

Acres of Historical Titles

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Cook County Forest Preserves have been named in honor of American Indians, battles, animals, athletes and, of course, politicians.

At least 300 different names are used to identify the 67,000 acres of woods, trails, lakes, ponds, golf courses, pools and toboggan slides.

Caldwell Woods is named for Billy Caldwell, an adopted Potawatomi of Irish and Mohawk descent. There is also Arrowhead Lake, Chippewa Woods, Iroquois Woods and Wampum Lake.

Somme Woods is named after a World War I battle, according to **John Sheerin of Friends of the Forest Preserves.**

Pipe O'Peace Golf Course in Riverdale was renamed Joe Louis "The Champ" Golf Course. There's also the Chick Evans Golf Course, named after the famous golfer.

As for politicians, there's the George Dunne National Golf Course and the Dan Ryan Woods, both named for longtime county board presidents. The Irene Hernandez Family Picnic Area on Chicago's North Side honors the first Hispanic county board member.

And there is the Harry Semrow Driving Range, named after the late commissioner of the defunct County Board of (Tax) Appeals.