

## **Recreation:**

### **Belvidere YMCA:**

The YMCA houses an indoor swimming pool, gymnasium, banquet room and multiple club rooms. More information can be found at the YMCA's website:

<http://belviderefamilyymca.org/>

### **Belvidere Park District:**

There are approximately 210 acres in the Belvidere Park District between three parks. Additionally, the Park District also has a 500,000 gallon pool, new ice arena, outdoor fitness court, and is home to the historic Baltic Mill. For indoor Park District facilities, River's Edge has a full gymnasium, an indoor batting and golf cage, climbing wall, serving kitchen, and two program and multi- purpose rooms. More information can be found at the Park District's website: <http://belviderepark.org/>

### **Summerfield Zoo:**

The Summerfield Zoo is the only zoo in the Northern Illinois area. With a variety of animals and activities, the zoo provides an enjoyable experience for everyone. More information can be found at the Zoo's website: <http://www.summerfieldfarmandzoo.com/>

### **Farmington Pond and Kishwaukee River Fishing:** Farmington Field Pond is open

to the public from ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset. The local pond has a variety of fish species, from bass to northern pike to bluegill. More information can be found <http://www.ci.belvidere.il.us/resident-information/farmington-pond-fishing>

The Kishwaukee River runs through several Northern Illinois counties, including Boone.

The river has bluegill, channel catfish, and smallmouth bass. More information can be found at the Illinois DNR Website: <https://www.ifishillinois.org/profiles/Kishwaukee.php>

### **Ida Public Library:**

The Ida Public Library houses approximately 80,000 volumes, collecting in both English and Spanish. It provides patrons with public computer access, free access to thousands of digital e-books and audiobooks, and a local history collection with research assistance.

The library also provides community programming that includes classes, workshops, story hour, and book discussion groups. More information can be found at the library's website: <https://idapubliclibrary.org/>

### **Boone County Historical Museum:**

Belvidere is the home of the Boone County Historical Museum. With a variety of exhibits for any age, the Historical Museum is a great place to visit. More information can be found at the Museum's website: <http://bcmuseumofhistory.org/index.asp>

### **Historical Preservation:**

Belvidere houses The Pettit Memorial Chapel designed by the famous architect, Frank Lloyd Wright. Besides the Pettit Chapel, Belvidere has 31 locally landmarked buildings and four nationally registered landmarks. For more information on the historical buildings and their preservation, visit: <http://www.boonecountyil.org/page/city-belvidere-historic-preservation-commission>