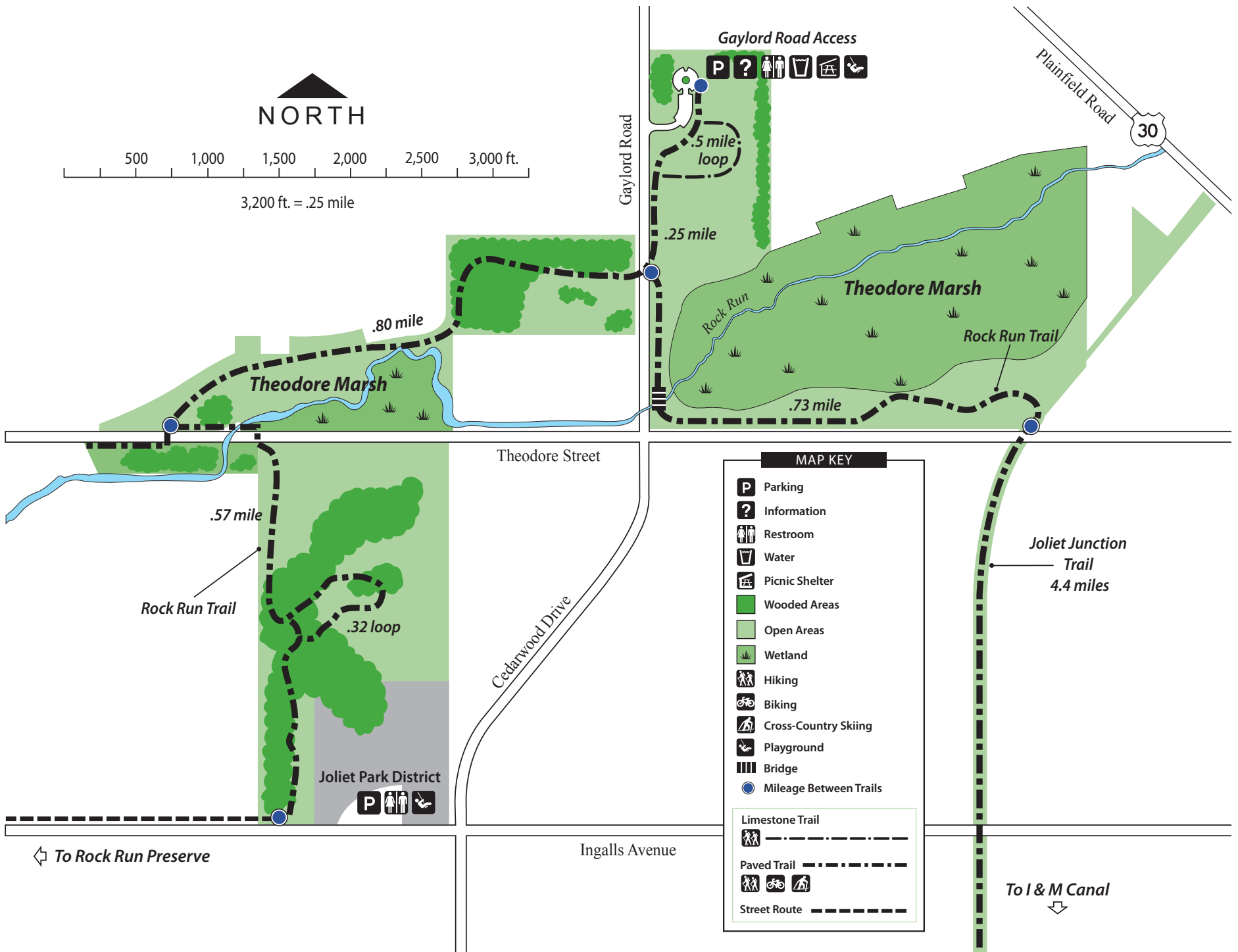


Rock Run Preserve – Theodore Marsh



Directions to Preserve:

Rock Run Preserve - Theodore Marsh is located on Gaylord Road, approximately 0.25 mile north of Theodore Street, in Crest Hill.



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Rock Run Greenway

The Rock Run is a low gradient creek slowly flowing through high-quality wetlands from Crest Hill and Joliet into the Des Plaines River. Rock Run has been adopted by local residents and the City of Joliet as an important amenity. The District, aided by the City, has successfully protected over 1,200 acres within the watershed to date with more expected. District holdings connect and link to those of Lockport Township Park District, Channahon Park District, Joliet Park District, and Joliet Junior College to create an almost continuous greenway along the entire Rock Run.

Theodore Marsh

The 180-acre Theodore Marsh on Gaylord Avenue and Theodore Street in Crest Hill and Joliet was acquired between 1994 and 2006. This wetland area includes habitat for such interesting birds as yellowheaded blackbirds and pied-billed grebes.

Theodore Marsh includes a playground built and managed by the Lockport Township Park District, and a public trailhead access area for the 9-mile Rock Run Trail going southwest, and the 4.4-mile Joliet Junction Trail going south. Starting in 2000, the District removed fill that had previously been dumped into the wetlands, and restored, enhanced, and created upland prairie and wetland on over 120 acres. In 2001, work began on creating an additional 12-acre prairie. Management of fire-evolved plant communities with prescribed burns started in 2005.

Preserve and Trail Hours

April - October, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
November - March, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Trail Hours - The following select preserves are open dawn to dusk 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 www.fpdwc.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 preserves designated as Nature Preserves.
- No Forest Preserve trail is designed for motorized use. Assistive motorized devices permitted.