



▲ *Chicago's Millinneum Park*
(AP Photo/Charles Rex Arbogast)

Cosmopolitan Chicagoans with a love for the outdoors have over 550 public parks to walk, run, skate, bike, picnic and play in. The parks are managed by the Chicago Park District. Early Chicago philanthropists like Montgomery Ward and Marshall Field financially and politically supported preserva-

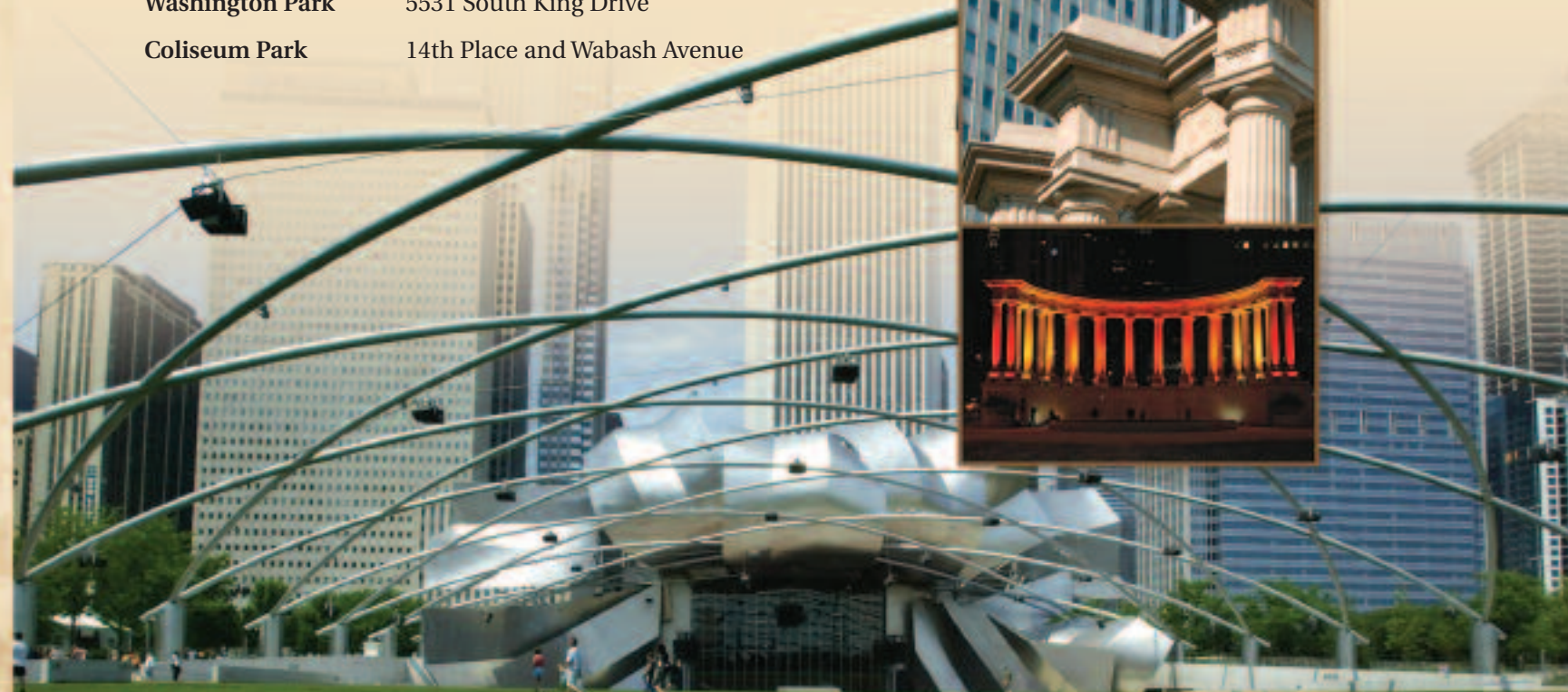
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tion of the city's lakefront which resulted in the spectacular crown jewel of Chicago culture - **Grant Park**. Nestled along **Lake Michigan** to the east and **Michigan Avenue** to the west, the southern part of **Grant Park** is home to **Soldier Field**, and the **Museum Campus**, a trio of Chicago cultural highlights including the **John G. Shedd Aquarium**, **Field Museum of Natural History** and **Adler Planetarium**. Attractions in Grant Park north of Roosevelt Road include the **Art Institute of Chicago**, the **Petrillo Music Shell** and **Millennium Park** - a recreational and cultural playground on the northwest corner of Grant Park which presents public sculpture, performance venues, gardens, and an ice rink. **Buckingham Fountain** crowns the middle of Grant Park and **Crown Fountain** graces

Millennium Park. But park fountains are not the only places to get wet in Chicago's Park system with 44 indoor and 49 outdoor swimming facilities to choose from. Chicago's largest park, **Lincoln Park**, claims 1,200 acres of prime lakefront property in the northern part of the city and is the proud home of the **Lincoln Park Zoo** and **Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum**. All told there are more than 7,300 acres of parkland, 33 beaches, 10 birding and wildlife gardens, 9 museums, and 2 conservatories in Chicago. So whether it's competitive tennis at one of dozens of public courts, sailing into Lake Michigan from one of nine lakefront harbors, or planting a tree to honor a loved one, Chicago parks welcome Chicagoans and guests alike to explore the great outdoors in the big city.

Favorite Chicago Parks

- Columbus Park** 500 South Central Ave.
- Douglas Park** 1401 South Sacramento Ave.
- Garfield Park** 100-300 North Central Park Ave.
- Grant Park** 331 East Randolph Street
- Hamilton Park** 513 West 72nd Street
- Jackson Park** 6401 South Stony Island Ave.
- Lincoln Park** 2045 North Lincoln Park West
- Millennium Park** northwest section of Grant Park
- Olive Park** north of Navy Pier
- Washington Park** 5531 South King Drive
- Coliseum Park** 14th Place and Wabash Avenue



▶ *Sunbathing on the Great Lawn at Millennium Park's Pritzker Pavilion* (AP Photo/Julio Cortez)

