

Chipilly Woods

Middle Fork of the North Branch of the Chicago River

Address or Nearest Intersection:

Lee Rd. and Grant Rd., Northbrook, IL.

Directions: Enter preserve off of Grant Rd.

Follow northeast path until it meets up with

another trail traveling perpendicular (NW/SE).

Follow the southeast trail straight down to river.

The entire walk takes about five minutes.

Note: there is no sign labeling this entrance as a FPCC site.

Owner: Forest Preserves of Cook County (permit required).

Habitat Description: Chipilly Woods is a forested site with beautiful old oaks and hickories. There is good macroinvertebrate diversity, especially near the riffle under the railroad tracks.

Buckthorn and other invasive species have been removed from large areas, and a diversity of plant and animal life has returned. The work of countless volunteers has transformed the preserve into an ever-changing display of wildflowers, birds and other seasonal inhabitants thriving under the giant oaks.

Access to water: Walk the path into the woods. When you get to the blue trail go right and under the railroad tracks. The river's banks are not steep and shallow water with a rocky bottom is safe for wading.

Amenities: No bathrooms onsite.

Plan ahead as it is several miles from the nearest restroom/restaurants.

Parking: Gravel pull-off on Grant Rd. (just where the road turns). Parking is very limited at this site. Drop off and pick up are recommended, rather than parking and waiting.

Capacity: 30 students.



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