

Thompson Road Preserve



VILLAGE OF
BULL VALLEY
- ILLINOIS -



The 275-acre Thompson Road Preserve includes peatland, oak woods, glacial topography and five miles of hiking and horse trails located at an important headwaters area of Boone Creek, one of the most important ecological treasures in Northeast Illinois. As the former farm fields are restored to wetland, prairie and savanna habitat in the years ahead, the preserve will safeguard the cool, clean water that flows to the creek, and thus safeguard the species that need the high-quality, cold-water stream.

12,000 years ago, retreating glaciers left behind sand-filled ridges and a backwater basin. Today, those ridges are home to 13-lined ground squirrels, groundhogs and badgers who dig burrows into the sandy soil. Until recently, the basin was farmed. Over the coming years it will be restored to wetland habitat that will benefit insect, amphibian and bird species. The diverse habitat is already used by over 130 species of birds including more than 20 species of warblers, Northern harriers, Northern shrike and a variety of owls.

-  Parking
-  Equestrian Trailer Parking
-  ADA Outhouse
-  Kiosk
-  Picnic Area
-  Bird Observation
-  Water (Pets & Irrigation)
-  Trail
-  Boundary
-  Contours
-  Prairie Restoration
-  Peat Wetland/ Restoration
-  Woodland



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