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St. James Farm Forest Preserve

Walk slowly. Breathe it in. Take time to wander and wonder along the tree-lined promenades — known as alleés — some made up entirely of maples, river birch or pines. Once a retreat of the McCormick family, the storied buildings and graceful demeanor of St. James Farm Forest Preserve welcome you. Be charmed by the warmth of the red brick stable... meander along the historic stone wall... take in the sculptures and artwork. Be soothed by the sounds of slowly moving water flowing in Spring Brook, a tributary of the West Branch DuPage River. Here you will find 595 acres of tranquility, with the right balance of nature, art, passion and preservation.





The trails and promenades lead hikers, bikers, horseback riders and cross-country skiers through the preserve's natural areas. Visitors on the Illinois Prairie Path can enter the preserve from Hoy Avenue. Interpretive signs along tree-lined promenades detail the history of the preserve.











