

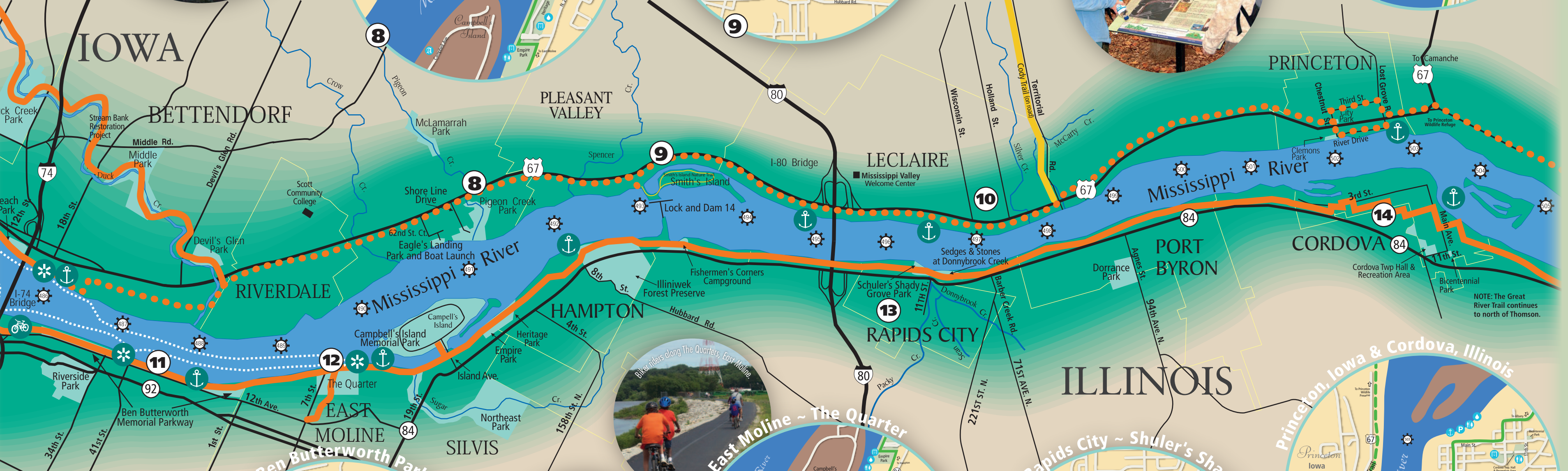
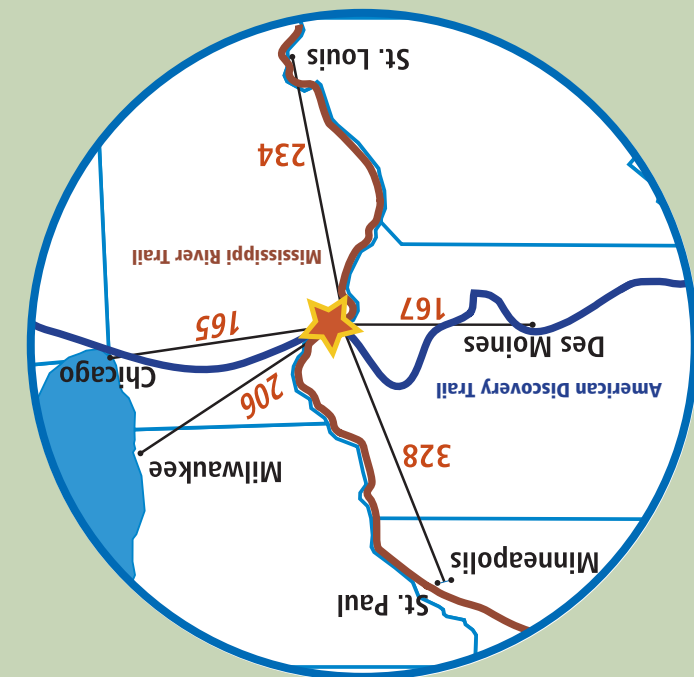
**s Island** – just upstream from Lock and Dam 14 between Bettendorf and LeClaire, a – offers a refreshing nature walk. Hikers can spot numerous species of wildlife and plants while traversing the 1-mile trail through upland and bottomland habitat. Visitors in the spring enjoy numerous wildflowers. Frequent sighting of turtles and ducks will treat everyone. A fishing pier is conveniently located next to the parking lot off 182nd Avenue.

