

FOREST PRESERVE INFORMATION

DeKalb County Forest Preserves are open year 'round

SHELTER HOUSE RENTAL, TIME SCHEDULE & FEES

Call Forest Preserve Managers for reservations - see below

ENCLOSED SHELTERS

(MacQueen, Russell, Chief Shabbona, & Sannauk Preserves)

(electricity, picnic tables, firewood & wood burning stoves)

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	\$15.00/resident	\$20.00/non-resident
5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	\$10.00/resident	\$15.00/non-resident

Overnight use of enclosed shelters by organized groups

(primarily weekend use by scouts), the fees are:

Fri. p.m. - Sat. p.m.	\$25.00/resident	\$30.00/non-resident
Fri. p.m. - Sun. p.m.	\$35.00/resident	\$40.00/non-resident

MACQUEEN LODGE

(picnic tables, kitchen & bathroom facilities, fireplace, gas heat)

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	\$35.00/resident	\$40.00/non-resident
5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	\$15.00/resident	\$20.00/non-resident

AFTON PRESERVE

8:00 a.m. to sunset (no electricity)

Large open air shelter	\$20.00/resident	\$25.00/non-resident
Small open air shelter	\$15.00/resident	\$20.00/non-resident
Enclosed shelter	\$35.00/resident	\$40.00/non-resident

P.A. NEHRING, KNUTE OLSON JR.

(no electricity)

Open air shelter	\$25.00/resident	\$30.00/non-resident
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TENT CAMPING

Tent camping is allowed only at MacQueen Forest Preserve at a cost of \$4.00 per tent. Campfires must be in designated campsite areas only. Call Forest Preserve Managers for camping and shelter house reservations (see below).

FOREST PRESERVE STAFF

DeKalb County Forest Preserve District Office & Information	815-895-7191
	FAX: 815-895-7284
Web Site	www.dekalbcounty.org
Natural Resource Manager	815-751-5529
Preserve Managers	
Chief Shabbona	815-751-3611
Russell Woods	815-895-5556
MacQueen	815-522-6254
Afton	815-756-6633
Sannauk	815-901-5787
The Natural Resource Education Center at Russell Woods	815-784-2000

Your forest preserves provide natural areas for all to enjoy. Please respect these unique environments. Do not litter and keep campfires in designated areas. Leave plants, wildflowers and wildlife alone so others may also enjoy them. **Your co-operation in keeping dogs leashed is important to preserve wildlife and reduce conflicts with other park users. Alcoholic beverages are not allowed in the Forest Preserves.**



DEKALB COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT

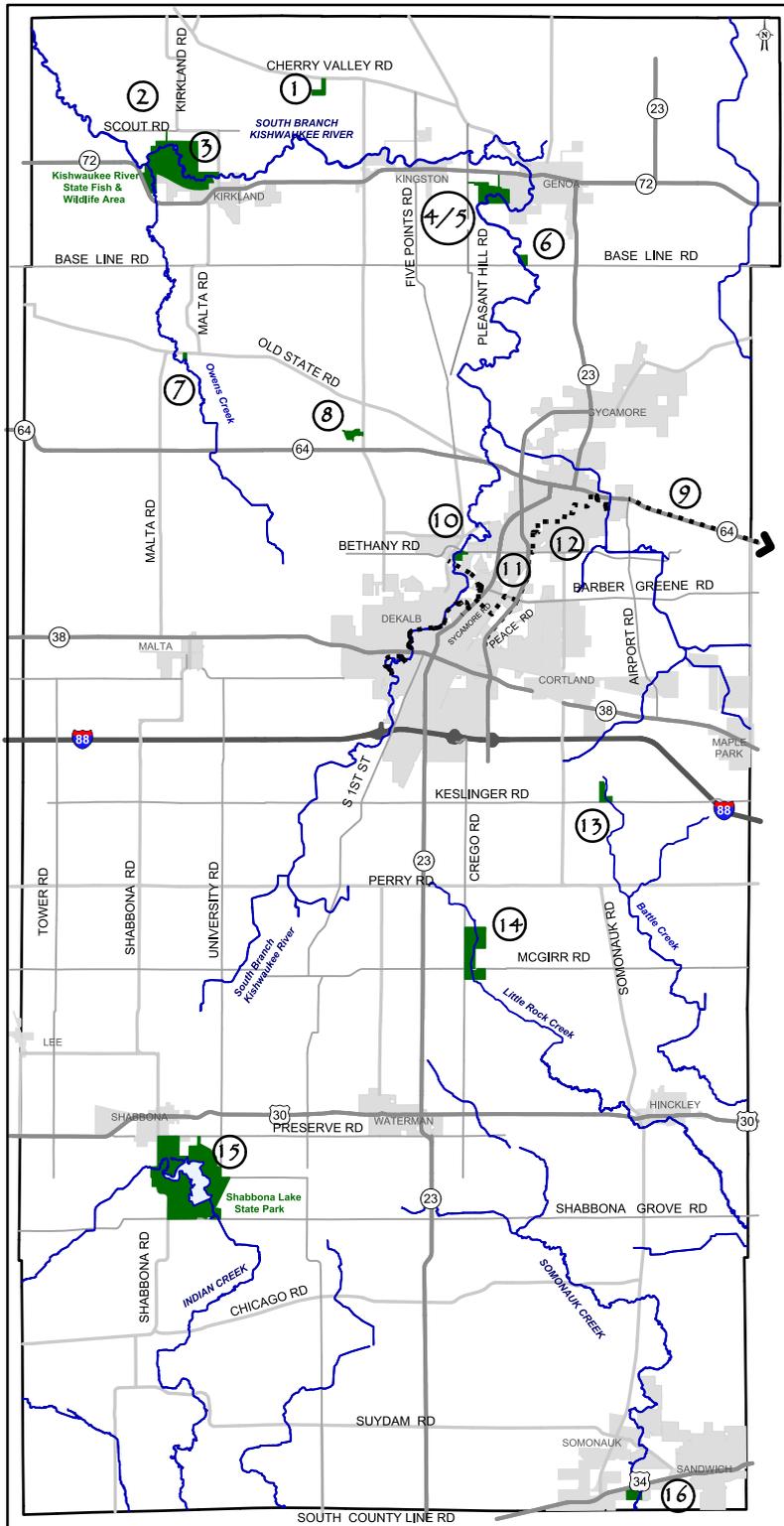


Discover, explore and enjoy your forest preserves!

