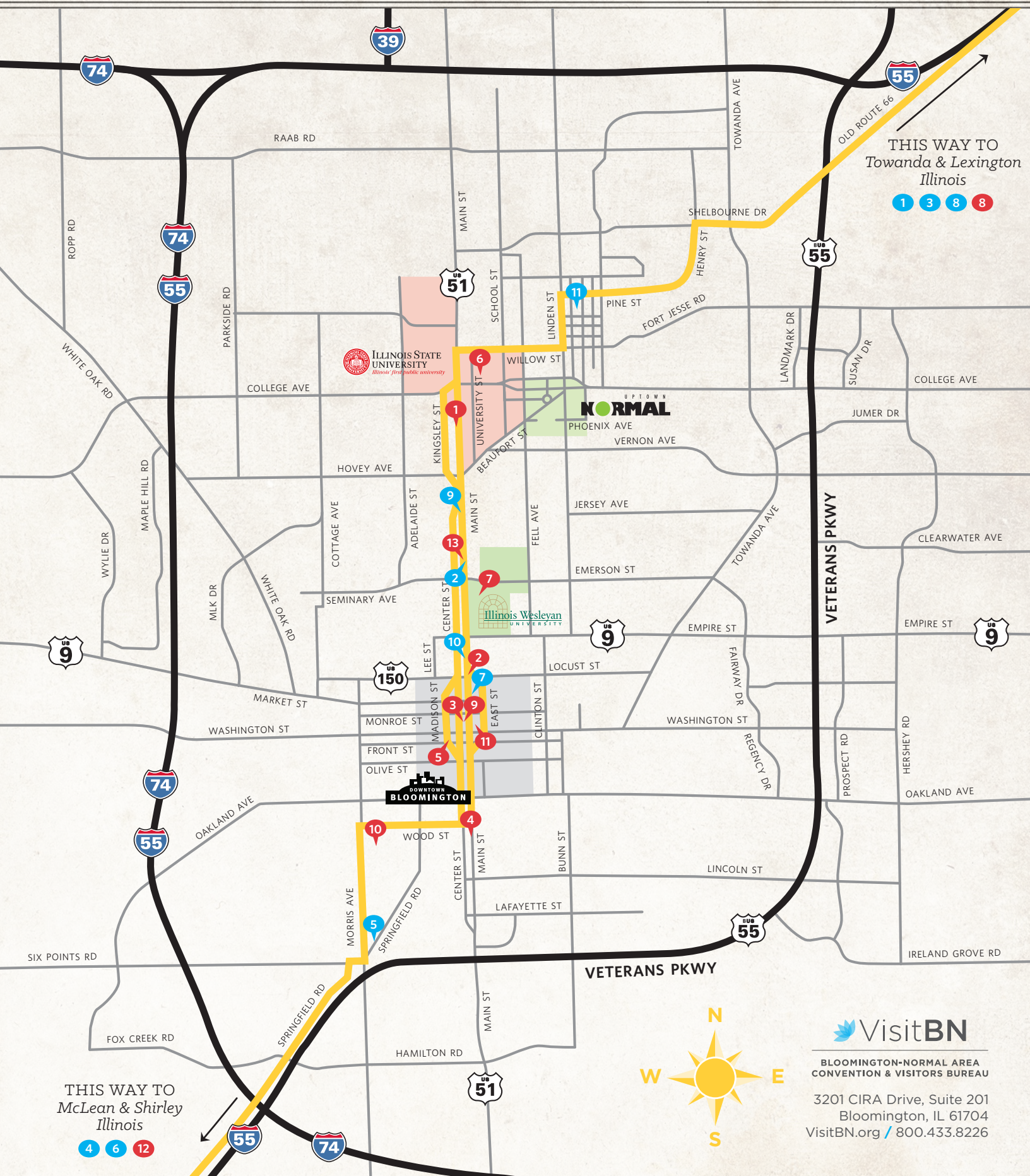


Bloomington-Normal

ROUTE 66 ATTRACTIONS MAP

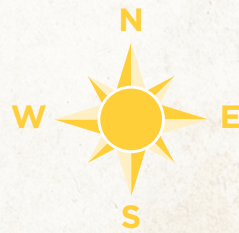


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Major & Historical ATTRACTIONS on ROUTE 66



1. AVANTI'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT

407 S. Main Street, Normal

Established in Normal in 1971, Avanti's is known for their home-style pasta, pizza, salads and sandwiches. Their famous trademark is fresh Italian bread prepared and baked in the restaurant kitchen.

2. BLOOMINGTON CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

600 N. East Street, Bloomington

The BCPA is the centerpiece of the city's Cultural District, which also includes a festival park and a creativity center for arts education.

3. CRUISIN' WITH LINCOLN ON 66 VISITORS CENTER

200 N. Main Street, Bloomington

This Visitors Center combines the region's two most popular historical attractions: Route 66 and Abraham Lincoln. Located at the McLean County Museum of History, it features unique exhibits, local information, a gift shop and more!

4. GENE'S DAIRY DELIGHT

1019 S. Main Street, Bloomington

Gene's is known for their amazing soft served cones and the Avalanche. This has always been a favorite family stop on Route 66!

