



Forest Preserve District of DuPage County

Trails Guide



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ACCESSIBILITY

The Forest Preserve District is committed to making its facilities accessible to all visitors. If you have accessibility needs or concerns, call the District's ADA coordinator at 630-933-7683 or TTY 800-526-0857 at least 48 hours before your visit.

EMERGENCIES CALL 911

For nonemergency public safety issues, call Law Enforcement at 630-933-7240. Help us keep the forest preserves safe. Report any emergencies or violations.

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.

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.

Symbol Key

 Information	 Mile Marker	 Canoe Launch
 Parking	 Observation Area	 Boat Launch
 Water	 Hiking	 Dam
 Restrooms	 Biking	 Off-Leash Dog Area
 Picnic Shelter	 Cross-Country Skiing	 Camping
 Minishelter	 Horseback Riding	 Snow Tubing
 Picnic Area	 Horse Jumping	 Model Airfield
 Bench	 Fishing	 Model-Boating Area
 Guard Residence	 Archery	 Orienteering Course

The information in this guide is subject to change.

blackwell

WARRENVILLE

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.

THINGS TO KNOW

- Link in West Branch DuPage River Trail
- Connects to Illinois Prairie Path-Aurora Branch
- Panoramic views from Mount Hoy
- Horse-trailer parking at McKee Marsh lot only
- Horses not allowed on Egret Trail or in developed areas
- Boat, kayak, canoe and paddleboat rentals on Silver Lake
- Forest Preserve District permits required to use archery range and off-leash dog area and to launch private watercraft on Silver Lake



Trail Key



West Branch DuPage River 4.0 miles limestone

Bobolink 1.3 miles limestone

Catbird 0.8 mile turf

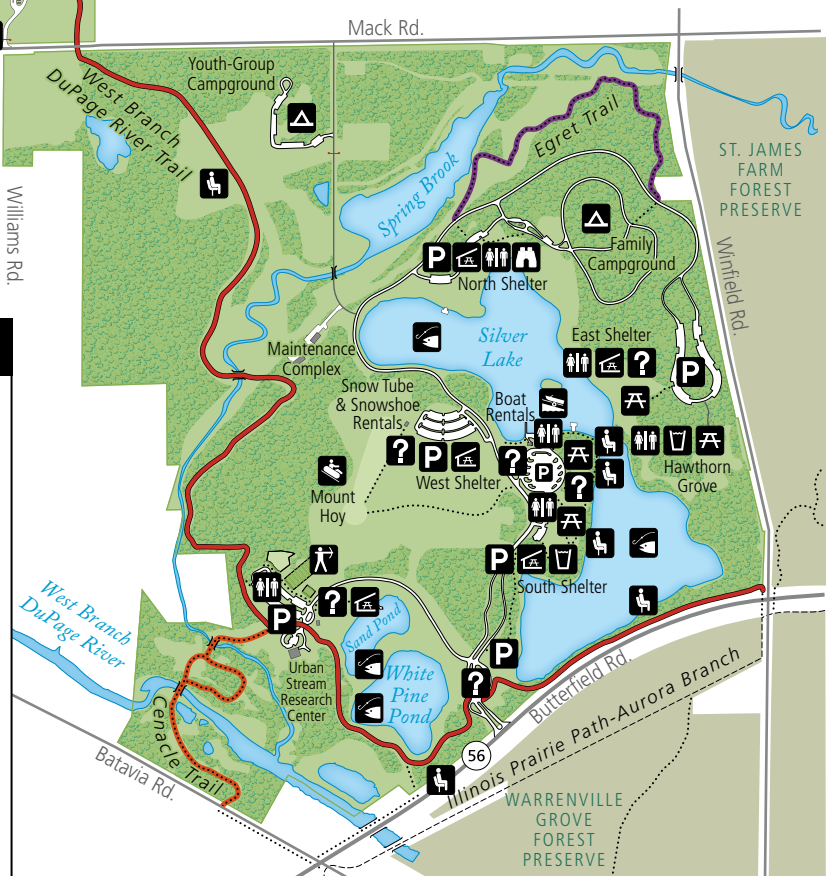
Nighthawk 0.4 mile limestone

Cenacle 0.6 mile limestone

Link



Egret 0.6 mile turf



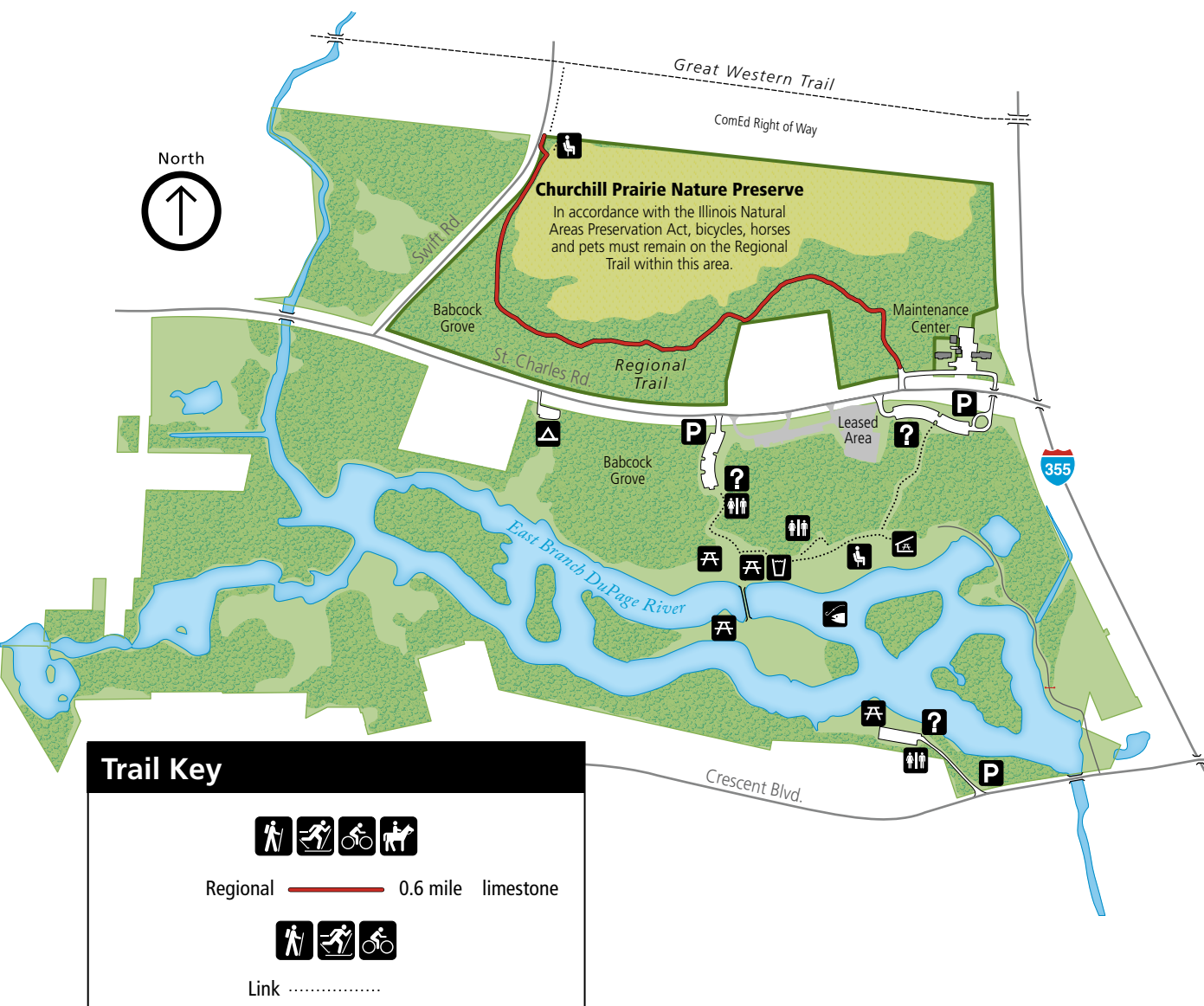
churchill woods

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.

THINGS TO KNOW

- Link to Great Western Trail
- Civilian Conservation Corps-developed islands
- Bikes, horses and pets required to stay on Regional Trail through 60-acre state-designated Churchill Prairie Nature Preserve
- Underpass near maintenance center connecting north and south sides of St. Charles Road



cricket creek

ADDISON

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

THINGS TO KNOW

- Link in Salt Creek Greenway Trail
- Forest Preserve District permit required to use model boats on Riverbend Pond



