

How you can help the Illinois Prairie Path

Be a Low Impact Trail User

Pack in and pack out any lunch bags, drink containers, etc. that you bring along when using the trails. *Your cooperation is appreciated!*



Volunteer Opportunities

coordinated by The Illinois Prairie Path not-for-profit corporation (IPPC)

- **Volunteer or Become a Coordinator for the Annual Earth Day Trail Cleanup**, usually on the fourth Saturday in April. We need approximately 1,000 volunteers. Additionally, we need people to adopt a section of the trail and maintain it year-round. *Litter along the IPP is picked up solely by volunteers.*
- **Refill Map Boxes**, as needed, with the free maps we provide.
- **Participate in a Monthly Workday Activity**, such as painting a water pump or weeding a flower box. These are usually held on the third Saturday morning of the month (spring through fall) to add, improve/maintain or change a trail amenity. No special skills are required, just energy and a community spirit.
- **Monitor a Trash Can**. If trash was not collected, call Waste Management.

Report if Observed

- Illegal dumping on the trails in DuPage County to the Div. of Transportation, 630-407-6883. In Kane County call their Forest Preserve District at 630-232-5980. In Cook County call the respective Village Hall where the dumping occurred (Berkeley, Bellwood, Hillside, Maywood, or Forest Park).
- Maintenance problems (graffiti, downed trees, surface problems) to 630-407-6920.

Support The IPPc

- **Become a Member** or give a **Gift Membership** and spread the word of the good work of The IPPc to your neighbors, friends, and relatives. Dues are used for special projects, like building bridges, and for prairie maintenance, trail amenities, newsletter production and mailing, and to pay for and maintain 16 trash containers along the trail and one Port-o-let at Army Trail Road, among other trail uses.
- **Order by mail** the detailed **full-color 24" x 18" IPP Map** showing the Illinois Prairie Path, the eastern section of the Great Western Trail and southern half of the Fox River Trail with history on back for **\$6** (check only). All new members receive this map for free.
- **Buy a Shirt or Nature Guide**. Get the form from The IPPc website to order by mail.

To become an IPPc member, mail the application on the right with your check made payable to The Illinois Prairie Path to:

The Illinois Prairie Path
P.O. Box 1086
Wheaton, IL 60187-1086

email: IllinoisPP@aol.com
website: www.ipp.org
(630) 752-0120

FREE Map of the Illinois Prairie Path

The Illinois Prairie Path is a 62-mile hiking, biking, equestrian and nature trail in Cook, DuPage and Kane Counties. The IPP runs from Forest Park on the east to Wheaton, then branches to Elgin and Aurora (with additional spurs to Geneva and Batavia). This map shows the four intersections of the IPP with the Fox River Trail—Elgin, Geneva, Batavia and Aurora—and only the southern 22 miles of the 56-mile Fox River Trail (Kane Co.) and Prairie Trail (McHenry Co.). The DuPage Co. portion of the Great Western Trail is 11.5 miles long, joining the IPP in West Chicago and Villa Park. The western half of the GWT starts at LeRoy Oakes Forest Preserve in Kane Co.

Forest Park*						
3	Bellwood					
7	4	Elmhurst				
13	10	6	Glen Ellyn			
16	13	9	3	Wheaton**		
21	18	14	8	5	Warrenville	
18.5	15.5	11.5	5.5	2.5		Winfield***
30	27	23	17	14	9	Aurora
29	26	22	16	13	8	Batavia
27	24	20	14	11		8.5 Geneva
29.5	26.5	22.5	16.5	13.5		11 Elgin

* Forest Park refers to back of CTA parking lot off of Des Plaines Ave and the Eisenhower
 ** Wheaton refers to Volunteer Park, mile zero, at W. Liberty Dr. and Carlton Ave.
 ***Winfield refers to trail at County Farm and Geneva Road intersection

Popular IPP Triangles

1. Wheaton — West Chicago, GWT — Villa Park — Wheaton* 25 miles
2. Wheaton — Geneva — Batavia — Wheaton 30 miles
3. Winfield — Elgin — Geneva — Winfield 32 miles
4. Wheaton — Batavia — Aurora — Wheaton 33 miles
5. Wheaton — Geneva — Aurora — Wheaton 37 miles
6. Wheaton — Elgin — Batavia — Wheaton 43 miles
7. Wheaton — Elgin — Aurora — Wheaton 48 miles

*Route: from Wheaton up Elgin Branch to Prince Crossing Road in West Chicago, GWT east to Villa Park, IPP intersection just before Villa Ave., then IPP west back to Wheaton

Prairie Path Membership Application

Name _____

Address _____ City _____

Zip _____ Phone # _____ Email _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Society | \$1,000.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Patron | \$100.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Organization | \$50.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime | \$500.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining | \$75.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Family | \$30.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Donor | \$250.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Supporting | \$50.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Individual | \$20.00 |

All contributions are tax deductible

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