

Welcome to Centralia!

IN THE HEART OF
SOUTH CENTRAL ILLINOIS

CENTRALIA ILLINOIS

**A GREAT
PLACE TO LIVE!**



Come Visit, Stay and Enjoy!

We have a LOT to offer so don't miss anything!

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT OUR WEBSITE:

www.CentraliaIL.com

or call: 1-888-533-2600

CENTRALIA CARILLON

The Centralia Carillon (Bell Tower) rises 165' over the downtown area and is one of 150 in the country.



The 65 bell instrument is the sixth largest bell tower in the world. They have several weekly concerts and tours are by reservation only.

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CENTRALIA AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Take a step back in time and visit Centralia's Historical Museum where you will experience the rich history of the area. The Museum houses artifacts dating back to the 1800's when Centralia was founded by the Illinois Central Railroad. You will be amazed to discover artifacts and newspaper articles about the 1947 Coal Mine Disaster where 111 coal miners perished, an event that stunned the nation. View memorabilia of the Oil Boom which began in 1937 where at the height of production, we were among highest producing fields in the nation. **618-545-0657**

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HISTORIC WOODEN WATER TOWER

The recently renovated 50,000 gallon historic wooden tank is one of only two still in existence on the old ICRR line. View the old brick pump house that contains the original pumping equipment.



BANDSHELL IN LIBRARY PARK

Community Events are held throughout the summer. **618-533-7623**



2500 ENGINE

The City's history is proudly displayed by one of the last great classic steam engines in Fairview Park. This authentic steam engine was once used by the Illinois Central Railroad.



CENTRALIA RECREATION COMPLEX

A state-of-the-art 60,000 sq. ft. multi-sports facility located in historic downtown Centralia. The complex features an elevated walking track, an oversized gym with 6 goals, a fully equipped fitness



room, a 130' waterslide, spa, family pool and a 6-lane competition pool. The facility also offers a conference center and youth activity room. This family recreation complex is open year around, 7 days a week. **618-532-3214**

GOLF

Excellent golf courses including an 18 hole course owned by Senior PGA player Tom Wargo. There are over 10 golf courses within a 20 mile radius of Centralia.



FISHING & LAKES

Lake Centralia offers 412 acres of fishing, skiing and water sports. Raccoon Lake is 707 acres and is primarily for fishing!



PARKS

Centralia is home to several parks that offer recreational activities for the entire family. Fairview Park offers a public swimming pool, baseball & softball fields, sheltered picnic areas, playground, tennis courts, skate park, and horseshoe pits. On display at Fairview Park is a Vietnam era F-105 supersonic fighter-bomber, a training fighter jet, and an ICRR Steam Engine 2500. Foundation Park, a 250 acre nature park, offers miles of hiking and nature trails, sheltered picnic areas, "cattfish" pond, disc golf course, and a walking labyrinth.

Trout Days - Last 3 Weekends in April

Bring the kids and enjoy fishing for trout at our trout farm. A day of fun, crafts, good food, and much more! Lyons Fisheries **618-247-8477**

Annual Car & Motorcycle Show - May 20

"Shop With A Cop" Annual Charity Car & Motorcycle Show at Fairview Park Plaza Shopping Center **618-532-6787**

Secret Garden Tour - June 16

Follow the tour with your copy of the "secret" map and see some of the most beautiful, well manicured gardens in the area! **618-545-0657**

4th of July Celebration - July 4

Enjoy all the activities of the carnival and stay for the spectacular fireworks display. Rides, food and Fun for the entire family! **618-532-5910**

Central City Fest - July 20 & 21

Come and taste the ultimate in barbecue! A family event featuring food, games, free entertainment and a great evening for everyone. **618-532-5552**

Hydroplane Boat Races - August 4 & 5

An entire weekend of fast and furious hydroplane Boat Racing. Oooo and Ahhh as these small hydroplane Boats skim across the water at speeds that will make your heart pound! **618-532-1160**

Balloon Fest - August 17-18-19

The annual 3-day Balloon Fest features 40 hot air balloons (races & glows), main stage entertainment, craft fair, free children's activities & games, cardboard boat races, food and more. This fun-filled family weekend is held the third full weekend in August at foundation Park. **618-532-6789**

Annual Car Show - September

Fairview Park is the ultimate setting for over 150 cars, trucks and more!

Shrimp Festival - September

Come watch as prawns are uniquely harvested. Prawns are fresh water shrimp. Enjoy the flavor of creole cooking, Zydeco music and cardboard boat races. **618-247-8477**

Apple Festival - October

Apples are the center of this fun filled weekend at Hawkins-Schwartz Orchards. Featuring Chili cook-off, apple products, straw maze, fun & Food for the whole family! **618-266-7756**

Fall Festival and Halloween Parade

October 27 - Bring the entire family for this annual Centralia tradition held on the last Saturday in October. Start the day at the Fall Festival in downtown Centralia where the streets are filled with excitement. View the 2 1/2 story scarecrow, attend the craft fair, join in all the fun with the annual Children's Parade, kids games, and much more.

Festival of Lights - December

Centralia comes alive with lights for the holiday season at Foundation Park where you can drive through a mystical, magical holiday extravaganza! Take a trolley ride or experience a horse drawn sleigh ride! **618-532-3214**

Annual Holiday Basketball Tournament

December 27-29 - Centralia holds the title of the "Winningest High School Basketball Team in the 20th Century." Annually they host a 3-day Holiday Basketball Tournament between Christmas and new years where teams from Illinois and other states compete. **618-532-7391**



EASY DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

From St. Louis:

Take 1-64 East to Exit 61, Centralia, Turn north on Route 51 and proceed 9 miles to Centralia.

From Chicago:

Take 1-57 South to Exit 109, Turn west on Route 161, 9 miles to Centralia.

From Evansville:

Take 1-64 West to exit 61, turn North on Route 51, 9 miles to Centralia.

From Memphis:

Take 1-55 North to 1-57, then North to Exit 109, Turn west on Route 161, 9 miles to Centralia.

LODGING:

Americas Best Value Inn - 618-533-1300

Motel Centralia - 618-532-7357

CAMPING:

Flying M Ranch - 618-532-8602

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