Sherman Park was among the nation’s first neighborhood parks. It was designed by Olmsted Brothers and Daniel H. Burnham & Co. along with nine other parks intended to provide open space and recreational facilities to the dense neighborhoods at the center of the fast growing city.

The lagoon at Sherman Park surrounds an island with ballfields and recreational areas. Though no active ecological restoration work has been done here, the lagoon’s shoreline has a natural quality. It has not been cut or mowed, and common milkweed, cattails, and tall goldenrod grow freely around its edges.

Fishing is a popular pastime here. Herons, ducks, geese and other water birds use the lagoon.

Sherman Park Lagoon

**Address:**
1301 W 52nd St
Chicago Park District
16.72

**Habitats:**
1. Aquatic
2. Riparian / Water Edge

**Directions:**
Enter Sherman Park off of 52nd Street; take the interior road (called Sherman Park) and park anywhere to access the lagoon. There are four foot bridges to the interior island.