



# Trail Guide

## Elmhurst Park District



Having Fun



# Trail Guide

The Elmhurst Park District, with 28 parks and over 460 acres of land, offers nearly six miles of paved or asphalt park trails and maintains an additional 3.6 miles of trails within Elmhurst. The Illinois Prairie Path is the most popular trail, extending approximately two miles from east to west. These trails allow walkers, bicyclists, inline skaters and joggers scenic paths on which to exercise and enjoy nature. Visit our website at [www.epd.org](http://www.epd.org) to view and print additional trail maps.



## Trail Etiquette

**Please follow these tips to ensure a pleasurable experience for all:**

- Slower traffic should stay to the right; bicyclists should pass on the left. Politely warn others of your approach from behind.
- Groups should leave room for others to pass.
- Dogs are welcome, but they must be leashed, with a leash no longer than six feet. Cleaning up dog waste is required by ordinance.
- Practice "leave no trace" policies by packing out what you pack in.
- No camping, drinking alcohol or fires allowed.
- Wheeled transportation (skateboard, roller skates, inline skates, bicycles or similar devices), shall not interfere with pedestrian use of trails.
- Tobacco use is prohibited on all Elmhurst Park District properties.
- For more information, reference the Park Ordinance & Information Pamphlet at [www.epd.org](http://www.epd.org).



## Hours of Operation

All Elmhurst park trails are open from sunrise to sunset, 365 days a year.

## Trail Accessibility

As a public entity, the Elmhurst Park District is committed to complying with all applicable provisions of Title II, as well as other federal and state laws and regulations pertaining to persons with disabilities. Please visit [www.epd.org](http://www.epd.org) for more information regarding accessibility.



# Eldridge Park

## trail map

-  .33 miles
-  .40 miles
-  .17 miles
-  .27 miles
-  .33 miles
-  Salt Creek Greenway Trail

 Public Restrooms

 Drinking Fountains

 Playground

 Parking

## about the park

### 363 Commonwealth Lane

Eldridge Park is bordered by Spring Road, Butterfield Road, and Commonwealth Lane. Parking is available along the east side, on Spring Road, and in the west side parking lot off Commonwealth Lane.

Eldridge Park sits on 43.26 acres of land and is divided into east and west sides by Salt Creek, which runs down the middle of the park property. The two halves of the park are connected by a foot bridge that spans Salt Creek. The east side of the park is 33 acres, and has soccer fields, tennis and roller hockey courts, picnic areas and a playground. The park also features prairie grass gardens and rolling hills, the largest of which is used as a sled hill during the winter. The west side of the park features a playground, ball diamond, picnic tables and a 2.3 acre lagoon for fishing and ice skating.

A three-quarter mile path winding around the perimeter of the park serves as a link to Salt Creek Greenway Trail, a 30.6 mile regional pedestrian and bicycle pathway that connects over 300,000 residents in 12 communities and two counties.



# Marjorie Davis Park *trail map*



-  .26 miles
-  Public Restrooms
-  Drinking Fountains
-  Playground
-  Parking

## *about the park*

### **285 W. Grantley Avenue & N. Myrtle Avenue**

Marjorie Davis Park is located at the intersection of Grantley Avenue and Myrtle Avenue. Parking spots are available off Myrtle Avenue.

Marjorie Davis has a soccer field, basketball court, baseball diamond, picnic table, game tables with chess boards, a butterfly garden and playground. It is also home to the community garden plots. The quarter mile trail circles the entire park so you can view all the amenities the park has to offer.