The DeKalb County Forest Preserve District was established in 1940 to acquire, preserve and restore natural resources for public enjoyment, recreation and education, and for the protection of our natural heritage.

In all seasons, the DeKalb County Forest Preserves offers a variety of outdoor activities surrounded by forest, prairies and wetlands. **Prairie Oaks Forest Preserve** has beautiful old oaks in the oak savannah, prairie and wetland habitat along the hiking trails and picnic area. Take a walk through **Russell Woods** beneath oaks and hickory, surrounded by woodland flowers and the Kishwaukee River. **The Natural Resource Center**, also at Russell Preserve can be reserved by schools and other groups for outdoor educational field trips. The 1835 Miller - Ellwood cabin is located on the **Hoppe Heritage Farm** and overlooks the **South Branch Prairie**. Visit **Afton Preserve** and **Afton South Prairie** and discover native Illinois prairie in mid-summer bloom or traverse the cross country ski trails in winter. Birding and photography opportunities abound at Afton. Fishing is an ideal activity at **Knute Olson Jr. Preserve** along the Kishwaukee River.

At one time, Chief Shabbona and the Potawatomi Tribe lived in the **Chief Shabbona Preserve**, the historical marker along the trail tells of their time here. For picnicking, hiking or a game of softball, try **Nehring Preserve**. Fish the Somonauk Creek in summer or go sledding in winter at **Sannauk Preserve**. Along the banks of the Kishwaukee River, **MacQueen Preserve** and **Potawatomi Woods** offers the Forest Preserve District's largest natural resource area. **Adee's Woods** provides a small area for a picnic and a walk through the woods. If biking or snowmobiling is your interest, try the **Great Western Trail** which starts just east of Sycamore and extends eastward 17 miles east through Kane County to the Fox River Trail. The **DeKalb / Sycamore Trail** links the DeKalb Park District Trail from Lions Park on DeKalb's south side and takes you along the Kishwaukee River to Hopkins Park and then north to Sycamore and east to the Great Western Trail. **County Farm Woods** links the DeKalb / Sycamore Trail as a great rest stop along your way. **Merritt Prairie** offers 56 acres of rolling terrain, native prairie and wetland restorations with picnic and hiking trails. **Wilkinson / Renwick Marsh** preserves wetland habitat and is an excellent area to listen to and view wildlife.



KEY TO FACILITIES AND RECREATION		Acres	Handicap Accessible	Tent Camping	Canoeing *	Cross Country Skiing	Fishing	Hiking	Historic	Natural Resource Center	Open Play Fields	Picnic	Playground	Enclosed Shelters	Open-Air Shelters	Snowmobiling	Sledding Hill	Toilet	Water	Biking	
1	Prairie Oaks	43	●			●		●				●									
2	MacQueen	48	●	●	●	●	●	●			●	●	●	●	●			●	●		
3	Potawatomi Woods	300	●		●	●	●	●				●	●		●			●			
4	Russell Woods	126	●		●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●		
5	Hoppe Heritage Farm 1835 Miller - Ellwood Cabin and South Branch Prairie	60	●			●	●	●	●			●						●			
6	Knute Olson Jr.	26	●		●	●	●	●				●			●			●	●		
7	Adee's Woods	10						●				●									
8	Wilkinson - Renwick Marsh	46	●					●				●									
9	Great Western Trail (DeKalb and Kane Counties)	17 mi.	●			●		●				●				●					●
10	P.A. Nehring	28	●			●	●	●			●	●			●				●		
11	County Farm Woods	9	●					●													●
12	DeKalb/Sycamore Trail	6 mi.	●			●		●													●
13	Merritt Prairie	56				●		●				●									
14	Afton & Afton South Prairie	316	●			●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●			●	●		
15	Chief Shabbona	88	●			●		●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●		
16	Sannauk	73	●			●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●		

* The South Branch Kishwaukee River flows northwest through P.A. Nehring, Knute Olson Jr., Russell Woods, Potawatomi Woods and MacQueen Forest Preserves.
 • Dogs must be leashed at all times in forest preserves, except at designated off leash areas. Dogs are not allowed at Prairie Oaks Forest Preserve.
 • For information about other public park areas, contact Shabbona Lake State Park and Kishwaukee State Fish and Wildlife Area at 815-824-2106, DeKalb Park District at 815-758-6663, or Sycamore Park District at 815-895-3365.
 • Forest Preserves are open all year and hours are from sunrise to sunset.
 • Alcoholic Beverages are not allowed in Forest Preserves.

• DeKalb County Forest Preserve District offers 3 areas with horseback riding trails. Potawatomi Woods forest preserve has a 1 mile loop trail, horseback riding is allowed on the mowed shoulders of the 3 mile DeKalb County section of the Great Western Trail (no parking on site for horse trailers) and horseback riding is allowed on the 1/2 mile gravel road at Chief Shabbona forest preserve (limited parking on site for horse trailers). Please stay off trails if conditions are wet. Trails may close due to wet conditions in the spring and fall or at any time due to unsafe conditions — call (815) 895-7191 for questions and any other information.