Lake County Forest Preserves

Hike Lake County 2025

Buffalo Creek Forest Preserve

Address: 18163 W. Checker Road | Long Grove, IL 60047

Trail Length: 1.9 Miles

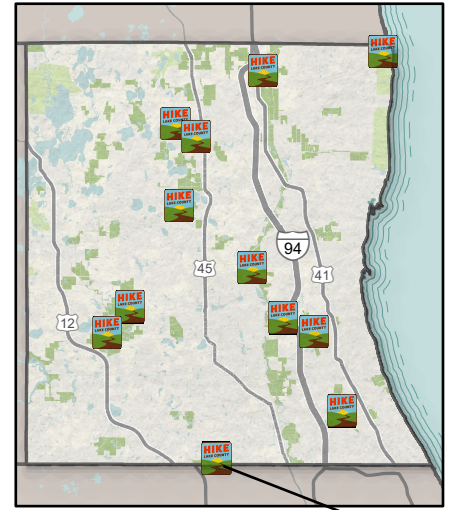**Instructions:** Use Checker Road parking lot, west of Arlington Heights Road. Trail begins by the parking lot.

LEGEND

- Vehicular Access
- Trail Access
- P Parking Lot
- ⭐ Start/End
- Toilet
- Overlook
- Fishing

Checker Rd

Bordeaux Ln

Buffalo Creeek Forest Preserve

Pheasant Run

Richmond Ln

BUFFALO CREEK RESERVOIR

Auburn Ln

Arlington Heights Rd

Lake Cook Rd

Hike Lake County Trail Surface

Boardwalk ▬▬ Asphalt ▬▬ Gravel

0 250 500 Feet

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Fort Hill Trail/Ray Lake Forest Preserve

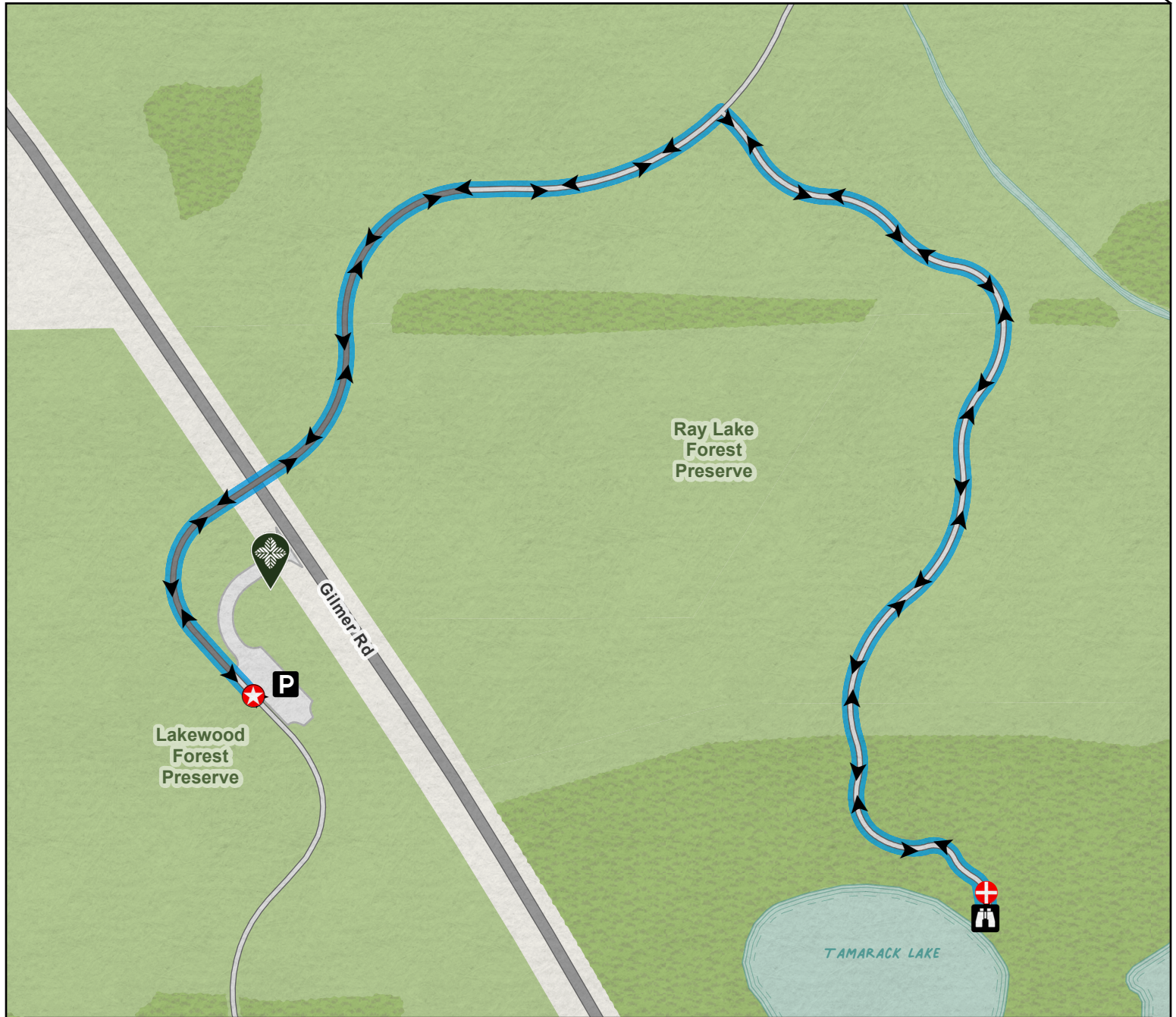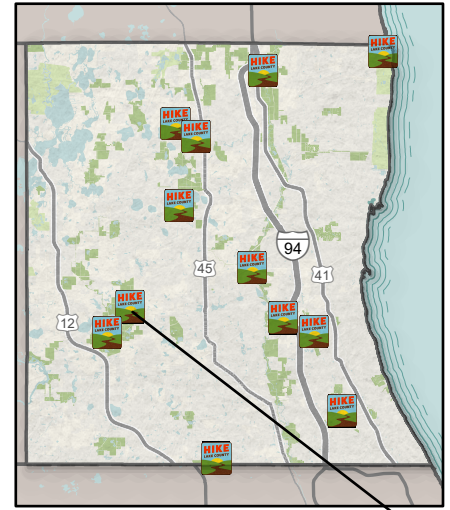**Address: 28444 N. Gilmer Road | Wauconda, IL 60060**

