



Hours

M-F 8am-5pm; Sat 9am-4pm

Closed for Holidays: Sep 5; Nov 11, 24, 25; Dec 24-26

Closed for Cleaning: Aug 13-21; Jan 1-8, 2023

What's Inside the Anita Purves Nature Center?

Exhibits & Wildlife Viewing

See the nature center's education owls, turtles and snakes, and observe wildlife that visit the habitat gardens. Explore feathers, skulls, frog calls, and more in the interactive, hands-on Field Station!

Multipurpose Rooms for Rent

September-May: 8am-11pm

Multipurpose rooms are ideal for parties, retreats, meetings or groups, for up to 70 people.

Rooms feature views of the prairie and include tables and chairs, counter space, and sinks.

Dry-erase easel, podium, LCD projector and PC laptop are available for an additional fee.

Reservations must be made at least two weeks in advance. Call 217-384-4062.

Nature Store: Open 9am-4pm

Check out the great selection of nature-related and environmentally-friendly items including walking sticks, vinyl stickers, books, reusable kitchen items, educational toys & dress-up wings. Grab a trail snack, an ID guide, or survival kit for your next hike. All proceeds support environmental programs. Cash, checks and major credit cards accepted. Educators get a 10% discount.

POP-UP PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Follow us on social media for pop-up program announcements and the most up-to-date program information. Sign up here to receive the nature center's e-newsletter:

www.urbanaparks.org/e-news/

Anita Purves Nature Center

📍 1505 North Broadway, Urbana

🚌 Gold/Ruby (Weekdays) | Ruby (Weekends)

📞 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 the Friendship Grove Nature Playscape and Busey Woods, a 59-acre forest preserve with a boardwalk loop and seasonal ponds.

Follow us on Social Media!



"Anita Purves Nature Center"



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@UpDNature

www.urbanaparks.org/facilities/anita-purves-nature-center/

What's Outside the Anita Purves Nature Center?

Busey Woods: Open sunrise to sunset

The Busey Woods Gateway Trail is a link between park and woods. Hike the trails which include the 0.3-mile boardwalk trail. View interpretive information about Busey Woods' seasonal ponds, habitats and natural resources management. See page 25 for more information about Busey Woods and other district natural areas.

Friendship Grove Nature Playscape:

Open sunrise to sunset

This hands-on, kid-directed outdoor play space is for everyone! For more about this attraction visit page 18.

PROGRAMS BY REQUEST

Your group can come to us or we can come to you! During a **Special Tour** or **School Tour** (starting at \$42), a naturalist will lead a program at the nature center or a park district natural area. Or, invite a **Traveling Naturalist** (starting at \$57) or **Naturalist in the Classroom** (starting at \$48) to visit your group for a one-time, weekly or monthly program. Custom programs are available, including programs for scout badges. Make your request at least two weeks in advance. Call 217-384-4062 or visit www.urbanaparks.org/programs/nature-programs/request-a-nature-center-program/



Brookens Gym

📍 1776 East Washington, Urbana

🚌 Green/Grey

☎ 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.

Athletic Field Rentals: Soccer, Baseball, Softball

Download a field request form at:
www.urbanaparks.org/rentals/rent-a-park/

Minimum \$20/1hr (base price with bases/goals)
 \$10/hr additional
 \$110 - Prepped field (includes dragging and lining)
 \$40/hr - lights (only at Canaday & Ambucs)

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	April 2	\$15-\$18
Adult Kickball	May 28	\$16
Youth Baseball	May 7	\$60

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 rental at least two weeks in advance by completing an application and making a full payment. A \$100 deposit is due at time of request. There is a two-hour minimum on rentals. Call 217-255-8601 for information.

Rent Brookens Gym WEEKDAYS

(8am-3pm*) for ONLY \$25/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 player'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 adult and you can co-coach. Adults 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 player's team and receive a refund for your player'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 North Broadway, Urbana

🚌 Gold (Weekdays) | Ruby (Saturdays,
walk from Kerr and Broadway)

📞 Questions and to Make Reservations
for Groups of 10+: 217-384-4062

The Friendship Grove Nature Playscape at the Anita Purves Nature Center is a hands-on, kid-directed outdoor play space where boulders, logs, and other thoughtfully curated natural items give kids' imaginations room to soar. The space provides accessible play opportunities for all abilities. There are four main features, many other play elements, and an ever-changing variety of loose play pieces such as pots and pans, baskets for gathering, cardboard for forts, and more!

