



**DEKALB COUNTY  
FOREST PRESERVE  
DISTRICT**

**FOREST PRESERVE  
INFORMATION**

DeKalb County Forest Preserves are open year 'round

**SHELTER HOUSE RENTAL,  
TIME SCHEDULE & FEES**

*Call Preserve Managers for reservations –  
see contact information to right*

**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

**P.A. NEHRING, KNUTE OLSON JR.,  
SYCAMORE**

(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 MacQueen Forest Preserve Managers for camping and shelter house reservations.

**FOREST PRESERVE  
STAFF**

**DEKALB COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE  
DISTRICT OFFICE & INFORMATION**

Main Office Phone . . . . . 815-895-7191

Main Office Fax . . . . . 815-895-7284

[dekalbcounty.org/departments/forest-preserve/](http://dekalbcounty.org/departments/forest-preserve/)

Natural Resource Manager . . . . . 815-751-5529  
779-212-2496

Maintenance Manager . . . . . 779-212-2000

**PRESERVE MANAGERS**

*Call Preserve Manager for shelter reservations*

Chief Shabbona . . . . . 815-751-3611

Russell Woods . . . . . 815-895-5556

MacQueen . . . . . 815-522-6254

Afton . . . . . 815-756-6633

Sannauk . . . . . 815-901-5787

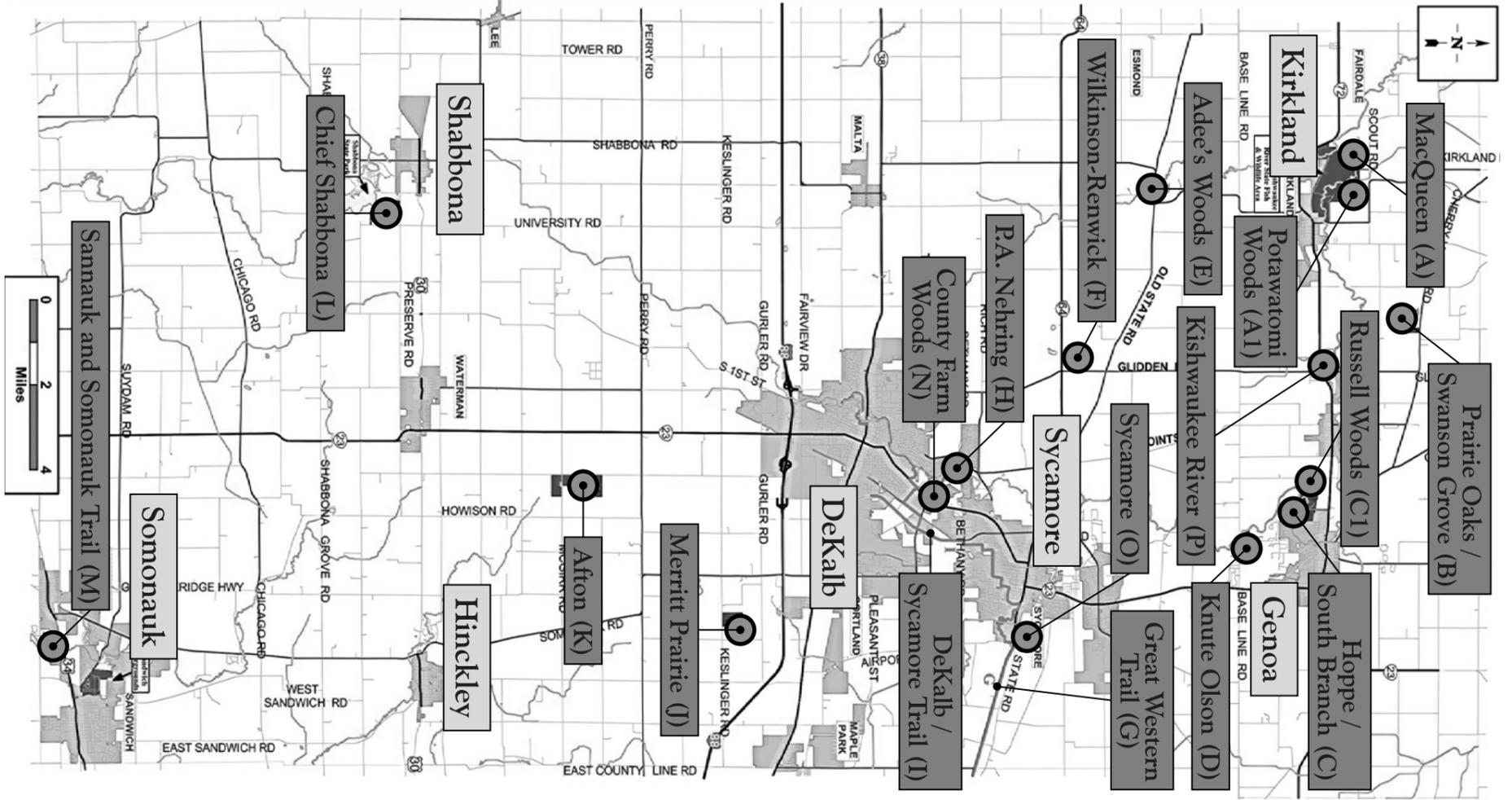
**THE NATURAL RESOURCE EDUCATION  
CENTER AT RUSSELL WOODS**

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.**

**FOREST PRESERVE  
INFORMATION**

- *The South Branch Kishwaukee River flows northwest through P.A. Nehring, Knute Olson Jr., Russell Woods, South Branch Prairie, Kishwaukee, Potawatomi Woods and MacQueen Forest Preserves.*
- *Dogs must be leashed at all times in forest preserves, except at designated off leash areas in Afton South Prairie, Potawatomi Woods and Merritt Prairie. 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 mile gravel road and trail 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.*



Discover, explore and enjoy your forest preserves!