Trail Length: 1.3 Miles

Instructions: Trail begins at parking lot, take trail north and make the first right. Head to the overlook and back.

LEGEND

- Vehicular Access
- P Parking Lot
- ★ Start/End
- ⊕ Turnaround
- 👓 Overlook

Ray Lake Forest Preserve

Gilmer Rd

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Lakewood Forest Preserve

TAMARACK LAKE

Hike Lake County Trail Surface

0   250   500

Feet

━━━ Asphalt   ━━━ Gravel

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Hastings Lake Forest Preserve

Address: 21155 W. Gelden Road | Lake Villa, IL 60046

Trail Length: 2.1 Miles

Instructions: Use Shelter B & C parking lot. Trail begins in southeast corner of parking lot and follows the paved Blue Loop around Hastings Lake. **Counts as two trails**
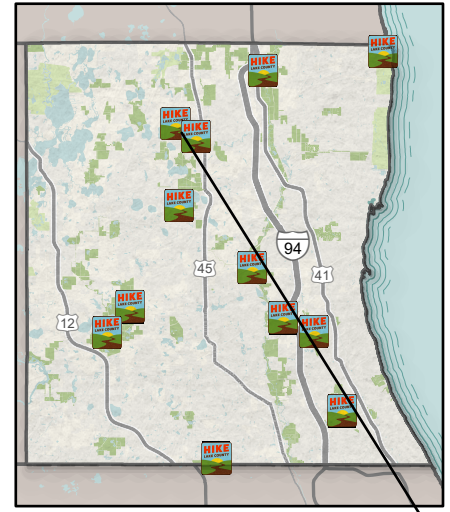
LEGEND

- Vehicular Access
- Trail Access
- Parking Lot
- Start/End
- Picnic Shelter
- Toliet
- Overlook
- Fishing Pier
- Fishing

Map

Gelden Rd

E Ivy Cir · N Auburn Ln · N Autumn Cir · N Hastings Pl

Grass Lake Rd

Brittany Ln

Playground

Hastings Lake Forest Preserve

HASTINGS LAKE

Woodland Trl

Northgate Rd · N Beck Rd · Red Rock Dr · WATERFORD LAKE · Surrey Ln · High Point Dr

Hike Lake County Trail Surface

Boardwalk — Asphalt — Concrete

0 250 500

Feet

N

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Independence Grove Forest Preserve

Address: 16400 W. Buckley Road | Libertyville, IL 60048
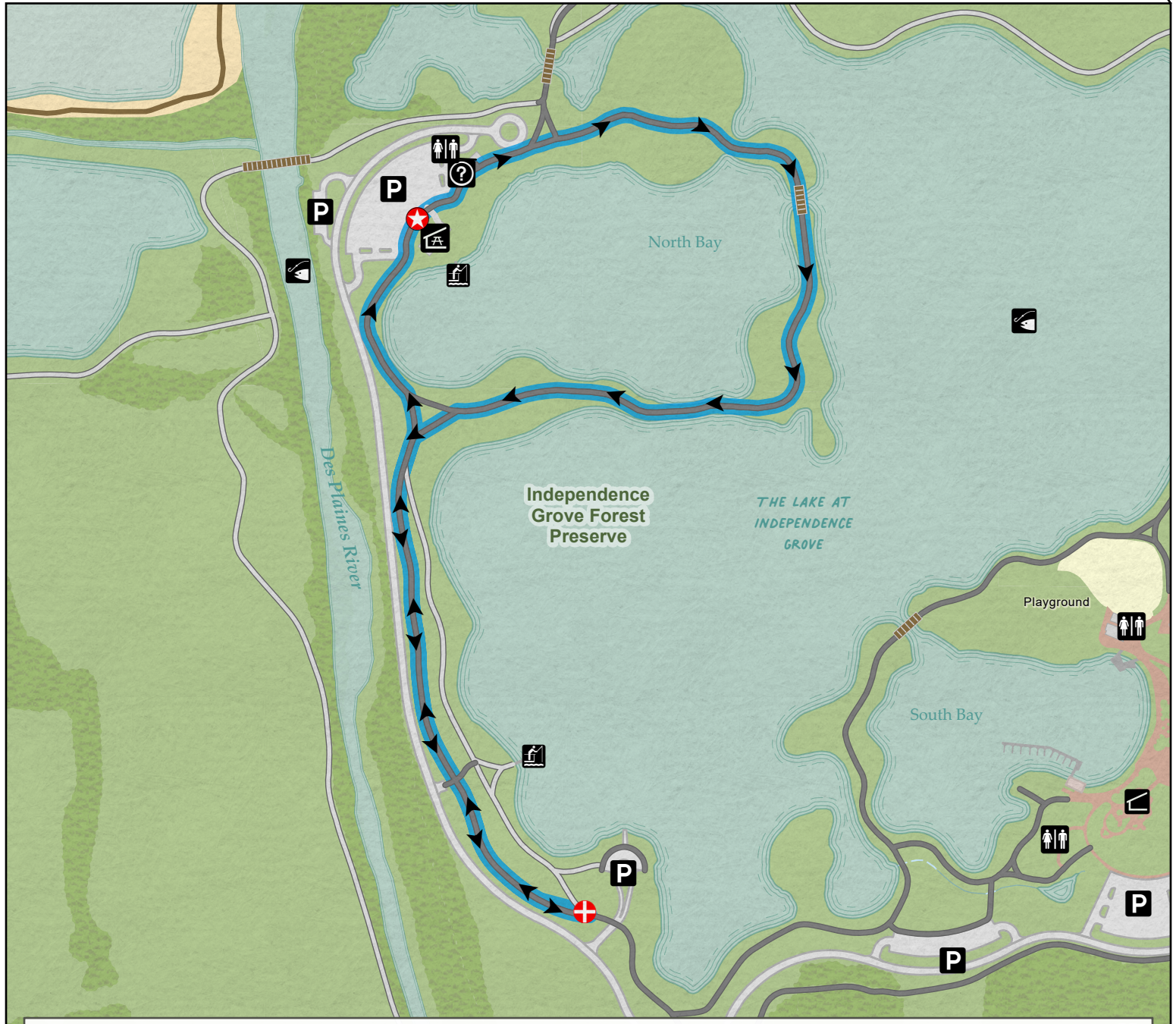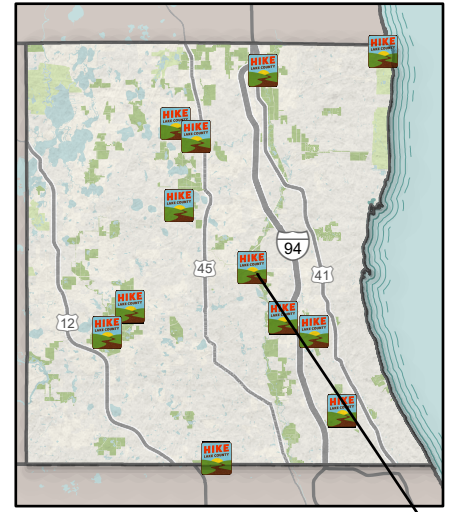
Trail Length: 1.4 Miles

