

FOREST GLEN PRESERVE  
20301 E. 900 N. ROAD, WESTVILLE, IL 61883  
RIVER RIDGE BACK PACK TRAIL

1. The trail is marked for hiking in a clockwise direction by red/white blazes, orange plates, or orange bands around the trees. Markers should be used 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 Lorna J Konsis Visitor Center 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. 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. There are pit toilets at both camps. 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 Visitor Center.

TRAIL RULES

1. Turn in a completed Back Pack Trail Required Registration Form to the Visitor Center at least one week BEFORE hiking. Registration may be emailed to [asteeples@vccd.org](mailto:asteeples@vccd.org). You will receive an email confirmation of your hiking plan. Once your registration has been confirmed you may pay the correct fee. If you do not receive a confirmation within 48 hours, 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 mail a check once your registration is confirmed.

3. Camping is allowed **ONLY** in the **GROUP CAMPGROUNDS** or the **EAST CAMP**. **NO CAMPING ALLOWED ANYWHERE OTHER THAN THE DESIGNATED CAMPING AREAS.**

4. All vehicles and license plates must be listed on the registration form; parked in the Visitor Center Parking Lot located at the trail head.

5. No fires, except in designated areas within the campsites.

6. 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.

7. All plants and wildlife are protected.

8. Leashed pets are welcome; please remove pet waste from trail.

9. Fishing in the Vermilion River is governed by state regulations.

DISTANCE

Halfway point is the river below tower 5.5 miles

Visitor Center to campus area 1.5 miles

Visitor Center to Group Camp 3.0 miles

Visitor Center to river below tower 5.5 miles

Visitor Center to East Camp 7.5 miles

East Camp to entrance drive 2.5 miles

Entrance drive to Visitor Center 1.0 miles