

# Cricket Creek Forest Preserve, Addison

Cricket Creek is west of Kingery Highway (Route 83) between Lake Street (US 20) and North Avenue (Route 64). Parking is accessed from Fullerton Avenue.

## Habitat type/site overview

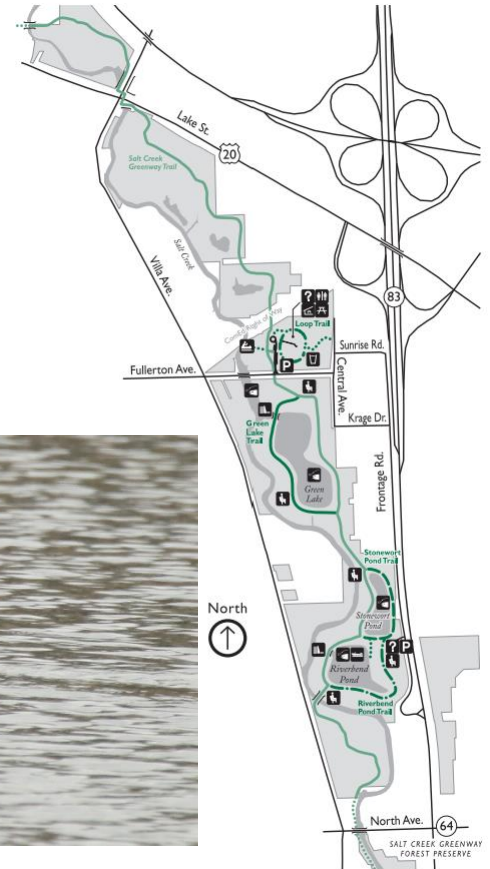
The site is partially wooded along the Salt Creek with three small lakes. The paths can be busy with hikers and bikers depending on the time and day of the week. For a detailed view of the map at right, visit the DuPage Forest Preserve at [www.dupageforest.org](http://www.dupageforest.org).

## Topography

Trails are crushed limestone. The best birding is south of Fullerton Avenue along the Salt Creek. The bridge across the Salt Creek by Riverbend Pond is good for viewing flycatchers and migrants as well as wading birds, including occasional Black-crowned Night-herons.

## Birds

The site is good in spring and fall for migrants. It generally has summer resident Yellow Warblers near Green Lake. Green Lake and Riverbend Lake often have waterfowl, including cormorants, ducks, and Pied-billed Grebe. During migration Blue-winged Teal, mergansers, and an occasional loon can be found. The mud flats west of the bridge near Green Lake often have shorebirds during migration. Best birding is in spring and fall, though summer can also yield good finds, such as the Summer Tanager at right. In winter the trails are often impassable due to snow and ice. The trees on the north edge of the picnic area on Fullerton Avenue often offer good birding in spring and fall.



## Best time to go

Spring, summer, and fall are good times to bird at Cricket Creek, especially in early morning or in the evening.

## Amenities

The parking lot on Fullerton Avenue has a picnic area and pit toilets. Riverbend Lake is used for model boating.

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### Access

It is best to park at the lot on Fullerton Avenue. There is also a smaller lot off of Frontage Road near Riverbend Pond.

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