

# GONE GIRL DRIVING TOUR

## MAJOR CAPE GIRARDEAU FILMING LOCATIONS & FAVORITE SITES

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*The Gone Girl Driving Tour begins along the banks of the Mississippi in Cape Girardeau's historic downtown district.*

### RIVERFRONT PARK INTERSECTION OF WATER STREET & BROADWAY

**1** Cape Girardeau's Riverfront Park plays a significant role in the *Gone Girl* trailers, and sweeping views of the river show up in the movie posters as well. Stroll the 1.5-mile trail, admire the murals and see the Mighty Mississippi that played such a big part in the filming of *Gone Girl*. Walk south to the next flood gate to view the river as featured in the movie trailer.

*Travel one block south on Water St.  
Turn right just before Port Cape Restaurant  
and the historic Coca-Cola Mural.  
Travel one block west to the intersection  
of Themis and Main.*

### Antique Stores HISTORIC DOWNTOWN DISTRICT

★ Cape Girardeau's many antique stores helped crew members craft the world of North Carthage. Props and costumes were sourced from many of the locally-owned stores. Downtown Cape Girardeau is home to the majority of these charming businesses, all brimming with treasures. Stroll the downtown area while you're here. You're sure to find a hidden treasure all your own at some of the same shops the film crew visited. For a complete list of antique and speciality stores in Cape Girardeau, see [VisitCape.com/Shopping](http://VisitCape.com/Shopping).

*Proceed west one block to the intersection  
of Spanish and Themis.*

Cape Girardeau welcomed a little piece of Hollywood in the fall of 2013 as Gillian Flynn's novel, *Gone Girl*, came to life. Cape Girardeau played the role of North Carthage, Missouri in the film directed by David Fincher that stars Ben Affleck, Rosamund Pike, Neil Patrick Harris and Tyler Perry. Filming took place at about 30 locations for around six weeks. Here are some of the favorite haunts and major filming locations in Cape Girardeau from *Gone Girl*, set for release on October 3, 2014.



### THE BAR 119 THEMIS

**2** This location was transformed by *Gone Girl* crew members into The Bar, owned by Nick (**Ben Affleck**). In the book, Nick uses the last of Amy's (**Rosamund Pike**) trust fund to buy the business, which he runs with his twin sister Margo, nicknamed Go (**Carrie Coon**). Typically exterior shots are filmed on location with interior shots filmed later at a studio, but The Bar provided both interior and exterior shots for filming.

*Look directly across the street from The Bar.*

### TERRACES OF COMMON PLEAS COURTHOUSE INTERSECTION OF NORTH SPANISH & THEMIS

**3** The stairs and terraces of the Common Pleas Courthouse are right across the street from The Bar and served as a wintry backdrop for filming in early fall. To create a snowy scene, the crew used a special shredded paper to make it "snow" on the terraces. Streetlights along the steps were painted to match streetlights throughout downtown.

*Turn left onto Spanish. Travel south until it  
ends at Morgan Oak. Turn left to park.*

### OLD BRIDGE OVERLOOK & PARK INTERSECTION OF SOUTH SPANISH & MORGAN OAK

**4** The iconic Bill Emerson Memorial Bridge made multiple appearances in *Gone Girl*, including a major role in the shot of Amy driving away. Our favorite view of the bridge is from this site.

*Travel Morgan Oak one block west to South  
Lorimer. Turn right. Continue north past  
its intersection with Independence for one  
block. The next site is on your right.*

**COURTHOUSE GAZEBO**  
44 NORTH LORIMIER

**5** As Amy's disappearance garners local and national attention, her supporters organize a candlelight vigil which takes place at the Common Pleas Courthouse Gazebo. Hundreds of local extras were used in this night scene. The gazebo received enhanced lighting, landscaping and painting by crew members for filming. The enhancements were left when filming wrapped up as they were considered improvements to the site. Follow the walk to the front of the Courthouse to view the Mississippi River: It's what sold the location scouts and David Fincher on using Cape Girardeau as the primary location for the movie.

