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It is easy to become a member on-line at www.ipp.org. Click on *Getting Involved*. Or, complete and mail in the form below.

✂ Mail to: -----

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

*Memberships and donations are tax deductible.
Please include your check. Do not send cash.
All membership information is confidential.*

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NAME

ADDRESS

CITY/STATE/ZIP

PHONE

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COMMUNICATIONS DELIVERY – Pick one

- Electronic delivery (Recommended)
- U.S. Mail delivery

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP

- New membership
- Membership renewal

MEMBERSHIP LEVEL

- Individual \$25
- Family \$50
- Trail Blazer \$100
- Lifetime \$500
- Sponsor \$1,000
- Additional donation \$ _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

Join and Support the Path

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Become part of a growing number of enthusiastic, dedicated people who are improving the Path.

VOLUNTEER for the Annual Spring Cleanup.

ADVOCATE future trail improvements as towns and governments discuss trail issues.

PRESERVE and PROTECT the Path with the Adopt-a-Trail program.

DONATE a tree (Trees for Trails program) or a memorial bench.

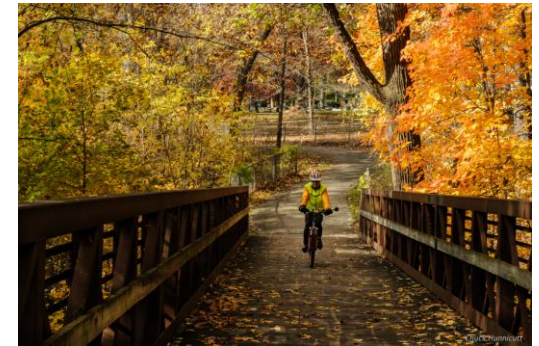


A dedication plaque on a bench donated by legacy volunteers Paul and Jean Mooring - by Greg Blue

BUILD essential path services with your membership fee such as:

- public information
- water fountains
- garbage cans
- mile markers
- comfort stations

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Biker on the Batavia Spur- by Chuck Hunnicutt

Enjoy – Explore – Energize

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Take a leisurely stroll, bike to work, challenge your fitness level or visit neighboring historic communities.

The Path is also accessible for horseback riding and cross-country skiing.

Explore the Illinois Prairie Path.



Walkers near Wayne - by Dulcey Lima

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Connecting People and Communities

The iconic Illinois Prairie Path, the first rails-to-trails conversion established by volunteers, inspired the rails-to-trails movement throughout the United States.

- 62 miles of limestone or paved paths
- Located in Cook, DuPage and Kane counties
- Links to county and city trail systems
- A linear park passing through prairies and forest preserves, villages and cities
- Museums, parks and playgrounds are located near the Path
- Historic prairies
- Path connections to public transportation
- Parking, restrooms and drinking fountains available
- Walkers, runners, bikers, cross-country skiers, equestrians are welcome
- Power-assisted wheelchairs are allowed
- Motorized vehicles are not allowed
- Pets are welcome but must be leashed and droppings removed
- Open all year
- Maps available at www.ipp.org

Rail-Trail Hall of Fame

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The Illinois Prairie Path began with a letter to the editor of the *Chicago Tribune* on September 30, 1963 written by local naturalist May Theilgaard Watts.



Courtesy of The Morton Arboretum

Her letter and the work of the founding volunteer members inspired a national rails-to-trails movement in the United States. In 1965, the founding volunteers established The Illinois Prairie Path not-for-profit corporation (IPPC) to develop and manage the Path.

Today, 50 years later, *volunteer* members partner with local governments, companies and communities to help maintain, improve and expand this treasured natural resource.

A Path for all Seasons

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