

Cobden's History

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COBDEN, IL

***THE
APPLEKNOCKER
TOWN***

The Village of Cobden was founded in 1857 during the construction of the Illinois Central Railroad. The downtown uniquely circles the railroad tracks. Cobden is known for its great variety of peaches, apples, and vegetables. The area is home to many orchards and farms. The highlight of the season is the Cobden Peach Festival during the first Friday and Saturday in August.

Today Cobden is nestled among the wineries of Southern Illinois and features several great eating establishments, a museum, and some unique shops.

A unique part of Cobden's history is the "Amazing Appleknockers" basketball team which placed second in the 1964 Illinois State Basketball Tournament (before the establishment of divisions). More recently the school's softball team won three state championships and the boy's baseball team also claimed a championship.

We invite you to enjoy Appleknocker hospitality and see what our community has to offer.

What Cobden Has to Offer (Hours are Subject to Change)

Cobden, IL is located in Union County. The village is 16 miles south of Carbondale and 6 miles north of Anna (take Route 51, look for highway sign and go west 3 miles).

Union County Museum, 117 S. Appleknocker, 893-2865. Operated by the Union County Historical and Genealogy Society. The museum has collections of Anna Pottery, Native American artifacts, railroad/farming history, and historical items of local interest. Special exhibits conducted throughout the year.

Next to the museum is the **Resale Shop**. The shop offers collectibles, upscale, new and gently used décor and household items. The Christmas Shop (decorations, gifts and much more) is operated in November and December. All proceeds go to the museum.

Hours: Sat./Sun., 1-5p.m., Fri. afternoons by chance.

Pack Rats Paradise Antique Mall, 220 S. Front, 893-4700. Antique mall with numerous vendors offering a variety of merchandise. Hours: Everyday 10a.m.-5p.m.

Wine Trail Antiques, access from S. Front (behind Dollar General), 893-4700. Hours: Sat. 10a.m.-5p.m., Sun. noon-5p.m. Also by chance. Under new management.

Southpass Beads and Fibers, 203 E. Ash, 893-6170. Beading supply shop plus yarn &

knitting merchandise. Offers classes and jewelry repair. Hours: Wed.-Fri. noon-6p.m., Sat. 10a.m.-5p.m.

Downtown Abbey, 215 N. Appleknocker, 216-1032. Offers pizza, sandwiches, salad, pasta, alcohol and other great food selections. Hours: Wed./Thurs. 11a.m.-2p.m., 4:30-8:30p.m., Fri. 11a.m.-2p.m., 4:30-10p.m., Sat./Sun. 11a.m.-10p.m.

The Iron Whisk, 200 S. Front, 893-1999. Bistro and bar serves breakfast, brunch, and lunch. Hours: Thurs.-Fri. 6:30a.m.-2p.m., Sat./Sun. 7:30a.m.-3p.m.

Little House of Tacos, 105 S. Appleknocker, 893-1353. Offers authentic Mexican food. The tamales are their specialty. Hours: Mon.-Sat. 11a.m.-6p.m.

Likkits, 220B S. Front, 893-1023. Feature ice cream, BBQ and more. Hours: Thurs.-Sat. 11a.m.-8p.m., Sun. noon-5p.m.

Steam Shovel Coffee House at the Moon, 110 N. Front. Fresh roasted coffee, packaged ground coffee, tea, dessert, and more. Hours: Mon.-Wed. 7-10a.m., Thur.-Fri. 7a.m.-4p.m., Sat. 8a.m.-4p.m.

Fuzzy's Tavern, 106 N. Front, 893-2814. Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 11a.m.-midnight, Fri. & Sat. 11a.m.-1a.m., Sun. noon-midnight.

Duckband Brand (custom jewelry, duck calls & outdoor apparel), 111 Oak St. www.duckbandbrand.com

Downtown Cobden has **The Old Feed Store**, 111 N. Appleknocker (event rental and concert venue; **Farmer's Market** 2nd & 4th Sundays April-Oct., 11a.m.-3p.m.), **LaMexicana Grocery**, **Dollar General**, **Discount Mart Gas Station**, **Health Promoting Massage by Cherry**, and several other locally owned businesses. Go to the Village of Cobden website for a full listing: www.cobdenil.com (located at: "Click here for go to page").

Places of Interest Near Cobden

Owl Creek Vineyard, 1600 Cobden School Rd (north of Cobden, take N. Appleknocker), 893-2557.

Flamm Orchards, 8760 Old Highway 51 North, 893-4241. Offers great in season desserts and country market. Hours: Daily 9a.m.-6p.m.

Bass Farms, 45 Depper Rd (off of State Highway Rt. 51), 893-2600. Produce shop.

StarView Vineyards, 5100 Wing Hill Rd (East of Cobden, take E. Ash), 893-9463.

Lincoln Heritage Winery, 772 Kaolin (southwest of Cobden), 833-3783.

Rolling Acre Alpaca Ranch, 1335 Hall Church Rd, Makanda. 618-201-2822. East of Cobden, take E. Ash/Wing Hill Rd.

Alto Pass is three miles west of Cobden and hosts Bald Knob Cross, Rendleman

Orchards, Alto Vineyards, Hedman Vineyards, and Root Beer Saloon.

Anna is six miles south of Cobden and hosts several shops including Annabelle Market, 300 S. Main; Oldies But Goodies, 4575 E. Vienna; PAWS 2nd Chance Resale Store, 101 E. Springfield; Wild Sister's Outpost, 200 S. Main; Revamp Studio, corner of W. Vienna & N. Main; and Gentry Sales, 129 W. Davie.

Need lodging? A variety of bed/breakfast facilities, cabins, and other types of lodging are located in Union County. Many are near the Cobden area. The Southernmost Illinois website (listed below) is a good source for information.

Social Media Contacts

www.cobdenil.com

www.visitcobden.com

www.shawneewinetrailbb.com (lodging)

www.shawneewinetrail.com

www.southernmostillinois.com

Calendar of Events

May (second Sat.): Community Wide Yard Sale Day and Spring Fling in park.

June (TBA): U-Pick Lavender Farm, 480 Brown Section Rd, (west of Cobden).

August (first Fri./Sat.): Peach Festival.

October (second weekend): Union County Colorfest. Activities throughout the county including Pickin' at the Patch at Rendleman Orchards, Alto Pass (vendors & more).

Nov./Dec. Christmas Shop at Museum.

Dec. (first Sat.): Christmas in the Village.