Distances between trail intersections in miles:
(exterior routes)
A > B = .44
B > C = .14
C > D = .52
D > E = .47
E > F (n) = .33
E > F (s) = .58
F > G = 1.26
G > H = .13
H > I = .15
I > A = .24
(cross-links)
B > I = .11
C > H = .29
D > G = .15

Trail Lengths (by trail name)
Prairie Path (Tan) = .52
Forest Trail (Blue) = .79
Hill Prairie Trail (White) = .58
Shagbark Trail (Red) = .8
Skunk Cabbage Trail (Green) = 1.38
Sycamore Trail (Yellow) = 1.26
Tawny Oaks Field Station at Singing Woods Nature Preserve
715 W Singing Woods Road
Edelstein, IL 61526
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At a glance…
Tawny Oaks is the newest environmental facility of the Peoria Park District. It is located next to Singing Woods, a 700 acre Illinois Nature Preserve. The mission of Tawny Oaks is “focus the community on the rich biological heritage of Central Illinois and engage people in its protection and restoration.” The property contains a prairie restoration, 1/2 mile of handicap accessible trail, picnic area and visitor center with restrooms. It also serves as the trailhead for our trail system into Singing Woods Nature Preserve which consists of 4 miles of rugged trails.

Field Station Hours:
April-October
Wednesday-Saturday 10 am-4 pm
Sunday-Tuesday closed
Trails: Open daily from Dawn to Dusk

Trail Use Guidelines:
• Trails at Singing Woods are hilly and rugged. Be prepared to climb lots of hills to return to the Tawny Oaks parking lot.
• At each trail intersection is a locator map showing you where you are on the trail system.
• The perimeter route of our trail system is 4 miles in length. There are distance markers every quarter mile along that route. Distances markers progress from 0-4 miles counterclockwise around the perimeter loop.
• The trail system runs through dedicated Illinois Nature Preserve. You can help protect this high quality natural area by following these rules:
  • Do not bring pets into the Nature Preserve. Pets are allowed on a leash around the Prairie Path in Tawny Oaks property.
  • No picking, collecting, or disturbing of plants, fungi, or any natural feature.
  • Stay on the trail.
  • Do not short-cut trail switchbacks on hills. This leads to erosion.
  • Pack out what you bring into the preserve.
  • Groups larger than 25 must have permission and an orientation before entering the preserve. Please contact staff at (309)418-7051 for more information.