



There are 13 one-room cabins and 3 cabins with four people and is complete with shower, gas log fire-place, one queen bed and one trundle bed. All cabins are air-conditioned and heated and have telephones, televi-

White Pines Inn, originally constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s, has undergone an extensive renovation. To preserve this historic ambiance of this wonderful log cabin inn, the original stone and timbers were retained and the new features were carefully blended to enhance the original structure.

of white pines in the United States, a movement was started in the early part of the 20th Century to set the area aside as a state park. Through efforts of Ogle County nature lovers, a bill appropriating \$30,000 for purchase of land was passed by the legislature in 1903, but the measure was vetoed. In 1927, however, they had more success, and the forest was acquired.

sions and DVD players. The historic lounge area, which is part of the main lodge, is filled with crafts and artwork, including a gift shop that offers everything from souvenirs to homemade candies.

Numerous homemade delicacies are offered at the White Pines Inn Restaurant. The restaurant can accommodate up to 223 people with several meeting/banquet rooms that seat up to 125. Wedding receptions, retreats, seminars and family reunions are all handled professionally and skillfully.

For lodge reservations, call (815) 946-3817, write White Pines Inn, 6712 West Pines Road, Mt. Morris, IL 61054 or email info@whitepinesinn.com.

Hiking

Whether you choose an easy walking trail or a more difficult path, three of the seven marked trails are less than a mile long and provide ample opportunity to see the beautiful vine-covered limestone bluffs, blossoming spring flowers and whispering pines. The trails have color-coded markers to aid the hiker in orienteering. A nature trail with a limestone-screened path is accessible for the physically challenged. Venturing off a marked trail could be dangerous because of terrain. Please stay on marked trails.



With a view to preserving one of Illinois' last stands of natural white pines and one of the most southern stands

east bank of Pine Creek.

When early settlers arrived, they found this 700-acre

forest of untouched pine extending for 1/4 mile along the

rival, Keokuk.

Hawk himself was sent into exile in the custody of his

Black Hawk War forced them out and the warrior Black

the beloved Rock River Valley. Eventually however, the

resisted the efforts of settlers to drive them from

country and is rich in historic accounts of the warriors who

White Pines Forest lies in the heart of Black Hawk Indian

History

quite literally, to drive through the flowing streams.

Among the park's most interesting features are the

and in winter, flocks of migratory northern birds.

ing branches above are filled with pine thrush, warblers

munks, thrive in the luxuriant undergrowth, and the spread-

Small mammals, including squirrels, raccoons and chip-



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- While groups of 25 or more are welcome and encouraged to use the park's facilities, they are required to register in advance with the site office to avoid crowding or scheduling conflicts.
- At least one responsible adult must accompany each group of 15 minors.
- Pets must be kept on leashes at all times.
- Absolutely no swimming allowed.
- Park closes at sunset.
- Actions by nature can result in closed roads and other facilities. We hope you enjoy your stay. Remember, take only memories, leave only footprints.
- For more information on state parks, write to the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Land Management, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, IL 62702-1271 or visit our website at <http://dnr.state.il.us>.
- For more information on tourism in Illinois, call the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity's Bureau of Tourism at 1-800-2CONNECT.
- Hearing-impaired individuals may call the Department of Natural Resources' TTY number, (217) 782-9175, or use the Ameritech Relay Number, 1-800-526-0844.

Equal opportunity to participate in programs of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) and those funded by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other agencies is available to all individuals regardless of race, sex, national origin, disability, age, religion or other non-merit factors. If you believe you have been discriminated against, contact the funding source's civil rights office and/or the Equal Employment Opportunity Officer, IDNR, One Natural Resource Way, Springfield, IL 62702-1271; 217/785-0067; TTY 217/782-9175.

This information may be provided in an alternative format if required. Contact the DNR Clearinghouse at (217)782-7498 for assistance.

are everywhere.

bloodroot, blue-eyed grass, spring beauty and hepatica

colorful beds of blossoming trout lily, solomons seal,

moss-covered cliffs, strung with trailing vines. In season,

creeks, this scenic haven has magnificent trees that share

Along the meandering banks of Spring and Pine

spaces at White Pines.

re-discover yourself and your family among the open

no better way to retreat from the everyday routine than to

modern lodge facilities amidst a beautiful forest, there is

nicking. With lots of serene, picturesque beauty, and

ties, such as hiking, fishing, camping, bicycling and pic-

getaways. There are plenty of outdoor recreation activi-

Today the park provides the perfect recipe for family

of the state.

the principal route east and west across the northern part

Chicago-Iowa Trail. History tells us that this was for years

ing 385-acre park is the south boundary of the old

Located in the heart of the Rock River Valley, this charm-

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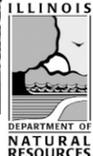
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STATE PARK





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Winter Sports

When snow covers the ground, be sure to bring your skis, as the White Pines trails are ideal for cross-country skiing. Ski trails are groomed when conditions permit.

