



MEMORANDUM

Multi-Use Trail Modifications at Deer Run Forest Preserve

Beginning Monday, August 3, 2026 the green trail at Deer Run Forest Preserve in Cherry Valley is being rerouted. Ongoing issues with the existing water control structures and berms at this site cause significant flooding each season, which presents a safety hazard to users and degrades the trail over time. Additionally, this trail bisects a high-quality natural area of the preserve. Not only will rerouting the Green Trail provide a safer, more sustainable route while continuing to offer access to the many well-loved natural features of Deer Run, but it will also positively impact the flora and fauna of this preserve.

What will change?

The green trail will no longer pass through the wetland below post #12. Instead, it will now begin at post #11, on the far side of the orange loop, and will travel through the woods. This will create a large, meandering loop in the prairie that borders the Kishwaukee River. One tenth of a mile of trail is being added, bringing the overall trail length to 8.1 miles. Users will still be able to access McKiski Forest Preserve from the green trail.

When will changes go into effect?

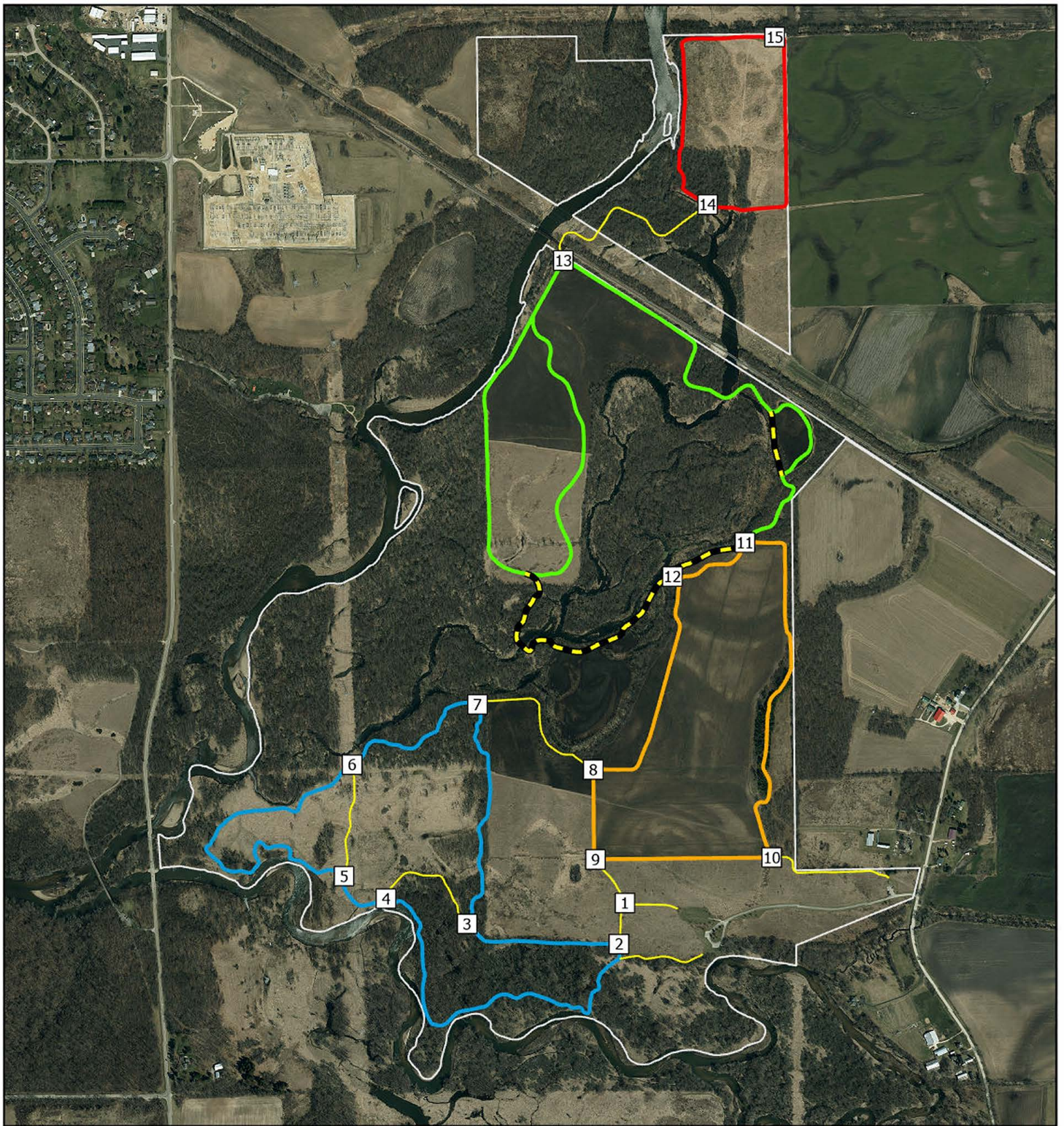
The new route of the green trail has been developed and is open for use. The original green trail sections will close permanently on **Monday, August 3**, and will be marked by barricades and signage. Once those closures are in effect, please:

- Follow all posted signs and closure notices.
- Stay on designated open trails.
- Do not bypass barricades or enter closed areas.