Instructions: Entrance is on Buckley Road. Use parking lot K. Trails starts and ends by North Bay Pavilion. Trail goes around North Bay Loop, then south and straight back. No dogs allowed.

LEGEND

- **P** Parking Lot
- ⭐ Start/End
- ✚ Turnaround
- ❓ Kiosk
- 🏠 Picnic Shelter
- Shade Shelter
- 🚻 Toliet
- 🎣 Fishing Pier
- Fishing

Hike Lake County Trail Surface

- Boardwalk
- Asphalt
- Gravel

North Bay

Independence Grove Forest Preserve

THE LAKE AT INDEPENDENCE GROVE

Des Plaines River

Playground

South Bay

Feet
0   250   500

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Lake County Forest Preserves

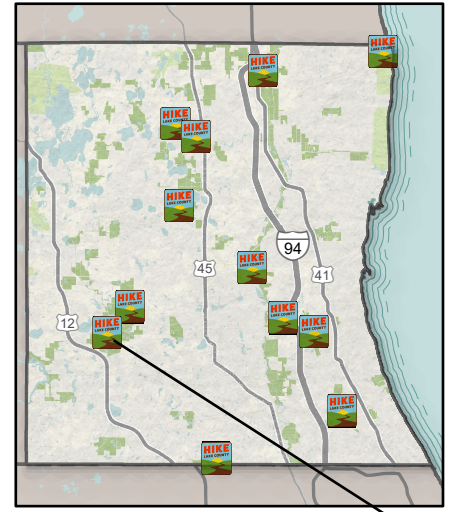# Hike Lake County 2025

Lakewood Forest Preserve

Address: 27277 Forest Preserve Road | Wauconda, IL 60084

Trail Length: 1.6 Miles

Instructions: Use Taylor Lake Parking Lot located on Forest Preserve Road. Trail starts northwest of the parking lot.

L E G E N D

- Vehicular Access
- P Parking Lot
- ⭐ Start/End
- ⛺ Picnic Shelter
- 🚻 Toliet
- 🔭 Overlook
- Fishing Pier
- Fishing

