

Points of Interest

- ◆ Fox River—the trail crosses the Fox River in Algonquin on the original railroad bridge stanchions. The crossing offers a picturesque view of the water below, especially during the autumn change of colors.
- ◆ Larsen Prairie—this 20-acre site is an Illinois State Nature Preserve located in Lake In The Hills on the west side of the gravel mining area. It contains both prairie and fen plant communities.
- ◆ Diverse City Prairie—between Virginia Road and Route 14, this developed area has been planted with native prairie plants. In conjunction with School District 47 fourth-grade students, the native plants demonstrate the beauty of McHenry County’s original plant heritage.
- ◆ Sterne’s Woods—owned and managed by the Crystal Lake Park District, this natural area contains an Illinois Nature Preserve, Wingate Prairie, and is the most wooded and winding section of the trail.
- ◆ Whispering Oaks Park—owned and managed by the City of McHenry, this park features Fort McHenry, an extensive children’s playground, as well as playing fields and open lawn areas.
- ◆ Petersen Park—owned and managed by the City of McHenry, this area is home to many recreational facilities.
- ◆ Glacial Park—home to over 20 endangered species, this 2800-acre park is the crown jewel of the District’s holdings. This natural area contains prairie, savanna, marshes, a bog, the Nippersink Creek, and a variety of geologic wonders, including kames.

