



Seneca's Unique History

During World War II, the need for new shipyard facilities coincided with some unique geological characteristics at Seneca's location on the Illinois River, characteristics favorable for building what would become known as the "shipyard on the prairie." So, in 1942, the new Seneca shipyard launched (with the traditional bottle of champagne) its first LST, one of the Landing Ship Tanks (LST) that would carry troops into battle. The LSTs left Seneca, sailed down the Illinois to the Mississippi, and then entered the Gulf of Mexico. The ships took troops and supplies to Iwo Jima, Dutch New Guinea, southern Italy, and the Normandy coast. The shipyard built 157 LSTs, launching the last one in June 1945. At the shipyard's peak, 11,000 people worked there, living in Seneca and nearby towns in temporary housing.

Seneca has a variety of amenities to offer when considering visiting or relocating here. The Village is approximately one hour from downtown Chicago or both Chicago O'Hare and Midway airports. The Seneca I80 interchange, exit 105 was updated recently to accommodate transportation needs. Interstate 80 is a few minutes from Seneca, and Seneca is approximately 32 miles from Interstate 39 and 21 miles from the I55 interchange.

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Local Eateries



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Eat Local Guide

Maddie's Lookout

Enjoy scenic riverfront views and al fresco dining for lunch or dinner on the outdoor deck above Spring Brook Marina or dine indoors overlooking the scenic Illinois River. Full menu with daily drink and food specials

**623 West River Road
Above Spring Brook Marina
Phone: 815.357.6299**



Morgan's Chicago Style Eatery

Morgan's has something for everyone! From the signature Chicago Style Hotdogs & Italian Beef to pizza and homemade daily house specials. Enjoy subs, salads, and ice cream too!

**199 Main Street
Phone: 815.357.6880
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Boondock's Food & Spirits

Come by car, bike or boat to experience al fresco dining on the porch overlooking the Illinois River. The Tiki Bar on the point overlooking the river is a must see at this Tropical Island inspired restaurant & bar.

**1 E. Dupont Road
Phone: 815.357.1100
www.boondocks.us**



Fat Daddy's Bar & Grill

The nicely paved lot makes Fat Daddy's a perfect stop for bike runs! Daily drink and food specials & live entertainment on weekends. Outdoor patio & bar in rear is perfect to enjoy the the nice breeze while enjoying a cocktail.

**176 W. Jackson Street
Phone: 815.357.8700
www.fatdaddyz.net**



Seneca has a great variety of dining choices for anyone's taste! Dine riverfront, in the historic downtown, or have your meal delivered right to your door!

Seneca Subway (Located in BP Station)

Located in the newly opened BP Station, Subway offers a number of great subs and salads and offers breakfast lunch, and dinner. BP is also home to the Doughnut Emporium filled with cookies, pastries, and cakes too!

**114 W. Jackson St.
Phone: 815.357.8050**



Seneca Family Restaurant

Located in our historic downtown, the Seneca Family Restaurant is a great place to grab a cup of coffee, enjoy a great breakfast or lunch and dinners on the weekends.

**270 North Main Street
Phone: 815.357.6561**



Fergy's Bar & Grill

Fergy's is located in the historic downtown and has the "Best Burger's Guaranteed"! One of the oldest "pubs" in Seneca, Fergy's has an array of historical photos of Seneca. Daily specials, outdoor back patio, and weekend live entertainment.

**272 N. Main Street
Phone: 815.357.8809**



H2O BAR & GRILLE

Located in the restored towboat Katie Hooper right on the Illinois River this is a truly a one of a kind bar & grill. Daily specials and live entertainment on the weekends.

**Accessed through the Hidden Cove Marina
217 River Drive
Phone: 815.357.8990**



Casey's General Store

Pizza, Sandwiches, doughnuts, salads & more!

**222 N. Main St.
Phone: 815.357.1300**



Dine In/Carry Out



Outdoor Dining



Riverfront



Delivery Available



Live Entertainment



Seasonal

Seneca Food Mart Bakery/Deli

Fried Chicken, Rotisserie Chicken, Sandwiches, Deli Trays, Salads, & more!

**271 S. Main Street
Phone: 815.357.6734**