



# America's Mother Road

## Driving Tour

Traveling South on I-55, watch for the Historic Route 66 sign directing you off I-55 onto Joliet Rd. (exit # 269) and continue south as it becomes Route 53. ■

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### White Fence Farm

1376 Joliet Rd, Romeoville, IL

Roughly 2 miles south from I-55 on Joliet Rd., White Fence Farm offers delicious grilled and fried chicken and beef dishes, hearty comfort foods and more.

Stick around to enjoy the petting zoo and antique car collection. A great stop after a long drive on the highway! For more information, call 630-739-1720

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### Stateville Correctional Facility

16830 S Broadway St.

Traveling south on Route 53, Joliet Rd. will become Broadway St. Just one mile from Route 7 (Renwick Road) on your right will be Stateville Correctional Facility, one of Joliet's key filming locations (see the Movie and TV itinerary for more details.) Be careful not to pick up any "hitch hikers!"

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### Rich & Creamy Ice Cream & Route 66 Park

920 N Broadway St.

The "Rich & Creamy" ice cream stand is the official starting point for historic Route 66 in Joliet! Take note of the Historic Route 66 signs directing you to use the left lane. The Route 66 Park features walkways along the Des Plaines River.

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### Downtown Joliet

Free parking across from 214 N. Ottawa St.

Turn left on Ruby St. and pass over the bridge. Follow Route 53 signs into Downtown Joliet and turn right on Jackson St., then left on Chicago St., originally Route 66. Refer to the Walking Tour and Map for city attractions, including the Joliet Area Historical Museum and Rialto Square Theatre.

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### Chicagoland Speedway & Route 66 Raceway

500 Speedway Blvd., Joliet

Chicago's home for NASCAR, the Chicagoland Speedway & Route 66 Raceway provides the hottest seats for adrenaline-pumping races all summer long. For tickets and more information, call 888-629-7223

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### Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 Hoff Rd, Elwood

This cemetery is named after the 16th President of the United States and founder of the National Cemeteries. During the Civil War, President Lincoln's signature enacted the law in the establishment of national cemeteries "...for the soldiers who die in the service of the country." The cemetery has a memorial walk that commemorates soldiers of 20th century wars on 11 memorials.

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### Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie

30239 S. Rte 53, Wilmington  
Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie is the first national tallgrass prairie and, at 19,000 acres, the largest piece of contiguous open space in northeastern Illinois. The park offers many ways for you to enjoy its splendor through hiking, biking, horse-back riding, bird-watching, hunting and volunteering. For more information, call 815-423-6370

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### Gemini Giant

810 E Baltimore St., Wilmington

Standing at 25 feet tall, the Gemini Giant is one of the few "Muffler Men" landmarks of the 1960s. The Gemini Giant stands along Route 66.

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### Polk-a-Dot Drive In

222 N Front St, Braidwood

Like a blast to the past, the Polk-a-Dot Drive In offers Friday nights nostalgia meets 1950s rock n' roll flair. While dining, be sure to check out the extensive photo collection and statue gallery outside, featuring Marilyn Monroe, James Dean, Betty Boop and, of course, Elvis Presley! For more information, call 815-458-3377

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### Two-Cell Jail & Streetcar Diner

Route 66, Gardner

Built in 1906 and closed in the late 1950s, it's now a serve-yourself photo-op for Route 66 travelers who enjoy snapping pics of themselves behind bars. The Streetcar Diner offers two-dozen sandwich choices, broasted chicken, and a huge variety for any meal during your adventure!

For more information, call 815-588-7940 or visit [www.HeritageCorridorCVB.com](http://www.HeritageCorridorCVB.com)

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