



Hiking Three Model Communities: Park Forest

Please join the Prairie Club Activities Group as we look at three communities in the Chicago area that were famous as "model communities" for their time: Park Forest, Pullman Historic Monument, and River Forest. Our first visit is to Park Forest and the 1950's Park Forest House Museum.

Park Forest Illinois was one of the first post war suburban development in the United States. Park Forest is celebrating its 70th Anniversary in 2018-2019. The Museum celebrates the history of Park Forest and post war America through exhibits and documents. There is a requested five dollar donation for the museum. After a visit to the museum we will take a walk through part of the community with a map of local sights.

We will meet at 1 PM at the Museum at 227 Monee Road in Park Forest. The museum opens at 1 PM on Saturdays. After visiting the museum we will walk for about two hours or longer. Since this is an easy urban walk, hikers can turn back at any time. Please bring plenty of water, comfortable walking shoes and dress in layers for the weather.

Directions to the Museum from Chicago: Take I-57 south to Stuenkel Road, Turn left onto W Stuenkel Rd about half mile, Continue onto University Pkwy two miles, Continue straight onto W Stuenkel Rd half mile, Turn left onto Monee Rd/S Old Monee Steger Rd/S Steger Monee Rd. The museum is located in St. Mary's Catholic Church at 227 Monee Road, Park Forest. Park in the small lot. The museum is contained in the last two classrooms. Alternatively you can take Illinois 394 south from US-30 to Sauk Trail and west and south to the museum. Sauk Trail leads into Monee Road. Please contact Art Anderson 269-586-4315, arthurhanderson@aol.com for more information.