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# 2023 discover

## *The Galena Territory*

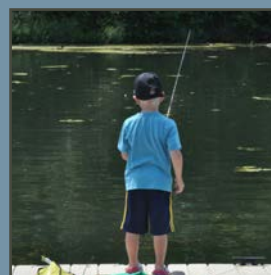


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Shenandoah



Lake Galena



Trails



# Welcome

No matter the time of year,  
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Together, The Galena Territory and Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa offer elegant accommodations, excellent food, tennis, horseback riding, indoor and outdoor swimming pools, boating, and fishing on 225-acre Lake Galena, and hiking and biking through 32 miles of wooded trails. As a getaway destination, no other place in the region boasts 63 holes of championship golf or a state-of-the-art wellness spa that draws people far and wide.

## Come for a Visit. Stay for a Lifestyle.

The Galena Territory is unlike any other place in Illinois. Look around. From what was once farmland with fields patched together like a quilt and dotted with livestock, to the lush, green, breathtaking area it is today, it's hard to imagine this all stemmed from a vision.

The spirit of that vision is what continuously drives us to be a relevant, inviting, and inclusive place to live, work, visit, and play. We invite you to explore the 6,800

acres of woodlands that make up The Galena Territory.



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## Clarifying the difference

*The Galena Territory  
Come for a Visit. Stay for a Lifestyle.*

What is The Galena Territory?  
We thought you'd never ask! The Galena Territory is the complete 6,800-acre development that is comprised of residential homes and lots, semi-private recreational amenities and Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa. Property owners in The Galena Territory are members of The Galena Territory Association (GTA)

and have the luxury of having Lake Galena and Marina, Greenspace and Trails, the Owners' Club and Shenandoah Riding Center in their backyards.



*Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa  
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Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa is located within The Galena Territory, is open to the public, and is owned by a separate company. Resort amenities include the 80-room inn, including 15,000 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.



## Discover more

### The Galena Territory



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### Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa



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## Shenandoah Riding Center

Shenandoah Riding Center was the first amenity built in 1974 as it was accessible due to the existing road.



**The inaugural Shenandoah Pro Rodeo was in 1975.**

How did The Galena Territory grow from 22 farms to what it is today?

# Celebrating 50 years 1973 - 2023

In 1970, The Galena Territory was farmland. When Branigar Organization, Inc. began the development, it envisioned a lake when there was only a creek.

The Branigar Organization developed many recreational second-home projects over the years, learning from each. Based on the success of

these projects, Branigar created The Galena Territory with more amenities – the final masterpiece.



## Marina Park Improvement Project

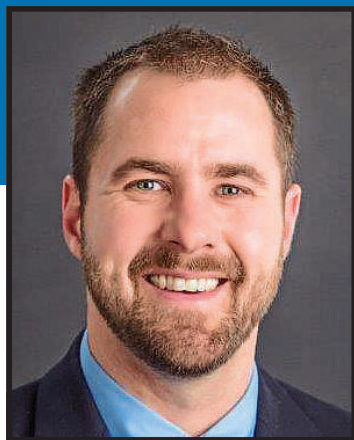
This fall, the Galena Territory Association will embark on an exciting project. This involves a new and improved Marina building, Marina Pavilion, and more.





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# In the beginning

It all began in the late 1960s with land acquisition and planning. In the early 1970s, nearly 64 miles of road were created. Homes began to dot the landscape. The Shenandoah Riding Center was constructed and hosted the first rodeo.

The dam and spillway were completed and Lake Galena was filled. Property owners began creating events to meet and socialize and Eagle Ridge Inn opened.

Today, property owners enjoy the natural beauty preserved under Branigar's foresight and guidance with many more years to come...

The development mix includes amenities such as horses, tennis, Lake Galena, and a mix of housing; single-family, multi-unit, cluster housing, townhouses, and a resort area. In all, 22 farms became The Galena Territory on July 26, 1973.



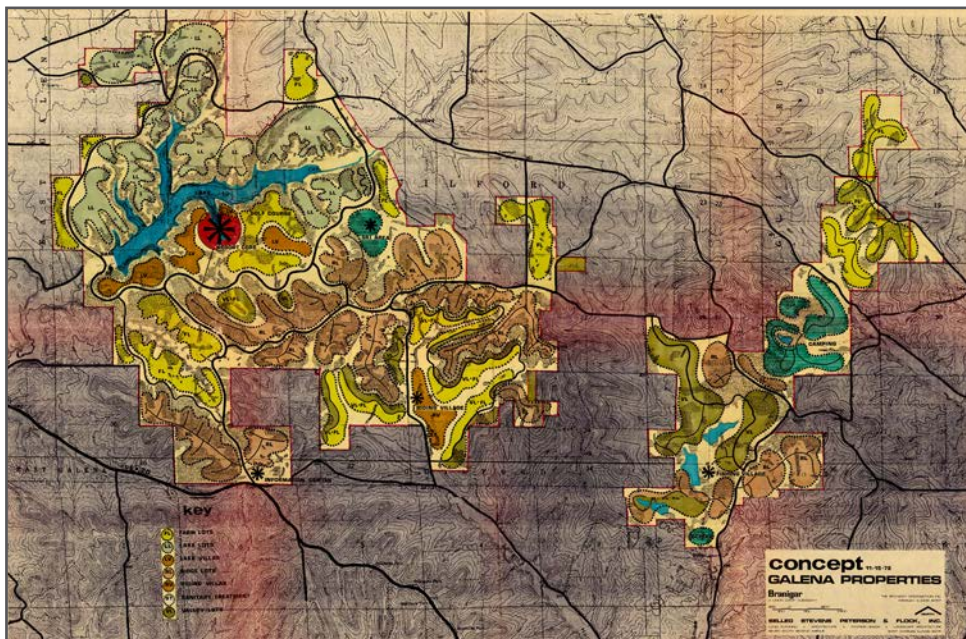
Lake Galena, dam, and spillway were constructed in 1974. During the summer of 1976, the lake was stocked with brown and rainbow trout, largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, perch, northern pike, and walleye.



