



Forest Preserve District of DuPage County

Trails Guide



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The information in this guide is subject to change.

getting ready

GENERAL TRAIL TIPS

- Most DuPage County forest preserves are open daily from one hour after sunrise until one hour after sunset.
- Leave room on the trail for others to pass. Single file is best for groups on busy days.
- Dogs are welcome but must be on leashes less than 10 feet long. Always clean up after your pet.
- Always bring water. On longer trips, consider packing snacks, bug spray and sunscreen.
- If there's snow on the trails, please do not walk or ride in set ski tracks.
- Don't litter. Pack out what you pack in.
- Be aware of wildlife. Remember, you are a visitor in their habitat.
- In an emergency, dial 911.

BIKERS

- Only ride on designated trails and travel in a controlled, consistent manner. Be especially careful around curves and in parking lots.
- Always ride single file on the right side of the trail. When passing, alert visitors ahead with a polite call of "passing on your left."
- Be careful around horses, which may startle easily. Give them ample room. Do not pass horses on bridges.

HORSEBACK RIDERS

- Keep your horse under control at all times. Racing is strictly prohibited.
- Do not ride in picnic areas, campgrounds, off-leash dog areas, model-craft areas or other areas as posted.
- Refrain from riding on wet or muddy trails.
- Only use wheeled carts less than 4 feet wide.
- Whenever safely possible, please clean up after your horse.

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIERS

- Use the outside of the trail for classical skiing and the inside for freestyle skiing and other trail activities.




























DOG SLEDDERS

- Only use carts and sleds less than 4 feet wide.
- Remain on the trail and travel in a controlled, safe manner.
- Use wheeled training carts only on trails that are also designated for bicycles.
- When snow conditions allow, use sleds only on select trails at Blackwell and Greene Valley forest preserves.

ACCESSIBILITY

The Forest Preserve District of DuPage County is committed to making its forest preserves and facilities accessible to all visitors. Individuals with accessibility needs or concerns should contact the Forest Preserve District's ADA coordinator at 630-933-7683 or TTY 800-526-0857 at least 48 hours before their visit.

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	Model-Boating Area
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blackwell

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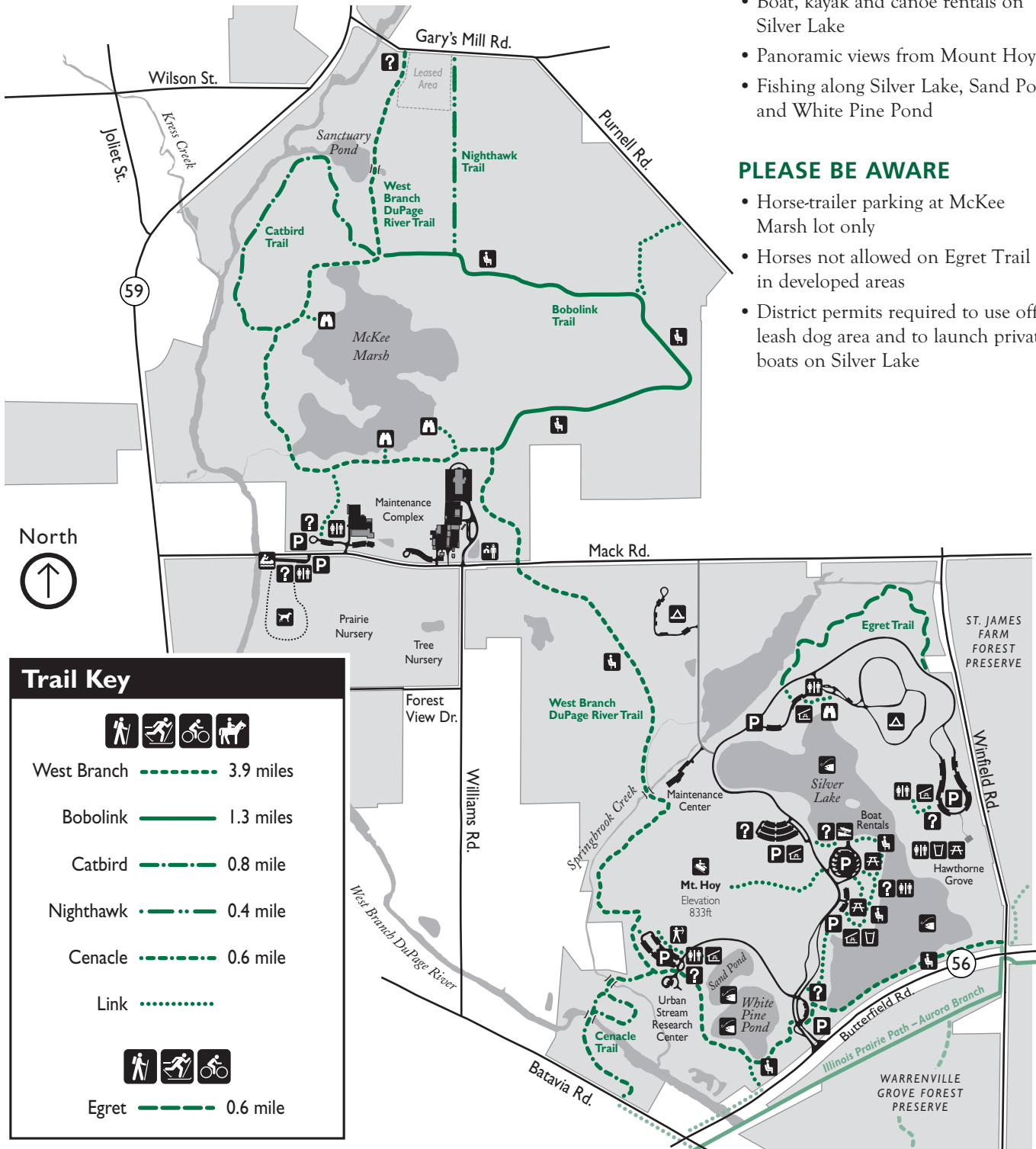
The main entrance is on the north side of Butterfield Road (Route 56) 0.25 mile west of Winfield Road and 1 mile east of Route 59. Parking is also available on Mack Road east of Route 59.

PRESERVE FEATURES

- Connects to Illinois Prairie Path
- Observation decks at Silver Lake and McKee Marsh
- Boat, kayak and canoe rentals on Silver Lake
- Panoramic views from Mount Hoy
- Fishing along Silver Lake, Sand Pond and White Pine Pond

PLEASE BE AWARE

- Horse-trailer parking at McKee Marsh lot only
- Horses not allowed on Egret Trail or in developed areas
- District permits required to use off-leash dog area and to launch private boats on Silver Lake



churchill woods

GLEN ELLYN

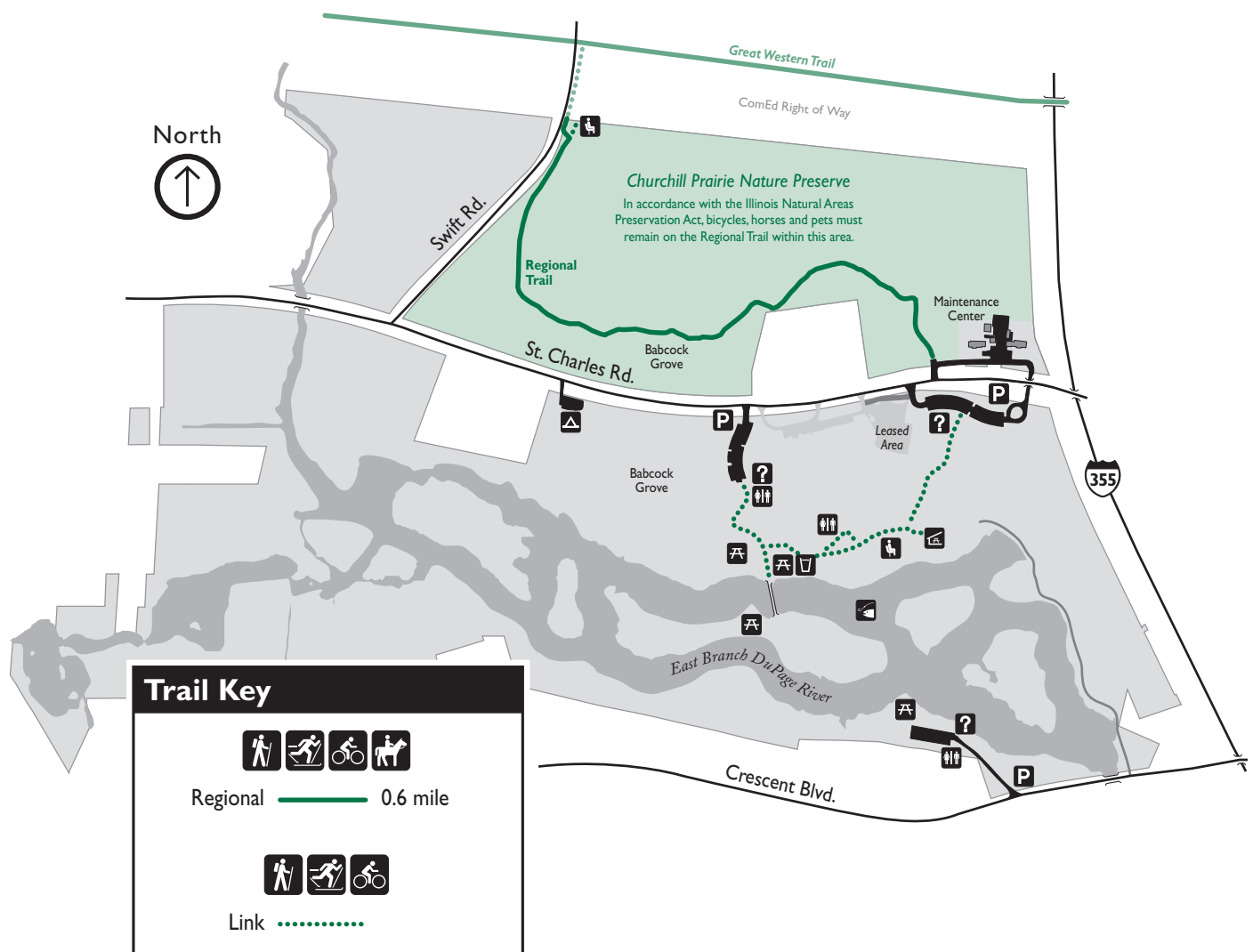
The two main entrances are on the south side of St. Charles Road 0.1 mile and 0.25 mile west of I-355. Another lot is on the north side of Crescent Boulevard 0.25 mile west of I-355.

PRESERVE FEATURES

- 60-acre state-designated Churchill Prairie Nature Preserve
- Connects to Great Western Trail
- Civilian Conservation Corps-developed islands
- Fishing along East Branch DuPage River

PLEASE BE AWARE

- Bikes, horses and pets required to stay on Regional Trail through Churchill Prairie Nature Preserve



cricket creek

ADDISON

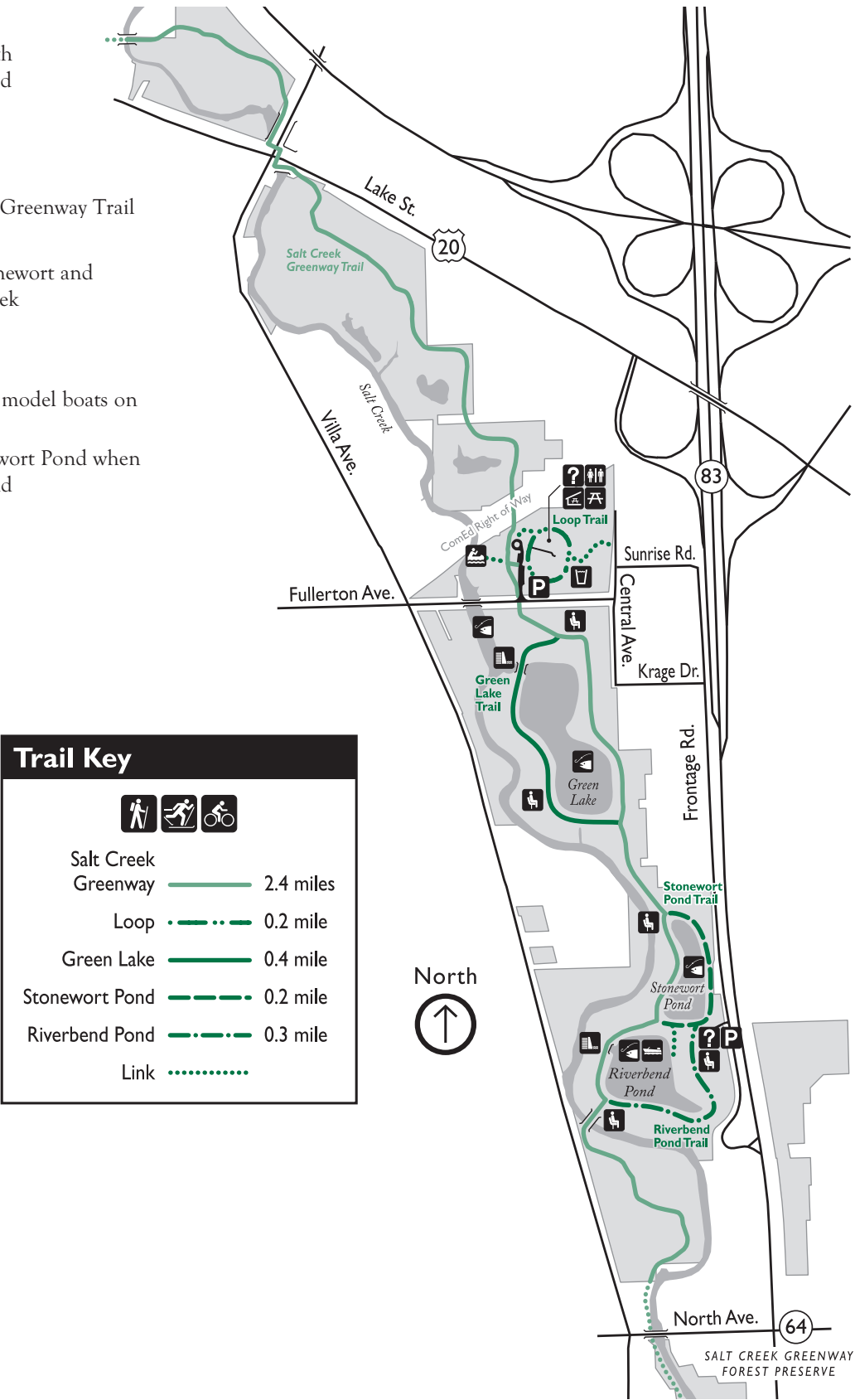
The main entrance is on the north side of Fullerton Avenue; a second entrance is on Frontage Road.

