

Beaubien Woods

Flatfoot Lake and the Little Calumet River

Address or Nearest Intersection:

13400 S. Doty Ave. Chicago, IL or
Exit 69 off the southbound Bishop Ford (I-94)

Directions: South on the Bishop Ford (I-94), take exit 69 to Beaubien Woods Forest Preserve. The park drive to the right leads to Flatfoot Lake on your left. To get to the boat launch, exit I-94 at 130th St. and head west. Turn south (left) on Ellis Ave. and left again on Doty Ave. At Carver Military Academy cross the railroad tracks on 132nd St. Turn left on the park drive.



Owner: Forest Preserves of Cook County (permit required)

Habitat Description: The forest has large oaks that are over 100 years old, along with pockets of remnant prairie that have big and little bluestem, prairie dock, and other native species. Flatfoot Lake, a 22-acre body of water, is used for fishing, and is stocked.

Access to water: Access to Flatfoot Lake and the Little Calumet (by the boat launch) is easy. They are easy to wade into and macroinvertebrates are plentiful, especially in the lake, which is the better site for students.

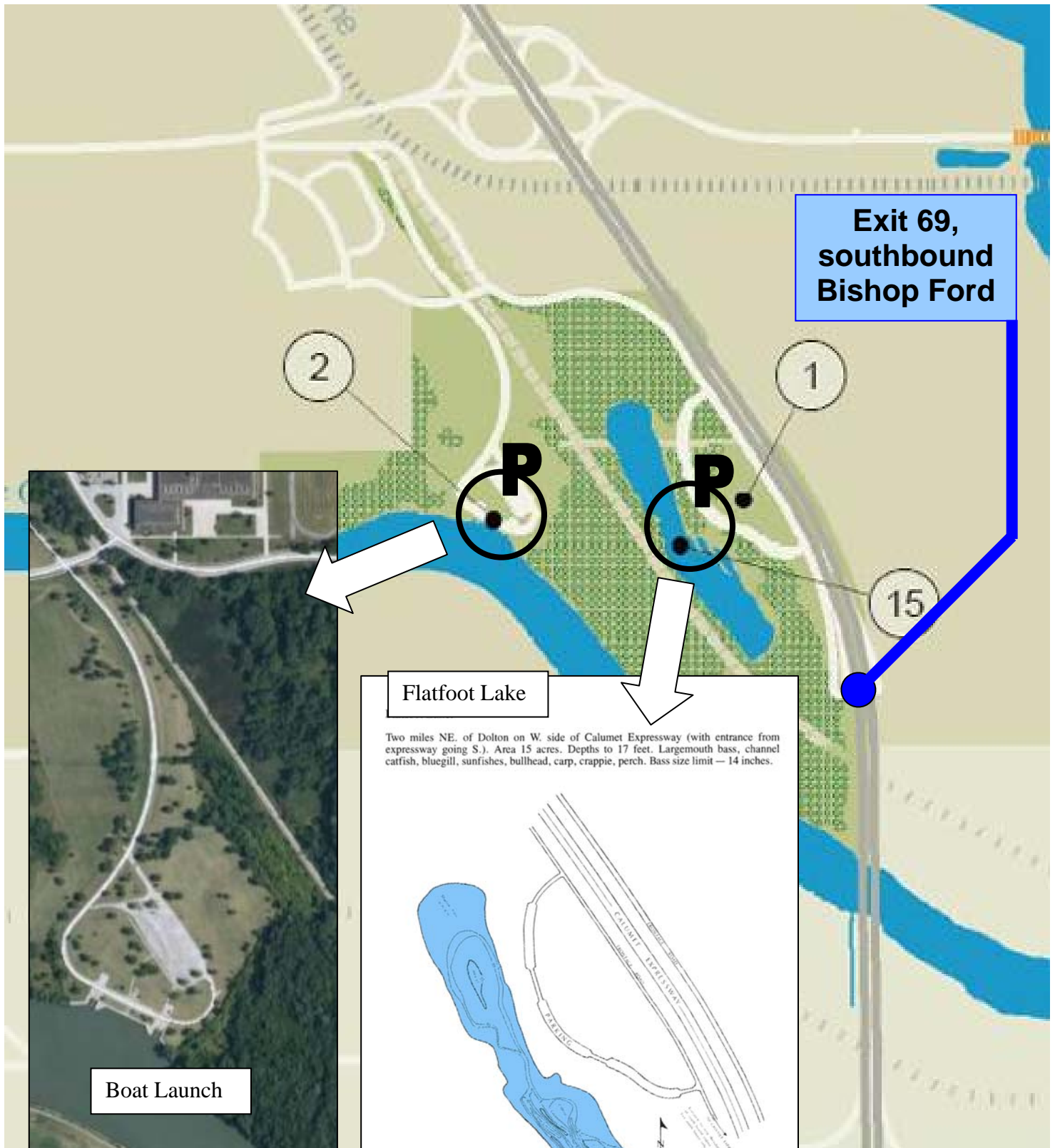
Amenities: Portable bathrooms are available seasonally. Picnic shelter is available for lunch.



Parking: Parking is plentiful for both cars and buses.

Capacity: 60 students





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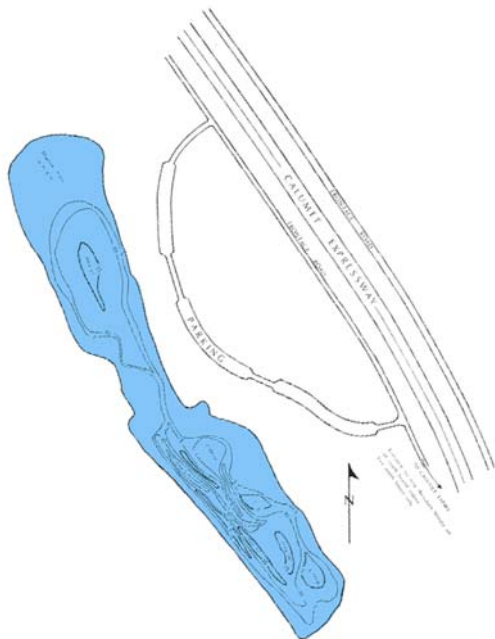
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Flatfoot Lake

Two miles NE. of Dolton on W. side of Calumet Expressway (with entrance from expressway going S.). Area 15 acres. Depths to 17 feet. Largemouth bass, channel catfish, bluegill, sunfishes, bullhead, carp, crappie, perch. Bass size limit — 14 inches.



Boat Launch