Eagle Ridge Inn and golf courses were part of the development to house and impress prospective property owners. In 1992, Eagle Ridge became a separate organization.



The Owners' Club was built in 1974 and expanded several times. In 2012, the new Outdoor Recreation and Pool Complex opened.



## 50th Anniversary Celebrations

As a property owner in The Galena Territory, there are many ways to socialize with friends and neighbors. Functions are planned throughout the year. This year is no exception.



You could join us if you owned property in The Galena Territory.





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## Freedom Reins Pro Rodeo

Saddle up for the Freedom Reins Pro Rodeo on June 30 and July 1 at the Shenandoah Riding Center nestled within The Territory. Both nights feature family fun with music, vendors, rodeo, and fireworks.

This year's rodeo also features Stateline Hotshots Rodeo Drill Team, an all-female rodeo flag drill team. And, you don't want to miss local favorite, Ten Gallon Hat, country and-southern rock specialists, before the rodeo. Food trucks and axe throwing will be available for spectators to add to the fun!

Gates open at 4 p.m.  
Ten Gallon Hat, 4:45 p.m.  
Rodeo, 7 p.m.  
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# Things to do

*The Galena Territory boasts signature public events each year.*

Look no further! From history to the great outdoors, you are sure to find something unique to do in The Galena Territory. Visit a one-room schoolhouse, stock up on fresh veggies and

crafts, enjoy a homemade meal, and soar high above The Territory and take in the awesome views. Grab a friend and come discover The Territory for yourself.

## Star Gazing



Find out more on page 48.

## Belden School



Find out more on page 36.

# Farmers Market

The Farmers Market in the Owners' Club parking lot featuring local fruits, vegetables, and arts and crafts, runs every Sunday from Memorial Day weekend through Oct. 8 from 8 a.m. to noon. Join additional arts and crafts vendors on Oct. 1 for the annual Holiday Farmers Market to get you into the gift-giving spirit. And, you won't want to miss the Holiday Market featuring decorations, gift items, art, baked goods, and much more, to welcome the holiday season on Dec. 2 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the GTA Owners' Club Social Hall. For more information visit [thegalenaterritory.com](http://thegalenaterritory.com).

**Oct. 1** Outdoor Holiday Market

**Oct. 14** Farm to Table Dinner

**Dec. 2** Indoor Holiday Market







## Great Galena Balloon Race

The Great Galena Balloon Race rises at Eagle Ridge on June 16-18. In addition to the race, you'll enjoy live music and family-friendly entertainment including tethered balloon rides, wine tastings, and great local foods. The annual fundraiser benefits Camp Hertko Hollow for kids with diabetes and Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF). Visit [greatgalena-balloonrace.com](http://greatgalena-balloonrace.com) for more information.

## Firemen's Pork Chop Dinner

The Galena Territory Fire Department hosts its annual Firemen's Pork Chop Dinner on Oct. 7 in The Galena Territory Association (GTA) Owners' Club Social Hall from 5 to 8 p.m. Not only is it a great meal, but it's also a great cause! For more information visit [thegalenaterritory.com](http://thegalenaterritory.com).

## Farm Fun Day

Milk a cow and get a close-up look at sheep, rabbits, and more during Farm Fun Day at Shenandoah Riding Center at 10 a.m. on July 8 brought to you by Jo Daviess Farm Bureau, The Galena Territory Association and Shenandoah Riding Center. For more information visit [thegalenaterritory.com](http://thegalenaterritory.com).

## Honor our veterans

Honor those who served on July 3 at the North Golf Course at Eagle Ridge. Take part in the Fire Cracker 5k Run at 8 a.m. Watch the Golden Knight Army Parachute Team at 10:30 a.m. and then bring your "A" game to the Honor Flight Charity Golf Outing at noon. Proceeds benefit Honor Flight of Dubuque and the Tri-States. For more information visit [eagleridge.com](http://eagleridge.com).







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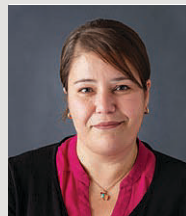
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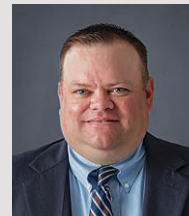
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Glaciers from the last ice age bypassed this area leaving a “driftless” landscape, devoid of ice-deposited sand, gravel, and clay that make up glacial “drift.” This geological hidden gem stretches into Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. Ecologically, this is the biodiversity hotspot of Illinois with the flora and fauna closely related to those of the Great Lakes and New England.

The dramatic landscape of Jo Daviess County attracted the Branigar Organization to this area which ultimately led to the development of The Galena Territory. One unique aspect of The Territory is its 1,900 acres of Greenspace, common property owned and maintained by The Galena Territory Association on behalf of property owners. Branigar’s 1973 General Plan of Development discussed the creation of Greenspace as, “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.”

