

FOREST GLEN PRESERVE  
20301 E. 900 N. ROAD, WESTVILLE, IL 61883

RIVER RIDGE BACK PACK TRAIL

1. The trail is marked by red arrows, orange plates, or orange bands around the trees. Markers must be use in conjunction with the map for guidance. Total length of the trail is approximately 11 miles. Markers may not be visible if walking the trail in reverse.
2. The trail begins at the Staff Office on the *Old Barn Trail*. From here, the trail follows the *Deer Meadow Trail* to Sycamore Hollow Campus. From the campus follow the *Willow Creek Trail* and *Primitive Loop*. Water is available here except during the winter months. The first campsite is available at the Group Campgrounds. The second campsite is located at the east camp on the extreme east end of the trail. There are no facilities for water at either camp, but there are restrooms. Winding through the Duffin Nature Area, the Back Pack Trail intersects the *Big Woods Trail* and leads to the entrance drive road.
3. After crossing the road, the trail follows the southern boundary of the park, past the Doris Westfall Prairie, and back to the Staff Office.

TRAIL RULES

1. Turn in a completed Back Pack Trail Required Registration Form at either the Staff Office or the Ranger Station at least one week **BEFORE** hiking. Registration may be emailed to [asteeples@vccd.org](mailto:asteeples@vccd.org). Please call the office at Forest Glen 217-662-2142 to confirm that your registration was received.

2. Due to the increased popularity of River Ridge Back Pack Trail, we are now charging a fee, based on the number of people in your group, when you hike the River Ridge Back Pack Trail to help offset trail maintenance costs.

\$10.00 – groups of less than 10 people  
\$1.00 each – groups of 10 or more people

You may pay through PayPal at [www.vccd.org](http://www.vccd.org) or send a check in with your trail registration form.

3. Camping is allowed **ONLY** in the **GROUP CAMPGROUNDS** or the **EAST CAMP**. **NO CAMPING ALLOWED ANYWHERE OTHER THAN THE DESIGNATED CAMPING AREAS.**
4. No fires, except in designated areas within the campsites.
5. Carry out all litter and refuse that you bring in. Pick up any litter along that trail that might have been previously left behind. Please help preserve the beauty of this trail.
6. All plants and wildlife are protected.
7. Fishing in the Vermilion River is governed by state regulations.

DISTANCE

Halfway point is the river below tower	5.5 miles
Staff Office to campus area	1.5 miles
Staff Office to Group Camp	3.0 miles
Staff Office to river below tower	5.5 miles
Staff Office to East Camp	7.5 miles
East Camp to entrance drive	2.5 miles
Entrance drive to Staff Office	1.0 miles