

Chicago River Bingo Info and Tips!

1. Take a Selfie with the river: Show off your best side enjoying the natural beauty of the Chicago River! Upload and add #ChicagoRiverBingo to show off our beautiful river to your friends!
2. Snap a photo of a bridge: There are hundreds of bridges in all neighborhoods, providing many opportunities for the perfect shot!
3. Learn a new river fact: How many bridges on the Chicago River move? Can you swim in the river? What kind of fish live in the river? There are so many questions to ask! Check out www.chicagoriver.org for lots of information about the Chicago River and also about Friends of the Chicago. Friends works to protect and improve a total of 156 miles of water in the Chicago River watershed and there are even more facts to learn than there are miles of river!
4. Spot a paddler: the Chicago River is safe for canoeing, kayaking, and stand-up paddle-boarding! Can you spot someone enjoying it?
5. Make a pollinator craft: Butterfly, bees, hummingbirds and more. Show us your favorite kind!
6. Share this card with a friend: the more the merrier! Let your friends know how much there is to see and do on the river!
7. Follow us on Facebook: keep in touch with Friends of the Chicago River, the McCormick Bridgehouse and Chicago River Museum, and the Tributary Committee to learn about and celebrate the Chicago River. /ChicagoRiver, /BridgehouseMuseum, /TributaryCommittee
8. Spot a mammal: many mammals call the Chicago River home. Can you find one?
9. Sign up for Overflow Action Alerts: With our combined sewer system we should be mindful of water usage during rain events. Sign up to know when overflow action days happen, and what you can do to help! <https://www.chicagoriver.org/get-involved/take-action/overflow-action-days>
10. Watch a Friends video: Take the time to learn something new by checking out the Friends of the Chicago River YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCSHM5QqNx0gyFnMLluzhqQ/videos>
11. Spot green infrastructure: Rain barrels, rain gardens, permeable hardscapes and more are all important to minimize flooding in the Chicago River. Can you find some in your neighborhood? Share a photo and tag us!
12. Learn about the MWRD: the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District is an important partner in keeping our river clean. Check out their website to learn more about all that they do--water treatment, the Tunnel and Reservoir Project, clearing debris along the river, and so much more. www.mwrd.org

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14. Snap a photo of a bird: birds know how much cleaner the Chicago River has gotten! Snap a photo of a bird enjoying the river, and remember to use #ChicagoRiverBingo
15. Take a river sunset photo: the Chicago River is beautiful during sunsets. Whether natural landscapes or with an architectural feature, let's see your best shot! (Pro tip, remember to tag #ChicagoRiverBingo)
16. Visit the Bridgehouse Museum: Ever wondered what the inside of one of Chicago's bridgehouses looks like! Take a peek inside at the corner of Michigan and Wacker! The entrance is down on the Riverwalk and the museum is now open Thursday - Saturday through October 31, 2020.
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18. Attend a Born to be Wild event: celebrate with Friends of the Chicago River during the biggest event of 2020! Details on all of the events here: <https://www.chicagoriver.org/get-involved/attend/born-to-be-wild>
19. Spot a heron: three types of herons call the Chicago River home. Green herons, great blue herons, and black-crowned night herons. Can you find one? If you do share a photo with us by using #ChicagoRiverBingo.
20. Make a FOG Monster: Fats, oils, and grease are bad for your pipes and bad for the River. Decorate a spare jar to use as a disposal container!
21. Make a bouquet of fall leaves: everyone loves the colors of fall! Bring some inside with you.
22. Visit a FPCC site along the river: the Forest Preserves of Cook County allows you to get close to nature and the River right in our own backyard. Go see how your favorite site is doing, or check out a new one! To find a spot to visit check out: <https://fpdcc.com>
23. Snap a photo of a native plant: with so many beautiful plants along the Chicago River, it's sometimes hard to know which ones are native to this area. How many do you know? If you need help learning which are local and which are invasive we recommend using the iNaturalist app.
24. Pick up trash: a cleaner River is good for the people, plants, and animals who use it and live near it. Every piece you pick up is one less that could end up in the River! Whether right off a river bank or blocks away in your neighborhood it is helpful to get trash off the ground where it can be swept away by wind or rain to the river. Collect some near you and share a photo with #ChicagoRiverBingo to encourage others to clean up also.