With more than 32 miles of trails that traverse hills, ravines, ridge tops, woodlands, and meadows, you are sure to encounter a range of flora and fauna.

Trails near Eagle Ridge and golf courses are mostly paved and suitable for jogging, walking and similar activities. Several lookout platforms and towers provide views of Lake Galena as well as panoramas of the stunning countryside.

Wayfinding signage is located throughout The Galena Territory trail system. Signs include distances of the trails and distances to amenities. Trail maps are available at Eagle Ridge, the Owners’ Club, the Marina, the information kiosk, Shenandoah and [thegalenaterritory.com](http://thegalenaterritory.com).

The trail system is open to guests of Eagle Ridge, as well as The Galena Territory property owners and their guests. The Galena Territory is designated as a Community Wildlife Habitat by the National Wildlife Federation, the first in the tri-





## Say cheese!

While you're traveling throughout The Galena Territory, be on the lookout for selfie stations at the 10 most popular locations.

Snap a photo of yourself (with your family, friends, or pets) without having to look for someone to take it for you or prop your smartphone on a nearby rock or branch.



The numbered signs have 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!

1. Thunder Bay Falls
2. Shenandoah Riding Center entrance
3. Shenandoah Riding Center pastures
4. Belden School
5. Lake Galena Marina
6. Lake Galena
7. Stony Point Lookout west platform
8. Stony Point Lookout east platform
9. Owners' Club
10. North Cove

state area. This accomplishment recognizes the consistent commitment property owners have to preserve and enhance their natural areas.

The honor is unique and requires several components, including habitat certification, education, and community projects. A volunteer-based Stewardship Program focuses on preserving and en-

hancing Greenspace tracts. Property owners request to perform maintenance, better known as stewardship, on a tract adjacent or special to them by submitting a proposal. Examples include removing invasive species, installing native seeds or plants, reducing erosion, and releasing oak and hickory trees from competition from other woody species. Habitat restoration is renewing

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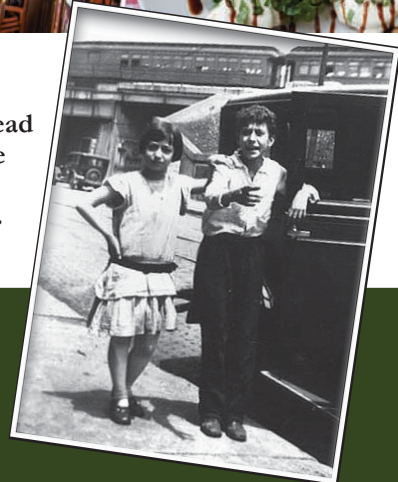
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## Exclusive access

Property ownership in The Galena Territory includes automatic membership in The Galena Territory Association (GTA), a common interest association that manages the 1,900 acre semi-private recreational amenities in The Galena Territory. One of the privileges of ownership is exclusive access to private amenities such as Greenspace and trails, Lake Galena and Marina, the Owners' Club Complex, and Thunder Bay Falls. These amenities are for the use and enjoyment of property owners and their guests and require a proximity card to gain access. For more information, visit [thegalenaterritory.com](http://thegalenaterritory.com).

**Stay for a Lifestyle.**

# Live in The Territory

*You can live here too! The majority of The Galena Territory's 6,800 acres are owned by individuals who bought property in the low-density, planned residential community.*

Properties are available for different lifestyles at different price points, including single-family homes, townhouses, condominiums, golf villas, and undeveloped lots.

Each lot is positioned to best fit the land (no two lots are identical). Some are large enough to pasture horses while others boast spectacular views.

Each lot borders undeveloped Greenspace on at least one side, seamlessly blending individual properties with pristine woodlands and prairies.

Local realtors can provide details on available properties and vacant lots. Stop by the information kiosk located at the corner of Eagle Ridge Drive and Territory Drive here in The





## Owners' Club



Keep fit at the gym or take a dip in one of the swimming pools. See page 37.

## Lake Galena



Find a fish story or spend an afternoon on the pontoon. See page 24.

## Trails



Take in striking native flowers and fascinating local wildlife. See page 16.

Galena Territory. Here you will find realtor boxes, maps of The Territory and Lake Galena, as well as information about the trails, Shenandoah Riding Center, and events and activities.

Visit the [thegalenaterritory.com](http://thegalenaterritory.com) or call 815.777.2000 for more information.

**\*An amenity card and parking pass are required to access all Galena Territory Association facilities and common properties (Lake Galena, Thunder Bay Falls, Owners' Club Complex, Greenspace & Trails and both of the Territory refuse centers).**

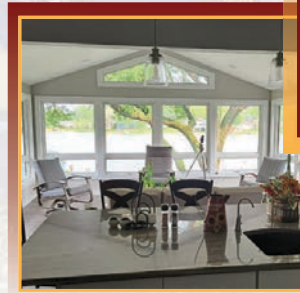






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# Lake Galena & Marina

*Nestled in the rolling hills of The Galena Territory is Lake Galena. This 225-acre lake is ideal for everyone – anglers, boaters, ice fishermen, and those who just want to enjoy its beauty.*

No matter the season, Lake Galena boasts some of the best fishing in the Midwest. Here you will find smallmouth and largemouth bass, walleye, bluegill, channel catfish, perch, crappie, trout and tiger muskie. It's not just fishermen that are lured by the lake – many wild-life species frequent Lake Galena, including eagles, ospreys, great blue herons, white-tailed deer, turkeys, red foxes, and otters.

