



Hours
 Mon-Fri 8am-5pm, Sat 9am-4pm
Closed for holidays
 September 4, November 10, 11, 23 & 24
Closed for cleaning
 August 12-20

Anita Purves Nature Center

 1505 N. Broadway, Urbana

 Questions: 217-384-4062

The Anita Purves Nature Center, located at the north end of Crystal Lake Park, is an environmental education facility open free to the public. Next door you'll find Busey Woods, a 59-acre forest preserve with a boardwalk loop, seasonal ponds and more. We're on the MTD Gold/Ruby line (weekdays) and the Silver line (Saturdays).

To learn more, visit www.urbanaparks.org.



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"Anita Purves Nature Center"

What's Inside the Anita Purves Nature Center?

Room	Details	Hours
Exhibits & Wildlife Viewing	Discover Illinois natural history both inside and outside the nature center. Indoors, explore the Field Station through hands-on displays that include discovery drawers and seasonal exhibits. Watch wildlife in the center's habitat garden and feeding station or relax with a favorite nature book in the Observation Room. Outdoors, the Busey Woods Gateway Trail is a link between park and woods.	Nature Center Hours
Multipurpose Rooms	Multipurpose rooms are ideal for parties, meetings or group retreats and feature views of the prairie and close proximity to Busey Woods. Available rooms seat 25-75 and include counter space and sinks. DVD/VCR, monitor, easels, and LCD projector are available for an additional fee. Reservations must be made at least two weeks in advance. Call 217-384-4062.	Rentals Available Jun-Aug weekdays 7-11pm Jun-Aug weekends 8am-11pm Sep-May 8am-11pm
Audubon Nature Shop	This shop has a great selection of nature-related gifts such as bird feeders, binoculars, books for all ages, party favors and puppets. Operated by the Champaign County Audubon Society, this nonprofit shop donates all proceeds to local environmental education or conservation projects. Audubon members get a 10% discount on purchases. Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express, cash and checks accepted.	Mon-Sat 9am-4pm
Educator Resources	Find ideas for lessons, programs or activities. Look for help to identify a bird, flower, or tree. We have reference guides, curriculum materials and videos. A wide variety of Educational Loan Boxes are available. All items may be borrowed with a deposit. Call 217-384-4062 for availability, or just stop by and have a look. Visit www.urbanaparks.org/facilities/anita-purves-nature-center/ for more information.	Mon-Sat 9am-4pm

PROGRAMS BY REQUEST

Your group can come to us or we can come to you! Requests must be made at least two weeks in advance. Call 217-384-4062 or stop by for more information. Topics include owls, reptiles and seasonal nature. Take a **SPECIAL TOUR** with your group. A naturalist will lead a program at the nature center or in a park district natural area. Custom tours are available, including programs for scout badges. Or, invite a **TRAVELING NATURALIST** to visit your group for a one-time, weekly or monthly program.

NATURE DISCOVERY PACKS

Borrow a Nature Discovery Pack and take it with you when you explore local parks and natural areas. These packs include magnifiers, binoculars, field guides and more to help you identify what you encounter. Specific packs about astronomy, birds, ponds, Busey Woods and Meadowbrook Prairie are available. Borrow one for free with a refundable credit card deposit of \$15. Call 217-384-4062 to reserve.



Brookens Gymnasium

📍 1776 E. Washington, Urbana

📞 Questions: 217-255-8601

Brookens Gym is in pod 400 of the Champaign County Administration (Brookens) Building. The gym is well-lit and has a reconditioned floor. Locker rooms are available to program participants. Locks are not provided. Ample parking can be found directly adjacent to the building accessible from the Lierman Avenue entrance off Art Bartell Road.

Urbana Park District Rainout Line
217-367-9575
www.urbanaparks.org/events/rain-outs-and-cancellations/

For information about program cancellations, including weather cancellations, and for updates about special events or other key happenings at the Urbana Park District, visit www.urbanaparks.org. For evening sports programs, this line will be updated after 4:30pm on weekdays and one hour before the scheduled program or sports on the weekend. All other updates will be made as conditions change.

Planning a birthday party?

Reserve your Brookens Gym party at least two weeks in advance by completing an application and making a full payment. (There is a two-hour minimum on parties). Call 217-255-8601 for information. See “Birthday Parties” on page 58.

