

Our Top 10 Trail Picks

NEAR GLEN ELLYN

1. Churchill Park

Nourish your need for nature as you wind your way through woodland, prairie, and wetland habitats. Churchill Park features both paved and woodchipped trails to enjoy. Download a self-guided tour at gepark.org/tours. Located at 271 St. Charles Rd.

2. Churchill Woods Forest Preserve

Take a footpath to the banks of the East Branch DuPage River or enjoy the 0.6-mile Regional Trail, which connects to the Great Western Trail. The two main entrances are on the south side of St. Charles Road 0.1 mile and 0.25 mile west of I-355. Operated by DuPage County Forest Preserve.

3. Hidden Lake Forest Preserve

The 390-acre Hidden Lake Forest Preserve in Downers Grove is an ideal place to walk, picnic or just relax. It features two lakes and a river, trails, and fishing. The main entrance is on the east side of Route 53, 0.25 mile south of Butterfield Road. Hidden Lake is operated by the DuPage County Forest Preserve.

4. Illinois Prairie Path

A well-known path but worth a mention! The Prairie Path can be accessed throughout Glen Ellyn, including at Prairie Path Park which features an outdoor ping pong table, outdoor chess table, and a StoryWalk®.

5. Panfish Park

Panfish Park features a 1-mile crushed limestone trail that meanders and loops around a large, scenic pond. The park, operated by Village of Glen Ellyn, is located at 620 Wilson Ave.

6. Great Western Trail

This crushed limestone trail follows 12 miles of abandoned railway corridor through DuPage County, between Villa Park and West Chicago. A great spot for cyclists and joggers. An ADA-accessible connection to the trail is available from within Ackerman Park (800 St. Charles Rd.)

7. Lake Ellyn Park

Take a stroll around Lake Ellyn or explore the woodchipped pathways within the woodland restoration zone where the Park District is actively working to bring back native plants and protect the oak savanna. Some of the beautiful flowers you'll see blooming in the coming years include Jacob's ladder, wild geranium, wild columbine, and a mix of interesting grass-like sedges. Located at 645 Lenox Rd.

8. Lambert Lake Nature Preserve

Take a stroll around Lambert Lake (~0.5 miles) or wind your way through the wooded area (~0.33 miles). Limited parking is available off Taft Avenue or Lambert Road. Operated by Village of Glen Ellyn.

9. Willowbrook Wildlife Center

Explore the trails hidden behind Willowbrook Wildlife Center, just over the bridge. The half-mile outer loop and the inner loop wind through 40 acres of restored prairie, woodland and wetland habitats. Located at 521



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10. Manor Woods

A short 0.33-mile wooded walking trail is available behind Glen Ellyn Manor Park, 375 Illinois St.