

# Oregon Community Bike Trail

*A joint effort between the City of Oregon, Oregon Park District, and Forward Oregon*

## Description of Route

This 7 mile bike trail consists of paved surfaces through Oregon Park West, Fairgrounds Park, and shared roadways through residential areas.

## Parking

Parking is available from dawn to dusk at Oregon Park West located at 1402 Koontz Place. Head west on IL Route 64 to Oregon Trail Road, turn left. Turn left at 14th Street and right on Koontz Place.

## Sculpture Along the Trail

- Solar Reef – Oregon Park West
- Paths of Conviction – Mix Park
- The Fish Boys – Mix Park
- Bountiful Bench – Oregon Public Library
- The Soldiers Monument – Corner of 4th Street & Washington Street, Ogle County Courthouse
- Agriculture, Mother of Civilization – Corner of Washington and 5th Street, Judicial Center
- The Corn Ball – Corner of 4th Street & Franklin Street, Oregon Coliseum
- From the Waters Comes my Bounty – Kiwanis Park
- The Holy Family – Corner of 4th Street & Monroe Street, Oregon Catholic Church

## Historic Points of Interest

- Oregon Train Depot** – 100 Collins Street  
The Oregon Train Depot was built in 1913 by Chicago Burlington and Quincy Railway and served passenger cars until 1971. In 2001 the Oregon Depot restoration project began.
- Ogle County Historical Society** – 111 North 6th Street  
The Historical Society began in 1954 and is located in the home of Ruby Nash, a local woman who taught school in Oregon for 50 years.

- Oregon Public Library** – 300 Jefferson Street  
The Oregon Public Library was established in 1872. Andrew Carnegie announced in the early 1900's that he would donate \$10,000 for a public library in Oregon. The existing building opened in 1908. The second floor is home to a collection of over 50 pieces of art that were donated by Lorado Taft and other artists as part of the Eagle's Nest Colony.

- Riverside Cemetery** – North 3rd Street along the River Bank  
Several of the early settlers to the community are buried at Riverside Cemetery. City of Oregon holds the annual Memorial Day service at this location.

- Ogle County Courthouse** – Corner of 4th Street & Washington Street  
The Historic courthouse was built in 1891 and is still occupied today by many county offices. The building can be found on the National Register of Historic Places.

## Other Points of Interest

- Nash Recreation Center** – 304 South 5th Street  
Nash Recreation Center is home to the Oregon Park District and offers recreation services to all ages. Amenities include: indoor pool, locker rooms, basketball courts, fitness center, multi-purpose rooms, and racquetball courts.
- Conover Square Mall** – Corner of Franklin Street & 3rd Street  
You will find an eclectic mix of merchants and a relaxed and friendly atmosphere at this old piano factory. Covering two full floors, numerous owner-operated shops now call Conover Square home. Built in 1893, the building is overflowing with history.

