

Riverwoods

Riverwoods, a charming community of just four square miles, contains some of the most heavily wooded and untouched tracts of land in all Chicago. The area was originally a retreat for residents of other North Shore communities, some of whom built log cabins in the area for their weekend visits. Riverwoods was founded in 1959 when the Riverwoods Residents Association established the village charter to protect the area's natural beauty. Today, the ongoing dedication and conservation efforts of the village and its residents have succeeded in preserving the area's pristine and picturesque natural setting.

Residents are justifiably proud of their semi-rustic community. Homes are often custom built on large lots bordering Forest Preserve land. Nearby Ryerson Woods and the Riverwoods Wildlife Preserve offer residents a multitude of activities and opportunities to interact with nature and become involved in conservation efforts. "Arts & Riverwoods" is the only juried art show in all of Chicago to be held in private homes and attracts hundreds of art lovers each fall.

Parks and Recreation - The village does not have a recreation department, but residents participate in the programs and activities of neighboring Deerfield Park District for an annual fee. The Deerfield Park District offers 35 acres of parklands with 20 park sites, two outdoor pools and a skate park as well as programs and classes for all ages. The 18-hole Deerfield Golf Course is actually located in Riverwoods and offers a pro shop, rental clubs, complete locker facilities plus banquets and party rooms.

Schools - Riverwoods students are served by well-regarded schools in neighboring communities. Elementary students attend Deerfield schools district 109, Lincolnshire School district 103, or Bannockburn School District 106. The majority of high school students attend Deerfield High School in district 113 with some students attending Adlai Stevenson High School in district 125.

Housing - Riverwoods offers a variety of custom built, traditional and contemporary styles with many single-level homes nestled on wooded lots. Newer homes are available in the Thorngate community located on the acreage of the former Thorngate Country Club. Newer homes are replacing some of the older, obsolete homes.

Transportation. The Tri-State Tollway (I-294) is just east of Riverwoods. U.S. 41, which becomes Eden's Expressway (I-94), is also easily accessible southeast of the village. Drive time to downtown

Chicago is approximately 50 minutes. O'Hare airport is 25 minutes away and Midway is an hour. Rail commuters catch Metra trains at the Deerfield station and reach the loop in 39 minutes by express trains – 48 minutes by local.

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