

# 2026 Route 66 Centennial Co-Branded Events



## ROUTE 66 BOB WALDMIRE EXCLUSIVE ART EXHIBITION

Immerse yourself in this Exhibit celebrating the nostalgia of Route 66 From a Local Legend.



## ROUTE 66 THE ROAD THAT TAKES YOU EXHIBIT

Walk through the Springfield, IL Exhibition by Route 66 Photographer and Storyteller David J. Schwartz .



## INTERNATIONAL CARILLON FESTIVAL

World-class carillon music ringing out from Springfield's iconic bell tower.



## MILES OF MEMORIES: STORIES OF ROUTE 66

The Illinois State Museum brings Route 66 to life through immersive stories and firsthand oral histories.



## OLD FASHIONED ICE CREAM SOCIAL

This Memorial Day join SAA, The Edwards Place and Capital City Bourbon Journey for an Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social!



## HISTORY COMES ALIVE

Step back in time with living history across Springfield's most storied sites.



## ROUTE 66 SUBMERGED

Step aboard an interpretive boat tour on Lake Springfield that reveals a hidden stretch of Springfield's original Route 66 alignment.



## CENTENNIAL ROUTE 66 5K

A special run celebrating a milestone moment on historic Route 66 featuring Dean Karnazes.



## 2026 JUNETEENTH CELEBRATIONS

Honoring freedom, culture, and community through music, food, and storytelling.



## THE GREAT RACE START

Classic cars, roaring engines, and the official send-off to the 2026 Great Race.



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**MEMORIAL HEALTH CHAMPIONSHIP**  
World-class golf, hometown energy, and a week of fun for fans and families.



**PAINT THE STREET PRESENTED BY PNC**  
Watch downtown Springfield transform into a colorful outdoor art experience on Route 66.



**AMERICA 250 FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATIONS**  
A patriotic celebration marking 250 years of America.



**ILLINOIS STATE FAIR**  
Iconic fair traditions, grandstand shows, and classic eats where Route 66 meets summer fun.



**SPRINGFIELD MILE**  
High-speed motorcycle racing on a legendary dirt track.



**16TH ANNUAL SPRINGFIELD OYSTER & BEER FESTIVAL**  
Fresh oysters, craft beer, live music, and a lively festival atmosphere.



**CAPITAL CITY CENTURY**  
Pedal through Springfield and beyond on a scenic ride celebrating endurance and the open road.



**INTERNATIONAL ROUTE 66 MOTHER ROAD FESTIVAL**  
A can't-miss weekend of cars, music, and nostalgia on historic Route 66.



**MILES OF POSSIBILITY ROUTE 66 CONFERENCE**  
Bringing Route 66 communities together to shape the road's next century.



**100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**  
A once-in-a-century celebration honoring the legacy, culture, and future of the Mother Road.



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