

Coastal Zone 2011 Field Trips

All Coastal Zone 2011 (CZ11) field trips were specifically designed for meeting attendees and include subject matter experts or naturalists, and transportation and food where noted. Please join us for a pleasurable learning experience.

For field trips with bus transportation, participants will meet at the Hyatt Regency West Tower entrance on Stetson Street.

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Overview of Field Trips

Sunday, July 17, 2011

8AM - 5PM	Biodiversity Tour of Northeast Illinois	\$40
8AM - 5PM	Indiana Dunes State Park, Portage Lakefront and Riverwalk	\$40
8AM - 11AM	Interpretive Canoe Tour "Downtown Canyons Paddling Adventure" on the Chicago River	\$44
9AM - 1PM	Calumet Open Space Reserve	\$25
1PM - 5PM	Interpretive Canoe Tour "Varying Vistas North Branch Paddle"	\$65
1PM - 4PM	Tour of Chicago's Shoreline Projects	\$25

Tuesday, July 19, 2011

5PM - 8:30PM	Interpretive Boat Tour of Lake Michigan	\$50
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Downtown Canyons Paddling Adventure

Date and time: Sunday, July 17, 2011, 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Cost: \$40.00 (no transportation required)

Participants: Minimum: 14, Maximum: 23

Host: Friends of the Chicago River

Website: <http://www.chicagoriver.org/home/index.php>

Join Friends of the Chicago River and experience downtown Chicago from its best and most unique vantage point – river level. Participants will paddle a canoe through the heart of Chicago’s world-class architecture and learn how this once meandering prairie stream was re-engineered to support America’s third largest city. Along the way, Friends’ professional canoe guides will point out many sites including the Chicago Riverwalk, winner of the Friends’ Green Ribbon Award, a part of Chicago River Blue – an award program that recognizes thoughtful and sustainable river-edge design and development.

Note: Participants will meet at the main entrance of the Hyatt Regency and walk with a canoe guide to the launch site, located at river level near the Lake Shore Drive Bridge. Paddling trips are rain or shine (unless there is more than a 50 percent chance of thunderstorms). Participants should dress for the weather and wear clothing and footwear appropriate for paddling.

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Varying Vistas North Branch Paddle

Date and time: Sunday, July 17, 2011, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Cost: \$65.00

Participants: Minimum: 14, Maximum: 23

Host: Friends of the Chicago River

Website: <http://www.chicagoriver.org/home/index.php>

Join Friends of the Chicago River for a canoe trip that highlights the changing character of the Chicago River from the north side neighborhoods to the near north industrial corridor. This trip begins at River Park, next to a serene waterfall known as a popular fishing spot for the endangered Black-crowned Night Heron, and the confluence of the North Shore Channel, one of the channels dug to help reverse the flow of the Chicago River in 1900. Paddle south with professional canoe guides past wooded riverbanks and one of the Friends’ many successful restoration projects at Berceau Avenue, completed in partnership with a local community group, Riverbank Neighbors. Observe the transition of the river’s edge from natural banks within neighborhoods to the steel embankments as the river enters into the industrial areas of the city. The trip will conclude at Chicago’s newest Whole Foods, winner of Friends’ Silver Ribbon Award, a part of Chicago River Blue.

identified 3,900 acres of open space among the industrial landscape of the southeast side. The tour will highlight high-quality restoration sites, innovative brownfields remediation projects, and wetland enhancement and creation against the backdrop of heavy industry and river commerce. Tour stops will include Hegewisch Marsh and Indian Ridge Marsh.

Note: Participants will meet at the Hyatt West Tower entrance on Stetson Street and board a bus for the tour at 9:00am. Participants should dress appropriately for the weather and wear footwear comfortable for walking outdoors.

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Indiana Dunes State Park and Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore

Date and time: Sunday, July 17, 2011, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Cost: approximately \$40.00 (includes lunch, transportation, and admission fee)
Participants: Minimum: 23, Maximum: 50
Hosts: Indiana Department of Natural Resources, National Park Service
Website: <http://www.in.gov/dnr/>, <http://www.nps.gov/indu/>

Experience the many natural wonders and ecological and restoration innovations at Indiana Dunes State Park and Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore. Participants will not only view the blue waters of Lake Michigan and the majestic dunes of Indiana Dunes State Park, but will also tour the Dunes Creek Daylighting project. The tour will include the Indiana Dunes Nature Center and a chance to experience the new interactive displays that focus on the unique geology, shipping history, and ecology of the dunes and Lake Michigan. Located west of the Burns Waterway Harbor, participants will tour the restored former steel mill wastewater treatment site and now a popular visitor use area of Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore. Finally, participants will experience one of the rarest habitats in the country, black oak savannah, during a 1.5 mile hike with a National Park Service ranger through Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore’s Miller Woods.

Note: Participants will meet at the Hyatt West Tower entrance on Stetson Street and board a bus to Indiana at 8:00am. Participants should dress for the weather and wear clothing and footwear comfortable for outdoors.

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Tour of Chicago’s Shoreline Project

Date and time: Sunday, July 17, 2011, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Cost: \$25.00
Host: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Participants: Minimum: 10, Maximum: 14
Website: <http://www.lrc.usace.army.mil/>