**Athletic Field Rentals:
 Soccer, Baseball, Softball**

Download a field request form at:

www.urbanaparks.org/rentals/rent-a-park/

Minimum \$30/3hr (base price with bases/goals) \$10/hr additional
 \$100 - Prepped field (includes dragging and lining)
 \$40/hr – lights (only on softball/baseball)

Sports Officials

Urbana Park District youth and adult sports programs provide an excellent training ground for individuals interested in officiating sports. Officials are needed for youth basketball and soccer. Officials must be at least 16. Certified officials are encouraged to apply to assist in maintaining a high-quality program and to help develop and train less experienced officials. Certified officials are preferred for baseball and softball. The pay rate varies with the age of competition and sport. Apply online at www.urbanaparks.org/employment.html.

Sport	Application Deadline	Rate/Game
Youth Soccer	September 8	\$12-\$15
Adult Kickball	August 24	\$10-\$15
Youth Baseball/Softball	August 24	\$45
Youth Basketball	January 26	\$12-\$25

**Rent Brookens Gym WEEKDAYS
 (8am-3pm*) for ONLY \$20/hour**

***Call 217-255-8601 to check availability**

VOLUNTEER COACHES NEEDED

Adult volunteers coach our youth sports programs such as T-Ball, basketball, and soccer. Without our volunteer coaches, we do not have leaders for your child’s team. As a volunteer, you will spend 3-4 total hours per week leading practices through drills and skill building exercises and coaching games (that you go to already). Training resources are provided for each sport including discussions on skills, strategies, and policies. We can even match you with another parent and you can co-coach. Parents interested in helping should call 217-255-8601, or fill out a Volunteer Application online at www.urbanaparks.org. Volunteer as head coach for your child’s team and receive a refund for your child’s fee once the season is complete. Applies to all youth sports teams except Wood Bat League.

Friendship Grove Nature Playscape

 Anita Purves Nature Center
1505 N. Broadway, Urbana

 Questions: 217-384-4062

The Urbana Park District has created the Friendship Grove Nature Playscape at the Anita Purves Nature Center for all kids! It is a hands-on, kid-directed outdoor play space where fun in nature is led by a child's imagination and ingenuity. The playscape provides accessible play opportunities for a variety of physical, mental, cognitive and emotional abilities. There are four main features or "anchor pieces" and additional play features that will change with the seasons.

The Four Anchor Pieces

- Fort - Imagine all the ways you can use this multi-purpose structure.
- Fallen Tree - Use large muscles to climb, jump and balance; search for signs of wildlife.
- Digging Area - Get dirty and have fun playing on the ground with friends.
- Tunnel - Crawl and traverse this hill/tunnel combination.

Climbing features are intended for ages 5-12. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Planning a group visit? Call 217-384-4062.

If you plan to bring a group of 10 or more, please call ahead. The staff at the nature center can help you choose a time that does not conflict with a scheduled school tour and can help you reserve picnic tables, if needed.

See photos and learn more about the Friendship Grove Nature Playscape and the benefits of nature play at:
www.urbanaparks.org/facilities/friendship-grove-nature-playscape/



Lake House in Crystal Lake Park

 206 W. Park, Urbana

 Questions: 217-367-1544



Cozy and Convenient

The Lake House is a cozy spot for birthdays, anniversaries, retirement parties, bridal and baby showers, rehearsal dinners, family reunions, corporate trainings, meetings, retreats, graduation and holiday parties. Between November and March, you can add the fireplace for atmosphere!

Tucked away in Crystal Lake Park, the Lake House offers a beautiful view of Crystal Lake and easy access to pavilions, playgrounds, and boating opportunities in the park. The rental room can seat 50 people or accommodate up to 60 standing people. There is a two-hour minimum for all rentals. Please make your request at least two weeks in advance.

Now's the Time to Begin Spring & Summer Wedding Plans!

The Lake House is a fantastic location for an intimate wedding or other celebration. Call Janet at 367-1544 ext. 277 to discuss set-up options and accommodations for a larger party. Quite often, groups rent additional tables and chairs to complement our indoor set-up for an outdoor ceremony. We'd be glad to help you plan your day.

Plan Your Next Meeting, Company Training or Retreat with Us

The Lake House offers a relaxing setting that your staff and your budget will appreciate. For only \$35-45/hour, you'll have access to all the Lake House features. Call Janet at 217-367-1544 ext. 277 to see if your meeting qualifies for our seminar rate.

Rental Fees

Mon-Thurs	\$50/hour (seats 50) \$65/hour with patio (seats 100)
Fri-Sun	\$60/hour (seats 50) \$75/hour with patio (seats 100)

The lakeside deck, which accommodates up to 75 chairs you provide, is the ideal spot for a small ceremony right on the water's edge. Reserve the lakeside deck for your special occasion for a \$50 flat fee. All rentals require a \$75 deposit. Additional permits and/or fees are required to serve beer and wine at your event or if you are charging an entry fee to the public. Please make all requests at least two weeks in advance. Requests made less than two weeks in advance pay additional charges.