PRESERVE FEATURES

- Link in the 30-mile Salt Creek Greenway Trail
- Paved trail around picnic area
- Fishing along Green Lake, Stonewort and Riverbend ponds, and Salt Creek

PLEASE BE AWARE

- District permit required to use model boats on Riverbend Pond
- Anglers asked to fish on Stonewort Pond when model boats on Riverbend Pond



danada

WHEATON

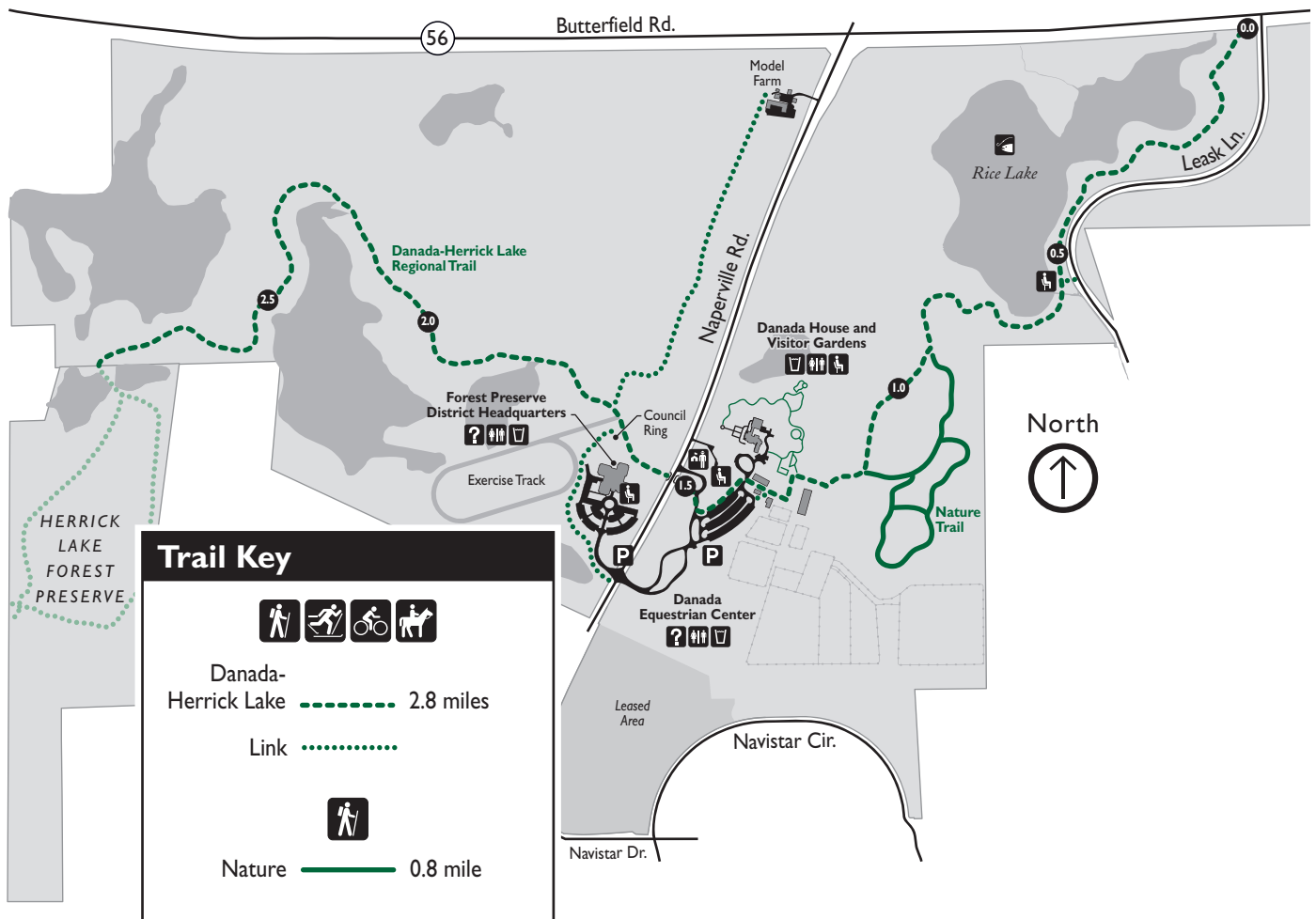
The entrance is on the east side of Naperville Road 1 mile south of Butterfield Road (Route 56) and 0.75 mile north of I-88.

PRESERVE FEATURES

- Danada-Herrick Lake Regional Trail — a U.S.-designated National Recreation Trail
- Danada Equestrian Center with grazing horses and Kentucky-style barn open daily
- Prairie-style stone council ring and seating area west of Naperville Road
- Fishing along Rice Lake

PLEASE BE AWARE

- Bikes and horses not allowed on Nature Trail or in the Danada House Visitor Gardens



fullersburg woods

OAK BROOK

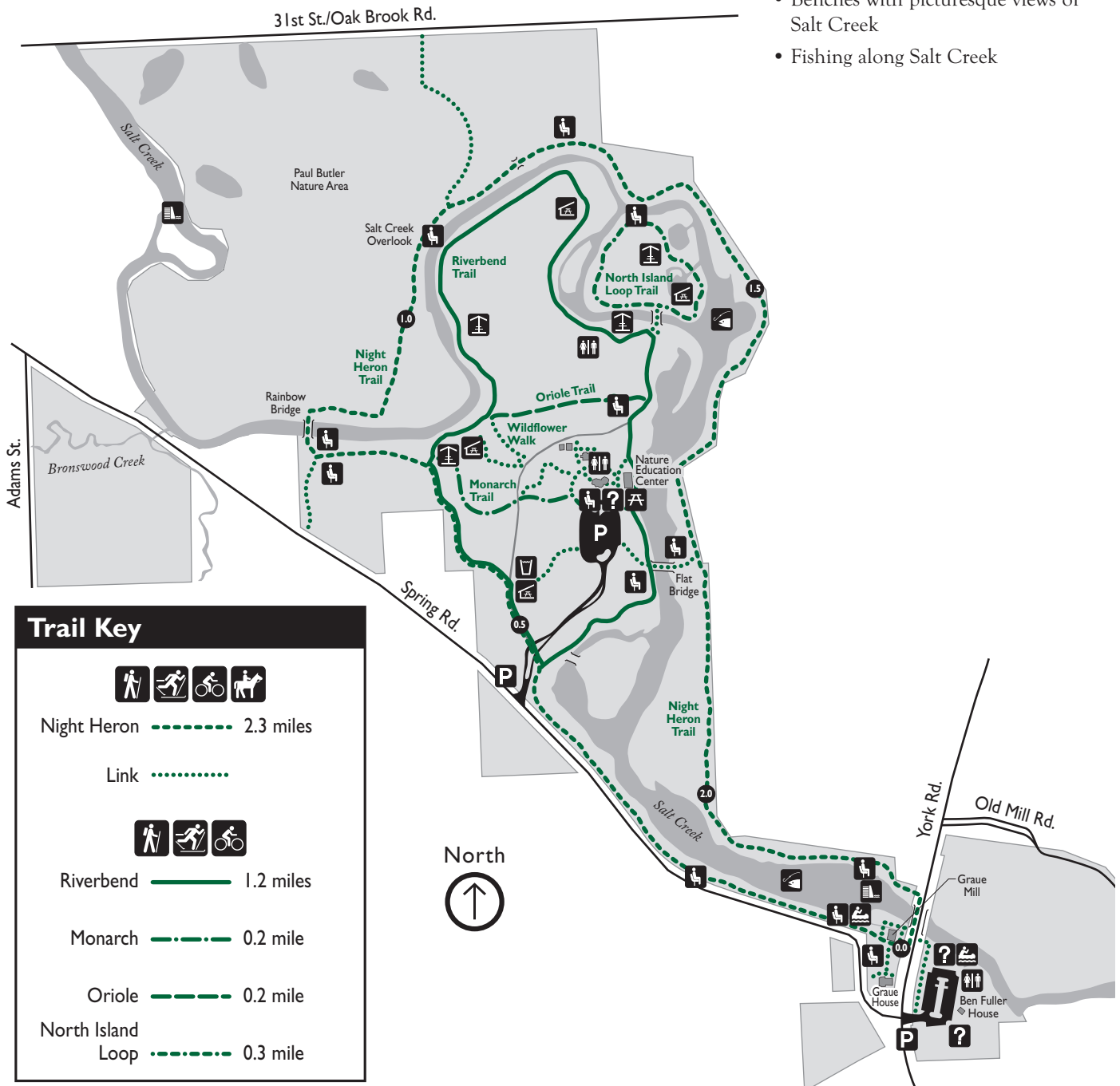
The main entrance is on Spring Road 0.5 mile south of 31st Street and 0.5 mile north of York Road. Parking is also available at York and Spring roads.

PLEASE BE AWARE

- Horses allowed on Night Heron Trail only

PRESERVE FEATURES

- Civilian Conservation Corps-constructed bridges and visitor center
- Fullersburg Woods Nature Education Center open daily 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. except select holidays
- Graue Mill and Museum, Graue House and Fuller House
- Benches with picturesque views of Salt Creek
- Fishing along Salt Creek



greene valley

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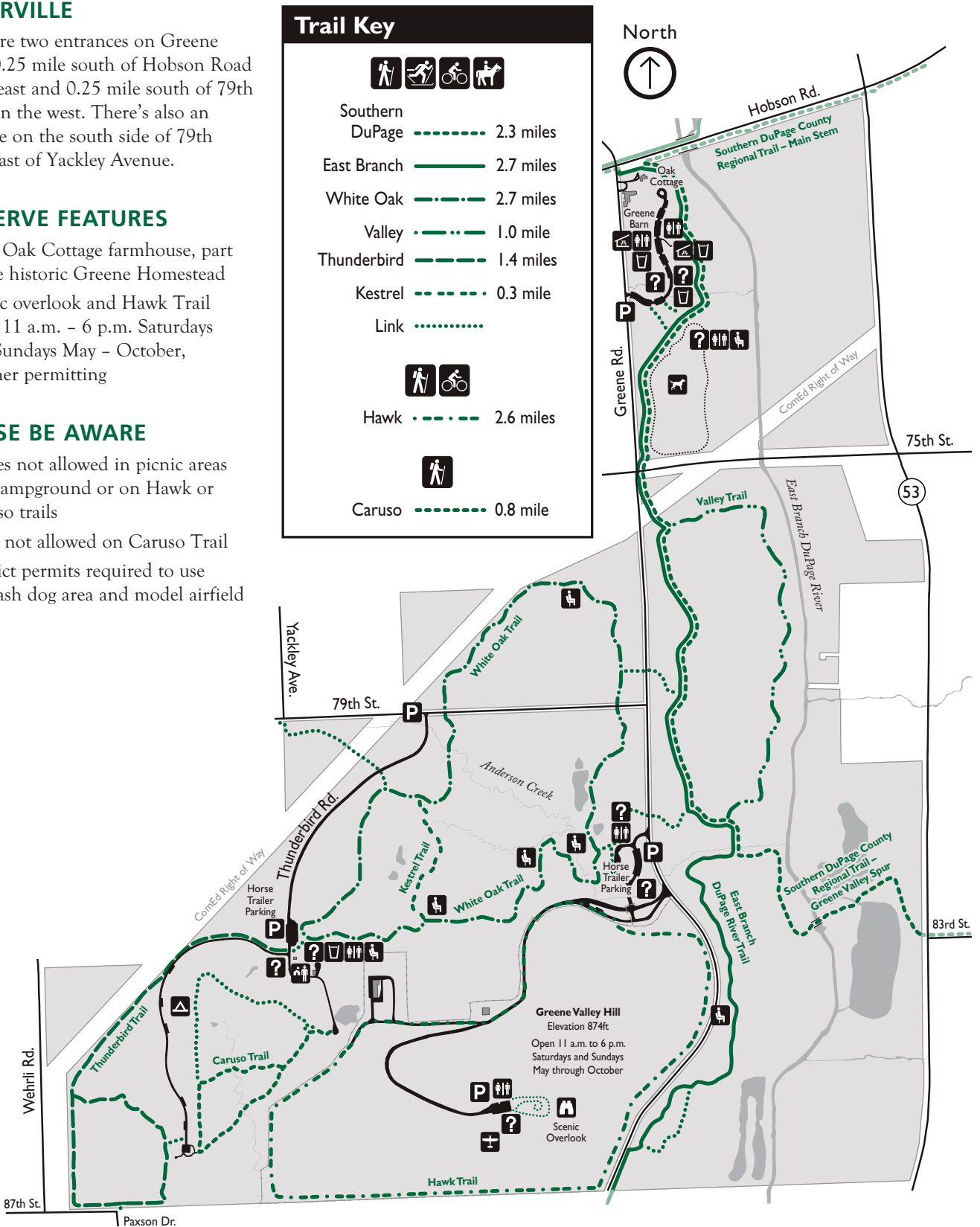
There are two entrances on Greene Road: 0.25 mile south of Hobson Road on the east and 0.25 mile south of 79th Street on the west. There's also an entrance on the south side of 79th Street east of Yackley Avenue.

