Visit SCRC

The SCRC welcomes visitors during its normal hours of operation. Before you make the trip, please take a moment to read our tips for visiting.

Before You Visit the Special Collections Research Center (SCRC)

You may be able to save yourself a trip. Depending on the nature and extent of your research, our staff can often supply you with the materials you need by mail or electronic mail. If you have any questions about items you locate through our online database [1], contact an archivist [2].

Proxy Researchers

If your research is best done in person but you cannot visit the Southern Illinois University Carbondale (SIU) campus yourself, consider hiring a proxy researcher who can visit SCRC on your behalf. Contact a staff member [2] for a list of available researchers. You must negotiate financial arrangements directly with the proxy researcher.

Visiting SCRC

If you decide to visit SCRC, we want to make your trip a productive one. To ensure that we have the materials you need on hand, please let us know when you plan to arrive, either by email [3] or at 618/453-2516.

How to Find Us

We are located on the first floor of Morris Library, in the center of the SIU campus.

Our mailing address is:

Special Collections Research Center
Morris Library
Southern Illinois University
605 Agriculture Drive
Mailcode 6632
Carbondale, IL 62901

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Travel Planning


Transportation

Amtrak runs trains twice each day (morning and afternoon) between Chicago and Carbondale. Another train, The City of New Orleans, stops daily in Carbondale en route to and from Chicago and New Orleans. The Amtrak station is located approximately one-half mile north of the east side of campus. Please consult Amtrak [8] for up-to-date information about fares and schedules.

SIU operates a campus bus service called the Saluki Express [9]. Consult them for information about fares and schedules.

Airports

Regional service is provided by the Williamson County Regional Airport [10] near Marion, Illinois, 15 miles east of Carbondale. Flights from Marion connect to Lambert-St. Louis International Airport [11] in St. Louis, approximately 130 miles from Carbondale. If you rent a car in St. Louis, plan on at least two hours travel time to Carbondale. An alternative to car rental is the BART [12] shuttle service.

Lodging

Nearby accommodations include:

Super 8 [13]
1180 East Main St.
Carbondale, IL 62901
618/457-8822

Quality Inn [14]
1415 East Main St.
Carbondale, IL 62901
618/549-4244

Best Western Saluki Inn [15]
801 N. Giant City Road
Carbondale, IL 62901
618/351-6611
Holiday Inn [16]
2300 Reed Station Parkway
Carbondale, IL 62901
618/549-2600
888/465-4329

Comfort Inn & Suites [17]
2400 Reed Station Parkway
Carbondale, IL 62901
618/529-2720

Hampton Inn [18]
2175 Reed Station Parkway
Carbondale, IL 62901
618/549-6900

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[12] https://bartshuttle.com/