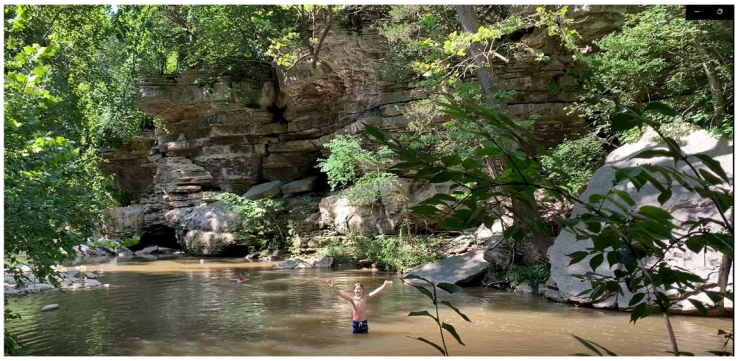
CAMP VANDEVENTER

Camp Vandeventer is a private campground for youth groups like Boy and Girl Scouts and church groups, that used to belong to Scouts BSA. Camp Vandeventer abounds with natural wonders and scenic beauty, and is located a short distance south of Waterloo, Illinois.

It is hidden away in a rugged wooded area along Fountain Creek, at the point where the creek has cut a path through a limestone bluff.



The creek is fun to play in on a hot day!

Vandeventer also has plenty of hiking and shady campsites.

ILLINOIS CAVERNS STATE NATURAL AREA

Illinois Caverns State Natural Area is a 120-acre preserve owned by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Located in karst rich Monroe County, the area contains fields, woodlands, native grasses, and a half-mile long prairie trail.

The main attraction of the site is an unimproved wild cave with nearly three miles of walking-height passage.

Illinois Caverns is open to visitors with valid permits from Thursday through Saturday. The hours of operation are 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. No one is allowed to enter the cave after 2:30 p.m. There is no admission charge, but guests are required to complete an application permit at the site office before entering the cave. Visitors are required to be in groups of four or more, have sturdy boots, a hard hat and three sources of light per person. Youth groups require 1 adult leader for each 5 minors.