PRESERVE FEATURES

- 1841 Oak Cottage farmhouse, part of the historic Greene Homestead
- Scenic overlook and Hawk Trail open 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays May – October, weather permitting

PLEASE BE AWARE

- Horses not allowed in picnic areas and campground or on Hawk or Caruso trails
- Bikes not allowed on Caruso Trail
- District permits required to use off-leash dog area and model airfield



hawk hollow

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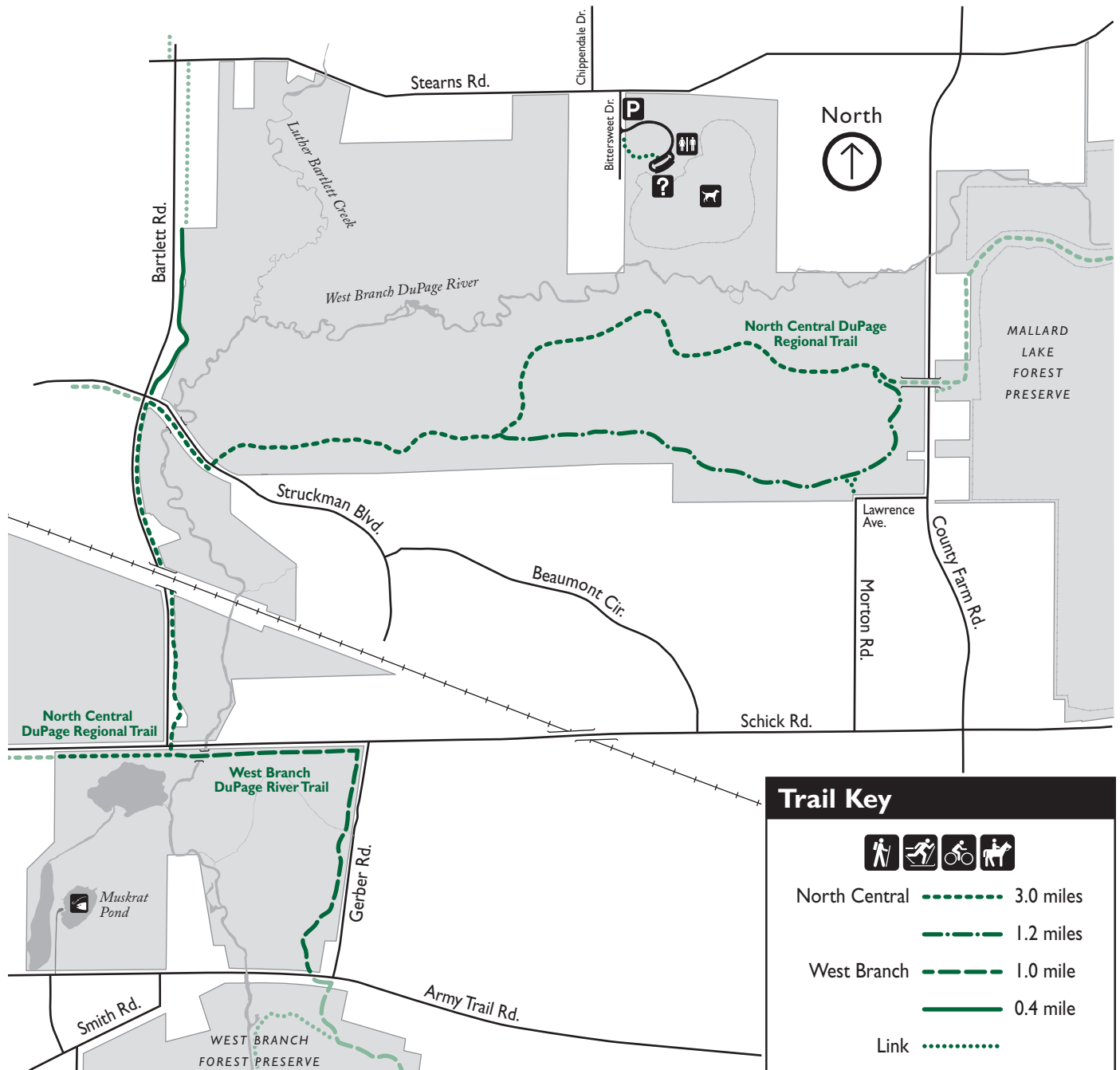
The preserve is roughly bordered by Stearns, County Farm, Army Trail and Bartlett roads. Parking for the off-leash dog area is on Bittersweet Drive, which is off Stearns Road 0.8 mile west of County Farm Road.

PRESERVE FEATURES

- Ties into Bartlett Park District trail system
- Fishing along Muskrat Pond

PLEASE BE AWARE

- District permit required to use off-leash dog area



herrick lake

WHEATON

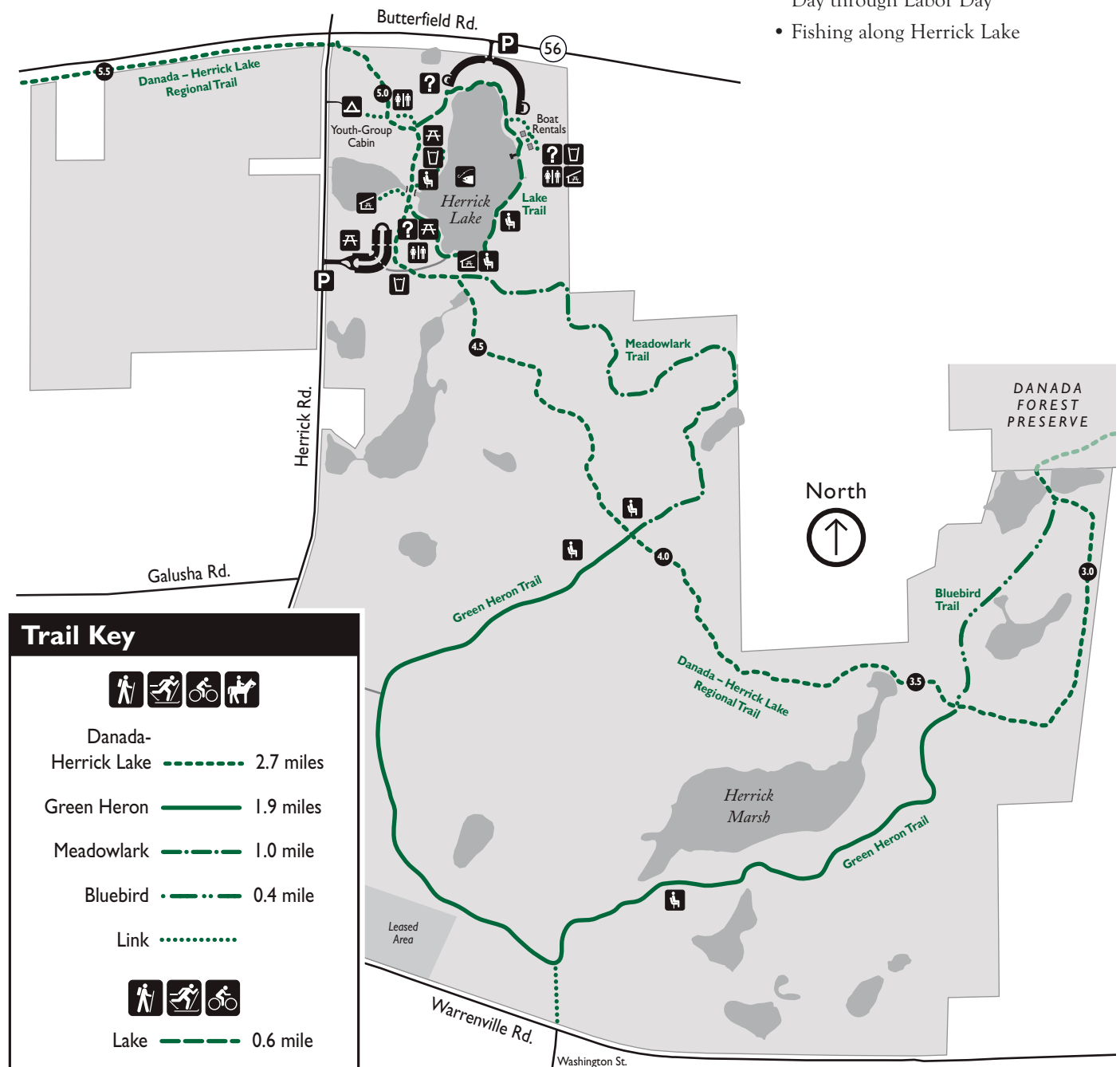
The main entrance is on the south side of Butterfield Road (Route 56) roughly 2 miles west of Naperville Road. A second parking lot is on the east side of Herrick Road 0.25 mile south of Butterfield Road.

PLEASE BE AWARE

- Horse-trailer parking at Herrick Road lot only
- Horses not allowed in picnic areas, near the youth-group cabin or on Lake Trail

PRESERVE FEATURES

- Danada-Herrick Lake Regional Trail — a U.S.-designated National Recreation Trail
- Connects to Illinois Prairie Path
- Civilian Conservation Corps-built shelter
- Boat, canoe and kayak rentals on Herrick Lake weekends Memorial Day through Labor Day
- Fishing along Herrick Lake



hidden lake

DOWNERS GROVE

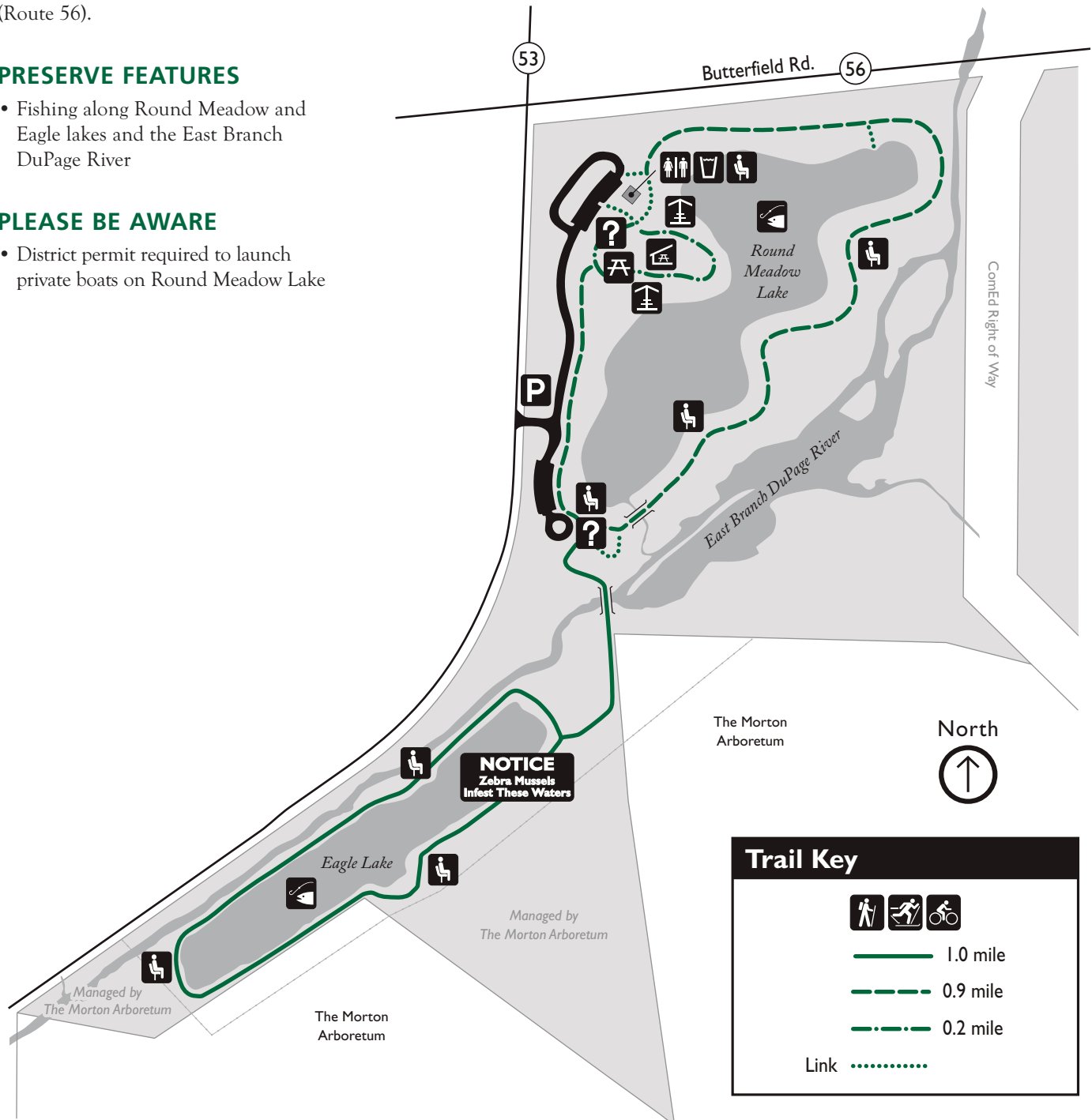
The entrance is on the east side of Route 53 just south of Butterfield Road (Route 56).

