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Guides



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Trail**  
*Illinois*



## Busse Woods Trail

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### About the Route

The Busse Woods Trail has a large loop in the center, with two spurs connecting the loop to the northern and southern endpoints.

The Busse Woods Trail’s northern endpoint is at the

intersection of Golf Road and S New Wilke Road (Elk Grove Village). This endpoint provides trail access from north of I-90, which bounds the nature preserve’s northeastern edge. Going west along Golf Road, the trail crosses under the freeway and into Busse Woods. This part of the trail carries the path west along the preserve’s northern edge to the northwestern corner of the preserve, and then south along the park’s western edge before meeting the trail’s loop in the center of the preserve.

The middle section of trail forms a 7.3-mile loop. At the Busse Lake Boating Center, the loop splits on either side of E Higgins Road. South of E Higgins Road, the trail quickly meets Busse Lake and weaves through its various segments. The northern section of the loop the trail loops broadly around to the eastern edge of the park, before crossing back south over E Higgins Road and finding Busse Lake at its southeastern tip.

Near Beisner Fishing Wall, the trail makes its southward spur from the loop to the southern endpoint. The trail heads south along the park access road which becomes Beisner Road. At Beisner Road and Gloucester Drive, an additional western spur takes the trail west, over I-290 to a trailhead at Debra Park. Continuing south on the main southern spur, the Busse Woods Trail’s southern endpoint is at 900 Biesterfield Rd in Elk Grove Village.

### Connections

The Busse Woods Trail connects with the [Salt Creek Trail](#) at the southeastern corner of the preserve.



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**States:** Illinois

**Counties:** Cook

Length: 11.6miles

**Trail end points:** Golf Road & South New Wilke Road (Elk Grove Village) to 900 Biesterfield Rd (Elk Grove Village)

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt, Concrete

**Trail category:** Greenway/Non-RT

**Trail activities:** Bike, Fishing, Inline Skating, Snowmobiling, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible, Cross Country Skiing

## Parking & Trail Access

Busse Woods Trail runs between Golf Road & S. New Wilke Road (Elk Grove Village) and 900 Biesterfield Rd (Elk Grove Village).

There are numerous parking options along this route inside the Ned Brown Forest Preserve. See [TrailLink Map](#) for all parking options and detailed directions.



# Busse Woods Trail

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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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