Extras	LCD Projector \$20 TV/DVD \$10
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Included in every rental: use of a prep kitchen with counter space, small microwave, sink, and ice machine, use of refrigerator and freezer. Easel, screen and podium are also available at no extra charge.

We accept all major credit cards, cash or check (with valid ID) as payment. Fees include Coast Guard-approved life jackets with sizes ranging from infant to adult. An adult must accompany anyone under 16. A valid driver's license or major credit card is required as a deposit on all rentals.

Boating & Concession Hours

Stop by the Lake House in Crystal Lake Park weekends in August and September to rent a paddleboat or canoe and discover Crystal Lake. The Lake House will close when weather conditions make boating unsafe. Call 217-328-1069 for updated information.

Avg 19-Sep 10 Sat & Sun only: 12-7pm (open Labor Day)

2017 Boating Fees

Canoes	\$7/half-hour or \$9/hour
2-person Paddle Boats	\$8/half-hour or \$11/hour
3-person Paddle Boats	\$9/half-hour or \$12/hour
4-person Paddle Boats	\$10/half-hour or \$13/hour

Skiing and Sledding

Crystal Lake Park is a great location for winter activities when the weather permits. Cannonball Hill is perfect for cool, steep sledding fun. The hill lights are on until 9pm. Cross country skiers enjoy the brisk weather while skiing the park's trails with their own equipment.

Ice skating is no longer allowed on Crystal Lake. The lake acts as a drainage basin for Crystal Lake Park and the surrounding neighborhood and is continually receiving new water all winter. This means there is no guarantee that the lake will freeze evenly to a depth of six inches. Call our Planning and Operations office at 217-344-9583 if you have questions.

For specials and updates on what's happening at the Lake House and in Crystal Lake Park, follow us on our social media platforms!



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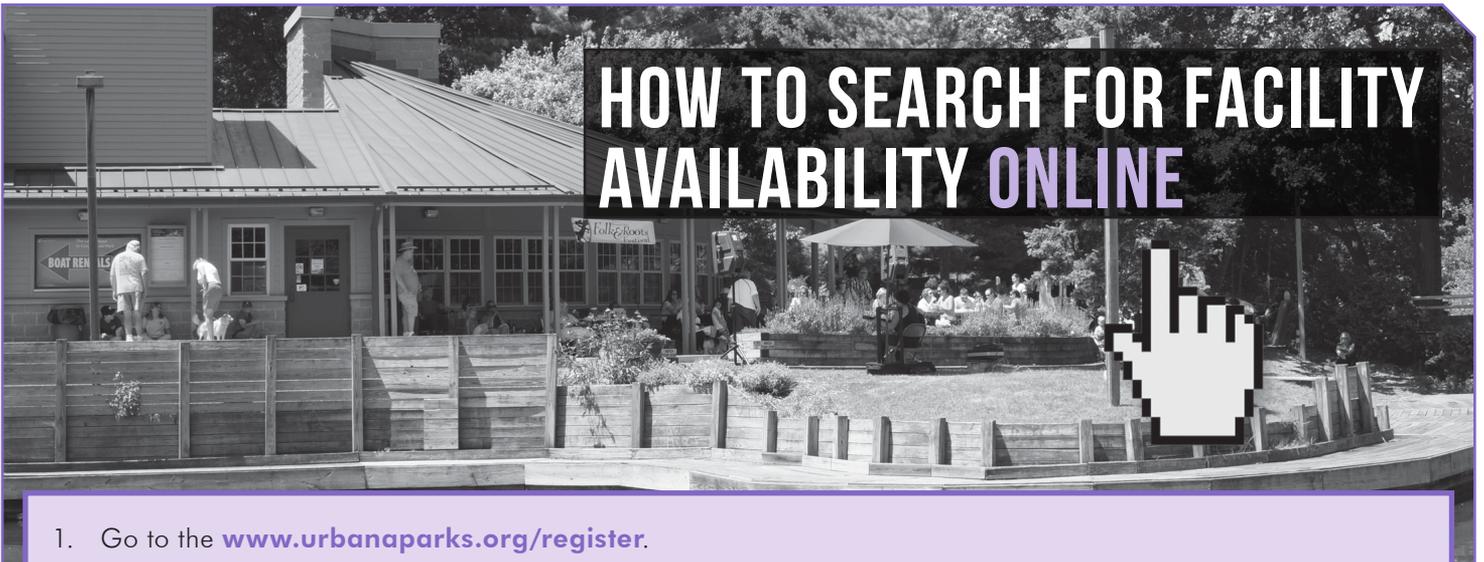
Crystal Lake Enhancement Plans

