# MONEY DOG ADVENTURES

**Route 66 Series** 





## Carlinville

Route 66 was a very exciting road when it was opened in 1926, because it meant that people could make an easy trip from Chicago all the way across the country to California!

Carlinville has been around since 1829, almost 100 years before Route 66! Money Dog visited the Route 66 sign and monument, along with the Macoupin County courthouse and jail.



## Collinsville

Collinsville is another very old city, dating back to 1810. This city is unique, as it's known as the "horseradish capitol of the world."

Another interesting find is the world's largest catsup bottle, built beside a building that used to be a Brooks catsup bottling plant. Have you ever seen the huge catsup bottle?









## Edwardsville

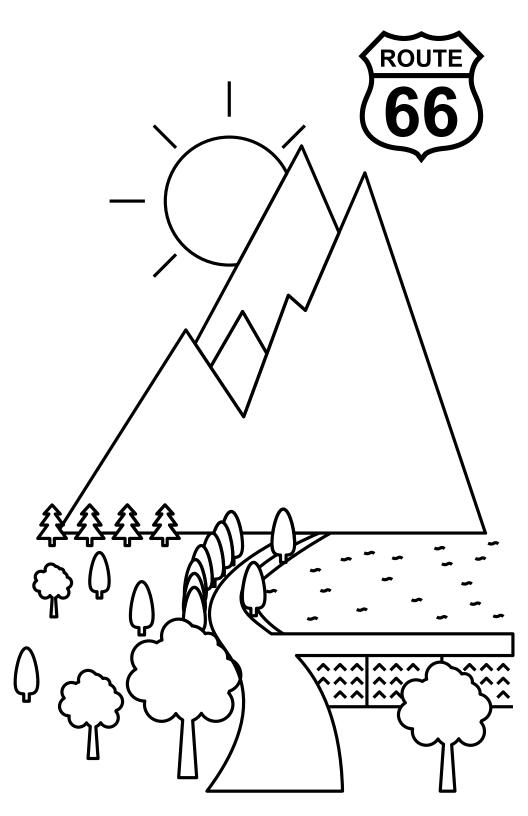
Edwardsville dates back to at least 1805 and is reported to be the third oldest Illinois city. Route 66 was a big part of this area.

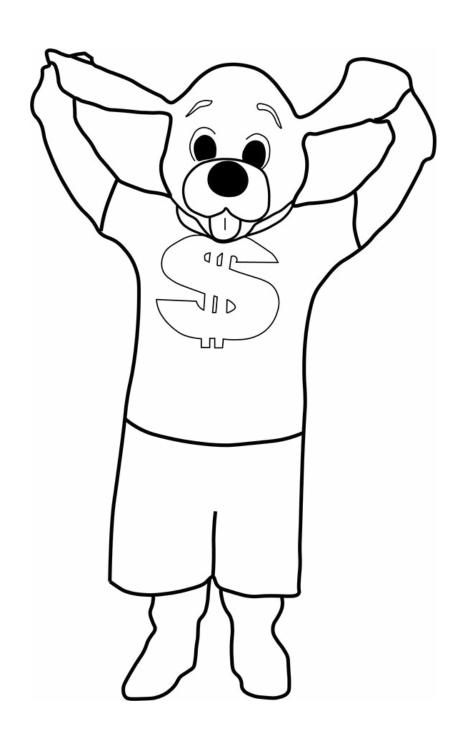
Some remaining Route 66 sites to visit are the Wildey Theatre, West End Service Station, and the mural and monument pictured below. Edwardsville also boasts fun places like the Children's Museum.



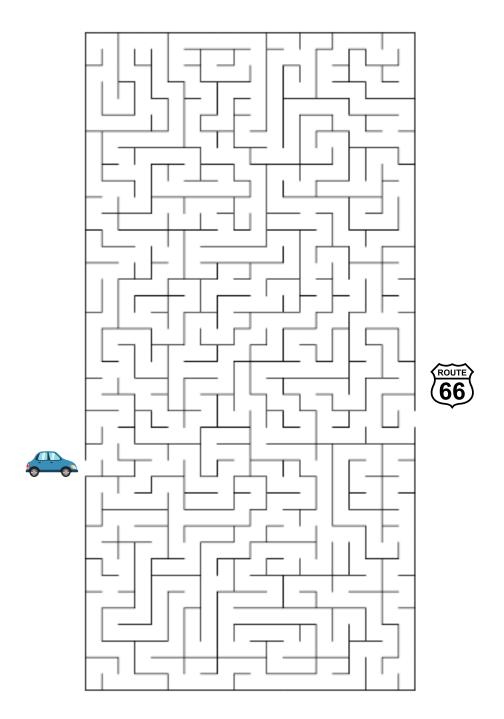








# Help the car reach the Route 66 sign.



## **Granite City**

Granite City was founded in 1896. Steel manufacturing has long been the cornerstone of this community.

Granite City boasts great sites such as the Route 66 Flea Market, the Old Chain of Rocks Bridge (that is part of Old Rt. 66), and the Candy Cane Parade.





## Hamel

In 1850, Hamel saw the first person settle on its land. While Andrew Jackson Hamel did not stay in the area long, the town is named for him.

Hamel is a small, pretty town and boasts the Route 66 Creamery, which serves breakfast, lunch, dinner and, of course, ice cream treats!



#### Litchfield

Litchfield was formed in 1853. That's 170 years ago! In the beginning, Litchfield grew due to the many railroads that ran through the town.

When Route 66 was built, running along the western edge, the town continued to grow. Some sites from the old Route 66 days that are still around are the Skyview drive-in and Ariston's Cafe. You can also stop at the Route 66 Museum and Welcome Center for some fun history.





## Livingston

Livingston has been around since about 1904. Much like Litchfield, this town got its start due to railroads running through the area. The height of Route 66 saw a lot of traffic through the area, as well.

The Pink Elephant Antique Mall is a great place to visit. You can see the Route 66 mural, pink elephant, spaceship, Big Boy, and Twistee Treat ice cream!



