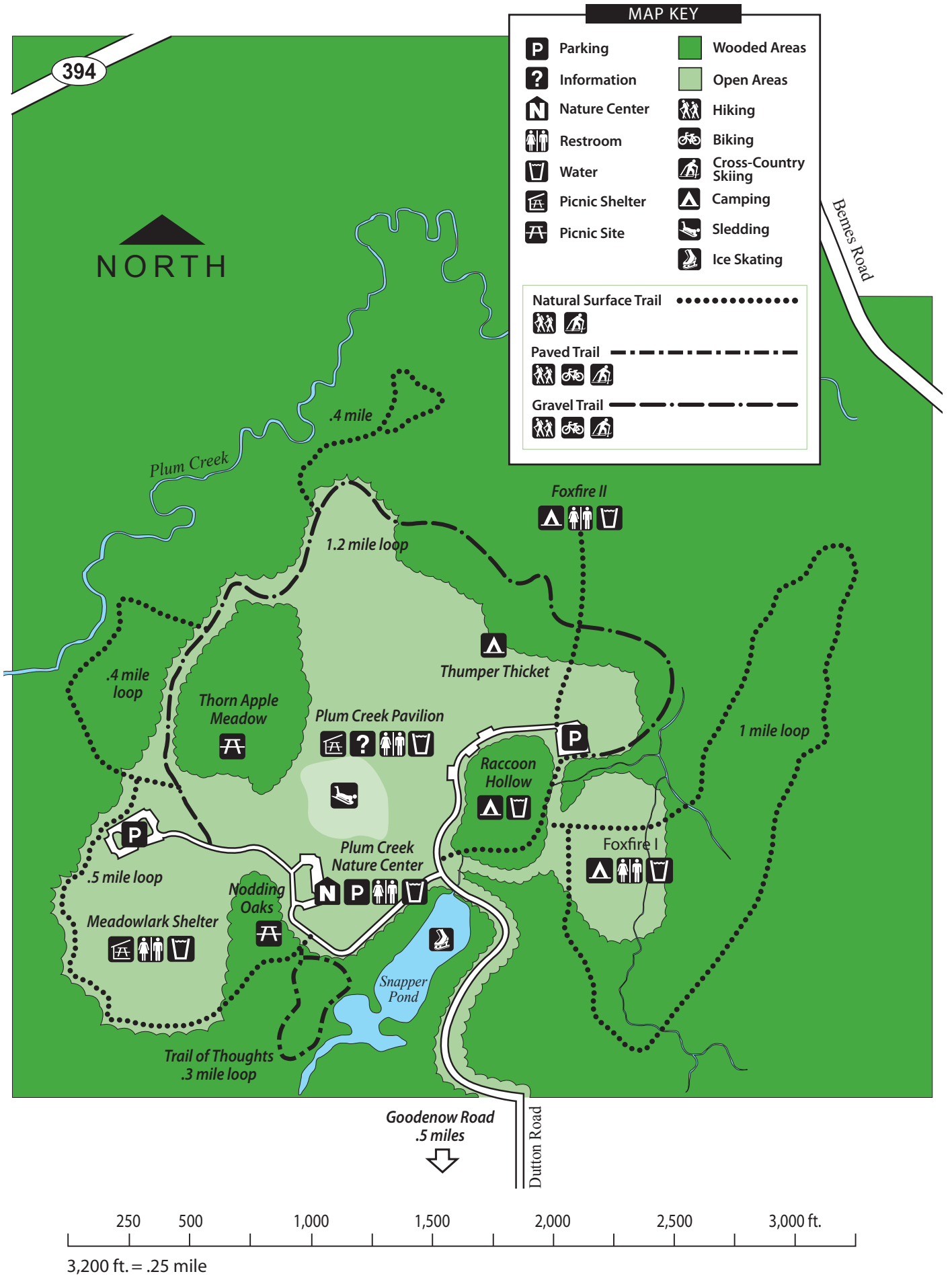



Goodenow Grove – Plum Creek Nature Center





Directions to Preserve:

Goodenow Grove Nature Preserve – Plum Creek Nature Center (27064 S. Dutton Road, Beecher) is located 1.25 miles east of the intersection of Routes 1 and 394 on Goodenow Road, in Crete Township.

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Goodenow Grove Nature Preserve

The first parcel of this 890-acre preserve was secured in 1938, while the core of Goodenow Grove started with the purchase of a Boy Scout camp in 1977. The preserve can be accessed from Dutton Road off of Goodenow Road in Crete Township.

Goodenow Grove was dedicated as a State Nature Preserve in 1996 in recognition of its rich, diverse mixture of natural communities, including dry-mesic and mesic upland forests; mesic and wet-mesic floodplain forests; forested seeps; savanna; dry-mesic and mesic prairies; wet-mesic prairie/sedge meadow; marshes; and vernal depressions.

Goodenow Grove Nature Preserve's recreational amenities include Plum Creek Nature Center, a large sledding hill, numerous nature trails, two picnic shelters, camping areas and a skating pond. It is the site of many educational programs for school children and families and is a recreation "hot spot" in the winter. The nature center underwent a major redesign in the fall of 2002 including new exhibits, native gardens and boardwalks.

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.