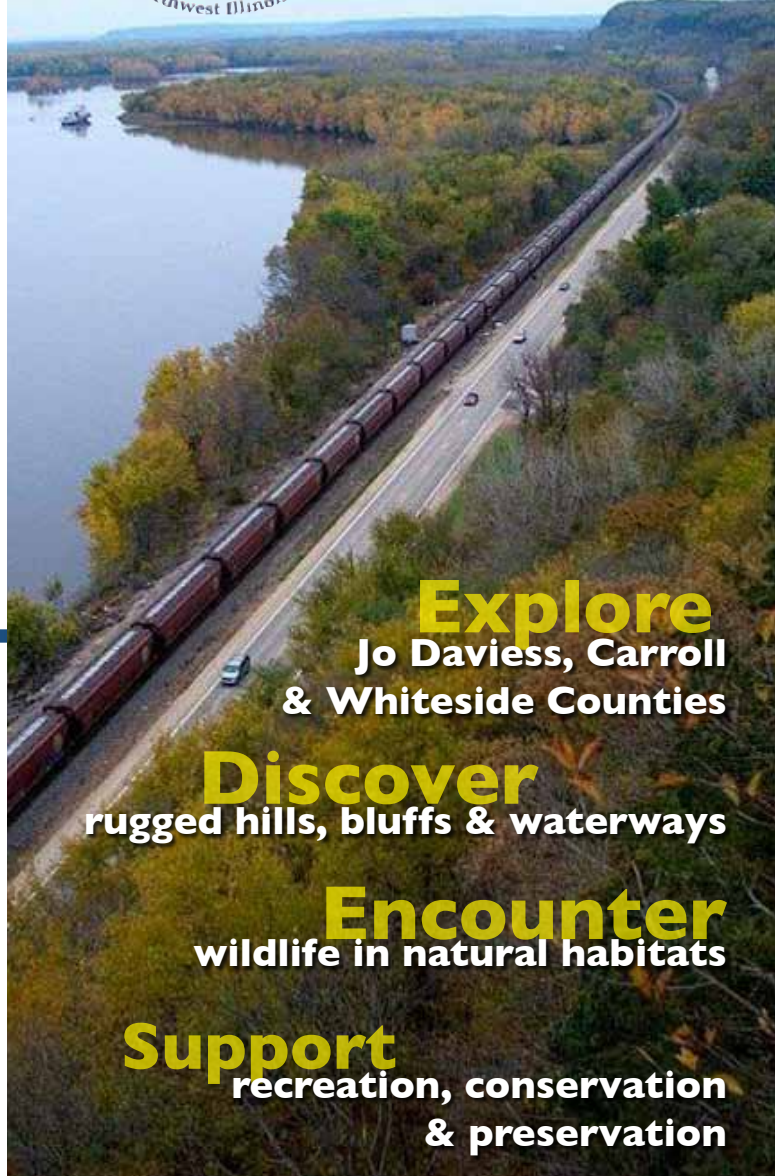
And the people who love it and understand it are the people who own it – for a little while.”

– Willa Cather, novelist

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 Jo Daviess, Carroll & Whiteside Counties

