

Chicago Lincoln Park Tour



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Tour Summary

Along with a myriad of recreational facilities, Lincoln Park includes a number of harbors for sail or motor boats, as well as public beaches. Here on the shores of Lake Michigan you will find landscaped gardens, a zoo, the Conservatory, the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum, the Chicago History Museum, and the Theater on the Lake with regular outdoor performances during the summer. But as we delve deeper into the fabric of this amazing urban oasis we'll discover nature reserves, charming restaurants, and some of the best statuary found in The Windy City. Let's explore the full width and breadth of Chicago's largest public park. With this comprehensive tour, even lifetime local residents will make new discoveries!

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Introduction





Stretching alongside Lake Michigan is Chicago's largest public park. We'll start our tour in the south where the park originally began, and zigzag our way north.



This land was originally developed as a cemetery in 1843, but only held that distinction for 21 year, before all the graves but one were relocated.



Lincoln Park is known for its fantastic statuary. We will have a look at many of Chicago's greatest works of public art.



There is also fabulous architecture within and surrounding the park. We'll tell you where to find this elegant rotunda.



Founded in 1868, the zoo is free and open to the public year round. Two sections are reserved for children, including the Zoo-in-the-Park.



The zoo includes special enclosures for birds of prey, penguins, gorillas, reptiles, polar bears, and other exotic species that total about 1,250 animals.



The Conservatory also has free admission. Four glass houses offer visitors the chance to walk through a multitude of flora habitats.



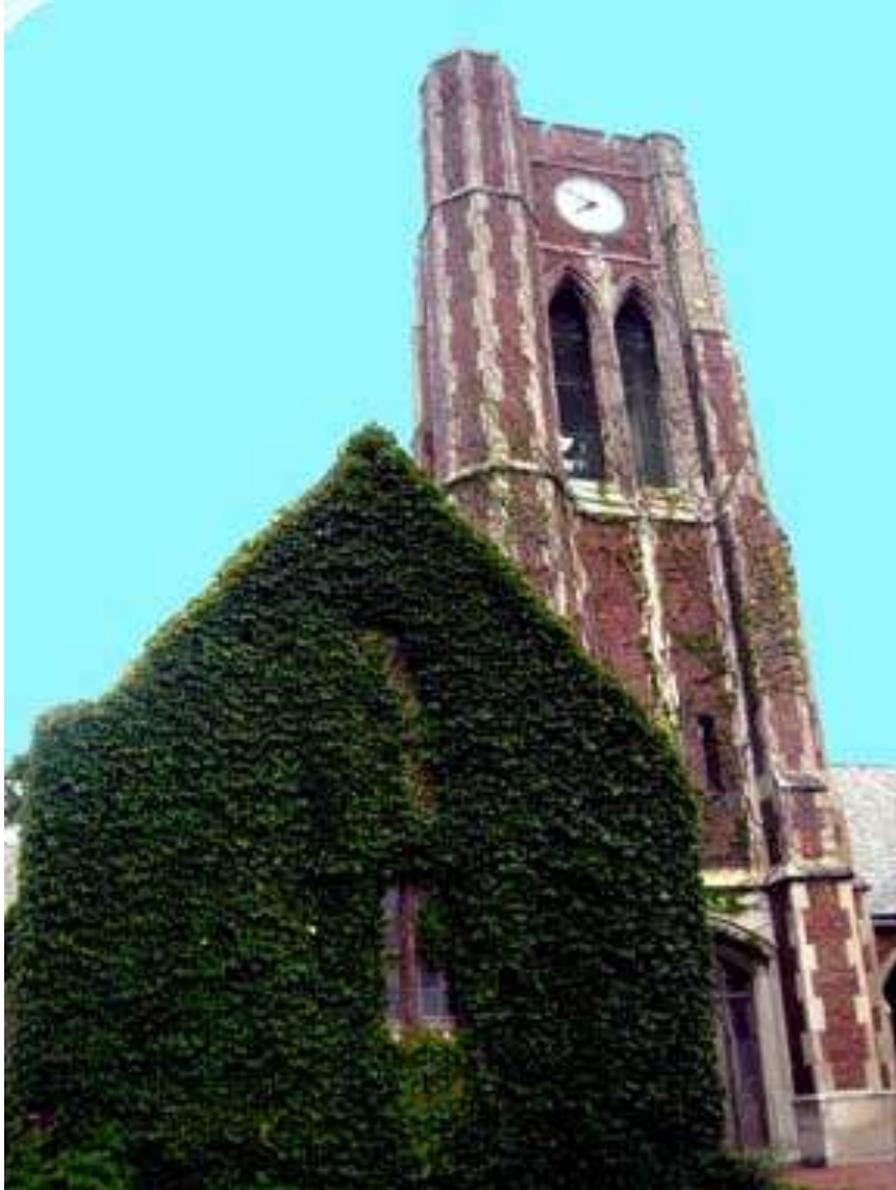
We'll take a look at the Chicago History Museum, which houses the most important collection of materials related to the city's long civic history.



Lincoln Park is home to several bird and wildlife sanctuaries. At least 57 native or migratory bird species can be spotted from one viewing platform, depending on the time of year.



Kayak and canoe enthusiasts can take to the lagoon, and scullers are often seen during their aquatic workouts.



The Waveland Clock Tower was originally built as a fieldhouse, in the English Gothic style. Today it is the clubhouse for the golf course.



As a Chicago native who grew up visiting this park, I'm honored to take you on this personally guided tour into one of America's greatest urban landscapes!

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