



# Rockford

When the early settlers discovered a ford across the very pretty Rock River, the word spread. The settlers formed a settlement and named it, what else, Rockford, and it evolved into today's lovely mid-sized city. Whether you're coming from Wisconsin or points in Illinois, Rockford is an easy drive. Once there, you'll be glad you came. Many public and private gardens to visit. The garden shopping is good here as well — stone work, antiques, woody plants. Definitely worth a trip (or more).



## Midway Village Museum

**1** We Have History to Share! Heritage Garden Days—Garden related activities for the family, July 30-31, Sat & Sun - 11am-4pm \$8 adults; \$5 children; Members free. Local Roots Heirloom Dinner—Features heirloom vegetables grown in Heritage Gardens, 19th Century recipes. August 19th, Fri - 6pm Reservations required \$55 per person. Golden Age of Horticulture Tours—Led by the museum Garden Historian. June-September; reservations required; \$8 adults; \$5 children; Members free. Visit [www.midwayvillage.com](http://www.midwayvillage.com) or call 815-397-9112 ext 116 for information and reservations.



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## Anderson Japanese Gardens

**2** Anderson Japanese Gardens has been named the highest quality Japanese garden in North America by Sukiya Living Magazine since 2004. Inspired by calm and tranquility, this 12 acre award winning landscape is comprised of exquisite design, winding paths, gentle streams, plunging waterfalls, raked gravel gardens, beautifully trained pines, and more. Master craftsmanship and 16th century traditional architecture are found throughout. A premier wedding and event venue, the Visitor Center, Gift Shop, and Pavilion provide space for 150 people with spectacular views overlooking the garden. A variety of programming goes on throughout the year. Visit us online at [andersongardens.org](http://andersongardens.org). Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-6pm, Sat 9am-4pm, Sun 10am-4pm

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## Tinker Swiss Cottage

**3** Tinker Swiss Cottage Museum and Gardens is an authentically furnished historic home built in 1865 by former Rockford Mayor and co-founder of the Rockford Park District, Robert Hall Tinker with gardens and root wood furniture inspired by landscape gardeners John Blair and Andrew Jackson Downing. The Swiss architecture of the home was inspired by Tinker's travels to Switzerland in 1862. Tinker Swiss Cottage Museum and Gardens is an affiliate of the Rockford Park District. Cottage Tours: Tuesday – Sunday at 1 pm and 3 pm. Grounds open daily 9 am to 5 pm.



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## More Places to Visit

- 4** KLEHM ARBORETUM  
Rockford, IL, 815-965-8146
- 5** FUNDERBURG ANTIQUES  
Belvidere, IL, 815-547-8146
- 6** J CARLSON GROWERS  
Rockford, IL, 815-332-5610

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