



The **Lincoln Marsh Natural Area** is highly prized for recreation, education and environmental reasons. 146 acres provide respite from the hustle and bustle of traffic and commerce. Open water marsh areas dot the landscape and are surrounded by prairies, young woodlands, and savannas.

The Lincoln Marsh Natural Area provides:

- Flood control
- Water quality improvement
- Wildlife habitat
- Recreation in a natural setting
- Educational opportunities for all ages



The Lincoln Marsh is a facility of the Wheaton Park District.

## Directions to Lincoln Marsh

### From the East

- 88 West to Naperville Rd.
- North on Naperville Rd. to Roosevelt Rd. (Rte. 38)
- Left (W) on Roosevelt Rd. 1.5 miles to County Farm Rd.
- Right (N) on County Farm Rd. 1 mile
- Right (E) on Harrison (1st street after the railroad tracks)
- Harrison ends at the Lincoln Marsh parking lot entrance.

### From the West

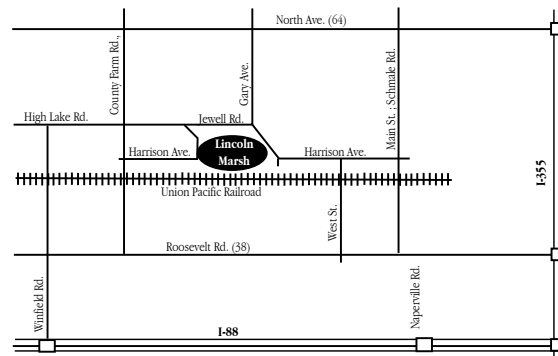
- 88 to Winfield Rd. exit.
- North 3.0 miles to Roosevelt Rd. (Rte. 38)
- East 1.2 miles to County Farm Rd.
- North 1 mile on County Farm Rd. to Harrison (1st street on right after railroad tracks)
- East on Harrison which will end at the Lincoln Marsh parking lot entrance

### From the North

- 355 or 59 to North Ave. (Rte. 64)
- North Ave. to County Farm Rd.
- South on County Farm Rd. to the first street south of Jewell Rd. (Harrison)
- Left (east) on Harrison which will end at the Lincoln Marsh parking lot entrance.

### From the South

- 355, 53 or 59 to Roosevelt Rd. (Rte. 38)
- Roosevelt Rd. to County Farm Rd.
- North 1 mile on County Farm Rd. to Harrison (1st street on right after the railroad tracks)
- East on Harrison which will end at the Lincoln Marsh parking lot entrance.



## Lincoln Marsh Nature Interpretation & Environmental Education WHEATON PARK DISTRICT



## Important Information for Group Leaders

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Thank you for choosing the Lincoln Marsh for your educational experience. In preparation for your visit, please review the following information.



### Important Notes for Group Leaders

#### You Can Count on Us!

- Our educator will greet you and your group on time and accomplish the goals and/or requirements stated.
- Our educator will provide a hands-on, fun and educational experience.

#### Participant Numbers

Contact us if your numbers have changed. There may be an additional fee for an increase in group size.

#### Supervision

- Bring chaperones (please do not bring siblings) for every 10 participants.
- Encourage participation, maintain discipline and assist when requested.

#### Information for Drivers

- **Directions** – Please copy the map on the back of this form to give to your drivers.
- **Buses** must park **outside** the parking lot. Parking is limited and there is not enough space for buses to turn around.



#### Restrooms

Our restroom facility is a port-a-potty, please note that there is no running water available.

#### Come Prepared!

Programs at the Lincoln Marsh Natural Area are held entirely outdoors. There is no indoor facility.



#### Payments

**Please note late fee!**

- Payment is required **two weeks prior** to your program date. Payments received any later will be subject to a **\$25 late fee**.
- Checks should be made out to the **Wheaton Park District** and sent to the attention of: **Lincoln Marsh Nature Programs** or you can pay by credit card at 630.871.2810.
- Attach a copy of your program invoice to mailed checks.
- Payment is not accepted onsite.

#### Cancellation Policy

**Please note fee!**

- The last day for a group to cancel *without penalty* is two weeks prior to the program date.
- Groups canceling with less than two weeks notice **will be charged 25% of the total fee**.
- Groups canceling with less than 24 hours notice **will be charged the full amount**.
- The Wheaton Park District reserves the right to cancel a program if staff determines it is unsafe due to inclement weather. Groups may reschedule or receive a partial refund if the program was in progress.

#### Late Arrival Policy

Your educator is available for the time you reserved. If your group is late, the program will still conclude at the scheduled time.

### Important Notes for Participants

#### Clothing

- Dress for comfort and wear clothing that can get dirty.
- Wear long sleeves and long pants in all seasons to protect from thorns and mosquitoes.
- Wear boots or sturdy, closed-toe shoes (no sandals).
- Listen to the weather forecast and dress appropriately.
  - In the summer, wear light-colored clothing, hats and sunscreen.
  - In cooler months, wear layers of clothing, hats and gloves.
  - On a rainy day, wear hats and raincoats.

#### Important Items to Bring

- Drinking water
- Wear mosquito spray (especially May-October)
- Hand sanitizer
- Name tags for each participant

**Please copy the Participant Tips bandout, available on the Lincoln Marsh website, for your group prior to the trip so parents and guardians know what to expect.**

#### Eco-Friendly Lunch Tips

- Bring trash bags to take your trash back with you.
- Encourage your group to pack food in reusable containers (Tupperware, margarine tubs, etc.)
- Use a refillable sport bottle or thermos for drinks.

**Pack it in...Pack it out!**

**We have a covered picnic shelter at the Lincoln Marsh, but reservations must be made in advance.**