*Continue north to Broadway. Turn left. Travel one block to Fountain. The next site is on your left.*

**FORMER FEDERAL BUILDING**  
339 BROADWAY

**6** Cape Girardeau's old Federal Building posed as the North Carthage Police Station during filming. North Carthage city seals were created by the movie's art department and temporarily affixed to the building's exterior. The back parking area was filmed as Nick makes an exit from the police station mobbed by news media with help from his lawyer (*Tyler Perry*).

*Look diagonally across Broadway at the H&H Building.*

**Cape Girardeau Convention & Visitors Bureau**  
400 BROADWAY

**★** Stop by the Convention & Visitors Bureau. While no filming was done at this location, some friendly staff with movie-star smiles would love to show you additional Cape Girardeau highlights and share their filming experiences!

*Continue west on Broadway for two blocks. Turn right onto Frederick. Travel north one block. Turn left onto Bellevue. The next site is on your left.*



This scene was shot at the Courthouse Gazebo.

**Celebrations Restaurant**  
615 BELLEVUE

**★** This fine-dining establishment was another popular spot for cast and crew during filming.

*Continue north on Bellevue. Turn left onto Sprigg. Continue south one block. Turn right onto Broadway. Travel west on Broadway to West End. Turn left. Continue south to Independence. Turn right. As you drive west on Independence, you will see the next site on your left.*

**Manufacturing Facility**  
1515 INDEPENDENCE

**★** This parking lot and former manufacturing plant was used as a major staging location for the crew of *Gone Girl*.

*Continue west on Independence to the intersection of Independence and Sheridan. The next site is on your left at the stoplight.*

**Muy Bueno**  
1751 INDEPENDENCE

**★** This authentic Mexican restaurant was frequented by cast and crew. Stop and enjoy some Mexican fare on their covered porch for a nice break during your driving tour. Cape Girardeau is home to many wonderful Mexican restaurants. View them all at [VisitCape.com/Eat](http://VisitCape.com/Eat).

*Continue west on Independence until you see Clark on your right. As you drive by, the next site is on the left side of Clark.*

**Teen Challenge Thrift Store**  
61 NORTH CLARK

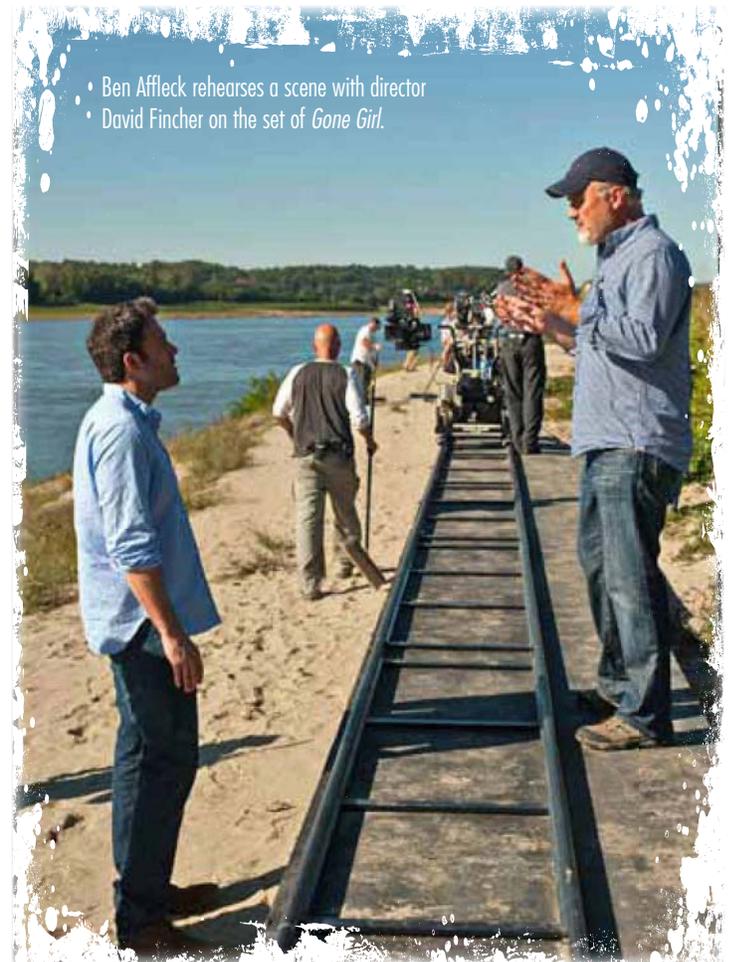
**★** This site one of the city's most popular thrift stores. Several crew members called the thrift shops in Cape Girardeau some of the best they had ever shopped. Props and costumes were assembled from local thrift and antique stores.

