



Adventure!

Explore new places or visit old favorites as part of the **4-H Road Trip Family Challenge!**

Follow the directions below to earn one entry into the “County 4-H Family Challenge Prize Drawing” each time you visit a new “destination.” Boone, DeKalb, and Ogle will have separate drawings. You will also be entered into the “IL-WI Grand Prize Road Trip Drawing.” First county drawing: December 15; second county drawing: March 15. *Last date to enter: March 5. IL-WI Grand Prize Drawing: March 15.*

How to Complete This Challenge:

- 1) Choose any one of the specific destinations listed to visit, and download the appropriate scavenger hunt questions to take with you. 4-H Road Trip destinations and info are available at [this link: https://extension.illinois.edu/bdo/4-h-road-trip-challenge](https://extension.illinois.edu/bdo/4-h-road-trip-challenge).
- 2) Visit the destination, and take a family selfie at the designated spot. Post it on social media with the hashtag for your county: **#Boone4H #DeKalbCounty4H**, or **#Ogle4H AND #4HRoadTripChallenge**. If you don't use social media, email your selfie to your 4-H staff: Boone: mmirwin@illinois.edu, DeKalb: groeizing@illinois.edu, or Ogle: jbmgrtnr@illinois.edu.
- 3) Complete the *Scavenger Hunt* and upload your answers to the appropriate “Participation Report” link.

Be aware that the scavenger hunt questions for each destination are meant to be answered by *families*. Adult supervision during visits is needed to ensure safety at each of the destinations. Nearby points of interest are provided as a courtesy for families unfamiliar with the locations. No endorsement of attractions/restaurants is intended, and the list of entities at any location is not nearly complete.

Destinations to Choose From:

[Lowden State Park](#)

Physical Address: 1411 North River Road, Oregon, IL 61061
(Ogle County)

Description: One of the most picturesque sites along the Rock River. Legend has it that Chief Black Hawk, as he left the area after the Black Hawk War, talked of the beauty of the area and admonished his captors to care for the land as he and his people had. Lowden State Park was established to care for the land and allow visitors to share in the beauty as well. The park serves as a memorial to Gov. Frank O. Lowden, who served Illinois during World War I.



Download scavenger hunt questions for this location here:

https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/scavenger_hunt_handout-lowden_state_park-final_unit_2.pdf

Enter your scavenger hunt answers here.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSea4MApARyuLwbt6JF93vbqpiOGrK-XBA4HTE833mGDp-iaakA/viewform>

Some nearby Points of Interest:

- [Castle Rock State Park](#)
- [Conover Square Merchant Mall](#) (once was a piano factory)
- [White Pelican Inc.](#) (Offering canoe, kayak, stand-up paddleboard, tube, and bike rentals)
- [Maxson Riverboat and Riverside Restaurant](#)
- [Jay's Drive In](#)

Rochelle Railroad Park

Physical Address: 124 N 9th Street, Rochelle, IL 61068
(Ogle County)

Description: Rochelle is one of several spots where main rail lines cross as they head from Chicago to all points of interest. Rochelle is one of the few points in the country, however, where such junctions boast two double tracks crossing each other at grade, forming four “diamonds” (so called for the shape of the rails at the crossing).



Download scavenger hunt questions for this location here:

https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/scavenger_hunt_handout-rochelle_railroad_park-final.pdf

Enter your scavenger hunt answers here: <https://forms.gle/fwdUDEvGRDjD6Ggn6>

Some nearby Points of Interest:

- [1918 Standard Oil Filling Station](#) (The very first gasoline filling station in Rochelle and the first filling station built along the Lincoln Highway in Illinois.)
- [The Kitchen Table](#)
- [Flight Deck Bar and Grill](#) / [Chicagoland Skydiving Center](#)
- [Flagg Township Museum](#)

Ellwood House Museum

Physical Address: 509 N. 1st Street DeKalb, IL 60115
(DeKalb County)

Description: The historic Victorian mansion, situated on 10 acres of parkland, was originally built in 1879 for barbed wire entrepreneur Isaac Ellwood. The museum campus consists of seven historic structures, four gardens, and 6,000-square-feet of exhibit space in the Patience Ellwood Towle Visitor Center. Currently the inside tours of the house are closed however there is still plenty to see on the grounds. The Visitor Center is free and open year-round by appointment.