The Four Anchor Pieces

- Log Wall – This line of towering flat-topped logs is a balancing challenge or a castle in the making!
- Fallen Tree – Climb and jump from this enormous tree trunk and its hovering branches.
- Digging Area – Get dirty and enjoy digging canals, making sandcastles or mixing mud pies.
- Tunnel – Go low or high in this intriguing stone tunnel and hill combination.

Climbing features are intended for ages 5-12. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Keep your dog at home - they are not permitted here or in district natural areas.

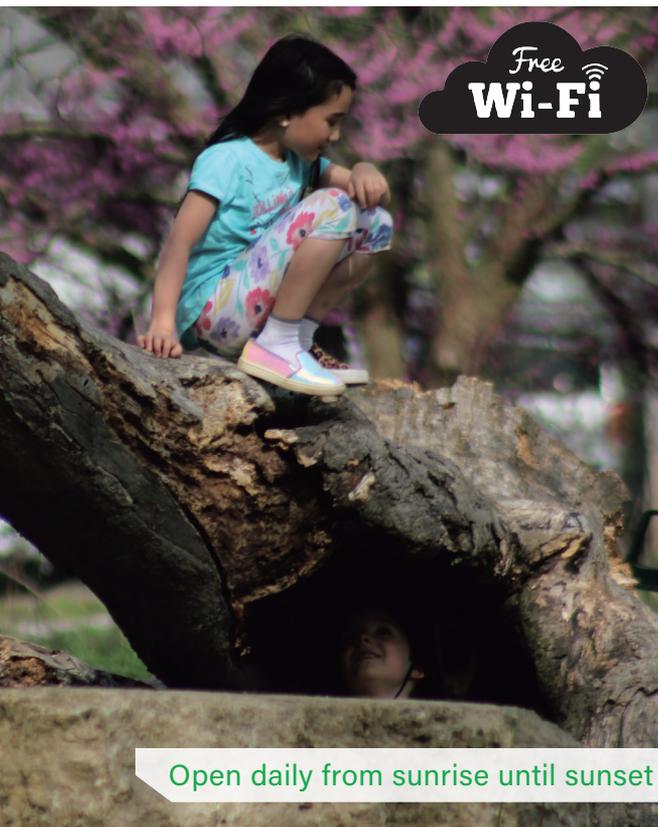
Planning a group visit? Call 217-384-4062

Please call ahead if you plan to bring a group of 10 or more. Staff can help you choose a time that does not conflict with a scheduled program or event 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/

Donations Accepted

We accept donations of old cookware, kitchen equipment, baskets, and garden shovels. Contact David Subers at dasubers@urbanaparks.org.



Open daily from sunrise until sunset



Pavilion Project

See page 20 for more information on a new pavillion coming soon to the Nature Playscape!

Lake House in Crystal Lake Park

📍 206 West Park, Urbana

🚌 Orange/Gold/Gray

☎ Rental Information: 217-367-1544

☎ Boating Information: 217-328-1069



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.

Included in Every Facility Rental: use of a prep kitchen with counter space, small microwave, sink, ice machine, refrigerator and freezer. Easel, screen and podium are also available at no extra charge.

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

M-Th	\$50/hr (seats 50) \$65/hr with patio (seats 80)
F-Su	\$60/hr (seats 50) \$75/hr with patio (seats 80)
Extras	Ceiling-mounted LCD Projector w/ sound - \$25 TV/DVD \$10 Fireplace \$25

All rentals require a \$100 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.

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.

Boating and Concession Hours

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

August 20-September 4, Saturdays and Sundays: 12-7pm
Labor Day - Last day of the season: 12-7pm

2022 Boat Rental Fees

Kayaks:	\$9/half-hr or \$11/hr
Canoes:	\$9/half-hr or \$11/hr
2-person Paddle Boats:	\$10/half-hr or \$13/hr
3-person Paddle Boats:	\$11/half-hr or \$14/hr
4-person Paddle Boats:	\$12/half-hr or \$15/hr

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.