Crystal Lake Park is a priority for the district and community. Staff are working on significant water quality improvements at the 9-acre lake through nutrient-load reduction and sediment mitigation that will help recover from the aesthetic depreciation caused by nuisance weeds (watermeal and duckweed). Simultaneously the district is continuing plans to restore the shoreline with a native plant buffer that will reduce erosion and goose impacts. Engineering is also beginning on the creation of a 10-foot wide shared-use path on the south border of the park, funded by the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program.

Urbana Park District Rainout Line - Download the app or call us.

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<http://www.urbanaparks.org/events/rain-outs-and-cancellations/>



1. Go to the www.urbanaparks.org/register.
2. Click the red "click to register online" button.
3. Click the Rentals tab, then click the gray View Facilities button.
4. Scroll down the list to find your desired facility or enter the type of facility into the search bar (e.g. room, gym, pavilion, or pool). A list of matching facilities will be generated, but do not click on the facility's name.
5. The right column has a "view availability" box for each facility. Click on that box and a calendar opens.
6. Find the date you are interested in. Most facilities will have available times listed in that square. For others, you will click on the "view available times" wording in that day.
7. For pavilions only, click the blue "Book" button to book online. At that point you will be prompted to login to an existing ActiveNet account or to create one if your family does not have one.
8. Call 217-367-1544 to follow up and verify Phillips Recreation Center, pools, pavilions and Lake House availability. Call 217-384-4062 to verify Anita Purves Nature Center availability. Call 217-255-8601 to verify gymnasium or athletics field availability.



Phillips Recreation Center

 505 W. Stoughton, Urbana

 Questions: 217-367-1544

Stop by the newly updated Urbana Park District’s recreation office and community center. This public facility has three multipurpose rooms with new padded polyurethane flooring, a senior lounge and a beautiful dance/fitness room. Experience the variety of exciting classes, programs and activities for all ages. The Phillips Center is the place to sign up for programs, rent a picnic pavilion or get your pool pass photo taken. We look forward to helping you enjoy all that the district has to offer.

Dance/Fitness Rooms

Our 2,000-square-foot wood-sprung dance floor is easy on the joints when you dance or exercise with us. The Phillips Recreation Center is known for a non-intimidating atmosphere and welcoming instructors, so exercising here is convenient and comfortable. A wide variety of classes fits many schedules. Don’t miss our flexible fitness option: buy a 10-punch card and attend class when you can – they never expire! See page 47 for group fitness, water exercise or yoga punch card prices. New students can try any dance or fitness class for free to see if it suits you. Stop at the front desk to sign a waiver and get details.



Office Hours

Summer Hours:

Mon-Th 8am-6pm, Fri 8am-5pm

Hours after Labor Day:

Mon-Th 8am-6pm, Fri 8am-5pm, Sat 8am-12pm

Closures

September 2-4

December 11-25*

November 11

January 1

November 23-25

***Closed for Cleaning: Dec 11-25**

The Phillips Center will be closed to foot traffic but will take phone calls. During this annual cleaning, we strip/sand and wax/refinish both the multi-purpose rooms and the suspended wood floor in our dance and fitness room. We appreciate your patience during those two weeks. Our staff will be glad to assist you at the Anita Purves Nature Center, 1505 N. Broadway Ave.

Room Rental

Programs of all types are held in our three multi-purpose rooms – from preschool fine arts to family special events. During times when rooms are not in use, they are available to rent. Rooms can accommodate 30-120 people, depending on room arrangement and needs. Rental rates range from \$40 to \$130 an hour, depending on how many rooms are rented. Each room is just over 660 square feet. Talk with Janet Soesbe at extension 277 about room set-up and availability.

Phillips Center Birthday Parties

Make your child’s birthday one to remember! We offer a wide selection of birthday parties where we provide everything your family needs to have a spectacular time. We have themes for every age and every interest, or we can create a custom theme just for you. See page 58 for a complete selection of our parties.



Urbana Dog Park

📍 1501 E. Perkins Rd, Urbana

📞 Questions: 217-344-9583

The Urbana Park District Dog Park is a place for dogs to run off leash, open daily from sunrise to sunset. The 10 acres feature a shaded area in the center of the park and plenty of open meadow for running. This park provides a fun place for your dog to romp with other dogs and for you to meet and get to know other dog owners.

