



Take a Hike Activity Sheet — May Oakhurst Forest Preserve

This month, the woodland wildflowers at Oakhurst Forest Preserve are in their full glory. They are ephemeral, meaning they will grow, bloom and produce seed over the course of just a few short weeks, each spring. Follow the trail that begins at the western parking lot; go through the woods to the bike trail, and take the paved trail back to the parking lot (total distance is roughly one-half mile).

As you hike, try to find the flowers pictured below. Many are designed to attract specific pollinators that help the flowers produce their seeds. For each flower you identify, try to list its pollinator, below.

Pollinator choices include: Bumblebee, Hummingbird Moth, Beetles/Flies, Fungus Gnats, Hummingbird, Butterflies



Wild Columbine – This flower has no landing strip for insects so it is pollinated by an animal that can hover in flight. Pollinator: _____

Photo courtesy: sindianavisions.wordpress.com



Wild Ginger — The flowers of this plant are low to the ground so they can easily be pollinated by animals that walk and crawl. Pollinator: _____

Photo courtesy: floraphile.org



Virginia Bluebells – These flowers are a good source of nectar for this insect that usually visits in the evening. Pollinator: _____

Photo courtesy: sindianavisions.wordpress.com



Jack-in-the-Pulpit – This flower smells similar to fungi, making it attractive to some of its pollinators. Pollinator: _____

Photo courtesy: 10000birds.com



White Trout Lily – These flowers are pollinated during the day by an animal with a very long tongue called a proboscis. Pollinator: _____
imageryoflight.wordpress.com



Virginia Waterleaf – This flower is a good source of nectar and pollen for a fuzzy insect that has pollen baskets on its legs. Pollinator: _____
Photo courtesy: sakatahtrail.org

The Forest Preserve District of Kane County invites you to Take a Hike!

Complete 6 of the 12 “Take a Hike” activities at designated forest preserves this year to receive your Take a Hike patch. Earn credit for a hike by sending answers or your completed Activity Sheet(s) to our naturalist staff via:

- E-mail - programs@kaneforest.com
- Fax - 630-513-1702
- Mail - Creek Bend Nature Center at LeRoy Oakes Forest Preserve, 37W700 Dean St., Saint Charles, IL 60175

For more information, call 630-444-3190 or visit www.kaneforest.com.

NAME _____
STREET ADDRESS _____
CITY, STATE ZIP _____
TELEPHONE _____
E-MAIL _____

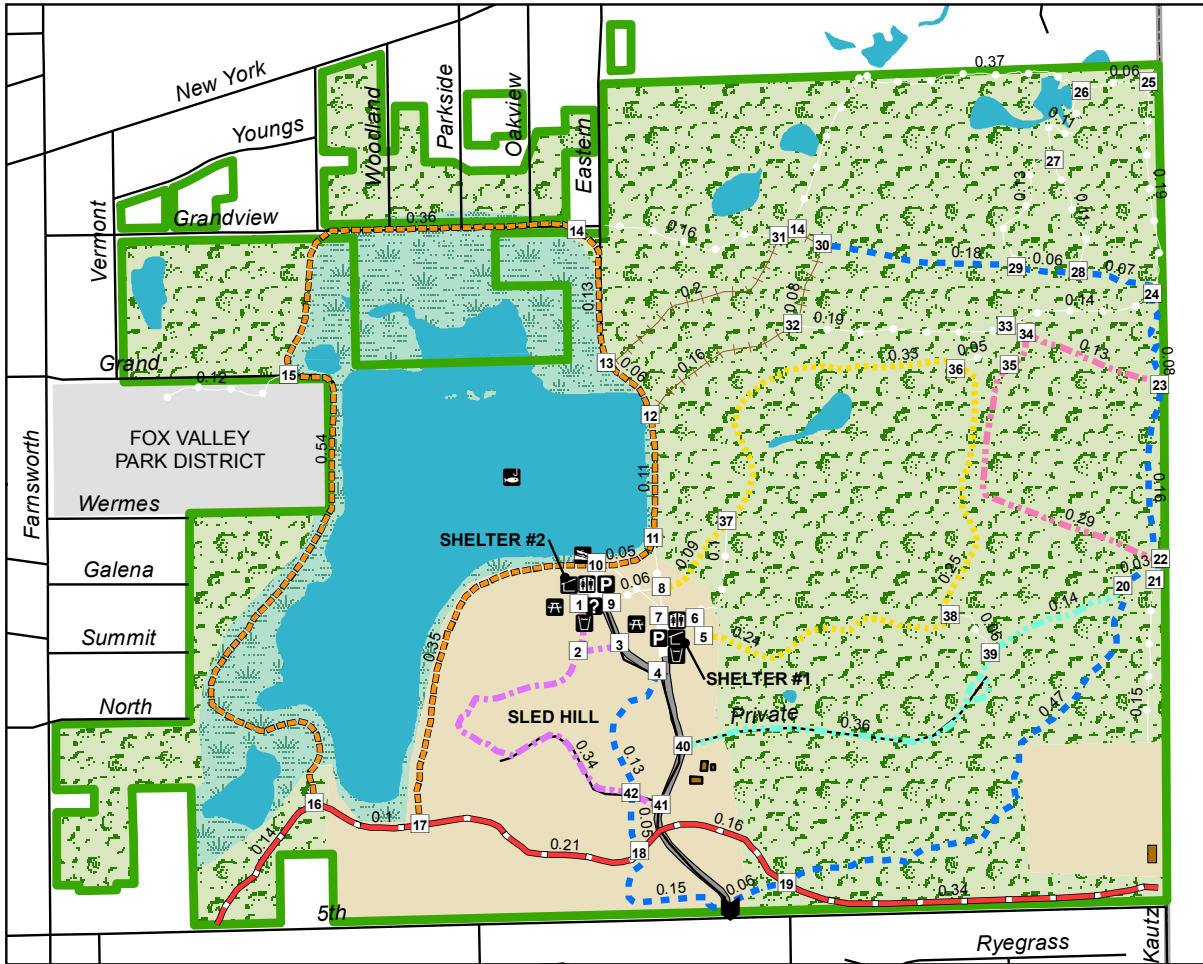
WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE ADDED TO THE MAILING LIST FOR DISTRICT NATURE PROGRAMS? IF SO, SELECT PREFERRED CONTACT METHOD:

- E-MAIL REGULAR MAIL





Oakhurst Forest Preserve



Legend

- Main Entrance
- Information
- Parking
- Shelter
- Picnic Area
- Restroom
- Water
- Fishing
- Boat Launch
- Road
- Forest Preserve Road
- Open Water
- Public Open Space
- Forest Preserve
- Natural Area -
 - Maintained
 - Wetland
 - Woodland

Trail Information

- # Trail Intersection
- Connector Trail, mowed/screenings
- Beaver Trail 0.48 miles, mowed
- Black Maple Loop Trail 0.46 miles, mowed
- Fifth Avenue Bike Trail 0.95 miles, asphalt
- Hilltop Trail 0.45 miles, mowed
- Lake Patterson Trail 1.6 miles, screenings
- Meadowview Trail 1.46 miles, mowed
- South Connector Trail 0.5 miles, asphalt/mowed
- Woodland Loop Trail 0.9 miles, mowed

1680 Fifth Avenue,
Aurora, IL 60504
Approx. 0.6 miles east of
Farnsworth Avenue

Acreage = 393
Total trail miles = 9

Information: (630) 232-5980
www.kaneforest.com
Hours: Daily, Sunrise-Sunset

6/20/11

