

DASH FOR DETECTION

Chicago (North/West/South)

Bloomingtondale Trail (The 606)

Location: Chicago | **Length:** 2.7 miles | **Trail Surface:** Concrete

The Bloomingtondale Trail, part of Chicago's "The 606" park system, is a 2.7-mile elevated rail-trail on the city's northwest side. Rising nearly 20 feet above Wicker Park, Bucktown, Humboldt Park, and Logan Square, it features street-crossing bridges, access ramps, and community artwork near many entrances.

Chicago Lakefront Trail

Location: Chicago | **Length:** 18.5 miles | **Trail Surface:** Asphalt/Concrete

The Chicago Lakefront Trail runs 18.5 miles along Lake Michigan, linking neighborhoods from South Shore to Lake View. Featuring beaches, sports courts, playgrounds, and more, it's a hub for recreation, commuting, and popular local amenities—often bustling on warm days.

Northshore Channel Trail

Location: Chicago | **Length:** 6.7 miles | **Trail Surface:** Asphalt, Concrete, Dirt

A hidden gem on Chicago's northwest side. The North Shore Channel Trail extends from the junction of Green Bay Road and McCormick Boulevard in northern Evanston to the junction of Lawrence Avenue and Francisco Avenue in Chicago. All but the last 0.25 mile runs alongside the North Shore Channel of the Chicago River.

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North Shore

Green Bay Trail

Location: Cook, Lake counties | **Length:** 8.9 miles | **Trail Surface:** Asphalt, Concrete, Crushed Stone

The 9-mile Green Bay Trail runs north of Chicago along the Metra line, passing through Kenilworth, Winnetka, Highland Park, and Lake Bluff. Lined with shops, parks, and homes, it stays near Lake Michigan for easy beachfront side trips.

Robert McClory Bike Path

Location: Lake County | **Length:** 26.5 miles | **Trail Surface:** Asphalt, Concrete, Crushed Stone

The Robert McClory Bike Path, named in 1997 for a bike-friendly official, weaves through Highland Park, Highwood, Fort Sheridan, Lake Forest, Lake Bluff, North Chicago, Waukegan, and surrounding communities. It connects seamlessly to the Green Bay Trail in Highland Park and continues north to Wisconsin's 18.6-mile Kenosha County Bike Trail.

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Western Suburbs

Des Plaines River Trail

Location: Lake County | **Length:** 56.3 miles | **Trail Surface:** Crushed Stone

The Des Plaines River Trail and Greenway traverse north-south along the route of its namesake river along its course through both Lake and Cook counties. The corridor protects 85% of the riverine habitat in the county. The 56+ mile trail connects numerous forest preserves, parks, and communities between the Illinois-Wisconsin border and south, well into the western Chicago suburbs.

North Branch Trail

Location: Cook County | **Length:** 20 miles | **Trail Surface:** Asphalt

The North Branch Trail follows the North Branch of the Chicago River from the Chicago Botanic Garden south through Skokie Lagoons, Erikson Woods, and wooded suburbs to Edgebrook. It features rest areas, public restrooms, and alternate dirt paths through scenic woods.

Southern Suburbs

Tinley Creek Trail

Location: Cook County | **Length:** 18.8 miles | **Trail Surface:** Asphalt

The Tinley Creek Trail is currently in two segments. This northern segment stretches from Palos Heights to Oak Forest and largely falls with several Cook County Forest Preserve areas, including Rubio Woods, Burr Oak Woods, Turtlehead Lake, Bachelor Grove Woods, Nelson Woods, and St. Mihiel Reservation.