

## GoDrivePAK3: NorthwestIL

Overview: *This GoDrivePAK3 begins just southwest of Rockford, Illinois at the junction of Highways 20 and 2. From there, the first stop is in Rock Falls, just 50 miles southwest. The second stop is thirty miles further at Fulton, Illinois and Clinton, Iowa, across the river from one another. Following the river on the Iowa side, the third recommended stop is the river town of Dubuque, Iowa. Heading back to the starting point, two Illinois state parks, Apple River Canyon and Lake Le-Aqua-Na are visited. The trip circles about 4000 square miles of this hilly, unglaciated region, all of it on two-lane roads.*

GoDrivePAKs are NOT for...

...travelers who equate “driving” to “covering ground.” Many find personal satisfaction driving at least five miles per hour over the posted speed limit on Interstate highways so that (between 9 in the morning and a 5 o’clock hotel stop) around 500 miles a day can be covered. “Can’t we at least stop at a bathroom, Dad?” “No, son, we gotta cover ground.” Those are not a GoDrivePAKer’s words.

GoDrivePAKs are for ...

...drivers who find satisfaction riding on two-lane roads (many of them county roads) through a constantly changing terrain of high hills and deep valleys, many carrying delightful rivers or streams. When farmland appears, the crops are planted on that hilly terrain such that the corn or beans actually provide a lot of interesting contrasting colors and textures. A large cornfield, for example, will have a twenty-foot track around it planted with another crop. Traveling 45 to 55 miles per hour on these roads is quite satisfying – for people who enjoy this kind of beauty.