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Schweitzer Woods closed through Aug. 30 for parking and drive improvements

GENEVA, IL — Extremely wet weather has prompted construction delays at Schweitzer Woods Forest Preserve in West Dundee, prompting the preserve's closure for an additional two weeks, through Aug. 30.

Work began Aug. 1 on planned parking lot and drive improvements, but the frequent rain has slowed progress on the project. Because heavy construction vehicles and machinery will be operating on site, the entire preserve — including off-leash dog areas and all drive entries — will remain closed to the public during construction.

The new entry drive and paved parking lots for the off-leash dog area and environmental center are the first phase of planned improvements. Future amenities include a new shelter; expanded, mowed walking trails; and new restrooms. All preserve improvements are expected to be completed in September. The Forest Preserve District posted signs at the preserve in May, alerting users to intermittent closures from July to September.

Alternative Forest Preserve off-leash dog areas are located at Fox River Bluff West Forest Preserve in St. Charles and at Aurora West Forest Preserve in Aurora.

For more information on the Forest Preserve District of Kane County, visit kaneforest.com or call 630-232-5980. Schweitzer Woods Forest Preserve is located at 16N900 Sleepy Hollow Rd., West Dundee.

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