



## Take a Hike Activity Sheet — March 2012 Big Rock Forest Preserve

It's March and our earliest wildflowers are in bloom! Hike out to the fen at Big Rock Forest Preserve and see the finest display of skunk cabbage in Kane County. Take the trail over the big bridge and walk the path into the woods. Take the left fork. You'll pass a sign telling you about the wetland and walk up a slight ridge. Look down, and you'll see lots of skunk cabbage plants. Skunk cabbage is the first flower to sprout and bloom in Kane County, sometimes even poking through the snow!



*Skunk cabbage in March*



*Skunk cabbage in late spring*

1. How do you think these plants are pollinated?
2. Do you see the flowers? Describe them. (Hint: the reddish “leaves” are NOT the flower. Look inside!)
3. Can you smell the plant? If so, what does it smell like?
4. How do you think the flower is able to grow through the snow, melting the snow surrounding it?

### **The Forest Preserve District of Kane County invites you to Take a Hike!**

Complete 6 of the 12 “Take a Hike” activities at designated forest preserves this year to receive your Take a Hike patch. Earn credit for a hike by sending answers or your completed Activity Sheet(s) to our naturalist staff via:

- E-mail - [programs@kaneforest.com](mailto:programs@kaneforest.com)
- Fax - 847-741-9597
- Mail - Tekakwitha Woods Forest Preserve, 35W076 Villa Marie Rd., St. Charles, IL 60174
- Or in person - Visit our Nature Center at Tekakwitha Woods Forest Preserve

For more information, call 847-741-8350 or visit [www.kaneforest.com](http://www.kaneforest.com)

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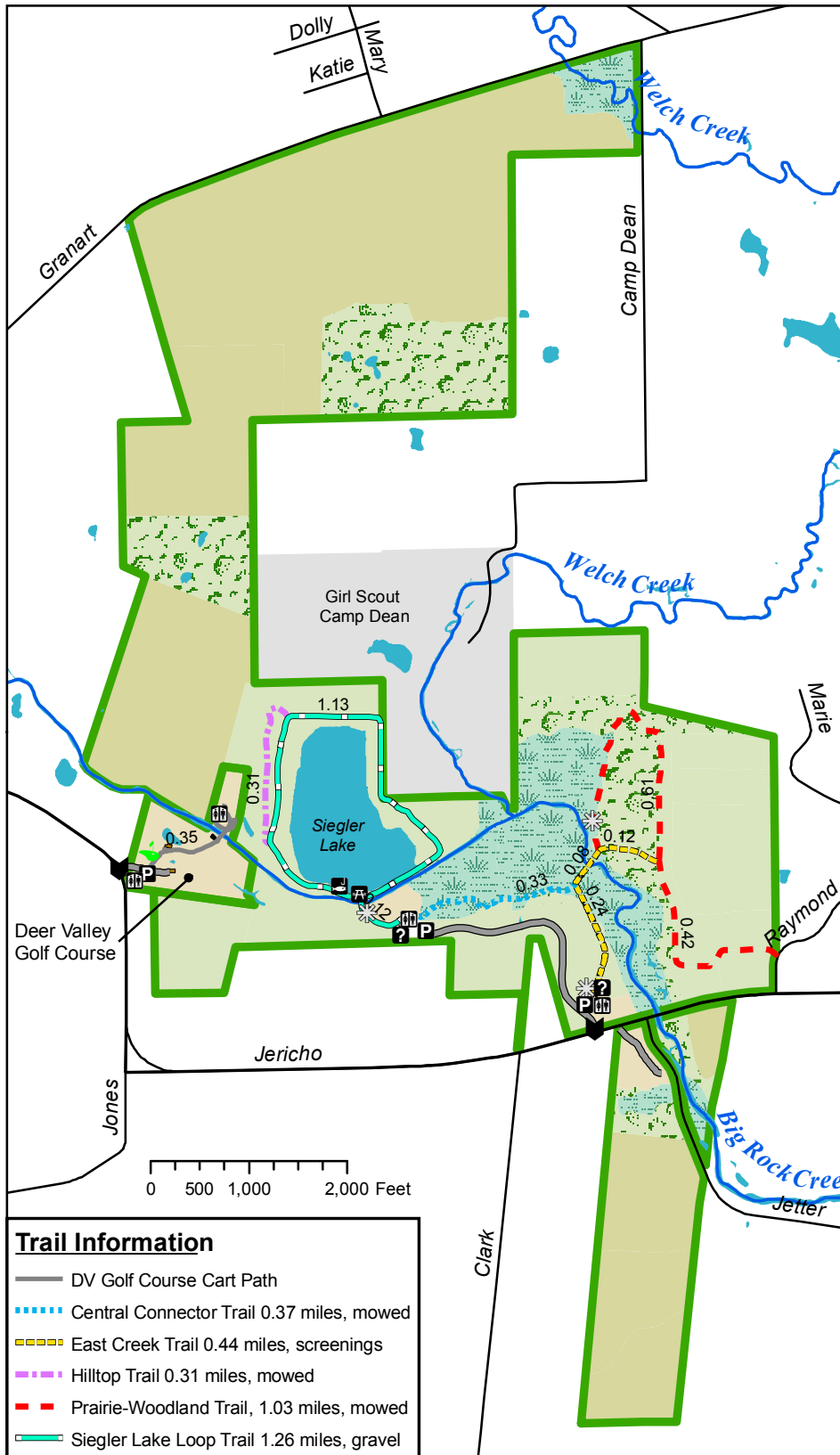
WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE ADDED TO THE MAILING LIST FOR DISTRICT NATURE PROGRAMS? IF SO, SELECT PREFERRED CONTACT METHOD:

- E-MAIL       REGULAR MAIL





# Big Rock Forest Preserve



Legend	
	Main Entrance
	Information
	Parking
	Restroom
	Picnic Area
	Fishing
	Golf
	Interpretive Sign
	Road
	Forest Preserve Road
	Creek
	Open Water
	Forest Preserve
Natural Area -	
	Cropland
	Grassland
	Maintained
	Wetland
	Woodland



46W524 Jericho Road,  
Big Rock, IL 60511  
Approx. 3.54 miles west  
of IL Route 47

Acreage = 842  
Total trail miles = 3.41

Information: (630) 232-5980  
[www.kaneforest.com](http://www.kaneforest.com)  
Hours: Daily, Sunrise-Sunset

Trail Information	
	DV Golf Course Cart Path
	Central Connector Trail 0.37 miles, mowed
	East Creek Trail 0.44 miles, screenings
	Hilltop Trail 0.31 miles, mowed
	Prairie-Woodland Trail, 1.03 miles, mowed
	Sieglers Lake Loop Trail 1.26 miles, gravel