**LeClaire's** location – where the Mississippi River makes a sharp bend to the southwest – contributed to its early history as the home of many riverboat pilots. All of the homes and buildings included in the city's historic district were built in the mid-19th century (mostly between 1850-1870). Local shopkeepers can provide you with a brochure for a self-guided walking tour of the homes and buildings. This small community is becoming a focal point for antique



**eton** is a popular destination for boaters with

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**Ben Butterworth P** riverfront is among the most popular in the region. There's plenty of parking at the riverfront at the Celebration Belle parking lot to start or end your riverfront adventure. The border is slightly more than two miles and an abundance of benches and picnic shelters, playgrounds and restrooms.

s new riverfront development includes single- and multi-family housing built among a variety of open space and recreational opportunities. The bike-friendly paths between the river and downtown East Moline via a natural border is slightly more than two miles and an abundance of benches and picnic shelters, playgrounds and restrooms. The Quarter includes ate docks with future plans for restaurants and a sports he River Connection will include a Mississippi

**Hampton** was an early wood supply stop for passing steamboats. Black's Store, now a historical museum, was built in 1849, and still stands at 601 First Avenue – reached easily by foot from the river trail. Heritage Park includes a heritage center, picnic pavilions and family entertainment. Also on-site is a bioswale funded in part by River Action. This native planting technique is used to capture storm water and prevent flooding of adjacent areas. Illiniwek Forest Preserve is about a mile upriver, and offers panoramic views of the Mississippi River.

**Rapids City** is at the upper end of what were known as the Rock Island Rapids – rocky shoals which posed a great danger to riverboats before installation of locks and dams to control river levels. The town was settled around a grist mill and a saw mill. Neighboring coal mines employed many residents and helped the community to thrive in the 1870's and 1880's. Shuler's Shady Grove, a riverfront park with a boat ramp, trail and restrooms, is named after the owner of one of the area's first coal mines. Here you can enjoy a short network of trails around a restored stream and woodland.

**Port Byron** – named for the English poet Lord Byron – has a history of quarrying, coopers (barrel-makers), merchants, blacksmiths, grain dealers and manufacturing of construction lime. Established in 1881, the Port Byron Academy was affiliated with the Congregational Church, becoming a college prep school for Beloit (Wisconsin) College. Enjoy a pleasant walk to the riverfront park, boat ramp, restaurants, shops and a bed-and-breakfast.

**Cordova** was first settled in 1837 by farmers and is located on a wide floodplain. In 1871, the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad was built through the area and bypassed most of the town, giving Cordova a riverfront quieter than most river towns. Cordova's downtown includes a marina and a bed-and-breakfast with a guest dock.

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The **CHANNEL CAT WATER TAXI** provides a scenic and convenient way to cross the river during summer months with docks at Davenport’s Lower Lindsay Park, Moline’s Ben Butterworth Parkway, The Quarter in East Moline and the Isle of Capri Marina in Bettendorf. Bicycles are welcome aboard the water taxi.

Or, use the new bike/pedestrian crossing on the Government Bridge and Rock Island Viaduct (highlighted as 1 on the main map). This crossing – separated from motorized traffic – will serve two cross-nation trails – the American Discovery Trail and the Mississippi River Trail ([www.mississippirivertrail.org](http://www.mississippirivertrail.org)).

For information on events, local accommodations and services, contact the Quad Cities Convention and Visitors Bureau at 1-800-747-7800 or online at: [www.visitquadcities.com](http://www.visitquadcities.com). RiverWay maps are available online at [www.riveraction.org](http://www.riveraction.org).



in background; the kayak/canoe portion of the “Taming of the Slough Adventure Race” in Sylvan Slough, Moline.

**Buffalo**, less than 10 miles downstream from Davenport, was home to the pearl button industry in the late 1800’s. Mussels were harvested locally and elsewhere, then shipped to Buffalo, where buttons and button blanks were punched out. The town boasted eight button factories, the largest of which was the Hawkeye Button Factory, located on Second Street.

**Davenport’s Riverfront Trail along Mississippi River begins at Credit Island.** Enjoy a 3-mile round trip of the island, home to a city-owned golf course and the life-like sculptures which recreate Georges Seurat’s “Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte” painting. The art, and dozens of other art installations and conservation projects, were funded by River Action.

