

# *Temporary Road Closure*

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### **Creek Road Closure March 2024 for Hills Prairie Restoration**

Rare Illinois Hills Prairie Restoration Ahead! The Illinois DNR and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are conducting prairie restoration on Creek Road this spring. Creek Road will be intermittently closed between Hermann Pond and the Chandlerville Cemetery as restoration crews are working along the roadside. When Road Closed Signs are posted, there is no through access to Chandlerville/Hwy 78 via Creek Road. The parking area for Hermann Pond will remain open. Restoration crews will be closing Creek Road as needed through March with possible closures expected in April and May.

This habitat restoration project was made possible through a multi-year effort to restore, expand and connect the rare hill prairie ecosystem in Central Illinois, across portions of Mason, Menard, Cass, Morgan and Scott counties. The majority of Illinois hill prairies remaining today are less than five acres in size — and about half of these sites are smaller than one acre. The primary threat is encroachment by woody, invasive plants that crowd out native species and diminish nesting areas for pollinators.

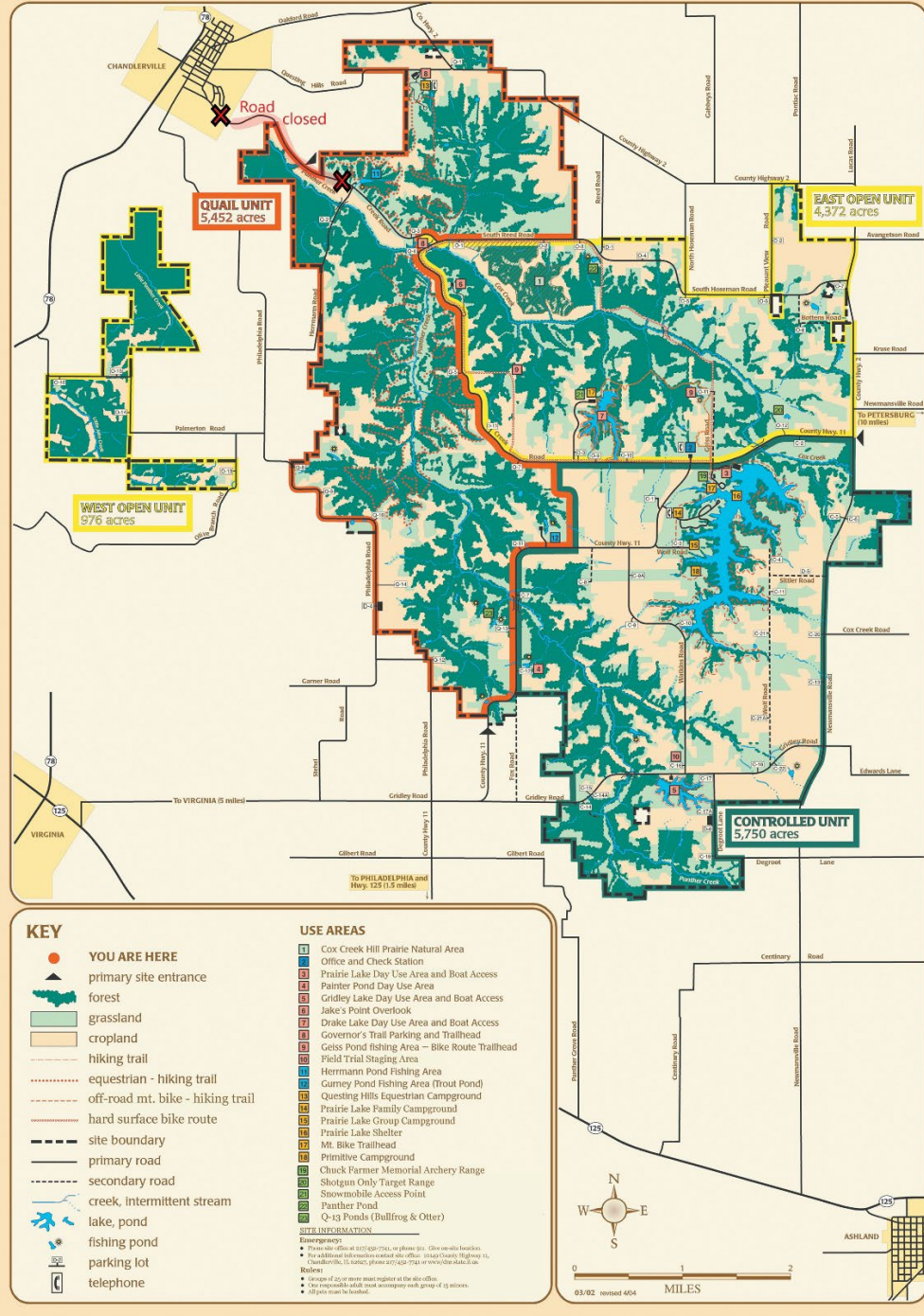
The Illinois DNR and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are conducting hills prairie restoration projects through the Illinois Hills Prairie Partnership. Other contributing partners on this project include The Conservation Fund, Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever, Prairie Hills RC&D, and Ameren.

Learn More: <https://www.conservationfund.org/projects/illinois-hill-prairie-habitat-restoration>

**Road Closure Map:**



# JIM EDGAR PANTHER CREEK STATE FISH AND WILDLIFE AREA



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