

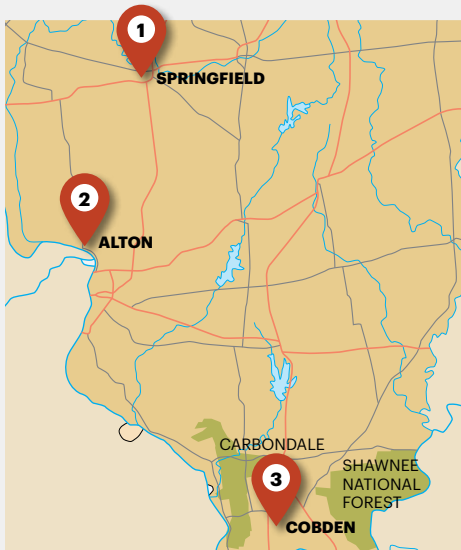


Illinois Made in Southern Illinois

Experience essential Illinois with this exclusive Illinois Made itinerary. Rub shoulders with artisans and artists. Visit hyper-local haunts. Explore hidden gems. Taste local flavors. And discover the real Illinois.

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Meet the makers, the creators and the artisans of southern Illinois with this tour of roasters, brewers, potters and foodies in Springfield, Alton and Shawnee National Forest.

1. SPRINGFIELD FLAVORS – TASTE YOUR WAY AROUND SPRINGFIELD

Small is sensational in Springfield, home to a micro-roastery and microbreweries.

Custom Cup

Custom Cup Coffee is a coffee-lover's dream, a micro-roastery in downtown Springfield that's equal parts cool store, café and coffee class, where you can learn about the art of the brew while tasting single-origin beans.

Obed & Isaac's Microbrewery & Eatery

Once you're all pepped up, head over to Obed & Isaac's Microbrewery and Eatery. This quirky establishment in a National Historic neighborhood offers micro-brews and a menu of hearty family favorites, along with a garden bar and bocce ball court for those languid summer evenings.

More Springfield Flavors

- Engrained Brewing Company
- American Harvest
- Cozy Dog Drive In



2. ALTON ARTISANS – FORAGED FLAVORS

Organic brews and clay art inspired by local organic shapes.

Old Bakery Beer

Old Bakery Beer in Alton takes its name from its building, a bakery in the late 1800's. The region's only 100% certified organic craft brewery, Old Bakery combines tasty seasonal food with local brews and beautiful views of the river. Don't miss their new monthly limited-release brews made with locally foraged ingredients.

Mississippi Mud Pottery

Mississippi Mud Pottery is another artisan who forages to spark their creativity. Their clay art sculptures are inspired by indigenous leaves gathered around the region and by fish caught in the river. They also make stoneware pottery including bowls, baking dishes and plates. Stop off at their picturesque gallery and pick up the perfect dish for your local ingredients.

Eat & Drink in Alton

- Josephine's Tea Room
- My Just Desserts
- Chocolate Air
- Gentelin's on Broadway



3. SOUTH TO THE SHAWNEE NATIONAL FOREST – HEAD FOR THE HILLS

There's something special in this region that brings out the urge to create.

Alto Vineyards & Longshadow Gardens

Family-owned Alto Vineyards in Alto Pass produces some of the finest wine in Illinois and America. They're also the founding vineyard in the region, and the start of the Shawnee Hills Wine Trail. A few miles away in quiet rural Pomona are the lovely Longshadow Gardens, a garden ornament business that handcrafts planters and urns. Visit the exquisite gardens, admire their artwork on site and take something away to make your own plot more beautiful.

Apple Knocker & Scratch Brewing

You'll find Scratch Brewing Company in a 1920s farmhouse outside Ava. Named by Outside Magazine as one of the Top Four Breweries for foraged beer, Scratch is driving a fresh trend in microbrewing where adventurous brewers create distinctly local beers by hunting for the locally grown ingredients. Taste more local brews at Owl Creek Vineyard in Cobden, where Apple Knocker Hard Cider is brewed with apples from the century-old orchards that dot the Shawnee Hills region and combined with hops in oak barrels for a distinctive cider.

Eat & Drink near Cobden

- Flamm Orchards Fruits and Cream
- Peach Barn Café

