Recreation and Heritage in the Calumet Region
Community Conversations

Boating, fishing, softball, picnics -- however you enjoy the outdoors in the Calumet region -- this gathering is for you!

The Calumet region was long known as a sportsman's paradise for the quality and quantity of its hunting and fishing opportunities. Even with the legacy of 100 years of heavy industry and residential growth, it is still home to unique and extensive recreational options, from swimming at Calumet Park, to windsurfing at Wolf Lake, and biking from Mt. Baldy to Cowles Bog in the Indiana Dunes. Come share your memories, old and new, of enjoying the outdoors in the region. We want to hear why you choose your activities and locations, what is unique about recreation in the region, and how you would like the region's recreational heritage represented in a Calumet National Heritage Area.

Wednesday, June 17, 2015*
5:30-7:30 pm
Vodak-East Side Branch
Chicago Public Library
3710 East 106th Street
Chicago, IL  60617

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Tuesday, June 30, 2015*
5:30-7:30 pm
City Hall
Emergency Management Room
100 East Michigan Boulevard
Michigan City, IN  46360

Please bring a photo or two of your friends and family enjoying the outdoors in the Calumet region. We will use these to start the conversation, so come ready to share!
About Community Conversations: These community conversations are being hosted by The Field Museum in collaboration with the Calumet Heritage Partnership to identify themes that can be used to interpret the region to residents and visitors. Insights from the conversations will inform the National Park Service Feasibility Study for a Calumet National Heritage Area. This set of recreational heritage conversations is the fifth in a series of community discussions about how the region’s heritage can help to build its future. Upcoming topics will include the region’s cultural/ethnic resources.

About a Calumet National Heritage Area: Across the country, National Heritage Area designations have helped to benefit local communities and landscapes. Learn more at [www.nps.gov/heritageareas/](http://www.nps.gov/heritageareas/) and [www.nationalheritageareas.us/](http://www.nationalheritageareas.us/).

* To RSVP for the community conversations or for more information, contact Madeleine Tudor: mtudor@fieldmuseum.org or (312) 665-7471

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