

# Riverwalk HIGHLIGHTS



Centennial Beach

## Centennial Beach and Centennial Grill

Naperville's historic inland "beach" has been enjoyed by residents and visitors alike since 1931. Amenities include plenty of space for picnicking, zero-depth water entry with depths up to 15 feet, a sand beach, water play features, diving board complex, slide and a sand volleyball court. Visit [centennialbeach.org](http://centennialbeach.org) for details.

## Century Walk

Century Walk features many unique pieces of major artwork that have been created as a tribute to Naperville's heritage. For more information visit [centurywalk.org](http://centurywalk.org). The following sculptures can be found along the Riverwalk:

- *A Lifetime Together*
- *Dick Tracy*
- *Riverwalk Visionaries*
- *Best Friends*
- *Mr. and Mrs. Naperville*
- *Two in a Million*

## Dandelion Fountain

Named for its shape, the Dandelion Fountain, located at Jackson Avenue and Webster Street, is surrounded by a picturesque scene of trees, foliage, flowers and the nearby covered bridge, making it a perfect place to enjoy lunch or some quiet time.



Exchange Club Veterans Plaza

## Exchange Club Veteran's Plaza

Located just east of the Dandelion Fountain, this plaza is dedicated to the men and women who have served our country, and includes the names of Naperville service members who died in the line of duty.



Fredenhagen Park

## Fredenhagen Park

Located at Washington Street near the DuPage River, Fredenhagen Park is the gateway to the Riverwalk's east

extension. The park's land was generously donated in memory of Walter and Grace Fredenhagen by their children. A key feature of the park, the Exchange Club Memories Fountain, is surrounded by commemorative bricks and stones bearing personal messages. To purchase a brick or stone, visit [naperville.il.us/enjoy-naperville/naperville-riverwalk/riverwalk-legacy-gift-opportunities/](http://naperville.il.us/enjoy-naperville/naperville-riverwalk/riverwalk-legacy-gift-opportunities/).

## Grand Pavilion

Located on the Riverwalk's west end, this covered structure with picnic tables is used for Naperville Park District programs and many other events. It also may be rented; for details, visit [napervilleparks.org/rentals](http://napervilleparks.org/rentals).

## Horse Trough Fountain (White Plaza)

The large black basin featured in this fountain located off of Main Street was once a horse trough used in the downtown area during Naperville's early years.

## Jaycees Playground

This well-loved, ADA-accessible playground offers fun for children of all ages and abilities.

## Millennium Carillon in Moser Tower

The Millennium Carillon in Moser Tower stands 158 feet tall with 253 steps and features 72 cast bronze bells. Millennium Carillon concerts are held during the summer. Visit [napervilleparks.org/location/millenniumcarillon](http://napervilleparks.org/location/millenniumcarillon) for details.

## Paddleboat Quarry

Enjoy paddleboat, paddleboard or kayak fun on the water at the Paddleboat Quarry from spring through fall, weather permitting. Purchase admissions for Paddleboat Quarry activities, along with Millennium Carillon tour tickets, at the nearby Paddleboat Quarry Rentals building. Visit [napervilleparks.org/paddleboatquarry](http://napervilleparks.org/paddleboatquarry) for details.



## Riverwalk Amphitheater, Millennium Wall and Labyrinth

This open-tiered area is often used for community events and performances. The Millennium Wall features bronze plaques, commemorating donors supporting City of Naperville activities at the turn of the century. The Riverwalk Millennium Labyrinth is a replica of the Chartres Labyrinth in France and was designed to provide visitors with an opportunity to enjoy the twists and turns of this compact pathway.

## Rothermel Family Skate Facility at Centennial Park

Enthusiasts can test their inline skating or skateboarding skills at this facility located adjacent to the Riverwalk and Centennial Beach. Visit [napervilleparks.org/location/centennialpark](http://napervilleparks.org/location/centennialpark) for details.

## Shanower Memorial

Inspired by Naval Commander Dan Shanower, a Naperville native who died in the September 11, 2001 attack on America, this memorial was one of the first in the U.S. dedicated to the lives that were lost that day. The memorial includes more than 140 faces molded into a 48-foot retaining wall that were created by Naperville schoolchildren symbolizing the casualties. An eternal flame is surrounded by a perennial garden as part of the memorial.

## Smykal "Free Speech" Pavilion

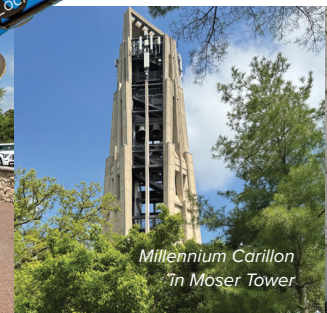
This pavilion is located near the Dandelion Fountain and across the street from the Naperville Public Library. It was designed to allow individuals or organizations to express their ideas and/or distribute non-commercial written materials to the public. For more information, visit the Naperville Park District's Free Speech Activity Rental webpage at [napervilleparks.org/freespeechactivityrentals](http://napervilleparks.org/freespeechactivityrentals).