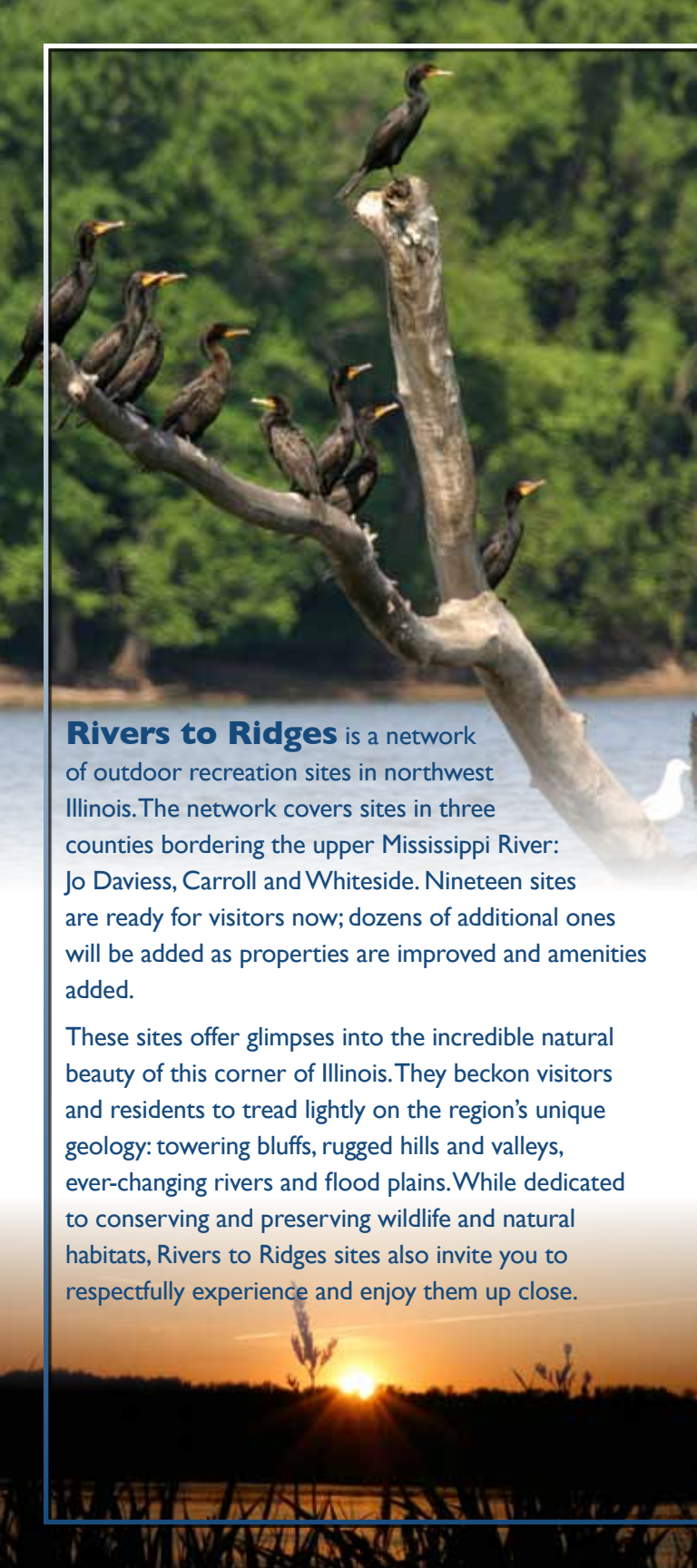
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Rivers to Ridges is a network of outdoor recreation sites in northwest Illinois. The network covers sites in three counties bordering the upper Mississippi River: Jo Daviess, Carroll and Whiteside. Nineteen sites are ready for visitors now; dozens of additional ones will be added as properties are improved and amenities added.

These sites offer glimpses into the incredible natural beauty of this corner of Illinois. They beckon visitors and residents to tread lightly on the region's unique geology: towering bluffs, rugged hills and valleys, ever-changing rivers and flood plains. While dedicated to conserving and preserving wildlife and natural habitats, Rivers to Ridges sites also invite you to respectfully experience and enjoy them up close.

Jo Daviess County

1. Apple River Canyon State Park
8763 E. Canyon Rd., Apple River, IL 61001 815-745-3302
A scenic canyon created by the Apple River, winding through 296 acres.
Activities: Camping, fishing, hiking, biking, x-country skiing, snowshoeing.
Amenities: Picnic tables/shelters, campsites, fishing, trails, restrooms, concessions.

2. Apple River Fort State Historic Site
311 E. Myrtle St., Elizabeth, IL 61028 815-858-2028
A reconstructed fort on seven-acres which tells stories of the area's Native Americans, early settlers and the Black Hawk War of 1832.
Activities: Living history weekends, storytelling, stargazing events.
Amenities: Interpretive signs, restrooms, museum, gift store.

3. Blanding Landing Recreation Area
5720 S. River Rd., Hanover, IL 61041 815-591-2326 or 800-645-0248
A 12-acre site on the banks of the Mississippi River.
Activities: Waterfowl, hunting, fishing, boating, canoeing, eagle-watching.
Amenities: Boat launch, shelter, playground, campsites, showers, restrooms.

4. Casper Bluff Land & Water Reserve
870 S. Pilot Knob Rd., Galena, IL 61036 815-858-9100
A 52-acre marvel high above the Mississippi River with 51 Native American burial mounds, including the only known thunderbird effigy in Illinois.
Activities: Hiking, snowshoeing, x-country skiing.
Amenities: Trails, informational kiosk, restroom, picnic shelter, fire pit.

5. Chestnut Mountain Resort
8700 W. Chestnut Mountain Rd., Galena, IL 61036 815-777-1320
Downhill ski and year-round resort on a bluff high above the Mississippi River.
Activities: Downhill skiing, snowboarding, hiking, biking, swimming, eco-cruises of Mississippi River backwaters.
Amenities: Lodging, gift shop, rental equipment, ski school, first aid, concessions, indoor pool, restrooms, restaurant with outdoor deck, conference space, mountain bike rentals, trails, mini-golf, alpine slide.

6. Ferry Landing
End of Ferry Landing Rd., Galena, IL 61036 563-582-0881
A 10-acre site on the Mississippi River three miles south of Galena, with boat and canoe access to the main channel and backwater sloughs.
Activities: Boating, canoeing, fishing.
Amenities: Boat launch, restroom dumpsters.