Hike Lake County Trail Surface

— Asphalt — Grass

Liberty St

176

BANANA LAKE

TAYLOR LAKE

Lakewood Forest Preserve

Playground

Ivanhoe Rd

HERON POND

0   250   500

Feet

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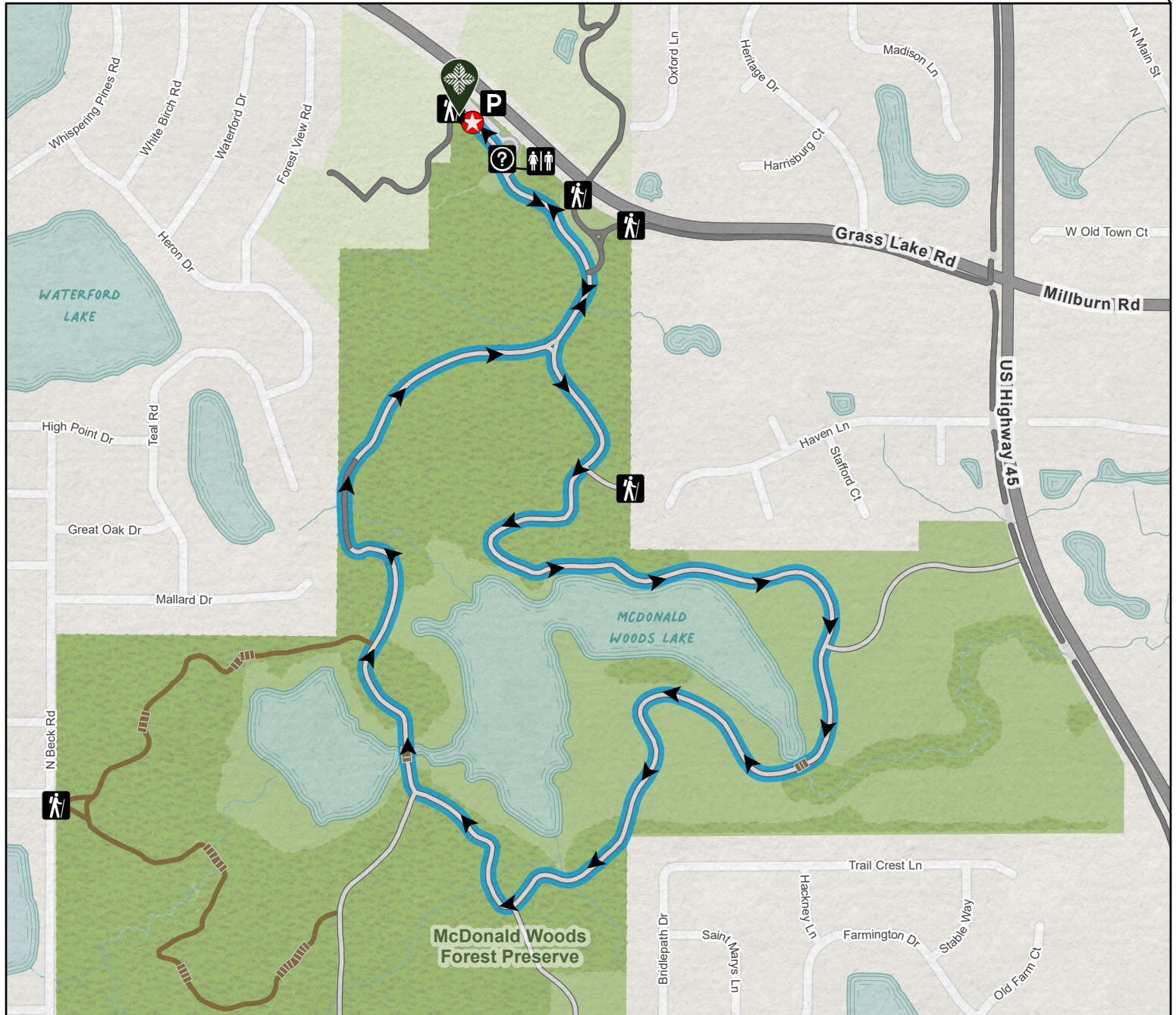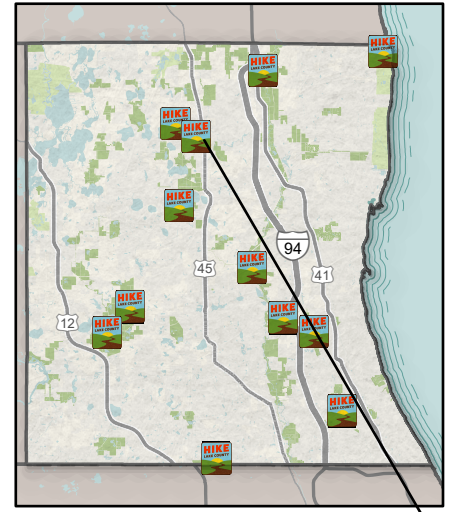
Hike Lake County 2025

McDonald Woods Forest Preserve

Address: 19611 W. Grass Lake Road | Lindenhurst, IL 60046

Trail Length: 2.3 Miles

Instructions: Entrance is on Grass Lake Road. Trail starts by kiosk. **Counts as two trails.**

LEGEND

- Vehicular Access
- Trail Access
- Parking Lot
- Start/End
- Kiosk
- Toliet

Hike Lake County Trail Surface

Boardwalk | Asphalt | Gravel

0   250   500
Feet

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Middlefork Savanna Forest Preserve

