



Midwin Welcome Center
30239 S. State Route 53
Wilmington, IL 60481
(815) 423-6370

November - March Hours:
8:00 am - 4:30 pm M-F
April - October Hours:
8:00 am - 4:30 pm M-Sat

Trails
4:00 am - 10:00 pm Daily

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/midwin>



To the Midewin Supervisor's Office (Welcome Center, Horticulture Building and Hotshot Base):

From I-55: Look for exit 241, Wilmington. At the top of the ramp (both northbound and southbound), turn left or east. Travel 3.5 miles on New River Road to the intersection with State Route 53. Turn left or north. Follow Route 53 for 1.0 mile to the Midewin Supervisor's Office, on the right or east side of the highway.

OR: Take I-55 to I-80. Head east, or toward Toledo. Follow the directions below for I-80.

From I-80: Look for exit 132, State Route 53 and Chicago Street. At the end of the ramp (both eastbound and westbound), turn right or south. Travel south on State Route 53, also known as Historic Route 66, for approximately 15 miles -- past the race tracks, the town of Elwood, and Prairie Creek grain company. The SO will be on the left or east side of the highway.

From I-57: Look for exit 327, Peotone. From the northbound ramp, turn left or west. From the southbound ramp, turn right or west. Travel approximately 15 miles on the Wilmington-Peotone Road to the lighted intersection at State Route 53. Turn right or north, and travel approximately 1.5 miles. The SO is on the right or east side of the highway.

To the River Road Seedbeds/Trailhead

From I-55: Look for exit 241, Wilmington. At the top of the ramp (both northbound and southbound), turn left or east. Travel about 2 miles on New River Road to an intersection labeled Boathouse Road or State Game Farm. Turn left or north, and follow the gravel road to the parking area.

OR: Take I-55 to I-80. Head east, or toward Toledo. Follow the directions below for I-80.

From I-80: Look for exit 132, State Route 53 and Chicago Street. At the end of the ramp (both eastbound and westbound), turn right or south. Travel south on State Route 53, also known as Historic Route 66, for approximately 15 miles -- past the race tracks, the town of Elwood, and Prairie Creek grain company. The SO will be on the left or east side of the highway. Continue approximately 1.0 mile further south on State Route 53 to the intersection with New River Road. Turn right or west, and travel approximately 2 miles on New River Road to an intersection labeled Boathouse Road or State Game Farm. Turn right or north, and follow the gravel road to the parking area.

From I-57: Look for exit 327, Peotone. From the northbound ramp, turn left or west. From the southbound ramp, turn right or west. Travel approximately 15 miles on the Wilmington-Peotone Road to the lighted intersection at State Route 53. Turn right or north, and travel approximately 1 mile to the intersection with New River Road. Turn left or west on to New River Road, following the signs for I55. Travel approximately 2 miles on New River Road to an intersection labeled Boathouse Road or State Game Farm. Turn right or north, and follow the gravel road to the parking area.

To the Iron Bridge Trailhead

Exit the Midewin Supervisor's Office and turn right/north on State Route 53. Travel 2.5 miles north to the Iron Bridge Trailhead driveway on the right/east side of the highway, immediately north of the old railroad overpass.

To the Hoff Road Trailhead

Exit the Midewin Supervisor's Office and turn right/north on State Route 53. Travel 3.5 miles north to Hoff Road; stay in the right lane and watch for a brown and white hiking sign. Turn right onto Hoff Road and drive east two miles to the parking lot at the intersection of Hoff and Chicago roads. Hoff Road is the same road the Abraham National Lincoln Cemetery is on, but the trailhead is the opposite direction from Route 53.

To the Explosives Road Trailhead

Exit the Midewin Supervisor's Office and turn right/north on State Route 53. Travel about 2 miles north. Stay in the left lane and watch for a brown and white hiking sign. Turn left and drive west 0.5 miles to the gravel parking lot.