

Accommodations and Area Attractions

Touch of Nature Environmental Center Lodging

A block of rooms has been reserved. Call 618/453-1121 to make a reservation. Rates are all on a per-night basis, and do not include room tax, which will be an additional 6%. Space is limited. Accommodations vary from pricier hotel style rooms with air conditioning, Wi-Fi and satellite TV to dorm-style and rustic cabins with the bare necessities.

Little Grassy Lodge has hotel-style rooms for \$75 per night for a room with one queen or two doubles; \$65 per night for a room with two twins. Morris Lodge and Shawnee Lodge are dorm-style facilities @ \$38 per night plus 6% tax. The rate at L.B. Sharp Lodge, also dorm-style, is \$41 per night plus 6% tax. Friends can consider sharing rooms that have multiple beds, splitting the cost to make it more affordable. If space runs out and/or rustic cabins are a preferred option, there's a flat fee of \$20 per person. If anyone would like to bring a tent and camp, the charge will be \$10/tent.

This is an SIU facility. Associated rules and policies apply. Visit <http://ton.siu.edu/facilities-and-services/lodging/> for more information. Located at [1206 Touch of Nature Road](#), Makanda, IL 62958

The area includes a host of other options, from B&Bs to chain hotels within a reasonable drive...

Giant City Lodge - (618) 457-4921 - 460 Giant City Lodge Road, Makanda, IL 62958 [website](#)

Best Western Saluki Inn - (618) 351-6611 - 801 N Giant City Rd, Carbondale, IL 62902-6423 [website](#)

Hampton Inn Carbondale - (618) 549-6900 - 2175 N Reed Station Rd, Carbondale, IL 62901-7137 [website](#)

Makanda Inn - (618) 690-0706 - Located at 855 Old Lower Cobden Rd, Makanda, IL 62958-3120 [website](#)

Davie School Inn - (618) 833-2377 - 300 Freeman St, Anna, IL 62906-1508 [website](#)

Camping and Recreational Options (in addition to Touch of Nature tent camping)

Shawnee National Forest - <http://www.fs.usda.gov/recmain/shawnee/recreation>

The Shawnee National Forest offers a variety of camping experiences ranging from primitive backpacking to a developed campground equipped with showers and electrical sites. Most campgrounds & picnic areas are located near lakes or areas of exceptional beauty. Hiking, fishing and sightseeing are but a few of the recreational opportunities to be found nearby. <http://www.fs.usda.gov/activity/shawnee/recreation/camping-cabins>

Trail of Tears State Forest - <https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/Parks/Pages/TrailOfTears.aspx>

Both Class C (tent camping with vehicle access) and Class D (backpack) camping sites are available at Trail of Tears State Forest. Some locations have log shelters with adjacent privies. Group camping is available at a few sites. Campsite reservations are available through the Reserve America website at www.reserveamerica.com. Campers without a reservation may register upon arrival with the "silent host" self-registration system.

Giant City State Park - <https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/Parks/Pages/GiantCity.aspx>

Giant City is a popular weekend retreat because of its varied and well-kept campground facilities. There are 85 campsites in the Class A Campground which provides water, electricity, showers and sanitary facilities for tent and trailer camping. The shower building in the Class A site closes the day after the first shotgun deer season (weather depending) and re-opens April 1st. A separate Class A equestrian campground is located off the horse trail in the southwest corner of the park. Camping reservations may be made for Class A sites, visit the ReserveAmerica web site for reservations at www.reserveamerica.com. Campers without a reservation may register upon arrival with the "silent host" self-registration system.

Other Area Attractions

Southernmost Illinois Tourism Bureau - <http://southernmostillinois.com/>

Shawnee Hills Wine Trail - <http://www.shawneewinetrail.com/>

Shawnee Bluffs Canopy Tour - <https://www.shawneezip.com/>

Rendleman Orchards - <http://www.rendlemanorchards.com/>

Root Beer Saloon at Alto Pass - <http://rootbeersaloon.com/>

Bald Knob Cross - <http://www.baldknobcross.com/>