Offerings include boat rentals, fuel and fishing licenses. The well-stocked Bait & Tackle Shop offers more for anglers in need of live bait, lures, or perhaps a new

rod and reel. You'll also find pop, bottled water, chips, snacks, and ice cream.

Need a boat? We have those too. Boats for rent include pontoons, fishing boats, and single and tandem kayaks and canoes. Reservations are suggested for pontoon boats and a deposit is required. All other watercraft are available on a first-come, first-served basis. The GTA also rents in-water docks, dry storage spots, and canoe racks for property owners. Only boats owned by property owners are allowed on Lake Galena.

Adjacent to the GTA Marina is an area for shoreline fishing, an ADA-compliant fishing pier, and a Marina Park Complex. You'll find several recreational opportunities for family members of all ages to enjoy including a picnic area, pickleball courts, and tennis and volleyball courts.

Eagle Ridge also maintains a marina with pontoon boats, paddle-boats, kayaks, and canoes. Please call the GTA Marina Bait & Tackle shop at 815.777.2012 from May through October. Or call 815.777.2000 during the cooler months.



## *A is for adventure*

Looking for an adventure?

Besides boating and hiking, there are many other opportunities to explore The Galena Territory.

Bicyclists can pedal and traverse their way through trails and roads with their own wheels or those available at Eagle Ridge. Let's see if you can make it up some of these hills. Looking for a challenge? Take a shot at Guilford Road or Thunder Bay Road.

Those wanting another way to enjoy the outdoors can take zip line tours at nearby Long Hollow Canopy Tours. Visit [longhollowcanopytours.com](https://longhollowcanopytours.com) for details.

Get an eagle's eye view with Galena On The Fly. Prepare to lift off in one of the most massive hot air balloons in the country. Drift above the rolling landscapes of The Galena Territory while taking in views of Iowa, Illinois, and Wisconsin from your 3,000-foot-high perch. Visit [buyaballoonride.com](https://buyaballoonride.com) for details.

## **Look to the future**

Although nothing can compare to a day on Lake Galena, a new Marina Park Complex might come pretty close. The GTA is currently undertaking a massive Marina Park Improvement Project, which will break ground in mid to late 2023 with an estimated completion date in mid-2024. The undertaking involves a new and improved Marina building, Marina Pavilion, boardwalk, and playground, as well as a partial dock restoration and replacement.







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# Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa

*Your home away from home: The charming Inn and Courtyard at Eagle Ridge offers rooms and suites just a few steps from many attractions.*

## Relax in The Territory

The new Stonedrift Spa offers more than three times the space and doubles the number of treatment rooms than before. State-of-the-art fixtures, furniture, decor items, and new products complement the vast array of offerings while showcasing an exceptional view of the 10th hole of the North Golf Course – one of the most panoramic sights on the property.

Since 2004, Stonedrift Spa has been on a mission to provide signature spa treatments, services and therapies in a dedicated destination spa. With this new location, added services include:

- A barber shop
- A hair salon
- Men's and women's saunas
- A bridal suite
- A yoga studio

All rooms include free wireless internet, down pillows, pillow-top mattresses, jetted bathtubs, and high-definition TVs. Comfortable Courtyard rooms offer perfect views of The Galena Territory with walkout patios or balconies. Many Courtyard rooms are pet-friendly.

Sprawling across The Galena Territory, Eagle Ridge Resort's distinctive homes and villas offer a private setting with easy access to the activities, amenities and

the great outdoors. The combination of private lodging with resort luxury makes Eagle Ridge homes unique.

Daily housekeeping service, shuttle service, and complimentary coffee are included in these two-to six-bedroom homes ideal for families and friends. All feature fully-equipped kitchens, gas grills, fireplaces, TVs and more. Several homes are also available with hot tubs and whirlpool bathtubs.

- 13 treatment rooms
- A HydraFacial room

Stonedrift Spa is excited to have a world-class wellness destination spa that continues to provide a peaceful setting to rejuvenate your mind, body and soul. Our certified professionals provide signature treatments that rival any world-class spa.

Favorites include couple's massages, facials and reflexology, energy therapies and multiple nail treatments.

Stonedrift is already a significant draw for girlfriend weekends and wedding parties; however, it's used increasingly by golfers. All therapists are trained in massages aimed explicitly at helping golfers particular muscle needs. Visit [eagleridge.com](http://eagleridge.com) or call 800.892.2269 for details.







## The perfect golf destination

Whether you're a weekend or a scratch golfer, Eagle Ridge is the perfect destination.

In addition to 63 manicured holes courses, Eagle Ridge offers a grill and golf shop featuring a wide selection of golf and casual wear.

Eagle Ridge also makes golf accessible to children and families as children play free with paying adult at all its courses.

Training programs at Eagle Ridge include group clinics and private

lessons. Learn everything from fundamentals to perfecting your putting through fun, challenging games, and drills.

Eagle Ridge Junior Programs are a wonderful way to introduce the game of golf to your children. An early grasp of fundamentals like grip, posture and stance will give them the best chance for success and can lead to a lifetime of endless enjoyment.

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## Eat in The Territory

Highlands offers light lunches, wood-fired favorites, indulgent dinner entrées and vegan offerings. There is something for every palate and price point. Its massive deck offers breathtaking views of The Galena Territory and includes a bounty of locally sourced ingredients.