**Bicycles are available to rent at the QC Convention and Visitors’ Center in Union Station, downtown Davenport**, during the summer months. Nearby is the newly renovated John O’Donnell Stadium (home of the professional baseball team, The Swing of the Quad Cities), the new Figge Art Museum (designed by London architect David Chipperfield), the ‘Skybridge’ with its great riverfront overlook, and the River Music

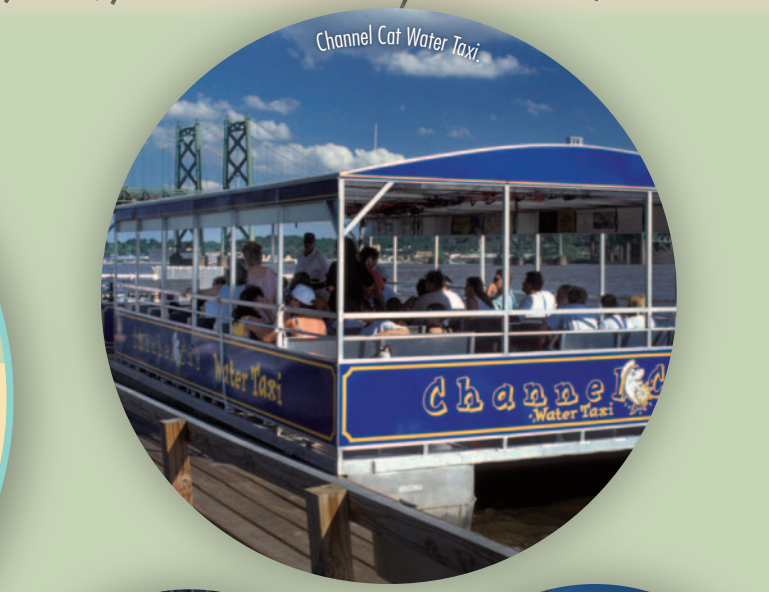
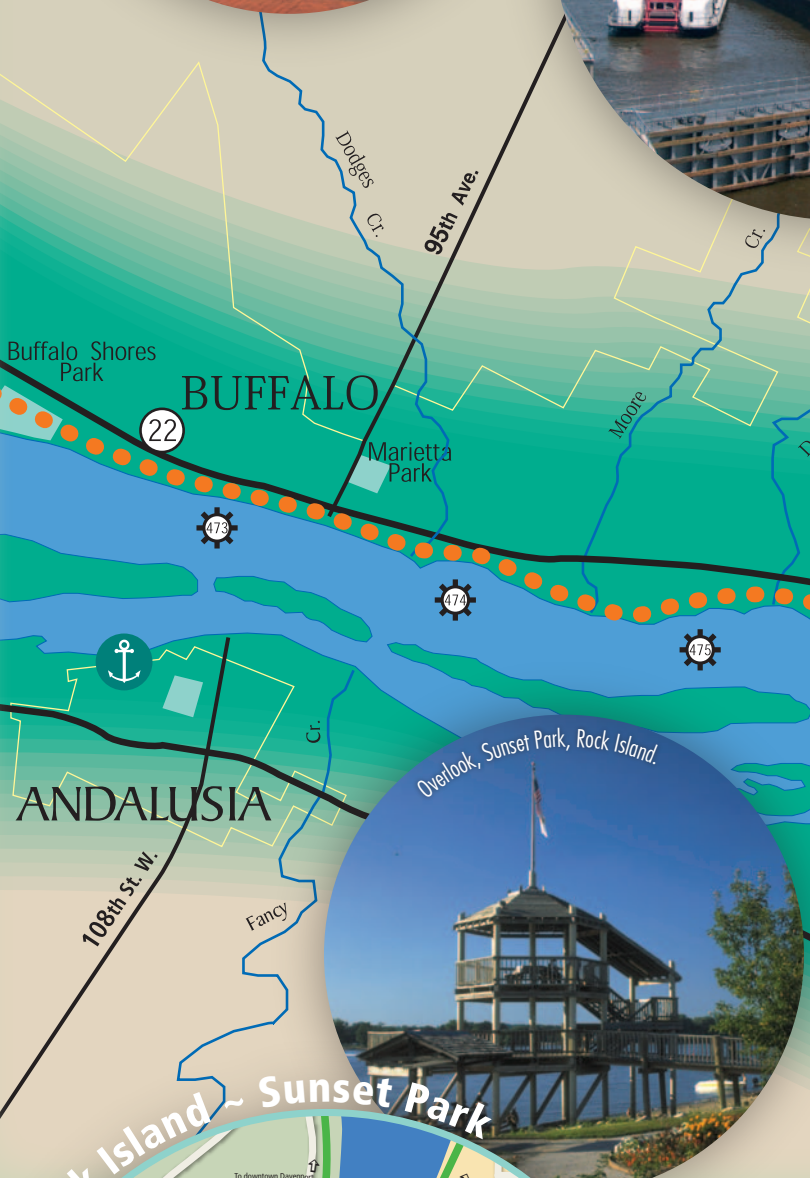
Experience, a tribute to music with Mississippi River roots. And, just downstream of Centennial Bridge is Centennial Park with its river-themed, interactive children’s playground.

