

CARLYLE, IL

HAS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!



Welcome to Carlyle

WELCOME TO CARLYLE

The many attractions in and around Carlyle are well worth your time to visit and explore. From its rich historic heritage to its modern new facilities, Carlyle, indeed, offers something for everyone.

Encircled by scenic family farms, federal and state parks with camping, fishing, hunting, boating, and all the amenities that come with our beautiful 26,000 acre lake, Carlyle offers a great lifestyle.

As the county seat of Clinton County, Carlyle is home to the courthouse, many county offices, and the fairgrounds. We feature 12 churches of different denominations, proximity to public and private education at every level, and a wonderful public library. Our restaurants, stores, service providers, and manufacturing facilities create jobs and offer residents and visitors a nice selection of products and services within the community.

Carlyle is only one hour (50 miles) from downtown St. Louis, Missouri, allowing visitors and residents to visit it's many cultural, educational, and entertainment attractions, while enjoying the benefits of living in a small town. These include a low crime rate, a reasonable cost of living, and inexpensive building sites for homes and businesses. A short drive in any direction will bring you to one of four interstate highways.



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HOTEL/OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS

Mariner's Village at Carlyle Lake includes the Microtel Inn and Suites, offering 65 hotel units/suites, rustic log cabins, and a banquet/conference center for up to 450 people. In addition, there is a free Continental breakfast, an outdoor swimming pool, and an on-site full service restaurant and lounge (Dockside Diner) overlooking the lake. Call toll free at 877-451-7666 or 618-594-7666

Super 8 Motel, located at the intersection of new Route 50 and Highway 127, offers 42 rooms/suites, an outdoor swimming pool, and a complimentary Continental breakfast. Call toll free 800-800-8000 or 618-594-8888

Motel Carlyle offers cable TV, daily/weekly rates, refrigerators/microwaves. Call 618-594-8100 or 866-594-8102

Sunset Motel offers low rates, daily/weekly rates. Call 618-594-4838

Carlyle Lakefront Cottages are available in Eldon Hazlet State Park with amenities including a swimming pool, picnic pavilions, and many children and family activities. Call 877-342-8862.

GOLFERS HAVE MANY CHOICES IN THE AREA

Golf is a major attraction in and around Carlyle and has become even bigger with the increased destination lodging, destination/lodging packages, and many tournaments and academies.

Governors Run, located on the north end of Carlyle, offers an 18-hole championship course, an 18-hole lighted par-three course, a practice range, a fully stocked golf shop, and a full service restaurant and lounge with banquet facilities.

Carlyle Lake Golf Club, located one mile south of Carlyle, offers nine holes of golf, a complete practice center, a pro shop with custom club fitting and repair, and a lounge and snack shop.



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FISHERMAN'S COVE ADVENTURE PARK

Located on Route 127 at the north end of Carlyle is amusement for everyone of every age. Fisherman's Cove offers hours of family fun with its 18-hole miniature golf course, batting cages, go-carts, arcade games, and a snack shop.



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MUSEUM/SUSPENSION BRIDGE

Don't miss the chance to visit the **Clinton County Historic Society Museum** located at 1091 Franklin Street. It provides the opportunity to step into the past and experience the history of the area.

The museum, located in the former home of Sidney Breese, one of the founders of the Illinois Central Railroad is open on Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. except the first Thursday of each month. From Memorial Day to Labor Day the museum is also open from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is free, however, donations are accepted.

Located just one-quarter mile below the Carlyle Lake Dam is a one-of-a-kind bridge, the 132 year old **General Dean Suspension Bridge**, listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

PARKS

Carlyle sports 5, tree-filled parks on 45 acres with activities for the young and old alike. Baseball, basketball, and softball diamonds, lighted tennis courts, an eighteen hole disc (Frisbee) golf course, a public swimming pool, soccer fields, a roller hockey court, and playgrounds offer individual or league play for all ages.

DISCOVER CARLYLE LAKE

The City of Carlyle and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers invite you to visit and enjoy Carlyle Lake's 26,000 acres of water and 11,000 acres of public land. Whether you like camping, picnicking, swimming, boating, fishing, or hunting, Illinois' largest lake has something for you.



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SAILING AND BOATING

Sailing is one of the unique attractions at Carlyle Lake. The combination of wide open water, low hills, and strong winds make Carlyle Lake a sailor's paradise. The lake has become one of the most popular sailing lakes in the Midwest and annually hosts regional, national, and international sailing regattas. Sailboat rides and lessons can be arranged.