Attached to Highlands is Lounge 289 named for its location of the highest point in The Galena Territory at an altitude of 289 feet. The Lounge's expanded bar offers local brews and spirits.

Light meals, snacks and beverages are available at Talon's Grill in the South Course Clubhouse and Screaming Eagle at the North Course Clubhouse.

Woodlands Restaurant, the main restaurant in the Eagle Ridge lodge with beautiful views of Lake Galena, was voted as one of Galena's Best Restaurants by OpenTable.com, and nominated for Best Scenic View by Diner's Choice.

Woodlands offers seasonal cuisine

using local ingredients and has an extensive wine and craft ale list.

Don't feel like eating out? No problem. Stop by the Country Store, at the entrance to The Territory, for essentials. Stop by the deli counter for lunch. Pick up a magazine or newspaper to read poolside. There is a complete selection of beverages, including milk, soft drinks, beer, wine, and liquor to stock the fridge in your suite, villa, or home. It also serves Starbucks coffee for your caffeine fix.

The North Course offers elevated tee boxes with a vast view of Lake Galena.

The South Course, was voted one of the top 75 upscale courses in the country.

The East Course is popular with families, children, and new golfers.

The General offers views of Wisconsin, Illinois, and Iowa with a 250-foot elevation change. Hole 14 is a par 4 with 180 feet of elevation change from tee to green.





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## Space for you

Eagle Ridge offers 14 state-of-the-art venues for all your meeting needs. Whether you're planning an annual conference for 300 guests, a sales presentation for 50, or an intimate board meeting for 10, the Resort's conference professionals set up the space to your specifications and tend to all of the details.



## Ballrooms

The Eagle Ballroom has 5,300 square feet of space and is perfect for larger events. It can also be divided into three smaller spaces. The Gale-na Ballroom has 3,300 square feet of space and can be divided into five smaller spaces.



## Distinctive homes

Call your next gathering in one of Eagle Ridge's Distinctive Homes, which are outfitted with board rooms, comfortable living rooms, dining rooms and expansive decks or patios. Catering services are offered in all distinctive homes, but kitchens and gas grills are provided for groups who wish to host less formal events.



## Board rooms

Use one of the Resort's three board rooms to host meetings for up to 12 people.

## Outdoor venues

Eagle Ridge offers two outdoor venues for groups. Point Patio is an elegant, tented patio with views of Lake Galena. Highlands Restaurant and Lounge 289 features expansive views of the 10th tee box and the 18th green, as well as the beautiful Galena Territory countryside.





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# Belden School

*Once upon a time, there was a one-room schoolhouse located in what would become The Galena Territory.*

Welcome to Belden School, located at 52 Heatherdowns Lane, a charming one-room schoolhouse built in 1859. It sits upon Greenspace in The Galena Territory and celebrated its 160th anniversary in 2019. It's also one of the last of 116 one-room schools that once dotted Jo Daviess County.

Over the years, the little limestone schoolhouse was sheltered by the woods and forgotten in time. That changed when it was rescued by The

Belden School Preservation Commission in 2004, restored over the next several years and reopened in time to celebrate its sesquicentennial in 2009. The restoration depicts the schoolhouse as it appeared in 1936.

Visitors have come to Belden School from across the world. Open houses are held the first and third Saturdays from June through October, typically from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.



**1858** One square acre in Jo Daviess County was purchased by school officials for \$30.

**1859** Belden School was built of native limestone for \$900. The school was named after Thomas Belden, an early settler who also served as a school trustee.

**1880** A law was passed in Illinois requiring that a schoolhouse must have outhouses, so two were built for \$17 each.

**1943** The last classes were held at Belden School when small districts consolidated.

**1955** The schoolhouse and land were sold for \$25.

**1984** The Galena Territory Association purchased the land and the schoolhouse.

**2004** Through donations, fundraising, and grants from the Galena Belle Questers and the Galena Territory Foundation, Belden School was brought back to life.

**2007** The inside of the building was electrically wired. The interior was completely renovated. A cabinet that was original to the school was returned to its place in the front corner.

**2009** Restoration completed and Belden School hosted a Grand Sesquicentennial Rededication Celebration.

**2019** Belden School celebrated 160 years.

Call 815.777.2000, visit [thegalenaterritory.com](http://thegalenaterritory.com), and like Belden School on Facebook.



Docents from the Belden School Preservation Commission greet visitors, share stories, and answer questions.

## Walk among the fairies

The Woodland Fairy Garden Walk returns to the Belden School grounds from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, June 17, 2023. There is a suggested donation of \$5 per person (children 10 years old and under are free).

Volunteers create, build, and install fairy gardens around the school for guests to tour the tiny homes while wearing fairy wings (optional) and munching fresh baked goods. There is also a special tent where children can make their own fairy wands.



# The Owners' Club

*A place to play for all seasons*

The GTA Owners' Club overlooks a wide valley in the heart of The Galena Territory and provides year-round recreational opportunities.

The Recreation and Pool Complex, open 5 a.m. to 8 p.m., is set upon the foundation of a pioneer farm, and includes a state-of-the-art Fitness Center with exercise machines, weights, locker rooms, a seasonal Owners' Club Café with indoor and outdoor seating, and three pools. Family swim begins at 10 a.m.

The Owners' Club also houses the Business Center for members, a video arcade, and computer bar with free wireless

internet. Outside, you'll find two tennis courts and basketball courts.

