

# Where Can I Play?

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## Upcoming Festivals & Events

### **Geneva Concours d'Elegance**

August 23, Downtown Geneva

Website: [www.genevaconcours.net](http://www.genevaconcours.net)

Classic car enthusiasts will gather on Third Street to view a collection of antique, classic and modern automobiles as participants from around the country display their prized automobiles. Free and open to the public from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

### **The Fox Valley Folk Music & Storytelling Festival**

September 6-7, Island Park (Rt. 25 & Rt. 38)

Website: [www.foxvalleyfolk.com](http://www.foxvalleyfolk.com)

Held at Island Park, eight stage areas present concerts, hands-on workshops, topical song & story workshops, dance, vocal & instrument classes and special things for the kids from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days.

### **Festival of the Vine**

September 11-13, Downtown Geneva

Website: [www.genevachamber.com](http://www.genevachamber.com)

Savor the flavor as Geneva restaurants under an outdoor tent. Wine tastings, seminars and events, grape stomping, flower market, craft and gorgeous gourds show, musical entertainment, Kids' Patch activities plus great shopping in the historic downtown. The train station is located just blocks from the festivities.

### **Music in the Alleys**

September 19, Downtown Geneva

Website: [www.genevaarts.org](http://www.genevaarts.org)

Presented by the Geneva Cultural Arts Commission, Music in the Alleys is an event true to its name. Take a stroll through downtown Geneva and enjoy various musicians as they perform in alleys.

### **Wedding Walk**

September 20, Geneva Commons

Website: [www.genevabride.com](http://www.genevabride.com)

Brides can explore the many wedding venues and shops in Geneva as well a fashion show, exhibits and other exciting gifts and giveaways.

### **Black Hat Day**

October 24, Downtown Geneva

Website: [www.genevadowntown.org](http://www.genevadowntown.org)

Find spooky shopping deals in downtown Geneva. Come out for Trick-or-treating. There will be prizes for the best black hat, giveaways, and more. The History Center will be hosting "Spirits of Geneva" special event for the 21 and older crowd.

### **Christmas Walk and House Tour**

December 4 & 5, downtown Geneva

Website: [www.genevachamber.com](http://www.genevachamber.com)

The traditional Christmas Walk the Swedish symbol of the season, and her attendants who arrive by horse-drawn carriage to offer Swedish cookies to visitors. Santa makes his appearance to light the Great Tree on the Courthouse lawn and officially opens his Gingerbread House at 6pm. The House Tour takes place on Friday, December 4th and 5th. Five homes decorated for the holidays will open their doors to visitors for self-guided tours.

### **Sno Sculpting**

January 20-24, 2010, Geneva Commons

Website: [www.genevarts.org](http://www.genevarts.org)

Come out and view the snow sculptures designed by professional designers as well as some local submissions.

### **Dancing with the Geneva Stars**

February 6, 2010, Eaglebrook Country Club

Website: [www.genevarts.org](http://www.genevarts.org)

Come out and support Geneva's "stars" as they dance the night away in support of the Geneva Cultural Arts Commission and the Geneva Academic Foundation.

### **Juliets Weekend**

March 5-7, 2010, Downtown Geneva

[www.genevadowntown.org](http://www.genevadowntown.org)

Grab your girlfriends for a weekend of shopping, fashion, and fun. Juliets- Just Us Girls Into Eating Together and Shopping-has grown every year as the event becomes a tradition for girlfriends, sisters, mothers, and daughters.

### **Geneva Film Festival**

April 15-17, 2010, Downtown Geneva

Website: [www.genevafilmfestival.org](http://www.genevafilmfestival.org)

The mission of the Geneva Film Festival is to celebrate the art of film making by setting the stage for independent filmmakers to showcase their talent to the world. The Geneva Film Festival features workshops with industry professionals providing educational opportunities for filmmakers and film enthusiasts alike.

## **On-Going Events**

### **Geneva Classic Car Shows**

July & August on Thursday Evenings , Fourth & James St., (Courthouse Parking Lot)

Website: [www.genevachamber.com](http://www.genevachamber.com)

Check out the shining chrome and gleaming engines of antiques, custom build, sports and muscle cars along with food, music and a DJ; free admission.

### **First Fridays**

First Friday evening of every month

Self-guided gallery art walk and reception from 5 - 8 p.m.

## Farmers Markets

### **Bensidoun's Geneva French Market**

April 26 - October 25, Sundays 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Located in the public lot near the Metra station

Fresh produce and crafts can be found at this outdoor market.

### **Green Market**

June 4 - October 29, Thursdays 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

75 N. River Lane

Locally grown, minimally processed produce and products.