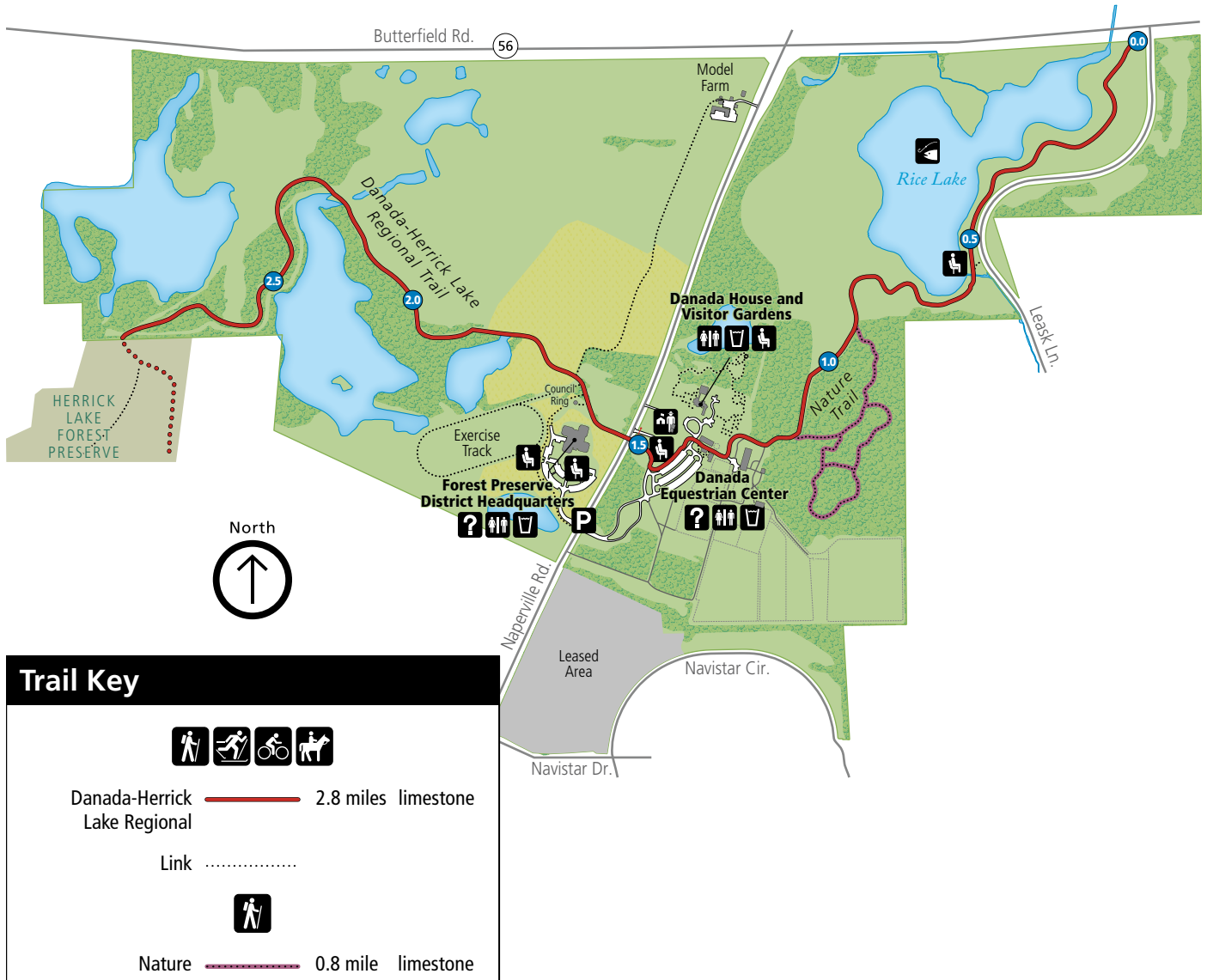
danada

WHEATON

Entrances are on the east and west sides of Naperville Road 1 mile south of Butterfield Road (Route 56) and 0.75 mile north of I-88.

THINGS TO KNOW

- Part of 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
- 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.

THINGS TO KNOW

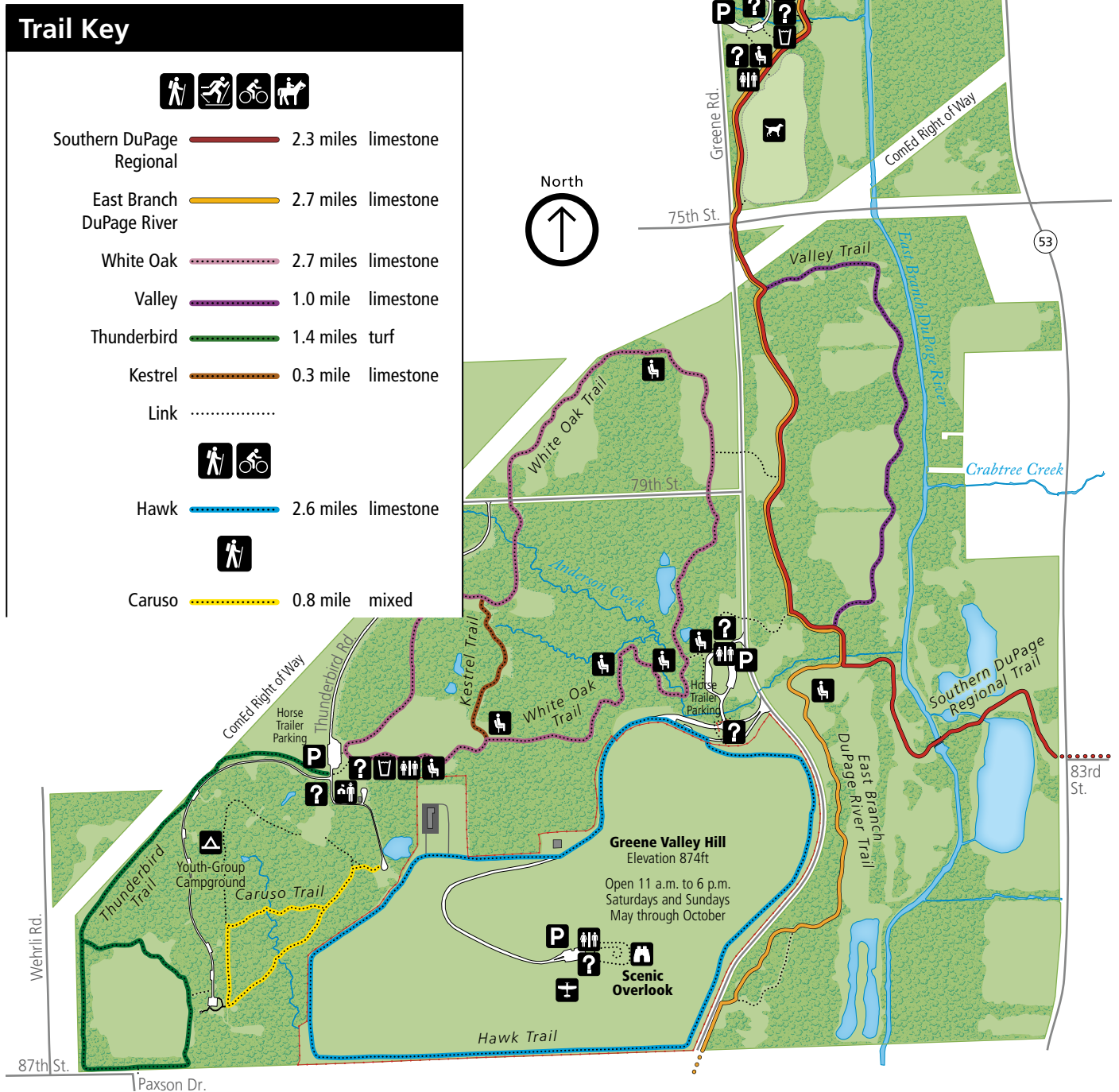
- Benches with picturesque views of Salt Creek
- Civilian Conservation Corps-constructed bridges and visitor center
- Fullersburg Woods Nature Education Center open Monday – Saturday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Sundays 1 – 5 p.m., except select holidays
- Graue Mill and Museum, Graue House and Fuller House
- Horses allowed on Night Heron Trail only



greene valley

THINGS TO KNOW

- Link in Southern DuPage Regional and East Branch DuPage River trails
- Historic Greene Barn and Oak Cottage
- Horses not allowed in picnic areas or the campground or on Hawk or Caruso trails
- Forest Preserve District permits required to use off-leash dog area and model airfield



NAPERVILLE

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 west of Greene Road.

hawk hollow

BARTLETT

The forest 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.

THINGS TO KNOW

- Link in North Central DuPage Regional and West Branch DuPage River trails
- Forest Preserve District permit required to use off-leash dog area



