

Fishing

Owned and operated by the Forest Preserve District of Will County, this 195-acre site (including a 46-acre lake) offers a visitor center that sells bait, tackle, snack items and drinks, and provides boat rentals. (Boats and bait are available April–October.) Information about Forest Preserve programs and events is available online at ReconnectWithNature.org.

Monee Reservoir is stocked annually. Anglers can fish for bluegill, black crappie, largemouth bass, channel catfish and pike. All persons age 16 years or older must have a valid Illinois fishing license.* Fishing licenses are available for purchase at the visitor center. Catch-and-release fishing is encouraged.

Annual Fishing License Fees:

- \$15/Illinois resident
- \$31.50/Out-of-state resident
- \$7.75/Illinois Senior (65 – 74 years old)
- \$1.50/Illinois Super Senior (75 years or older)

24-Hour Fishing License Fee:

- \$5.50/Illinois resident
- \$10.50/Out-of-state resident

Fishing Regulations

	Daily Limit	Minimum Size
Largemouth Bass	1	15"
Channel Catfish	6	none
Northern Pike	3	24"
Crappie	15	none

- Valid Illinois fishing license is required.*
- Minnows must be purchased at concession building.
- Taking frogs, turtles, and mussels is prohibited.
- Use of live crayfish is prohibited.
- A maximum of two poles and line fishing only is allowed.
- Shoreline fishing is allowed only in designated areas.
- All statewide fishing regulations apply.

*Anglers under 16 years of age, and persons declared legally disabled or blind, may fish without a license.

Boating

Only Forest Preserve rowboats and pedal boats are allowed on the lake. Boats are rented on a first-come, first-served basis, April–October 31. Personal canoes and kayaks are allowed on the lake for a launch fee. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources now requires a Water Usage Stamp per vessel per calendar year. Stamps are available for purchase at the visitor center for a \$6.50 fee.

Watercraft Rentals and Launch Fees

- \$20 cash deposit is required on all boat rentals.
- Use of life vests and paddles or oars is included in rental fees.
- \$1 fee is required for anchor rental.
- All persons under the age of 16 must wear a life jacket.
- All persons must be at least 18 years old and have a valid driver's license or state I.D. to rent a watercraft.
- All watercraft must be returned before the facility closes or a \$20 late fee will be charged.

Rowboat/Canoe/Kayak Fees:

\$30/day; \$25/half-day (maximum 5 hours); \$7/hour

Trolling Motor Rental Fees:

\$30/day; \$25/half-day (maximum 5 hours); \$7/hour

Pedal Boat Fee:

\$10/hour

Personal Canoe/Kayak Launch Fees:

\$45/season pass (May 1–September 30); \$10/day/craft

Row Boat Regulations

- Maximum of four persons allowed per boat (700 lbs. capacity).
- Only electric trolling motors allowed.
- Boats must leave dock while fishing.

Canoe/Kayak Regulations

- Maximum of three persons allowed per canoe.
- All persons in a canoe/kayak must wear a personal flotation device at all times.

Pedal Boat Regulations

- Maximum of four persons allowed per boat (955 lbs. capacity).
- No fishing allowed from pedal boats.

Recreation

Picnicking (No electricity)

- **Bluegill Hill Pavilion** (200-person shelter with grills)
 - \$100.00 for Will County residents
 - \$200.00 for Non-county residents
- **Catfish Corner Pavilion** (75-person shelter with grills)
 - \$60.00 for Will County residents
 - \$120.00 for Non-county residents
- **Monee Grove** (100-person grove with grills)
 - \$35.00 for Will County residents
 - \$70.00 for Non-county residents

Picnic reservations are required for groups of 25 or more and must be made in person at any forest preserve facility. 72 hours advance notice is required.

Picnic Game Rentals

Volleyball, badminton, and bean-bag toss are available from the concession area.

- A \$10 deposit is required.
- A valid driver's license or state I.D. is required.
- Fee: \$10/day

Fishing Pole Rentals

- A \$10 deposit is required.
- A valid driver's license or state I.D. is required.
- Fee: \$5/day

- Ice fishing is prohibited.
- Swimming and wading are prohibited.
- Dogs are allowed at Monee Reservoir, but must be on a leash of 10-foot maximum length at all times.



Call 708.534.8499 or visit ReconnectWithNature.org for additional information and for fishing and snow conditions.

