

CANTIGNY PARK

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Two fantastic museums at Cantigny (aside from the beautiful grounds) are the McCormick Museum and the First Division Museum. There are frequently programs of interest to scouts held at Cantigny. Explore American history as seen through the eyes of the First Infantry Division and gain a renewed appreciation for those who serve to protect our freedoms. With more than 38,000 square feet, the First Division Museum provides an immersive and stimulating experience for visitors of all ages. And don't forget to visit the famous Tank Park where kids have climbed and played for generations.



and picnic tables. Advanced reservations are required

Activities inside the park: Hiking Cantigny's 2 1/2-mile wood-chip nature trail, filled with the wonderful sights, sounds and smells today's kids experience all too rarely, is a great experience. A map can be found inside the Visitors Guide. Pick up a copy of the Hiking Trail-Tree Identification Guide at the Visitors Center kiosk desk to use along the trail. Completion of the Guide meets some of the requirements for the Boy Scout Forester Merit Badge. *(This guide is recommended for summer and fall, when the trees have leaves.)*

Scout groups can fish at Shaffner Pond, in the northeast corner of the park. Fishing is allowed Saturday and Sunday mornings from sunrise to 8:30am and Mondays between 9 a.m. and 5 pm. Please call Security at 630.260.8207 to arrange a fishing outing. The pond is home to bluegill, bass, carp, and catfish and is strictly catch and release. Please bring your own fishing poles, bait, and gear. People over age 16 who are fishing must have a valid fishing permit.

Cantigny has partnered with the DuPage Rivers Fly-tyers (DRiFT) to offer Boy Scouts an introduction to fly fishing. Boy Scouts can try their hand at different styles of casting, be introduced to fly-tying, and spend time fishing. For more information or to schedule an outing, please contact Glenn Hazen, DRiFT Merit Badge Coordinator, at 630 682 4984.

Interesting fact about the park: Cantigny was named after the estate of General Robert McCormick, named after a small village in France which was the scene of fighting during World War I that involved the First Division, also known as the Big Red One.

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Camping Availability: Campsite reservations are limited to nationally recognized youth groups (i.e., BSA, GSA, AWANA, Indian Guides, etc.). All campouts are FREE of charge. Camping is year round, except during January when the park is closed. Overnight camping is allowed on Friday and Saturday nights (there is no camping during holiday weekends or special event weekends).

Only Scouts/youth group members and their leaders/parents may camp. Family camping is not permitted. Cantigny has two campsites available and each holds up to 100 people. Only one campsite per group may be accommodated. Cantigny is able to accommodate tent camping only (no campers or trailers). Cantigny's campgrounds offer washrooms, water pumps, trash collection and recycling bins, established fire pits, firewood,