*Continue traveling west on Independence to the stoplight. Turn left onto Kingshighway. Turn right onto William at the next stoplight. Follow William/Route K to the third stoplight where it intersects with Mount Auburn. Turn right onto Mount Auburn. Turn left onto Percy, then left onto Vantage.*

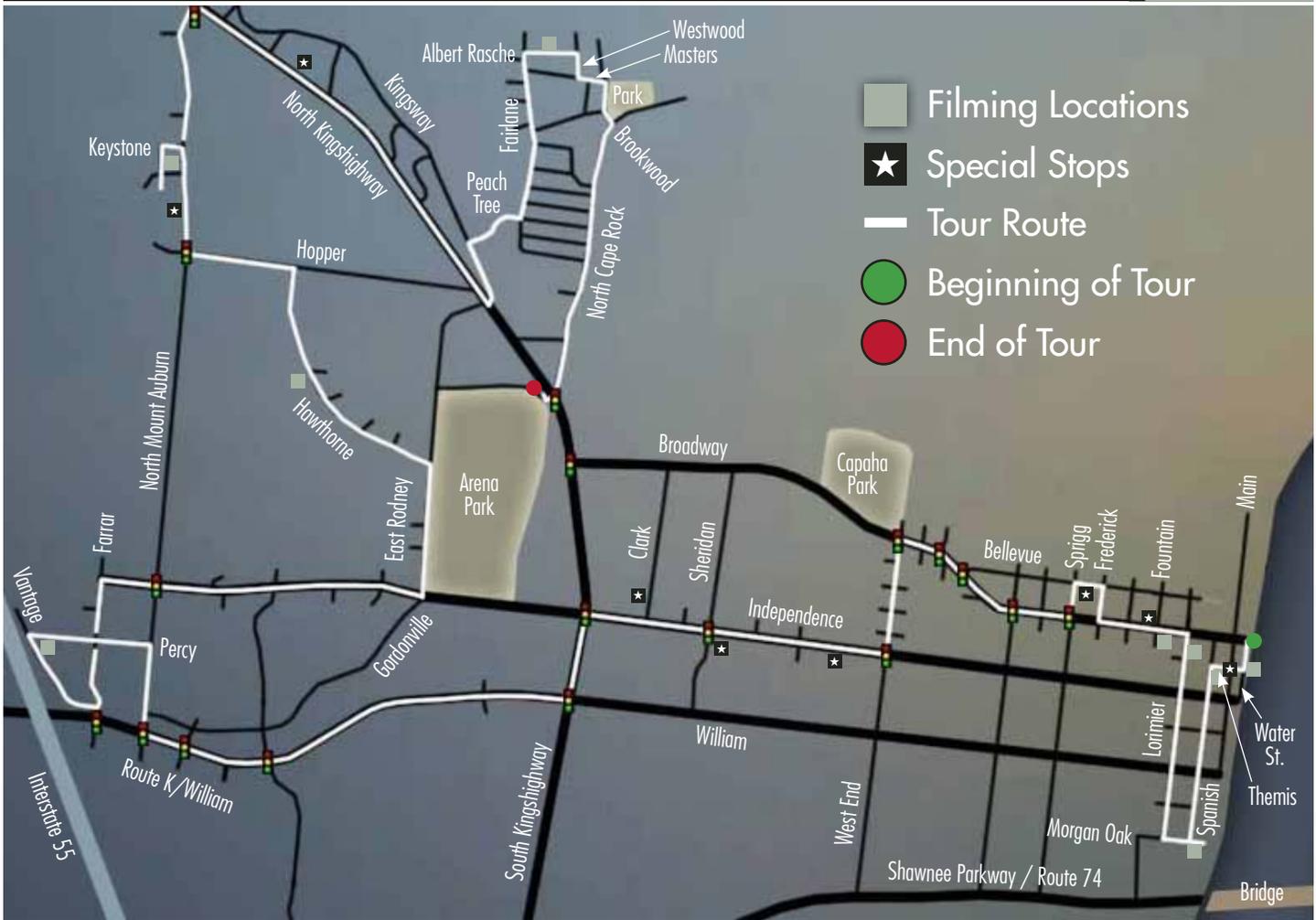
**DRURY LODGE**  
104 SOUTH VANTAGE

**7** Amy's supporters organize a command center for search activities at Drury Lodge, a local hotel in the movie. Drury Lodge also served as a home away from home for cast and crew, as did Holiday Inn Express, Drury Suites, Candlewood Suites and other hotels. See [VisitCape.com/Stay](http://VisitCape.com/Stay) for a complete list of accommodations in Cape Girardeau.

*Continue south on Vantage. Turn left onto Farrar. Turn right onto Independence. Continue east on Independence. Turn left onto Gordonville/East Rodney at the four-way stop, then left onto Hawthorne. The next site is on your left.*



- Ben Affleck rehearses a scene with director David Fincher on the set of *Gone Girl*.



**ARENA GOLF**  
2901 HAWTHORNE

**8** Filming took place overnight at this putt-putt course.

*Continue north on Hawthorne. Turn left onto Hopper. Turn right onto Mount Auburn at the stoplight. The next site is on your left.*

**Cape Girardeau Area Chamber of Commerce**  
1267 NORTH MOUNT AUBURN

**★** The local business community was very supportive of the filming of *Gone Girl*. The Chamber’s parking lot served as a staging location when filming was taking place at the next tour stop.

*Continue north on Mount Auburn. Turn left onto Keystone. The next site is on your right. Keeping to the right, continue on Keystone. Turn around in the cul de sac.*

**PRIVATE RESIDENCE**  
3014 KEYSTONE