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Picnicking

A perfect place for a family outing, there are several shaded picnic areas along Pine Creek with water, grills, tables and a children's playground. Of the four shelters in these areas, two can be reserved and two are first-come, first-served.

Camping

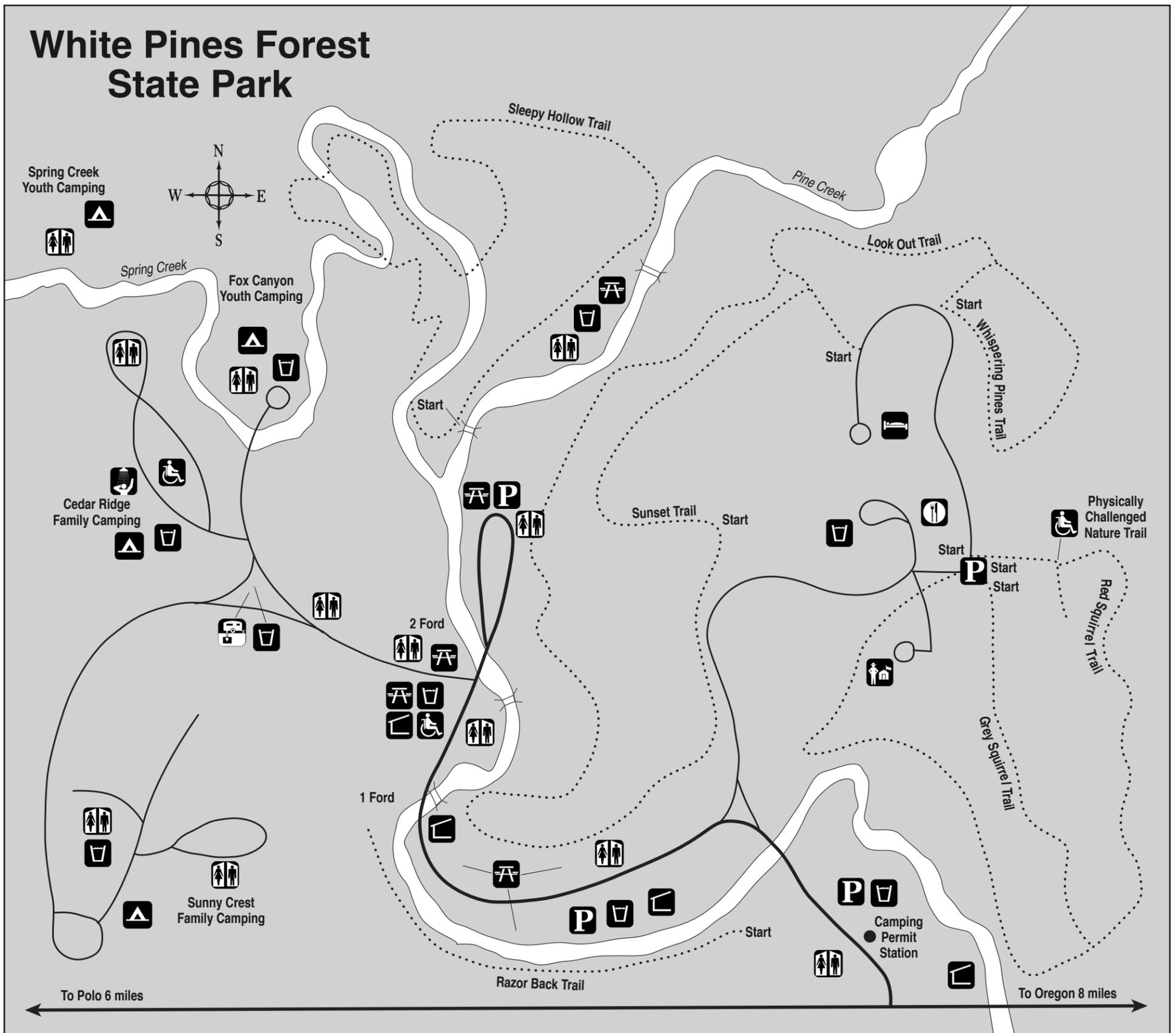
Looking to spend a night under the stars? White Pines State Park has 106 Class B campsites, with showers and vehicular access. In addition, there are two youth group campgrounds. There are six campsites accessible for the physically challenged camper. Because of the nature of the terrain in this area, soft ground may sometimes close campgrounds. It's a good idea to check ahead with the site superintendent's office to be sure the facilities are open. Alcohol is prohibited in the campgrounds. Contact the park or visit the website for more information.

