Welcome to The Galena Territory

A Guide for Making the Most of Your Visit!



On behalf of the more than 5,800 property owners in The Galena Territory, welcome to our beautiful area. The Territory is a 6,800-acre private recreational and residential lake community located six miles southeast of the historic city of Galena. Nestled near the center of The Territory is Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa. The Galena Territory Association, Inc. (GTA) has set aside 1,900 acres of protected recreational land, providing facilities and amenities that include hiking trails, Lake Galena, a marina complex, an equestrian center, and a clubhouse complex. Together, The Galena Territory and Eagle Ridge offer elegant accommodations, excellent food, tennis, horseback riding, swimming pools, boating, fishing on 225-acre Lake Galena, and hiking and biking through nearly 32 miles of wooded trails.

In order for you to make the most of your time spent in The Galena Territory, we've compiled this quick guide to the GTA's private and public facilities and amenities available during your stay. Visit thegalenaterritory.com for more information.

Sincerely, Steve Wyland, General Manager The Galena Territory Association



Property Owners' Club Complex





Indoor Facilities: Open Year-Round

GTA Offices (Administrative, Architectural and Recreation)

Arts & Crafts Room (available to rent)
Business Center (free wireless internet)
Cafe (Memorial Day through Labor Day)

Fitness Center

Game Room and Arcade

Gymnasium

Indoor Pool

Lounge (available to rent)

Social Halls (available to rent)

Outdoor Recreational Facilities: Seasonal Hours

Tennis Courts Basketball Court Outdoor Pools

Please bring your own towels! The Owners' Club does not have towels available at the pool.

The GTA does have arm floats, sunscreen, goggles, swim rings, t-shirts, sweatshirts, water bottles, lanyards and tennis balls available for sale!

- The Owners' Club is owned and managed by The Galena Territory Association (GTA).
- This private facility (monitored by onsite GTA Security) is only for property owners and their guests.
- A GTA proximity card or guest pass is required (one per visitor older than five years of age).
- · A permanent GTA vehicle decal or temporary GTA guest parking pass is required on all vehicles parking at the facility.

HOURS OF OPERATION	MONTHS	DAYS	HOURS
Administrative Office 815-777-2000	Year-round	Monday - Saturday	8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Architectural Review Office	Year-round	Monday - Saturday	8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Recreation Office	Year-round	Tuesday - Saturday	8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Business Center for Members & Guests	Year-round	Daily	5 am to 8 pm
Fitness Center (for ages 14 and up)	Year-round	Daily	5 am to 8 pm
Indoor Swimming Pool			
 Aquatic fitness and lap swimming reservations required 815-777-2000 Open swim (all ages welcome) 	Year-round	Daily	5 am to 10 am
 (Two lanes reserved for aquatic fitness and lap swim) 	Year-round	Daily	10 am to 8 pm
Outdoor Swimming Pools			
 Activity pool and zero-entry wading pool 	mid-May to Memorial D		10 am to 8 pm
 (Swim diapers required, as needed) 	Memorial Day to Labor [•	10 am to 8 pm
	Labor Day to mid-Septen	nber Daily	10 am to 6 pm
Cafe			
Food Services	Memorial Day to Labor [Day Daily	11 am to 6 pm
Bar Services And the services of the	Memorial Day to Labor [Day Daily	Noon to 7 pm
(hours may change depending on staff / pool attendance)			
Game Room, Gymnasium, Video Arcade	Year-round	Daily	5 am to 8 pm
Owners' Club Lounge & Social Halls			
Available for rent	Year-round	Daily	5 am to 8 pm
Outdoor Basketball Court			
Reservations required	Seasonal	Daily	Dawn to dusk
Outdoor Tennis & Pickleball Courts			
Reservations required	Seasonal	Daily	Dawn to dusk

Lake Galena & Marina Park Complex



Bait & Tackle Shop
Boat Storage Pen
Boat Launch Ramp
Private Docks
Rental Fleet (Pontoons, Fishing Boats, Kayaks & Canoes)
Fish Cleaning Station
North Cove Park

Marina Lounge (available to rent)
Marina Pavilion (available to rent)
Outdoor Picnic Lawn
Volleyball Court
Kids' Playground
Fishing Pier
Thunder Bay Falls Park

- · Lake Galena and Marina are owned and managed by The Galena Territory Association (GTA).
- This private lake, Thunder Bay Falls and Marina complex (monitored by GTA Security) are open to property owners and their guests, and guests staying at Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa.
- A GTA proximity card or guest pass is required (one per visitor older than five years of age); or Eagle Ridge guest credentials.
- A permanent GTA vehicle decal or temporary guest parking pass is required on all vehicles parked at the amenities.