Although your visit may look a little different, these updates will improve trail safety conditions for all users and benefit the diverse animal and plant species that call Deer Run Forest Preserve home.

If you have any questions regarding this project, please reach out to our main office at 815-877-6100 or email fpwc@winnebagoforest.org.

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0 1,250 2,500 5,000 Feet

Total length of trails = 8.1 miles



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Trail Markers

Trails

 Closed Trail

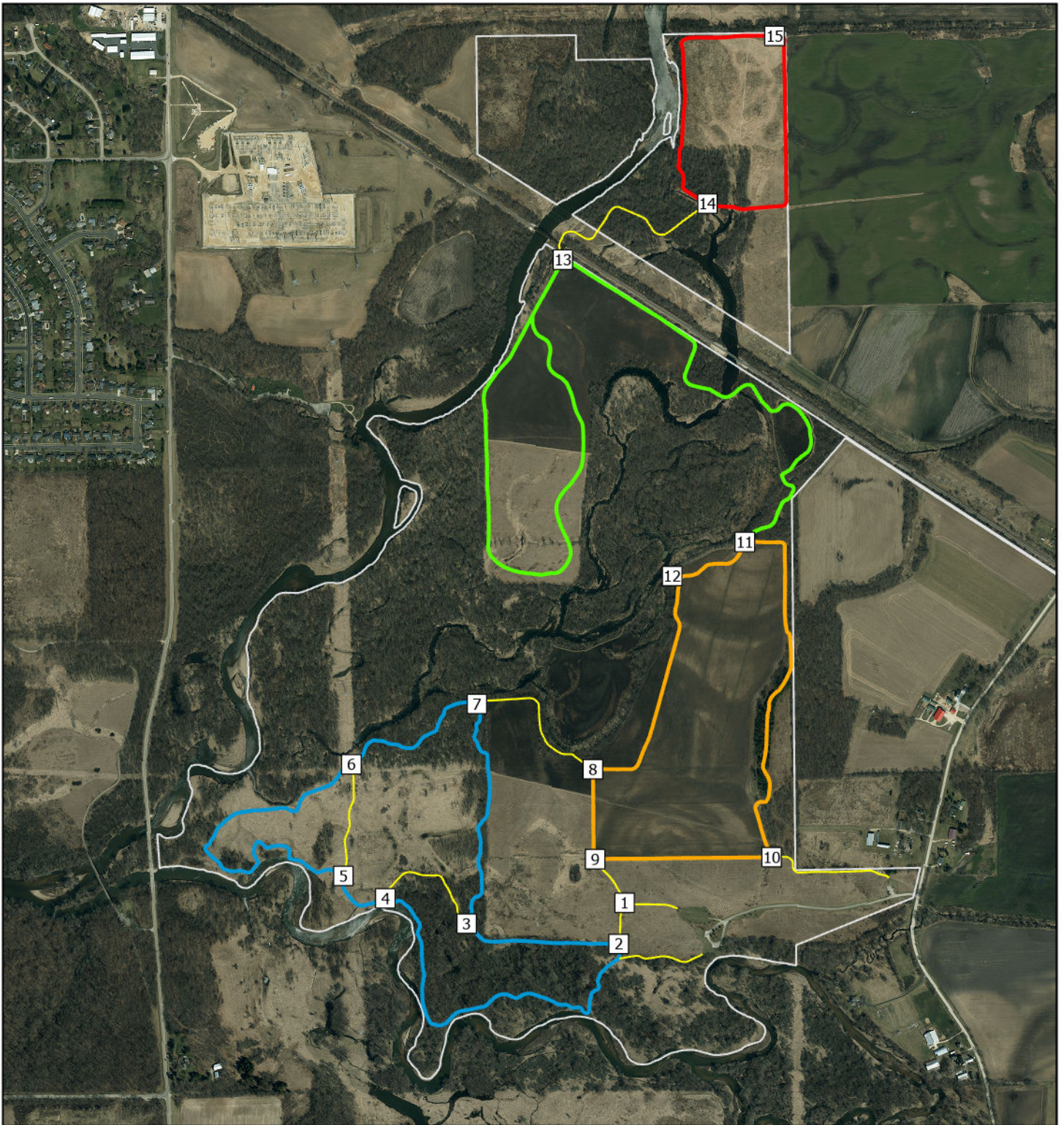
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Updated Trail Map for Deer Run



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DEER RUN FOREST PRESERVE

Trails

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