



JOHN DEERE

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Home to Popular Tourist Attractions and Thriving Retail Outlets, *The John Deere Commons* is one of Illinois' Most "Popular Spots"

Since the **John Deere Commons** was developed in 1997 it's been one of the most popular destinations in the Quad Cities. The centerpiece of Moline, Illinois' Riverfront Civic Renewal Program, the John Deere Commons attracts visitors from all corners of the globe and is credited as being an urban renewal success story.

The John Deere Commons is a unique combination of office facilities, shopping outlets, and entertainment venues that encompass so much diversity it makes downtown Moline a destination within itself. In fact, the John Deere Commons has been named by *Travelocity* as one of the ten most popular spots in Illinois. During the summer months, the Commons also plays host to some of the area's largest festivals and events.

Anchored by the **John Deere Pavilion**, one of the world's most comprehensive agricultural exhibit, and the one-of-a-kind **John Deere Store**, the John Deere Commons surrounds visitors with reminders of the area's agricultural heritage allowing them to experience what many call a true celebration of America's heartland.

According to Joe Taylor, President and CEO of the Quad Cities Convention and Visitor's Bureau, "The John Deere Commons continues to be one of the premier attraction in the area and each year, it draws more and more visitors locally, national, as well as from around the world."

Attractions on the John Deere Commons:

The **John Deere Pavilion** is Deere & Company's official visitor center and includes a combination of interactive computer exhibits and displays of vintage and modern-day agricultural equipment. Over 2 million guests have visited since it opened in 1997 making it the most popular tourist attraction in the Quad Cities and one of the top five tourist destinations in Illinois according to the state's tourism bureau. Ph: (309) 765-1000

The adjacent **John Deere Store** features collectible merchandise with the renowned Deere name. Selling everything from caps and books to kitchen wares and toys the John Deere Store gives visitors an opportunity to take home a piece of the John Deere legend. Ph: (309) 765-1007

The **i wireless Center** is a world-class facility that hosts high-profile conferences, concerts and sporting events. The 12,000-seat arena and adjacent 18,000 conference center has been recognized as "Arena of the Year" from 1993-2003.

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The **Radisson on John Deere Commons** is a premier six-story riverfront hotel with meeting facilities and is nestled on the majestic Mississippi riverbank. It offers luxurious suites and rooms and houses T.G.I. Friday's, a fun and festive restaurant offering more than 100 menu items for lunch, dinner and brunch.

Centre Station, the community transportation located on the Commons.

Channel Cat Water Taxi is also headquartered out of Center Station. This 40-person water taxi travels the Mississippi making hourly stops in Moline, Bettendorf and the Village of East Davenport. The station also hosts a fine display of local art commissioned by **MidCoast Fine Arts**.

Retail on the John Deere Commons:

WaterMark Corners is a beautifully restored building and exciting shopping outlet located on the Commons' historic block. WaterMark Corners offers unique gifts, antiques, and collectibles, and features a Mississippi Steamboatin' children's area with books, hands-on activities, games and toys.

The **Isabel Bloom Shop**, known for its charming, hand-finished sculptures, has sold treasured possessions to collectors and art lovers for years. Its Moline location allows shoppers to bring home an original piece of the Quad Cities.

Gendler's Wine and Spirits offers a wonderful selection of wines as well as imported beers, liquor, specialty food items and gift baskets.

Vintage Varieties Antiques specializes in Victorian designer jewelry, clocks, furniture, glassware, toys and other unique gifts.

Sables Jewelry store offers a variety of fine jewelry and sells several well-known lines of glass, crystal and porcelain gifts and figurine collections.

Restaurants and eateries on the John Deere Commons include:

T.G.I. Friday's, located in the Radisson, offers a fun and festive environment with more than 100 menu items for lunch, dinner and brunch.

The River House, a local pub, is also a commons favorite day and night.

Johnny's Italian Steakhouse is a fine-dining restaurant reminiscent of the traditional 1940's-style supper clubs. The restaurant serves a complete lunch menu in addition to dinner, and offers an extensive wine list.

Dead Poet's Espresso, Ltd. is a specialty coffee shop offering a variety of coffee and espresso drinks, teas, chocolates, deli sandwiches and wraps.

Bad Boys Pizza serves up mouth-watering pizza pies with a variety of toppings and styles.

Froehlich Cakes & Pastries is known for its exquisite wedding cakes, but also has a full-scale bakery offering over 100 European and classic American bakery items for breakfast, lunch and dinner menus.

Everything on the John Deere Commons is located on a contemporary, park-like setting within sight of the Mississippi River. To find out more about the John Deere Commons, please call 309-765-1278.

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