**The Village of East Davenport** is an historic area established in 1851 as a hub for sawmills fed by logging of northern forests. The first bridge span across the Mississippi River was built a short distance downstream

in 1856 with assistance from railroad lawyer Abraham Lincoln. A log trestle from the original bridge, dating back to the 1800’s, still stands in the village. At the start of the Civil War, a Union training camp – Camp McClellan – was built in the village. The area contains architectural styles from “frontier” to “Colonial Revival.” The site of Camp McClellan is now Lindsay Park

with magnificent views of the river. The Channel Cat Water Taxi dock is in lower Lindsay Park.

**A trail extension to Bettendorf** links the Davenport trail from the Village of East Davenport to Leach Park (12th and State Streets, Bettendorf) one mile to the east (upstream). This section provides a very scenic walking/ biking route with views of the Rock Island Arsenal, the Twin Bridges (I-74) and the Davenport skyline.



**Sunset Park and Marina** is located on the banks of the Mississippi River at its confluence with the Rock River. This park, between 18th and 31st Avenue, is the southwest terminus of the Mississippi River Trail, which is part of the larger Great River Trail.

**Mississippi River Trail**, adjacent to the riverfront, showcases a wide variety of culture, wildlife and local history. The trail, part of Illinois’ Great River Trail, covers 60 miles along the Mississippi River between Rock Island (Sunset Park) and Savanna.

**The trail along the downtown Rock Island riverfront** is within minutes of “The District,” Rock Island’s downtown dining and entertainment area. The 20th Street Overlook provides excellent eagle viewing during the winter months and a scenic panorama of the river and Davenport skyline year round.

**Upstream from downtown**, you’ll pass the Quad City Botanical Center, Quad City Expo Center and the newly completed Sylvan Natural Area.

**Sylvan Island Park** is on the west end of Moline along the Great River Trail. The small island, once home to a steel rolling mill, is now a quiet natural area with an interpretive center, a river overlook, and hiking and mountain biking trails. Wintering bald eagles, great blue herons and other water birds often can be seen along Sylvan Slough.

**John Deere Commons** along 3rd Avenue between 17th and 15th Street is a short walk/ride from the trail. John Deere Pavilion tells the story of John Deere and agriculture through displays and interactive exhibits. Nearby is the John Deere Collector’s Center (an antique Deere tractor display and restoration shop), Moline Centre with a variety of retail shops/restaurants, and the MetroLINK Centre Station bus terminal.

**Legend**

**Main Map**

- Recreation trail
- Future trail
- Walking trail
- Bridge crossing
- Bike/pedestrian crossing (separated from motorized traffic)

**Inset Maps**

- Recreation trail
- Future trail
- Walking trail
- Water Taxi Route
- Bike/pedestrian crossing (separated from motorized traffic)
- Shopping area
- Park area
- Water Taxi Docks
- Bicycle rental
- Marina
- Restrooms
- Water

**Other Symbols:**

- Bicycle rental
- Marina
- Water Taxi Docks
- Water Taxi Route
- River mile marker (Distance from Cairo, Illinois. Used for navigation along the Upper Mississippi River.)
- Playground
- RiverWay Art
- Boat launch
- Public phone
- ATM
- Picnic area
- Camping
- Fishing
- Info kiosk
- Food/concessions
- Parking
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