

# Accessibility & inclusion

Nature for all





## Accessible preserves for everyone

The Forest Preserve District of Will County is committed to accessibility by meeting or exceeding federal and state standards and applying universal design principles in its programs, services, facilities and preserves.

## Visitor centers

We operate five accessible visitor centers:

### **Four Rivers Environmental Education Center**

25055 W. Walnut Lane,  
Channahon, IL 60410  
815-722-9470

### **Hidden Oaks Nature Center**

419 Trout Farm Rd.,  
Bolingbrook, IL 60440  
815-722-4121

### **Isle a la Cache Museum**

501 E. Romeo Road,  
Romeoville, IL 60446  
815-722-9301

### **Plum Creek Nature Center**

27064 S. Dutton Road,  
Beecher, IL 60401  
708-946-2216

### **Monee Reservoir**

27341 S. Ridgeland Ave,  
Monee, IL 60449  
708-534-8499

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## Our commitment

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 our offerings.

**Grievance Process:** Persons believing that they have been discriminated against by the Forest Preserve District of Will County may file a complaint alleging discrimination with the Forest Preserve District or the Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice. Visitors who believe they have experienced discrimination may file a complaint with the Forest Preserve District or the U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division: [civilrights.justice.gov](https://civilrights.justice.gov). For more information, visit [ReconnectWithNature.org/ADA](https://ReconnectWithNature.org/ADA).

# Available accessibility accommodations



- ADA-compliant facilities
- Parking at District visitor centers and most Forest Preserve trailheads and developed preserves
- Restrooms at visitor centers and accessible outdoor latrines at all preserve access areas.
- Wayside exhibits and information stations located along accessible walkways and trails
- Qualified service animals allowed throughout forest preserves and visitor centers
- Power-driven mobility devices for persons with mobility impairment allowed on designated paths in preserves

# Accessible recreational opportunities

- More than 70 miles of paved trails and 45 miles of limestone paths with detailed trail accessibility signage
- All-persons trail at McKinley Woods including tactile strips, sensory kiosks and wayfinding signs
- Accessible fishing and camping locations
- Wheelchair accessible picnic areas
- Accessible boating, canoeing and kayaking opportunities
- An adaptive all-terrain wheelchair for trail use

**The All-Persons Trail wayfinding signs.** ➤





## Inclusivity at Four Rivers

The District's Four Rivers Environmental Education Center is accredited by the National Inclusion Project, signaling that it meets high standards for inclusive practices and accessibility. The visitor center offers:

- Inclusive field trips for schools as well as adult programs
- Pre-visit walkthrough videos and visual schedule creators
- Accessible exhibit spaces with tactile and interactive displays
- Buddy bags with sensory items
- Quiet spaces
- Live captioning and screen-reader-enabled PDFs
- Communication boards and visual reading devices
- All-abilities events



## Programs open to all

- Programs open to people of all cognitive and physical abilities
- Presentations that can be adapted using various communication tools
- Programs can be customized, or a similar experience can be arranged.

## Communications assistance upon request

- Publications available in large print
- Sign language interpreters
- Live transcriptions
- Portable speakers



To request an accommodation, please fill out our online form at [ReconnectWithNature.org/ADA](https://ReconnectWithNature.org/ADA). Requests should be made at least 48 hours in advance. Some requests may take longer to fulfill than others.



# Nature is for everyone. No exceptions.

Our preserves are more than places to explore. They are spaces to belong.





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