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Lake Galena 815-777-2012	Year-round	Daily	Anytime
Thunder Bay Falls Park	Year-round	Daily	Dawn to dusk
North Cove	Year-round	Daily	Dawn to dusk
Marina and Bait & Tackle Shop	April and October	Weekends only	8 am to 4:30 pm
	May and September	Daily	8 am to 4:30 pm
	Memorial Day - Labor Day	Daily	7 am to 7 pm
Boat/Storage Pen			
(if gate is locked, call GTA Security at 815-266-6251)	Year-round	Daily	Anytime
Fish Cleaning Station	Seasonal	Daily	Dawn to dusk
Tennis Courts – reservations required			
Pickleball Courts – reservations required	Seasonal	Daily	Dawn to dusk
Playground Equipment	Seasonal	Daily	Dawn to dusk
Horseshoe Pits	Seasonal	Daily	Dawn to dusk
Volleyball & Badminton Court	Seasonal	Daily	Dawn to dusk
Marina Lounge (available to rent)	April and October	Weekends only	8 am to 4:30 pm
	May and September	Daily	8 am to 4:30 pm
	Memorial Day - Labor Day	Daily	7 am to 7 pm
Marina Pavilion (available to rent)	Seasonal	Daily	Dawn to dusk

Lake Galena Rules

- · Swimming is prohibited in Lake Galena and below the spillway area at Thunder Bay Falls Park.
- Fishing is permitted on Lake Galena and from the shoreline, the fishing pier and at Thunder Bay Falls Park. An Illinois State Fishing License is required and can be purchased at the Marina or online at dnr.state.il.us/admin.gov.
- Fishing is prohibited from the docks at the Marina and from the lake spillway.
- · Only boats owned, registered, and titled by property owners are allowed on Lake Galena. Guest boats are not allowed.
- The waters of Lake Galena are under the jurisdiction of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR).
- Boaters may be fined by the IDNR Patrol Officers if they are not in compliance with state fishing and boating statutes.

Selfie Stations In The Galena Territory

While you are traveling throughout The Galena Territory be on the lookout for the new selfie stations! Our installations help you snap a photo of you (and your family or friends) without having to look for someone to take it for you or prop your smartphone on a nearby rock or branch.

The sign has directions for how to use the stand. Use your imagination. And use the hashtags suggested on the signs to see what others have created. Find them all...Thunder Bay Falls, Shenandoah Riding Center, Belden School, Lake Galena, Stony Point, Owners' Club and North Cove.



Greenspace & Trail System



Nearly 32 miles of trails meander through woodlands and prairies of The Galena Territory... perfect for hikers, cyclists and horseback riders.

- Greenspace and trails are owned and managed by The Galena Territory Association (GTA).
- Trail maps are available at the GTA Owners' Club Administrative Office, Shenandoah Riding Center and thegalenaterritory.com.
- The trails are open year-round for property owners and their guests, and guests staying at Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa.
- · A GTA proximity card or guest pass is required (one per each visitor older than five years of age); or Eagle Ridge guest credentials.
- Trails are patrolled by GTA Security.
- There are 6.5 miles of paved and over 24 miles of unpaved trails in The Galena Territory

Nationally recognized Greenspace

In 2010, The Galena Territory was designated the 46th National Wildlife Federation Community Wildlife Habitat, the first in the tri-state area. This accomplishment recognizes the consistent commitment property owners to preserving and enhancing its natural areas.

The honor is unique and requires several components, including habitat certification, education and community projects. Efforts to preserve Greenspace include animal surveys and management, habitat restoration, woodland management and a volunteer-based Stewardship Program.

