

ILLINOIS FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT TRAIL

One of America's greatest architects, Frank Lloyd Wright called Illinois home—and filled it with some of his best works. Take a trip to discover the architectural gems throughout the state that reveal the form and function of Wright's signature style.



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FOLLOW THE FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT TRAIL FOR 13 ARCHITECTURAL GEMS IN ILLINOIS



1. EMIL BACH HOUSE

7415 N. Sheridan Rd Chicago, IL 60626

This is the only Wright residence in Chicago open for vacation rentals and private events as well as tours.

2. CHARNLEY-PERSKY HOUSE MUSEUM 1365 North Astor St

Chicago, IL 60610

Recognized as a pivotal work of modern American architecture, this house was designed by Louis Sullivan with assistance from Wright, his junior draftsman. *Photo courtesy Leslie Schwartz*

3. THE ROOKERY

209 S. LaSalle St Chicago, IL 60604

The elaborate main lobby and light court is one of the most spectacular interior spaces in the state.

4. FREDERICK C. ROBIE HOUSE

5757 S. Woodlawn Ave Chicago, IL 60637

This quintessential Prairie-style home was named one of the 10 most significant buildings of the 20th century by the American Institute of Architects.

5. FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT HOME & STUDIO 951 Chicago Ave

Oak Park, IL 60302

Discover the beginning of greatness. This landmark structure served as Wright's private residence and studio from 1889 to 1909—the first 20 years of his career.

6. UNITY TEMPLE

875 Lake St Oak Park, IL 60301

Reopened in 2017 after a two-year restoration, Wright's only surviving public building from his golden Prairie period was also his personal place of worship.

7. COLONEL GEORGE FABYAN VILLA

1925 S. Batavia Ave Geneva, IL 60134

Remodeled by Wright in 1907, "The Villa" is a Prairie-style residence with an accompanying Japanese garden and Dutch windmill, both signs of the owners' eclectic tastes.

8. MUIRHEAD FARMHOUSE

42W814 Rohrsen Rd Hampshire, IL 60140

Surrounded by nearly 800 acres of prairie, this home is the only known existing farmhouse to have been designed and built by Wright during his lifetime.

9. PETTIT MEMORIAL CHAPEL

1100 North Main St Belvidere, IL 61008

A small structure on the grounds of Belvidere Cemetery, the chapel was commissioned by Emma Glasner Pettit in honor of her deceased husband, William H. Pettit.

10. KENNETH LAURENT HOUSE

4646 Spring Brook Rd Rockford, IL 61114

The only building ever designed by the famed architect for a person with a disability, this single-story Usonian home is both functional and beautiful (and decades ahead of ADA accessibility requirements).

11. B. HARLEY BRADLEY HOUSE

701 S. Harrison Ave Kankakee, IL 60901

Widely acknowledged as Wright's first Prairiestyle design, the Bradley House was designed by Wright in 1901 along with its neighboring home.

12. FRANK L. SMITH BANK

122 W. Main St Dwight, IL 60420

Wright believed banks should express their own character rather than resemble temples of worship; thus, he designed this bank building with a simple, dignified aesthetic.

13. DANA-THOMAS HOUSE

300 E. Lawrence Ave Springfield, IL 62703

Reputed to be one of Wright's largest and most elaborate Prairie-style designs, the house has 35 rooms with more than 100 pieces of original furniture and 250 art glass windows.