# Wilder Park

## *trail map*

-  .82 miles
-  .20 miles
-  .40 miles

-  Public Restrooms
-  Drinking Fountains
-  Playground
-  Parking

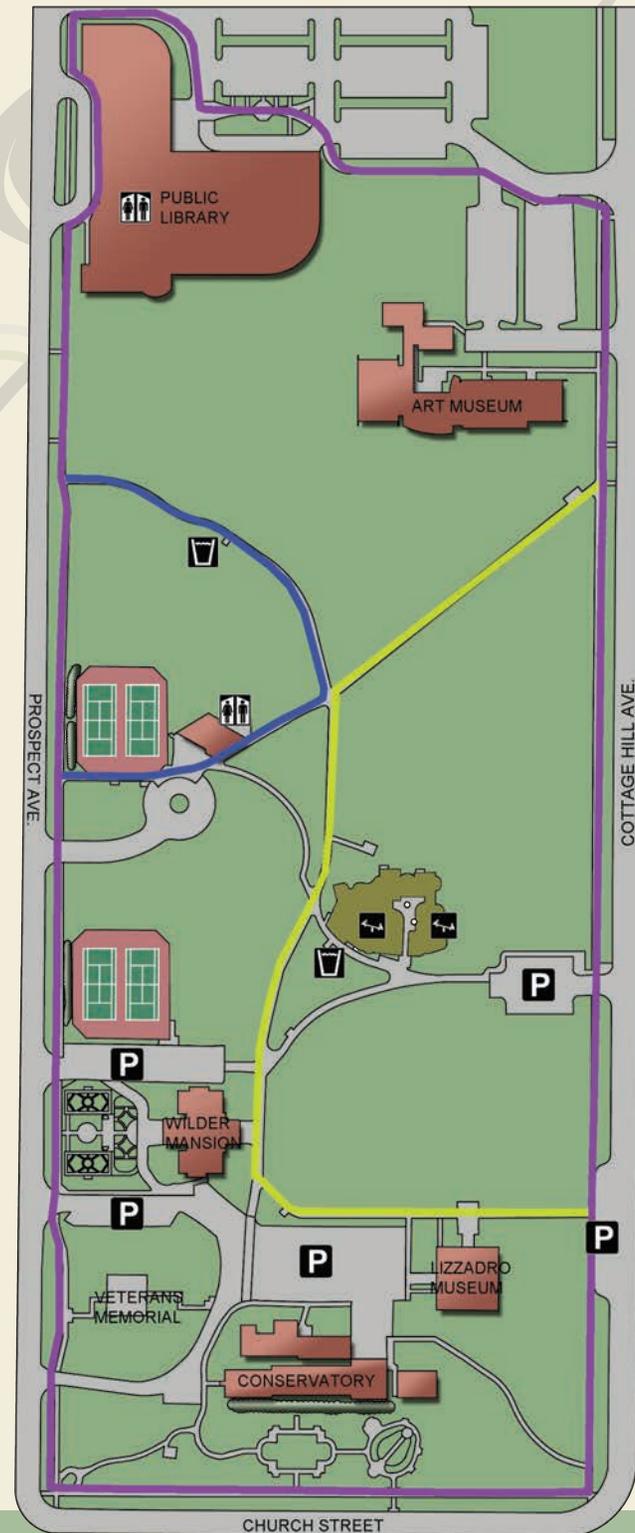
## *about the park*

### 225 Prospect Avenue

Wilder Park is bordered by Prospect Avenue, Cottage Hill Avenue and Church Street. There are two parking areas available off Prospect Avenue: one near the Wilder Park Conservatory and Lizzadro Museum, one on the north side of Wilder Mansion. A third parking lot is available on the west side of Cottage Hill Avenue, near the playground.

Wilder Park is the oldest and most historically significant park in Elmhurst. Home to the beautifully restored Wilder Mansion, the park is used as a venue for weddings and special events, and features the newly restored Wilder Park Conservatory and greenhouses, the Wilder Park Formal Gardens and the Veterans Memorial. The park features one of the largest District playgrounds, four tennis courts, picnic areas, and recreation building. The Elmhurst Art Museum and Elmhurst Public Library also call Wilder Park home. The myriad attractions make Wilder Park a popular spot with plenty to do and see.