Three marinas, fifteen public boat ramps, and one sailboat harbor provide a variety of services for boating enthusiasts. More than 1,000 sailing slips or dry parking pads provide homes for crafts of all descriptions.

Houseboats, pontoon boats, and waverunners are available for rent at the lake by the hour, day, or week.



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CAMPING

Campers will find outdoor living at Carlyle Lake pleasurable for the entire family. Over 1000 campsites are available at Carlyle Lake's eight public and private campgrounds. Many campgrounds include electrical hookups, restrooms, hot showers, and laundry facilities.

Shady picnic areas, playgrounds, and sunny swimming beaches will make your stay relaxing. Picnic shelters are located in most recreation areas and can be used by groups on a first-come, first-serve basis or reserved in advance.

HIKING/BIRD WATCHING

For those wishing to observe the natural world close-up, Carlyle Lake offers many scenic nature trails that afford a variety of habitat settings. For the birding enthusiast, Carlyle Lake attracts over 200 different species of migratory birds including waterfowl, shorebirds, gulls, eagles and more.



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HUNTING

Hunting enthusiasts have their choice of pheasant and duck hunting at Eldon Hazlet State Park or can contact private hunting clubs to hunt for doves, ducks, quail, pheasant, chukar, and geese.

FISHING

Fishing on Carlyle Lake and the Kaskaskia River below the spillway offer excellent opportunities for largemouth bass, catfish, bluegill, and crappie. Fishing licenses and a wide variety of bait and fishing supplies are available in Carlyle at several bait shops and gas station mini-marts.



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SHOPPING

Shoppers hunting for antiques and unusual crafts and gifts will enjoy browsing in Carlyle, Lebanon, Trenton, Okawville, Greenville, Nashville, and Breese. These towns and more are only twenty minutes from Carlyle. Serious shop-a-holics will be happy to know the largest mall in Illinois (south of Chicago) is only 45 minutes away in Fairview Heights.

Festivals and events make Carlyle a year-round destination!

JANUARY

IHC Farm Toy Show - Mariner's Milage

Buy, sell, and trade farm toys and related items.

FEBRUARY

Mid-State Large-Scale Train Meet

If there's even a little bit of engineer or conductor in your blood, check out the Train Meet. Collectors from all over the area set up to show, swap and sell their large scale trains.

MAY-OCTOBER

Sailboat Regattas - Phillppi Harbor, Eldon Hazlet State Park

Admission is free to see the sailboats compete in regattas throughout the summer. Even if you've never been on a boat, you'll enjoy the sights and sounds of these events.

JULY

Fireworks Spectacular - Carlyle Lake

Saturday before the Fourth of July. Pull up a chair and watch the fireworks explode over the lake. With the reflection, it's like two shows in one!

Great Kaskaskia Duck Race - Carlyle Lake Dam

Thousands of bright yellow rubber duckies are turned loose to "swim" over the dam. Be sure you adopt a duck before the race for a chance to win great prizes. Proceeds benefit the Healthcare Foundation.

Clinton County Fair - Clinton County Fairgrounds

Competitions, food, rides, animals and produce highlight the Fair. Bring the whole family for a few days of fun.

AUGUST

Cruisin' the Dam - Mariner's Village

This is the largest car show in the area with Rock & Roll music, games, door prizes and a special car cruise across Carlyle Lake Dam. Slick back your hair, put on a leather jacket and join in. This event gets bigger and bigger every year!

SEPTEMBER

Carlyle Street Fair

Food booths, crafts vendors, pets on parade, bands and people fill the streets in downtown Carlyle for this event. It's nonstop fun for the whole family.

City-Wide Garage Sale

You know what they say, "One man's trash is another man's treasure!" So pick up a map to all the treasure troves in the city.

OCTOBER

Haunted Trail - Little Prairie Nature Trail

Meet at McDonald's parking lot just off Hwy 127 and climb aboard the wagon for a hayride to the "haunted trail." After the half mile trip, you'll be returned to civilization. Ghosts not allowed!

NOVEMBER

Youth Pheasant Hunt - Eldon Hazlet State Park

Young hunters, ages 10-15, will hunt free (must be accompanied by an adult). You must apply for a hunting license in advance (this includes a hunter's safety course), then sign up for the event (618-594-3015). Park officials give a hunter safety talk and bird dog demonstrations before you go out. Hunters are paired up with a volunteer guide who has a bird dog.

DECEMBER

Christmastown USA

Get into the holiday spirit all over town. There's a Christmas tree display, parade, Tree Lighting ceremony Breakfast with Santa, Candlelight Tour of Homes, Cookie Walk and, of course, shopping!

Get more information at;

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