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<https://drive.google.com/file/d/10GRnQaj1CFjv0R6nMGk4yHAqebClShJx/view>

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Some nearby Points of Interest:

- [Northern Illinois University \(NIU\)](#)
- [Egyptian Theater](#)
- [Pizza Villa](#)
- [Confectionary](#)

DeKalb County History Center

Physical Address: 1730 N Main Street Sycamore, IL 60178
(DeKalb County)

Description: A local county museum that is located at the historic Engh Farm in Sycamore. It includes a windmill, one of the largest corn cribs in the county, a pond and a large area to walk around and enjoy.

Download scavenger hunt questions for this location here:

https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/scavenger_hunt_handout_-_dekalb_county_history_center.pdf

Enter your scavenger hunt answers here: <https://forms.gle/WQmTugZuLhmx5bmcA>

Some nearby Points of Interest:

- [Historical Markers of DeKalb County](#)
- [Ollie's Frozen Custard](#)
- [Syco Escape Room](#)
- [Taxco Restaurant](#)

Belvidere Park

Physical Address: 1006 W. Lincoln Ave, Belvidere, IL 61008
(Boone County)

Description: A beautiful park with a wide range of amenities to keep the family busy. Within its 105 acres are : 4 shelters, public restrooms, tennis courts, sand volleyball courts, basketball courts, ball diamond, playground areas, accessible fishing pier and the historical swinging bridge.

Download scavenger hunt questions for this location below:

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Enter your scavenger hunt answers here: <https://forms.gle/cWsaV4JRkZprJ33f7>

Some nearby Points of Interest:

- [Poplar Grove Vintage Wings and Wheels Museum](#)
- [Boone County Conservation District](#)
- [Sips and Sprinkles](#)
- [Firebox Italian Restaurant](#)



"City of Murals"

Physical Address: The murals are located along both sides of State Street from Hurlbut Street and progressing east to Logan Avenue
(Boone County)

Description: The "City of Murals" began with ten murals created in downtown Belvidere in June 1997 during a festival initiated by the Belvidere Chamber of Commerce. As a result, Belvidere received the 1997 Governor's Art award and was named the Illinois "City of Murals." Since that time, the community has supported adding additional murals along State Street.

Download scavenger hunt questions for this location here:

<https://uofi.box.com/s/kbapqbeoel8qoddsck8lnhe9x88714>

Enter your scavenger hunt answers here: <https://forms.gle/dazF5tuhseJ4B7nF8>

Some nearby Points of Interest:

- [Boone County Museum of History](#)
- [Frank Lloyd Wright Memorial Chapel](#)
- [Sips and Sprinkles](#)
- [Shortline Sushi Bar](#)



Kishwaukee Nature Conservancy

Physical Address: 251 Elkhorn Road, Williams Bay, WI 53191
(Walworth County)

Description: A 231 acre property comprised of trails, ponds, streams, boardwalks, various ecosystems (prairie, wetlands, deciduous forest, oak woods, kettle, and meadow), a tower, and more.

Download scavenger hunt questions for this location here:

<https://extension.illinois.edu/bdo/4-h-road-trip-challenge>

Enter your scavenger hunt answers here: <https://forms.gle/VqhGbrT5VYQbt1i48>

Caution: Bug spray is recommended while weather is still warm. A short easy hike is required to complete

the scavenger hunt—some of which is on boardwalks. Do not take the path off the bridge until after you have confirmed its length and know what you are getting yourselves into. It's a long trail.

Some nearby Points of Interest:

- [Black Point Estate](#)
- [Williams Bay Beach](#)
- [Geneva Lake Shore Path](#)
- [Frosty Moose Restaurant](#)



White River County Park

Physical Address: 6503 Sheridan Springs Road, Lake Geneva, WI 53147
(Walworth County)

Description: A 195 acre park features about two miles of White River frontage, approximately five miles of walking trails, a canoe/kayak launch, cross country skiing, fishing, and more.

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<https://extension.illinois.edu/bdo/4-h-road-trip-challenge>



Enter your scavenger hunt answers here: <https://forms.gle/emh4ZCUVf4tCTjSF9>

Caution: Bug spray is recommended while weather is still warm. An easy 20-minute hike (10 min each way) is required to complete the scavenger hunt. Boots are recommended in case of rain or snow.

Some nearby Points of Interest:

- [Lake Geneva Ziplines & Adventures](#)
- [Safari Lake Geneva](#)
- [Tristan Crist Magic Theatre](#)
- [Geneva Lake Museum](#)
- [Next Door Pub & Pizzeria](#)

Hidden Alley Cat Murals

Physical Address: 1016 16th Ave, Monroe, WI 53566 (Green County)

Description: These fun, colorful murals are “hidden” in the alleys, in a 1-2 block radius around the historic Green County Courthouse. The murals are part of a larger beautification in Monroe, featuring local and regional artists. As an added bonus, see how many colorful woodcarvings you can find all around town. **Take your selfie with your favorite alley cat!**



Take your selfie here!