While there are several small paths leading through the park, the trail that winds around the perimeter is the longest at 0.82 miles, and allows you to tour all Wilder Park has to offer.



# Butterfield Park

## trail map

-  .06 miles
-  .48 miles
-  .05 miles
-  .30 miles

-  Public Restrooms
-  Drinking Fountains
-  Playground
-  Parking

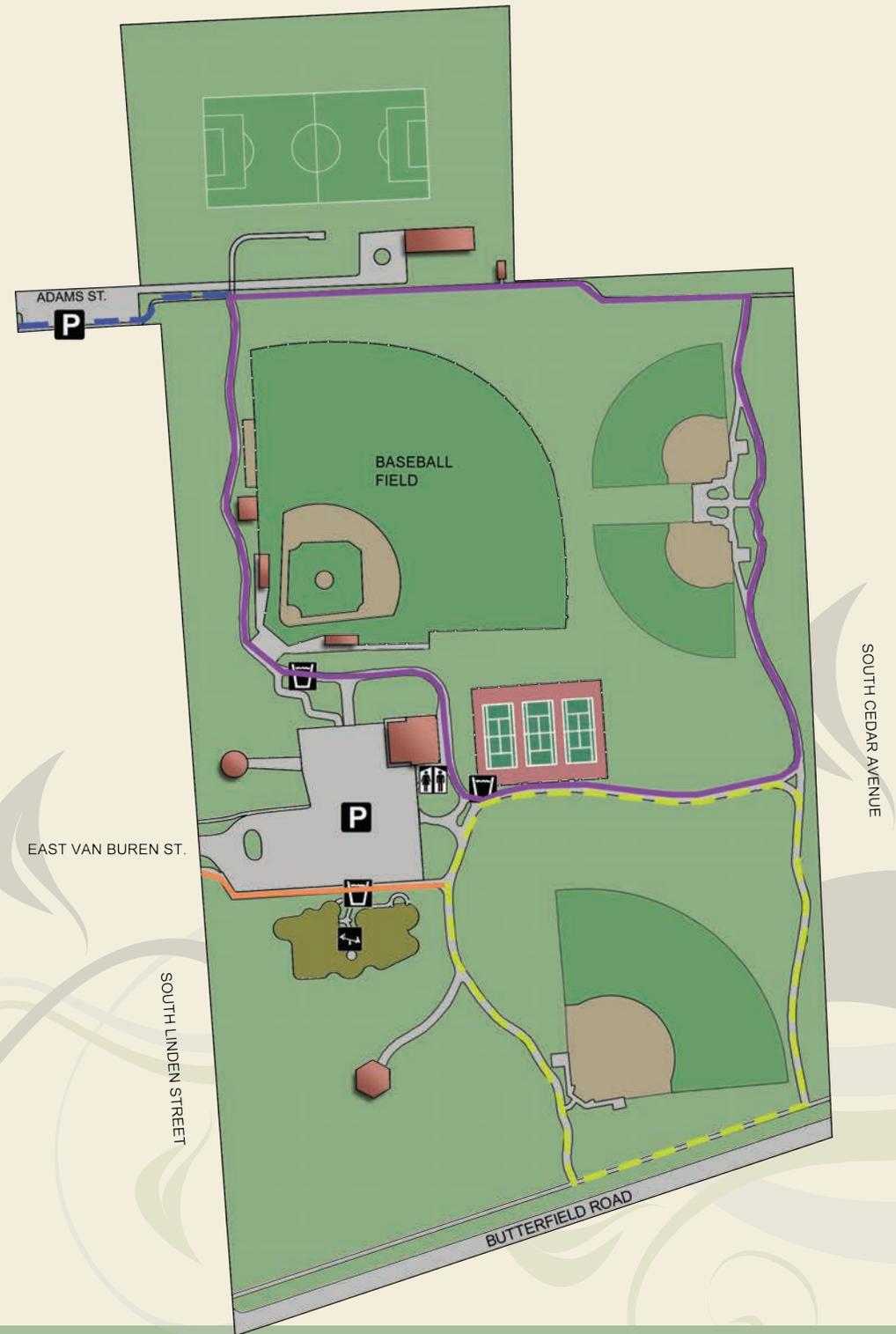


## about the park

### 385 E. Van Buren Street

Butterfield Park is located north of Butterfield Road. The park can be accessed via E. Van Buren Street, which leads directly to the main parking lot. The park can also be accessed farther north, near the intersection of Linden and E. Adams Street, where more parking can be found.

Butterfield Park features a soccer field, three lighted tennis courts (one court with Pickleball lines), the Playground for Everyone, covered picnic shelter, and four baseball diamonds. One of these baseball diamonds is lighted and regulation size, and serves as the home field of the Elmhurst College Bluejays men's baseball team. The main walking path will take you .48 miles around the diamond.



