

● 2016 Schedule

May through October

Saturday & Sunday - 1PM to 4PM

@ **West River Park (Boat House)**

5100 N Francisco Ave

Chicago, IL 60625

Questions? Contact Us @

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● Tour Tickets

Purchase tickets online at **ImaginaryTour.edu**

Please try to arrive 15 minutes prior to start of tour (1PM ~ West River Park Boathouse).

● Free Parking

Free parking along River Park is available on Francisco between Foster & Carmen. Other street parking is available as well.



Imaginary Tour Van

● Tour Description

This **Imaginary Tour** examines the environmental engineering that was involved in constructing the Northshore Channel, along with the MWRDs commitment to keeping the channel clean.

Also covered is the cooperation of village & community leaders along with the MWRD in the creation of the Northshore Channel Park.

Other important community issues discussed.

● Tour Details

- 3 Hour Van & Walking Tour of the Northshore Channel at 3 Key Locations
- Cost: \$35
- Fully Insured
- Sunblock, Insect Repellent, & Water Provided
- Recommended Apparel: Light Duty Hiking Boots, Head Cover, Light Rain Gear (if weather dictates)
- Tour involves around 3 Miles of Walking.
- Regular Restroom Breaks Scheduled
- Special accommodations for disabled personnel can be made upon request



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A Field Tour of the Northshore Channel

This **Imaginary Tour** covers the history of the Northshore Channel and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) at three key locations along the channel.

Wilmette Pumping Station Regulates the flow and water levels of the channel. Implements technologies designed to block invasive species from entering the channel.

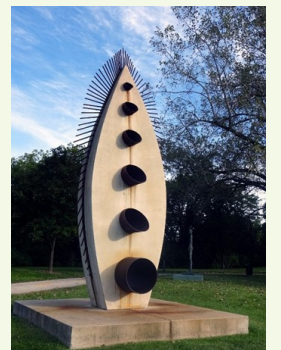
Northshore Channel Park This Sculpture & Heritage Park resulted from the cooperation of community leaders and the MWRD.

River Park The dynamic confluence at River Park plays a vital role in fish & wildlife survival.

Wilmette Pumping Station



Northshore Channel Park



West River Park





West River Park

Built by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD), the confluence at West River Park is an example of how environmental engineering can have a positive impact on fish and wildlife living in a highly populated urban metropolis.

- Park spans 30 acres (east & west) and is the largest park established by the River Park District
- Point where Northshore Channel exits into north branch of Chicago River
- 4 foot river drop creates a dynamic confluence that attracts fish and wildlife
- Footbridge offers overhead view of the confluence



Northshore Channel Park

Constructed in 1983 as part of a beautification program designed to promote community interaction as well as outdoor activities such as jogging and biking. Its construction was the result of cooperative efforts between village officials and other prominent local leaders along with the MWRD, which owns the land that the park sits on.

- Sculpture & Heritage Park with pedestrian and bicycle path
- Heritage Park addresses complex issues that face society
- Diverse landscaped tree layout throughout the park
- Adjacent to a riparian native vegetation & wildlife corridor (Northshore Channel)



Wilmette Pumping Station

The Wilmette Pumping Station was originally built by the Sanitary District of Chicago and plays a vital role in managing water levels in the Northshore Channel. In 2011, the pump tunnels and gates were rebuilt and fit with screen guards to block access to the Asian Carp (invasive species)..

- Constructed in 1912 and rebuilt in 2011
- Controls flow and water levels of channel with pumps and gates
- Built with invasive species screen guards
- Recipient of the Civil Engineering Monument of the Millennium award (2011)