Habitat restoration involves invasive plant management, native plant and seed installation, seed harvesting and prescribed burning. The purpose is to mimic the natural processes that defined plant communities historically found in The Galena Territory.



Woodland management projects are focused on creating canopy gaps to allow more light to reach the ground. This will improve the herbaceous plant layer and increase oak regeneration. Thirty-five sites have been identified for further investigation and prioritization.

The volunteer-based Stewardship Program focuses on preserving and enhancing Greenspace tracts. Property owners can request to perform maintenance – stewardship – on a tract adjacent or special to them by submitting a proposal. Work may include removing invasive species, installing native seed or plants, reducing erosion and releasing oak and hickory trees from competition from other woody species.

Property owners themselves play an integral role in ongoing Greenspace stewardship, including seeding and planting specific flora on their property. The Greenspace Advisory Group, consisting of GTA staff and property owners, holds several events during the year to encourage Greenspace education such as Farmers and Holiday markets, a Farm-To-Table dinner, roadside cleanups, guided trail walks, and more.

Dark Sky Friendly Distinction



One of the gifts offered to guests and residents of The Galena Territory is the beauty of the night sky. The GTA's Architectural Review Committee is committed to maintaining a balance between the need for security lights and the wish to observe the natural beauty day and night in The Territory. In January 2021, The Galena Territory was recognized as a Dark Sky Friendly Development of Distinction from International Dark-Sky Association for our promotion of sensitive outdoor lighting in an effort to preserve the environment from unnecessary light at night.

All exterior lights are to follow "lights on" at or near dusk and "lights off" at 1 a.m. unless the homeowner or guest is not in the house, but is returning that evening. Exterior lights shall be turned off once all occupants are in the home. Motion sensor lights can remain ready for use at all hours and eliminate the need to manually control

compliance, therefore the use of motion sensor lights is strongly encouraged.

Discover the Driftless Area: A geological phenomenon

The Galena Territory and Jo Daviess County are found in a unique geographical region called the Driftless Area, referring to the ridges and valleys the glaciers of the Pleistocene Epoch avoided. The full extent of the Driftless Area is 15,000 square miles, stretching into northeast lowa, northwest Illinois, southwest Wisconsin, and southeast Minnesota. Ecologically, the flora and fauna of the Driftless Area are more closely related to those of the Great Lakes region and New England rather than those of the broader Midwest and central Plains regions.

The landscape of the county attracted the Branigar Organization to this area and ultimately led to the development of The Galena Territory. One unique amenity within The Territory is Greenspace, common property owned and managed by The GTA on behalf of property owners. Branigar's 1973 General Plan of Development discusses the creation of Greenspace: "A significant portion of the land in The Galena Territory will be left in green areas or open space for permanent use and enjoyment of property owners... to preserve the rural character of the property."



Shenandoah Riding Center



Trail Rides
Riding Lessons
Wagon Rides
Diamond Trail Rides (for proposals)
Clinics and Riding Camps
Horse Boarding

Special Events:

Kentucky Derby Party
Freedom Reins Shenandoah Pro Rodeo with fireworks
Farm Fun Day
Country Christmas
Veteran's Day giveaways

- The equestrian center is owned and managed by The Galena Territory Association (GTA).
- This is the only GTA-owned amenity that is open to the general public.
- For more information, call or text 815-777-9550 or visit shenandoahridingcenter.com.

Freedom Reins Pro Rodeo

Since 1975, the Shenandoah Riding Center has provided a pro rodeo in conjunction with Independence Day celebrations. The Freedom Reins Pro Rodeo hosts two nights of amazing entertainment through eight fiercely competitive and exhilarating competitions. Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa, The Galena Territory Association, and Shenandoah Riding Center bring Freedom Reins Pro Rodeo to The Galena Territory every year on Independence Day weekend.

The rodeo was born out of emulating skills used between horses and cattle to do tasks in ranch living. This entertainment, however; needs to be as safe as possible. Our Freedom Reins Pro Rodeo is a sanctioned rodeo. This means, among other things, there are governing rules and regulations for the competitions that protect the safety and well-being of competitors and animals. Visit freedomreinsprorodeo.com.