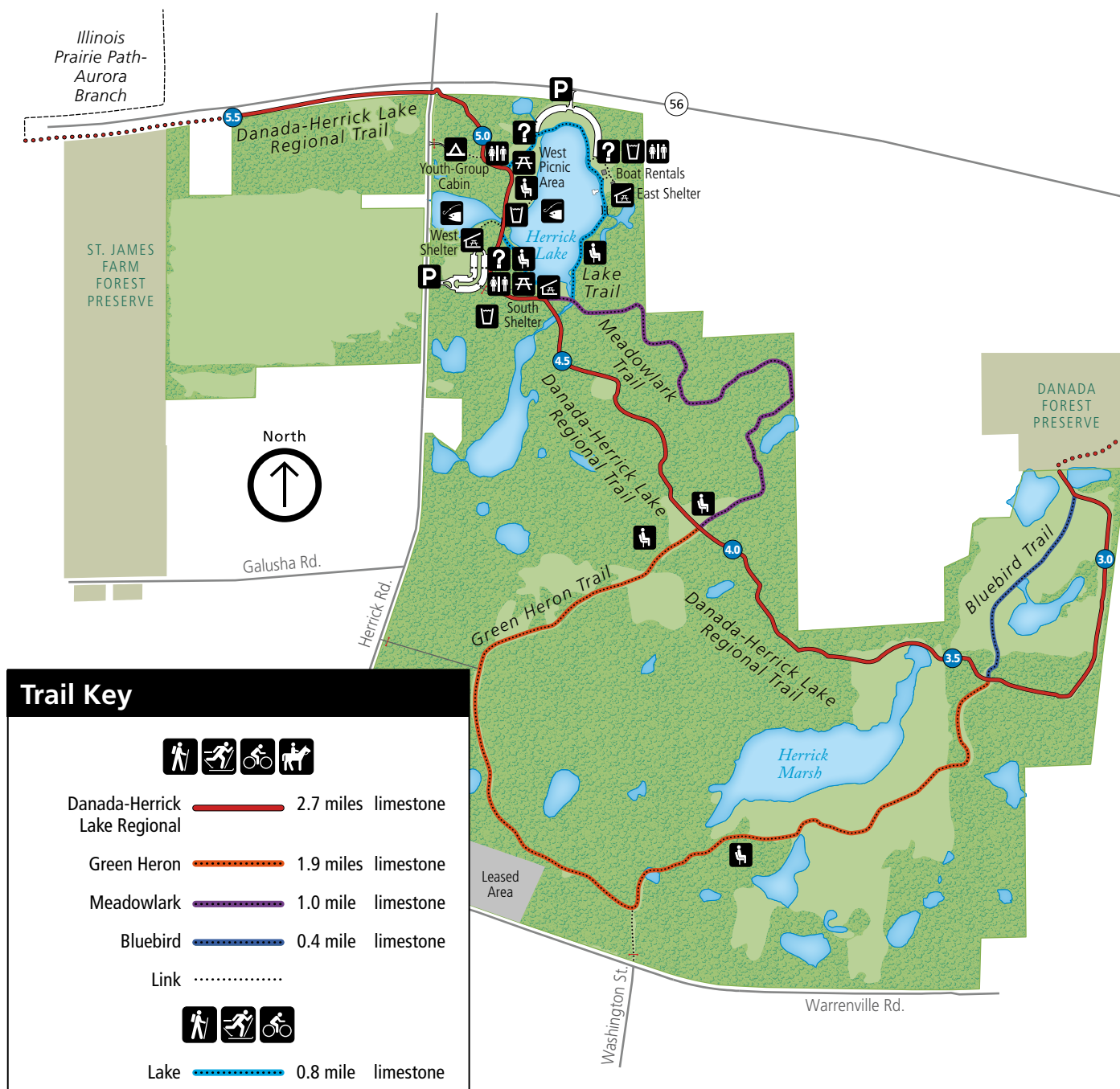
herrick lake

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.

THINGS TO KNOW

- Part of Danada-Herrick Lake Regional Trail, a U.S.-designated National Recreation Trail
- Link to Illinois Prairie Path-Aurora Branch
- Civilian Conservation Corps-built shelter
- Boat, canoe and kayak rentals weekends Memorial Day through Labor Day
- Horse-trailer parking at Herrick Road lot only
- Horses not allowed in picnic areas, near the youth-group cabin or on the Lake Trail



hidden lake

DOWNERS GROVE

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

THINGS TO KNOW

- Popular weekday lunchtime destination
- Forest Preserve District permit required to launch private watercraft on Round Meadow Lake



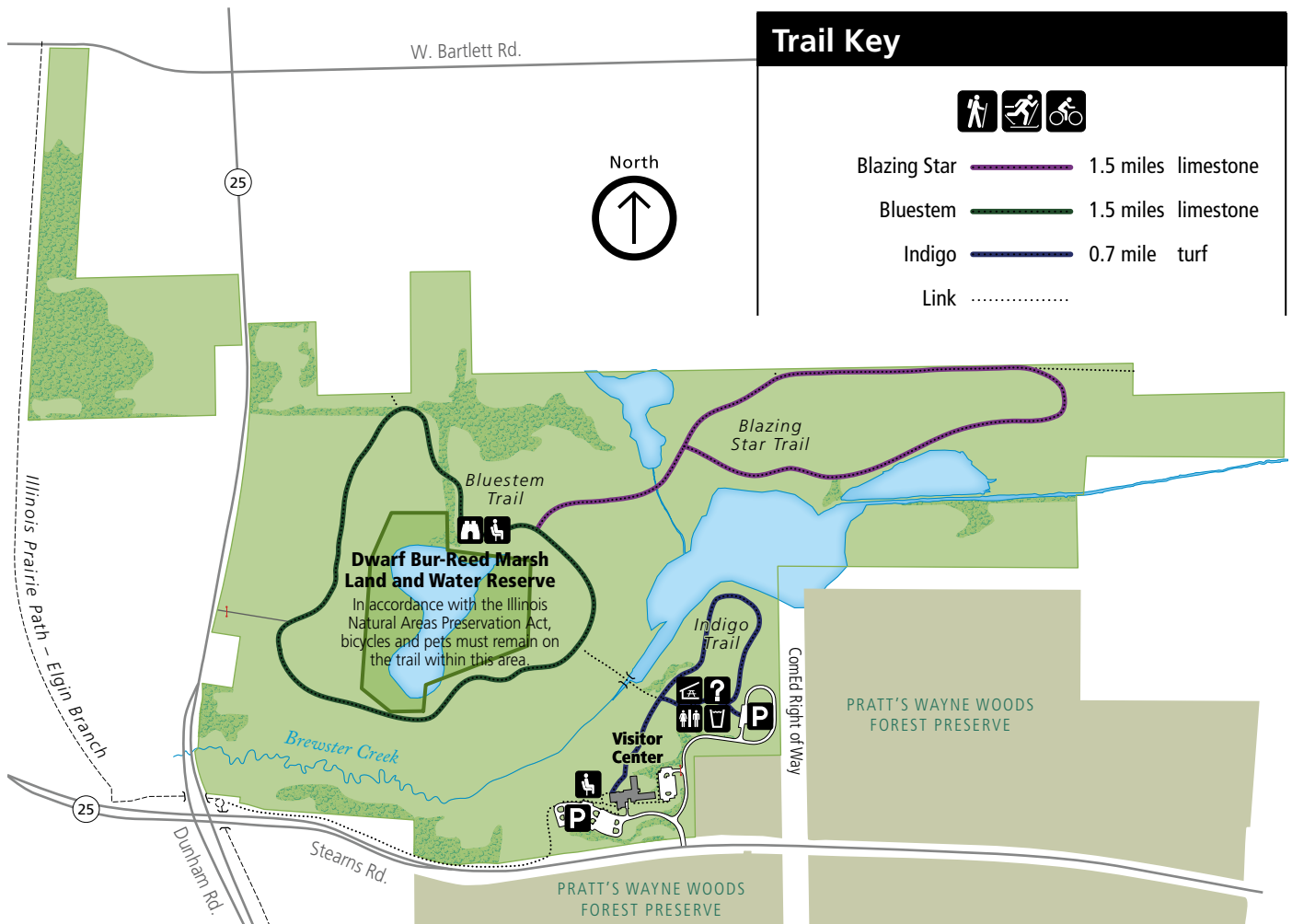
james "pate" philip state park

BARTLETT

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.

THINGS TO KNOW

- Wildlife viewing from Brewster Creek bridge
- Bikes and pets required to stay on trail through 31-acre state-designated Dwarf Bur-Reed Marsh Land and Water Reserve
- Horses not allowed
- Visitor center operated by the Bartlett Park District – 847-608-3100, ext. 37000



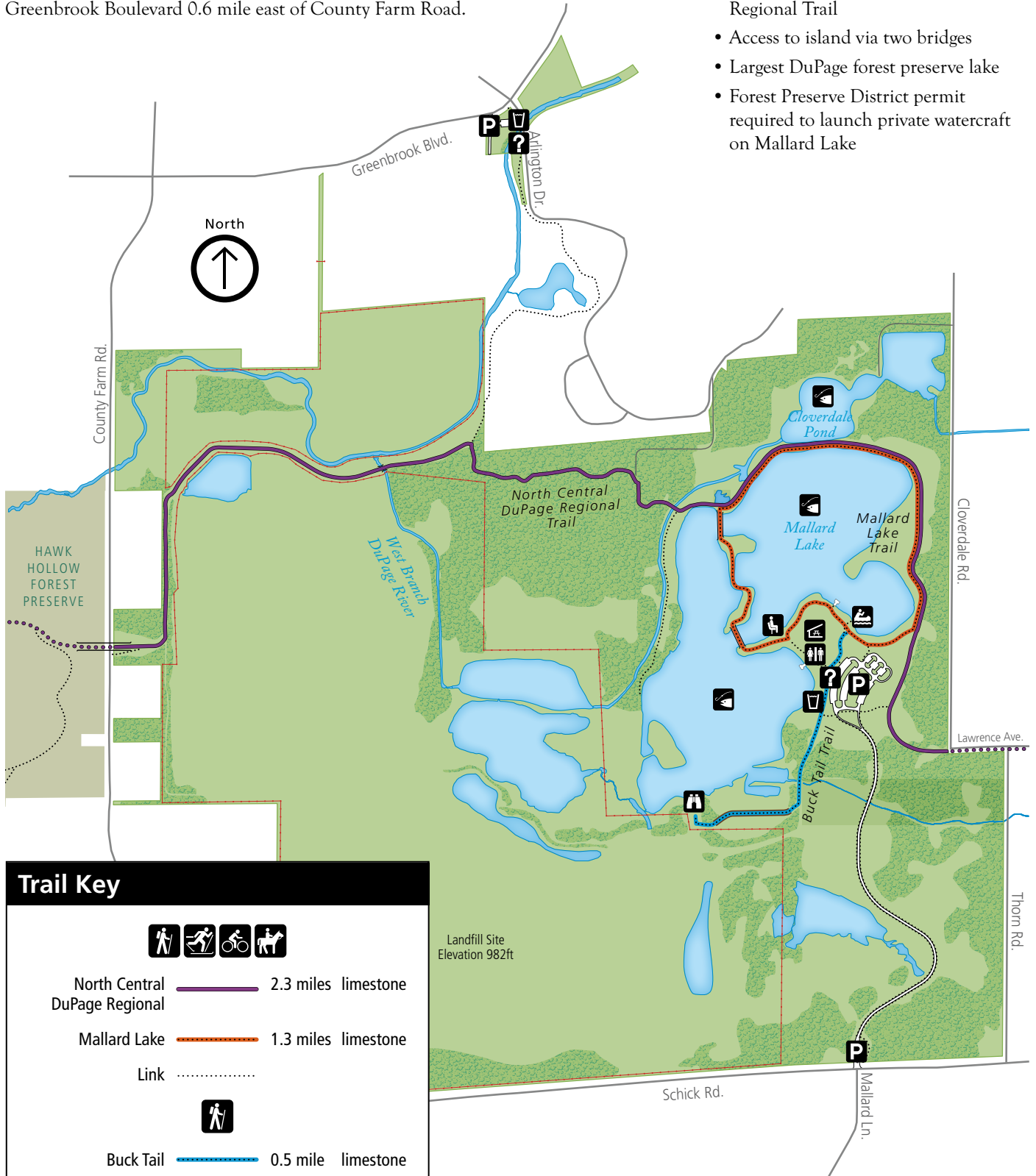
mallard lake

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.

