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## Prairie Trail Park Playground

Bolingbrook Park District, Bolingbrook, Illinois

### **Created for the new neighborhoods.**

Prairie Trails Park was created for new neighborhoods on Bolingbrook's expanding and growing southern edge. It is a community park that contains sports fields, picnic areas, playground, native prairie areas and a trail that links to a regional trail.

The playground design uses the nearby restored prairie's attractiveness to butterflies as a conceptual jumping off point. Upland Design decided to bring the restored prairie into the playground. The plan then grew to include native grasses, perennials, shrubs and trees that would expand Illinois butterfly habitat into the park.

The play equipment includes butterfly graphics so visitors are reminded of the butterflies that inhabit the park, all year round. Other park and play elements include native stone outcroppings, a music area, and all kinds of active play areas. You can slide, climb and balance as you run around this extension of the nearby prairie.