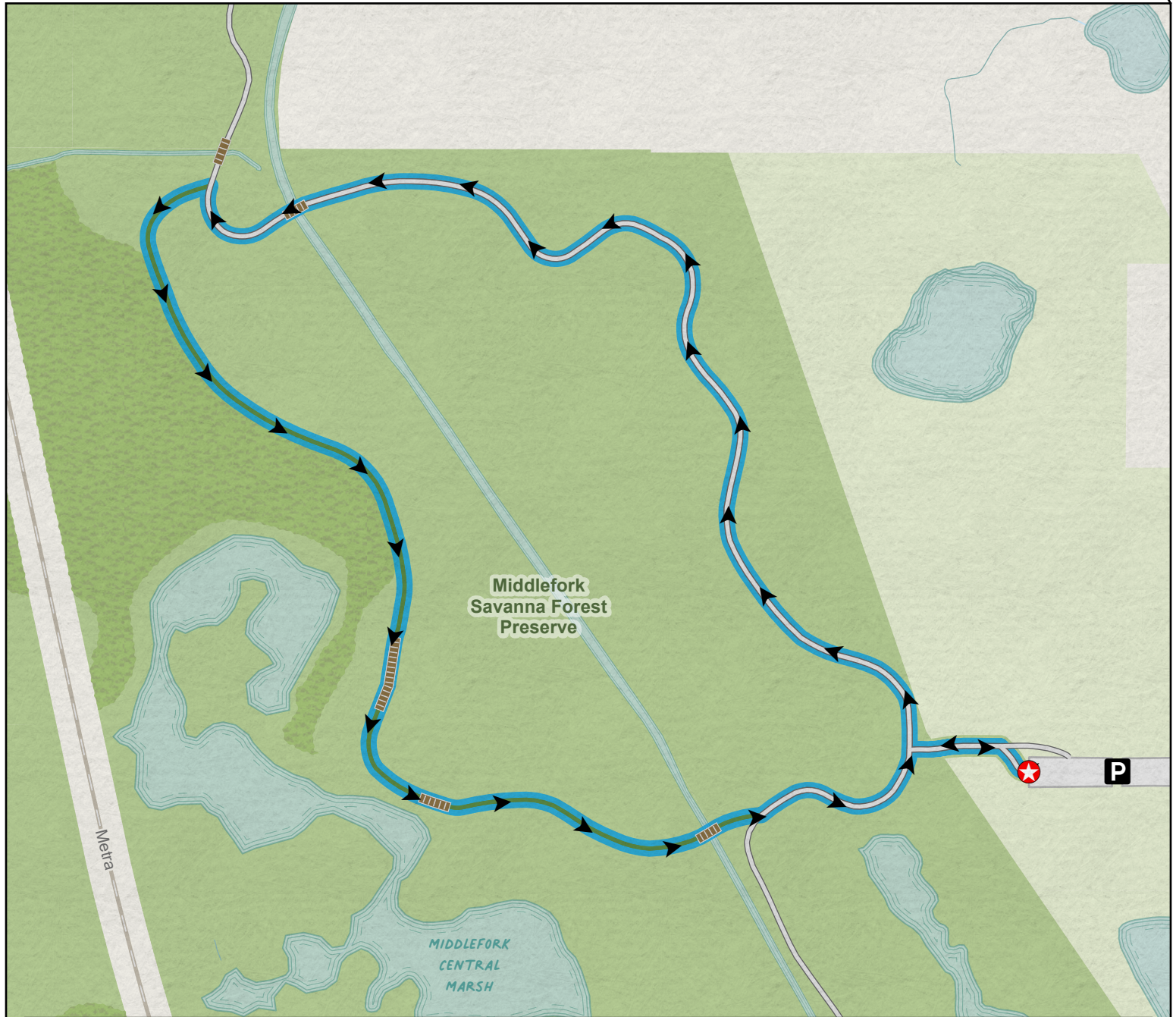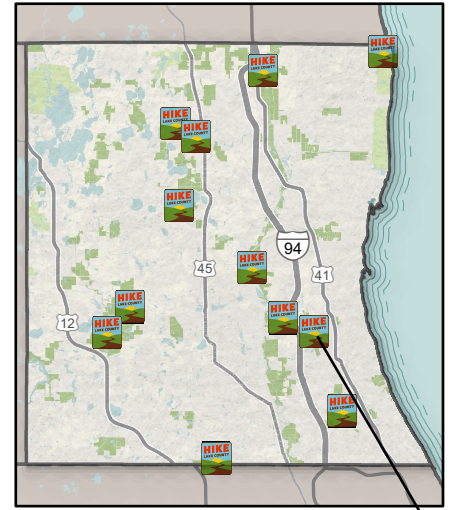**Address: 1401 Middlefork Drive | Lake Forest, IL 60045**

Trail Length: 1.2 Miles

Instructions: Use parking lot adjacent to Elawa Farm. Trail begins at west end of parking lot. No dogs allowed.

LEGEND

P Parking Lot

⭐ Start/End

Middlefork Savanna Forest Preserve

MIDDLEFORK CENTRAL MARSH

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Hike Lake County Trail Surface

