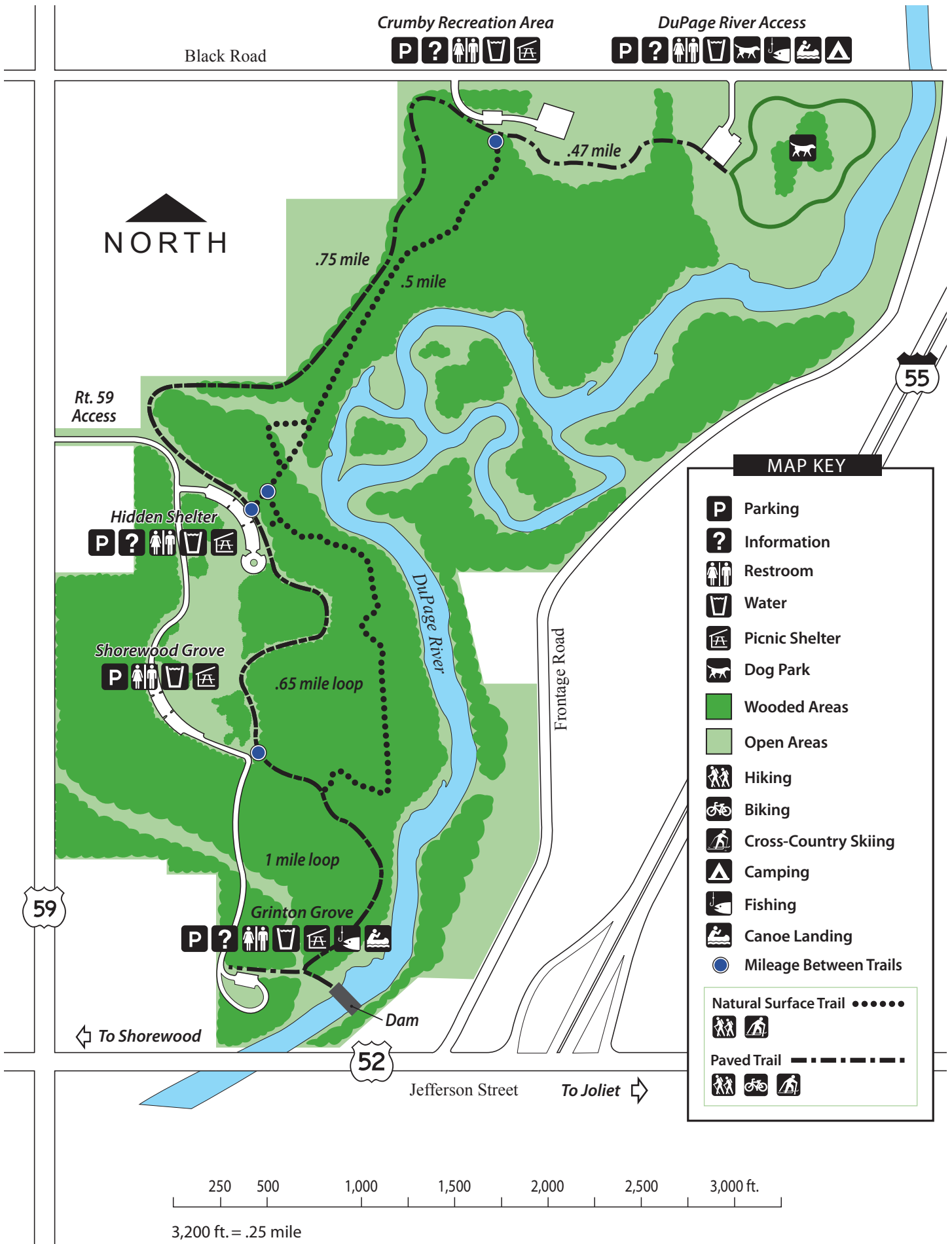


Hammel Woods



Directions to Preserve:

Hammel Woods – Crumby Recreation Area and DuPage River Access are located on Black Road, east of Route 59 in Shorewood. (Crumby Recreation Area entrance is closer to Route 59; DuPage River Access is east of Crumby.)

Hammel Woods – Route 59 Access is located on Route 59, north of Route 52 (Jefferson Street) in Shorewood.



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At the site of the historic Grinton Mill in Shorewood lies the District's 390-acre Hammel Woods, named in honor of those who fought in the World War I battle in Hamel, France. The first 150 acres were the District's second and third purchases (1930) in its history, and acquisition continues today.

Hammel Woods has three picnic shelters (one of which was built in the 1930s by the Civilian Conservation Corps), two miles of trails, camping, fishing, canoe landings, and a dog park. It is the halfway point of the Will County segment of the DuPage River water trails, and one of the most scenic portions. The preserve can be accessed from U.S. Route 59 and Black Road (two entrances).

A 7-acre dog park, the first developed by the Forest Preserve, opened in the fall of 2002. Together with Joliet and Plainfield and their park districts, the District is protecting lands along the river north of Hammel Woods to consolidate the greenway between Shorewood and Plainfield, and for the development of a trail along the river. The District is also providing planning and preservation assistance to Shorewood to extend the greenway and/or trail southward.

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.