

Beaubien Woods

Flatfoot Lake and the Little Calumet River

Address or Nearest Intersection:

13400 S. Doty Ave. Chicago, IL or Exit 69 off the southbound Bishop Ford (I-94)

Directions: South on the Bishop Ford (I-94), take exit 69 to Beaubien Woods Forest Preserve. The park drive to the right leads to Flatfoot Lake on your left. Alternate route: Exit I-94 and head west at 130th Street. Turn south (left) on Ellis Avenue and immediately left on 130th Place. To go to the western portion of the site, turn right at the brown forest preserve sign. To go to Flatfoot Lake, continue on 130th Place (it becomes south Carver Drive, then Doty Avenue) past Carver Military Academy to the red forest preserve sign.



Owner: Forest Preserve District of Cook County

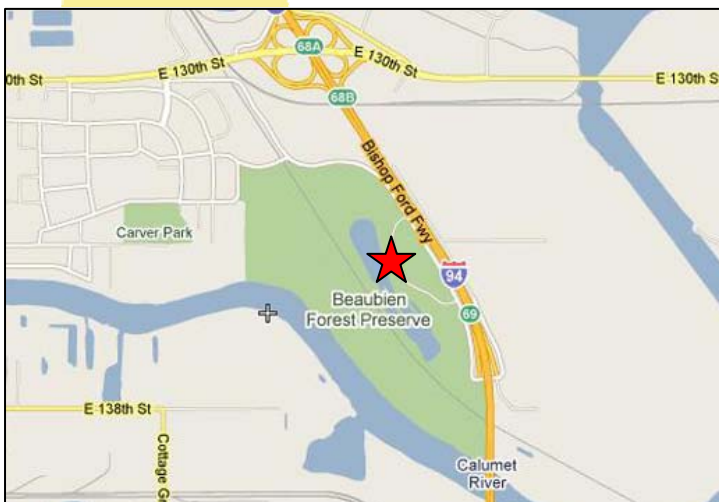
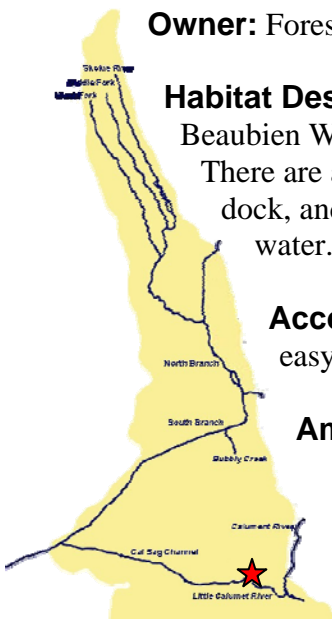
Habitat Description: Near the picnic grounds are large oaks that are over 100 years old. The rest of Beaubien Woods is mostly second-growth woods with the occasional grassy opening amidst the trees. There are a few pockets of remnant prairie that harbor big and little bluestem, cordgrass, prairie dock, and other native species. In the center of the preserve is Flatfoot Lake, a 22-acre body of water. The lake is used for fishing, and is stocked with a variety of species.

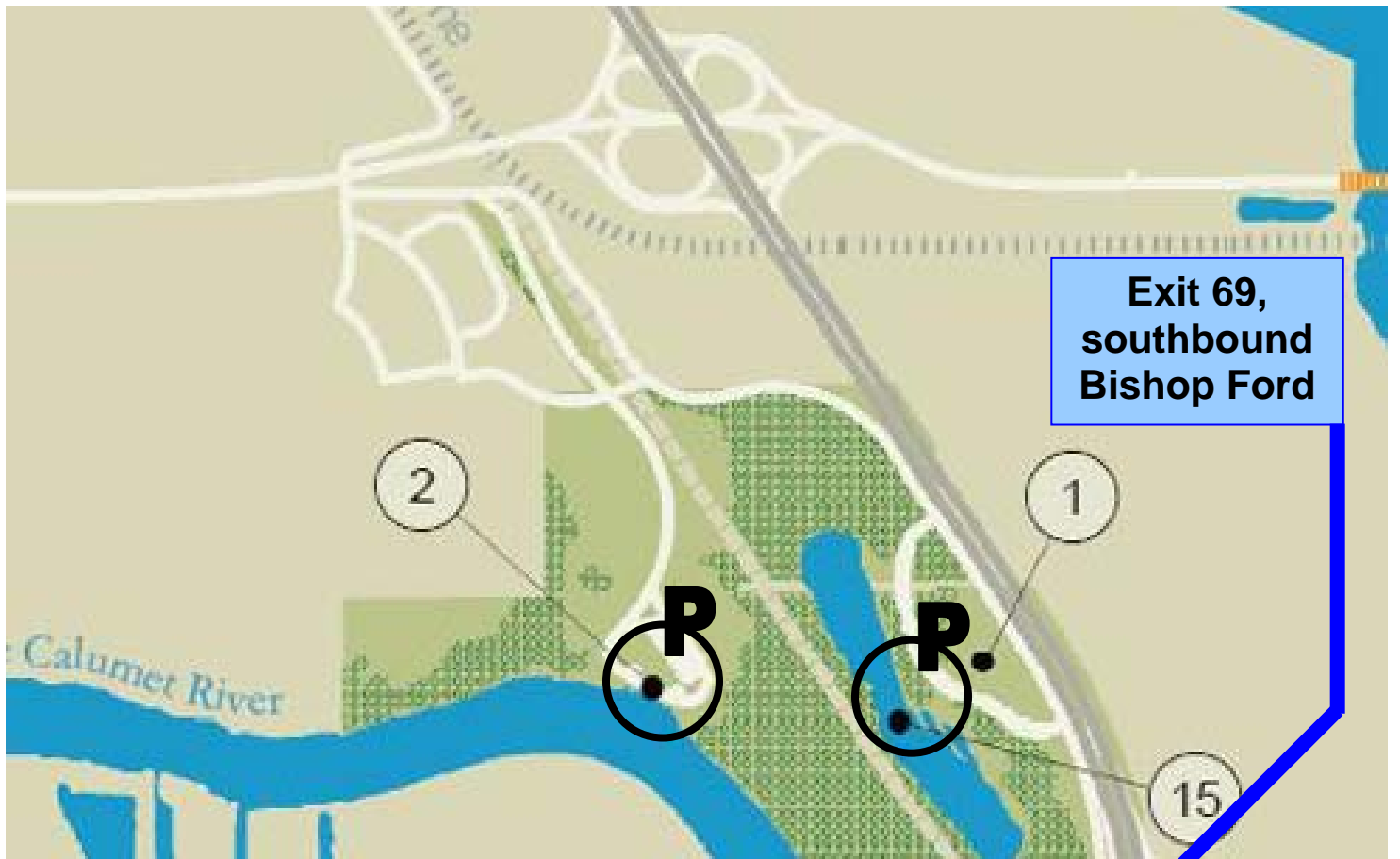
Access to water: Access to Flatfoot Lake and the Little Calumet (by the boat launch) is easy. They are easy to wade into and macroinvertebrates are plentiful, especially in the lake.

Amenities: Portable bathroom is usually on site. Picnic shelter is available for lunch.

Parking: Parking is plentiful for both cars and buses.

Capacity: 60 students





Exit 69,
southbound
Bishop Ford

Flatfoot Lake:

Two miles NE. of Dolton on W. side of Calumet Expressway (with entrance from expressway going S.). Area 15 acres. Depths to 17 feet. Largemouth bass, channel catfish, bluegill, sunfishes, bullhead, carp, crappie, perch. Bass size limit — 14 inches.

