

# Mathew Bieszczat Volunteer Resource Center

North Branch of the Chicago River

**Address or Nearest Intersection:**

6100 N. Central Ave. south of Caldwell Ave.,  
Chicago, IL

**Directions:** The entrance to the VRC is on west side of Central Ave., south of Caldwell Ave. Follow drive as it curves to the right and into the parking lot. Access to the river is either on other side of golf course from the parking lot or near the Central Ave. bridge by the entrance to the Volunteer Resource Center.

**Owner:** Forest Preserve District of Cook County



**Habitat Description:** Fairly wide forested site that the river runs through. Good site for spring wildflowers. Frequent sightings of ducks and deer.

**Access to water:** Good access in places. Many entry points down small declines to water. Water near edge is shallow and safe for wading. Water in center of river is often deep.

**Amenities:** Volunteer resource center has bathrooms and indoor space which may be available for reservation. Lawn area around Volunteer Resource Center.

**Parking:** Parking lot

**Capacity:** 100 students