## Sports

### **Bicycle Heaven**

Address: 12 E State St      Phone: 630-444-7450

Website: [www.bicycleheavengeneva.com](http://www.bicycleheavengeneva.com)

*Bicycles available for purchase and rental.*

### **Fox Valley Ice Arena**

Address: 1996 S Kirk Rd      Phone: 630-262-0690

Website: [www.foxvalleyicearena.net](http://www.foxvalleyicearena.net)

*Enjoy public skating, hockey, and skate lessons.*

### **Geneva Kayak Center**

Address: 34 N Bennett      Phone: 630-232-0320

Website: [www.genevakayak.com](http://www.genevakayak.com)

*Geneva Kayak Center offers recreational, light touring and sea kayaks for rent. Rental boats can be enjoyed locally on the Fox River or you can transport them to other paddling destinations.*

### **Kane County Cougars**

Address: 34W002 Cherry Lane      Phone: 630-232-8811

Website: [www.kccougars.com](http://www.kccougars.com)

*Bring the family out to watch professional minor league baseball, Class A affiliate of Oakland A's with games and events April to September.*

### **Mill Race Cyclery**

Address: 11 E State St      Phone: 630-232-2833

Website: [www.millrace.com](http://www.millrace.com)

*Bicycle rentals available. Rent a bike and jump onto the Fox River Trail.*

### **Tanna Farms Golf Club**

Address: 39W808 Hughes Road      Phone: 630-232-4300

Website: [www.tannafarms.com](http://www.tannafarms.com)

*18-hole public golf course.*

# Parks

The Geneva Park District offers recreational programs, facilities, and open space for residents of all age groups and abilities. 48 parks occupy over 700 acres with bike/pedestrian trails, playgrounds and parks, athletic fields, outdoor aquatic center, water sprayground, community center, recreation center, multiple fitness centers, a skate park, and many acres of open space. The Park District serves over 40,000 participants and offers over 3,000 programs and events annually. [www.genevaparks.org](http://www.genevaparks.org)

## Island Park

Located along the Fox River, Island Park is a popular location for a number of events throughout the year. This scenic park features gardens, bike trails, picnic shelter, and a large playground. Enter park from Water Street located on the east side of the route 38 bridge.

## Peck Farm Park

Address: 38W199 Kaneville Rd. Phone: 630-262-8244

Located west of Randall Rd. near the corner of Peck Rd. and Kaneville Rd.

This picturesque 395-acre park includes a visitor's center with hands-on activities and history room, observation silo, sensory garden, nature trails, bike trails, picnic area, baseball diamonds, soccer fields, meeting rooms, 19-acre wetland and an outdoor butterfly house open during the summer.

### Hours of Operation

**Year Round:** Trails, Picnic Area, and the Courtyard Daily Sunrise - 10:00 p.m.

**May - October:** Orientation Barn, Observation Silo & Peck House  
Monday-Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 p.m. Sunday Noon - 5:00 p.m.

**November - April:** Orientation Barn & Observation Silo & Peck House  
Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Saturday 10:00 am - 5:00 p.m. Sunday Closed

**Butterfly House:** Open May through mid-September  
Monday-Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Sunday Noon - 5:00 p.m.

## Peck Farm Recreation Center

Address: 3507 Kaneville Road Phone: 630-232-4501

50,000 sq. ft. recreation center located just across from Peck Farm Park on Kaneville Road. Features include: Fitness Center, 3 Lane Indoor Running Track, 2 Full Court Gymnasiums, Mens & Womens Locker Rooms with Showers, Mens & Womens Steam Rooms, Towel Service, The Farm (Indoor Playground), Aerobics/Dance Studio, 4 Multi-Purpose Program Rooms, Kidz Korral (Baby Sitting Service)

**Fitness Center Hours** Monday - Friday 6:00 am - 9:30 pm Saturday - Sunday 7:00 am - 7:00 pm

## RiverPark

RiverPark is a community inspired and built park. It represents community enhancement and cooperation at its best. The park is currently 1.8 acres and follows the west bank of the Fox River from Geneva Garden Club Park, north along North River Lane in downtown Geneva.

## Stone Creek Miniature Golf

Located at Wheeler Park on Route 31

Stone Creek, a river theme miniature golf course, offers 18 unique challenges and fun for all ages. The windmill, water wheel, real running water creek and dynamite shack are just a few of the features of this spectacular course. Open May - September. Visit [genevaparks.org](http://genevaparks.org) for hours of operation.

### **Sunset Pool**

Address: 710 Western Avenue      Phone: 630-232-0747

Sunset Pool is open to residents and non-residents of Geneva. Daily admission fees are applicable. Pool Features include a tube slide, two body slides, two drop slides, tot slides, waterplay features, bubblers and spray jets, and zero-depth areas, two sand volleyball courts and concession stand.

### **Wheeler Park**

From Route 38 (State Street) in Geneva go North on Route 31 and Left on North Street. Amenities include: Miniature Golf, Baseball Diamond, Bike/Walking Trail, Concession Stand, Picnic Area, Playground, Soccer field, Lighted Tennis Courts, Ice Skating (winter months), Warming House (winter months).

