

Answers to Trivia Trail

Old School Forest Preserve

November 2020

1.) **Eighteen stations.** How many did you try?

2.) Search our Lake County plants and animals table for the common names of oak trees:
[LCFPD.org/lake-county-species](https://lcpfd.org/lake-county-species)

Explore Lake County Species

Our scientists use a variety of methods to find, measure and map plant and animal communities within the preserves. [Learn more »](#)

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| Preserve Name | Type | | |
| Old School | Tree | oak | Search |

| Common Name ▼ | Scientific Name ▼ | Nat/Non ▼ | Type ▼ |
|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------|--------|
| Black Oak | <i>Quercus velutina</i> | Native | Tree |
| Bur Oak | <i>Quercus macrocarpa</i> | Native | Tree |
| Red Oak | <i>Quercus rubra</i> | Native | Tree |
| Swamp White Oak | <i>Quercus bicolor</i> | Native | Tree |
| White Oak | <i>Quercus alba</i> | Native | Tree |

Check out this field guide from the Field Museum about oak trees in the Chicagoland area:
<https://bit.ly/3nibaPU>

3.) **When it was first settled in the late 1830s:** [LCFPD.org/old-school](https://lcpfd.org/old-school)

4.) **Native prairie restoration with recreation facilities:** [LCFPD.org/old-school](https://lcpfd.org/old-school)

5.) **Grooming is typically done two days after a large snowfall:** [LCFPD.org/cross-country-skiing](https://lcpfd.org/cross-country-skiing)



6.) Though regular preserve hours are 6:30 am–sunset, the illuminated trails and adjacent parking lots will remain **open after sunset until 9 pm daily from Sunday, November 1, 2020, through Sunday, March 14, 2021**: [LCFPD.org/lighted-trails-for-evening-hikes](https://lcfpd.org/lighted-trails-for-evening-hikes)

7.) The preserve and nearby Old School Road each got their name from the now-defunct **Bradley School**, which stood near the preserve’s southeast corner: [LCFPD.org/old-school](https://lcfpd.org/old-school)

8.) Shelter E: [LCFPD.org/equestrian-trails](https://lcfpd.org/equestrian-trails)

9.) Fungi or mushrooms.

10.) Twelve acres and 16 feet maximum depth: [LCFPD.org/fishing/old-school-lake](https://lcfpd.org/fishing/old-school-lake)

11.) **False.** The Old School hill is open 6:30 am–sunset daily when conditions allow for sledding. To access the sled hill, follow the roadway until you reach the parking area on your right signed for sledding and skating: [LCFPD.org/sledding](https://lcfpd.org/sledding)

12.) **Blue-spotted salamander:**

<https://www.chicagowilderness.org/general/custom.asp?page=PrioritySpecies>

We hope you enjoyed this Trivia Trail and learned a little something along the way! Please send any feedback to jsazama@lcfpd.org.

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