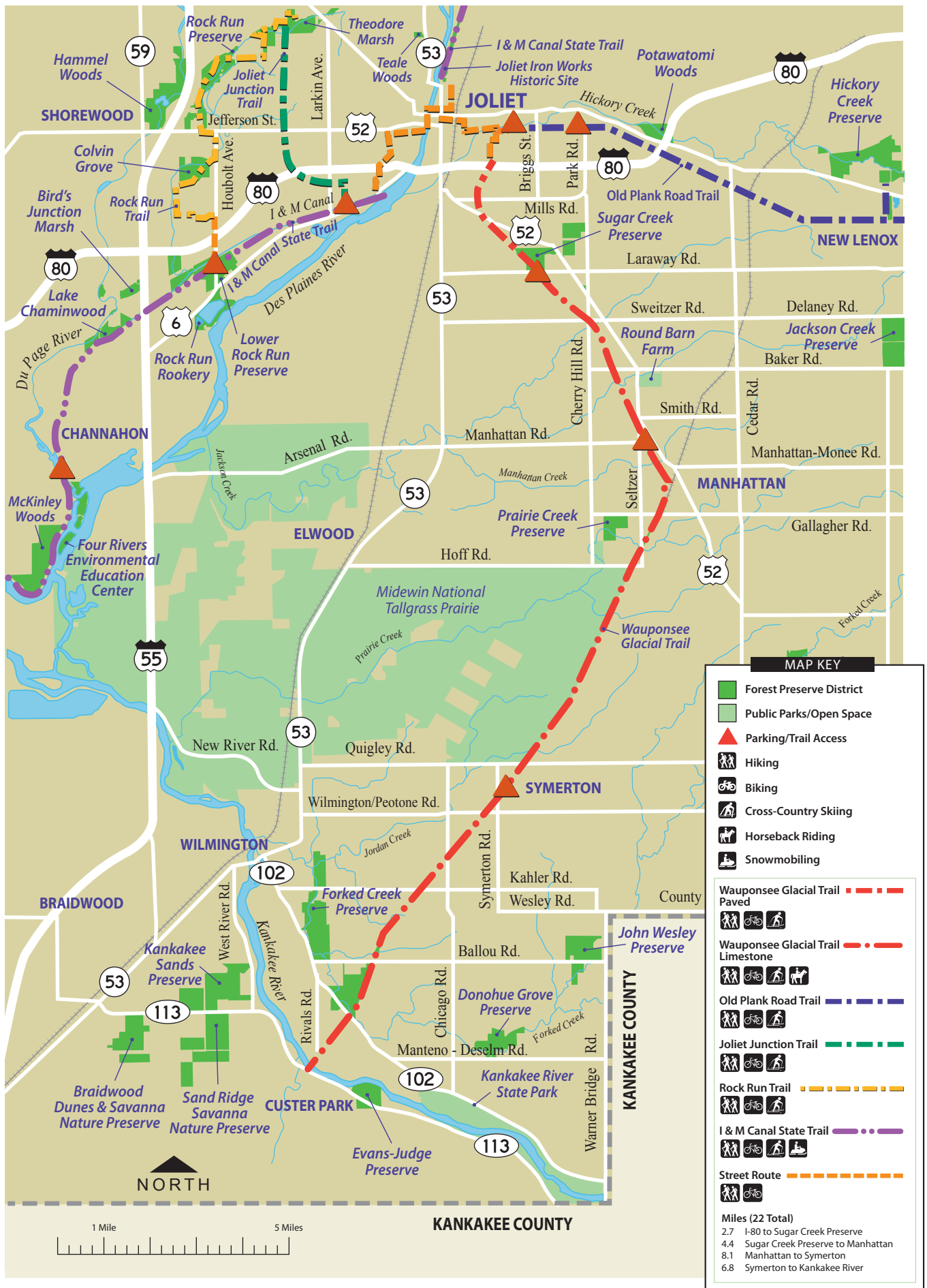


Wauponsee Glacial Trail



Bringing People and Nature Together

Directions to Preserve:

Wauponsee Glacial Trail
 Sugar Creek Preserve access is located at 17540 W. Laraway Road, 0.75 mile east of Route 53, in Joliet.

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

Forest Preserve District of Will County

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Named after an ancient glacial lake, the Wauponsee Glacial Trail is 22.3 miles in length. A 2.75-mile section of the trail is comprised of asphalt and runs from the Sugar Creek Administration Center, on Laraway Road in Joliet, north to Rowell Avenue. The 19.5-mile southern section, which also begins at the Administration Center, is surfaced with crushed limestone and skirts the Midewin National Tall Grass Prairie. This multi-use southern section is available for horseback riding, and the Administration Center provides ample parking for horse trailers and vehicles. The trail ends with a 600-foot bridge that spans the Kankakee River and provides a spectacular view. The primary access for the Wauponsee Glacial Trail is the Sugar Creek Administration Center. Other access locations providing limited parking are on Manhattan Road, in Manhattan, and Commercial Street, in Symerton.

Ongoing planning activities include working with local municipalities on trail connections and linkages, and extending the trail southward to the county line. Long-term planning will involve working with the State and Kankakee County to continue the trail to the south.

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.
- Power-driven mobility devices are not allowed unless the individual using the device is qualified under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).