TWITTER - @UPDlakehouse

FACEBOOK - www.facebook.com/UPDlakehouse

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.

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.

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

217-367-9575

For information about program cancellations, including weather closures, boating conditions, and for updates about special events or other key happenings at the Urbana Park District, visit www.urbanaparks.org. Find out how to get the Rainout Line app for your phone by visiting <https://www.urbanaparks.org/events/rain-outs-and-cancellations/>.

Pavilion Project

In 2020, the Urbana Park District was awarded a \$750,000 grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for a pavilion adjacent to the Anita Purves Nature Center. It has been named to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Urbana Park District Advisory Committee (UPDAC) which is made up of Urbana community members who serve in an advisory and informative capacity to the park district. The project includes a 30x40 foot pavilion with retractable sides for multi-season use, a fire place, and a single-user restroom. The project also includes grills, a drinking fountain, path connections to the Anita Purves Nature Center and Friendship Grove Nature Playscape, and a parking lot expansion with solar powered streetlights and rain gardens. It will serve as the new home base of the Nature Day Camp, and will also be available for rental. Construction is set to begin in August of 2022.



HOW TO SEARCH FOR FACILITY AVAILABILITY ONLINE

1. Go to the www.urbanaparks.org/register.
2. Click the grey "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. You will be prompted to log in to an existing ActiveNet account or to create one if your family does not have one.
8. Call 217-367-1544 to 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 gym and athletic field availability.

Phillips Recreation Center

📍 505 West Stoughton, Urbana

🚌 Gold/Silver/Green

📞 Questions: 217-367-1544

Stop by the Urbana Park District's recreation office and community center. This public facility has three multi-purpose rooms with Sport Court flooring, a dance and fitness studio, and a gorgeous demonstration kitchen. 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!

James Room Kitchen

The Urbana Park District is excited to offer a demonstration kitchen at the Phillips Recreation Center. The demo kitchen features:

- double ovens
- two refrigerators
- small ice machine
- 6 adjustable tables
- 5 counter-height chairs
- island with stovetop
- microwave
- dishwasher
- 12 chairs

The kitchen can be added to a multi-purpose room rental or be rented alone. Renters will be given a brief orientation at the start of their kitchen use and a building attendant will walk through the kitchen's condition before and after the rental. In addition to renting the kitchen, we hope you and your family take advantage of our various cooking classes. See page 43 for classes for everyone in the James Room Kitchen!

Dance/Fitness Rooms

Our 2,000 square foot wood-sprung dance floor is easy on the joints when you dance or exercise with us. See pages 36-38 for dance classes. 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 45 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: May 28-September 5

M-Th 8am-6pm | F 8am-5pm

Office Hours: Beginning September 6

M-Th 8am-6pm | F 8am-5pm | Sa 8am-12pm

Closure Dates:

Sep 5, Nov 11, Nov 24-27, Dec 14-Jan 2



Room Rental

Programs of all types are held in our three multi-purpose rooms – from chair yoga to preschool fine arts to family special events. When rooms are not in use for programs, they are available to rent. Rooms can accommodate 30-120 people, depending on room arrangement and needs. Rental rates range from \$40 to \$170 an hour, depending on how many rooms are rented. Each room is just over 660 square feet. Talk with Heather Britsky at extension 272 about room set-up and availability. Rentals are unavailable May 21 – September 10 and during closure dates.

Urbana Dog Park

📍 1501 East Perkins Road, Urbana

🚌 Gold

📞 Questions: 217-344-9583



A park especially for dogs
Open daily from sunrise to sunset

The Urbana Park District Dog Park allows dogs to run off-leash and is open daily from sunrise to sunset. For security of all members, do not visit the park after dark. The 10 acres feature a shaded area 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 other dog owners.

Memberships are available on a yearly basis from the date of purchase at the Phillips Recreation Center, 505 W. Stoughton, Urbana. Online registration is not possible at this time.

Membership Fees

One Dog \$46R/\$69NR

Each Additional Dog: \$6R/9NR

Gate Entry Fob: \$10 each

Monthly Trial Visitor Passes

Visitors may purchase a monthly trial/visitor pass for \$10 plus the \$10 fob fee. If in that month you wish to purchase a year-long membership, your trial pass fee will be applied toward your annual membership fee. All visitors must follow all rules and membership requirements.