Belden School

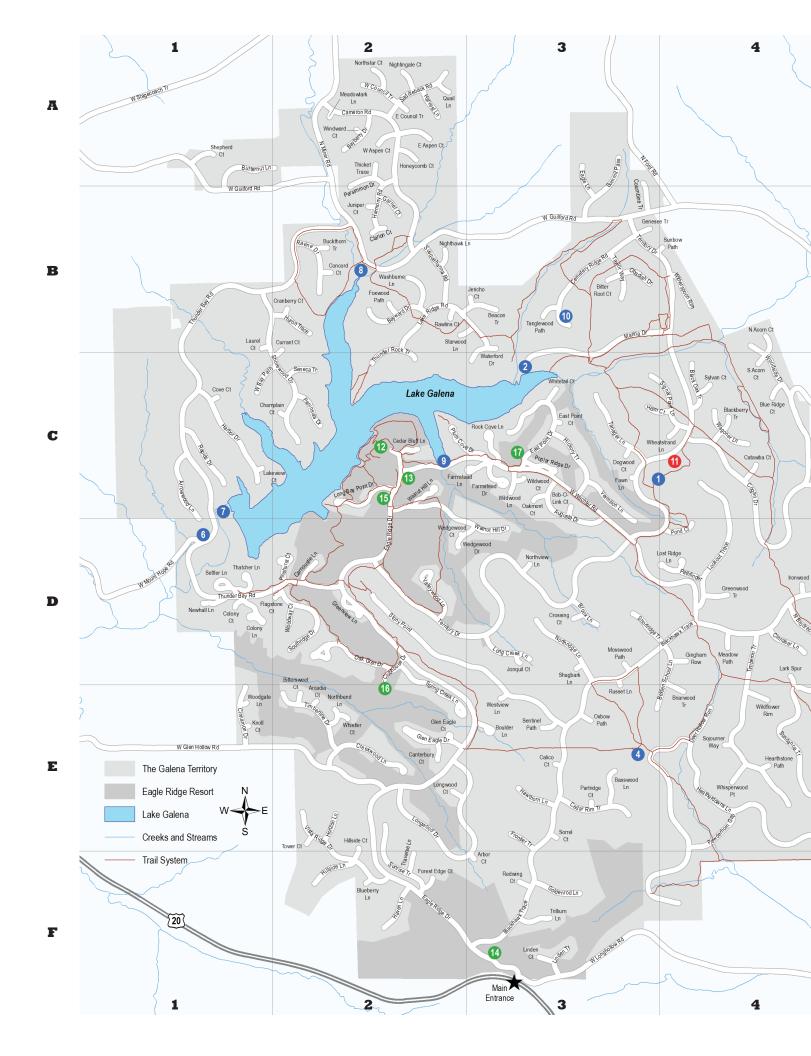


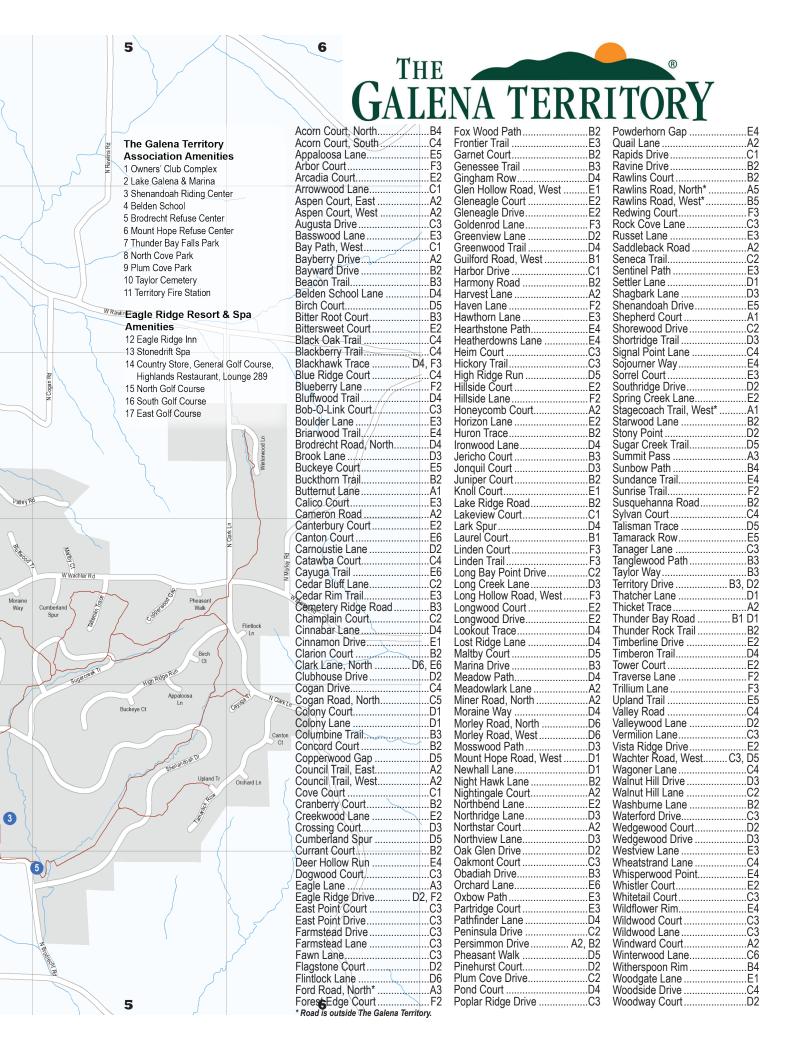
Built in 1859, the school sits on one acre of Greenspace in the woods at 52 Heatherdowns Lane. The school was lovingly restored by the Galena Territory Foundation and opened to visitors on Sept. 5, 2009, in time to celebrate its sesquicentennial. Belden School is open from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. for visitors on the first and third Saturday of the months from June to October. Docents are present to share lessons of the past with students of today. Tours are available by appointment. For more information call 815-777-2000, visit thegalenaterritory.com.



Contact Information

Any emergency 9-1-1			
Non-emergency	Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Office		815-777-2141
	GTA Security		815-266-6251
The Galena Territory Association Owners' Club	2000 Territory Drive, Galena, IL 61036	thegalenaterritory.com	815-777-2000
Recreation Department	2000 Territory Drive, Galena, IL 61036	gtarec@thegalenaterritory.com	
Marina (in season)	100 Marina Drive, Galena, IL 61036	sbirkbeck@thegalenaterritory.com	815-777-2012
October – April			815-777-2000
Shenandoah Riding Center	200 N. Brodrecht Road, Galena, IL 61036	shenandoahridingcenter.com	
		info@shenandoahridingcenter.com	815-777-9550











The Galena Territory and Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa

The difference isn't always clear

