



# CHEAP TRICK FAN TRAIL

Fans came from all over the world to see *Rick's Picks: A Lifelong Affair With Guitars & Music* at Burpee Museum in 2014. So we know there are scores of hardcore fans out there. For those of you who qualify and want to take a deep dive into Cheap Trick's Rockford history, we've started the Fan Trail. Check it out and don't forget to take your selfies! We'll add content in the coming months, so check back soon for more additions and updates.



**Winnebago County Fairgrounds**  
500 W. 1st St., Pecatonica, IL,

Site of the legendary July 4, 1979 Homecoming concert featuring AC/DC, Molly Hatchet and Cheap Trick.



**Music Box Gift Shoppe**  
216 7th St., Rockford, IL

Owned by Rick's parents, the store was a favorite spot for fans to visit and feel closer to Cheap Trick and its lead guitarist.



**Rockford Armory**  
605 N. Main St., Rockford, IL

On November 13, 1976, Cheap Trick opens for Rush at the Rockford Armory.



**Harlem High School**  
1 Huskie Circle  
Machensney Park, IL

Robin graduated from Harlem High School and is the only band member who didn't attend Guilford High School in Rockford.



**Midway Theater**  
721 E. State St., Rockford, IL

March 4, 1983 — An Evening with Robin Zander was held at the Midway during which Ralph Nielsen directed the choir. Rick also did an electric concerto with the Rockford Symphony Orchestra here. In the early summer of 1997, Cheap Trick filmed the video for "Say Goodbye" here.



**Sinnissippi Band Shell**  
Sinnissippi Park  
N. 2nd St., Rockford, IL

Fuse played a concert here in 1969. Cheap Trick played a very well-attended set in 1975 on Mother's Day, May 11

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**Stardust Club**  
1436 N. Main St., Rockford, IL

Later called *Flight of the Phoenix*, now Rockford Billiard Café. Cheap Trick performed here many times in 1975 and 1976. Prior to Cheap Trick's time, it was called *Cinnamon Cinder*.



**The Noise Chamber**  
5443-5449 N. 2nd St.  
Rockford, IL

Cheap Trick did many demos here in the 90s, sometimes using local singers as stand-ins for Robin Zander. The band did most of its pre-production for the '97 Cheap Trick album here as well.



**Froggy Plutz's Magic Twanger**  
110 N. 1st St., Rockford, IL

*Froggy Plutz's* was a bar/club that Cheap Trick played at in the very early days. Two separate businesses now occupy the space.



**Riverview Ice House**  
324 N. Madison St.  
Rockford, IL

April 2, 1977 — Cheap Trick headlined at Rockford's downtown rink during the WROK Disco '77 dance.



**Guilford High School**  
5620 Spring Creek Road,  
Rockford, IL

Rick, Tom and Bun E. all graduated from this east side high school. although it is in a populated part of the city now, it was surrounded by cornfields when the band attended in the mid-to-late 1960s.



**Stockholm Inn**  
2420 Charles St., Rockford, IL

Rick is a part-owner of this restaurant that is known for its famous "Swedes:" Swedish pancakes with lingonberries. Give Rick's Hamer guitar (painted like the Swedish flag) a strum on your way out the door for good luck.



**Atwood Building**  
2500 N. Main St., Rockford, IL

Cheap Trick maintained a rehearsal space in this building in the 1980s. Wouldn't you have liked to be a fly on the wall?



**Midway Village Museum**  
6799 Guilford Rd.  
Rockford, IL

Featuring Cheap Trick memorabilia. Check out artist Jane Hooker's (Tom Petersson's sister) Cheap Trick sock monkey statue.



**Coronado Performing Arts Center**  
314 N. Main St, Rockford, IL

Site of several Cheap Trick concerts, including one which Rick shaved his long braided beard for charity.



**Octane Interlounge**  
124 N Main St, Rockford, IL

During the Rick's Picks exhibition at Burpee Museum, many local restaurants featured Cheap Trick-inspired items. Octane's, "Budokan Burger," became so popular, it's still on the menu. Lucky you because it's stiff competition for the best burger in town!

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