The Fitness Center provides property owners and guests with six treadmills, a Stairmaster, four elliptical machines, recumbent bikes, Nautilus weight stack equipment, free weights, a balance trainer, and more.

## Live it up

The Galena Territory Association (GTA) and its Recreation Department offer entertaining, educational and exciting programs for property owners, their families and guests throughout the year.

Here is a small sampling of other

activities:

- Pickleball and tennis
- Children parties
- Flicks & Floats
- Doodles & Doodads for kids
- Sewing, quilting, and crafting groups
- Football nights
- Bridge, pinocle, and other card groups
- Territory Shutterbugs
- Ladies' Game Night
- Guys' Night Out

The GTA hosts a variety of events throughout the year for friends and neighbors to get together.

**FIND OUT MORE**  
**[thegalenaterritory.com](http://thegalenaterritory.com)**  
**815.777.2000**

# Splish, Splash

Property owners, their guests, and guests of Eagle Ridge are welcome to make a splash in the pools.

Outdoor pools are typically open just before Memorial Day and closed about two weeks after Labor Day. The outdoor pools have a double slide and in-pool seating area; the zero-entry wading pool has bubblers and a frog slide for the children to enjoy.

The indoor pool is open year-round and includes a basketball hoop, aquatic exercise, lap swimming and water aerobics.

Want to have more fun? The Game Room features pool and bumper pool tables, ping pong, foosball, puzzles, games and

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## Members ONLY

*Looking for that perfect space for your next gathering? One of the benefits of being a property owner (or the guest of a property owner) in The Galena Territory is that you can rent one of many rooms for various kinds of events through The Galena Territory Association (GTA).*

The Owners' Club Social Hall is designed to accommodate wedding receptions, corporate parties, meetings, and luncheons. The room can be completely open to accommodate large parties or divided into thirds to suit your needs.

The Owners' Club Lounge is a cozy space for up to 50 people with a beautiful fireplace and a convenient galley kitchen.

The Marina Lounge overlooks the docks of Lake Galena. With a small

kitchen, this room is perfect for parties of up to 40 people.

The Marina Pavilion has ample space to hold large parties. This wonderful screened-in space sits close to all the Lake Galena amenities.

Whether you're planning a business meeting, wedding reception, bridal shower, baby shower, or family reunion – staff at the GTA are happy to work with you!





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You can also relax and enjoy your rehearsal dinner catered by Eagle Ridge's Culinary Department and hosted in one of many settings.

The Resort is also a great location to host bachelor and

bachelorette parties, thanks to multiple resort amenities including Stonedrift Spa and four championship golf courses.







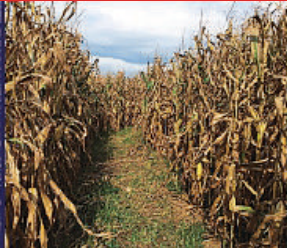
## Beautiful Shenandoah

The word "Shenandoah" is derived from Native American languages, most likely the Algonquin, schind-han-do-wi. The literal translation has been thought to be "spruce stream," "great plains," or "beautiful daughter of the stars." We like to think Shenandoah Riding Center was named as such to describe the beauty of The Galena Territory.

Located in The Territory, only 3 miles from Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa and 10 miles from Galena, the Shenandoah Riding Center, open to the public, is unrivaled for its 24 horseback trails that traverse meadows and woodlands abundant with wildlife. Experience The Territory on horseback and take in the captivating views,

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majestic sunsets, and the splendor of Mother Nature. From seasoned riders to beginning horse enthusiasts of all ages, Shenandoah offers something for everyone – including those who prefer to interact with horses without riding.

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Discovery trail rides give you a chance to unplug, reconnect with nature, breathe fresh air, and en-

joy a peaceful setting. Shenandoah offers guided group public and private trail rides for ages 8 years to adult.

Do you have a special day approaching? Trail rides are perfect for bachelorette parties, family reunions, birthday parties, and anniversaries – the possibilities are endless. Book a private ride and let us cater to your riding experience – a great way to interact with our wranglers and horses and perfect for those looking to go a bit faster by “trotting the trails.”

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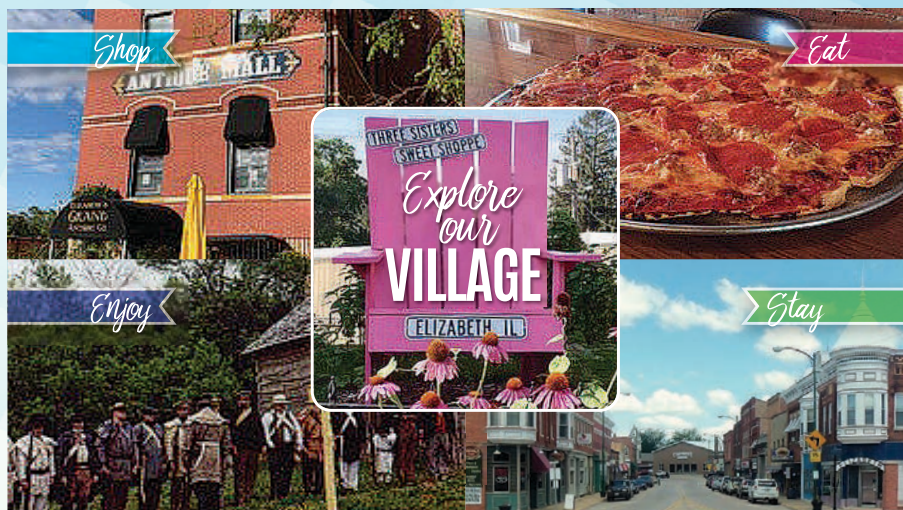
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Check the Calendar of Events on the Chamber website for more Elizabeth Happenings! There's always something good going on!



