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About the Route

Along the way, the trail passes through open prairie, over several creeks and around a large reservoir. Look for waterfowl and other wildlife that call the preserve home.



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States: Illinois

Counties: Lake

Length: 5.5miles

Trail end points: Checker Rd & Old Hicks Rd (Long Grove) to W Lake Cook Rd & Arlington Heights Rd (Arlington Heights)

Trail surfaces: Crushed Stone,Gravel

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

Trail activities: Bike,Walking,Cross Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

The Buffalo Creek Trail runs between Checker Rd & Old Hicks Rd (Long Grove), where there is parking, and W Lake Cook Rd & Arlington Heights Rd (Arlington Heights).

Parking is available at:

- Buffalo Creek Forest Preserve parking lot, 18163 Checker Rd (Long Grove)

Visit the [TrailLink map](#) for all parking options and detailed directions.



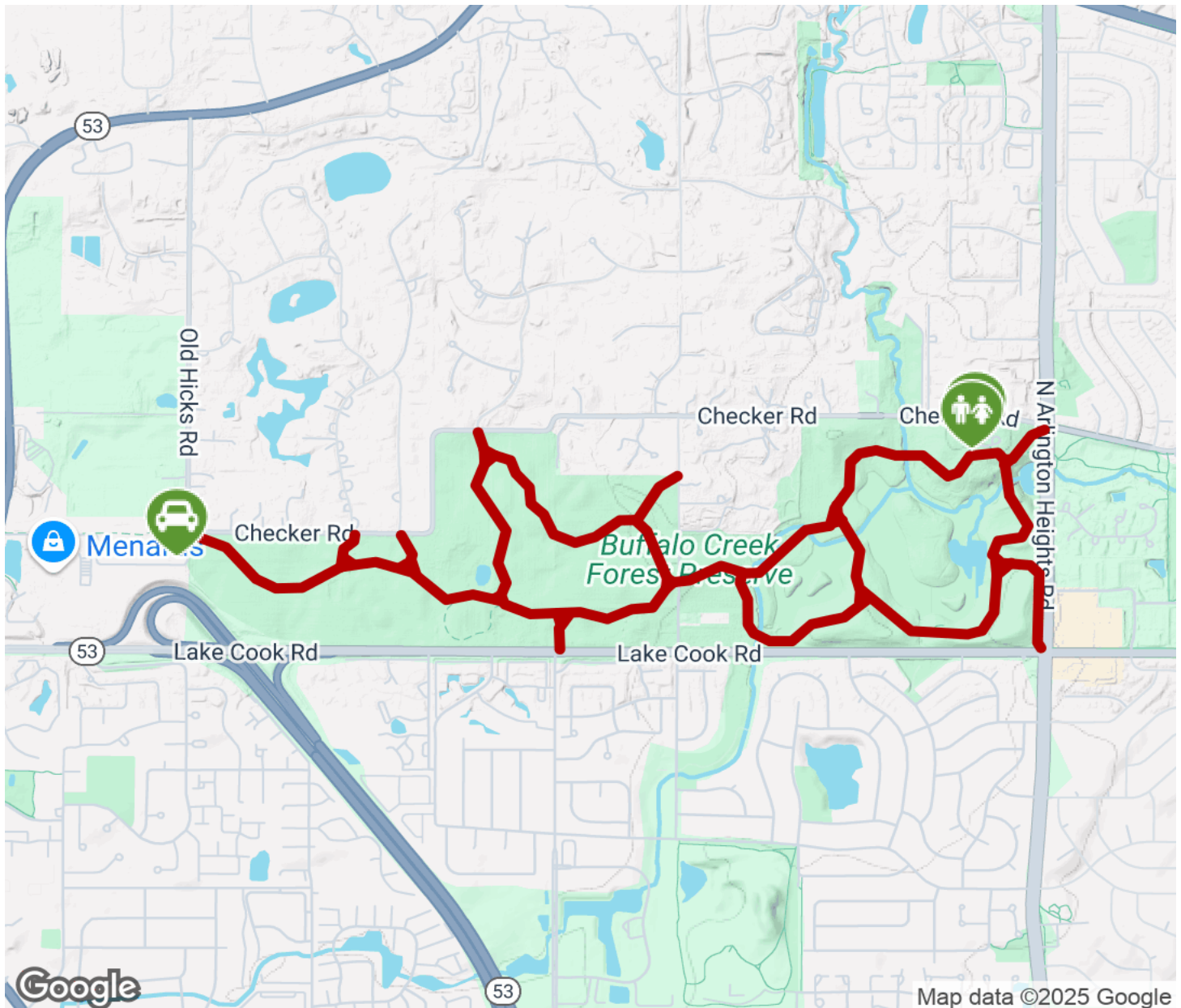
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-  Restroom
-  Parking
-  Water Fountain
-  Tunnel