



Restoring Nature's Beauty

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Green Bay Trail
in Glencoe, IL

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A Slice of Nature: The Green Bay Trail

The Green Bay Trail is a pedestrian and cycling pathway that runs parallel to the Metra Union Pacific North commuter railroad and passes through the Chicago North Shore communities of Wilmette, Kenilworth, Winnetka, Glencoe, and Highland Park. It was created in 1965 on the abandoned right-of-way of the former North Shore Electric Railroad. The land adjacent to the trail is a mix of natural areas, residences, and parks, including the Ravinia Festival and the nearby Chicago Botanic Garden.

What We Do: Fresh Air, Fun, & Freedom

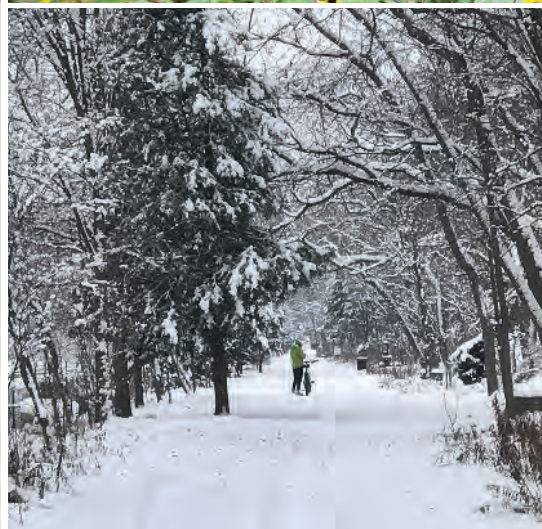
Friends of the Green Bay Trail (Friends) is a volunteer-led non-profit that works to restore nature's beauty to the public land along the trail in Glencoe. Since its founding in 2010, Friends has invested \$100,000 and spent 10,000 volunteer hours removing invasive species and reintroducing native plants. Friends also fosters volunteerism and community partnerships, and inspires people to use the trail for recreation and transportation.

Throughout the year, Friends is spearheading a variety of efforts to restore the trail and spread the word by:

- Planting approximately 30,000 wildflowers, grasses, and sedges along with over 300 native trees and shrubs. (Trees are planted in a partnership program with the Village of Glencoe.)
- Collecting, cleaning, and scattering more than 30 million seeds to grow native plants.
- Showcasing Monarch metamorphosis in a Butterfly Hatchery.
- Inviting experts to the Glencoe Library and Park District for community-wide educational programs: For example, Doug Taron, Ph.D., Chief Curator of the Chicago Academy of Sciences, an authority on monitoring butterfly populations and protecting their habitats.
- Installing a donated drinking fountain on the trail in partnership with the Village of Glencoe.
- Hosting trail events, such as a Winter Solstice bonfire and sing-along, a summer Monarch Mania, and a Stroll Along the Pollinator Path.
- Directing groups of middle and high school students, along with Cub, Girl, and Boy Scouts as they rake, shovel, and plant native species as volunteers.

Our Vision: Space to Breathe

The Friends' goal for 2017-2020 is to restore and maintain five parcels of land along the trail. It is satisfying to share the first completed parcel—from Harbor Street to Woodlawn Avenue—with the community. When the remaining four parcels of land are restored, Friends will have rejuvenated public land along the trail in Glencoe, from Scott Avenue (bordering Winnetka) north to Lake Cook Road (bordering Highland Park).



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JOIN US IN RESTORING NATURE'S BEAUTY

Restoring a healthy habitat and keeping the trail beautifully maintained is a desired hallmark of Friends. We ask for your support in reaching our \$1 million fundraising goal to assist Friends in completing trail work and maintaining it. To ensure that vital resources continue to be available, Friends will establish a "Trust for the Trail."

Friends of the Green Bay Trail is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

With your support, Friends can be confident that the trail's natural beauty continues to shine indefinitely.



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