5. GROSSINGER MOTORS ARENA

101 S. Madison Street, Bloomington

The Arena is a premier venue for entertainment and recreation. The Arena also hosts a variety of sporting events, concerts, ice shows, conferences and more.

6. ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY

100 N. University Street, Normal

ISU, home of the Redbirds, was founded in 1857. It is the state's first public university and one of the Midwest's oldest institutions of higher education.

7. ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

1312 Park Street, Bloomington

Founded in 1850 and home of the Titans, IWU is a highly selective, residential liberal arts university. Its enrollment is approximately 2,000 students.

8. KICK'S BAR & GRILL

19578 N. 1960 East Road, Towanda

Get your kicks on 66 at Kick's Bar & Grill. This is a great place to stretch your legs and order some of that famous Route 66 road food!

9. MCLEAN COUNTY MUSEUM OF HISTORY

200 N. Main Street, Bloomington

The museum is housed in the old McLean County Courthouse which traces its roots back to 1892. National award-winning exhibits guide visitors through the county's history in this well preserved architectural building.

10. MILLER PARK ZOO

1020 S. Morris Avenue, Bloomington

Opened in the late 1800s, this city zoo began to house exotic animals after a circus left behind a lion cub. It offers educational classes, special events, group programs and daily feedings to various animals.

11. STATE FARM

112 E. Washington Street, Bloomington

State Farm was founded by G.J. Mecherle to provide automobile insurance to farmers. State Farm was inducted into the Illinois Route 66 Hall of Fame on June 10, 1995. This original Art Deco building is still in operation.

12. SUGAR GROVE NATURE CENTER

4532 N. 725 East Road, McLean

The Sugar Grove Nature Center is the largest remaining intact prairie grove in the state of Illinois, with over five miles of trails through the prairie, forest and river habitats. The center has interpretive exhibits, sensory displays and live animals.

13. TOBIN'S PIZZA

1513 N. Main Street, Bloomington

Tobin's, which was established in 1963, is known for its not-too-thick, not-too-thin crust pizza. The red-ripe tomato sauce and buttery cheese create an unforgettable dining experience!

1. "A GEOGRAPHICAL JOURNEY" PARKWAY

Towanda

The Parkway is a 1.6 mile stretch of Route 66 with educational kiosks. The walking tour has fliers printed in several languages and a collection of Burma Shave signs.

2. CASEY'S GARDEN SHOP

1505 N. Main Street, Bloomington

Originally a market that helped feed locals and Route 66 travelers, this family business is now a full-service florist and garden center that has served the surrounding area since 1949. Casey's was inducted into the Illinois Route 66 Hall of Fame on June 12, 1999.

3. DEAD MAN'S CURVE

Towanda

A dangerous curve on the original Route 66 before the 1940's, this curve caught travelers off guard as they misjudged its sharpness and narrow width. Many accidents were caused by travelers speeding on the unfamiliar road.

4. DIXIE TRUCK STOP

501 S. Main Street, McLean

In 1928, J.P. Walters and John Geske rented part of a mechanic's garage to sell sandwiches to Route 66 travelers. By the 1930's, the operation had grown to a full-fledged restaurant with cabins and a cattle pen. The stop, which is the oldest truck stop in America, still serves travelers along Route 66 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

5. FORREST PARK

1813 Springfield Road, Bloomington

One of the area's most popular tourist camps during the early 1920s, Route 66 tourists would use this location as a rest-area and campground. No longer a lodging zone, it is now a city park populated with mature oak and hickory trees, a playground, and four shelters.

6. FUNKS GROVE PURE MAPLE SIRUP

5257 Historic U.S. 66, Shirley

This business was established in 1891. It depended on the steady stream of customers that Route 66 brought to its door. Today, the sirup farm at Funks Grove remains a favorite stop among Route 66 travelers.

7. LUCCA GRILL

116 E. Market Street, Bloomington

Lucca Grill was established in 1936. Customers can enjoy delicious thin-crust pizza as they appreciate the ornate tin ceiling and antique mahogany bar.

8. MEMORY LANE

1020 S. Morris Avenue, Lexington

This one-mile stretch of original Route 66 was dedicated in 1926. It has been restored back to the 1940's era with vintage billboard and Burma Shave signs. It can be walked year-round and is open to vehicular traffic during festivals.

9. MONICAL'S PIZZA

1219 S. Main Street, Normal

Famous for their delicious thin-crust pizza and French dressing, this Monical's is located at the site of the original Steak 'n Shake restaurant.

10. QUINN SHELL STATION

802 N. Main Street, Bloomington

The Quinn family owned and operated this full-service gas station for more than 70 years. The station was inducted into the Illinois Route 66 Hall of Fame on June 9, 2012. Closed today, it remains a drive-by attraction with original memorabilia displayed in the windows.

11. RYBURN'S PLACE AT SPRAGUE'S SUPER SERVICE

305 E. Pine Street, Normal

This landmark opened in 1931 to serve travelers on Route 66. An information center and gift shop will be open in Summer 2017. It is owned by the Town of Normal, is on the National Register of Historic Places, is a Town of Normal Local Landmark and is in the Route 66 Association of Illinois Hall of Fame.

