

Historic Church Tour

Kankakee County Convention & Visitors Bureau Kankakee, IL



B. Harley Bradley House

Just an hour south of Chicago on Interstate 57, Kankakee County is an affordable lodging, dining, and entertainment stop for tour groups traveling to or through the Midwest. Kankakee County is located just 50 miles south of Chicago, off of Interstate 57. State routes 45/52, 50 and 17 also run through the area. Discover more than 57 miles of peaceful river, rural and urban destinations, rich history, and natural beauty.

Best reasons to visit:

B. Harley Bradley House designed by Frank Lloyd Wright – A one-hour tour of the house and grounds including their gift shop that features items for the Frank Lloyd Wright enthusiast.

Barn Quilt Tour – Tour the country and see hand painted quilt blocks adorning historic old buildings. Let the CVB customize your trip or plan a two-day adventure to see all 50.

Historic Church Tour – Kankakee County's history is directly tied to the many church congregations that began in the 1800's. Most of these churches are located downtown and represent the spirit of commitment our early settlers had in establishing our area as viable community.

Kankakee County Museum – In addition to seven permanent exhibit spaces, the campus encompasses the historic 1855 Dr. A. L. Small House, the 1904 Taylor One-Room Schoolhouse, Column Garden and Outdoor Exhibit Area.

French Heritage Museum - Here you can explore the French involvement in the history of the Kankakee River Valley—the first explorers and missionaries; the coureurs de bois and fur traders, and the pioneer settlers from France, French Canada, and Belgium.



Barn Quilt Display

Contact the Convention and Visitors Bureau for free guidebooks and information or for help planning your stop in Kankakee County, Illinois.



French Heritage Museum



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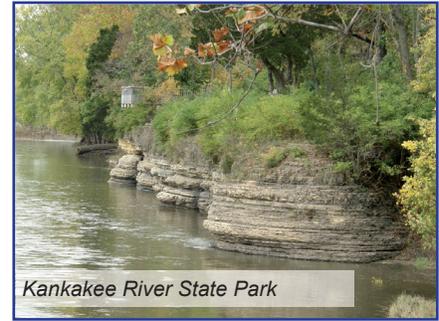
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Kankakee County is the perfect destination for groups of all sizes.

Outdoor adventures, cultural activities, family recreation, dining and shopping await you less than an hour south of Chicago. With more than 900 hotel/motel rooms, Kankakee County has the accommodations you need to make your stay comfortable and enjoyable.

Our web site has several sample itineraries to enhance your visit and take advantage of all of the wonderful things to see and do in Kankakee County.

The Kankakee County and Visitors Bureau welcomes the opportunity to work with your group. Our community offers exciting places to eat, play, meet and sleep. Our seasoned sales and services team are available to assist you.



Kankakee River State Park

Our services include:

- Detailed information on attractions, activities, dining, shopping and lodging
- Customized itineraries to suit the specific interests of your group
- Hotel leads for rate quotes
- Experienced, professional and affordable tour guides
- Site visits and familiarization tours
- Photo, publications and brochures are available to help you promote your tour
- Personal "Meet and Greet" service provided by the CVB
- Convention Service Bags

Peak season:

Kankakee County has many attractions, festivals, and activities for the warm weather traveler. We are the home to the Chicago Bears Training Camp, Power Boat Nationals, and Strawberry Jazz Festival. However, the stunning display of fall make it the perfect destination for tour groups that would like to experience the Barn Quilt tour, Frank Lloyd Wright house, and the French Heritage Museum. Traditionally traveled for leisure activities, group tour operators will appreciate Kankakee County for its affordability, accessibility and charm.

Top annual events:

- MAY: The Pembroke Rodeo
- JUNE: Strawberry Jazz Festival
- JULY: BBQ Fest by the River
- AUGUST: Chicago Bears Training Camp
- LABOR DAY WEEKEND: Kankakee River Regatta and Outdoor Show
- SEPTEMBER: Autumn Splendor Quilt Show



Historic Riverview District



Kankakee County Museum



Strickler Planetarium

Kankakee County attractions, activities and day trips:

Kankakee County has a wide range of activities and attractions. Enjoy the seasonal festivals and events, water parks, scuba diving quarry, indoor sportsplex, ice arena, and shopping. Admire the rich history, with museums for all ages and timeless architecture. 57 miles of winding river waters, spacious parks, and quiet campgrounds provide endless outdoor recreation opportunities. Kankakee County is also known for its Barn Quilt Tour, which celebrates art, history, and rural heritage.

Only in Kankakee County!

- 50 location Barn Quilt Tour
- Exploration Station... a Children's Museum
- Two side-by-side Frank Lloyd Wright Prairie Style Homes

Cultural and Historic Attractions

- B. Harley Bradley House
- French Heritage Museum
- Kankakee County Museum
- Mystery Dinner Theatre
- River Boat Cruises
- Strickler Planetarium
- Willowhaven Interpretive Center

Sporting Opportunities

- Chicago Bears Training Camp
- Eight Golf Courses
- Haigh Scuba Diving Quarry
- Legends Sportsplex
- Ice Valley Centre Ice Arena
- Kankakee County Speedway
- Kankakee River State Park
- Reed's Canoe Trips
- Splash Valley Aquatic Park

Retail Adventures

- Antique Shops
- Northfield Square Mall
- Sunrise Greenhouse

Lodging:

Affordable lodging awaits you with establishments to suit a wide variety of travelers, including two full service properties.

- Comfort Inn & Suites
- Country Inn & Suites
- Economy Inn
- Fairfield Inn
- Hampton Inn
- Hilton Garden Inn
- Holiday Inn Express
- Howard Johnson
- Route 50 Motel
- Quality Inn & Suites
- Super 8

Dining:

Kankakee County offers more than 160 restaurants and buffets to suit a variety of tastes. Please contact the CVB for a list of group-friendly restaurants.

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