

LOCAL NATURE*

*Did the phrase, “the great outdoors” start in Greater Peoria? Well, we can’t say it didn’t. With great kayaking, fishing spots and hiking trails, we definitely deliver *outdoor greatness*.

HIKING/BIKING

Black Partridge Park

Metamora, IL

Over eight miles of single-track trails carved out by the Peoria Area Mountain Bike Association for hiking and biking.

Farmdale Reservoir

Washington, IL

Proving change can be beautiful. What started as a flood control project in East Peoria has transformed into beautiful trails for hiking, biking and horseback riding.

Forest Park Nature Center

Peoria, IL

Seven miles of hiking and bird watching through wooded forests and open prairies.

Fort Creve Coeur

Creve Coeur, IL

There’s more to this park than meets the eye (kinda like us). They’ve got tent and RV camping, hiking trails, a playground, a nature museum and an herb garden.

Jubilee College State Park

Brimfield, IL

More than 40 miles of multiuse trails! You can do it all here: hiking, biking, picnicking, fishing, hunting and even snowmobiling in the winter.

Kinsey Park Trails

Peoria, IL

Calling all cyclers! This trail system was built just for you. Test your biking skills on three tracks, each offering a different difficulty level.

Peoria Park District

Peoria, IL

The Park District offers over 30 trails to the public. Whether you want a paved trail or a true adventure in the woods, you’ll find your fit.

Rock Island Trail

Peoria, IL

Escape into 26 miles of tree-canopied trails and beautiful prairies.

Wildlife Prairie Park Trails

Hanna City, IL

Named one of the top 10 best hikes in Central Illinois. Plus, great cross-country skiing in the winter!

KAYAKING/CANOEING

Banner Marsh State Fish & Wildlife Area

Canton, IL

A large marsh filled with aquatic life. Access to three boat ramps makes it easy to enter the water with your canoes, kayaks, paddleboards or small motor boats.

Illinois River

Peoria, IL

Take your canoes or kayaks on an exciting ride through the flowing streams of the Illinois River.

Mackinaw Canoe & Kayak Club

Mackinaw, IL

Go on fun water adventures year-round with this local canoeing and kayaking club.

Wildlife Prairie Park Kayaking

Hanna City, IL

Find your dream kayaking spot in one of the seven gorgeous lakes here. Don’t have your own kayak? They offer rentals!

FISHING

Charter Oak Park

Peoria, IL

Fish this 6.4-acre lake from the paved trail or one of the three fishing piers. A great place to catch largemouth bass, bluegill, sunfish, channel catfish or carp.

Hooked On Fishing Park

East Peoria, IL

Nonprofit organization that offers fishing opportunities and education for children, senior citizens and special needs groups. They provide the equipment and bait for you!

Spring Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area

Peoria, IL

Two lakes covering a total area of 1,285 acres. Looking to battle large muskies or bullheads? Try North Lake.