

In the picnic grounds near the parking lots are large bur and white oaks that are over 100 years old. Beyond the picnic areas, Beaubien Woods is mostly second-growth woods with the occasional grassy opening amidst the trees. Though today the open areas are dominated by European grasses and weeds and little in the way of native grasses and wildflowers remain, in presettlement times, Beaubien Woods would have been a prairie and open savanna community.

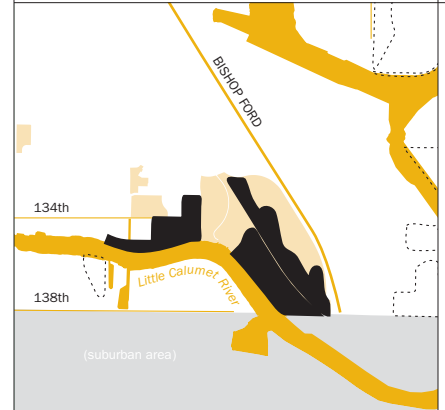
There are a few pockets of remnant prairie that harbor big and little bluestem, cordgrass, prairie dock, Riddell's goldenrod, wild hyacinth, prairie phlox and other native species.

In the center of the preserve is Flat Foot Lake **1**, a 22-acre body of water. The lake is used for fishing, and is stocked with a variety of species. Beaubien Woods provides anglers with access to the Little Calumet River. A boat launch on the river provides access for motor boats as well as for canoes or kayaks.

Baubien Woods is part of the Calumet Open Space Reserve. The Kensington Bikeway, a potential regional trail, is proposed to run through Beaubien Woods; this would connect to O'Brien Lock & Dam and Burnham Prairie.

BEAUBIEN WOODS
FOREST PRESERVE

Site No. 05

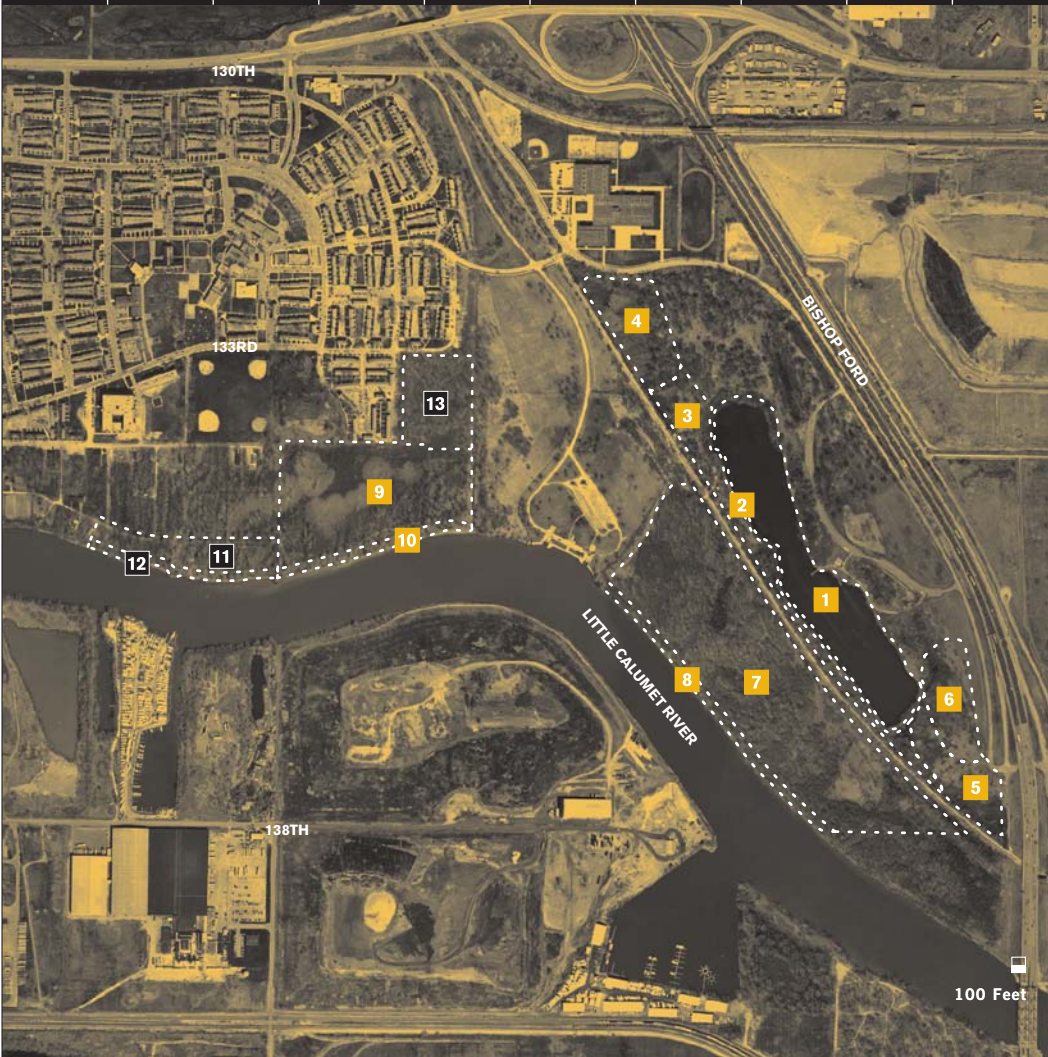


13400 SOUTH / 1200 EAST



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Forest Preserve**

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ADDRESS 13400 S Doty Ave
OWNER Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Private
ACREAGE 135.50

HABITATS
1 Aquatic
2 8 10 12 Riparian / Water Edge
3 7 Forest / Woodland
4 5 Wetland
6 Prairie / Grassland
9 11 13 Potential Habitat

DIRECTIONS Off I-94 go west on 130th Street. Turn south (left) on Ellis Avenue and immediately left on 130th Place. To go to the western portion of the site, turn right at the brown forest preserve sign. To go to Flat Foot Lake, continue on 130th Place (it becomes south Carver Drive, then Doty Avenue) past Carver Military Academy to the red forest preserve sign and parking lots on the right.

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