THINGS TO KNOW

- Link in North Central DuPage Regional Trail
- Access to island via two bridges
- Largest DuPage forest preserve lake
- Forest Preserve District permit required to launch private watercraft on Mallard Lake



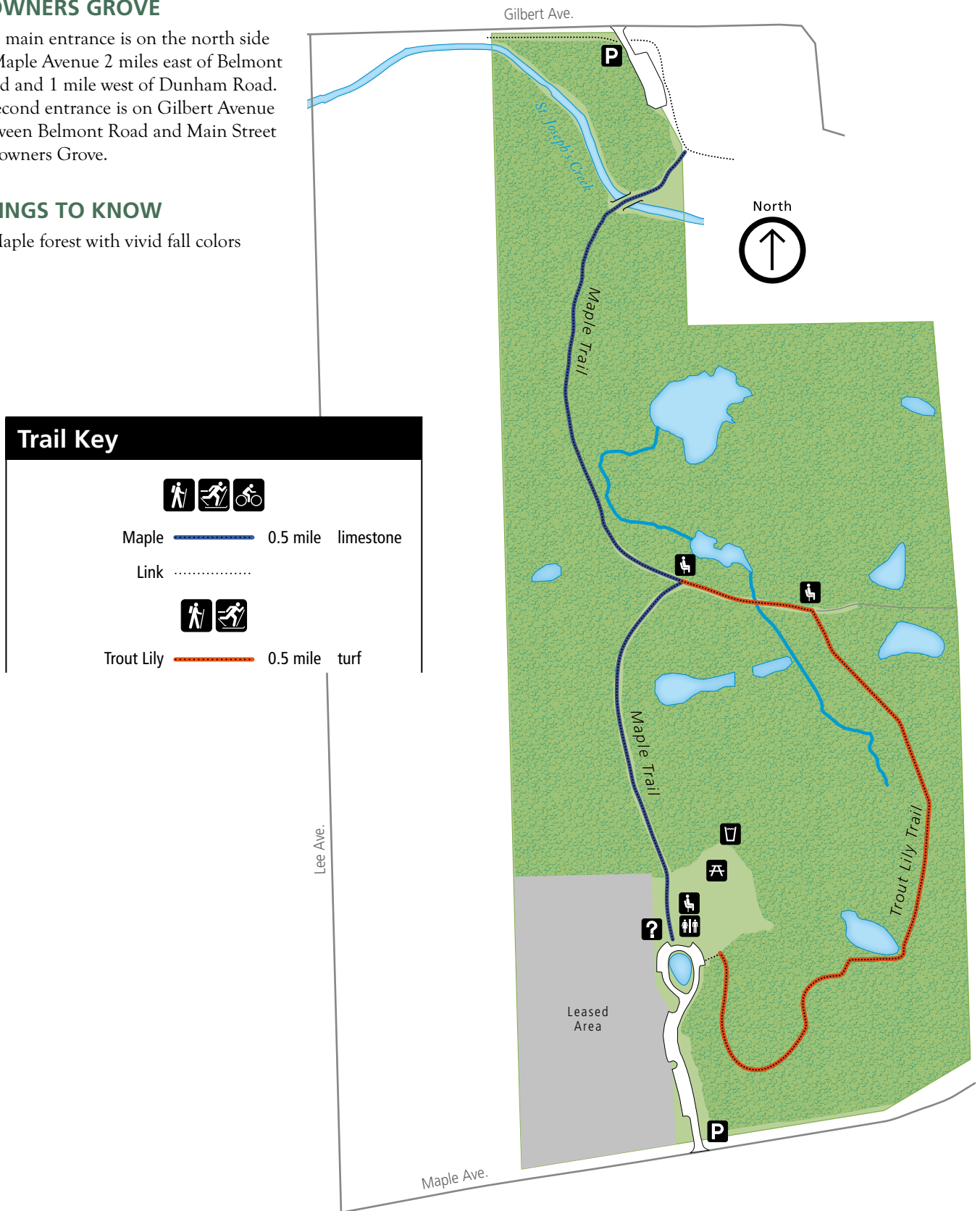
maple grove

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.

THINGS TO KNOW

- Maple forest with vivid fall colors



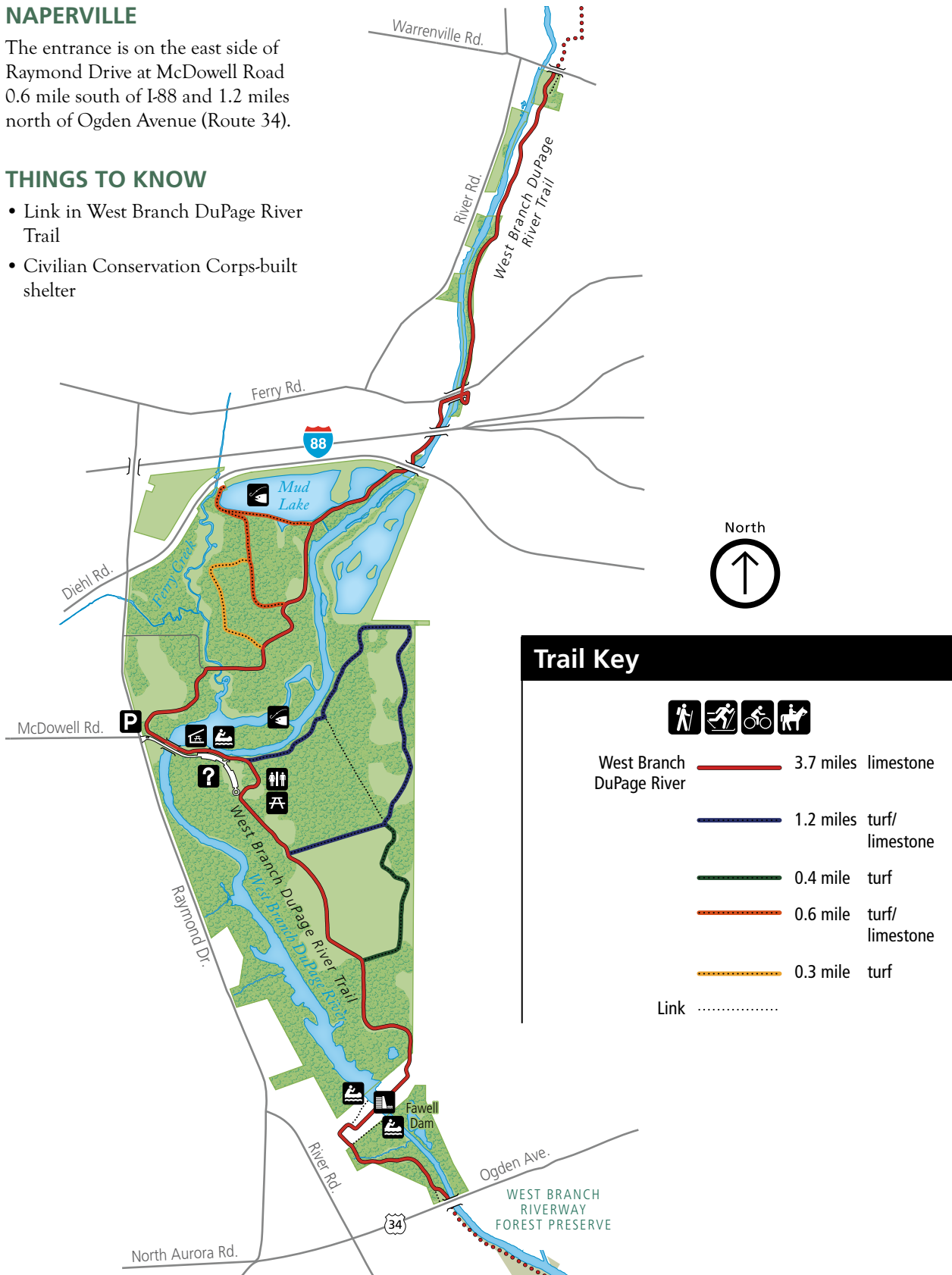
mcdowell grove

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).

