Discover Oregon Illinois



Nestled in the scenic Rock River Valley, surrounded by three state parks and a state forest, scenic Oregon, Illinois provides unlimited recreational and artistic opportunities for everyone. While boating, fishing, or enjoying a leisurely ride or meal on the Pride of Oregon Paddlewheel River boat, one will be able to see an occasional eagle soaring in the azure sky. Hiking the many trails in the parks, the colorful flowers provide a beautiful backdrop, and camouflage the fauna waiting to surprise the hikers. Sculptures of all types are found on the Sculpture Trail, and a stop at the public library to view the collection

of art work will satisfy and amaze even the seasoned artist. End your day of outdoor activities stopping at Conover Square for antique shopping or a delectable snack. Our community may be small, but the opportunities for fun and enjoyable adventures are unlimited.

Oregon is situated on the banks of the scenic Rock River at the intersection of Route 2 and Route 64 and is located in the Central Time Zone, at an elevation of 709 feet above sea level, latitude 42.015 N and longitude of 89.332 W, Oregon serves as the county seat of Ogle County in northwest Illinois. The population according to the 2010 census is 3,721.

Oregon has a wonderful history of art in the community, highlighted by the statue of Black Hawk overlooking the Rock River Valley. Created by sculptor Lorado Taft, the statue was completed in 1911. The Art Gallery of the Oregon Library is home to several pieces of art from the Eagles Nest Art Colony of which Taft was a member. In addition, the Sculpture Trail and Fields Project serve to further enhance our art legacy into the present day.

Surrounded by three state parks and a state forest, in addition to having 10 city parks and the Rock River, recreation serves as an integral part of our community's benefits to residents and visitors alike. Whether you enjoy boating, fishing, hiking, camping or just viewing the joys that nature has to offer, Oregon is a good place to put on your map.