Exotic Species

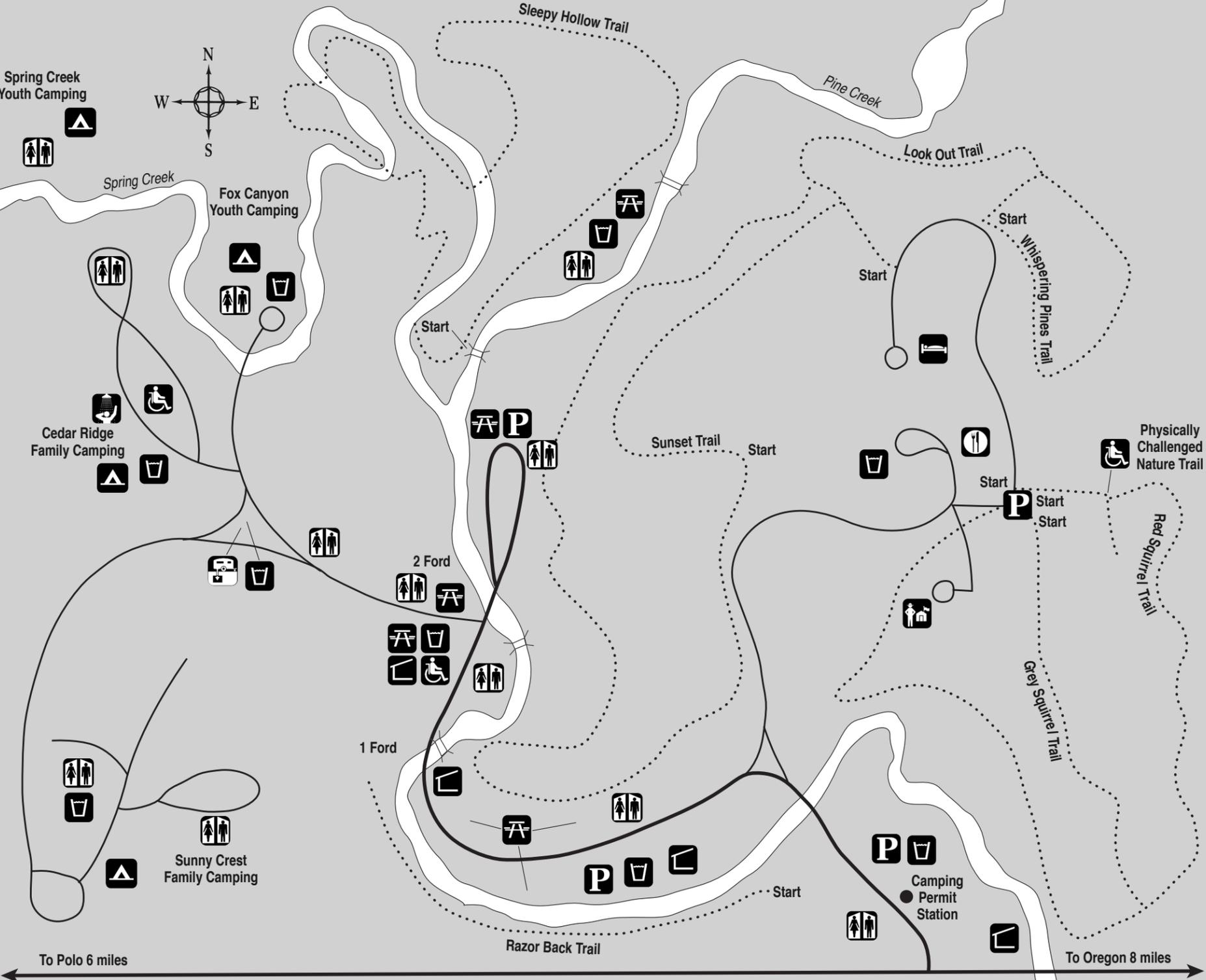
Plants and animals not native to Illinois are exotic species. Most of them are harmless to our state; however, some



can be very invasive to native plant communities and can overwhelm or wipe out native species. Prevention and control of exotic, invasive species requires tremendous cooperation between managers and all users of parks, natural areas, and privately owned land. To learn more about exotic and invasive species and how you can help prevent their spread, visit the IDNR Exotic Species Website at: <http://www.dnr.state.il.us/lands/education/ExoticSpecies/exoticspintro.htm>.



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Legend	
	Campground
	Drinking Water
	Park Office
	Parking
	Picnic Area
	Restrooms
	Handicapped Accessible
	Shelter
	Sanitary Dump Station
	Showers
	White Pines Cabins
	White Pines Inn
Trails	
	Grey Squirrel TrailGreen 7/8 mi.
	Look Out TrailRed 1/2 mi.
	Razor Back TrailLavender 3/8 mi.
	Red Squirrel TrailBlue 1 mi.
	Sleepy Hollow TrailOrange 1.2 mi.
	Sunset TrailWhite 1mi.
	Whispering Pines TrailYellow 1/2 mi.
	Physically Challenged Nature Trail 1/2 mi.

