Illinois Prairie Path & Great Western Trail

On foot or bike, alone or with your family, the noise of the street fades as you leave the bustle behind. For miles and miles, under the canopy of shade trees, be filled by the harmonious blend of nature, recreation and small-town charm. Passing through quaint downtowns and forest preserves, amidst waterways and scenic beauty, this 24-mile loop is iconic — the Illinois Prairie Path is the grandfather of the rails-to-trails movement, and fittingly intersects with the Great Western Trail.
The first rail-to-trail conversion was the Illinois Prairie Path (IPP), spanning 60 miles, 40 of which are in DuPage. It connects to the Great Western Trail which runs from Canada to Mexico. Make this experience your own...do the entire 24-mile loop, or simply enjoy a stretch of this urban escape. Both trails are made of crushed limestone. There are plenty of opportunities to stop along the way for a bite to eat or a drink, or to simply relax in the shade.
Central DuPage County Rail-Trail Loop

Loop Length: Approximately 24 Miles

Points of Interest
1. Cantigny Park
2. Cosley Zoo
3. DuPage County Historical Museum
4. Kline Creek Farm
5. Sheldon Peck Homestead
6. Victorian Cottage Museum
7. Villa Park Historical Society Museum
8. Wheaton College
9. Billy Graham Center Museum
10. DuPage County Government Complex
11. Mile 0
12. Paradise Bay Water Park
13. West Chicago Prairie
14. Timber Ridge Prairie

Bike Shops
Parking
Train Stations

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