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Shenandoah’s Freedom Reins Pro Rodeo comes to The Galena Territory on June 30 and July 1, 2023, where more than 150 cowboys and cowgirls will compete for \$30,000.

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Both evenings end with a fireworks spectacular! Don’t miss it! More information can be found at [freedomreinsprorodeo.com](http://freedomreinsprorodeo.com).





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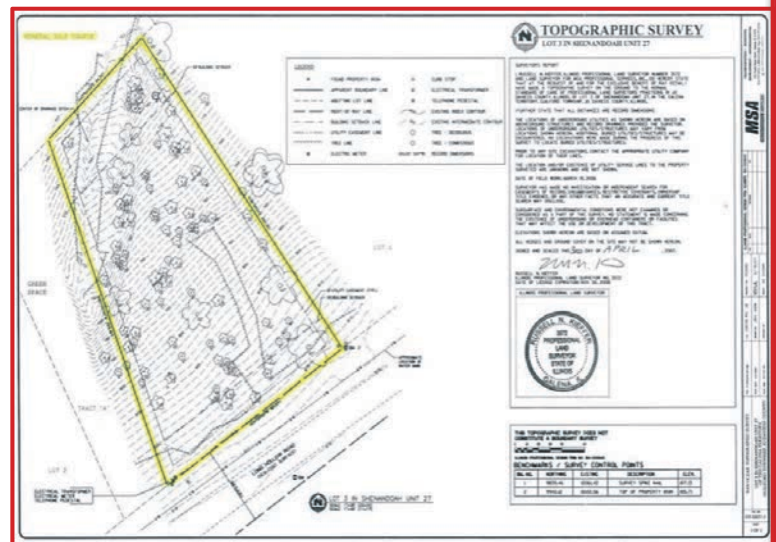
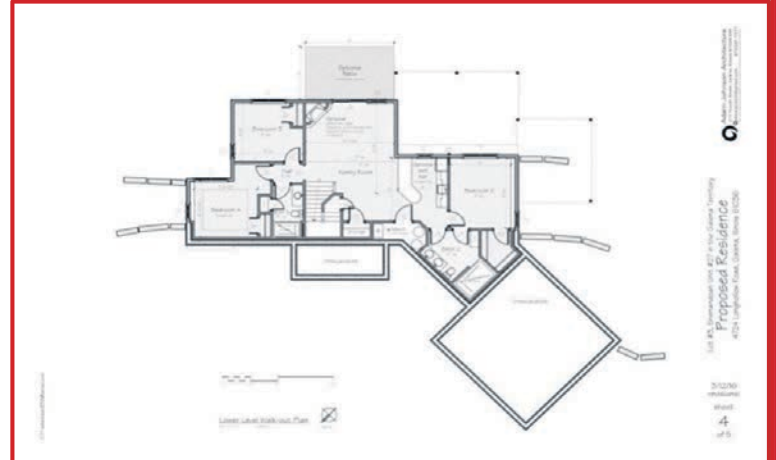


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# Dark Sky Community

“No sight is more provocative of awe than the night sky,” wrote British author Llewellyn Powys, and it couldn’t be truer.

The Galena Territory is a Dark Sky Friendly Development of Distinction. Inclusion in the International Dark-Sky Association (IDA) Dark Sky Program recognizes our commitment to protecting the night from light pollution. Who doesn’t love to look up and see the stars? The IDA is the authority on light pollution and the leading organization combating light pollution worldwide. The award-winning

Dark Sky Places Program was founded in 2001 to encourage communities, parks, and protected areas around the world to preserve and protect dark skies through responsible lighting policies and public education.

The IDA lauded The Territory’s exceptional commitment to preserving some of the darkest skies in Illinois with environmentally responsible outdoor lighting. The Territory implemented its dark sky initiative decades ago, and over the past few years has been working hard to conform

to the requirements to become a certified Dark Sky Place. Its architectural guidelines seek to find a balance between The Galena Territory’s deep, dark vista and residents’ safety and enjoyment.

There is no better place than The Galena Territory to take in the grandeur of the night. Indulgent black skies showcase the elaborate galaxy and stars twinkle like tiny asterisks as if to reference something more lies beyond what you can see. Come, gaze at the stars with us!

