JANE ADDAMSLAND PARK FOUNDATION Stephenson County, IL - PROPERTIES OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

| PROPERTY NAME | ADDRESS or CLOSEST ADDRESS | LOCATION + ACCESS + PARKING | SITE DESCRIPTION |
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| Butterfly Farm | 10405 N Bellview Rd, Orangeville | For access: 1) From the intersection of Brush Creek and Bellview Roads, hike the Jane Addams Trail north about ¼ mile or 2) Park in the grassy parking area next to the residential driveway or in the driveway. | 80 acres of restored tallgrass prairie, woodlands and wetlands. Please respect the privacy of Caretakers living on the property. |
| Espenscheid Forest | 8357 E Farm School Road, Rock City | Two grassy parking areas off east Farm School Road: - southwest corner of property and - south edge, next to the creek and overpass. | 40 acres of oak hickory savanna, floodplain and Rock Run Creek including a sedge meadow. A mowed, grassy trail goes though the oak hickory woodland and near the steam. An unkept trail can often be found through the maple forest. |
| Freeport Prairie Nature Preserve | S. Walnut Ave, Freeport | Two grassey parking areas: - just south of Meadows Drive off Walnut Rd - empty lot on Meadows Drive between Country Girl Floral and the Ford Dealership | 5.5 acres some of which is a high quality dry dolomite prairie remnant. Tread lightly. Designated an Illinois Nature Preserve. |
| Indian Gardens | NE corner of S Walnut Rd + W Lamm Rd, Freeport | Shares gravel drive with the Stephenson County Antique Engine Club; behind the train. Grassy parking area ~½ mile north on gravel drive. | 49 acres of bottomland forest southwest of Yellow Creek. Includes a 4-acre upland forest. There are no trails through this site. It is southeast of the closed landfill.Remnants of abandoned hunting stands remain. |
| Wes Block Trailhead + Reiling addition | 2636 W Fairview Rd, Freeport | Natural area east of the Jane Addams Trail trailhead parking lot. | 11 acres of former railroad right-of-way. 2-acre prairie planted in 2022 using regional eco type native seed. |
| Wohlford Woods | 3454 W McConnell Rd, McConnell | One block west of the unincorporated town of Buena Vista. Three options for parking: two grassy drives off McConnell Road, east and west side of the property or across the street along the Jane Addams Trail. | 28 acres of upland oak hickory forest, floodplain of Little Richard Creek (Richland Creek), an old quarry and limestone bluffs. There is a horseshoe-shaped trail going through the north end of the property from one parking area to the other. The Jane Addams Trail runs along its east border. |

- Visitors are welcome to explore these natural areas for passive forms of recreation such as hiking, wildlife viewing, exploring and cross-country skiing.
- Hunting, motorized vehicles or the taking of plants is prohibited. Bikes are not welcome except on the Butterfly Farm prairie trails. There are no toilet facilities or trash cans. Please leave nothing but footprints Pack out any trash. Take nothing but memories and photos.
- Picnic tables are only available at Espenscheid Forest (near the west parking area) and at the Wes Block Trailhead.
- Please note that work crews perform restoration work during all seasons at many of these sites. Work includes cutting and spot herbiciding invasive shrubs and trees, making and burning brush piles and conducting controlled burns.
- JAPF is an all volunteer 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. If you would like to be included on a contact list for workdays, events, or updates, use our contact information below.



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