

Fish Passage/Chicago Metro Field Trip Itinerary:

8:00am	Board the bus and leave Hotel - Give overview of the Des Plaines River Dams and the Corps' role as the lead coordinating agency for the removal of all 12 or so dams and weirs
9:00am	Arrive at Hofmann Dam - discuss how dam was removed and the impacts of dams on hydrology, hydraulics, geomorphology, sediment transport, habitat connectivity, and ultimately aquatic organisms.
9:45am	Load bus to Electric Dispersal Barriers
10:15am	Arrive at Electric Dispersal Barriers Site
10:30am	Tour and Discussion of Electric Dispersal Barriers Program and Facilities - Discuss the importance of the Chicago Sanitary & Ship Canal for the interbasin movement of aquatic invasive species between the Great Lakes & Mississippi River basins & the objectives & history of the barriers project. Tour the 3 operational barriers & explain how they work & how USACE evaluates their effectiveness. Discuss the next barrier(for which construction will be starting this summer) & discuss future plans for barrier operations & monitoring.
11:15am	Load Bus to South Shore Nature Sanctuary
11:45am	Arrive at South Shore Nature Sanctuary tour and discussion - A three and a half acre prairie, small wetland and emerging sand dune that serve migratory birds and butterflies. This site celebrates a legacy of community advocacy and landscape architect Jens Jensen's vision of "Prairie style" community meeting spaces.
12:15pm	Lunch Break
1:15pm	Leave for 63rd Street Beach
1:30pm	63rd Street Beach Tour and Discussion
2:15pm	Leave for Burnham Wildlife Corridor
2:30pm	Arrive at Burnham Wildlife Corridor - Discuss the importance of lakefront bird and wildlife habitat, and the process of transforming human-oriented turfgrass into a human and wildlife friendly natural area.
3:00pm	Leave for Northerly Island
3:15pm	Arrive at Northerly Island - Tour the early construction stages of recreating coastal habitats on 40 acres of a manmade island which includes connecting a pond and wetlands to Lake Michigan for native fish spawning and mudpuppy habitat. We'll also discuss the site's importance for recreation and migratory bird routes as well as plans to construct additional islands, dunes, and reefs lakeward of the existing project.
4:00pm	Board Bus and return to Hotel
5:30pm	Arrive at Renaissance Hotel