# Berens Park

## trail map

- .11 miles
- .28 miles
- .91 miles
- .27 miles
- .15 miles



Public Restrooms



Drinking Fountains



Parking



Playground

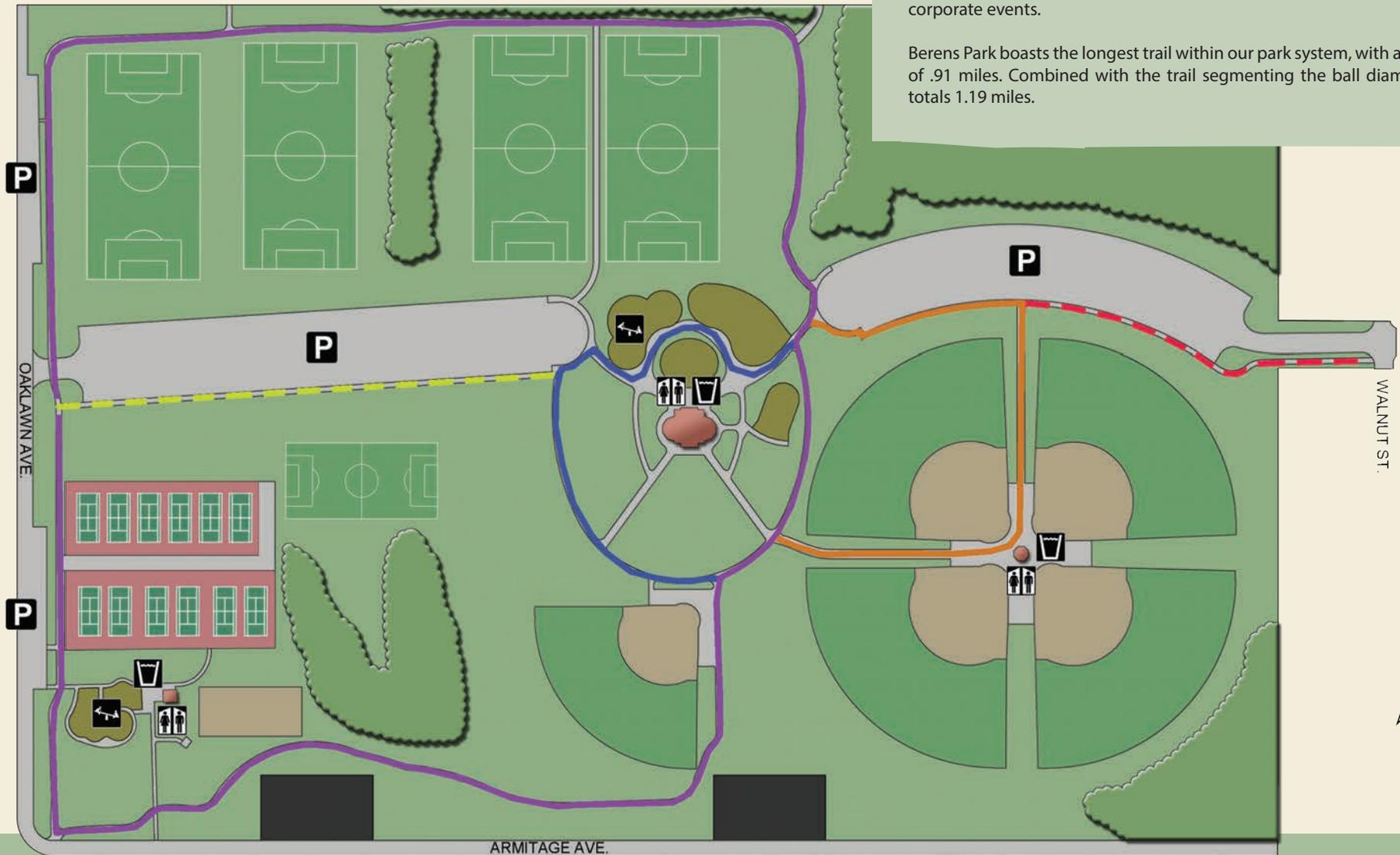
## about the park

### 493 Oaklawn Avenue

Berens Park is accessible from the west, off Oaklawn Avenue, or from the east off Walnut Street. Both entrances lead to large parking areas and access to all paths and amenities. Berens Park was redeveloped in 2004, and its amenities include five lighted baseball diamonds, five soccer fields (including two lighted synthetic turf fields), a playground, three sand volleyball courts, and twelve tennis courts.

Berens Park is also home to The Hub which features a concession stand, playground, spray ground water play area, an 18-hole miniature golf course, and a four-station batting cage. The tented outdoor Lee A. Daniels Pavilion and large indoor multi-purpose room are available for party rentals, meetings and corporate events.

Berens Park boasts the longest trail within our park system, with a perimeter trail of .91 miles. Combined with the trail segmenting the ball diamonds, the trail totals 1.19 miles.



