Richard Clark Park consists of a large, open park with a short section of developed river edge and access, a trail above the river’s edge at street level. South of the park is a privately-owned area of mixed woodland. The woodland is mostly fast-growing weedy trees and brush, but slow replacement with oaks, hackberry, and hickory could improve its quality. Its location along the greenway of the Chicago River would make restoration work here a particularly worthwhile endeavor.

Restoration has already improved the riverbank in some locations. Near the canoe launch, bright yellow coneflowers, lavender bee balm, and white culver’s root bloom with native grasses like nodding wild rye and bottlebrush grass. These plantings could be extended further in the upland areas as well as along the river edge.

A canoe rental service is available at Clark Park in the summer months.

The park is located on land that was once part of the Riverview Amusement Park.