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For a longer journey, from the trail's western end, you can connect to the [Illinois Prairie Path](#), one of Rails-to-Trails Conservancy's Hall of Fame rail-trails that stretches nearly 60 miles west of Chicago.



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States: Illinois

Counties: Du Page

Length: 5.8miles

Trail end points: Illinois Prairie Path at Butterfield Rd. (Herrick Lake Forest Preserve) to Butterfield Rd. and Leask Ln. (Danada Forest Preserve)

Trail surfaces: Crushed Stone

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

Trail activities: Bike, Fishing, Horseback Riding, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible, Cross

Parking & Trail Access

Three parking lots are available on the northern end of Herrick Lake Forest Preserve, south of Butterfield Road and east of Herrick Road.

In Danada Forest Preserve, two parking lots are centrally located. From Butterfield Road, head south on Naperville Road and travel about 0.75 mile. On Naperville Road's west side, you can park at the Forest Preserve District Headquarters; on its east side, park at the Danada Equestrian Center.



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-  Trailhead
-  Restroom
-  Parking
-  Water Fountain
-  Tunnel