

# Canoe and Kayak Rentals in Illinois

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"Other roads do some violence to nature, and bring the traveller to stare at her; but the river steals into the scenery it traverses without intrusion, silently creating and adorning it, and is free to come and go as the zephyr."

Henry David Thoreau, "A Week on the Concord and Merrimack Rivers"

## Get out and enjoy our rivers and streams of Illinois!

### Chicago Area

#### **Chicagoland Canoe Base, Inc.**

Owned by Ralph Frese, a contributor to this website, this watersports and blacksmith shop will sell or rent you canoes or kayaks.  
4019 N. Narragansett Ave.  
Chicago, IL  
(773) 777-1489  
[www.chicagolandcanoebase.com](http://www.chicagolandcanoebase.com)

Other Chicago area information can be found at: <http://pages.ripco.net/~jwn/rental.html> and <http://www.compuwerx.com/canoe/>

#### **Northwest Passage** (caters primarily to sea kayaking interests)

1130 Greenleaf Avenue  
Wilmette, IL 60091  
(847)256-4409  
(800)732-7328  
[nwpssag.com](http://nwpssag.com)

### Cache River

#### **Cache Core Canoes**

Rt 1-71AA,  
Ullin, IL  
(618) 845-3817

### DuPage and Fox River

#### **The Canoe Shack**

St. Charles, IL  
(630) 584-8017, (847) 289-8966,  
or (773) 348-5568  
<http://www.canoeshack.com/>

### Fox River

#### **Ayers Landing**

Wedron, Illinois 60557  
815-434-2233

#### **Chet & Mary's Canoe Rental**

Wedron, IL  
(815) 434-6690  
(815) 434-9798  
Fax (815) 434-6714  
<http://www.cmcanoerental.com/>

### Fox River cont.

#### **Freemans' Sports**

129 E. Hydraulic,  
Yorkville, IL  
(630) 553-0515

#### **Ottawa Fox River Canoe Rentals**

Ottawa, IL  
(815) 433-4665

#### **River Adventures**

Located at SkyDive Chicago  
(815) 434-2142  
(815) 481-2142  
[www.canoethefox.com](http://www.canoethefox.com)

#### **Schmidt's Canoeing Service**

(Fox River, and the Kishwaukee River and Nippersink Creek, for groups of 10 or more)  
1232 Ridgeway Court  
Elgin, IL 60123  
(847)697-1678  
[www.canoetrips.net](http://www.canoetrips.net)

## **Illinois River**

### **Grafton Canoe and Kayak**

PO Box 142  
Grafton, IL  
(618) 786-2192  
<http://www.graftonoutdooractivities.com/>

## **Kankakee River**

### **Reed's Canoes**

907 N. Indiana Ave., Rt. 50  
Kankakee, IL  
(815) WE CANOE (932-2663)  
<http://www.reedscanoetrips.com/welcome.htm>

## **Kishwaukee River**

### **Northlander Outdoor Sports Store**

209 E Lincoln Highway  
DeKalb IL  
(815) 754 4540

### **Lundeen's Landing**

Barstow, IL  
(309) 496-9956

## **Northwestern Illinois**

**(Galena and Upper Mississippi Rivers and other area streams)**

Fever River Outfitters  
Galena, IL 61836  
(815) 776-9425  
[www.feverriveroutfitters.com](http://www.feverriveroutfitters.com)

## **River Bend Area**

**(Great Rivers confluence - Mississippi, Illinois, Missouri)**

### **Slow Canoe Rentals**

462 South Main  
Wood River, IL 62095  
(618) 254-6966

## **Rock River**

### **T J.'s Bait and Canoe Rentals**

305 S. 1st St.  
Oregon, IL 61061  
(815) 732-4516  
<http://www.tjscanoerental.com/>

## **Sugar River**

### **Country Canoe**

824 Jackson Street Pecatonica,  
Illinois  
(815) 239-1246

## **Vermilion River (North)**

### **Canoe the Vermillion**

Streator  
(815) 673-3218  
[www.canoethevermillion.com](http://www.canoethevermillion.com)

### **Vermillion River Rafting**

781 N. 2249 Road  
Oglesby, Illinois 61348  
(815) 667-5242

## **Vermilion River (South)**

### **Kickapoo Landing (Middle Fork River)**

Based in Kickapoo State Park  
near Oakwood  
(217) 446-8399

### **Middle Fork Canoe Outfitters**

(Middle Fork, Salt Fork, North Fork, and the Vermilion Rivers)  
Based in Kennekuk County Park  
near Danville  
(217) 304-4240  
<http://middleforkcanoes.allarounddanville.com/>