PRESERVE FEATURES

- Fishing along Round Meadow and Eagle lakes and the East Branch DuPage River

PLEASE BE AWARE

- District permit required to launch private boats on Round Meadow Lake



james "pate" philip state park

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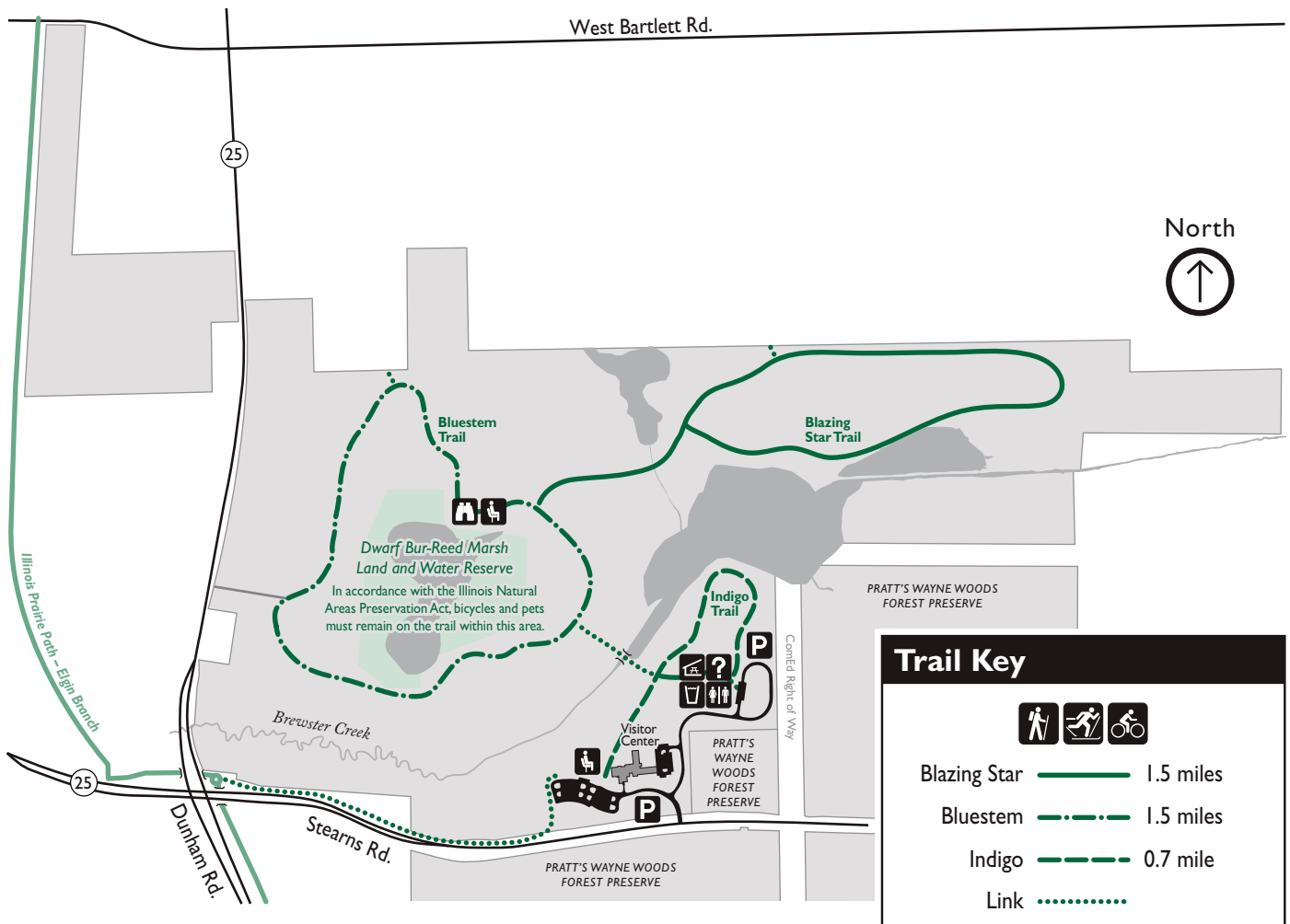
The entrance is on the north side of Stearns Road 0.6 mile west of Powis Road and 0.5 mile east of Route 25.

PRESERVE FEATURES

- 31-acre state-designated Dwarf Bur-Reed Marsh Land and Water Reserve
- Wildlife viewing from Brewster Creek bridge
- Visitor center operated by the Bartlett Park District – 847-608-3100, ext. 37000

PLEASE BE AWARE

- Horses not allowed



mallard lake

HANOVER PARK

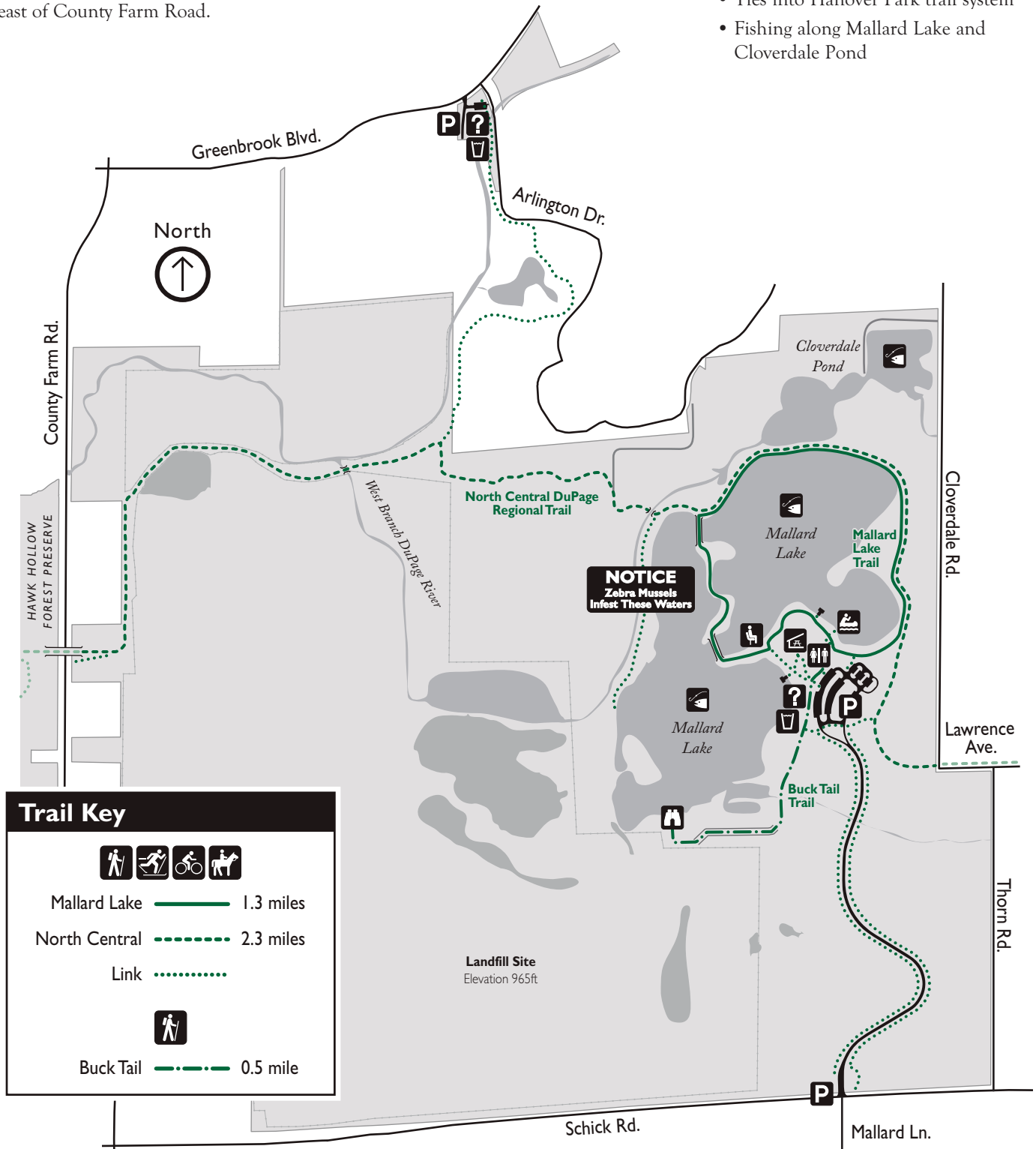
The main entrance is on Schick Road 0.4 mile west of Gary Avenue. Another lot is on Greenbrook Boulevard 0.6 mile east of County Farm Road.

PLEASE BE AWARE

- District permit required to launch private boats on Mallard Lake

PRESERVE FEATURES

- Access to island via two bridges
- Largest DuPage forest preserve lake
- Ties into Hanover Park trail system
- Fishing along Mallard Lake and Cloverdale Pond



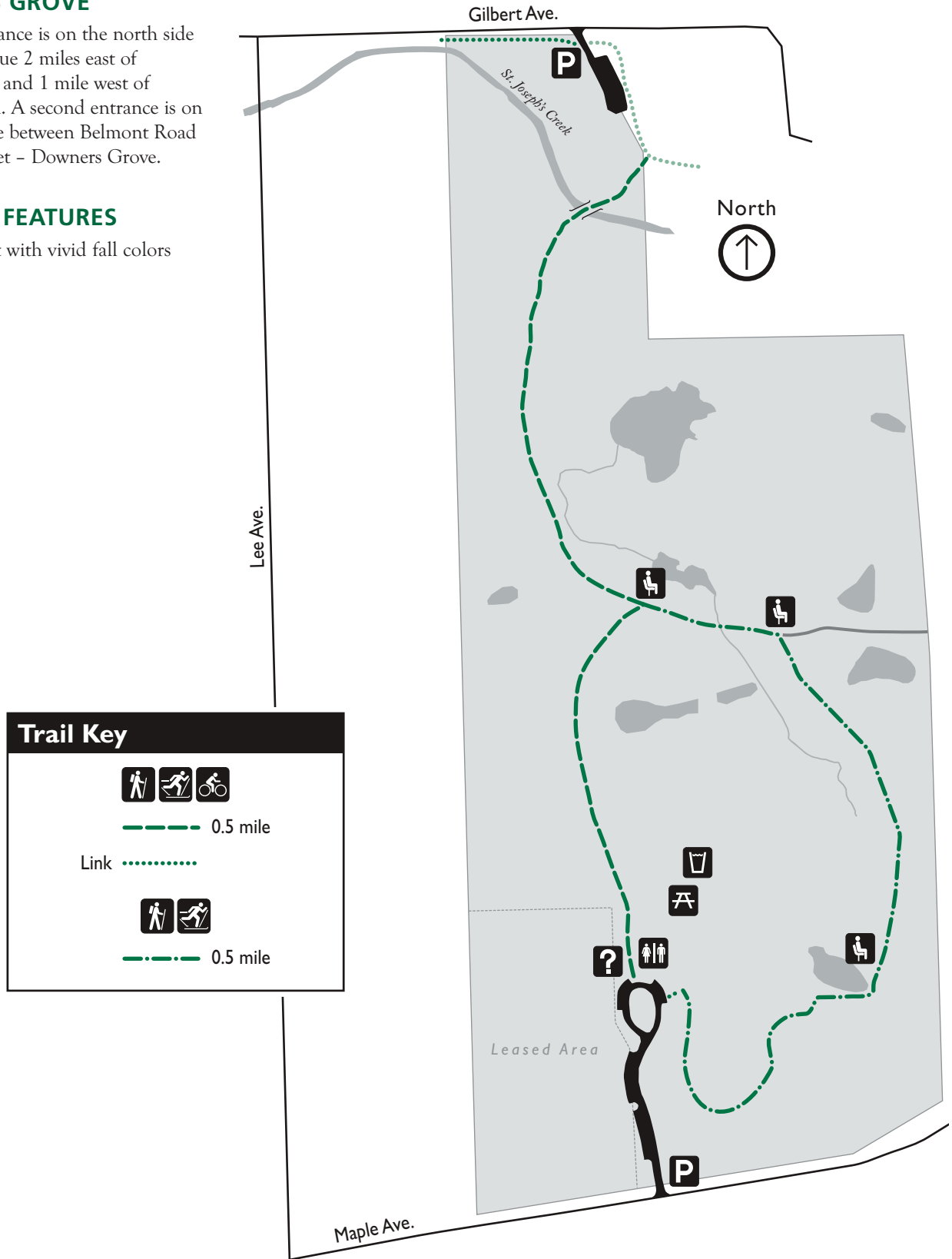
maple grove

DOWNERS GROVE

The main entrance is on the north side of Maple Avenue 2 miles east of Belmont Road and 1 mile west of Dunham Road. A second entrance is on Gilbert Avenue between Belmont Road and Main Street – Downers Grove.

