

Historic US Route 66 PASSPORT



Travel journal for Historic Route 66 and/or the Interstate Highway System of I-55, I-44, I-40, I-10.

Track your road trip: places you visit, miles driven, and your meal, lodging and fuel expenses as you travel from Chicago to Los Angeles, or the reverse.

Designed for travelers adventuring through Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and California.

The perfect companion to your Route 66 maps and travel guides. Passport lists towns and places, elevations, official 2010 census, area museums, plus historic and natural sites worth visiting.

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Historic US Route 66 Passport and Guide to
Traveling I-55, I-44, I-40, I-10 from Chicago to
LA in the United States of America

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This handy guide is the answer to "Are we there yet?" for the family out making memories. It is also a useful trip summary journal and route guide for all drivers.

US Route 66 opened up America for western migration as well as introducing families to early "modern" motoring vacations. It existed as a US Highway from November 11, 1926 to June 27, 1985 running 2,450 miles, through eight states, from Chicago to LA.

If you are using the Interstate system, travel I-55 from Chicago to St. Louis, I-44 to Oklahoma City, I-40 to San Bernardino, and I-10 to Santa Monica -- or the reverse.

Currently the historic sections of US Route 66 in Illinois, New Mexico and Oklahoma are designated National Scenic Byways, Arizona is an All-American Road, and California has a section designated as a National Trails Highway that pre-dates Route 66. Hopefully the entire route will eventually be recognized by the United States Department of Transportation for its archeological, cultural, historic, natural, recreational, and/or scenic qualities under the program established by Congress in 1991. Check out destinations online at www.bywaysonline.org and byways.org.

Become a *Roadologist* and study the relationship between the road and cultures then and now. The population figures are from the official 2010 census. Approximately 65% of all US towns have a population of less than 2,500. Towns without an official population listed tell a story of change as people moved on over the past 80 years.

The original Route 66 was pieced together from existing roads between towns. Most were dirt. Only 800 miles were paved when it opened. The entire route was paved by 1938. As the sections were paved, the road was straightened to reduce the miles, adding some towns and bypassing others.

As you go, pretend it is 1926. Visualize the narrow roads made of cement with curbs, slow drivers and no place to pass, flat tires and jacked up cars patching & mounting the spare, overheated radiators, water bags, and gas cans. Roadside fruit stands, picnics with flies and ants, weird tasting warm water in dented canteens, driving with open windows, no radios, pay phones. Uniformed service stations attendants who pumped gas, checked your battery and cleaned your windshield. Soda fountains at the drug store on Main Street, PB&J sandwiches, ice cold 6 oz Cokes with a town name embossed into the glass. Pulling over at a wide spot and sleeping under the stars

On Historic Route 66 you can still live history: Stay at an original tourist/motor court, eat in a local café or diner, take photos of old signs painted on abandoned businesses, find rescued buildings, walk down old sidewalks and look in shop windows, visit local museums and listen to the guide's stories. Please listen. This day and time will never come your way again.

Nothing can beat the experience of staying in an authentic travel court/motor lodge. The odds are very good you will find one at a great room rate and location just by driving by (and circling back). However, as a back-up resource, our website has a link to a reservation system for national chain motels.

As you motor along, look at the roadside geology, trees and crops, cactus, wild animals with four legs, prairie dogs, roadrunners, buzzards, eagles and hawks; birds, bats, snakes, lizards, and creepy-crawly bugs. Watch the rain patterns and learn to name the clouds. This may be your only chance for years to look up at night to see the planets, stars and the brilliant Milky Way.

Can you picture yourself on a bicycle with the sun on your back and the wind in your hair? Okay, we'll compromise and make it a motorcycle.

Stops listed are on Route 66 as well as other notable historic places and museums you may want to add to your adventure. Service Stations are historic so don't plan on filling up. Drive slowly through the towns without sites listed and discover vintage, and mostly abandoned, cafes, motels, service stations, garages.

Use your Route 66 Passport along with other travel guides and you won't miss a thing. Planning your trip is easy with a copy of the **'EZ66 Guide for Travelers'** by Jerry McClanahan. Preparing in advance will help you make quick decisions as to which alignment to take. It is also a great resource for attractions and places to eat and sleep. We also recommend the **Route 66 Map Set** by Jim Ross.

For a current listing of places to stay and to eat, use the National Historic Route 66 Federation's **Dining and Lodging Guide**. For a directory of businesses, services, events, and more places to stop along the way, pick up a current copy of **Keeping you on The Mother Road**.

Not a great photographer? Solve that problem with the **'Images of 66'** (books #1 & #2) by David Wickline, and use your camera for people-pictures. Photo descriptions include addresses to help you find the historic sites.

A time honored tradition is to carry a copy of **'Route 66: The Mother Road'** by Michael Wallis and collect autographs of interesting people you meet and businesses you patronize: Great way to remember the people that make your trip memorable.

The books mentioned, and other great books, are available at Route 66 gift shops, book stores and some visitor centers.

ABOUT THIS JOURNAL

There are countless alignments as The Route was improved and only a few alternatives are included. Some old alignments are challenging even for a 4-wheel drive or not passable. One of the most popular older alignments is in New Mexico, from Santa Rosa up to Santa Fe and then down to Albuquerque.

Information was gathered from public sources and is as accurate as possible but not perfect.



Scan this code or go to **Route66Passport.US** for website links to visitor centers, chambers of commerce, Route 66 associations, cities, towns, places, museums, local lodging, plus GPS coordinates, recommendations, updates and news.

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THE FUTURE OF ROUTE 66

Have you heard the expression: "Take nothing but photos and leave nothing but footprints?" As you travel, especially when on foot, "Leave No Trace" and combine science with common sense:

1. Plan Ahead and Prepare
2. Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces
3. Dispose of Waste Properly
4. Leave What You Find
5. Minimize Campfire Impacts
6. Respect Wildlife
7. Be Considerate of Other Visitors

Use your Route 66 Passport to record....

TRAVEL: day and time of your visit, mileage or odometer reading

STOPS: names and your rating of restaurants, gift shops, and motels

EXPENSES: food, gas, lodging, gifts

NOTES: when you are on an historic Route 66 alignment or viewing from the Interstate

VISITS: events, attractions and museums

CHECK the boxes as you pass through the town or spot the ghost town or place.