

CENTRAL

CHENOA

Matthew T. Scott Home

227 North First Street
(815) 945-4555
bloomingtonnormalcvb.org
The rear section of the house was built in 1855 with the front (Georgian) section added in 1863. The house was built by noted agriculturalist Matthew T. Scott who laid out Chenoa in 1854. His wife Julia Green Scott was one of the founders of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The house was the site of the marriage of Adlai Stevenson I and Letitia Green, sister to Julia. The house is listed on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places. Open Sunday 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Chenoa Pharmacy

209 Green Street
(815) 845-4211
Schuirmans' Drug Store was founded in 1889. The pharmacy has been in operation continuously since it open, making it one of the longest running businesses in the area. The original wood floor and many original fixtures add to the ambience and charm of this historic building and business. It was inducted into the Illinois Route 66 Hall of Fame in 2005. Open Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to noon. Closed Sundays.

Selz Royal Blue Shoes Mural

224 Green Street
This mural was recreated after being discovered when an adjoining building was demolished. It is a beautiful example of outdoor advertising.

Red Bird Antique Mall

100 East Cemetery Avenue
(815) 945-5000
Just east of Morehead Street, over the railroad tracks, you can find an unusual antique mall. Not only does it have the expected antique booths full of books, glassware, furniture, and assorted collectibles, but it has numerous antique tractors as well. Open Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

LEXINGTON

Lexington Neon Arrow Sign

Originally erected in the late 1940's on Route 66, the arrow pointed the way east to the central business district of Lexington. The sign has recently been restored and is in the original location. It is reminiscent of the neon era on the road.

Route 66 Memory Lane

(309) 365-8105
lexingtonillinois.org
A one mile stretch of original Route 66 that was dedicated in 1926, 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.

The Shake Shack

512 West Main Street
(309) 365-3005
Don't let the name fool you, this place has amazing burgers and daily specials as well. And nothing completes a meal like a well made shake!

Lexington Route 66 Park

The small wayside park along Route 66 provides information about historic Lexington and serves as a trailhead for the "Lexington Parkway" Route 66 Bike Trail.

Patton Cabin

(309) 365-8531
pattoncabinolasite.com
Located in P.J. Keller Park, the cabin was built by the area's first settler, John Patton in June 1829 with the help of the Kickapoo and Delaware Indians. This cabin is listed on the National Register of Historic places. Open Sundays in June, July and August from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

TOWANDA

Kick's Bar & Grill

19578 North 1960 East Road
(309) 728-2060
kicksbaronroute66.com
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.

"A Geographical Journey" Parkway

towandahistory.org
The Parkway is a 1.6 mile stretch of Route 66 (an abandoned lane of the 1954 four-lane alignment) with educational kiosks that interpret each state along the road. The walking tour has fliers printed in several languages for international tourists and a collection of Burma Shave signs. It was created by volunteers from Towanda with students and teachers from the Normal Community High School.

Towanda Dead Man's Curve

A dangerous curve on Old Route 4, Part of the original Route 66 before the 1940's this dangerous curve on Old Route 4 caught travelers unaccustomed with the curve often misjudged its sharpness and narrow width – just 18 feet wide for two-way traffic. The curve was bypassed after WWII. This curve became a familiar site to patrolling District 6 State Highway Police. Many of these accidents were caused by travelers from Chicago speeding on an unfamiliar road. A house located west of the curve was removed after a semi-trailer truck ran off the road, knocking the structure off its foundation. Before this event, the homeowners had replaced the front porch numerous times because of the damage from cars and trucks crashing into it.

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