0   250   500
Feet

Boardwalk   Gravel   Grass

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Lake County Forest Preserves
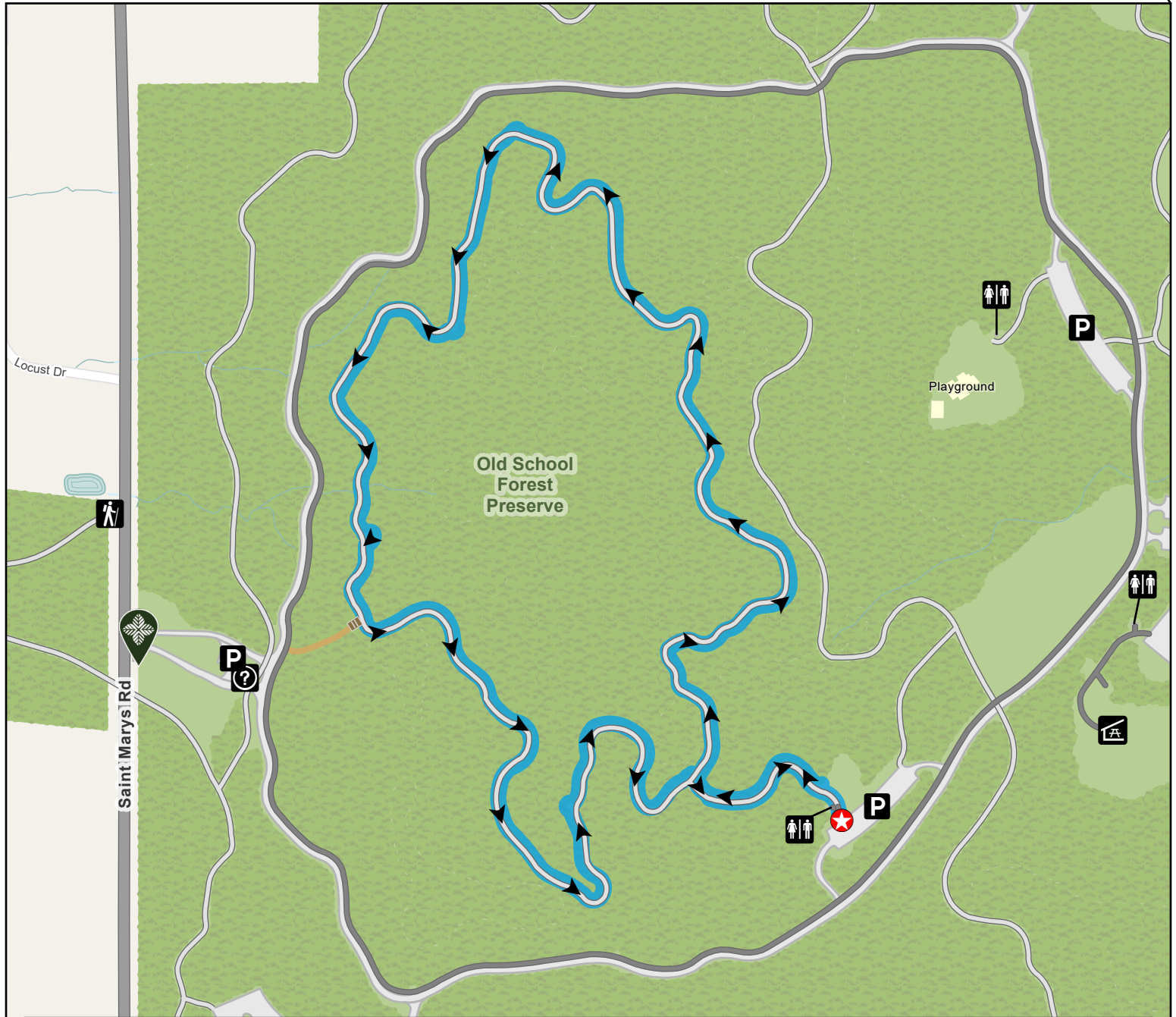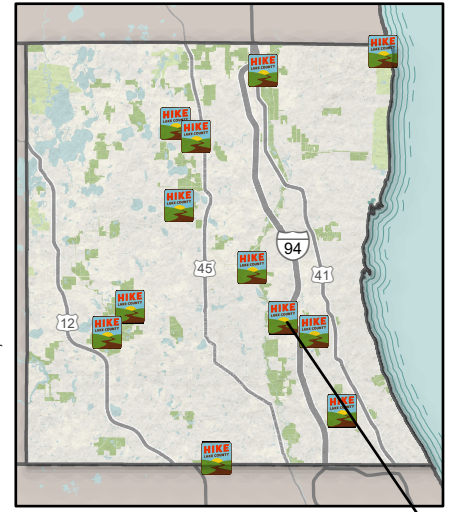
Hike Lake County 2025

Old School Forest Preserve

Address: 28285 St. Mary's Road | Mettawa, IL 60048

Trail Length: 1.4 Miles

Instructions: Drive past entrance parking lot to find Trails Parking (after Shelter B). Trail starts/ends by bathrooms.

LEGEND

- Vehicular Access
- Trail Access
- P Parking Lot
- ⭐ Start/End
- ? Kiosk
- Picnic Shelter
- Toilet

Locust Dr

Saint Marys Rd

Old School Forest Preserve

Playground

Hike Lake County Trail Surface

—— Asphalt —— Gravel

0 250 500 Feet

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Lake County Forest Preserves
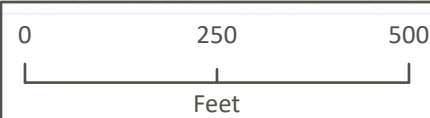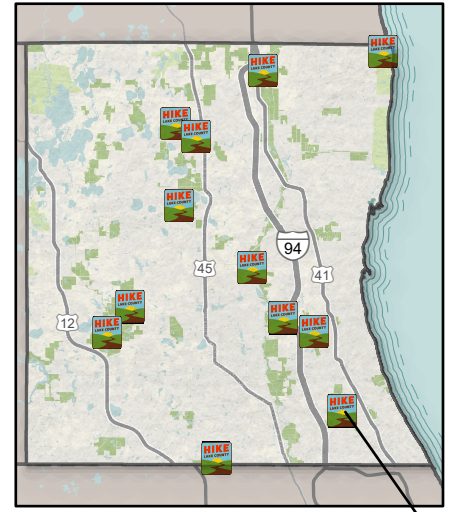
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Prairie Wolf Forest Preserve

Address: 11403 W. Route 22 | Deerfield, IL 60015

Trail Length: 0.9 Miles

Instructions: Preserve entrance is on Half Day Road (IL-22). Trail starts on the southeast end of the parking lot.

LEGEND

- Vehicular Access
- P Parking Lot
- ★ Start/End
- Overlook

Half Day Rd
22

N Wildwood Ln

Prairie Wolf Forest Preserve

PRAIRIE WOLF SLOUGH

Hike Lake County Trail Surface

0   250   500
Feet

Boardwalk   Gravel

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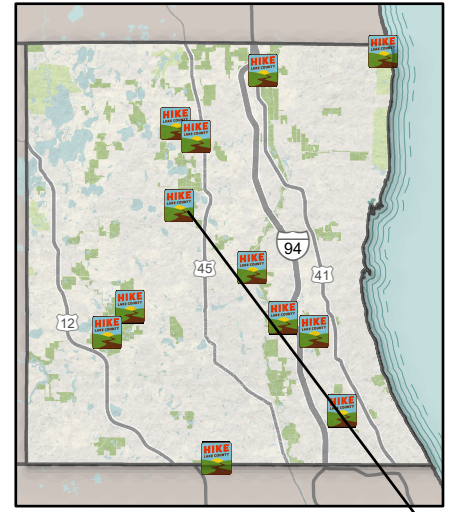
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Rollins Savanna Forest Preserve

Address: 20160 W. Washington Street | Grayslake, IL 60030

Trail Length: 1.5 Miles

Instructions: Start and end at Native Seed Nursery Kiosk, out west on the trail towards loop and back.

