

ILLINOIS

Chicago: The bike path along lake Michigan. The southern end is well paved and does not cross as many roads as the northern end. The entire path is about thirteen miles long. Some Jenex folks skied this path every morning around 6 a.m. when we attended a trade show in Chicago in 1998. Great place to ski, would have been even better if we had the Aeros at the time.

Danada Forest Preserve. Thirty miles west of Chicago, between the south edge of Wheaton and the north edge of Naperville is the Danada Forest Preserve. Park in the Equestrian Center on Naperville Road, a mile north of Butterfield Road or Herrick lake Road, $\frac{1}{4}$ mile north of Butterfield Road (Route 56) (It's a good idea to stop when you see a horse, as they often get spooked by ski poles and roller skis.)

Du Page County meticulously maintains the 12 miles or so of crushed limestone trails that undulate flatly through forest or prairie. Your Aeros will fly. Hop on the Prairie Path for up to 60 miles of crushed limestone and some blacktop. *G.Gecas*

Hoffman Estates: I have mixed emotions about sharing this spot, because 95% of the time I have the bike trail to myself and the deer. It's located just off Rt.59 in Hoffman Estates, just South of the Northwest Tollway. From Shoe Factory Woods the trail measures just a bit more than 8 miles out and back. The pavement is asphalt, very smooth with no cracks, Illinois flat, but lots of fun. Wave when you see the Adidas boots!!! *-JU*

Libertyville: A great place to roller ski is Old School Forest Preserve in Libertyville. This is located off (east) of St. Mary's Road between Hwy 60 and Rt. 176. Just west of Interstate 94 (the sledding hill can be seen from Int. 94). Exits are available from Interstate 94 on both Hwy. 60 and Rt 176.

A paved loop inside the preserve is open to cars but has a separate lane for skiing and is very safe since limited cars are very slow moving. The loop is about 2.8 kilometers long and several people ski it regularly. Rollerbladers also frequent the loop. The pavement is good to very good.

I personally always have a very good experience skiing there. The people are very friendly and supportive. I ski while my father walks the trails. There are also miles of crushed limestone trails available on the Des Plaines River which connects to the park. Great skiing to everyone! *-J.A.G.*

Rock Cut State Park. Just north of Rockford, this is a great place to roller ski. The 4-mile loop is very hilly for Illinois providing us flatlanders with some good vertical workouts. The speed limit in the park is 25 MPH and over the past 6 years that I have roller skied it I have never had a problem. A bike trail can also be accessed from this road just west of the dam. It will take you through the woods along Willow Creek which is fairly flat and easy roller skiing. The bike trail leads to a network of many other trails that is ever growing. It will eventually connect with the across the Illinois bike trail (or should we call it roller ski trail) from an avid Illinois roller skier.

Skokie: While walking the bike path last winter, saw a man roller skiing to his heart's content along the bike path between Winnetka Avenue & Tower Road. It is a wonderful place to bike / skate / ski and during the week or in colder weather is rather deserted. The path goes past the Skokie Lagoons, and open fields where one sees deer and other assorted wildlife. Look forward to trying your product out!!!!

Thanks Ted & Patrick