Naperville Municipal Center



Horse Trough Fountain



Millennium Carillon in Moser Tower



Shanower Memorial



Century Riverwalk Murals

## A Cooperative Partnership

The Naperville Riverwalk is made possible through a partnership between the City of Naperville, Naperville Park District, Riverwalk Commission, Naperville Riverwalk Foundation and residents. Together, these stakeholders maintain and preserve this community landmark while guiding its future development and use. Additionally, many seasonal events take place in and around the downtown area throughout the year. Learn more about these community partners:

**City of Naperville and Riverwalk Commission**  
[naperville.il.us/government/board-and-commissions/riverwalk-commission](http://naperville.il.us/government/board-and-commissions/riverwalk-commission)

**Naperville Park District**  
[napervilleparks.org](http://napervilleparks.org)

**Naperville Riverwalk Foundation**  
[napervillerriverwalkfoundation.org](http://napervillerriverwalkfoundation.org)

**Naperville Riverwalk 2031 Fund**  
[riverwalk2031fund.org](http://riverwalk2031fund.org)

## Support the Naperville Riverwalk

Make your mark on this longstanding community focal point by purchasing a commemorative brick or stone that will become a part of Naperville's history! For more information, visit [napervillerriverwalk.com](http://napervillerriverwalk.com) or call (630) 420-4108. Additionally, donations are accepted to help maintain and beautify the Riverwalk via any of the Riverwalk donation boxes. All donations are tax-deductible. For more information on making a donation, visit [napervillerriverwalkfoundation.org](http://napervillerriverwalkfoundation.org). To make a donation toward the implementation of the Riverwalk 2031 Master Plan, visit [riverwalk2031fund.org](http://riverwalk2031fund.org).

## Additional Community Resources

For additional information regarding Naperville community resources, visit [napervilleparks.org/communitypartners](http://napervilleparks.org/communitypartners).



A Lifetime Together

Dick Tracy

Riverwalk Visionaries

Best Friends

Mr. and Mrs. Naperville

Two in a Million



Covered bridge



Landforms Sculpture



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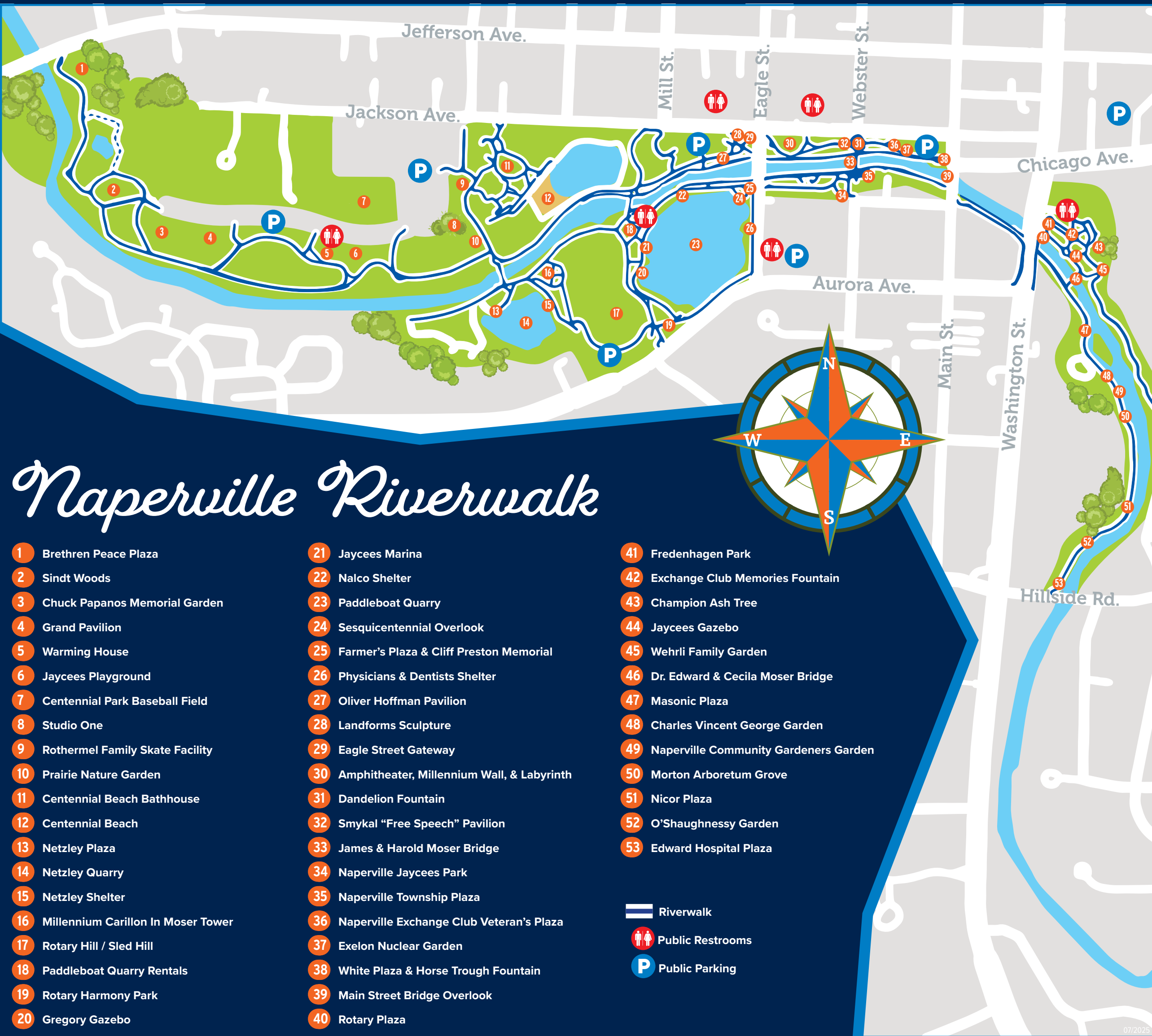
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# Naperville Riverwalk