**9** This home was made to look like Amy and Nick’s rented “McMansion” in a post-recession

neighborhood with multiple foreclosures. Surrounding home owners in this beautiful neighborhood were asked to not mow their lawns to add to the illusion. Numerous days of filming were done here. Producer Cean Chaffin mentioned that the fictional North Carthage is not as nice as the ‘real’ Cape Girardeau. The changes made to this location as seen in the movie are an example of that transformation. This tour site is private property.

*Return to Mount Auburn. Turn left. Continue to the stoplight. Turn right onto North Kingshighway. The next site is on your left in Regent’s Parc.*

**Bistro Saffron**  
1610 NORTH KINGSHIGHWAY

**★** This Pan-Asian restaurant was very popular with cast and crew during filming. Stop by and discover for yourself why this bistro was so popular with those working on *Gone Girl*.

*Travel south on Kingshighway 0.85 miles. Turn left onto Kingsway just after the bright yellow building. Turn right onto Peach Tree, left onto Fairlane at the four-way stop and then right onto Albert Rasche. The next site is on your left.*

**PRIVATE RESIDENCE**  
2404 ALBERT RASCHE

**10** This quiet street was made over as Nick’s twin sister Margo’s (Go) home during filming. This site is private property.

*Turn right onto Westwood, left onto Masters, right onto Brookwood and then right onto Cape Rock. Proceed through the stoplight where North Cape Rock intersects with North Kingshighway and immediately turn right into the next site before entering Arena Park.*

**Andy’s Frozen Custard**  
809 NORTH KINGSHIGHWAY

**★** The cast and crew enjoyed sweet treats at this hot spot. As the folks who made the film said, “No one lost any weight in Cape Girardeau!”

*This is the end of the Gone Girl Driving Tour. The Cape Girardeau Convention & Visitors Bureau encourages you to discover all the city has to offer, including 120+ restaurants, unique shopping opportunities, entertaining nightlife, relaxing parks, historic sites and more.*

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