# Plunkett Park

## trail map

-  .44 miles
-  Public Restrooms
-  Drinking Fountains
-  Playground
-  Parking

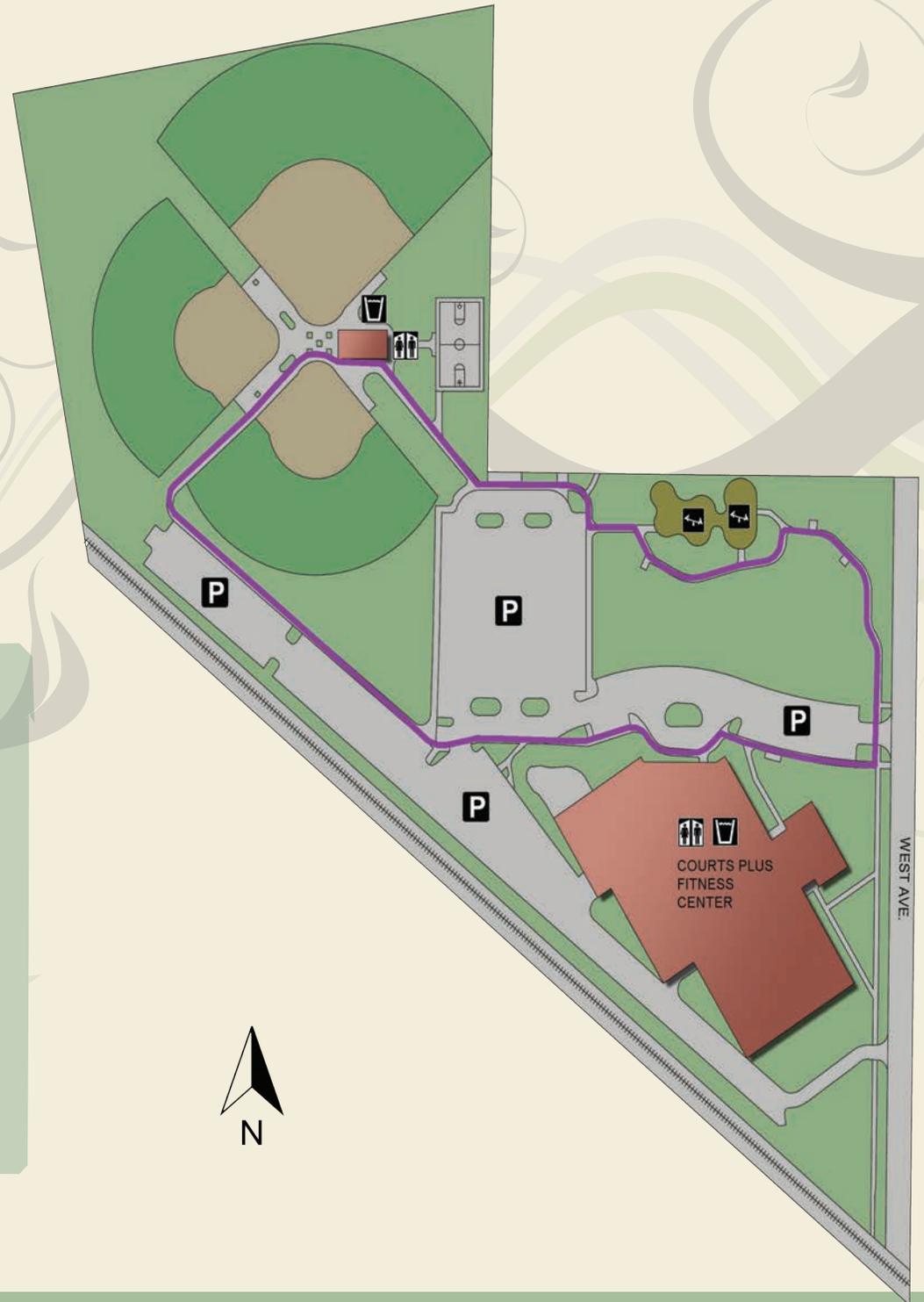
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### 186 S. West Avenue

