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Explore Hyde Park by bike tour

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Explore the history and architecture of the Hyde Park neighborhood by bike Sunday with the Active Transportation Alliance, Big Shoulders Realty and Friends of the Major Taylor Trail. The free guided tour begins at 1 p.m. in Washington Park, 5531 S. Martin Luther King Drive.

Hyde Park lends itself to discovery by bicycle. The busy University of Chicago campus, the sprawling Midway Plaisance, the inlet lagoon and the Wooded Isle in Jackson Park are far easier to see on two wheels than four. Riders will view works by great architects, sculptors and landscape architects, including Frank Lloyd Wright, Frederick Olmsted, Lorado Taft, Howard Van Doren Shaw, Dwight Perkins, George and William Keck, and Ludwig Mies Van der Rohe.

Tours are typically 12 to 18 miles with narrated stops.

To learn more, visit bigshouldersrealty.com, and click on "Bike Tours."

Bungalow contest

Nominations are being accepted for the 5th Annual Richard H. Driehaus Foundation Bungalow Awards.

Created by the Historic Chicago Bungalow Association, with the support of the Richard H. Driehaus Foundation, these awards honor the creativity and efforts of owners of Chicago's unique historic bungalows for the work they've done in interior and exterior renovations, landscaping and restoration.

Nominations can be received from an owner for their own home, or bungalows can be nominated by a neighbor, friend or neighborhood association. Nominated projects can be whole homes or single rooms and will be judged by a panel composed of architects, journalists and civic leaders. All nominations are due by August 28 and on-site viewing of the nominated bungalows will be conducted Sept. 12 and 13.

Nominations can be submitted at chicagobungalow.org/awards. For more information, call 312-642-9900.

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