Membership is for one calendar year (Jan-Dec) and fees are not pro-rated. Visitors may enter by paying a daily fee at the park. Urbana Park District staff members monitor the dog park to ensure that users are properly registered and identified. Users without proper registration will be asked to leave and may forfeit any future park privileges.

Complete information is at:

www.urbanaparks.org/facilities/dogpark.html

2017 Dog Park Memberships

Now Half Price!

Memberships for the remainder of the 2017 calendar year are on sale at half price at the Phillips Recreation Center. Place the Dog Park ID tag on your dog's collar. This tag must be present at all visits to the dog park and may be checked by staff. Dog Park memberships are nonrefundable and nontransferable. **Proof of distemper and rabies vaccination from your vet is required to complete membership.**

Daily Admission - \$5

Complete and sign the waiver and release form and place it along with your \$5 in the envelope provided. You will find forms and a pay box just outside the park gates. All rules apply to daily pass holders. Membership is more cost-effective for those who will make multiple visits.



A park especially for dogs
Open daily from sunrise
until sunset

Registration Fees:

One dog (resident):	\$38	\$19
One dog (nonresident):	\$57	\$29
Each additional dog:	\$6	\$6

Registration Questions? Call 217-367-1544

Two memberships for the price of one!

The Champaign Park District operates the Bark Park on the corner of Windsor and Rising Roads. The two park districts have a reciprocal agreement that allows members of either dog park to use both parks. Rules for both parks are the same.





Pavilion Rentals

North Woods Pavilion

(Crystal Lake Park | \$85)

The North Woods Pavilion is a shaded outdoor site in Crystal Lake Park that offers barbecue facilities, nearby sand volleyball, electricity, lights on timers, seating for up to 48 and nearby parking.

Large Pavilion

(Crystal Lake Park | \$110)

The Large Pavilion is an open-air facility in Crystal Lake Park. The pavilion is accessible from Park Street and overlooks Crystal Lake. The pavilion has seating for groups up to 176. Nearby features include a large grill with charcoal bin, electricity, water fountain, lights on timers, two horseshoe pits, playground and sand volleyball area with net. Portable toilets are available. Parking is easily accessible.

PrairiePlay Pavilion

(Meadowbrook Park | \$85)

This pavilion is adjacent to PrairiePlay playground. Located in Meadowbrook Park, this pavilion is the perfect spot to hold a child's birthday party, family reunion or any group gathering as large as 48 people. Other features include electricity, water fountain, restrooms, grill with charcoal bin and lights on timers.

Jettie Rhodes Pavilion

(King Park | \$95)

This pavilion is perfect for family reunions or other gatherings. It offers seating for up to 64 people and access to grills and seasonal restrooms. Electricity is available. Nearby features include tennis courts, playground equipment and a walking path.

Garden Pavilion

(Meadowbrook Park | \$95)

This pavilion is located in the heart of Meadowbrook Park. Surrounded by hiking trails, organic and herb gardens and re-created prairie, it is ideal for any special occasion. The pavilion has seating for up to 64 people and also includes electricity, water fountain, restrooms, and lights on timers. No grills at this location.

Jean Driscoll Pavilion

(AMBUCS Park | \$110)

The Jean Driscoll Pavilion is an open-air facility located in AMBUCS Park on University Avenue. It can accommodate up to 120 people. Nearby features include an accessible playground, restrooms, large grill, water fountain and accessible parking. Electricity is available, with lights on timers.

Nick Santi Pavilion

(AMBUCS Park | \$95)

This pavilion in AMBUCS Park offers a large, double barbecue and seating for up to 64. Electricity is available with lights on timers. Adjacent are handicapped accessible play features and playground.

About Requesting a Pavilion

Reserving your space well in advance of your event offers you a wider choice of dates, times and locations. Please reserve at least 2 weeks in advance. Restrooms and water fountains are available mid-April to mid-October. When restrooms are closed, portable toilets are located nearby. Prices listed are per time slot.

Peak Season	Apr 1-Oct 31
Off Season	Nov 1-Mar 31
Pavilion Times	9am-2pm
	3pm-8pm

Call 217-367-1544 for information about reservation. Full payment required for reservation. See page 17 for availability or visit www.urbanaparks.org.

Off Season

Between November 1 and March 31 each of these pavilions may be rented at the off-season rate of \$50 per time slot.

Other Available Shelters

The following parks have shelters available for free on a first-come, first-serve basis:

Blair Park | Crestview Park | Crystal Lake Park | King Park | Victory Park

