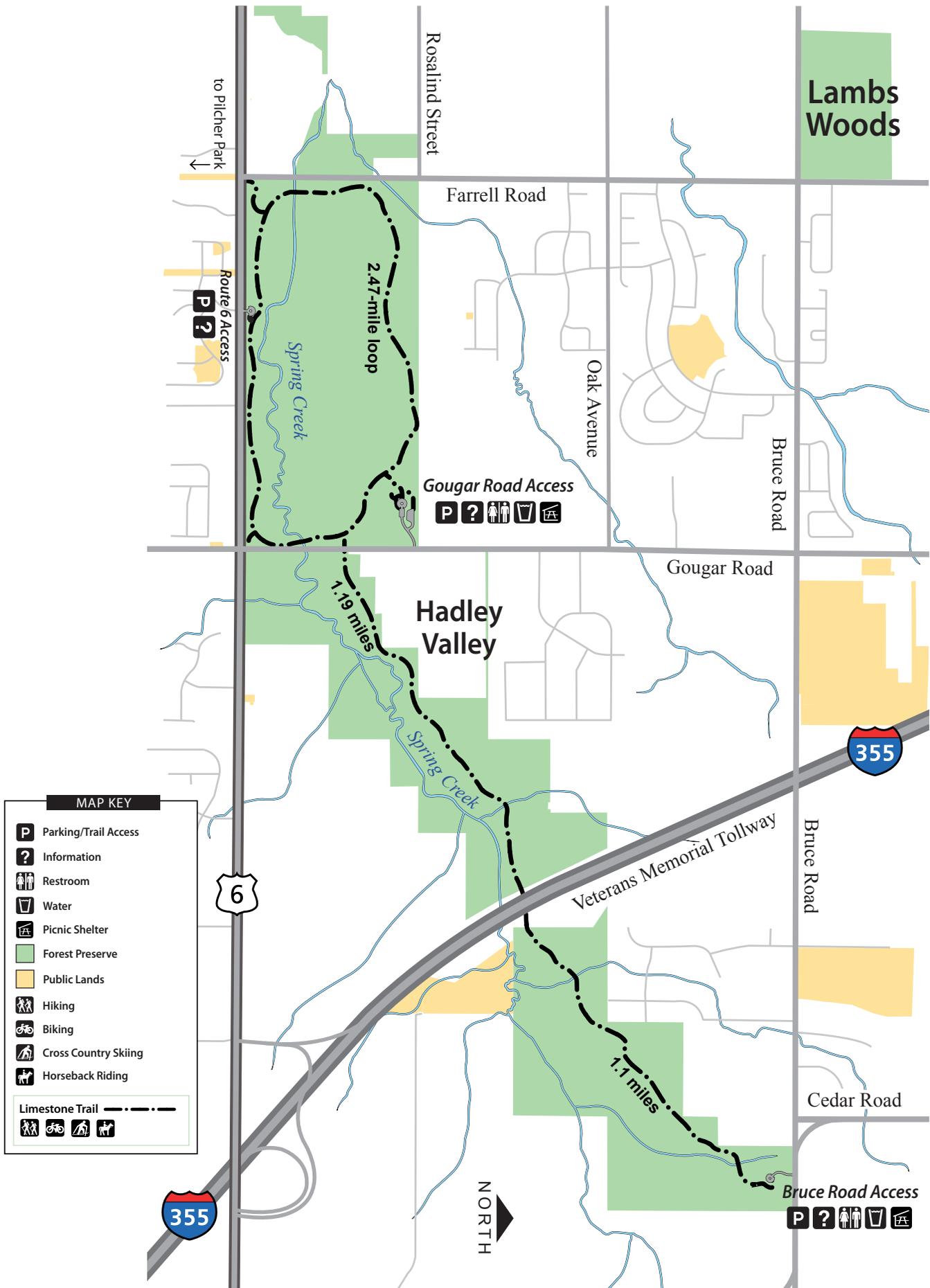


Hadley Valley Preserve



Directions to Preserve:

Hadley Valley Preserve - Gougar Road Access is located on Gougar Road, 0.2 mile north of Route 6 in Joliet.



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For information, please call 815.727.8700 or visit ReconnectWithNature.org.

Forest Preserve District of Will County

Hadley Valley Preserve

Preservation of Hadley Valley started in 2000, which extended the Spring Creek Greenway eastward three miles from Walnut Hollow Preserve, and protects a portion of the Hadley Valley Aquifer recharge area (primary source of the City of Joliet's drinking water). Hadley Valley is currently 685 acres. It includes a 0.5-mile-wide valley providing a scenic view from Route 6 along the north edge of New Lenox from Farrell Road in Joliet to Bruce Road in Homer Glen.

The District partnered with the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority on a large-scale stream dechannelization and completed a wetland and wildlife habitat restoration project in Hadley Valley using City of Chicago and U.S. Army Corps of Engineer O'Hare Modernization Mitigation Account (OMMA) funds secured through OpenLands.

Hadley Valley and the Spring Creek Greenway Master Plan have been recognized by several organizations:

- 2008 Excellence in Conservation Award, Chicago Wilderness
- 2009 Outstanding Conservation Award, Illinois Park and Recreation Association
- 2010 Implementation Award, Illinois Chapter of the American Planning Association
- 2011 National Planning Excellence Award for Implementation, American Planning Association

Preserve and Trail Hours

8 a.m. - Sunset, year-round

Trail Hours - The following select preserves are open sunrise to sunset to provide access to biking trails:

- I&M Canal Access, Joliet (I&M Canal Trail)
- Hickory Creek Junction, Mokena (OPRT)
- Black Road Access, Joliet (Rock Run Trail)
- Paul V. Nichols Access, Joliet (Rock Run Trail)
- Sugar Creek Administration Center, Joliet (WGT)
- Manhattan Road Access, Manhattan (WGT)
- Symerton Road Access, Symerton (WGT)

Information

Call 815.727.8700 weekdays to receive free informational brochures, such as:

Map & Guide to the Forest Preserve

County map showing preserve locations and complete recreational information.

The Citizen

Quarterly newsletter detailing family programs and preserve happenings.

Or visit ReconnectWithNature.org for more information and to request brochures or other trail maps.

In an Emergency, Call 9-1-1.

Please give the location and nature of the emergency.

In non-emergencies, call the Will County Sheriff's dispatch at 815.727.6191 to reach a Forest Preserve District Officer.

Trail Etiquette

- Slower traffic should stay to the right of the trail. Bicyclists should pass on the left, politely announcing "Passing on the left."
- While in a group, leave room for others to pass.
- Dogs are welcome on most trails but must be leashed. Cleaning up dog waste is required by ordinance. Dogs are not allowed in designated Nature Preserves.
- No Forest Preserve trail is designed for motorized use. Assistive motorized devices permitted.

In providing programs and services to the public, the Forest Preserve District will make reasonable modifications to ensure that all people have an equal opportunity to enjoy District offerings. For more information, visit ReconnectWithNature.org/ADA.