Download the SCAVENGER HUNT for this destination here:

https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/scavenger_hunt_handout-alley_cats.pdf

Enter your scavenger hunt answers and REPORT PARTICIPATION here:

<https://forms.gle/qCWmuKB6jbcnMRS5A>

Some nearby Points of Interest:

- [Historic Green County Courthouse](#)
- [Enjoy a Sweet Treat!](#)
- [Disc Golf at Twining Park](#)
- [Badger State Trail](#)

Take your selfie here!



Pearl Island Recreational Corridor

Physical Address: W705 Golf Course Rd, Brodhead, WI 53520 (Green County)

Description: Pearl Island is the area between the Sugar River and Mill Race, north of Brodhead. **Take your selfie at the Head Gates Park sign** (pictured), then access a well maintained walking / biking / skiing trail that will take you .6 miles northwest to the Decatur Lake Dam or 2 miles southeast to Brodhead. The hike to Decatur Lake Dam is required to complete the scavenger hunt.

Download the SCAVENGER HUNT for this destination here:

https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/scavenger_hunt_handout-pearl_island_rec_corridor-final.pdf

Enter your scavenger hunt answers and **REPORT PARTICIPATION** here:

<https://forms.gle/5bZ8voSSRR6ZMe9e7>

Some nearby Points of Interest:

- [Brodhead Jaycees Covered Bridge](#)
- [Ten Eyck Orchard & Corn Maze](#)
- [Decatur Dairy](#)
- [Magnolia Bluff Park](#)

Beckman Mill Park

Physical Address: 11600 South County Highway H, Beloit WI 53511

Description: On the grounds of the 50-acre county park you will see an authentically restored 1868 grist mill, a new dam, mill pond, fish ladder, foot bridge, saw mill display, 1840s cooperage, visitor center, gift shop, creamery, blacksmith shop, picnic shelter, vintage garden, nature trail and more. The showpiece of the park is the Beckman Mill, the restoration of which was completed in 1997 by the Friends of Beckman Mill's volunteer work crew. It is operational with power being supplied by its original 1860s water driven Leffel turbine. In the event alternate power is needed, the mill can be operated by its vintage two-cylinder gasoline engine. The mill was built shortly after the Civil War by millwright William Howe of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin. In 1882, it was acquired by August Beckman who had previously operated mills in nearby Juda and Hanover. The mill was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1977. **Take your selfie in front of the main sign** (pictured).



Download the SCAVENGER HUNT for this destination here.

https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/scavenger_hunt_handout-beckman_mill_park-final.pdf

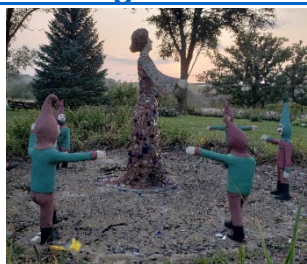
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Some nearby Points of Interest:

- [Big Hill Park](#)
- [Nygren Wetland Preserve](#)
- [Williams Tree Farm](#) (Opens 11-14-2020 for the holiday season)
- [Tilley's Pizza House](#)

Nick Engelbert's Grandview



Physical Address: 7351 State Road 39, Hollandale, WI 53544 (Iowa County)

Description: In 1937, Nick Engelbert began to build an elaborate arched porch of concrete around the front of his farmhouse, ultimately covering every inch of the outside surface of the house with concrete inlaid with shards of china, glass, beads, buttons, and seashells. Over the next 15 years, he created more than 40 concrete sculptures in his yard, combining patriotic themes with imagery from history, fairy tales, mythology, and his own imagination. The grounds are open

during daylight hours all year round. Admission to the grounds is free; donations are appreciated.

Caution: Please don't touch the sculptures. It hurts them, and the shards of glass can hurt you, too. **Take your selfie with your favorite sculpture.**

Download the SCAVENGER HUNT for this destination here:

https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/shh_nick_engelberts_grandview.pdf

Enter your scavenger hunt answers and REPORT PARTICIPATION here:

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Some nearby Points of Interest:

- [Yellowstone State Park](#)
- [Governor Dodge State Park](#)
- [Blue Mounds State Park](#)
- [New Glarus Woods State Park](#)
- [Stroz Inn](#)



Gravity Hill

Physical Address: 3999 County Road U, Shullsburg, WI 53586 (Lafayette County)

