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Park Forest South: A Place to Play

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Park Forest South is built on a semi-wooded Illinois prairie at the edge of one of the last unspoiled forests in Northern Illinois. This beautiful setting, with its grassy meadows, ravines, creeks, and lakes, is quickly becoming an ideal place to live, work, raise a family, relax, and play.

There are so many alternatives open to Park Forest South residents to stretch both mind and muscle.

Take an early morning or late afternoon hike or bike ride on some of the miles of paths or bike ride on some of the miles of pathways free from automobile traffic and protected by overpasses. Explore some of the 8,300 acres of prairie and forest or sit at Pine Lake and watch a mother mallard and her brood glide silently across the sunset.

Clear your mind and mood from the nearby urban atmosphere by spending some time with nature sniffing a flower, watching a butterfly, or listening to an owl.

For the more active athletes of all ages, there is a wide variety of well-organized and planned recreational facilities.

Burnham and Hickok Lodges are two of the most unusual neighborhood recreation centers at Park Forest South. Both of these facilities offer all the ingredients for indoor and outdoor year-round fun and games, parties, pianos, fireplaces, and swimming pools.

Burnham Lodge, on Burnham Drive near Exchange, is a private membership facility open to the residents of Burnham Oaks. The Lodge, with game rooms, fireplace, and swimming pool, provides an attractive setting for true leisure time activity.

Hickok Lodge, in Deer Creek Woods, displays its unusual Polynesian architecture in a handsome wooded setting. An Olympic size swimming pool, game rooms plus a meeting/party room combine to help Park Forest South residents have fun.

Riegel Farm is a local rural landmark, which teens and their parents have restored as a recreation center. The Farm, with a full schedule of events, which intrigues the teens and exhausts their parents. Operated by the Park Forest South Youth Commission, the Farm is a great place for fun, friends, music, games, food, and happiness, a place of quiet.

For younger children there is a model farm at Riegel Farm where small animals are available for loving and cuddling. The Farm has been set aside for any resident family to plant its own garden and enjoy the work and reward of watching nature grow and bring to harvest their crops.

On an even more organized basis, the Park Forest South area boasts five baseball and softball diamonds, a full sized football field, and tennis courts. The Football Association offers competitive programs for boys in fourth to eighth grades. The Boys' Baseball Organization and the Girls' Softball group also have their own divisions. Girls play in both major and minor divisions and boys compete in the Peanut, Little League, or Colt Leagues.

There is even a special indoor ice rink in Park Forest South offering instruction as well as general skating. For the golfer, an 18-hole championship golf course is available. This 7,000 yard par 72 course, created by Golf Course Architect, Edward F. Riggens, South Recreation and Development Board. The Clubhouse-Recreation Center which will offer a swimming pool and other facilities.

Come breathe the sweet and fresh air of Park Forest South ... a place to play.