THINGS TO KNOW

- Link in West Branch DuPage River Trail
- Civilian Conservation Corps-built shelter



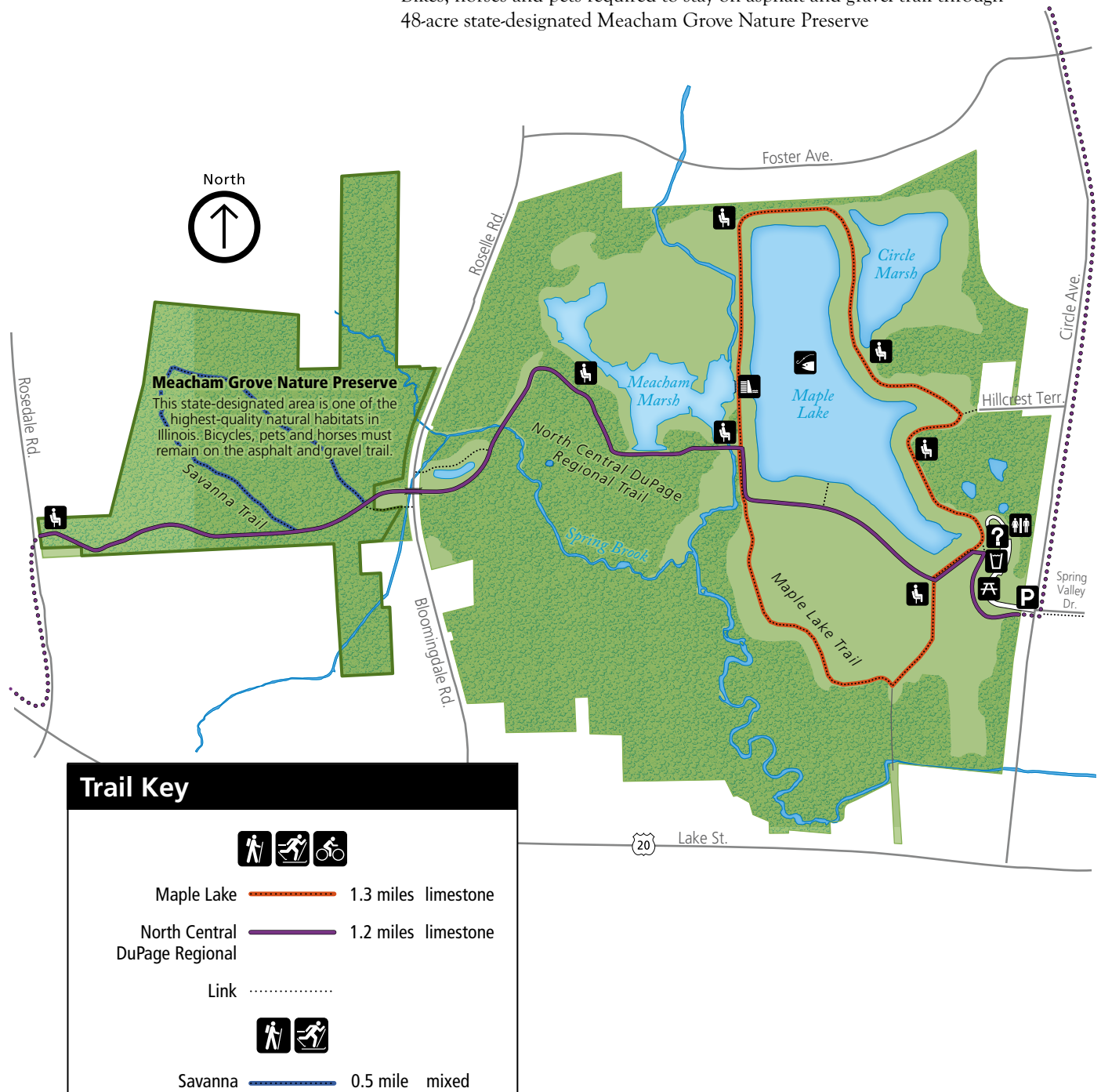
meacham grove

BLOOMINGDALE

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

THINGS TO KNOW

- Link in North Central DuPage Regional Trail
- Pedestrian bridge over Bloomingdale-Roselle Road
- Bikes, horses and pets required to stay on asphalt and gravel trail through 48-acre state-designated 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.

THINGS TO KNOW

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

Trail Key



North Loop — 1.1 miles limestone

South Loop — 0.6 mile limestone

Link ·····



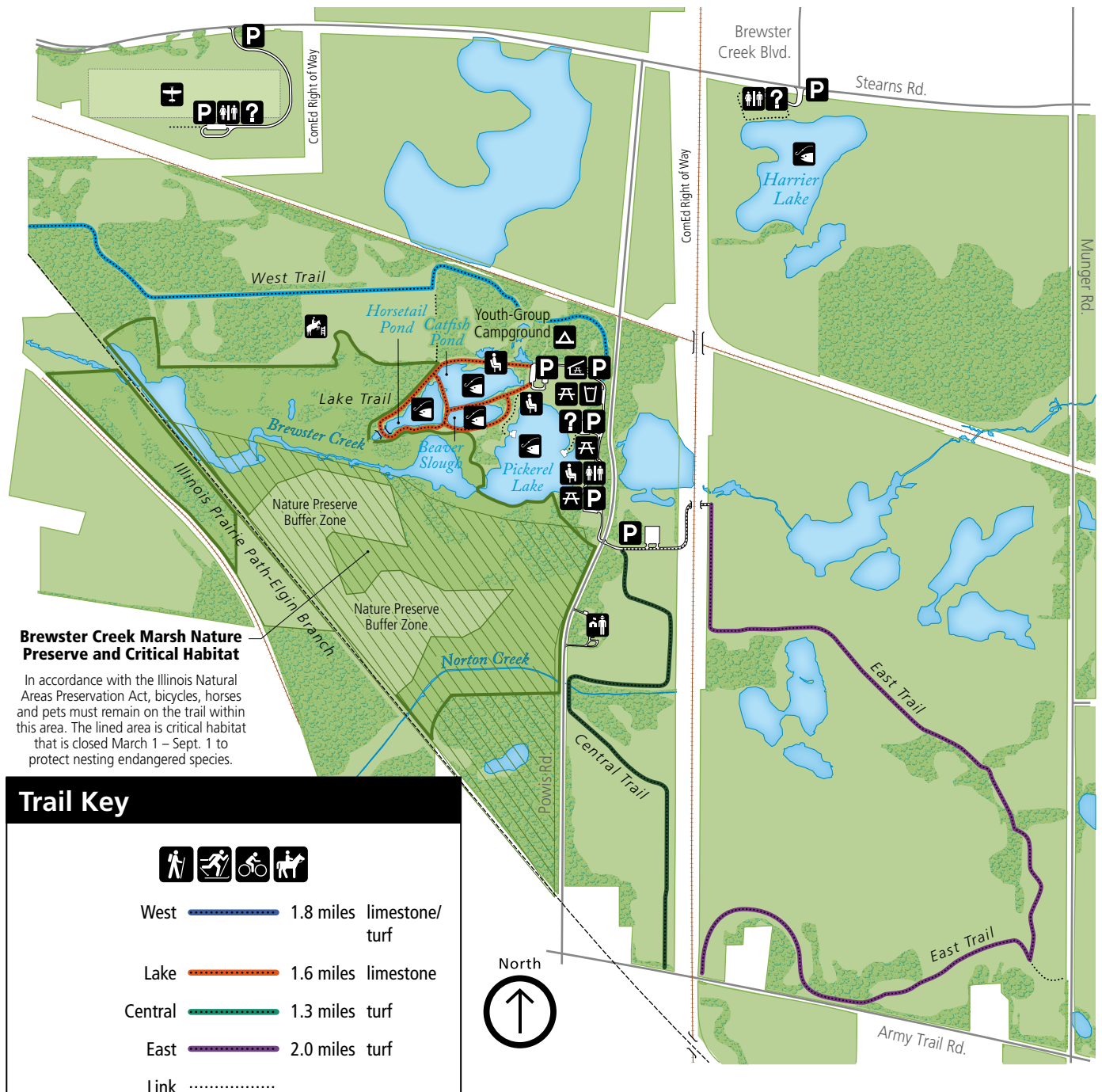
pratt's wayne woods

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.

THINGS TO KNOW

- Connects to Illinois Prairie Path-Elgin Branch
- Bikes, horses and pets required to stay on trail through 256-acre state-designated Brewster Creek Marsh Nature Preserve
- Audubon Important Bird Area, a globally significant bird conservation habitat
- Horse-trailer parking at gravel lot west of Powis Road only
- Forest Preserve District permit required to use model airfield



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.

THINGS TO KNOW

- Springbrook Prairie Trail – a U.S.-designated National Recreation Trail
- Link in Southern DuPage County Regional Trail
- Bikes, pets and horses required to stay on limestone trail through 1,650-acre state-designated Springbrook Prairie Nature Preserve
- Bikes not allowed on Henslow's Trail
- Significant grassland-bird community with meadowlarks, dickcissels, grasshopper sparrows, bobolinks, northern harriers and short-eared owls
- Some trail segments closed seasonally to protect critical bird-nesting areas
- Forest Preserve District permits required to use off-leash dog area and model airfield

