

ITINERARY · NORTHWEST ILLINOIS

FLY WITH CSC: SKY, PRAIRIE & ROCK RIVER COUNTRY

Make a tandem skydive the headline, then come back to earth with airport lunch, Rock River overlooks, restored prairie, Italian food, craft beer, and a pine-country cabin.



Tandem skydivers freefalling above Northwest Illinois

2 Days HOW LONG	8 STOPS	2 COUNTIES Ogle County, Lee County	3 BEST FOR Friends, Outdoors, Couples
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DAY 1

DAY 1: TAKE THE LEAP

The jump is the first step, not the whole trip. Rochelle's skydiving campus makes the leap approachable; the rest of the weekend keeps both feet on the ground in Ogle and Lee counties.

Keep the morning flexible for weather, then make the afternoon intentionally easy.

DRIVING ROUTE

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**4 PLANNED STOPS****OUTDOOR RECREATION**

Chicagoland Skydiving Center in Rochelle

Morning - Rochelle

WHY IT BELONGS

Reserve a tandem jump, complete the briefing, and let the professional team manage the pace. Weather delays are normal, so do not stack the schedule too tightly.

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Rochelle

**FOOD & DRINK**

Flight Deck Bar & Grill

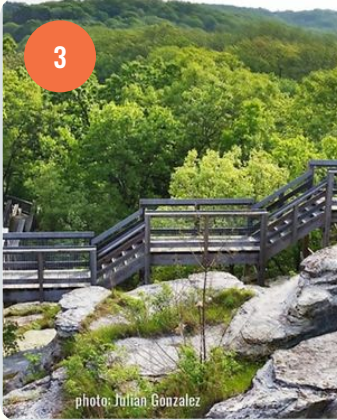
Lunch - Rochelle

WHY IT BELONGS

Stay on the airport campus for lunch, watch other jumpers descend, and give the adrenaline time to settle before driving.

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Rochelle



OUTDOOR RECREATION

Castle Rock State Park

1–2 hrs - Oregon

WHY IT BELONGS

Stretch your legs on wooded trails and climb the stairs to the Rock River overlook. Check trail conditions after rain or snow.

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Oregon



LODGING

The Cabins at Pine Creek

Overnight - Oregon

WHY IT BELONGS

Settle into a cabin in the Oregon and White Pines countryside, within an easy drive of dinner and the next day's parks.

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Oregon

DAY 2

DAY 2: PRAIRIE AND RIVER BLUFFS

Choose two nature stops, not four; this day is better with time to notice what is moving through the landscape.

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4 PLANNED STOPS



OUTDOOR RECREATION

Nachusa Grasslands

2 hrs - Franklin Grove

WHY IT BELONGS

Walk the visitor-access areas of a major tallgrass-prairie restoration. Bison are wild and may be distant; remain in approved areas and follow preserve guidance.

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Franklin Grove



OUTDOOR RECREATION

Lowden State Park

1–2 hrs - Oregon

WHY IT BELONGS

See Lorado Taft's Eternal Indian above the Rock River and choose a trail through the wooded bluff landscape.

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Oregon



FOOD & DRINK

LaVigna Restaurant

Dinner option - Oregon

WHY IT BELONGS

Finish with Northern Italian cooking near Oregon when the day calls for a relaxed sit-down meal.

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Oregon



FOOD & DRINK

Hairy Cow Brewing Company

Dinner option - Byron

WHY IT BELONGS

Or follow the Rock River north to Byron for craft beer, wood-fired pizza, and riverfront seating when the weather cooperates.

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Byron