PRESERVE FEATURES

- Maple forest with vivid fall colors



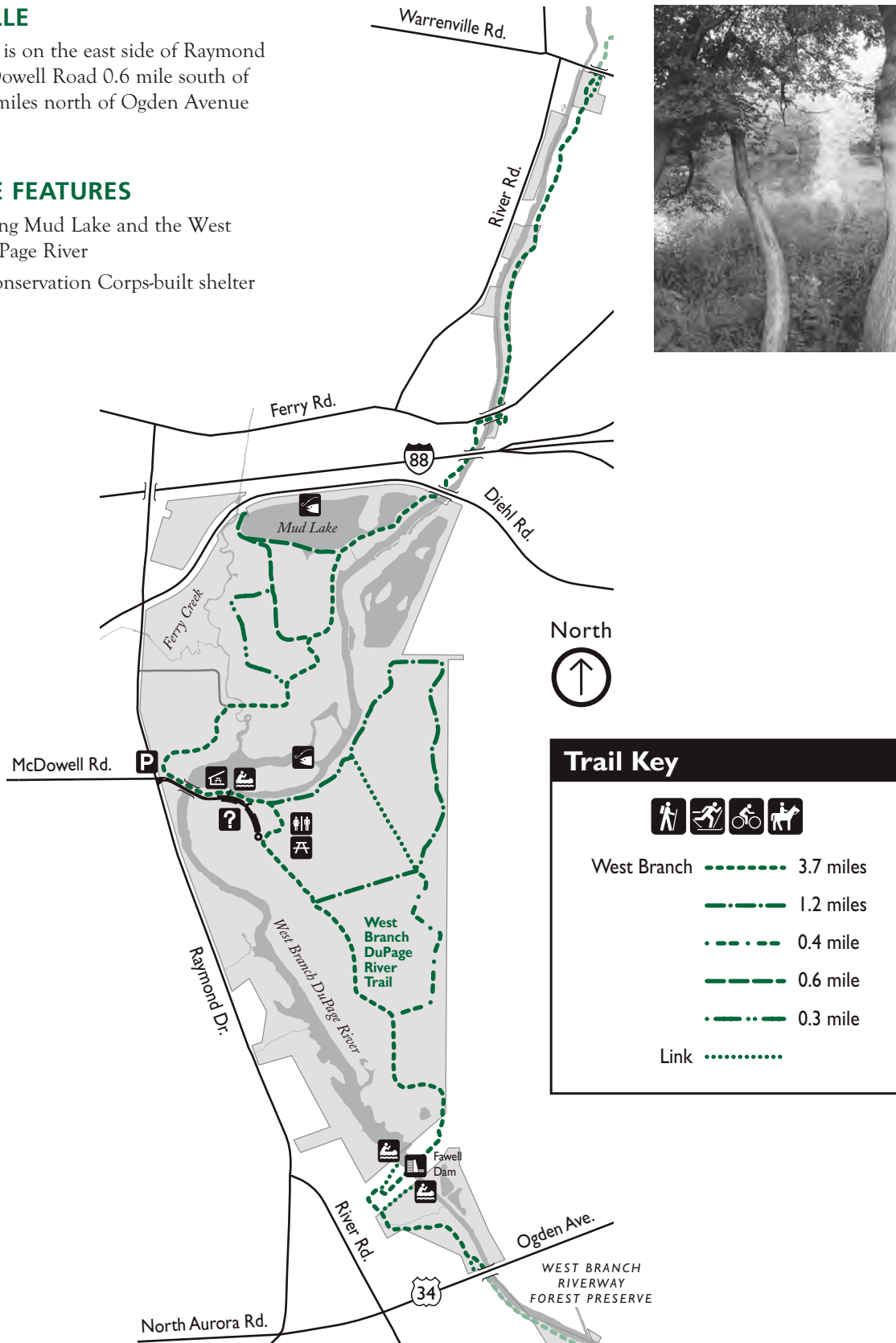
mcdowell grove

NAPERVILLE

The entrance is on the east side of Raymond Drive at McDowell Road 0.6 mile south of I-88 and 1.2 miles north of Ogden Avenue (Route 34).

PRESERVE FEATURES

- Fishing along Mud Lake and the West Branch DuPage River
- Civilian Conservation Corps-built shelter



meacham grove

BLOOMINGDALE

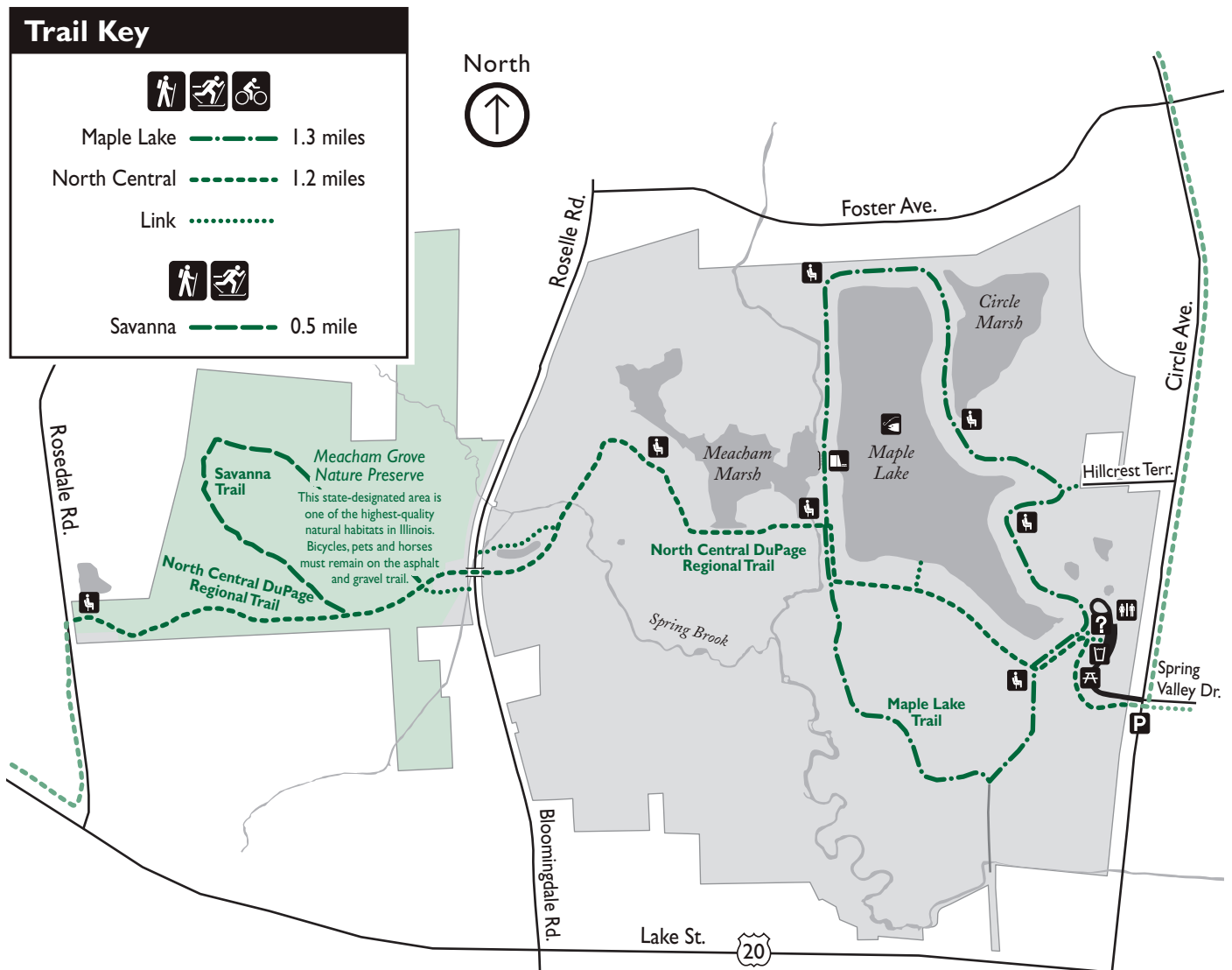
The entrance is on the west side of Circle Avenue 0.25 mile north of Lake Street (Route 20).

PRESERVE FEATURES

- 48-acre state-designated Meacham Grove Nature Preserve
- Pedestrian bridge over Bloomingdale-Roselle Road
- Fishing along Maple Lake

PLEASE BE AWARE

- Bikes, horses and pets required to stay on asphalt and gravel trail through Meacham Grove Nature Preserve



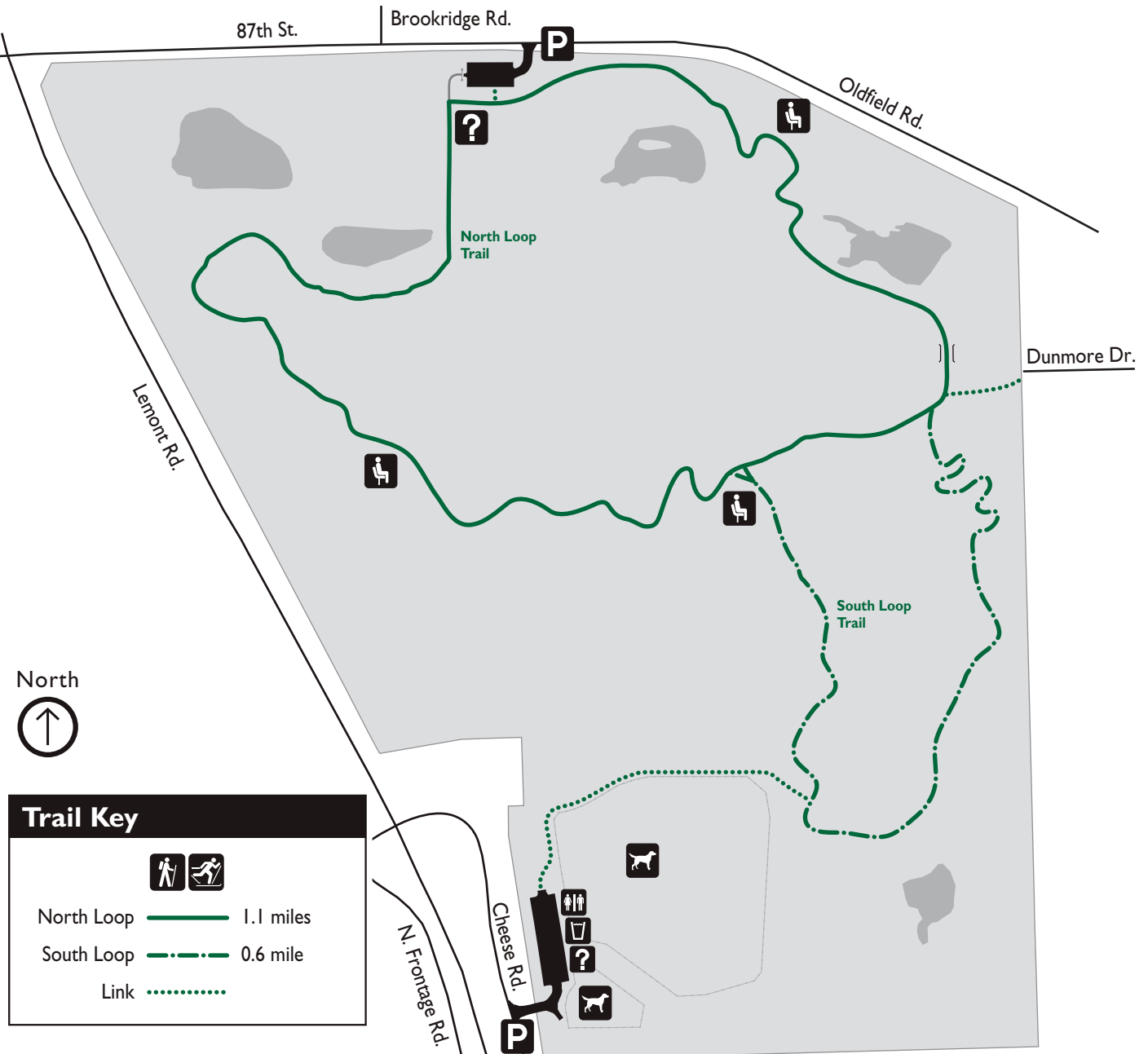
oldfield oaks

DARIEN

The main entrance is 0.25 mile east of Lemont Road on the south side of 87th Street/Oldfield Road. To reach the off-leash dog area, take Lemont Road to N. Frontage Road/Cheese Road and turn east. Take Cheese Road to the parking lot.

