

Cruise to Bloomington

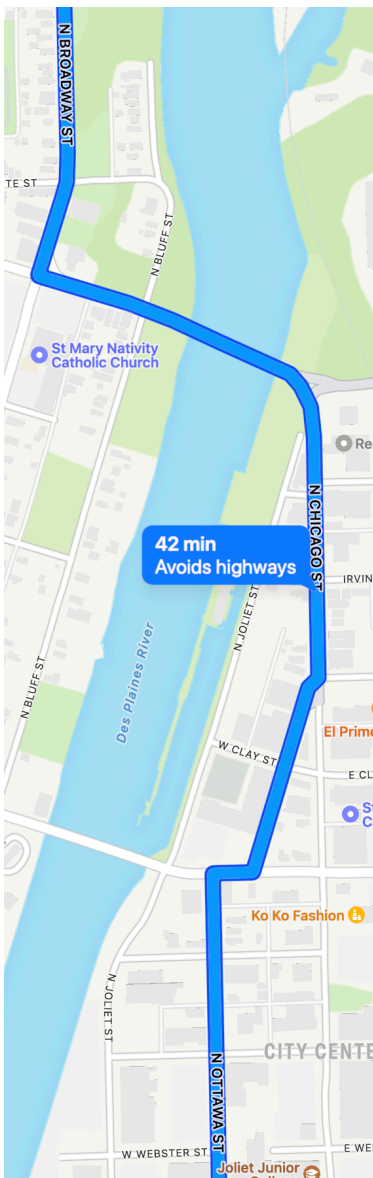
10:30 am - Friday, June 2nd

Meet at the McDonalds that is on Rt 53. and Marquette Drive in Romeoville (about 1 mile south of I-55 on the west side of the road.) 1300 Marquette Drive, Romeoville.

From here we will head south on Rt. 53 (old Rt 66) to Wilmington, IL - approx. 28 miles/ 50 minutes.

Turn right out of McDonalds, at the very next crossroad (light) turn right on Independence Blvd. This is still RT 53/RT 66.

Drive approx 10 miles and turn into Rich & Creamy RT 66 Ice Cream Parlor. on your right. We can do a group shot or just stop to get everyone together again before going thru Joliet. There are a few turns in Joliet, just make sure that you watch and follow the signs for RT53/Historic Rt 66.



Another mile south we will turn left on Ruby Street, go over the river and follow Chicago Street to the right. drive approx 1/2 mile and turn right on Ottawa street.

Drive 2 blocks and turn right on Jackson, then left **BEFORE** the bridge, which puts you back on Ottawa Street. Do not go over the bridge - follow the RT 66 signs.

LOTS OF POTHoles HERE when we drove this a few weeks ago.

Continue south on RT.53/Rt 66 for approx 29 miles into Wilmington.

The Gemini Giant space guy is on your right as you enter Wilmington. We can all pull over into the Launching Pad restaurant parking lot for a photo. The restaurant is unfortunately closed.

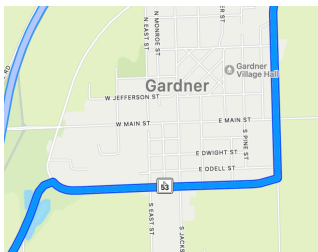


We will continue into town and turn right on Water street (1 street past Main Street). Continue 3 blocks and then turn left into the parking lot. From here we can walk around town and have lunch at Mimi's cafe which is across the street from the parking lot. Their sandwiches are HUGE, so unless you are starving order one and split it. I had the tuna salad and Jeff had the turkey sandwich - both were delicious. The place holds approx 24 people so we should be good. There are other places in town to eat at also if you want burgers or pizza.

Let's plan about 2 hours here to shop and eat before driving on to Bloomington.

