



Countryside, Illinois Community Profile Overnight Itinerary



Potawatomi Indians originally inhabited what is today Countryside. Comprised of fertile farmland, the area remained largely unsettled until the first residential subdivision was built in the late 1940s. The City was not officially incorporated until 1960. As of 2016, the total population was 5947.

The famous Marx Brothers have ties to Countryside, having owned a chicken farm in the area near Joliet Road (Route 66) and Lagrange Road. The farm was never an economic success. Groucho Marx claimed it was because the brothers spent too much time watching the Chicago Cubs at Wrigley Field.

ATTRACTIONS



[Flagg Creek Golf Course](#)

Jointly owned by Pleasant Dale Park District & the City of Countryside Flagg Creek Golf Course is a nine-hole, par 33 course featuring bentgrass greens, watered fairways and three sets of tees for golfers of all skill levels. Renovated in 1993 (from the former site called Maple Crest Golf Course), the course was completely re-designed by Greg Martin, preserving the beautiful mature trees of the previous course
6939 Wolf Rd.

(708) 246-3336

[Flagg Creek Golf Course Official Website](#)

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[Countryside, Illinois Route 66 Wayside Exhibit](#)

Farms and Quarries

Early travelers on Route 66 raced through open lands once they left Chicago. This was truly “countryside,” a rich region of farms and quarries on the outskirts of the city. Few farms remained by the time the City of Countryside was incorporated in 1960. Fields gave way to businesses and homes fueled by the growing suburbs.

The Marx Brothers’ Chicken Farm

The Marx Brothers were a famous family comedy act from the early to mid 1900s. In 1917, they began chicken farming near Countryside to avoid being drafted into World War I.

Groucho remembers...

“When we first got the farm we got up every morning at 4 o’clock. After awhile we got up at 5, then 6, then 7, then 8 and then Chico discovered that LaGrange was near the Chicago Cubs ballpark. We didn’t farm anymore, but we made sure to catch the train to the ballpark...”

Quarries and Route 66

The Route 66 roadbed from Chicago to Joliet was made of crushed limestone from quarries about a mile east of Countryside. They have produced rock and aggregate since 1881.

6200-6220 Joliet Rd - directly on Route 66

(217) 525-9308

[Illinois Route 66 Scenic Byway Interpretive Exhibits Official Website](#)

AMENITIES



City of Countryside

5550 East Avenue

708-354-7270

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Accommodations



[Holiday Inn & William Tell Chicago SW Countryside Banquets and Conference Center](#)

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