Brookfield Zoo in the Forest Preserves of Cook County

In the United States, there is **no bigger forest preserve district** than the Forest Preserves of Cook County.

The land the organization owns shows off an amazing diversity of habitats: prairies, savannahs, forests, and waterways both moving and still.

In the early 20th century, Brookfield Zoo was established to be an international showcase for conservation, science, recreation, and education about animals and nature. The zoo continues to be one of the jewels of the Forest Preserves of Cook County. It sits at the heart of the Forest Preserves.

But as you can see on the map below, the Forest Preserves also dot and stripe the Chicago region with opportunities for experiencing nature.