7. Galena River Trail
Park Ave. & Bouthillier St., Galena, IL 61036 815-777-9772
A 3.5 mile long, flat, hard-packed hiking and biking trail following the Galena River south from town to the Mississippi River backwaters, with a one-mile extension connecting to Recreation Park on the north side of town.
Activities: Hiking, biking, x-country skiing, snowshoeing.
Amenities: Picnic tables, interpretive signage, information kiosk, refuse containers.

8. Gramercy Park
341 Gramercy St., East Dubuque, IL 61025 815-747-2449
A three-acre city park on a high bluff overlooking the Mississippi River with 26 ceremonial and burial mounds from the Hopewell Native American culture, circa 200-500 CE.
Activities: Hiking, bird-watching.
Amenities: Interpretive signs, picnic tables, benches, restrooms, playground, prairie restoration.

9. Schurmeier Teaching Forest
147 E. Reush Rd, Elizabeth, IL 61028 815-858-9100
A 56-acre forest on a rugged hillside with more than two miles of hiking trails with educational signage that teaches tree and forestry practices.
Activities: Horseback riding, x-country skiing, bird watching.
Amenities: Shelter with picnic tables, restroom.

10. Wapello Land & Water Preserve
8642 Illinois Rte. 84 S., Hanover, IL 61041 815-858-9100
This 79-acre preserve located along the Apple River is one of the state's premier archaeological sites from both Woodland and Mississippian Native American cultures, dating back to 1,000 CE.
Activities: Hiking, bird watching, fishing, x-country skiing.
Amenities: Trail, informational kiosk, restroom.

Carroll County

11. Ingersoll Center (Sloan Marsh Overlook)
7071 Riverview Rd., Thomson, IL 61285 815-273-2732
A 36-acre learning center with information on wetlands and wetland management.
Activities: Hiking, bird-watching, programs.
Amenities: Bike rack, prairie restoration trails, exhibits, gift shop, restrooms, spotting scopes, scenic overlook.

12. Lost Mound Unit, Upper Mississippi River Fish and Wildlife Refuge
3159 Crim Dr., Savanna, IL 61074 815-273-3184
A 3,022-acre tract on the Mississippi River on an old army munitions base that closed in 2000. Includes sand prairie remnants, forests, backwater wetlands, old military buildings, burial mounds and Illinois' largest sand dune.
Activities: Hiking, biking, bird watching, managed deer hunting.
Amenities: Welcome center, informational kiosk, trails, overlook.

13. Marquette Park
Wayne King Dr. & Randolph St., Savanna, IL 61074 815-273-4487
A seven-acre city park on the Mississippi River.
Activities: Fishing, boating, canoeing.
Amenities: Boat launches, shelters, picnic tables, restrooms.

14. Mississippi Palisades State Park
16327 Illinois Rte. 84, Savanna, IL 61074 815-273-2731
A 2,400-acre park on bluffs overlooking the Mississippi River, with river access below.
Activities: Camping, boating, fishing, hiking, biking, x-country skiing, bird-watching.
Amenities: Campsites, boat launch, picnic shelters, playground, restrooms, prairie restoration, scenic overlooks.

15. Point Rock Park
Mill St., Mount Carroll, IL 61053 815-244-2255
A city park on the Waukarusa River, next to the Oak Hill Cemetery, with graves including Revolutionary War veterans.
Activities: Fishing, hiking, biking, x-country skiing, volleyball, disc golf.
Amenities: Picnic shelters, tables, playground, restrooms, prairie restoration, trails, scenic overlooks.

16. Thomson Causeway Recreational Area
Lewis Ave., & Main St., Thomson, IL 61285 815-259-3628
At 64 acre site at a wide spot on the Mississippi River with unobstructed views of the main channel and Potter's Marsh.
Activities: Fishing, boating, canoeing, camping, hiking, biking, bird watching.
Amenities: Boat launch, shelters with picnic tables, campsites, restrooms, showers.

Whiteside County

17. Albany Mounds
South Cherry Street, Albany, IL 61230 309-788-0177
A 205-acre site with evidence of continuous human occupation over the last 10,000 years, and mounds from the Native American Middle Woodland (Hopewell) period (200 BCE-300 CE).
Activities: Hiking, bird watching.
Amenities: Picnic shelter, trail, interpretive signs.

18. Lock and Dam 13
4800 Lock Rd., Fulton, IL 61252 815-259-3628
A four-acre site with a look at the process used to lock watercraft and barges through the dams on the upper Mississippi River.
Activities: Camping, boating, canoeing, guided walking tours.
Amenities: Boat launch, camp sites, restrooms.

19. Mickelson's Landing
End of Riverfront Dr., Fulton, IL 61252 815-273-2732
A 37-acre site near the Great River Trail with boat and canoe access to the Mississippi River.
Activities: Fishing, boating, canoeing, bird watching.
Amenities: Boat launch, two handicap accessible fishing platforms.