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SAVORING SAVANNA: A PERFECT DAY OF FOOD, FINDS & FRESH AIR

Small-town charm, curated treasures, and jaw-dropping nature, Savanna, IL serves up the perfect day from sunrise to sunset. We started with a hearty, hometown breakfast at Sunshine Restaurant, browsed the beautifully whimsical Novel Bloom boutique, and then wandered into the wild wonder of Mississippi Palisades State Park. This little Midwest river town surprised us in the best way, with big portions, beautiful finds, and blufftop views that left us speechless. Whether you're here for a weekend or just passing through, Savanna makes it easy to slow down, explore deeply, and fall a little bit in love.



A blue brick storefront with gold lettering for The Novel Bloom and a window reflecting parked cars

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DAY 1

THE TRIP

Created by Sara Nordman from the SHRPA creator visit “Wanderlust in Carroll County: The Drive That Delivers”. Location: Savanna · Distance: < 10 Miles What to bring: Money; Camera; Bug Spray; Sunscreen. SHRPA creator visit: “Wanderlust in Carroll County: The Drive That Delivers”. Photo: Sara Nordman.

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3 PLANNED STOPS



FOOD & DRINK

Sunshine Restaurant

Savanna

WHY IT BELONGS

Start your day in Savanna, IL off with a hearty breakfast- trust us, you'll need it! We popped in for a morning bite at the Sunshine Restaurant and were instantly greeted with that classic hometown vibe — friendly faces, the smell of coffee in the air, and the kind of menu that makes you want one of everything. It's the kind of place where locals linger over coffee and the staff knows your name by the second visit. Here you'll find - >Fluffy pancakes the size of your plate >Crispy bacon, buttery toast, and eggs cooked just right >Generous portions, fair prices, and zero frills — just good food, fast

Pro tip: Come hungry - portions are generous with lots of yummy options!

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ATTRACTION

The Novel Bloom

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WHY IT BELONGS

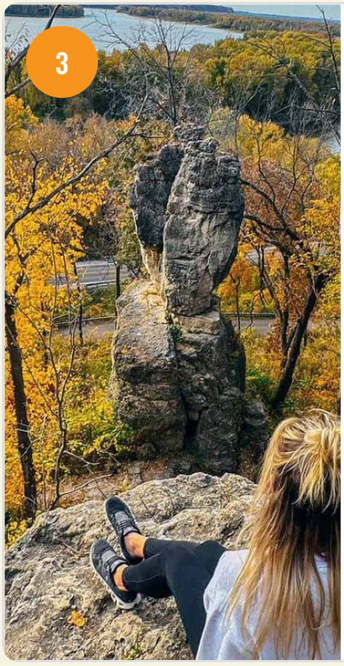
A short walk from Sunshine Restaurant, The Novel Bloom is a must-stop. From the moment I stepped inside, it felt like wandering into a cozy little daydream. The air was filled with the dreamy scent of fresh blooms and warm coffee, and every corner seemed to whisper, stay awhile. Picture this: soft lighting, shelves lined with thoughtfully curated books, candles that smell like memories, and the kind of gifts that feel like they were made just for you. It's part boutique, p art bookshop, part floral daydream — and somehow all of it works together perfectly. Grab a coffee as you browse =Ú Get lost in pages and petals <Ë nk into a cozy couch for a moment of pause <8 nd don't leave without treating yourself t o one of their signature fresh bloom wraps — pure magic in flower form.

Pro tip: Don't forget a vase! It's the perfect way to keep your flowers fresh and your adventure blooming even after yo u leave.

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OUTDOOR RECREATION

Mississippi Palisades State Park

Savanna

WHY IT BELONGS

After fueling up for the day, it's time to trade pancakes for panoramas. Just 3 miles outside of Savanna, Mississippi Palisades State Park might be one of the most beautiful state parks we've ever explored. Perched high above the Mississippi River, this 2,500-acre gem is wild, rugged, and absolutely breathtaking. Whether you're here to hike, climb, camp, or just breathe it all in, the park delivers everything you could want in a nature escape. Towering limestone bluffs, winding forest trails, and scenic overlooks that make you stop and stare — it's the kind of place that quiets y our mind and fills your soul. You'll find: >Miles of peaceful hiking through lush forests >Rock climbing routes for the bold úQuiet, wooded campsites that feel worlds away <And jaw-dropping views that make you feel small in the best way

Pro tip: Pack a picnic! With so much to explore, you'll want to spend the whole day here. Bring snacks, drinks, and a l aid-back lunch — then forget the clock and let nature set the pace.

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