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NATURAL WANDERS

Hawks on High

Hawk Migration at Greene Valley Forest Preserve

The changing of the seasons is already spectacular at this botanically diverse site. Add to it the soaring presence of migrating hawks — this is Greene Valley Forest Preserve in the fall. Venture along 12 miles of marked trails, or specifically come to scour the skies at the 190-foot-tall scenic overlook. Perhaps you'll spot a bald eagle or a red-tailed hawk — it is in those moments we find awe in the natural world in which we live. On a clear day, your 360-degree view draws the eye as far as the Chicago skyline. Fall Bird Migration season officially begins September 1st.

The overlook is open to the public on Saturday and Sunday, May through October from 11 am until 6 pm, weather permitting. Take on the challenge to the top of the overlook via the 2.6-mile Hawk Trail, or by car on the road that leads from the base of the hill to a parking lot at the top.

Spotted in previous years during hawk migration were turkey vultures, broad-winged hawks, sharp-shinned hawks, red-tailed hawks, ospreys, bald eagles, Cooper's hawks, peregrine falcons, merlins, northern harriers, American kestrels, red-shouldered hawks and a rough-legged hawk.

Follow the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County on Facebook for special occasion sunrise, sunset or lunar eclipse viewings.

Special note: Due to Illinois Environmental Protection Agency maintenance and construction activities, the overlook may be closed without advanced notice.



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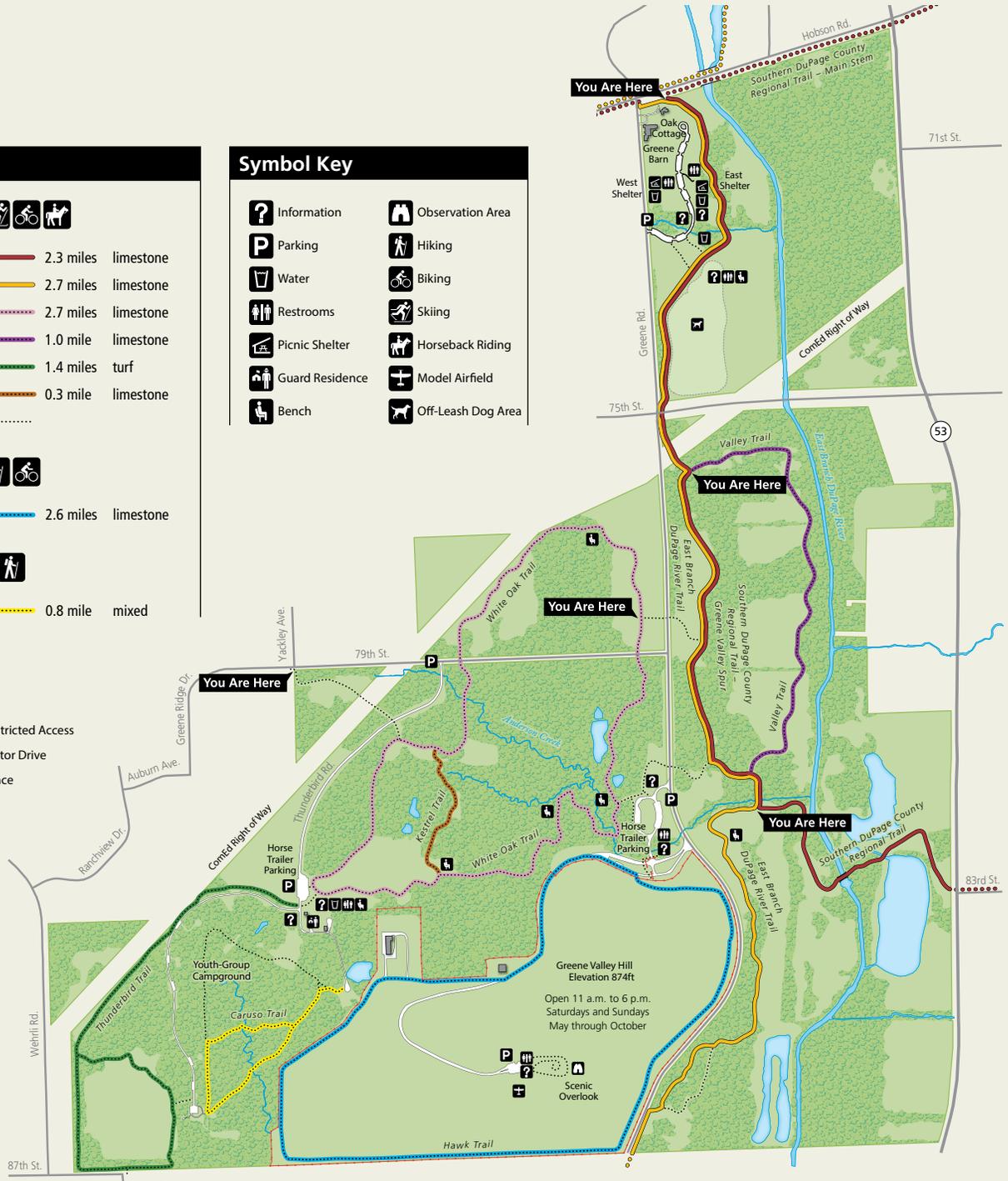
Trail Key

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| | | | | |
| Southern DuPage | 2.3 miles | limestone | | |
| East Branch | 2.7 miles | limestone | | |
| White Oak | 2.7 miles | limestone | | |
| Valley | 1.0 mile | limestone | | |
| Thunderbird | 1.4 miles | turf | | |
| Kestrel | 0.3 mile | limestone | | |
| Link | | | | |
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| Hawk | 2.6 miles | limestone | | |
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| Caruso | 0.8 mile | mixed | | |

Symbol Key

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| | Information | | Observation Area |
| | Parking | | Hiking |
| | Water | | Biking |
| | Restrooms | | Skiing |
| | Picnic Shelter | | Horseback Riding |
| | Guard Residence | | Model Airfield |
| | Bench | | Off-Leash Dog Area |

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| | Building |
| | Wooded Area |
| | Grassland or Open Area |
| | Water |
| | Restricted Access |
| | Visitor Drive |
| | Fence |



Greene Valley Hill
Elevation 874ft
Open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturdays and Sundays
May through October

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