

# Welcome Home, Phantom Regiment!

We wish you much luck as you prepare for the Hall of Fame Gala and Show of Shows. Knowing free time is limited, we took out your need to research and compiled a list of local “phan” favorites for Regiment members and their family to explore, dine, and enjoy throughout your time in the Rockford Region! A full list of attractions, activities and events can also be found on our website at [gorockford.com](http://gorockford.com)



## Play the Day Away

### **815 Escapes**

4249 E. State St.

815 Escapes offers three different themed rooms with varying levels of difficulty, allowing groups to test their puzzle-solving skills. They offer an experience that is bound to bring groups closer together and create everlasting memories!



### **Rockford Art Museum**

711 N. Main St. Rockford

Adjacent to the Discovery Center, the Rockford Art Museum offers captivating exhibits and permanent pieces within two floors that are dedicated to transporting visitors through various time periods. The museum provides a peaceful atmosphere, allowing visitors to escape the stresses of the world. Regardless of their knowledge of art, they're guaranteed to find at least one piece that sticks in their memory!



### **Discovery Center Museum**

711 N. Main St. Rockford

Visitors are encouraged to unleash their inner child while engaging in activities such as the Body Bubble or learning about weather through interactive exhibits. Focusing on science and learning, the Discovery Center is ideal for children up to 12 years old.



### **Rock Cut State Park**

7223 West Lane Rd.

This 3,000-acre State Park offers visitors a tranquil place to enjoy nature. Take a hike around roughly 40 miles of free trails circling two lakes. Visitors can also rent a kayak, canoe, or paddle board to take their adventure onto the water!

### **Self-Guided Public Art Tour**

Various Locations

The Rockford Region is jam-packed with whimsical murals and sculptures for all to see. Created by the Rockford Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, the CRE8IV Transformative Art program is one of the largest public art programs in Winnebago County, but there are so many more than what's included in that program! Visitors are encouraged to take a walk around and explore all the art in town!

### **Volcano Falls Adventure Park**

7602 Rock Valley Pkwy.

Mini golf, go-carts, batting cages, laser tag, arcade games, and so much more! Volcano Falls is the one-stop-shop for any and all activities someone could imagine. A place for all ages, visitors can spend hours exploring all that Volcano Falls has to offer!

## Retail Therapy

### **Stylish Décor:**

Stores like Home on Hayloft and Porch offer aesthetically pleasing décor for any interior designer

### **Beautiful Boutiques:**

Smiley's Vintage, Rockford Art Deli, and Roxy Carmichael cater to all types of style!

### **Marvelous Metaphysical Shops:**

Infinite Soul Vibrations and Luna Datura's Curious Gifts offer visitors a relaxing space to shop for crystals and other metaphysical healing items; whether they believe in the power of balancing chakras or not, the welcoming environments of these stores will draw everyone in!



## Delicious Dining

### **Baker Street Burgers**

1603 N Alpine Rd

This quaint restaurant is located within the Edgebrook Shopping Centre. They offer handcrafted cocktails, juicy burgers, and the perfect atmosphere for a chill family meal.

### **GreenFire Restaurant, Bar & Bakery**

6795 E. Riverside Blvd

A bakery and fine dining restaurant all in one, GreenFire's natural and fresh ingredients will leave diners wanting more. Their freshly baked desserts are the best way to finish out a meal, and paired with the perfect cocktail, guests won't leave disappointed.

### **JMK Nippon**

2551 N. Perryville Rd.

JMK Nippon specializes in authentic Japanese cuisine. Enjoy dinner and a show with their grill side seating or relax in their gorgeous dining room with their café style seating! Their wide variety of high-quality sushi allows diners to explore their taste buds, and knowledgeable staff members are willing to offer suggestions for guest who aren't sure where to start.

### **Prairie St. Brewery**

200 Prairie St

Craft brews and gorgeous views are two perfect reasons to visit Prairie St. Brewery! Stop by this historic brewery for an amazing meal and great company.

### **Social Charcuterie Bar & Cocktails**

509 E State St

Previously known as Social Urban Bar & Restaurant, Social Charcuterie offers a unique dining experience. Groups create their own charcuterie board using the "sushi menu" style of ordering. Check off the meats, cheeses, breads, and condiments you'd like from their menu, and pair those choices with one of their 45 cocktails – 32 of which are original creations

## Gorgeous Gardens

### **Nicholas Conservatory and Gardens**

1354 N 2nd St.

Situated along the banks of the beautiful Rock River in Sinnissippi Gardens, this 22,000sqft facility offers visitors a place to learn more about tropical plants while providing the perfect backdrop for a relaxing family evening!

### **Anderson Japanese Gardens**

318 Spring Creek Rd.

Anderson Gardens is dedicated to helping visitors find their inner peace. With numerous waterfalls, koi ponds, and traditional Japanese architecture, this location is sure to leave visitors in awe.

### **Klehm Arboretum and Botanical Gardens**

2715 S. Main St. Rockford

Known as Rockford's "living-museum," this hidden gem spans 155 acres! It showcases rare trees, unique flowers, and even features a naturally occurring "kid's creek" where children and adults alike can cool down during hot summer days.