Arthur L. Janura Preserve, located in northwest Cook County, offers many activities as it has names. Visitors may know the area or sections of it as Poplar Creek, Shoe Factory Road Woods or Carl R. Hansen Woods. But no matter what one calls this 4,366-acre complex of trails, restored prairies, oak woodlands and ponds, there’s something for everyone.

Twenty-one miles of paved and unpaved trails provide opportunities to horseback ride, bike and hike across the hilly terrain. Side-step muddy areas are ideal for kites-flying spaces that can double as frame picnic spots, while picturesque picnic groves offer shelter.

Arthur L. Janura Preserve is rich with remnant woodlands and prairie. Since 1989, the Poplar Creek Prairie Stewards have transformed agricultural fields and farm homesteads into healthy native ecosystems. From tallgrasses prairies to woodlots. Their efforts have been native plants, birds and animals thrive in these healthy and diverse settings. More than 300 acres are under management.

We hope these trails inspire visitors to discover new places in nature and ways to connect to the outdoors.

**Be sure to check out other great Forest Preserves locations and amenities near Arthur L. Janura Preserve. Here are some suggestions.**

**Rolling Knolls**

Year-round outdoor recreation opportunities can be found at the 55-acre Rolling Knolls site, located along the Poplar Creek riverbank southwest of Poplar Creek Equestrian Parking.

In addition to a half-mile trail, visitors can enjoy a sledding, fishing or disc golf at the professional-level, 18-hole course. The Rolling Knolls Pavilion event space accommodates up to 100 guests, with easy access to an outdoor patio.

**Bluff Spring Fen**

The 160-acre Bluff Spring Fen is about 6 miles southwest of Arthur L. Janura Preserve. The fen is known for its rare grassland wetlands. A gravel hill prairie, is located in the northwest corner of the preserve. The fen has benefited from decades of ongoing restoration work.

Shoe Factory Road Nature Preserve is a rare, 9-acre remnant gravel hill prairie. It is located in the northwest corner of the preserve. Plants that grow on the hill have adapted to dry conditions, such as golden aster, rough blazingstar, and prairie groms. A gravel hill prairie, is located in the northwest corner of the preserve. The fen has benefitted from decades of ongoing restoration work.

Schaumburg Road Trail is through the Schaumburg Road Grassland. The 3.7-mile Yellow Loop Trail send through it can be accessed at the Poplar Creek Equestrian Parking entrance.

As the entrance name suggests, the site is popular among horse riders and provides equestrian parking. Engineers and riders on this gravel trail will notice restored prairie and woodland, as well as unrestored farm fields and woodlots, which offers a good opportunity to enjoy a changing landscape.

Restoration work at Schaumburg Road Grassland began in 2000. The prairie and old-field areas provide habitat for many grassland birds like bobolinks, eastern meadowlarks and Havens Sparrows, as well as numerous native prairie plants such as big bluestem, Indian grass, blue-velvet grass and wood betony.

For an interactive web map featuring more details about the Forest Preserves’ trail systems, visit map.fpdcc.com. To learn more about volunteer opportunities in the Forest Preserves, visit fpdc.com/volunteer.

**RECOMMENDED ROUTES**

**Red Loop**

LENGTH: 8.9 miles

TRAIL TYPE: Paved

TERRAIN: Flat

This trail offers access to birdwatching, fishing, and picnicking at Carl R. Hansen Woods. For those looking for a shorter hike, try the Red Paved Loop. Trail access is available at Carl R. Hansen Woods, Bode Lake, Bode East, Barrington Road Pond, Poplar Creek Bicycle Lot and Great Egret Family Picnic Area.

**Brown Loop**

LENGTH: 2.7 miles

TRAIL TYPE: Unpaved

TERRAIN: Rolling

Partly a mowed grass trail, this route provides views of Shoe Factory Road Nature Preserve. For visitors looking to explore beautifully restored habitat, the 2.7-mile unpaved Brown Trail meanders around Shoe Factory Road Nature Preserve and through Carl R. Hansen Woods. These lands have benefited from decades of ongoing restoration work.

**Yellow Loop**

LENGTH: 3.7 miles

TRAIL TYPE: Unpaved

TERRAIN: Rolling

On the southwestern portion of Arthur L. Janura Preserve is Schaumburg Road Grassland. The 3.7-mile Yellow Unpaved Loop that ends through it can be accessed at the Poplar Creek Equestrian Parking entrance.

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For more information about accommodations for specific camping and outdoor recreation activities throughout the Forest Preserves, please contact us at 708.771.1000 or visit fpdc.com/improvements.