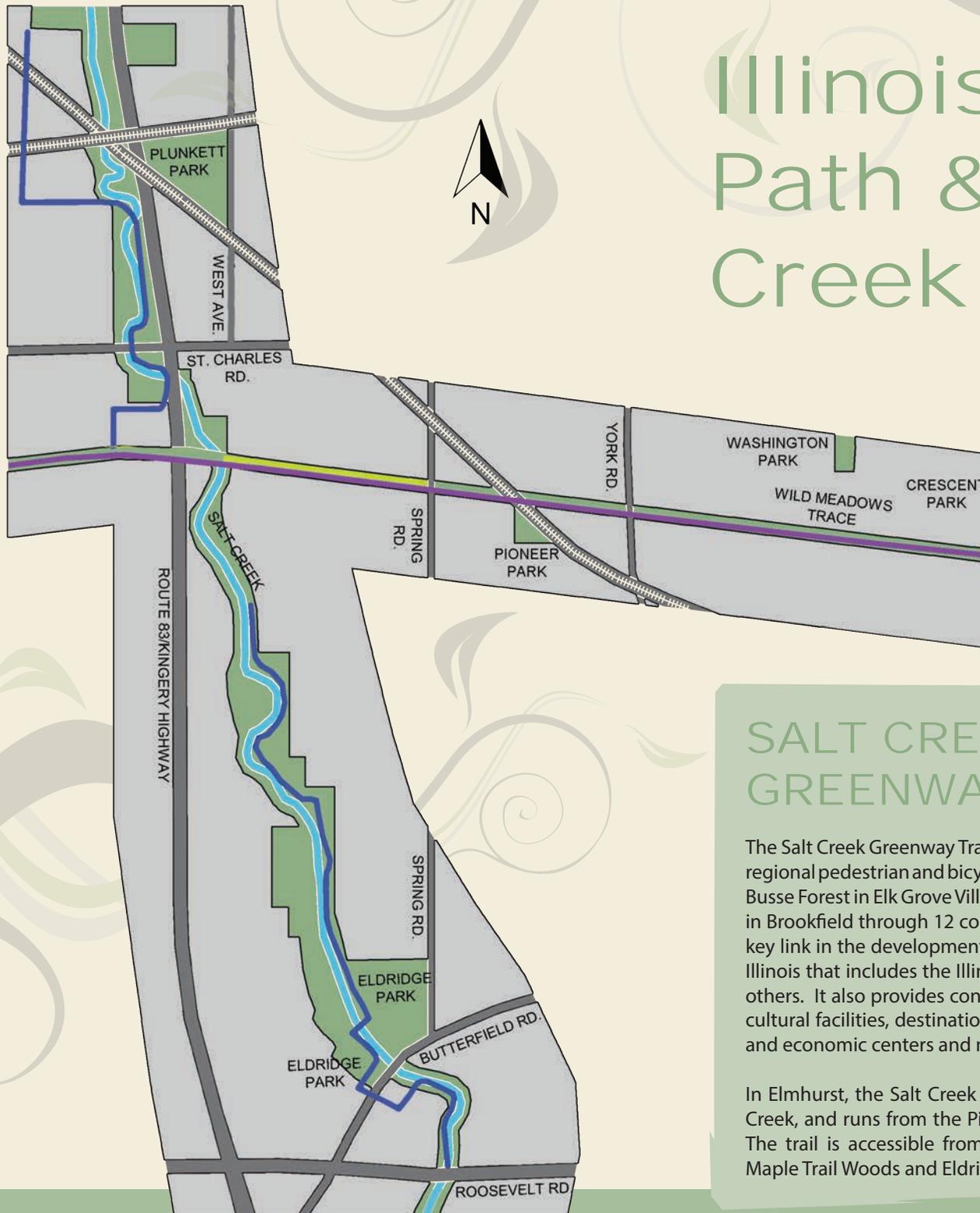
You can enter Plunkett Park via the Courts Plus entrance on the east side of the park, off West Avenue. Parking is available in the large lot adjacent to both Courts Plus and Plunkett Park.

Plunkett Park shares about 4 of its 16 acres with Courts Plus, a health and fitness club owned and operated by the Elmhurst Park District. The park also houses a playground, three lighted baseball diamonds, batting cage, warm-up area and a concession stand. The .44 mile trail winds through the park, providing access to all amenities.

Also on the grounds is the Plunkett Athletic Complex, owned and operated by Immaculate Conception High School. The complex contains a baseball diamond and football field for the exclusive use of the IC Knights; both fields boasting synthetic turf.



# Illinois Prairie Path & Salt Creek Greenway trail map



- Prairie Path 2.13 miles
- Salt Creek Greenway Trail 3.6 miles
- Great Western Prairie .5 miles

## SALT CREEK GREENWAY TRAIL



The Salt Creek Greenway Trail is a nearly 30 mile-long regional pedestrian and bicycle trail that extends from Busse Forest in Elk Grove Village to the Brookfield Zoo in Brookfield through 12 communities. It serves as a key link in the development of a 210-mile integrated trail network in northeast Illinois that includes the Illinois Prairie Path and the Great Western Trail, among others. It also provides connections throughout the region to recreational and cultural facilities, destination, shopping and commercial facilities, employment and economic centers and mass transit hubs.

In Elmhurst, the Salt Creek Greenway Trail is located on the east banks of Salt Creek, and runs from the Pick subdivision south to Eldridge Park, and beyond. The trail is accessible from several Elmhurst parks, including Sleepy Hollow, Maple Trail Woods and Eldridge Park.