Trail Key



Springbrook Prairie 5.5 miles limestone

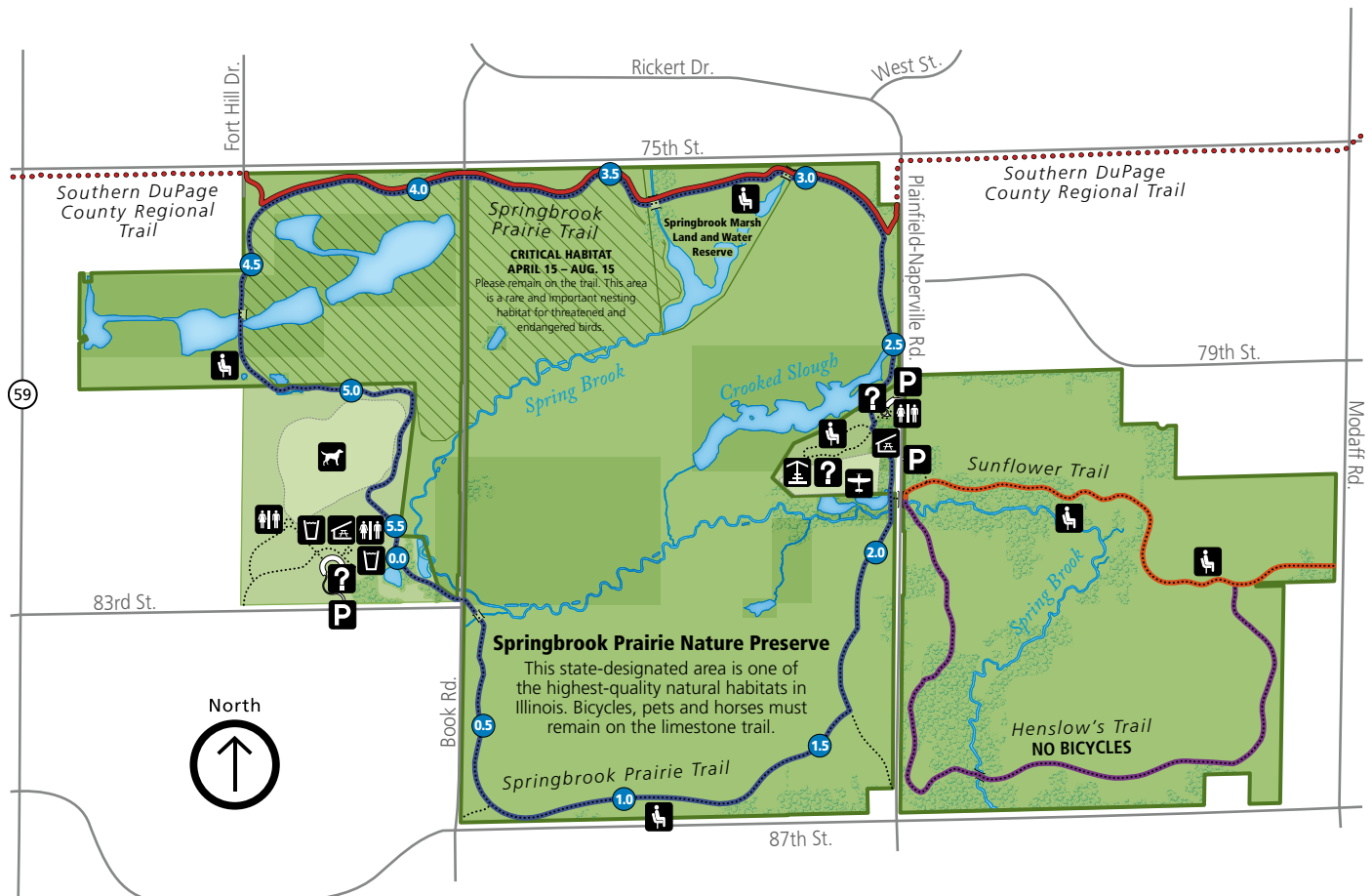
Sunflower 1.2 miles limestone

Southern DuPage County Regional 1.8 miles limestone

Link



Henslow's 2.0 miles turf



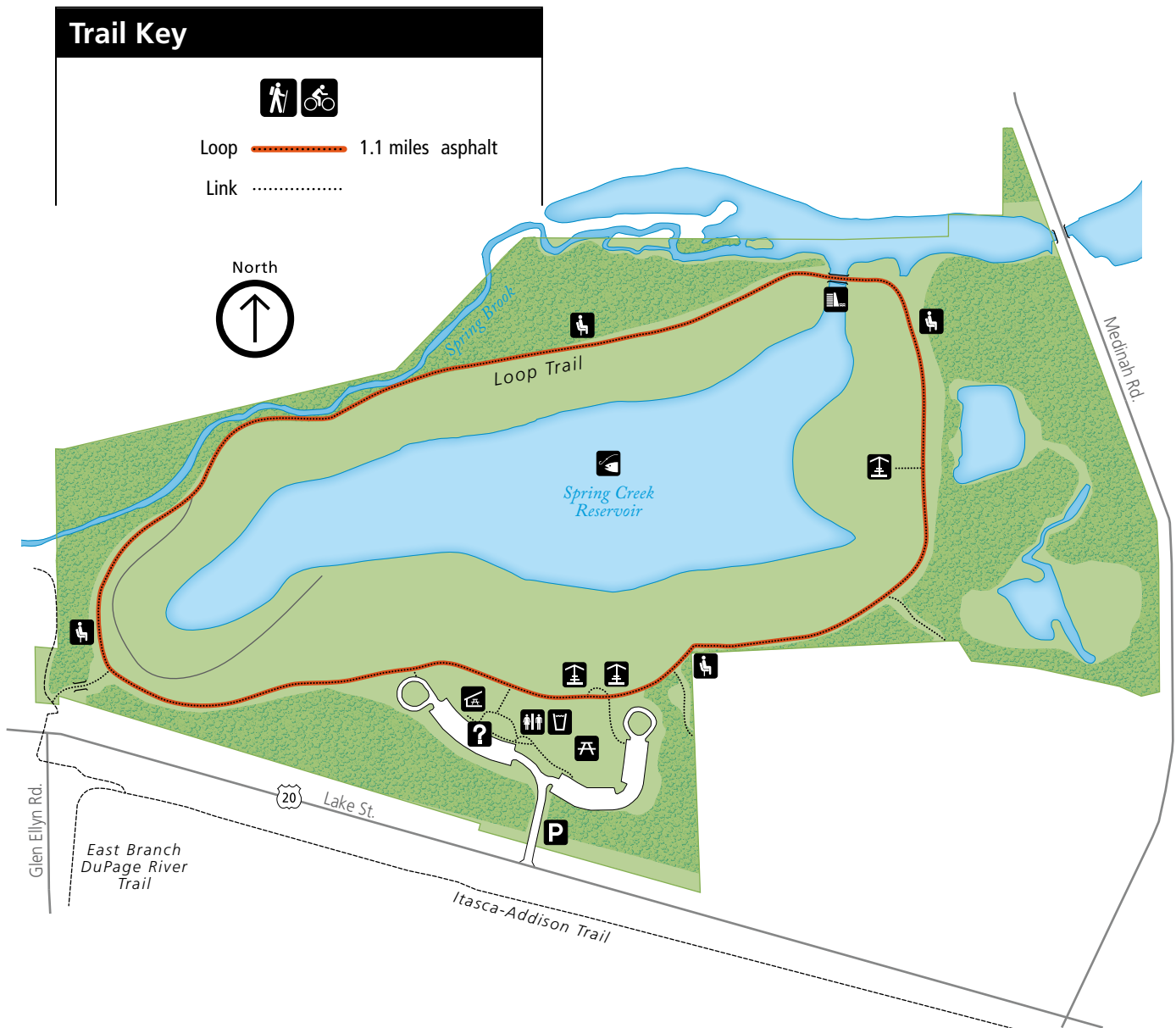
spring creek reservoir

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.

THINGS TO KNOW

- Asphalt trail ideal for joggers, walkers, in-line skaters and bicyclists
- Link to East Branch DuPage River Trail
- Great 20-minute lunchtime loop around reservoir
- Winter recreational activities prohibited on slopes



st. james farm

WARRENVILLE

The main parking lot is on the east side of Winfield Road just north of Butterfield Road (Route 56). A second seasonal lot is on Hoy Avenue west of Madison Street.

THINGS TO KNOW

- Link in Illinois Prairie Path-Aurora Branch
- Sculptures and other artwork throughout the grounds
- Great views of newly restored Spring Brook
- Horse trailer parking at Hoy Avenue
May 1 – Dec. 1 only

Trail Key



St. James Farm Loop	1.6 miles	limestone
McCormick Woods	0.8 mile	limestone
Warbler	0.5 mile	limestone
Illinois Prairie Path-Aurora Branch	0.5 mile	limestone
Link	