The Galena Territory is the name of the complete 6,800-acre development that includes the resort, residential homes and lots and semi-private recreational amenities owned by The Galena Territory Association (GTA). Property owners in The Galena Territory have the luxury of having an award-winning resort in their own backyards, and have the opportunity to participate in events and activities provided by Eagle Ridge at special reduced property owner rates and through a variety of membership programs.

Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa is the specific name of the resort located within The Galena Territory. It is owned and operated by a third party. Resort amenities are the 80-room Eagle Ridge Inn, including 15,000 square feet of conference and banquet space, and the Stonedrift Spa; a variety of dining options from casual to formal; 63 holes of championship golf; tennis courts; The Country Store; and outdoor event grounds. The resort is open to the general public.

Vehicle and Traffic Reminders

- 1. All vehicles owned by property owners or guests must display a Galena Territory Association (GTA) vehicle decal or temporary vehicle pass when parking on or near the common properties owned by the GTA.
- 2. Temporary vehicle passes (available at the Marina, Owners' Club, and all Guest Accommodation/Rental Companies) must be placed in a visible location inside the vehicle. Citations may be given to owners of vehicles not displaying proper identification.
- 3. The Galena Territory is a residential and rural area. Drivers should watch for walkers, bikers and horses as you round the curves in the road. While we know the scenery is beautiful, it's best to keep your eyes on the road at all times.

Please call the GTA Administrative Office, Monday-Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 815-777-2000 or call GTA Security at 815-266-6251 24/7.