PLEASE BE AWARE

- Bikes and horses not allowed
- District permit required to use off-leash dog area



pratt's wayne woods

WAYNE

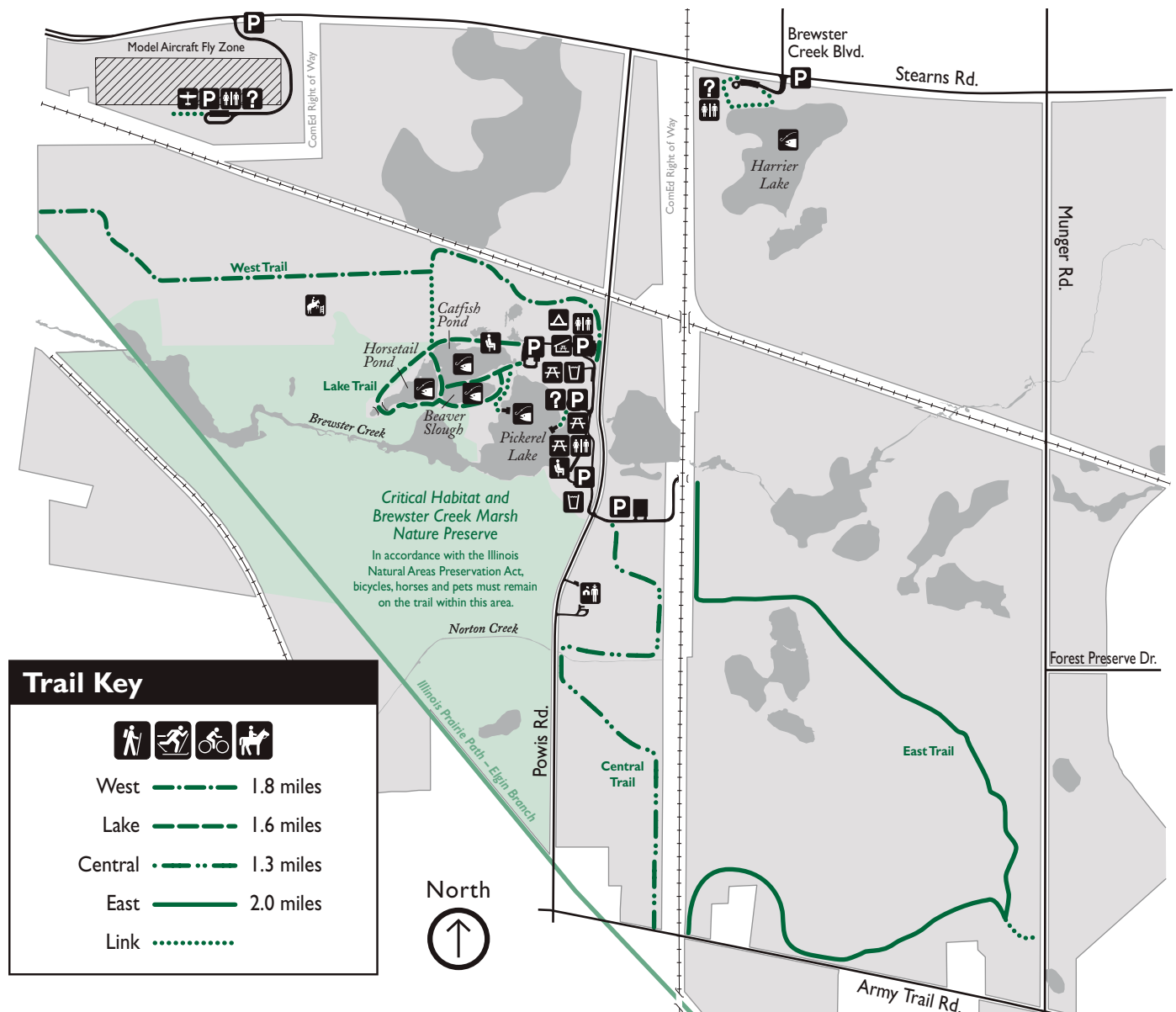
There are two entrances on Powis Road: 0.7 mile north of Army Trail Road and 0.9 mile south of Stearns Road. There are also two entrances on the south side of Stearns Road.

PLEASE BE AWARE

- Horse-trailer parking at gravel lot west of Powis Road only
- Heavy equestrian traffic
- District permit required to use model airfield

PRESERVE FEATURES

- 256-acre state-designated Brewster Creek Marsh Nature Preserve
- Connects to Elgin Spur of Illinois Prairie Path
- Audubon Important Bird Area — globally significant habitat for conservation of bird populations
- Fishing along Pickerel and Harrier lakes, Catfish and Horsetail ponds, and Beaver Slough



spring creek reservoir

BLOOMINGDALE

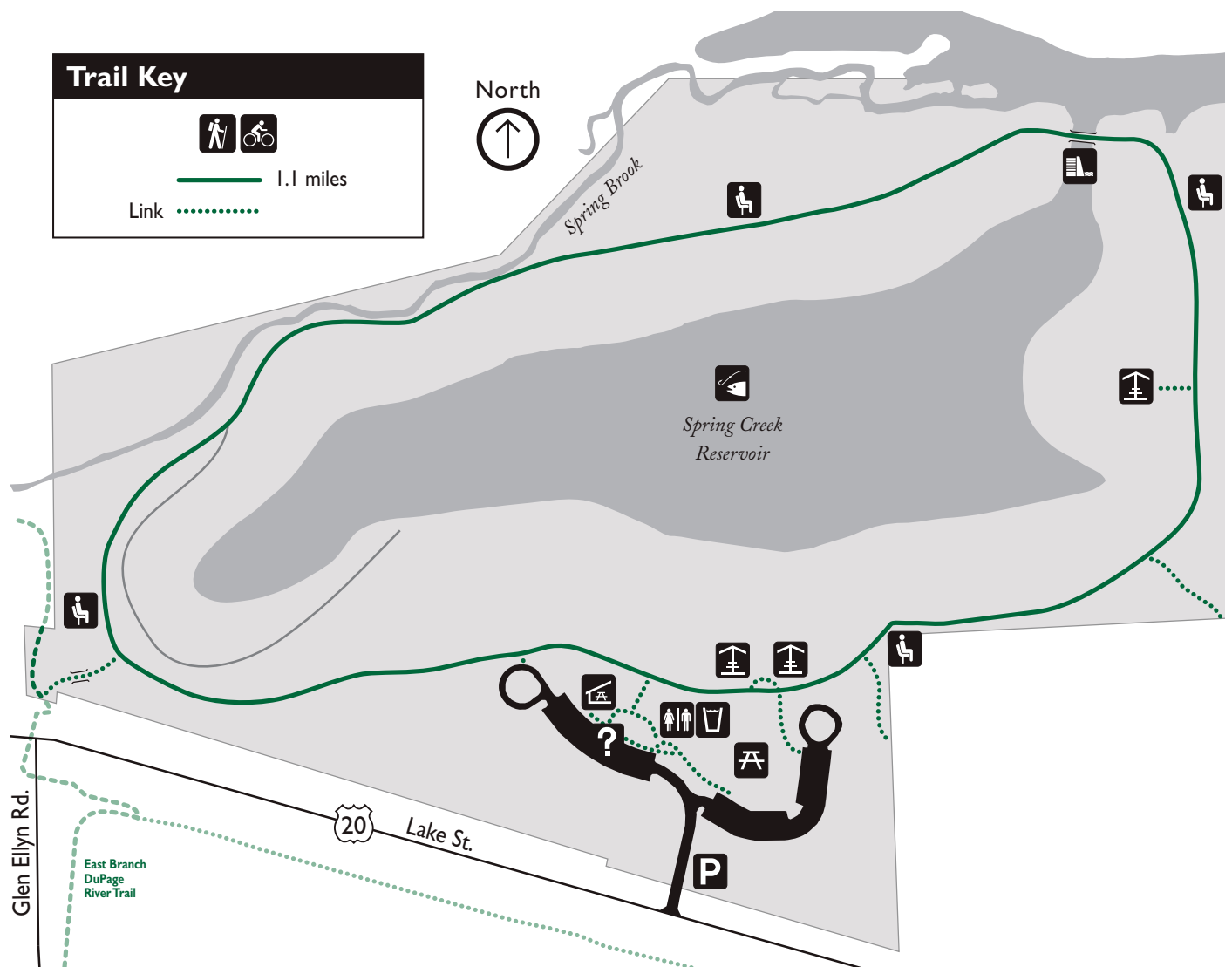
The entrance is on the north side of Lake Street (Route 20) 0.25 mile east of Glen Ellyn Road and 0.25 mile west of Medinah Road.

PRESERVE FEATURES

- Asphalt trail ideal for joggers, walkers, in-line skaters and bicyclists
- Connects to East Branch DuPage River Trail
- Great 20-minute lunchtime loop around reservoir
- Fishing along Spring Creek Reservoir

PLEASE BE AWARE

- Ice fishing prohibited due to fluctuating water levels
- Winter recreational activities prohibited on slopes



springbrook prairie

NAPERVILLE

The main parking lot and trailhead are on the north side of 83rd Street 0.7 mile east of Route 59 and 0.5 mile west of Book Road. Parking is also available on the west side of Plainfield/Naperville Road between 75th and 87th streets.

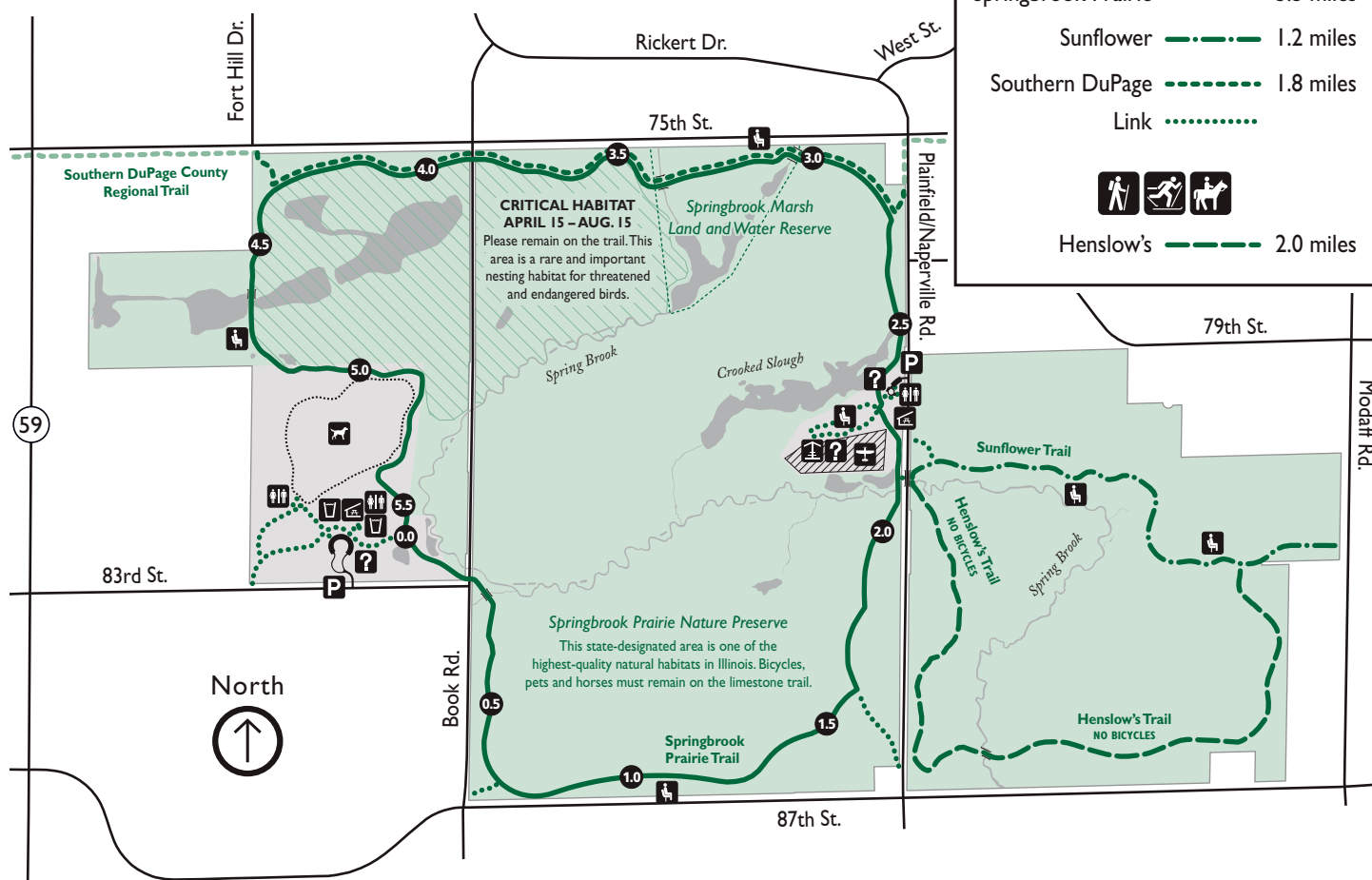
PRESERVE FEATURES

- 1,650-acre Springbrook Prairie Nature Preserve and 53-acre Springbrook Marsh Land and Water Reserve, both state-designated areas
- Springbrook Prairie Trail – a U.S.-designated National Recreation Trail
- Significant grassland-bird community – one of three in the state – with meadowlarks, dickcissels, grasshopper sparrows, bobolinks, northern harriers, short-eared owls
- Connects with Southern DuPage County Regional Trail