# Elmhurst Park District Map

## ILLINOIS PRAIRIE PATH

The Illinois Prairie Path is a 62-mile multi-purpose trail extending through Cook, DuPage and Kane counties, and is a nationally recognized recreation facility for families. The path was the first successful "rail-to-trail" conversion in the United States in the mid-1960's. The trail is named for its rare segments of original, thousand-year-old prairies, one of which – the Great Western Prairie – is right here in Elmhurst. With 62 total miles of biking, hiking, jogging, equestrian and nature trails, approximately 2.13 miles of the lush, beautiful Prairie Path runs through Elmhurst, serving as a natural science laboratory, bird observatory, and commuter route for non-commercialized travel. The Elmhurst Park District is responsible for maintaining the trail within Elmhurst city boundaries. The Prairie Path links many municipal parks and county forest preserves and connects to other bicycle paths.



## GREAT WESTERN PRAIRIE



Located on six acres between Spring Road and Salt Creek, Elmhurst's 10,000-year-old Great Western Prairie is a living time capsule of Illinois in its original condition, when most of the northern two-thirds of the state was covered in prairie. Now far less than one percent of the original grassland remains, and its existence in Elmhurst adds a very special ecological and historical dimension to the community. The

Great Western Prairie is located within Wild Meadows Trace adjacent to the Illinois Prairie Path. The Elmhurst Great Western Prairie, maintained by the Elmhurst Park District, is one of only a few prairie remnants along the entire length of the Illinois Prairie Path and is considered a real ecological jewel. The Prairie is a six-acre strip spanning across eight blocks from Spring Road to Salt Creek, and is located within Wild Meadows Trace just north of the Prairie Path. The Elmhurst Great Western Prairie is the oldest living thing in Elmhurst, and its existence adds a very special ecological and historical dimension to the community.

### Parks

- 1 Ben Allison Park
- 2 Berens Park
- 3 Butterfield Park
- 4 Centennial Park
- 5 Conrad Fischer Park
- 6 Crescent Park
- 7 Crestview Park
- 8 East End Park
- 9 Eldridge Park
- 10 Glos Memorial Park
- 11 Golden Meadows
- 12 Jaycee Tot Lot
- 13 Kiwanis Park
- 14 Maple Trail Woods
- 15 Marjorie Davis Park
- 16 Pioneer Park
- 17 Plunkett Park
- 18 Salt Creek Park
- 19 Sleepy Hollow Park
- 20 Van Voorst Park
- 21 Washington Park
- 22 Wild Meadows Park
- 23 Wild Meadows Trace
- 24 Wilder Park
- 25 York Commons Park

### Facilities

- A Administrative Office
- B Centennial Recreation Center
- C Courts Plus Fitness Center
- D The Hub at Berens Park
- E Joanne B. Wagner Community Center
- F Eldridge Park Recreation Building
- G Norman P. Smalley Pool/Skate Park
- H East End Pool
- I Maintenance Facility
- J Safety Town/The Depot
- K Sugar Creek Golf Course
- L Butterfield Park Recreation Building
- M Crestview Park Recreation Building
- N Wilder Park Recreation Building
- O Wilder Mansion
- P Wilder Park Conservatory & 225 Prospect Building

### Schools

- Q York High School
- R Bryan Middle School
- S Churchville Middle School
- T Sandburg Middle School
- U Conrad Fischer Edison
- V Emerson
- W Emerson
- X Field
- Y Hawthorne
- Z Jackson
- AA Jefferson
- BB Lincoln



# Adopt A Park

Community groups, families, and individuals have an opportunity to give back to the parks that give so much to our community through the Adopt A Park Program. Adopting groups help with litter clean up, special projects and serve as extra eyes and ears looking out for their parks. For more information about the Adopt A Park Program, visit [www.epd.org/adopt-park](http://www.epd.org/adopt-park).

## We Want Your Feedback

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