The DeKalb County Forest Preserve District was created by the voters of DeKalb County in 1940. The mission of the DeKalb County Forest Preserve District is to "Acquire lands for the purpose of protecting, preserving and restoring the flora, fauna and scenic beauties of such lands, as nearly as may be, in their natural state and condition and for the education and recreation of our citizens."

FACILITIES AND RECREATION INFORMATION			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	
Site	Address	Acres																			
A MacQueen	3640 Scout Rd. Kirkland, IL 60146	48	●	●	●	●	●	●			●	●	●	●	●			●	●		
A1 Potawatomi Woods	32199 Kirkland Rd. Kirkland, IL 60146	452	●		●	●	●	●				●	●	●	●			●			
B Prairie Oaks Swanson Grove Nelson Prairie	7535 Cherry Valley Rd. Kingston, IL 60145	98	●			●	●	●				●									
C Hoppe Heritage Farm Preserve – South Branch Prairie	31966 Pleasant Hill Rd. Kingston, IL 60145	60	●			●	●	●	●			●						●			
C1 Russell Woods	11750 State Rte. 72 Genoa, IL 60135	126	●		●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●		
D Knute Olson, Jr.	12595 Base Line Rd. Kingston, IL 60145	26	●		●	●	●	●			●	●			●			●	●		
E Adee's Woods	4106 Old State Road Kirkland, IL 60146	10					●	●				●									
F Wilkinson-Renwick Marsh	25855 Glidden Rd. Claire, IL 60111	46	●				●	●				●									
G Great Western Trail	DeKalb and Kane Counties	17 mi.	●			●	●	●				●				●				●	
H P.A. Nehring	380 Bethany Rd. DeKalb, IL 60115	44	●			●	●	●			●	●			●			●			
I DeKalb / Sycamore Trail	Peace Rd. DeKalb / Sycamore	6 mi.	●			●	●	●												●	
J Merritt Prairie	14401 Keslinger Rd. DeKalb, IL 60115	56				●	●	●	●			●									
K Afton	13600 Crego Road DeKalb, IL 60115	316	●			●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●			●	●		
L Chief Shabbona	4490 Preserve Rd. Shabbona, IL 60550	88	●			●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●			●	●		
M Sannauk and Somonauk Trail	15250 US Hwy 34 Somonauk, IL 60552	75	●			●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●		
N County Farm Woods	2305 State Rte. 23 DeKalb, IL 60115	9	●				●	●												●	
O Sycamore	955 East State St. Sycamore, IL 60178	60	●			●	●	●			●	●			●			●		●	
P Kishwaukee River	Annie Glidden Road at the Kishwaukee River	236	<b>OPEN IN 2021</b>																		