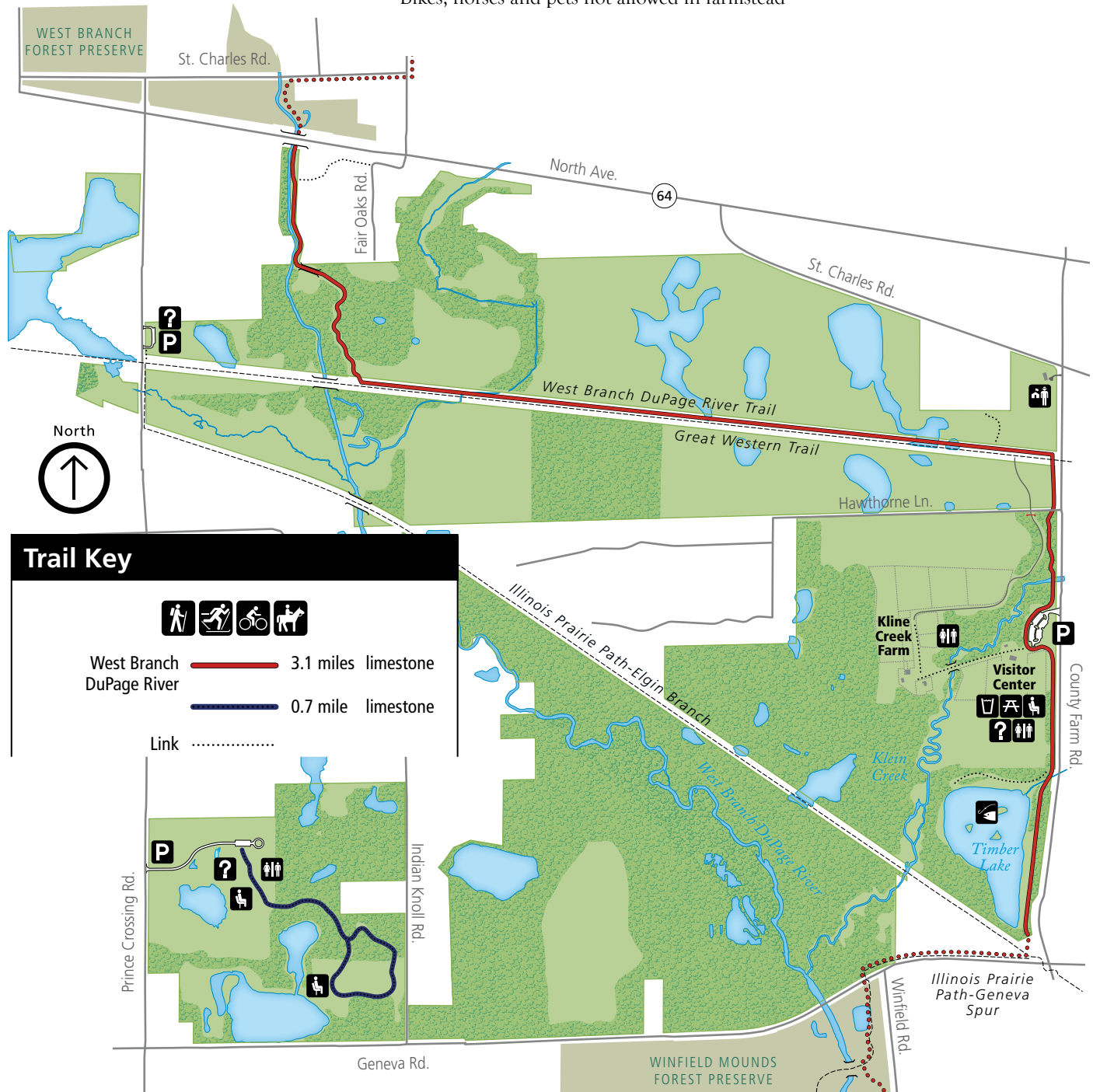
timber ridge

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.

THINGS TO KNOW

- Link in West Branch DuPage River Trail
- Trailhead for Great Western Trail and Illinois Prairie Path
- 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
- Bikes, horses and pets not allowed in farmstead



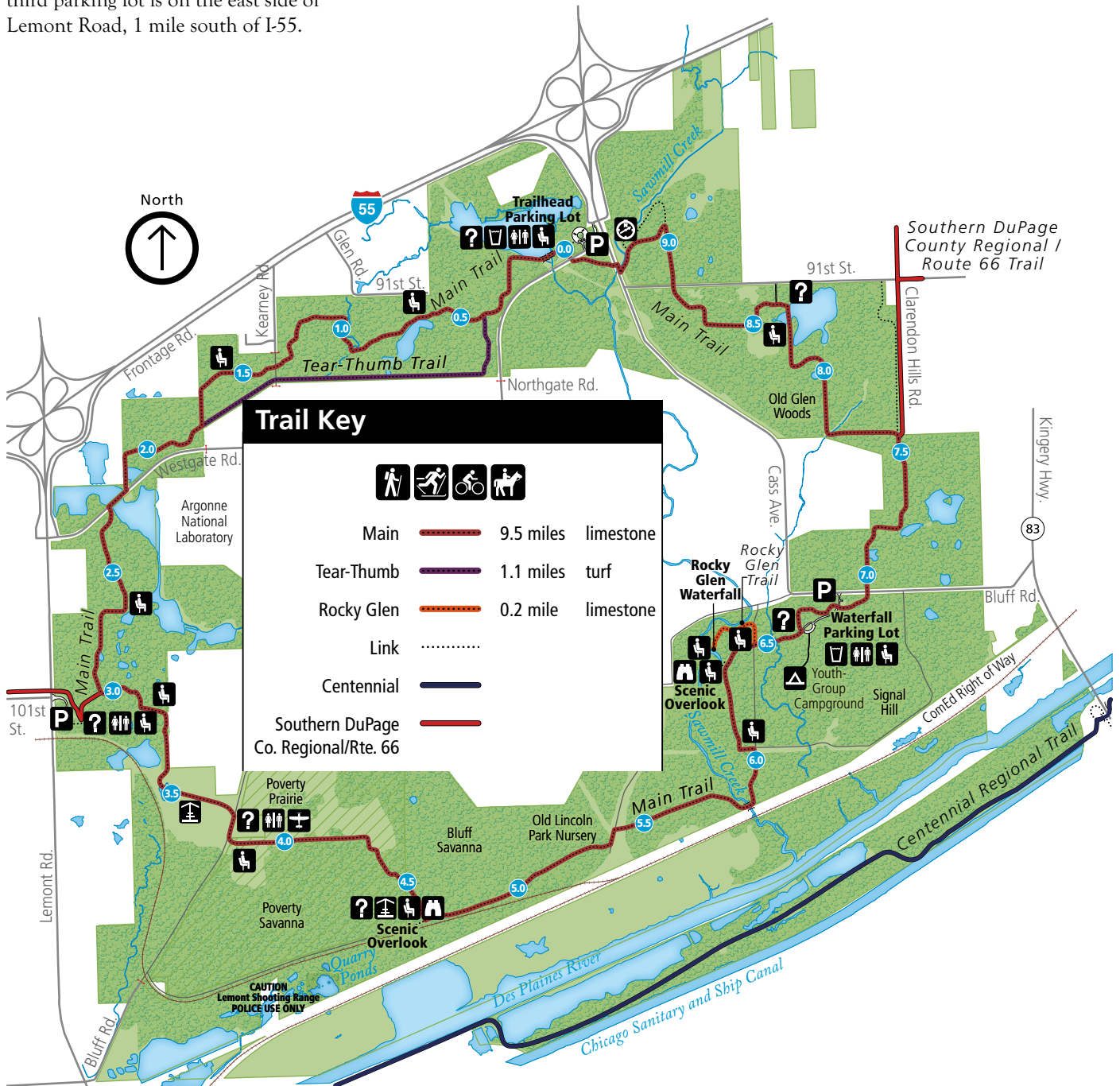
waterfall glen

DARIEN

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.

THINGS TO KNOW

- Gently rolling to hilly with some steep terrain
- Connects to Southern DuPage County Regional/Route 66 Trail
- Bikes restricted to 8-foot-wide limestone trails
- Unmarked paths to explore on foot
- Small Civilian Conservation Corps-built waterfall at Rocky Glen area
- Horse-trailer parking at Northgate Road lot only
- Forest Preserve District permit required to use model airfield



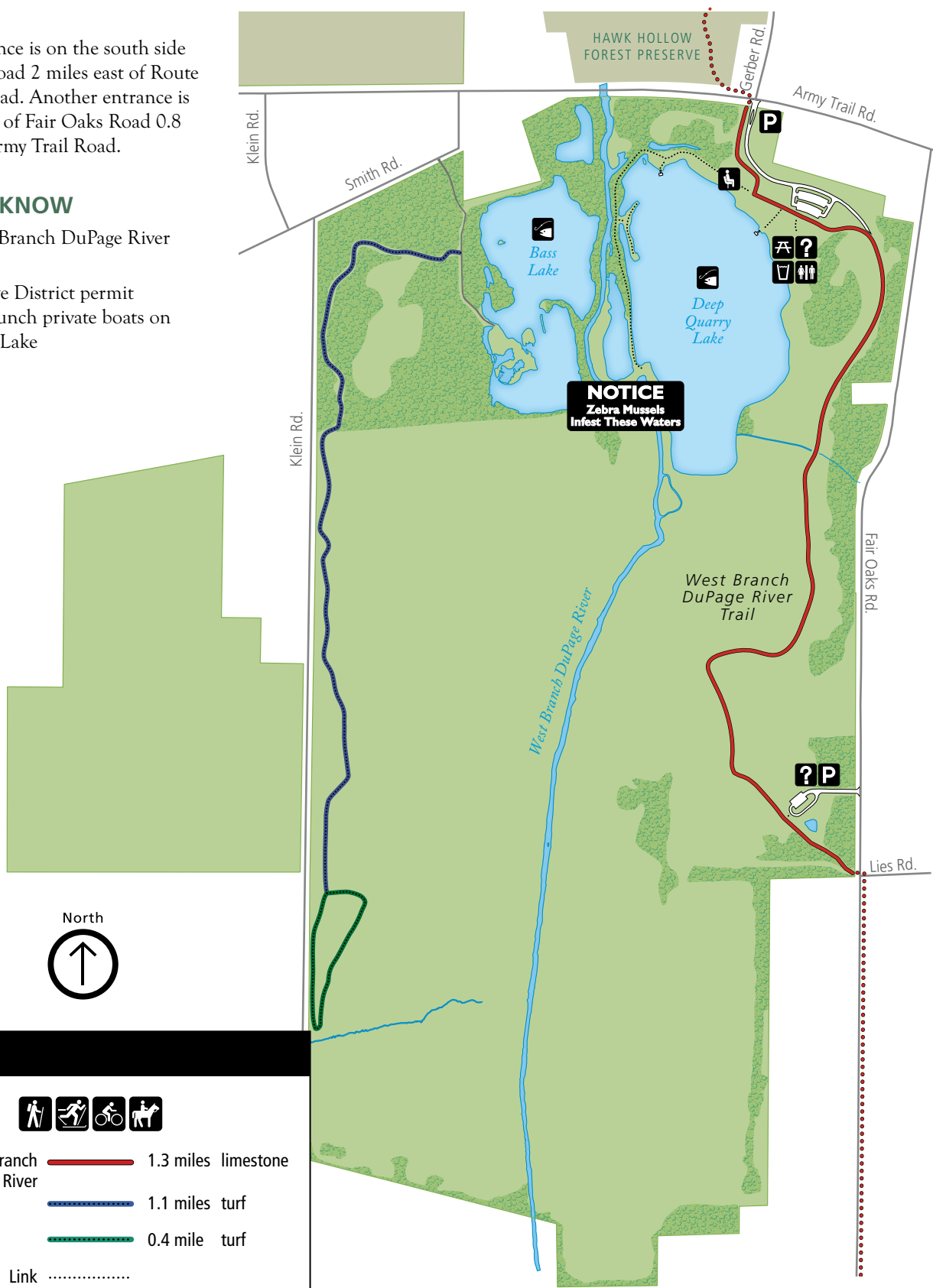
west branch

BARTLETT

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.