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 an agreement that allows members to purchase a gate fob for the other dog park for just \$10. Members must show a copy of their membership receipt to the other park district to register for the additional dog park access. Rules for both parks are the same.



Register in Person or by Mail

1. Complete a registration form in person or visit www.urbanaparks.org/parks/dog-park-perkins-rd.site/. Read the rules. Include your email address.
2. Proof of vaccination from your vet is required. Provide a copy of your dog's current vet records showing proof of distemper and rabies vaccinations. Your vet may fax these documents to 217-367-1592 or email them to info@urbanaparks.org
3. Payment:
 - In person: Pay by cash, check or credit card.
 - By mail: Include a check with your registration form.
 - By phone: Staff will call you for your credit card information once they have received the completed registration form and vet records. ****DO NOT email your credit card information**
4. Reciprocal Agreement: The Urbana Park District and Champaign Park District have a reciprocal agreement that allows for a resident of one district to participate in programs and services at the other district at the resident rate.
5. Membership includes a fob to open the electronic gate at the Urbana Dog Park entrance. It can be mailed to you if you register by phone or mail, or stop by the Phillips Recreation Center to pick it up. The fob is active through the duration of your membership. **The Urbana Park District is not responsible for fobs lost through the mail.**
6. Only active members have working fobs. Do not open the gate for others. If your fob does not work, call 217-367-1544.



- 102 E. Michigan, Urbana
- Green/Grey/Bronze
- Questions: 217-384-7665
- Register: 217-367-1544



The Urbana Indoor Aquatic Center is a partnership between the Urbana School District and the Urbana Park District. It is open to everyone during public swim time with a paid admission, punch card, or membership card. Lap swim times are for individuals age 15+ who wish to swim for exercise. Attend Urbana Park District water exercise classes by registering and paying for a specific program. UIAC is also home to park and school district swimming, diving and PE lessons. Take advantage of this great community pool—and bring a friend!

Pool Features

- Well-trained guards
- Zero-depth recreational pool equipped with water geysers, dinosaur slide and rain drop umbrella toy
- Drop slide and flume slide
- 25-meter x 25-yard competition pool
- 1-meter diving board
- Mens, women's and all gender locker rooms
- Party room

Afternoon/Evening Closure Dates
 No public activities after 3pm
 (morning and lunch activities will continue)

- Thurs, Sep 15
- Mon, Oct 3
- Tues, Dec 13
- Thurs, Sep 22
- Wed, Oct 12
- Tues, Sep 27
- Tues, Oct 18

Closure Dates
 Closed all day - No public activities

- Sat, Oct 8
- Thurs, Nov 24
- Sat, Dec 31
- Sat, Oct 15
- Sat, Dec 3
- Sat, Oct 29
- Sat, Dec 24

PUBLIC HOURS:
 Hours are subject to change. Look for postings on the Urbana Indoor Aquatic Center outer doors. Refunds and/or credits are not given for closures of any kind.

Fall Hours: Sep 16-Dec 15

Days	Time	Type of Swim
M-F	6-8am	Lap Swim & Water Exercise Classes
	11am-1pm*	Lap Swim
	6-9pm	Public Swim
Sa	12-5pm	Public Swim
Su	N/A	Closed

**Hours are subject to change due to varying school district schedules. Please refer to posted signs or call the UIAC for these changes in hours.*

Winter Break Hours: Dec 16-Jan 2

Days	Time	Type of Swim
M-F	6-8am	Lap Swim & Water Exercise Classes
	11am-1pm	Lap Swim
	1:30-9pm	Public Swim
Sa	12-5pm	Public Swim
Su	N/A	Closed

School's Out Swim
 1:30-9pm Open Swim

- Fri, Sep 23
- Fri, Nov 4
- Fri, Nov 25
- Mon, Sep 26
- Wed, Nov 23

Daily Admission

- \$3** Non-Swimmers wishing to supervise swimmers (must be 15 or older)
- \$6** Per Person (under 4 years FREE)
- \$4** On Thursdays (Swimmers)

Punch Cards

Purchase a punch card as a way to try the Urbana Indoor Aquatic Center before committing to buying a pass. Or give one to family or friends from out of town. Take advantage of this alternative that saves you money.

