Matthew Bieszczat Volunteer Resource Center
North Branch of the Chicago River

Address or Nearest Intersection:
6100 N. Central Ave. south of Caldwell Ave.,
Chicago, IL

Directions: The entrance to the VRC is on west side of
Central Ave., south of Caldwell Ave. Follow drive as it
curves to the right and into the parking lot. Access to the
river is either on other side of golf course from the
parking lot or near the Central Ave. bridge by the
entrance to the Volunteer Resource Center.

Owner: Forest Preserves of Cook County
(permit required)

Habitat Description: Fairly wide forested site that the river runs through.
Good site for spring wildflowers. Frequent sightings of ducks and deer.

Access to water: Good access in places. Many entry points down
small declines to water. Water near edge is shallow and safe for wading.
Water in center of river is often deep.

Amenities: Volunteer resource center has bathrooms and indoor
space which may be available for reservation. Lawn area around
Volunteer Resource Center.

Parking: Parking lot

Capacity: 60 students