PLEASE BE AWARE

- Some trail segments closed seasonally to protect critical bird-nesting areas
- Bikes not allowed on Henslow's Trail
- District permits required to use off-leash dog area and model airfield
- Bikes, pets and horses required to stay on limestone trail through Springbrook Prairie Nature Preserve



timber ridge

WEST CHICAGO

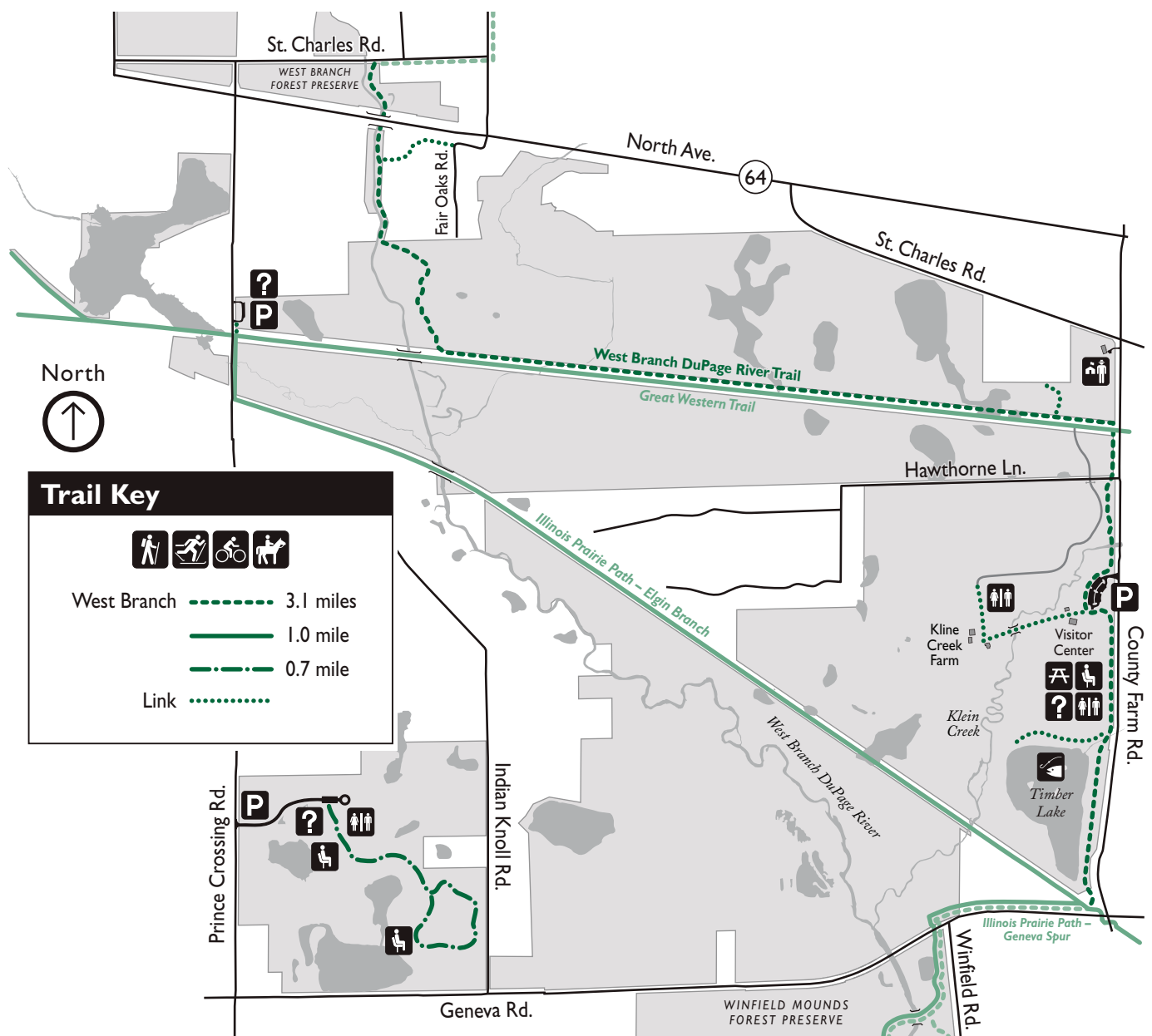
The main entrance is on the west side of County Farm Road 1 mile south of North Avenue (Route 64). A second entrance is on Prince Crossing Road 0.3 mile north of Geneva Road.

PLEASE BE AWARE

- Bikes, horses and pets not allowed in farmstead

PRESERVE FEATURES

- Trailhead for Great Western Trail and Illinois Prairie Path
- Klein Creek and the West Branch DuPage River
- Kline Creek Farm – an 1890s living history farm – and Timber Ridge Visitor Center open 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Thursday – Monday and closed Tuesdays, Wednesdays and select holidays
- Visitor center restrooms open daily
- Fishing along Timber Lake



waterfall glen

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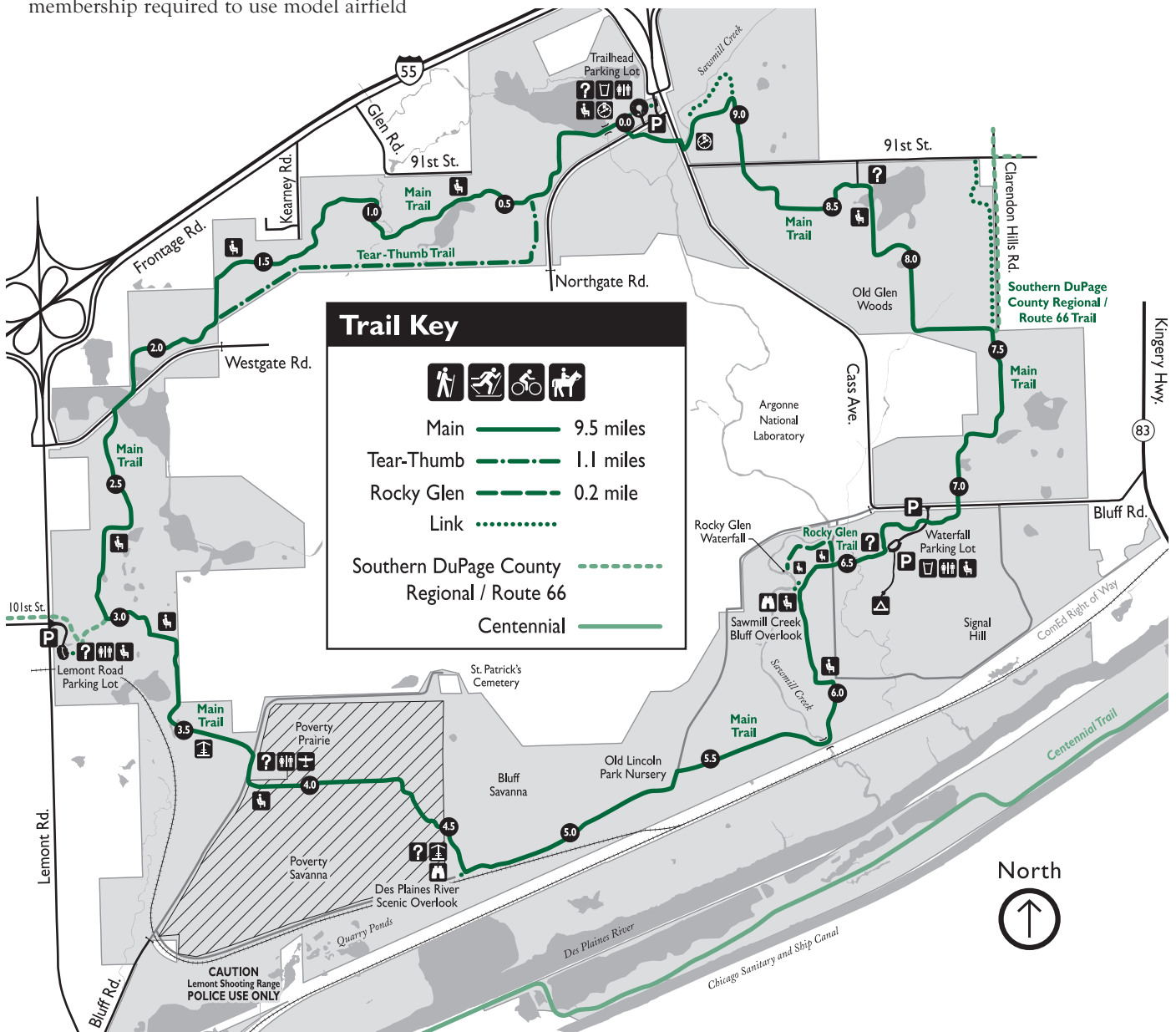
The main entrance is on Northgate Road. From I-55, take Cass Avenue 0.5 mile south to Northgate Road. Turn right on Northgate, and go 400 feet to the lot. To reach the waterfall parking lot, take Cass Avenue 1.5 miles south of Northgate Road to Bluff Road. Take Bluff Road 0.3 mile east to the lot. A third parking lot is on the east side of Lemont Road, 1 mile south of I-55.

PLEASE BE AWARE

- Bikes restricted to 8-foot-wide limestone trails
- Horse-trailer parking at Northgate Road lot only
- District permit and Woodland Aero Modelers Club membership required to use model airfield

PRESERVE FEATURES

- Gently rolling to hilly with some steep terrain
- Scenic overlooks above DesPlaines River and Sawmill Creek
- Connects to Southern DuPage County Regional/Route 66 Trail
- Additional unmarked paths to explore on foot
- Remnants of early-1900s nursery for the Lincoln Park Commission, the predecessor of the Chicago Park District, along Main Trail
- Small Civilian Conservation Corps-built waterfall at Rocky Glen area
- Joliet and Marquette Des Plaines River canoe route



west branch

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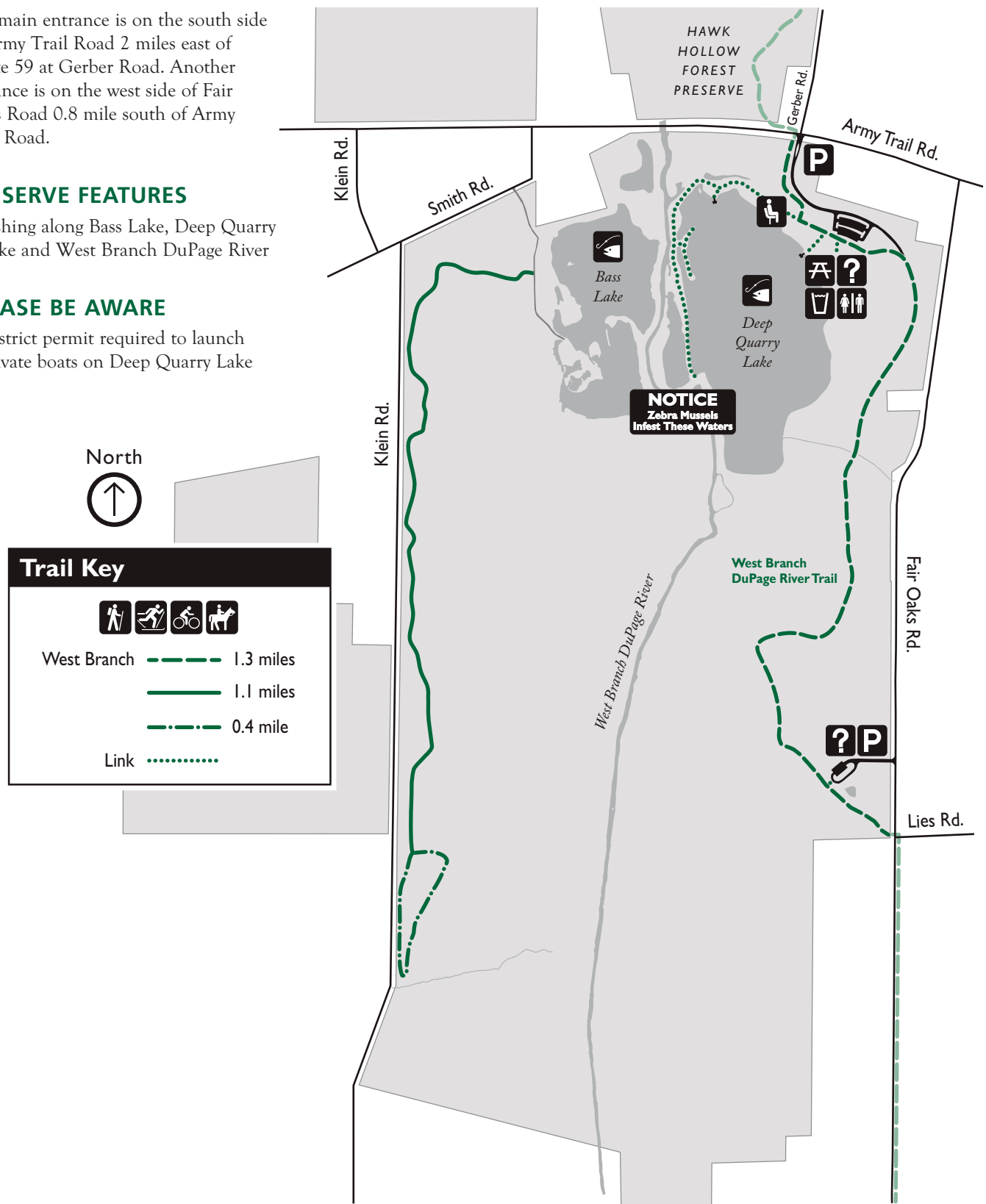
The main entrance is on the south side of Army Trail Road 2 miles east of Route 59 at Gerber Road. Another entrance is on the west side of Fair Oaks Road 0.8 mile south of Army Trail Road.