- 5-Visit Punch Card **\$25**
- 10-Visit Punch Card **\$50**

Youth Memberships

Youth ages 4 to 10 must be accompanied by a paying supervisor age 15 or older any time they visit UIAC. This is for the safety and enjoyment of all pool visitors. Children age 11 may attend the facility without a supervisor.

Family Memberships

(2-4 Family Members)
A family includes anyone residing in the same household. Proof of residency must be provided. Children under age 4 are not charged for a pass, however, one would be provided for them, to keep accurate record of patrons in the facility.

Memberships

Purchase a membership at either the Urbana Indoor Aquatic Center or the Phillips Recreation Center. (Membership cannot be put on hold due to vacations or extended absences.)

Resident (UPD/USD #116)	3 months	6 months	Annual
Youth Ages (Up to Age 17)	\$75	\$127	\$216
Adult Ages (18+)	\$86	\$152	\$254
Family of 2-4	\$115	\$191	\$319
Additional Family Member	\$15	\$30	\$60

Nonresident	3 months	6 months	Annual
Youth Ages (Up to Age 17)	\$90	\$150	\$254
Adult Ages (18+)	\$105	\$179	\$299
Family of 2-4	\$138	\$225	\$374
Additional Family Member	\$15	\$30	\$60

Pool Rentals

There is a special party room waiting for you at the Urbana Indoor Aquatic Center when you have your party here! Swim and use the room for a two hour time slot during our public swim hours. When calling for reservations, ask about our discount for non swimming, supervising adults. A \$100 damage deposit is due at the time of your rental request. On the day of the party rental, please provide the front desk staff with a list of guests that will be participating in the rental.

Once you complete your paperwork and pay the deposit fee, the staff will review your request. Your party rental IS NOT APPROVED until confirmed by email or phone call from the Aquatics Coordinator. Call 217-384-7665 for information about reserving your party, or email jrnierenhausen@urbanaparks.org. Fifteen minutes of setup and cleanup is included in the 2 hour time block. The party room must be cleaned up and all attendees must exit the room by your scheduled ending time. Due to popularity, please reserve your rental at least two weeks in advance.

Private Rentals

When you rent the Urbana Indoor Aquatic Center before or after public hours it includes swimming, party area, and use of the facility. Lifeguards will be provided. \$100 deposit is due at the time of request. Minimum of 2 hrs. Saturday and Sundays between 12pm-7pm.

# of Pools	Number of Guests			
	1-15	16-30	31-45	46-60
1 Pool	\$65/hr	\$100/hr	\$130/hr	\$165/hr
2 Pools	\$105/hr	\$140/hr	\$170/hr	\$205/hr

Lap Swim Etiquette

Children under 15 are not allowed in the pool during lap swim times. Due to the popularity of lap swimming, lap lanes for the general public are not guaranteed during public swim hours. Activities from 6-8am and 11am-1pm include lap swim, water aerobics, and occasional swim team practice.



Natural Areas

The Urbana Park District protects, manages, and restores areas characteristic of Illinois’ most diverse habitats. Restoration includes planting and seeding native plants, removing nuisance plants, and conducting prescribed burns to encourage healthy growth. Passive recreation such as photography, hiking, and birdwatching in small groups is encouraged. **Help us maintain these natural areas by not collecting items, walking pets or cycling.**

What Is a Natural Area?

By “natural area”, the District refers to an area that is preserved or restored to a state that is characteristic of Illinois’ native habitats, like prairies and woodlands. These designated areas include Busey Woods in Crystal Lake Park, much of Meadowbrook Park, Weaver Park, and the Perkins Road site. **Do not collect plants, wildlife or natural items.**

Benefits of Natural Areas

Natural areas maintain ecosystem balance, build resilience to climate change, and support a wide variety of plants and wildlife. They provide “ecosystem services” like improving water and air quality by absorbing excess water and carbon dioxide. Natural spaces also offer a variety of social, mental, and physical benefits. These include stress reduction, lower blood pressure, decreased depression and anxiety, and relief from the symptoms of Attention Deficit Disorder.

Why No Dogs?

