

Miami Woods

North Branch of the Chicago River

Address or Nearest Intersection:

Birch Ave. and Dempster St., west of Lehigh Ave., Niles, IL.

Directions : Enter the parking lot of the mall on the south side of Dempster (just west of the railroad tracks - there is a Starbucks visible from the road.) Drive to the back left (or southeast) corner of the lot. Enter the southern “hole in the fence”, walk back to bike path, and go left (east). Past the large culvert look for a path down to the river. At the river look for the riffle (lightly churning water).



Owner: Forest Preserve District of Cook County

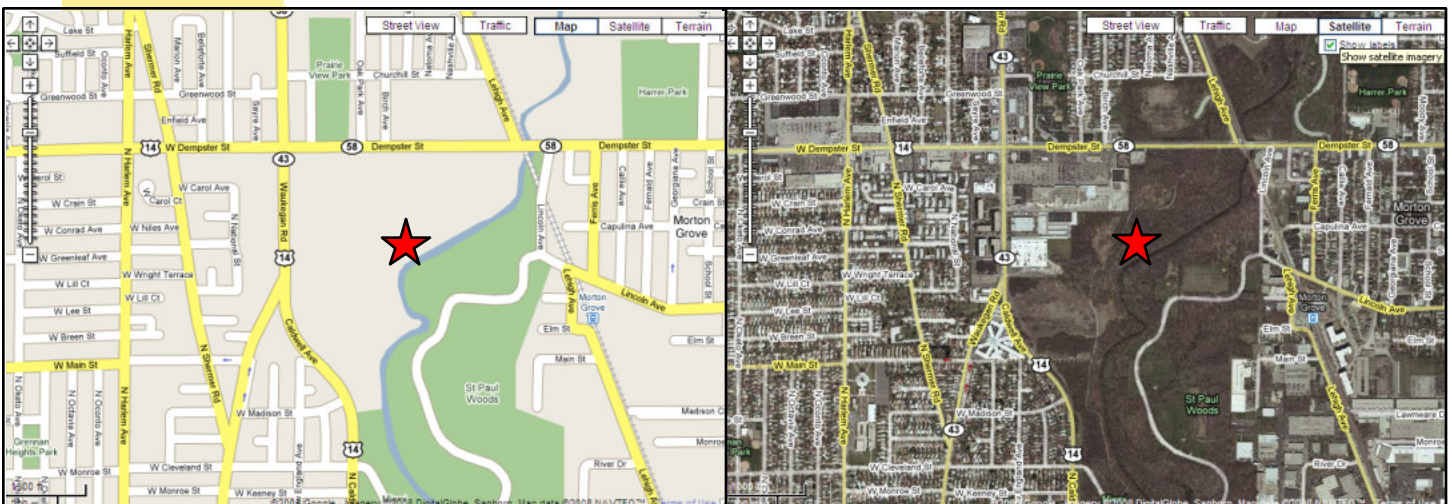
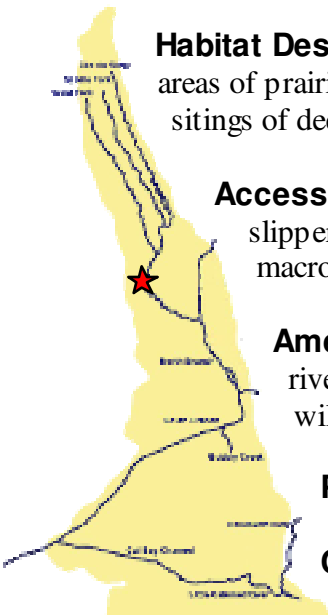
Habitat Description: Forested area around river, areas of prairie further west along path. Frequent sightings of deer. Good diversity of macroinvertebrates.

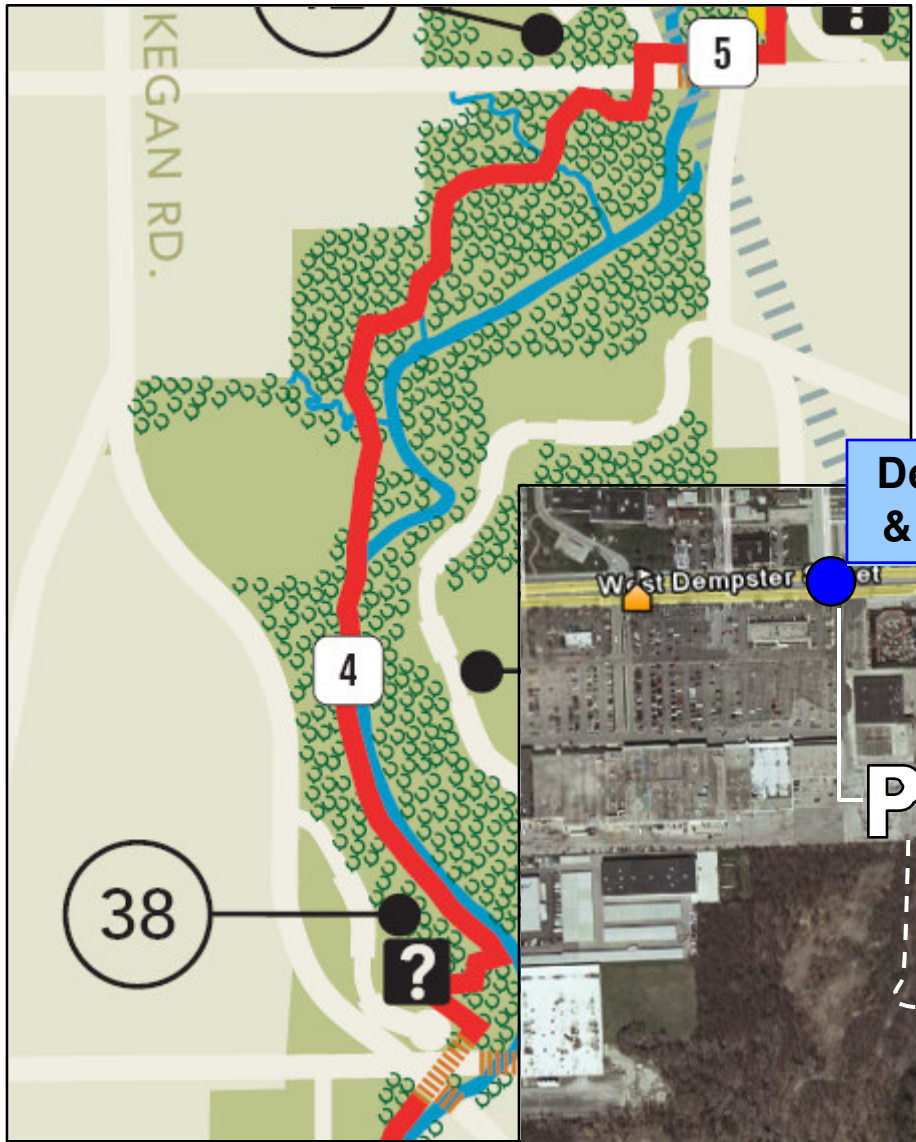
Access to water: Access into water is good in some place, more slippery and steep in others. Recommend looking for macroinvertebrates in riffle area.

Amenities: None immediately near entrance or recommended river testing area. However, if you continue west on the path, you will come to bathrooms, shelters and picnic benches.

Parking: Parking lot (behind strip mall)

Capacity: 100 students





Dempster St.
& Birch Ave.