Description: One of the weirdest places in Wisconsin, Gravity Hill is a hill with a slightly downward slope that feels like an upward one. The optical illusion is created by the surrounding land, making it seem that a car in neutral will actually roll uphill. You have to experience this to believe it! There is a “sign”

at this location, but no other major clues. PARENTS/GUARDIANS ONLY: With caution, position your car at a “bottom” of the hill, and put it in neutral. Take your foot off the brake for a moment, and you will experience the thrill of your car not only climbing the hill by itself but gaining speed as it goes. BE ALERT FOR OTHER TRAFFIC! **WARNING. This is a public road! Obey all traffic signs and rules. Where there are hills, there are blind spots. Always bring someone to watch for other traffic. Never try the hill when the road is wet and slippery or during inclement winter weather conditions. Take your selfie with your vehicle in a safe location on the side of the hill.** For added fun, take a bottle of water with you, and when you take your selfie, pour a little bit of water onto the hill and snap a pic of it spill UPHILL.

Download the SCAVENGER HUNT for this destination here.

https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/shh_gravity_hill.pdf

Enter your scavenger hunt answers and REPORT PARTICIPATION here:

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Some nearby Points of Interest:

- [The Burg “Classic Tavern” and Casual Dining](#)
- [The Toy Train Barn](#)
- [Nick Engelbert’s Grandview](#)
- [Yellowstone Lake Park](#)

Yellowstone Lake State Park

Physical Address: 8495 North Lake Road, Blanchardville, WI 53516 (Lafayette County)

Description: Home to one of a few lakes in southwestern Wisconsin, 450-acre Yellowstone Lake State Park is a popular year-round recreation area that offers visitors ample space to enjoy camping, swimming, fishing, boating, hiking, biking, and picnicking. In winter the park is open to ice fishing, snowmobiling and cross-country skiing.



Take your selfie here!



Open 6 a.m.-11 p.m. year round. A [vehicle admission sticker](#) is required. **Take your selfie with the lake in your background.**

Download the SCAVENGER HUNT for this destination here.

https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/shh_yellowstone.pdf

Enter your scavenger hunt answers and REPORT PARTICIPATION here:

<https://forms.gle/natKhy9WaZPWirSB7>

Some nearby Points of Interest:

- [The Toy Train Barn](#)
- [Nick Engelbert's Grandview](#)
- [Yellowstone Dairy Restaurant](#) (currently open only on weekends)

Carver-Roehl Park

Physical Address: 4907 South Carvers Rock Road, Clinton, WI (Rock County)

Description: A portion of this scenic 53-acre park is designated as a "State Natural Area (SNS)," boasting outstanding examples of the state's native landscape, archeological sites, and significant geological features. The park features a rolling 1.5 mile trail loop from which visitors will see the Spring Brook Creek, limestone outcroppings, and a wide variety of plant life. In season, visitors can cross country ski on this trail. Park amenities include restroom facilities, a picnic shelter, picnic tables, grills, a gazebo, and a playground. **Take your selfie in front of the gazebo** (pictured).



Download the SCAVENGER HUNT for this destination here.

https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/scavenger_hunt_handout-carver-roehl_park.pdf

Enter your scavenger hunt answers and REPORT PARTICIPATION here:

<https://forms.gle/skKtXLLxNsbyhV7u7>

Some nearby Points of Interest:

- [Pelishek-Tiffany Nature Trail](#)
- [Out On a Limb Christmas Tree Farm](#) (open November 27-December 19, 2020)
- [Subway Restaurant](#)
- [Passport Pizza & Pasta](#)

Price Park Conservancy

Physical Address: N6418 Hodunk Road, Elkhorn, WI (Walworth County)

Description: Price Park Conservancy is 66.3 acres of rolling hills, wetlands, sedge meadow, shallow marsh, oakwoods, pine plantations, a pond, and open field grasslands. The location also features the 49-acres Mathilde Schriener Woods. Hawks fly overhead, songbirds sing from the trees, and walking trails meander over rolling hills, and around a large pond. Dogs are welcome. **Take your selfie by any park bench along the trail.**



Download the SCAVENGER HUNT for this destination here:

https://extension.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/scavenger_hunt_handout_price_park_conservancy.pdf

Enter your scavenger hunt answers and REPORT PARTICIPATION here:

<https://forms.gle/kxUBpuxyRp4sxXy1A>

Some nearby Points of Interest:

- [East Troy Railroad Museum](#)
- [Culver's Restaurant](#)
- [Sperino's Little Italy Restaurant](#)



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Destinations in other Wisconsin and Northern Illinois Counties are coming soon!
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