

North Branch Trip

Come and try roughin' it on the North Branch. Our experienced river guides will guide you through the mild bends and brambles on the North Branch from the Skokie Lagoons on through the wild woods of Blue Star Memorial Woods, Harm Woods, and Miami Woods, as the river heads south towards Chicago. View wildlife like black-crowned night herons, great blue herons, minks, eastern soft-shelled spiny turtles and snapping turtles. This is a great opportunity to view wildlife from Chicago's backyard.

Friends provides transportation, a box lunch, and all the equipment. Email Alex Duchak at aduchak@chicagoriver.org or call 312-939-0490 x10 for more details. You may register online or call Friends at the previous number.

This trip is intended for intermediate paddlers.

Start Point: West River Park (5100 N Francisco Ave.)

End Point: West River Park (5100 N Francisco Ave.)

Directions: From 90/94, take exit 45C towards Belmont, turn right onto Kedzie at the end of the ramp and head north. Turn right on Foster Avenue and right onto Francisco. From Lake Shore Drive, exit on Foster Avenue and turn left on Francisco Avenue. The address of the field house is 5100 N Francisco Ave, Chicago, IL 60625. If you continue south (past the field house), turn right on Argyle, go over the bridge and we will be meeting on the west side of the river. A bus will take us from this location to the put-in point up the river. The trip will end back at West River Park.