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Guides   



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Trail System**  
*Illinois*



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The Thorn Creek Trail System offers a paved route traversing woodlands abundant with wildlife through several communities on the southern outskirts of Chicago. The trail travels from Brownwell Woods in Thornton, through Glenwood Woods and Joe Orr Woods. The Thorn Creek Trail System connects to the eastern end of the [Old Plank Road Trail](#) and ends in the Sauk Trail Woods Forest Preserve in Chicago Heights.



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**States:** Illinois

**Counties:** Cook

Length: 17.2 miles

**Trail end points:** Brownwell Woods  
(Thornton) to Sauk Trail Woods Forest  
Preserve (Chicago Heights)

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt

**Trail category:** Rail-Trail

**Trail activities:** Bike, Inline

Skating, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible, Cross  
Country Skiing

## Parking & Trail Access

On the trail's north end, parking is available in Wapum Lake Woods off Glenwood-Lansing Road just west of Torrence Avenue/Rt. 83 and off Cottage Grove Avenue just south of 183rd Street.

On its south end, park in Sauk Woods off Forest Preserve Drive north of 30th Street and off W. 26th Street west of Euclid Avenue.

Midway, there is parking in Joe Orr Woods off E. Joe Orr Road.



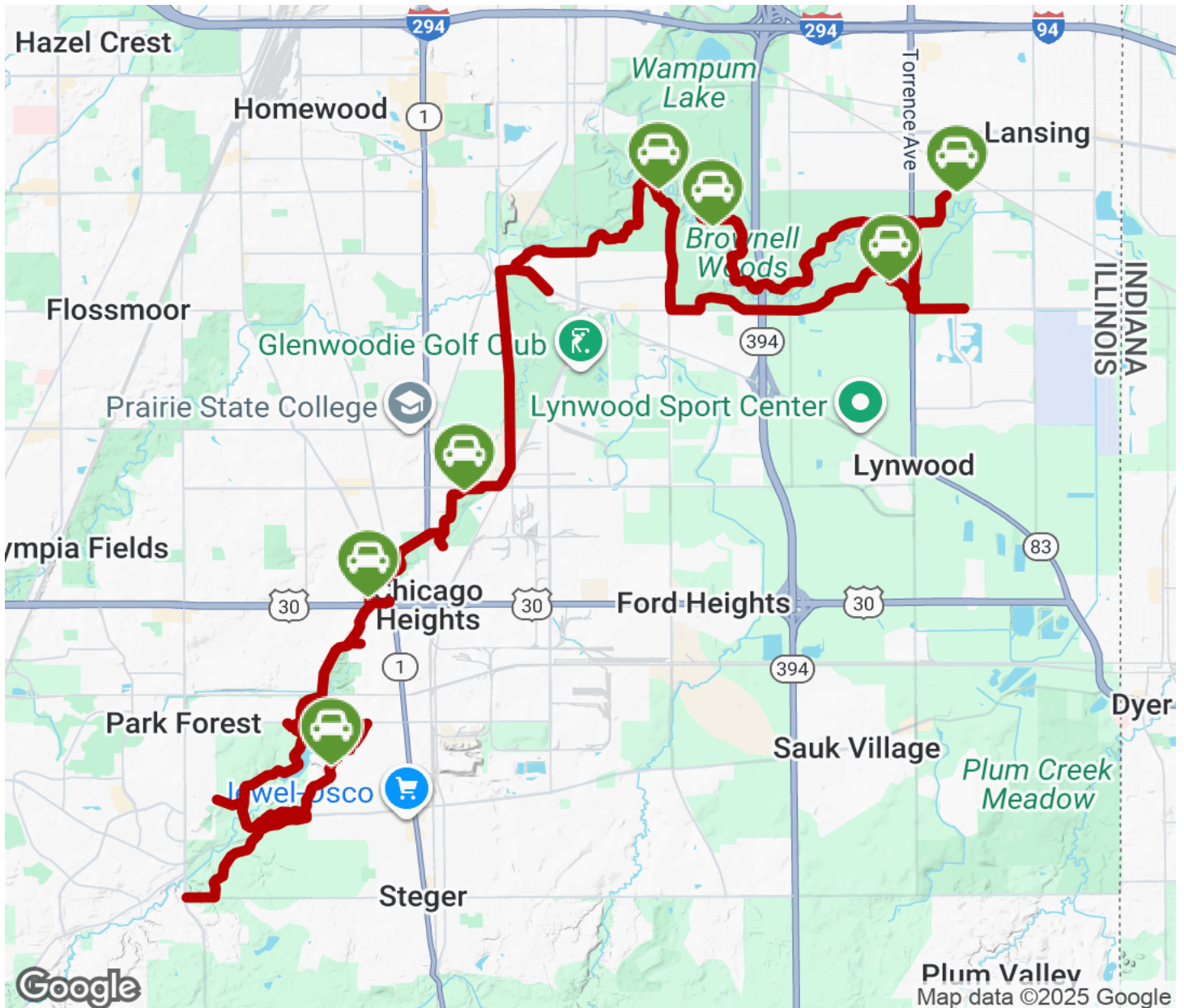
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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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