



# Farmdale Reservoir

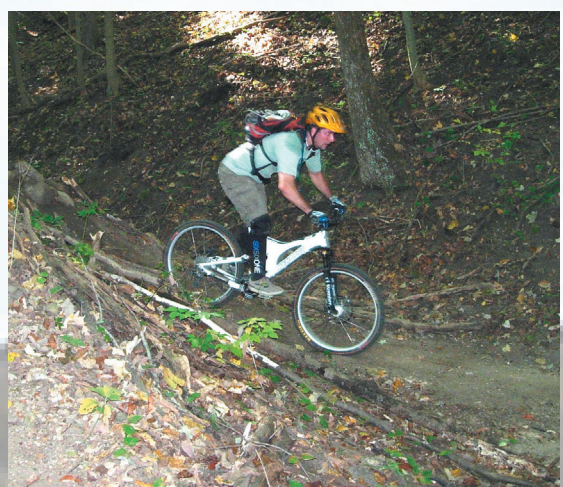
In times of flooding the Farmdale Reservoir holds water from XX square miles of drainage area, while the balance of the year the reservoir remains dry with only Farm Creek as a water source.

In periods of normal conditions Farm Creek flows through a 6' diameter pipe through the dam. But during heavy rains Farm Creek exceeds the flow capability and water pools behind the dam, creating a temporary lake.



## Nature Watching

In the past, nature was only a by-product of time, but recently extra efforts have gone into reviving the nature it once had. There are over 100 acres of wild prairie for public enjoyment. The wildlife is plentiful, as well as white tail deer, however hunting at farmdale reservoir is prohibited.



## Mountain Biking












Some of the trails can be used for both bike riding and for horses. However some are specifically designed for mountain biking. These include several expert level trails where much time has been spent by riders to make a challenging yet interesting ride throughout the 10 miles of trail.



## Hiking

Nature trails for young and old are always prevalent, bringing nature sometimes up close and personal.

## Permitted Activities: (partial listing)

-  Photography
-  Wildlife Observation
-  Hiking
-  Biking
-  Horseback Riding
-  Geocaching
-  Fishing
-  Cross Country Skiing
-  Environmental Study
-  Mushroom, Berry, & Nut Gathering
-  Exercising of Pets (must be under owner's control at all times)

## Prohibited Activities: (Partial listing)

- Being in area during hours of closure
- Being in a restricted area
- Cutting vegetation or disturbing the ground surface (excluding berries etc.)
- Hunting or Trapping
- Open Fires
- Operation of any motorized vehicles
- Possession of any projectile firing device, ammunition or fireworks

Notice:  
**Recreation Area Open Hours:**  
**Sunrise to Sunset**  
 (overnight in special Corps perscribed activities)

For additional information on activities or to request assistance, contact:

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## Restoring Nature

- Restore tall grass prairie start 95
- Why
- Prescribed burns
- Timber stand improvements
- Release of mast producers
- Prescribed burns
- invasive species removal
- Nesting Box Structures
- Bluebirds, Wood Ducks, Bats
- Barred Owl, Kestrels, Flickers

## WELCOME TO FARMDALE RESERVOIR

The Army Corps of Engineers welcomes you to Farmdale Reservoir. Located 3 miles east of Peoria, Illinois, on Farm Creek, the larger of two reservoirs that protects East Peoria from periodical flooding.

Originally a 5 reservoir plan was proposed to control the flooding of East Peoria. However, the original plan was abandoned resulting with a two reservoir and channel improvement plan.

Construction was completed on August 16, 1951 of the Farmdale Dam outlet works and spillway. This reservoir encompasses 837 acres of land and 1.5 miles of streams. It was designed to hold water in excess, so as not to repeat the flood of 1927 in East Peoria.



## Horseback Riding

There are xx miles of trails for both horseback and mountain-bike riding. A large parking lot accommodates horse trailers, and local groups meet here many times throughout the year for special riding events.

