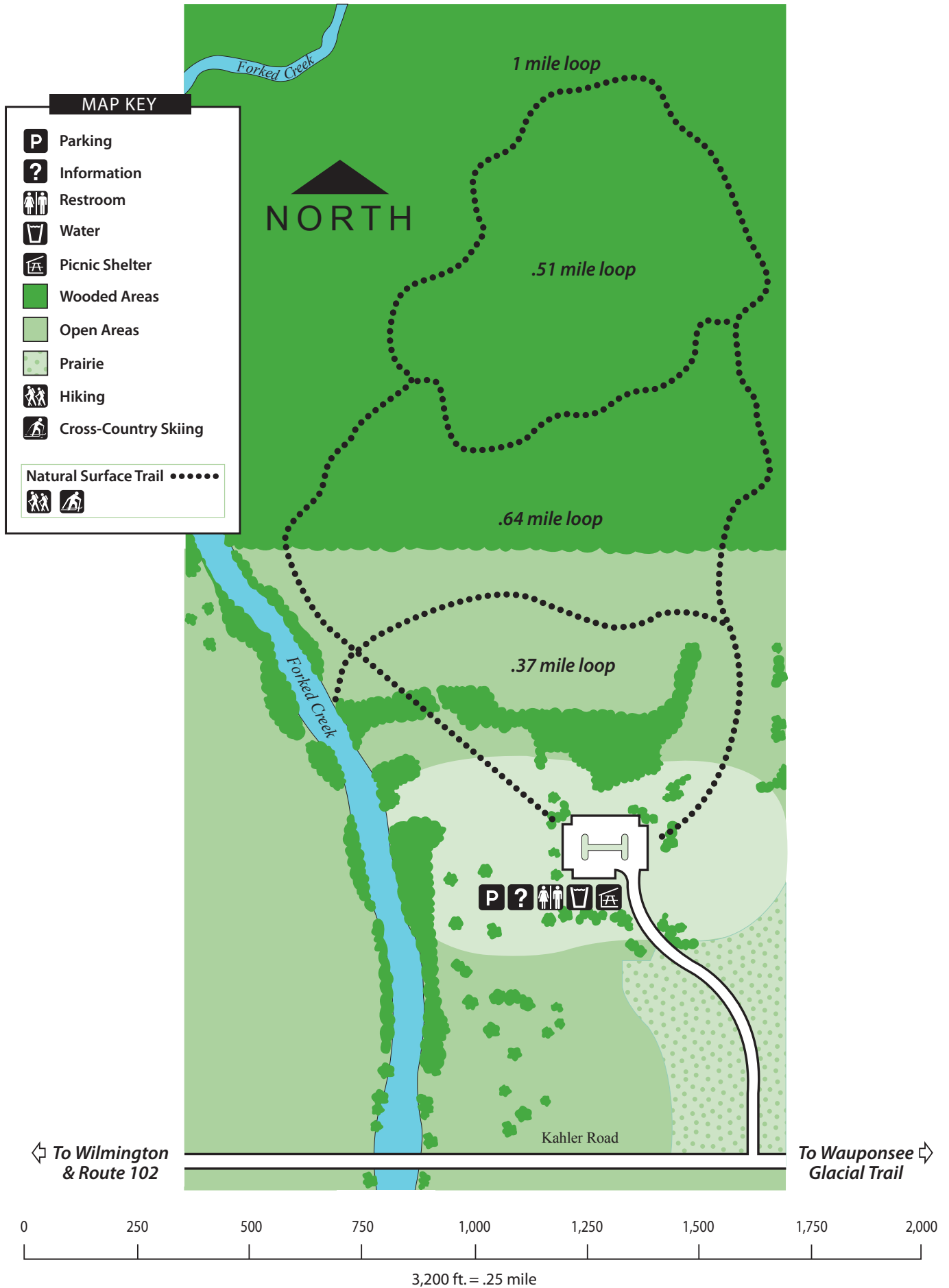


Forsythe Woods



Directions to Preserve:

Forked Creek Preserve – Forsythe Woods is located on Kahler Road, 1 mile east of Route 102, in Wilmington.



Bringing People and Nature Together

For additional information, please call 815.727.8700 or visit www.fpdwc.org.

Forest Preserve District of Will County

Forked Creek Greenway

The three-mile, 790-acre greenway starts at the Wauponsee Glacial Trail on Route 102 in Ritchie and protects both sides of Forked Creek downstream into Wilmington at Forsythe Woods except a 0.5-mile gap south of Ballou Road. The Forsythe Woods access area on Kahler Road at the northern end of the greenway was acquired in 1974 and continuing land assemblage has proceeded ever since.

Forked Creek Preserve- Forsythe Woods

Forsythe Woods lies at the confluence of Forked and Jordan Creeks and includes parking, a picnic shelter and primitive trails. Prairie areas have been enhanced by prescribed burns since 1986, and supplemented with brush control starting in 1993. The remainder of the greenway is in interim row crop production.

The District will be developing a portion of the greenway at Ballou Road for a large access facility to the Wauponsee Glacial Trail and a trail linkage from there to Forsythe Woods. Future planning will look at extending the trail into Wilmington and to the Kankakee River and eastward toward the Kankakee County line. The District will also be upgrading the existing public access facilities at Forsythe Woods.

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.