## **Forest Preserves**

### **Fabyan Forest Preserve**

Fabyan Forest Preserve is located south of Geneva on the Fox River, with entrances on both Routes 25 and Route 31, just north of Fabyan Parkway. Fabyan Parkway intersects with Kirk Rd. (also known as Farnsworth Ave at the Rt 88 exit) and with Randall Rd.

#### **Fabyan Villa Museum**

Mid-May through mid-October take general history tours about the Fabyans and their fabulous Riverbank estate on Saturdays and Sundays. Tours on Wednesdays highlight the the Villa's Frank Lloyd Wright features, as well as the Fabyan's personal story. Riverbank became a showplace in the state with its model farm, extensive greenhouses, windmill, Japanese-style and other ornamental gardens, arbors and grotto, and pools and ponds. In 1907, the Fabyans contracted Frank Lloyd Wright to redesign the farmhouse into a larger and modernized home they called "The Villa". The Villa, listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1984, is now a museum dedicated to the history of Riverbank and the story of the Fabyans, and houses their varied collections, some furnishings, and many historic photographs. The Japanese Garden has been partially restored and replanted. The Windmill, also a National Historic Place, was completely restored in 2003-2004. All have public visiting hours.

#### **Fabyan Japanese Garden**

Restored in 1976, and replanted in 1992, the Fabyan Japanese Garden is open to the public mid-May through mid-October on Wednesdays and Sundays. Stroll along the winding paths and enjoy the many delightful features and views of this 100 year old garden. Self-guided brochures are available for your stroll. A plant list is available for a nominal fee.

#### **Fabyan Windmill**

68-foot, 5-story Fabyan Windmill is located on the west side of Route 25 in the Fabyan Forest Preserve. It was originally built by Louis Blackhaus, a German craftsman, between 1850-1860 on a site along York Road near Oak Brook. It was purchased by Colonel George Fabyan from Luis Reinke's widow for about \$8,000 and moved to his estate known as Riverbank (now Fabyan Forest Preserve), in 1914.

### **Gunnar Anderson Forest Preserve**

Gunnar Anderson located south of Route 38, at the intersection of First Street (Route 31) and Third Street. This 20-acre preserve, running along the river, features one shelter, one parking area and one restroom facility.

### **Fox River Trail**

This beautiful trail follows along the banks of the Fox River almost 30 miles in Kane County alone. Its smooth surface makes it ideal for biking, hiking, cross-country skiing and jogging. The trail has access to excellent fishing, canoeing, picturesque picnic facilities, the Tekakwitha Woods Forest Preserve and Nature Center, the Fabyan Forest Preserve, Villa Museum, and an 1850s windmill.

## **Museums**

### **Geneva History Center**

Address: 113 S Third Street Phone: 630-232-4951

Website: [www.genevahistorycenter.org](http://www.genevahistorycenter.org)

The History Center offers a variety of programs that enhance learning about the history of our community. In addition to the exhibits throughout the gallery, the Geneva History Center provides programs for families, children, schools and scouting groups. Programs for adults include Heritage Roundtables, regularly scheduled brown bag lunch presentations, as well as guided group tours and lectures. The Geneva Historic Homes Association as well as those interested in genealogy access valuable resources through the Geneva History Center.

**Galleries and Museum Store:** Tues. - Sat., 11:00am - 4pm Sundays (Apr-Dec) Noon - 4pm

**Archives:** Tues. - Sat., 1-4pm, by appointment

## **Art Galleries**

### **Down to Earth Pottery**

Address: 221 S Third St

Phone: 630-262-9555

Website: [www.downtoearth-pottery.com](http://www.downtoearth-pottery.com)

*Handmade functional and decorative pottery*

### **Proud Fox Gallery**

Address: 213 W State St

Phone: 630-262-8797

Website: [www.proudfoxgallery.com](http://www.proudfoxgallery.com)

*Wide selection of fine art and museum framing from originals to reproductions*

### **Gallery 28 Fine & Functional Art**

Address: 28 N Fourth St

Phone: 630-845-9673

Website: [www.gallery28.biz](http://www.gallery28.biz)

*Original paintings, unique jewelry, photography, sculpture, furniture, home/office furnishings and music*

### **Terra Cottage**

Address: 325 South St

Phone: 630-208-6810

Website: [www.terracottagepottery.com](http://www.terracottagepottery.com)

*Hand-painted pottery studio: custom tile murals, dishes, furniture, and paint-your-own-pottery*

### **Out of the Mainstream Designs**

Address: 107 S Second St

Phone: 630-232-2419

Website: [www.outofthemainstreamdesigns.com](http://www.outofthemainstreamdesigns.com)

*Handmade, individually designed contemporary textiles for form, function and folly*

### **Verve on Third**

Address: 217 S Third St

Phone: 630-845-1399

Website: [www.verveonthird.com](http://www.verveonthird.com)

*Colorful, eclectic decorative and functional art including Brian Andreas, David Marsh, and Sticks*