## Stargazing – a magical escape

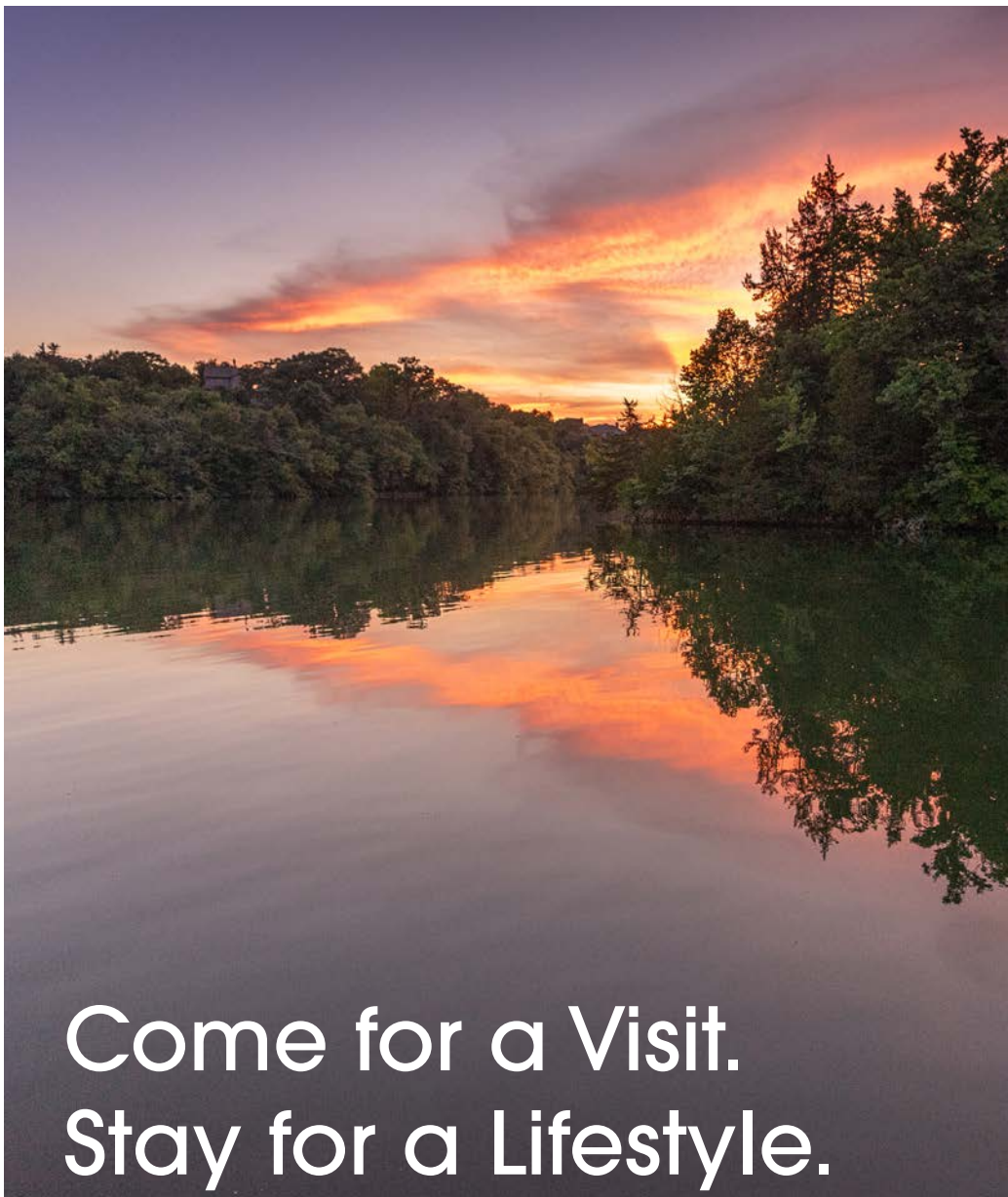
The simple act of looking at the stars is a perfect escape, allowing you to connect with nature in a way like no other. One of the most popular and unique gatherings in The Territory is when the Galena Astronomical Society holds its public observation sessions in the parking lot of The Galena Territory Association Owners’ Club.

Anyone is welcome to look skyward and wait for the star-laden entertainment to begin. Dress warmly and bring a blanket or comfortable chair as

you enjoy the beauty of The Territory’s night skies. We encourage you to bring a telescope or you may share one of ours. This event is weather dependent.

Star gazing and public observation events for 2023 are scheduled on May 20 (8:30 p.m.), June 17 (8:30 p.m.), July 22 (8:30 p.m.), Aug. 19 (8 p.m.), Sept. 23 (7 p.m.), and Oct. 14 (6:30 p.m.). Call 815.777.2000 for details or visit [thegalenaterritory.com](http://thegalenaterritory.com).





# Come for a Visit. Stay for a Lifestyle.

The GTA offers several programs to assist property owners, both in upkeep and peace of mind while they are away.

The Owner Services team is available to perform interior and exterior work on homes in The Galena Territory. On-site staff members are professional, bonded, and insured. Services include exterior/interior painting and staining, lawn mowing, snow plowing, and small construction/repair projects.

Owner Services also offers home security programs, including Key Retention, which allows contractors, suppliers, etc. to access your home while you're away; Heat Light, which monitors a home for furnace failures; Alarm, in which Security inspects your home upon receiving notification of an alarm; and Home Monitoring, in which Security inspects your home in your absence. Visit [thegalenaterritory.com](http://thegalenaterritory.com) for more information.

**Visit the Public Events tab on [thegalenaterritory.com](http://thegalenaterritory.com)!**



## Benefits

Property ownership in The Galena Territory includes automatic membership in The Galena Territory Association (GTA) that provides resources and residential services to help members maintain their homes.

- Access to the Association's private amenities
- Greenspace featuring trails that wind through 1,700 acres of preserved woodlands and prairies
- Boating and fishing on 225-acre Lake Galena
- Association-sponsored events that engage members in a variety of community activities
- Access to indoor and outdoor pools
- 24-hour home security service
- Home maintenance programs
- Exclusive discounts at Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa





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nearly a million visitors a year. Founded in 1826, Galena's restored homes and commercial buildings have a deep, rich history that places 85 percent of them on the National Register of Historic Places.

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