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Hours of Operation

Preserve Hours:

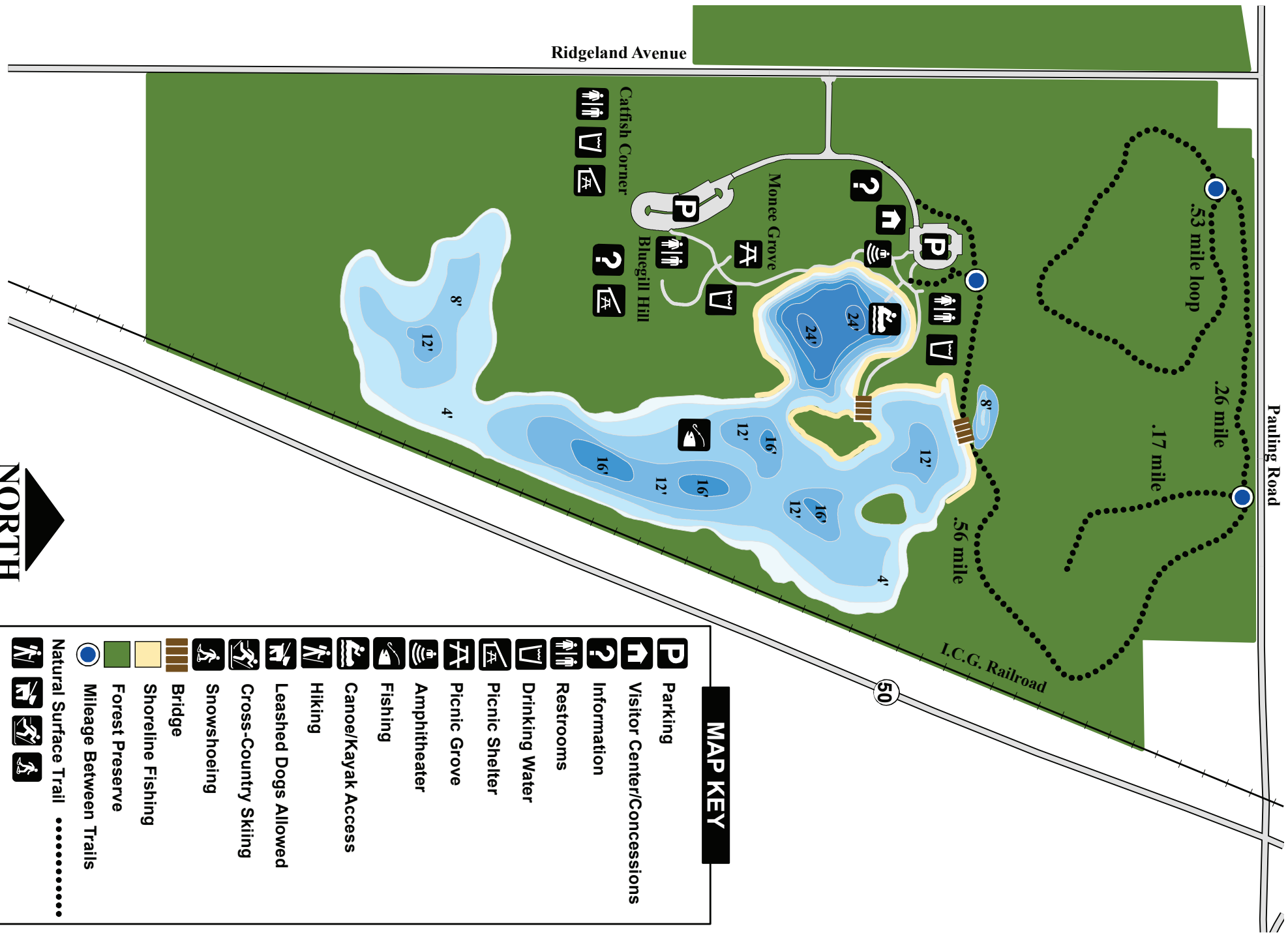
April–October: 6 a.m.–Sunset
 November–March: 8 a.m.–Sunset

Facility Hours:

April: 6 a.m.–5 p.m.
 May–September 14: 6 a.m.–7 p.m.
 September 15–October: 6 a.m.–5 p.m.
 Winter Hours: Call 815.727.8700 or visit ReconnectWithNature.org for details.

Concessions closed on Mondays:

Open Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day
 (No bait/no boats from November 1–March 31)



MAP KEY

- P** Parking
- h** Visitor Center/Concessions
- ?** Information
- ♿** Restrooms
- 🍷** Drinking Water
- 🏠** Picnic Shelter
- 🌳** Picnic Grove
- 🎪** Amphitheater
- 🎣** Fishing
- 🚣** Canoe/Kayak Access
- 🚶** Hiking
- 🐕** Leashed Dogs Allowed
- 🎿** Cross-Country Skiing
- 👞** Snowshoeing
- 🌉** Bridge
- 🎣** Shoreline Fishing
- 🌲** Forest Preserve
- 📏** Mileage Between Trails
- 👤** Natural Surface Trail



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