Bobolink Meadow’s prairie restoration has been ongoing since 1989, making it one of the older efforts in Chicago’s parks.

It was built on the 1893 World’s Fair grounds, in an area which was turned into a public golf course shortly after the exhibition, and then leased by the U.S. Army for its Nike missile base (1956–1971). It lies today along the edge of Jackson Park Lagoon, across from the Paul H. Douglas Nature Sanctuary (site 41, p. 70). Nodding wild onion blooms in early summer, and by July, the delicate pink blossoms of obedient plant are abundant. In the late summer and fall, various species of goldenrods and asters make a colorful spectacle. Butterflies and dragonflies are common sights.

North of Bobolink Meadow is Bobolink Woods, a small woodland that provides a shady transition from prairie to parking lot.