LEGEND

- Vehicular Access
- Trail Access
- P Parking Lot
- ⭐ Start/End
- ? Kiosk
- Toliet
- Overlook

Rollins Savanna Forest Preserve

Barron Blvd

Washington St

Atkinson Rd

Cherry Creek Dr

Chadwick Dr

Ellsworth Dr

83

Hike Lake County Trail Surface

0   250   500
Feet

Boardwalk   Asphalt   Gravel

N

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Spring Bluff Forest Preserve

Address: 1200 7th Street | Winthrop Harbor, IL 60096

Trail Length: 1.8 Miles

Instructions: Entrance is on N. Point Drive within Illinois State Beach Park. Use the first parking lot south of 7th Street. Follow trail north past new observation tower. Out and back.

LEGEND

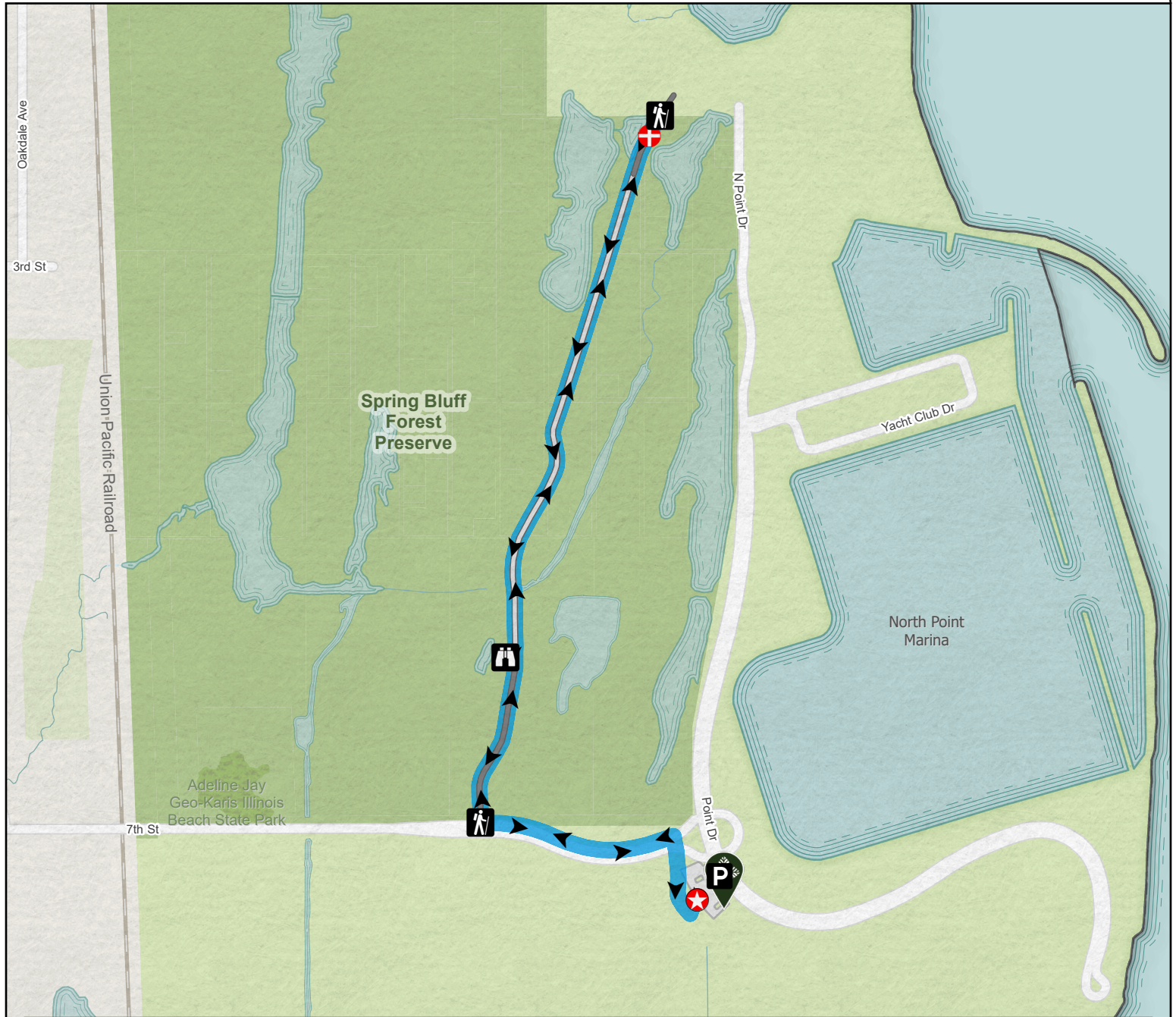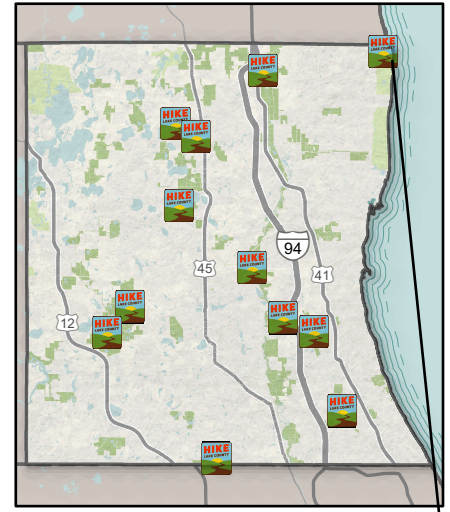- Vehicular Access
- Trail Access
- P Parking Lot
- Start/End
- Turnaround
- Overlook

Oakdale Ave

3rd St

Union Pacific Railroad

Spring Bluff Forest Preserve

N Point Dr

Yacht Club Dr

North Point Marina

Adeline Jay Geo-Karis Illinois Beach State Park

7th St

Point Dr

Hike Lake County Trail Surface

0   250   500
Feet

Asphalt   Gravel

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Van Patten Woods Forest Preserve

