

LINCOLN PARK—
MAROVITZ GOLF POND

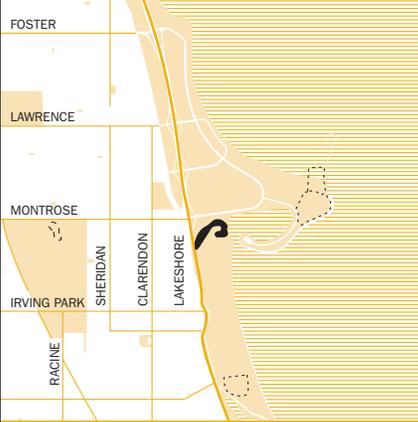
This golf course has a prime location right on the Lake Michigan shoreline. In the spring and fall, golfers share the greens and roughs with abundant numbers of migrating birds.

The golf course's location between the premier birding sites of Montrose Beach Dunes (site 52, p. 83) to the northeast and the Bill Jarvis Migratory Bird Sanctuary (site 50, p. 80) to the south make the restoration of natural habitats here particularly important.

The pond **1** is located at the north end of the Golf Course. The east and north edges of the pond are left wild and uncultivated, though the western and southern shores by the golf greens are mowed.

In fall of 2004, three acres of savanna habitat **2** were created both inside and outside the fence at the north end of the course. The dappled sunlight coming through the honey locust trees creates a savanna-like effect on the ground. Young bur oaks were planted to eventually take the place of the locusts and create a more authentic savanna canopy. Redbud, native crabapple and wild plum trees were planted, along with shrubs such as hazelnut and wild roses. Fifteen to twenty thousand plugs of columbine, side-flowering aster, woodland brome, tall bellflower, golden alexander, and other savanna species were planted.

In January, 2004, the golf course was designated an Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary, which means it is managed in a way compatible with nature.



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ADDRESS 4400 N Lake Shore Dr
OWNER Chicago Park District
ACREAGE 4.40

HABITATS
1 Aquatic
2 Savanna

DIRECTIONS The pond and restoration can be viewed from outside the course, at the north end; exit Lake Shore Drive at Montrose, turn east, and park immediately.

