Blackwell Forest Preserve
If you like those “best of” lists, this one is for you. One of the most popular preserves, Blackwell is a recreation one-stop shop with trails, activities and a view. Don’t be fooled by its popularity — you can find what you seek at this preserve, even if that includes peace and quiet. Choose flat terrain, or a challenging ascent up to the top of Mount Hoy where the view will reward your efforts. The trails here are only the beginning of your Blackwell experience.
Take in a view of Silver Lake, the Urban Stream Research Center and the archery range from Mount Hoy. Once December hits, Mount Hoy is closed for winter fun and snow tubing.

**Preserve features include**
(visit links for complete details):

- **Boat, kayak or canoe rentals on Silver Lake**
  (see information on rental fees and private boating permits)

- **Compass Course** (advanced reservations required)

- **Archery** (your own gear and permit required to use the range)

- **Off-leash dog area** (dog permit required)

- **Camping** (limited availability through fall 2021 due to nearby restoration project)