Address: 15838 W. Route 173 | Wadsworth, IL 60083

Trail Length: 2.5 Miles

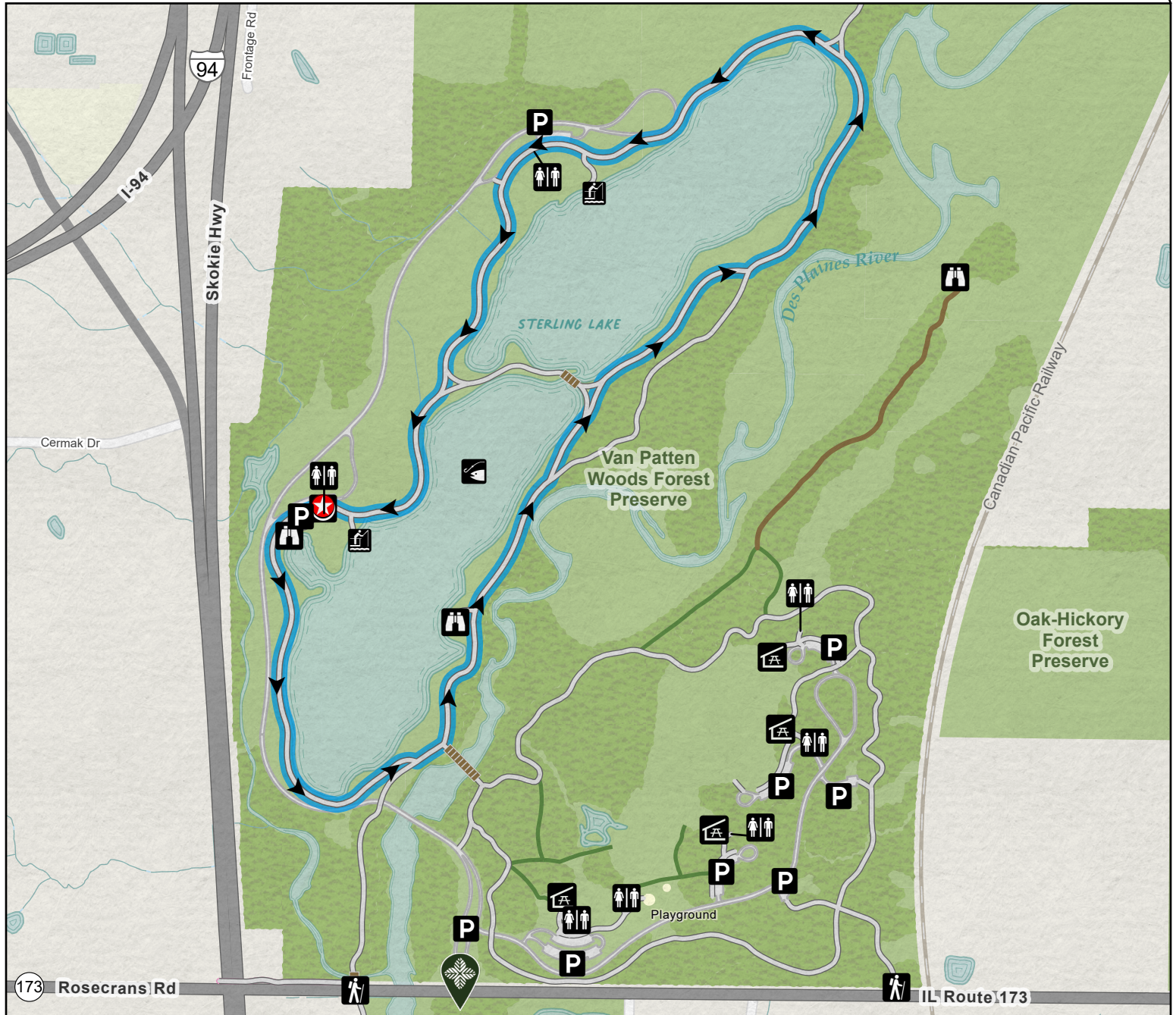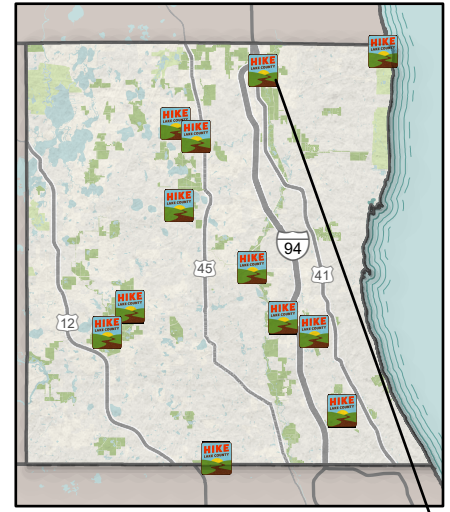Instructions: Use Lake Trails parking lot on south end of Sterling Lake (near Cartop Boat Launch). Trail begins near information kiosk and follows the blue loop along the southern part of Sterling Lake. **Counts as two trails.

LEGEND

- Vehicular Access
- Trail Access
- P Parking Lot
- ★ Start/End
- ? Kiosk
- Picnic Shelter
- Toliet
- Overlook
- Fishing Pier
- Fishing

Frontage Rd
94
I-94
Skokie Hwy
Cermak Dr

STERLING LAKE

Des Plaines River

Van Patten Woods Forest Preserve

Canadian Pacific Railway

Oak-Hickory Forest Preserve

Playground

173 Rosecrans Rd

IL Route 173

Hike Lake County Trail Surface

— Asphalt
— Gravel

0   250   500
Feet

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