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Field Trip Locations
Most field trip locations listed below are in the Coastal Zone, with a few exceptions. Locations near the Coastal Zone that have nature centers were included. Please talk with the designated person for each site to arrange for bus parking and lunch locations, if needed. All sites with staff available to lead field trips are noted. If you would like to visit a location that does not have staff available to lead the trip for you, but aren’t sure what to do with your students at a site, see Additional Resources at the end of this document for ideas.

Cook County

Chicago Park District Sites
For all sites except North Park Village Nature Center, contact Julianne Ohmes or Kathleen Soler to set up a field trip. For North Park Village Nature Center, contact Julie Sacco. Field trips led by CPD staff can be scheduled at Northerly Island and North Park Village Nature Center.

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Big Marsh
Habitat types: wetlands

Burnham Prairies and McCormick Bird Sanctuary
Habitat types: prairies, grasslands

Canal Origins Park
Habitat types: prairies, grasslands

Foster Beach
Habitat types: dunes

Gompers Wetlands
Habitat types: wetlands

Hegewisch Marsh
Habitat types: wetlands

Humboldt Wetlands
Habitat types: wetlands
Jackson Dune (63rd Street Beach)
Habitat types: dunes

Kathy Osterman Beach
Habitat types: dunes

Loyola Dune Habitat, Loyola Park
Habitat types: dunes

Montrose Beach Dunes and Montrose Point
Habitat types: dunes, prairies, grasslands

North Avenue Beach (Lincoln Park)
Habitat types: dunes

North Park Village Nature Center
Habitat types: prairies, grasslands

Northerly Island
Habitat types: prairies, grasslands

Rainbow Dune Habitat
Habitat types: dunes

Ridge Park Wetlands
Habitat types: wetlands

South Shore Beach and South Shore Prairie and Grassland
Habitat types: dunes, prairies, grasslands

Van Vlissingen Prairie
Habitat types: prairies, grasslands

**Forest Preserves of Cook County**
Nature Center staff is available to lead field trips.
Jacob Huffman   708-868-0606   jacob.huffman@cookcountyil.gov

Sand Ridge Nature Center
Habitat types: woodland, prairie, wetland
Special topic: local geology
**Friends of the Parks Sites**
Friends of the Parks will lead field trips and have funds to cover bussing.
Nicole Machuca  312-857-2757  machucan@fotp.org

Montrose Beach
Habitat types: dunes, prairies, grasslands

**Illinois Department of Natural Resources Sites**
Chris Rollins  773-646-3270  christopher.rollins@illinois.gov

William Powers
Habitat types: woodlands, wetlands, lake/aquatic

**Shedd Aquarium Great Lake Action Days Sites**
Field trips with the Shedd Aquarium are led by staff. Bus funding available where needed.
Reid Bogert  312-692-2739  rbogert@sheddaquarium.org

12th Street Beach
Habitat types: dunes

63rd Street Beach
Habitat types: dunes

**Lake County**

**Illinois Department of Natural Resources Sites**
Illinois Beach State Park
Saki Villalobos  847-662-4811  Saki.Villalobos@Illinois.gov
Habitat types: prairies, dunes, wetlands, woodlands, savannas
Note: Nature Center Closed - Trails open

North Point Marina
Dave Suthard  847-746-2845  David.Suthard@Illinois.gov
Habitat types: dunes

**Lake County Forest Preserve District Sites**
Field trips led by District staff are available. Certain programs involve fees, which vary based on program and residency.
Reservation Line  847-968-3321
Fort Sheridan  
Habitat types: woodlands, bluffs, ravines

Greenbelt  
Habitat types: oak groves, wetlands, prairies

Lyons Woods  
Habitat types: prairies, savannas, woodlands, fens

Middlefork Savanna  
Habitat types: wetlands, prairies, savannas

Ryerson Conservation Area and Welcome Center  
Habitat types: woodlands

**Park District of Highland Park Sites**  
Park District staff will lead field trips and have a variety of programs available that can be tailored to your needs.

Jessica Reyes  847-579-4183  jreyes@pdhp.org

Heller Nature Center  
Habitat types: wetlands, woodlands, prairies, savannas

Rosewood Beach Interpretive Center  
Habitat types: woodlands, bluffs, lake/aquatic

**Shedd Aquarium Great Lake Action Days Sites**  
Field trips with the Shedd Aquarium are led by staff. Bus funding available where needed.

Reid Bogert  312-692-2739  rbogert@sheddaquarium.org

Illinois Beach State Park  
Habitat types: prairies, dunes, wetlands, woodlands, savannas

Openlands Lakeshore Preserve  
Habitat types: woodlands, bluffs, ravines

**Zion Park District**  
Kay Petersen  847-746-5500 ext 426  kpetersen@zionparkdistrict.org

Hosah Park  
Habitat types: prairies, dunes, wetlands, woodlands, savannas
Additional Resources

**Adopt-a-Beach**
Alliance for the Great Lakes
How-To Guide for Educators
Katie Larson         klarson@greatlakes.org

**Chicago River Schools Network**
Friends of the Chicago River
Free river education resources, service learning opportunities and field trips for K-12 schools within the Chicago River watershed
Betsy Hands         bhands@chicagoriver.org or mhauser@chicagoriver.org

**Earth Force**
The Field Museum
Engages 6th-8th graders as active citizens who improve the environment and their communities now and in the future
Angie Viands            aviands@fieldmuseum.org
https://www.fieldmuseum.org/at-the-field/programs/earth-force

**LCFPD’s Educational Resources**
Lake County Forest Preserve District
Programs provided, grants available, pre and post activities
http://www.lcfpd.org/education/resources/

**Great Lakes in My World**
Alliance for the Great Lakes
Great Lakes focused curriculum
Katie Larson         klarson@greatlakes.org
http://www.greatlakes.org/glimw

**Mighty Acorns**
The Field Museum
Science curriculum for grades 3-5 connecting students to their local habitats, meets Common Core and Next Generation Science Standards
Meghan Forseth       mforseth@fieldmuseum.org
http://www.mightyacorns.org/
Underwater Detective Program
Underwater Archaeological Society of Chicago
Learn about shipwrecks and survey like a real underwater archaeologist
Gene Hasiak       genoinstr@yahoo.com
http://www.uaschicago.org/underwaterdetectives

Urban Treehouse
The Student Conservation Association
Free environmental education programs that come to you
Diane Sanborn       dsanborn@thesca.org
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