Next stop Odell, IL 30 miles

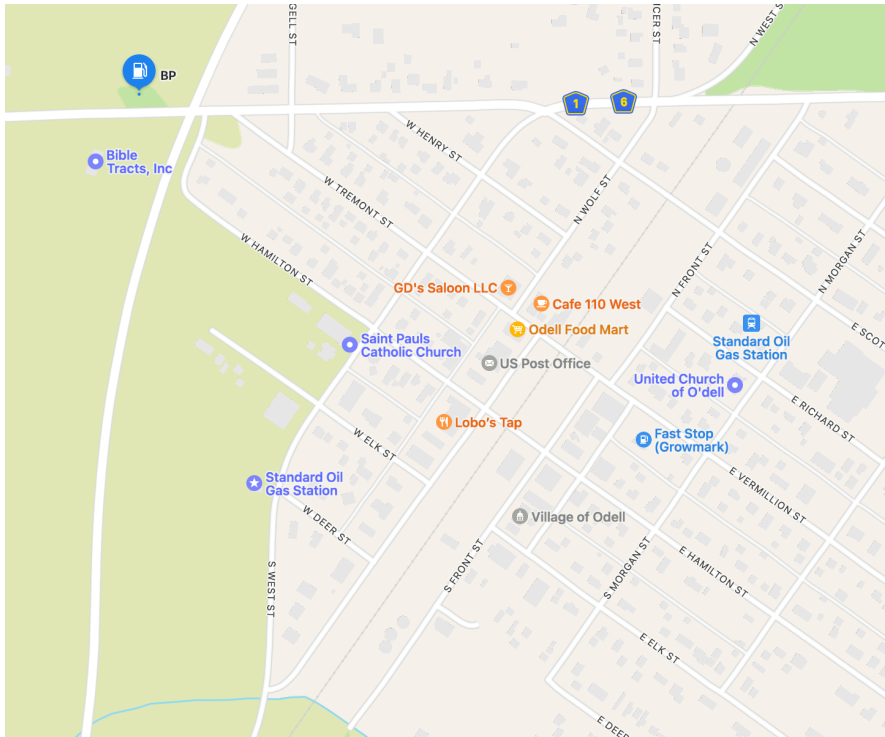
Turn left out of the parking lot onto Water street and go to Baltimore Street and turn right. Drive over the Kankakee river and follow RT 53/RT 66 south.



The route (53/66) turns right and then left around the town of Gardner so just watch the road signs.

We will drive past the town of Dwight and onto Odell.

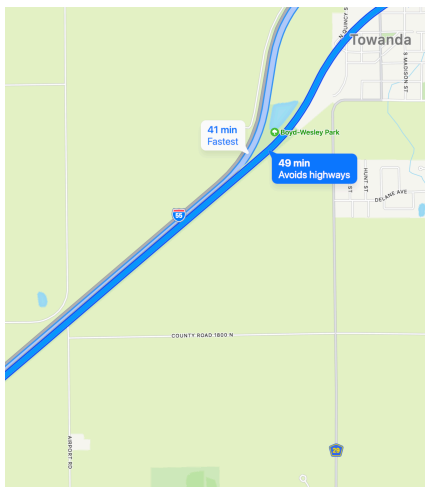
Once we get to Odell we will pull over into the BP gas station for gas/rest stop before going into Odell and the old Standard station. The BP is on RT 53/Rt 66 and Rt 1.



We will pull out of the gas station and head into Odell on Rt 1, turning left onto Scott street. Go 2 blocks and the the old Standard Gas station will be on your right. Line up the cars in front of the station for a group photo.

We will take Scott street back to West Street (right before RT 1 where we came into town). Turn left on West Street and follow that along the edge of town until we meet up with Rt 66 again. Turn left on Rt 66 and head south to Bloomington.

Follow Historic Rt 66 south for approx 47 miles to the hotel. We will pass Pontiac, IL, which will be the place for the car show on Saturday.



Once we pass the town of Towada you need to turn left on Airport Road.

Then take Airport Road to E. College Ave and turn right.

Take College Ave to Susan Drive and turn left (Jewel-Osco is on the corner here and then T.J. Max)

Turn right on Jumer Drive and the Chateau Hotel will be on your left.