Dogs—on leash or off—are a threat to wildlife. Wild animals perceive dogs as predators. This interrupts their normal behaviors, like feeding or resting, and causes them stress. A dog’s scent repels wildlife even after the dogs are gone. Dog urine “marks” territory, which can make it undesirable for wildlife.

Why No Bikes?

Bikes disturb wildlife habitats. In seasonally wet environments, bikes on the soft trails can make paths unusable for walkers.

Busey Woods

Busey Woods is a 59-acre bottomland oak-hickory forest. It is located at the north end of Crystal Lake Park with an entrance just west of the Anita Purves Nature Center.

Commissioners Grove & Wetland in Weaver Park

This 60-acre park includes 5 acres of woodland/savanna restoration, 35 acres planted with prairie and native grasses, and an award-winning watershed management wetland. Parking along Main Street (near Smith Road) offers a place for you to begin your bike or hike along the Kickapoo Rail Trail, extending 6.7 miles to St. Joseph.

Spomer Prairie in Meadowbrook Park

Prairie was the predominant habitat in Illinois before European settlement. Since 1978, the Urbana Park District and countless volunteers have worked to re-create approximately 80 acres of native landscape. Explore this prairie in south Urbana, along Windsor Road and Race Street.

Perkins Road Natural Area

The Perkins Road site, located behind the Dog Park at 1501 E. Perkins Road, is leased long-term from the Urbana-Champaign Sanitary District. 35 acres of prairie and wetland are being restored here. Development plans include trails, interpretive signs, and wildlife viewing areas.

Program Opportunities

Naturalist guides lead programs at these locations that are designed for all age groups and interests, including school groups and the public. See pages 51-54 for more information. To inquire about programs and services, or to make a request, call the Anita Purves Nature Center at 217-384-4062.

Volunteer Opportunities

For information about Natural Areas Stewardship Days and Wednesday Workdays, see page 53. Clubs, scout, and other groups may request a private workday by calling 217-344-9583 ext. 214.



Pavilion Rentals

About Requesting a Pavilion

Reserve your space well in advance of your event. 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.

Alcohol is prohibited without a permit.

Pavilion Times	9am-2pm 3pm-8pm	Call 217-367-1544 for information about reservation. Full payment required for reservation.
Peak Season	Apr 1-Oct 31	
Off Season	Nov 1-Mar 31	

Off Season - During off season, these pavilions may be rented at the rate of \$50 per time slot.

Other Available Shelters

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

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

Garden Pavilion

Meadowbrook Park: Bronze Bus Route

Rental Cost: \$95 | # of Picnic Tables: 8

of People: 64

- Electricity
- Restrooms
- Water fountain
- Lights on timers

Nick Santi Pavilion

AMBUCS Park: Orange Bus Route

Rental Cost: \$95 | # of Picnic Tables: 8

of People: 64

- Lights
- Large-double barbecue

North Woods Pavilion

Crystal Lake Park: Gold/Orange Bus Route

Rental Cost: \$85 | # of Picnic Tables: 6

of People: 48

- Barbecue
- Electricity
- Sand volleyball
- Lights on timers

PrairiePlay Pavilion

Meadowbrook Park: Bronze Bus Route

Rental Cost: \$85 | # of Picnic Tables: 8

of People: 48

- Electricity
- Grill with charcoal bin
- Water fountain
- Lights on timers
- Restrooms

Jean Driscoll Pavilion

AMBUCS Park: Orange Bus Route

Rental Cost: \$110 | # of Picnic Tables: 12

of People: 120

- Playground
- Accessible parking
- Restrooms
- Electricity
- Large grill
- Lights on timers
- Water fountain

Jettie Rhodes Pavilion

King Park: Grey/Illini Bus Route

Rental Cost: \$95 | # of Picnic Tables: 8

of People: 64

- Grills
- Bankshot basketball court
- Restrooms
- Playground
- Electricity
- Walking path
- Tennis court
- Lights on timers
- Water fountain

Large Pavilion

Crystal Lake Park: Gold/Orange/Green Bus Route

Rental Cost: \$110 | # of Picnic Tables: 24

of People: 176

- Grill
- Concrete game tables
- Electricity
- Cornhole boards
- Water fountain
- Playground
- Lights on timers
- Portable toilets