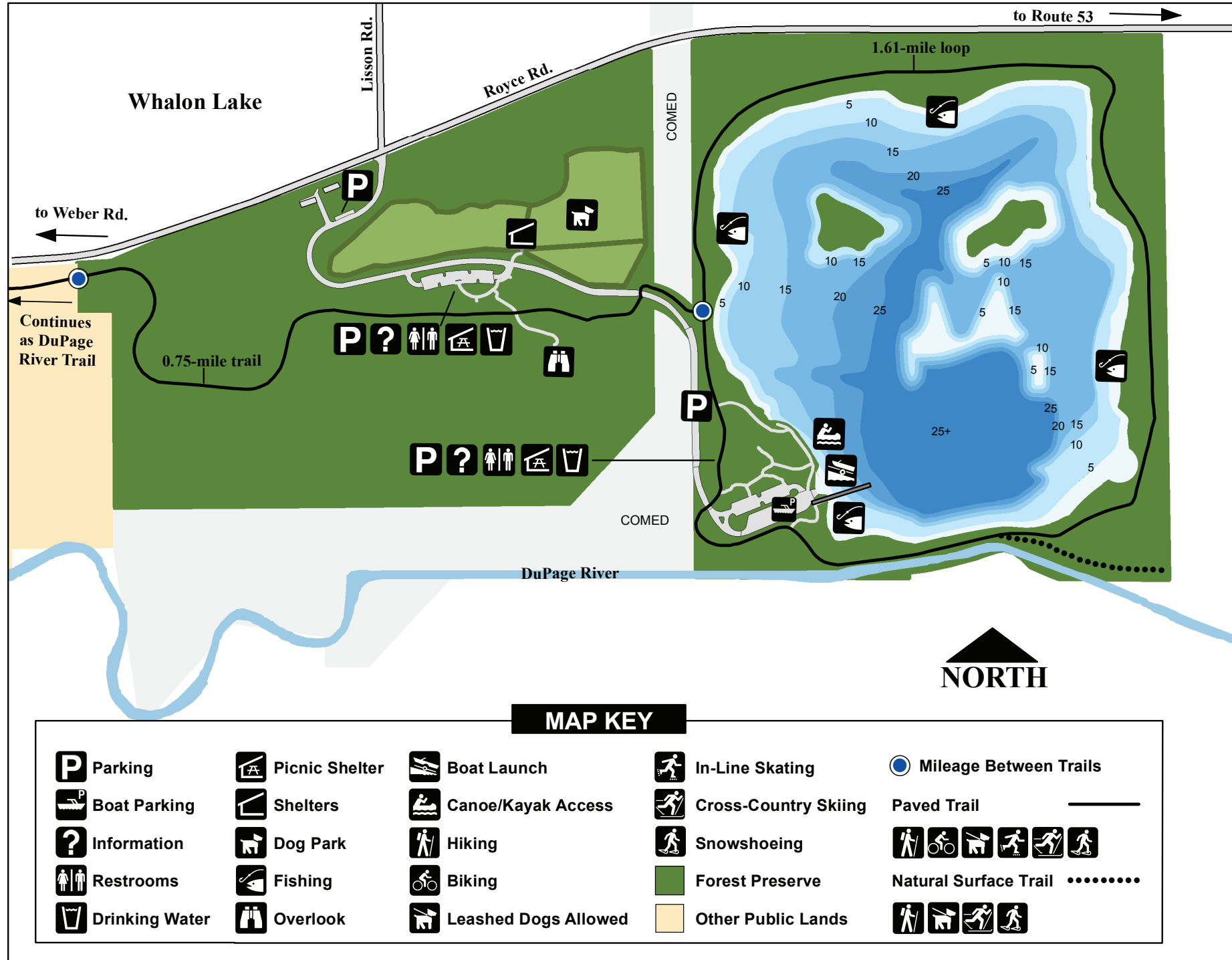


# Whalon Lake



**Forest Preserve District**  
OF WILL COUNTY

*Bringing People and Nature Together*

## Directions to Preserve:

**Whalon Lake** is located on Royce Road, west of Route 53 and east of Weber Road in the Bolingbrook/Naperville area.

**For information, please call 815.727.8700 or visit [ReconnectWithNature.org](http://ReconnectWithNature.org).**

# Forest Preserve District of Will County

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Along the east branch of the river lies the District's 249-acre Whalon Lake, acquired between 1992 and 2007. Whalon Lake was named after an early settler and owner of the parcel. The preserve is located on Royce Road in Bolingbrook and Naperville.

In partnership with a previous owner, a quarry in Whalon Lake was converted to an 80-acre public fishing lake that was opened in 2008. A popular 10-acre dog park with an additional 1.9-acre dog area for dogs under 35 pounds, and a picnic shelter opened in 2005. Large wetland areas were also restored or enhanced.

The preserve offers access to shoreline fishing at the lake. Catch and release fishing is encouraged. Ice fishing is prohibited. A canoe/kayak launch is also available, and a launch pass is not required. All persons in a canoe or kayak must wear a personal flotation device at all times. The preserve provides trailer parking and a boat launch on the lake for small fishing boats, and there is no launch fee or District permit required. Statewide and District fishing and boating regulations apply. Swimming and wading are prohibited in all Forest Preserve waters.

In providing programs and services to the public, the Forest Preserve District will make reasonable modifications to ensure that all people have an equal opportunity to enjoy District offerings. For more information, visit [ReconnectWithNature.org/ADA](http://ReconnectWithNature.org/ADA).

## Preserve and Trail Hours

Hours for Lake Chaminwood Preserve are 6 a.m.-sunset, April through October; and 8 a.m.-sunset, November through March.

Trail Hours - The following select preserves are open sunrise to sunset to provide access to biking trails:

- Rock Run Preserve-I&M Canal Access, Joliet (I&M Canal Trail)
- Hickory Creek Preserve-Hickory Creek Junction, Mokena (Old Plank Road Trail)
- Rock Run Preserve-Black Road Access, Joliet (Rock Run Greenway Trail)
- Rock Run Preserve-Paul V. Nichols Access, Joliet (Rock Run Greenway Trail)
- Sugar Creek Preserve, Joliet (Wauponsee Glacial Trail)
- Manhattan Road Access, Manhattan (Wauponsee Glacial Trail)
- Symerton Road Access, Symerton (Wauponsee Glacial Trail)

## Information

Call 815.727.8700 weekdays to receive free publications, such as the *Map & Guide to the Forest Preserve* and the District's quarterly newsletter, *The Citizen*.

Or visit [ReconnectWithNature.org](http://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

- Travel at safe speeds, and proceed at a slower pace when the trails are in heavy use.
- Slower traffic should stay to the right of the trail. Bicyclists should pass on the left, politely announcing, "Passing on the left."
- Do not block the trail. Use no more than half the trail width when in a group, and be sure to watch and listen for other trail users.
- Dogs are welcome on most trails but must be on leashes no longer than 10 feet in length. Owners must keep their dogs under control at all times. Dogs must not be allowed to disturb, harass or interfere with wildlife or visitors. 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 are permitted.