PRESERVE FEATURES

- Fishing along Bass Lake, Deep Quarry Lake and West Branch DuPage River

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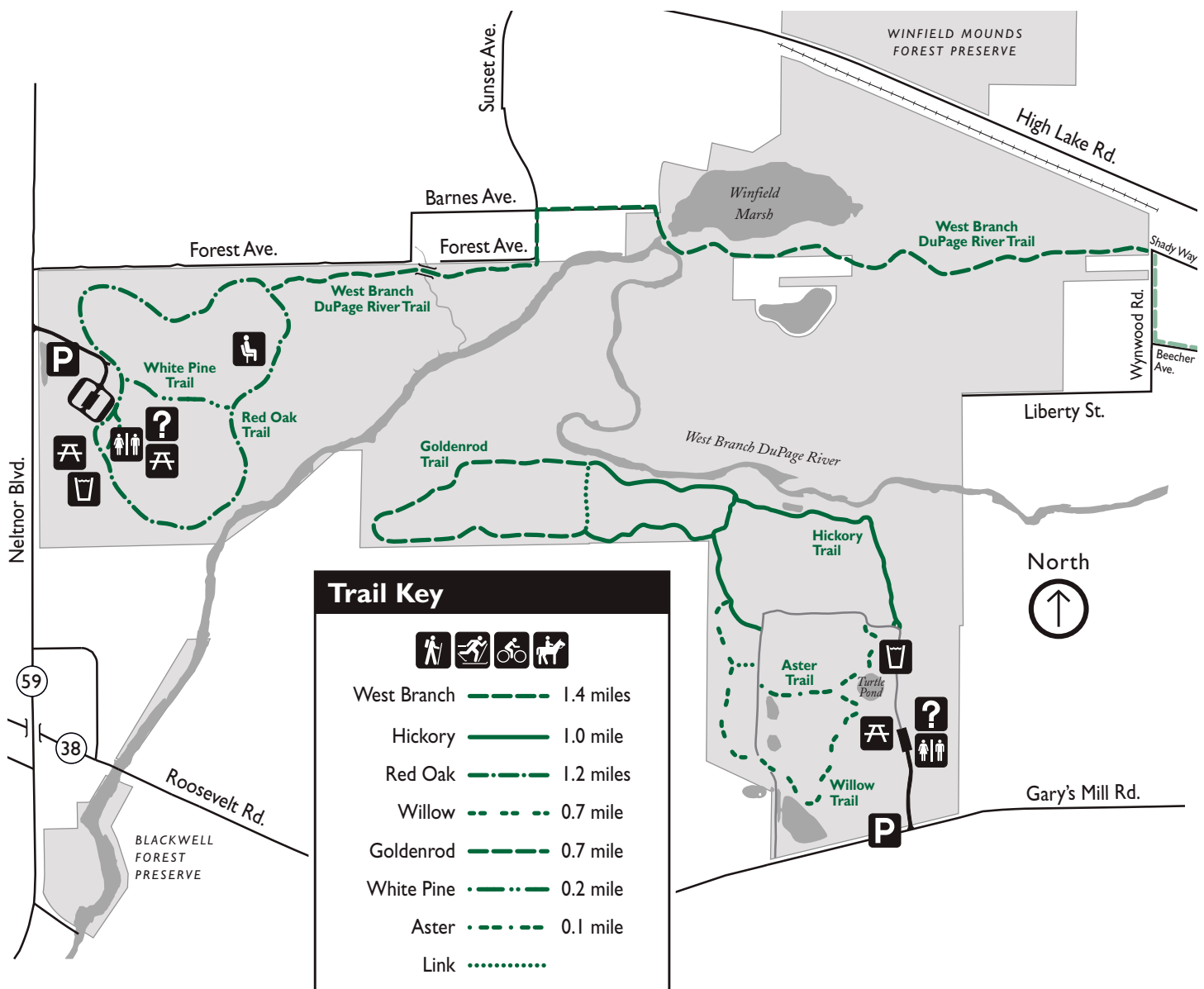
- District permit required to launch private boats on Deep Quarry Lake



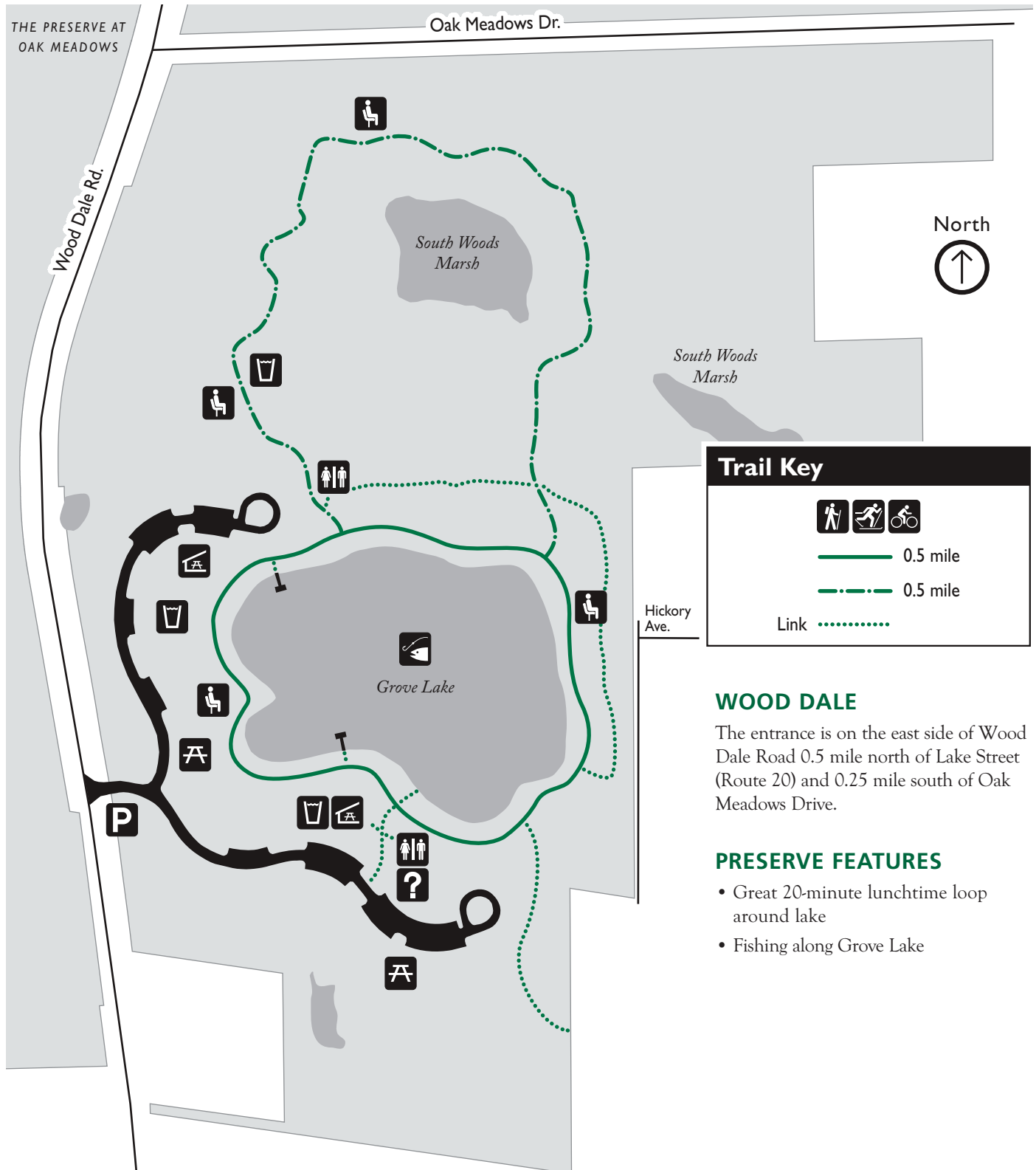
west dupage woods

WEST CHICAGO

The main entrance is on Route 59 0.5 mile north of Roosevelt Road (Route 38).
A second entrance is on Gary's Mill Road east of Roosevelt Road and west of Winfield Road.



wood dale grove



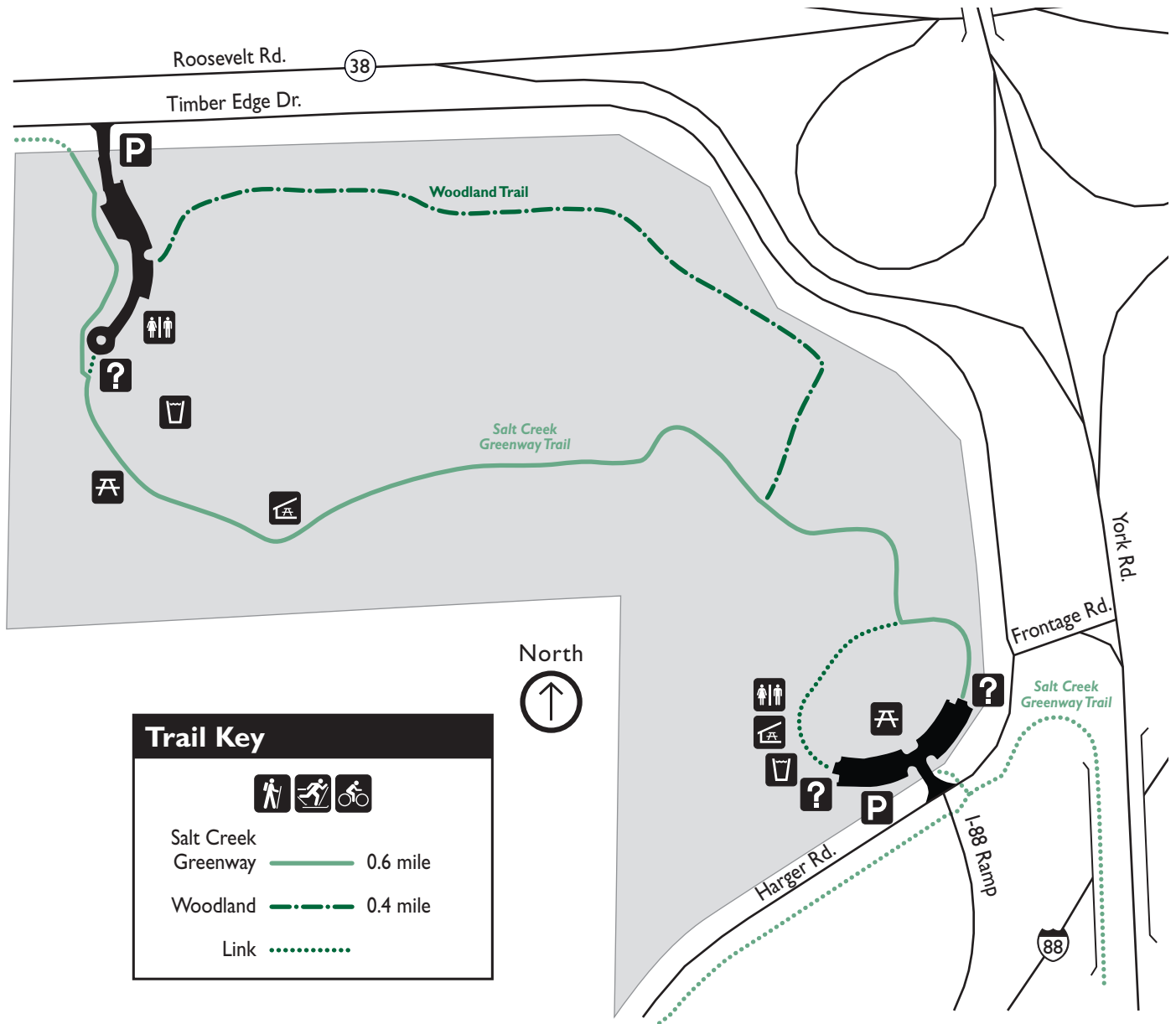
york woods

OAK BROOK




From southbound York Road, take Frontage Road west to Harger. Access to Frontage Road from northbound York Road is not allowed. Take York north to Roosevelt Road, and follow Roosevelt interchange to southbound York Road.

PRESERVE FEATURES

- Asphalt trails
- Link in the 30-mile Salt Creek Greenway Trail
- DuPage County's first forest preserve
- Historic Conservation Civilian Corps shelter
- Popular weekday lunchtime destination



Trail Key



Salt Creek Greenway

0.6 mile

Woodland

0.4 mile

Link

