

# 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 State Park**

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.