THINGS TO KNOW

- Link in West Branch DuPage River Trail
- Forest Preserve District permit required to launch private boats on Deep Quarry Lake



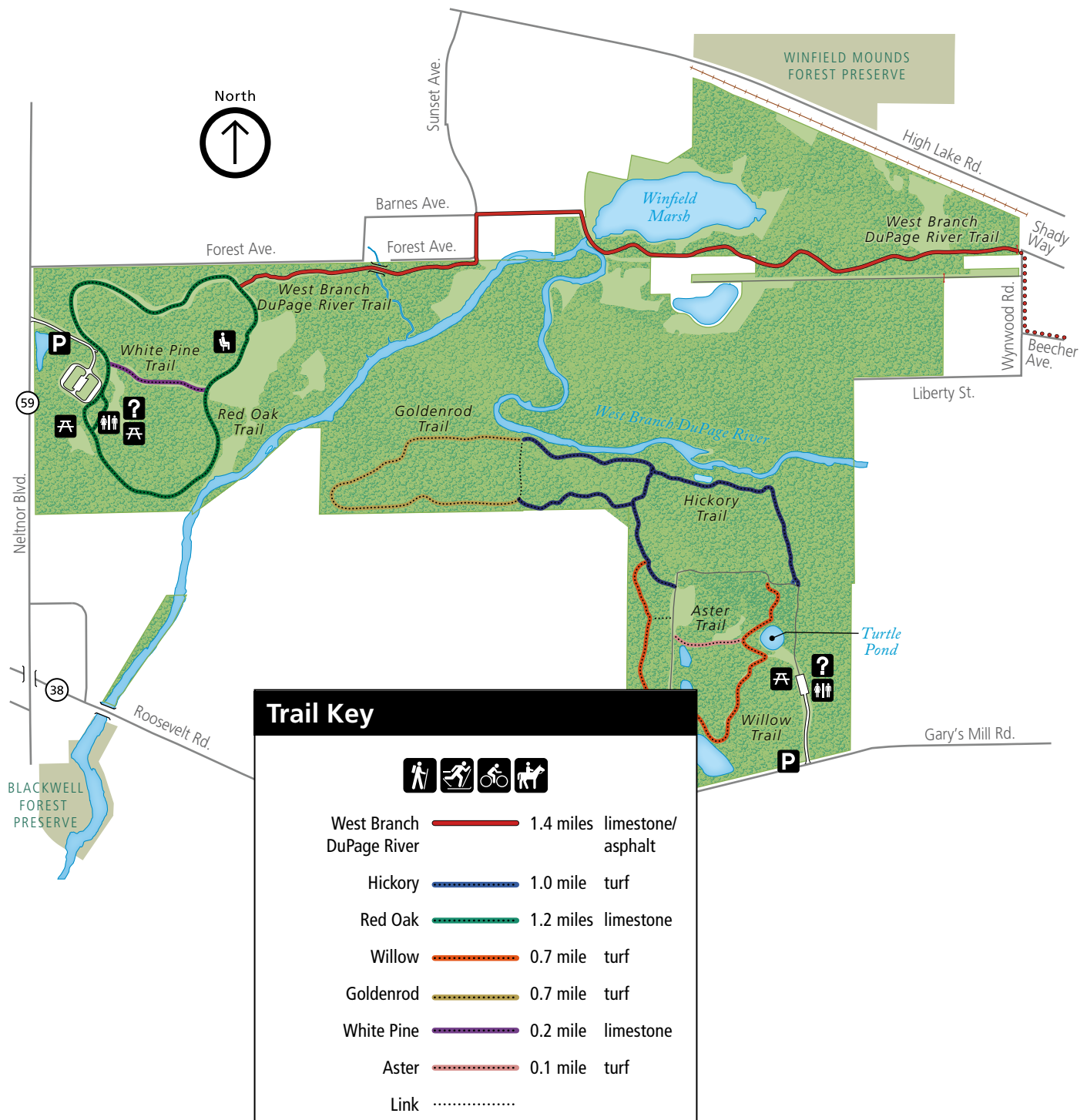
west dupage woods

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.

THINGS TO KNOW

- Link in West Branch DuPage River Trail
- Trails winding through mature stands of oaks and other hardwood trees
- Great views of wetlands along the river



wood dale grove

WOOD DALE

The entrance is on the east side of Wood Dale Road 0.5 mile north of Lake Street (Route 20) and 0.25 mile south of Oak Meadows Drive.

THINGS TO KNOW

- Great 20-minute lunchtime loop around lake



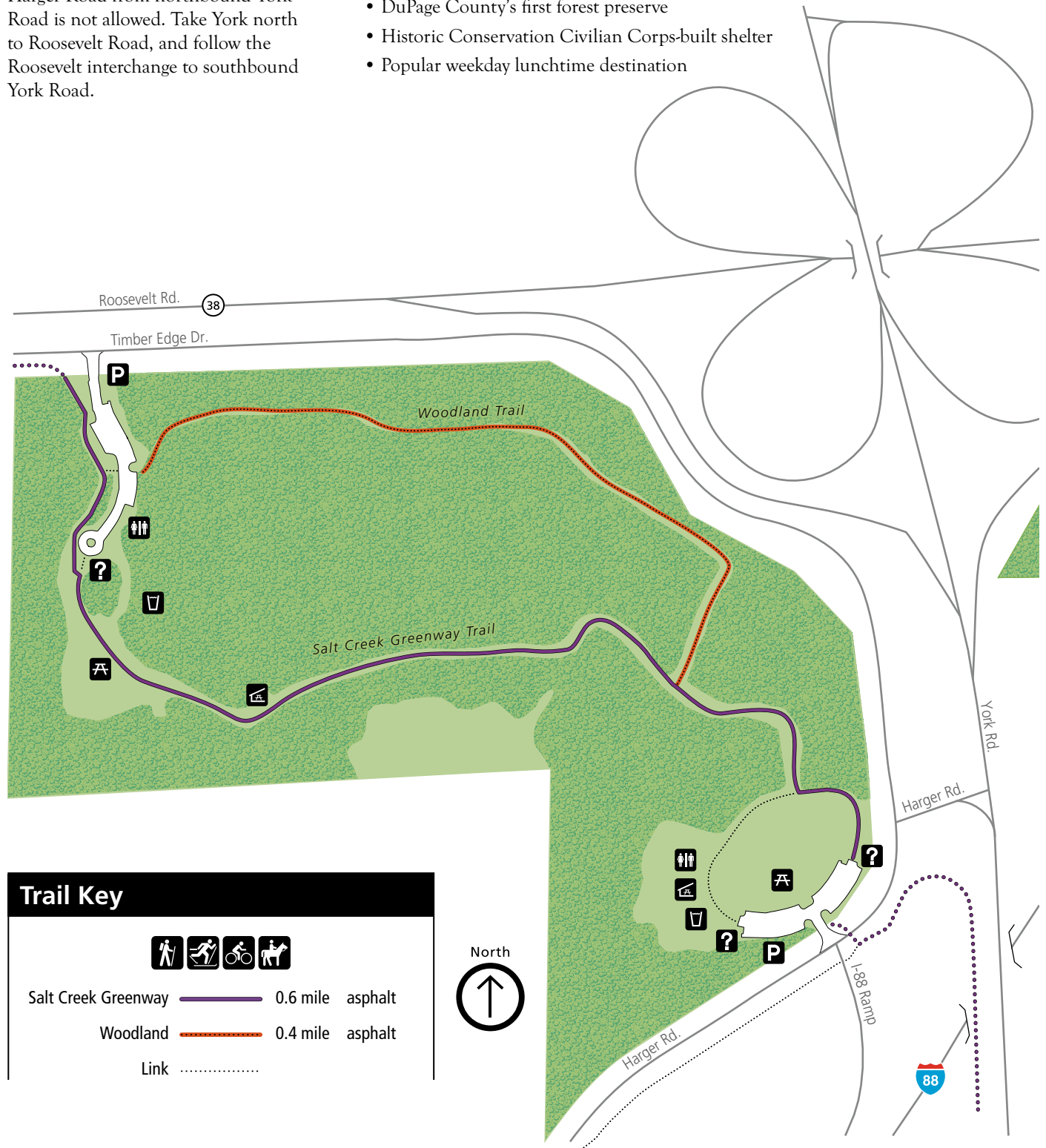
york woods

OAK BROOK

From southbound York Road, turn right onto Harger Road. Access to Harger Road from northbound York Road is not allowed. Take York north to Roosevelt Road, and follow the Roosevelt interchange to southbound York Road.

THINGS TO KNOW

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



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