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Tour Frank Lloyd Wright's studio and see a slew of homes he designed for his neighbors. Ernest Hemingway's birthplace is here, too.

Indiana Dunes p208

Sunny beaches, woodsy trails, ranger-guided walks and towering sand dunes feature at this national and state park combination.

Milwaukee p210

Wisconsin's biggest city has a stellar lineup of beer, motorcycles, world-class art and a ballpark of racing sausages.

Saugatuck & Douglas p212

The artsy towns boom in summer thanks to their golden beaches, piney breezes, fruit pies and welcome-one, welcome-all mind-set.

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Quaint it is, with perfectly preserved, Civil War-era streets set amid rolling, cow-dotted hills by the Mississippi River.

Oak Park

Explore

This suburb spawned two famous sons: novelist Ernest Hemingway was born here, and architect Frank Lloyd Wright lived and worked here for 20 years. The town's main sights revolve around the two men. For Hemingway, a low-key museum and his birthplace provide an intriguing peek at his formative years. For Wright, the studio where he developed the Prairie style is the big draw, as is a slew of surrounding houses he designed for his neighbors. Ten of them cluster within a mile along Forest and Chicago Aves (gawking must occur from the sidewalk since they're privately owned). You could easily spend an afternoon here.

The Best...

- ➔ **Sight** Frank Lloyd Wright Home & Studio
- ➔ **Place to Eat** Hemmingway's Bistro

Top Tip

Explore on the cheap by buying an architectural site map (\$4.25) from the Wright Home & Studio shop, which gives the locations of all Wright-designed abodes in the area.

Getting There & Away

- ➔ **Car** Take I-290 west, exiting north on Harlem Ave; take Harlem Ave north to Lake St and turn right. There's a parking garage a few blocks down the road.
- ➔ **EI** From downtown Chicago, take the CTA Green Line to the Oak Park station (one-way \$3, 25 minutes), then walk north on Oak Park Ave. It's about a quarter mile to the Hemingway sights and a mile to the Wright home. The train traverses some bleak neighborhoods before emerging into Oak Park's wide-lawn splendor.

Need to Know

- ➔ **Area Code** 773
- ➔ **Location** 10 miles west of the Loop
- ➔ **Oak Park Visitors Center** (773) 888-625-7275; www.visitoakpark.com; 1010 W Lake St; 10am-5pm



SIGHTS

FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT HOME & STUDIO

ARCHITECTURE

(773) 312-994-4000; www.flwright.org; 951 Chicago Ave; adult/child \$17/14; 10am-4pm This is where Wright lived and worked from 1889 to 1909. Tour frequency varies, from every 20 minutes on summer weekends to every hour or so in winter. The hour-long walk-through reveals a fascinating place, filled with the details that made Wright's style distinctive. It costs \$5 extra to take pictures inside. The studio also offers guided neighborhood walking tours (\$15), as well as a self-guided audio version (\$15).

ERNEST HEMINGWAY MUSEUM

MUSEUM

(773) 708-848-2222; www.ehfp.org; 200 N Oak Park Ave; adult/child \$15/13; 1-5pm Wed-Fri & Sun, 10am-5pm Sat) Despite Hemingway allegedly calling Oak Park a 'village of wide lawns and narrow minds,' the town still pays homage to him at this museum. Exhibits begin with his middle-class Oak Park background and the innocent years before he went off to find adventure. The ensuing displays focus on his writings in Spain and during WWII. Admission also provides entry to his birthplace home across the street.

MOORE HOUSE

ARCHITECTURE

(333 N Forest Ave) During Wright's 20 years in Oak Park, he designed a whole heap of houses. Moore House is particularly noteworthy. First built in 1895, it's Wright's bizarre interpretation of an English manor house. In his later years, Wright called the house 'repugnant' and said he had only taken the commission because he needed the money. He claimed that he walked out of his way to avoid passing it.

UNITY TEMPLE

ARCHITECTURE

(773) 708-383-8873; www.flwright.org; 875 Lake St; adult/child \$10/8; 10:30am-4:30pm Mon-Fri, 10am-2pm Sat, 1-4pm Sun) It's one of Frank Lloyd Wright's architectural wonders, built in 1908. Explore at your leisure on a self-guided look around, or check the schedule for guided tours. A recent restoration helps the building shine.



EATING & DRINKING

HEMINGWAY'S BISTRO

FRENCH \$\$\$

(773) 708-524-0806; www.hemmingwaysbistro.com; 211 N Oak Park Ave; mains \$21-32; 7am-10pm) Fork in to all the French classics – coq