- 1 Brethren Peace Plaza
- 2 Sindt Woods
- 3 Chuck Papanos Memorial Garden
- 4 Grand Pavilion
- 5 Warming House
- 6 Jaycees Playground
- 7 Centennial Park Baseball Field
- 8 Studio One
- 9 Rothermel Family Skate Facility
- 10 Prairie Nature Garden
- 11 Centennial Beach Bathhouse
- 12 Centennial Beach
- 13 Netzley Plaza
- 14 Netzley Quarry
- 15 Netzley Shelter
- 16 Millennium Carillon In Moser Tower
- 17 Rotary Hill / Sled Hill
- 18 Paddleboat Quarry Rentals
- 19 Rotary Harmony Park
- 20 Gregory Gazebo

- 21 Jaycees Marina
- 22 Nalco Shelter
- 23 Paddleboat Quarry
- 24 Sesquicentennial Overlook
- 25 Farmer's Plaza & Cliff Preston Memorial
- 26 Physicians & Dentists Shelter
- 27 Oliver Hoffman Pavilion
- 28 Landforms Sculpture
- 29 Eagle Street Gateway
- 30 Amphitheater, Millennium Wall, & Labyrinth
- 31 Dandelion Fountain
- 32 Smykal "Free Speech" Pavilion
- 33 James & Harold Moser Bridge
- 34 Naperville Jaycees Park
- 35 Naperville Township Plaza
- 36 Naperville Exchange Club Veteran's Plaza
- 37 Exelon Nuclear Garden
- 38 White Plaza & Horse Trough Fountain
- 39 Main Street Bridge Overlook
- 40 Rotary Plaza

- 41 Fredenhagen Park
- 42 Exchange Club Memories Fountain
- 43 Champion Ash Tree
- 44 Jaycees Gazebo
- 45 Wehrli Family Garden
- 46 Dr. Edward & Cecila Moser Bridge
- 47 Masonic Plaza
- 48 Charles Vincent George Garden
- 49 Naperville Community Gardeners Garden
- 50 Morton Arboretum Grove
- 51 Nicor Plaza
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- Riverwalk
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## Naperville's Riverwalk

The Riverwalk, recognized as one of the most beautiful places in the Midwest, was created in 1981 to celebrate Naperville's 150th anniversary. Through many volunteer hours, donations and materials, residents turned the once-forgotten DuPage River riverfront into a beautiful 1.75-mile linear park, located just steps away from the vibrant downtown district. No matter what time of year, Naperville's Riverwalk has plenty to offer in the way of scenery and gathering spots for many fun, family-oriented events.

### Visiting the Riverwalk

The Riverwalk is close to the Downtown Naperville Metra Station and several Pace bus routes. Although no bicycles are allowed on the Riverwalk, bike racks are available nearby.

### Parking

Free public parking lots are conveniently located adjacent to the Riverwalk and are displayed on the map. Parking is restricted from 2:00-5:00 am in all public parking lots. Real-time parking availability is posted at all entrances of both parking decks. For more information visit [naperville.il.us/about-naperville/transportation-and-parking/downtown-parking/](http://naperville.il.us/about-naperville/transportation-and-parking/downtown-parking/).

### Riverwalk Safety

Except for strollers, mobility devices and authorized service vehicles, only foot traffic is permitted on the Riverwalk. Bicycles, skateboards, in-line skates and all motorized vehicles are prohibited. Additionally, swimming and wading in the waterway and fountains is not permitted. If you see damage or suspicious activities at the Riverwalk, call the Naperville Park District Park Police on duty at (630) 601-0925. In the event of an emergency, always dial 911.

### Rules and Regulations

Ordinance 641 outlines the Park District's governance of parks and property and various aspects. View the ordinance at [napervilleparks.org/ordinance641](http://napervilleparks.org/ordinance641).

### Wildlife Reminders

Please do not feed ducks, other waterfowl or animals, and respect all wildlife that you encounter. To learn more, visit [napervilleparks.org/wildlifereminders](http://napervilleparks.org/wildlifereminders).