

Forest Preserve District of Will County

Joliet Area Bike Trails

WAUPONSEE GLACIAL TRAIL

The 23-mile Wauponsee Glacial Trail consists of a paved 2.5-mile biking/hiking trail from the Sugar Creek Administrative Center on Laraway Road north into Joliet. The remainder is a limestone screening trail from Sugar Creek southward to the Kankakee River in Custer Park. The trail is for biking, hiking, and equestrian use. Trail access is provided by the District at Laraway Road in Joliet, Manhattan/Arsenal Road in Manhattan, and Commercial Avenue in Symerton.

ROCK RUN GREENWAY

Theodore Marsh

The 180-acre Theodore Marsh on Gaylord Avenue and Theodore Street in Crest Hill and Joliet includes trailhead access for the 9-mile Rock Run Trail going southwest, and the 4.5-mile Joliet Junction Trail going south.

Rock Run Preserve

The 280-acre Rock Run Preserve lies west of Essington and south to Jefferson Street in Joliet. Rock Run includes multiple public trail access points such as Black Road and Paul V. Nichols on Essington Road, the Rock Run Greenway Trail, and a nature trail winding around a restored quarry.

Colvin Grove

Colvin Grove currently contains 175 acres linking Joliet Park District and Joliet Junior College properties. The Rock Run Greenway trail passes through the preserve.

Lower Rock Run Preserve – I&M Canal Access

South of I-80 between Joliet and Channahon, the 420-acre Lower Rock Run provides public access to the State's I&M Canal Trail, the District's Rock Run Trail and a short nature trail, and lies adjacent to Channahon Park District holdings.

OLD PLANK ROAD TRAIL

The District's first linear "rail-2-trail" project, the approximately 20-mile trail runs east from Washington Street in Joliet to Western Avenue in Park Forest.

JOLIET JUNCTION TRAIL

The 4.5-mile paved Joliet Junction bike trail was built in partnership with the City of Joliet. In conjunction with the State's I&M Canal Trail and the District's Rock Run Greenway Trail, it creates a 15-mile loop trail through Joliet, Crest Hill and Rockdale. The District provides access to the trail at Theodore Marsh on Gaylord in Crest Hill.

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)

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.

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 amenities.

[The Citizen](#)

Quarterly newsletter detailing family programs and events.

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