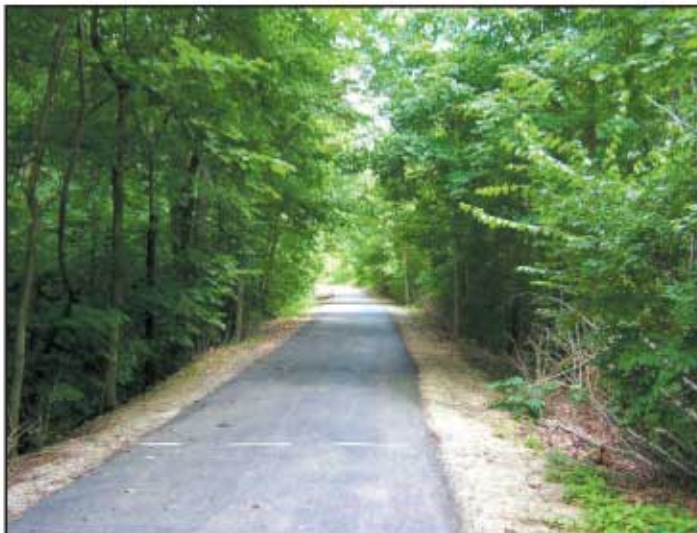


River Trail of Illinois Phase I



A beautiful and unique feature of the Fon du Lac Park District and the City of East Peoria. Come and explore!

This 10-foot wide asphalt trail winds 4.8 miles along the former Illinois Terminal Railroad Co. path. Built in 1991 with a matching grant from the IDNR, the River Trail Phase I provides a safe scenic route for outdoor recreation year round, winter weather permitting. The trail affords patrons the opportunity to experience the natural preservation of wildflowers, grasses, trees, and wildlife.

With direct access to the Park Administration Center, Bunnell Field, and Taylor Street ball diamonds, and in close proximity to Veterans Park, Central Jr. High, West Park, and local restaurants, the River Trail offers something for everyone.

Guidelines and Uses of River Trail

Recreational Activities Permitted –

- Walking / Hiking / Jogging / Skating
- Bicycling / Cross Country Skiing

Usage is permitted from dawn to dusk.

- Yield to persons on foot.
- Observe all traffic regulations, signs, and lights.
- Keep to the right side of path.
- Warn that you are passing (pass on the left).
- Use hand signals for stopping and turning.
- Move off trail for rest stops, or equipment adjustments.
- State law requires signaling devices such as horns or bells.
- Stay on trail right of way.
- Respect adjacent private property.
- Be mindful of traffic at intersections.
- Dismount and walk bike across intersections.
- Pick up litter and deposit in proper receptacles.
- No motorized vehicles or horses allowed.
- Use leash for pets and clean up after.
- No alcoholic beverages.

Park District Police Patrol: The Fon du Lac Park Police conducts regular patrols at all parks and facilities owned or operated by the Park District. In addition, the Park Police provide: ATV Patrols for hiking trails and nature preserves, Bicycle Patrols, and River Patrols to park property adjacent to the Illinois River.

Riverfront Greenway

The Riverfront Greenway consists of recreational areas adjacent to the Illinois River.

Cooper Park North

This park contains a pavilion, playground equipment, and a fire ring. Access to the River Trail of Illinois Phase II is also available.

Cooper Park South

This park is located adjacent to the Eastport Marina site along the Illinois River. A canoe launch into the Illinois River, a pavilion and playground equipment complete this park. Access to the south end of the River Trail of Illinois Phase II is available.

Bennett's Terraqueous Gardens

These gardens are located on an approximately 4-acre seep. This seep occupies the lower slope on the east side of Peoria Lake in East Peoria. The gardens are located between Cooper Park North and South, across the roadway off Route 116. The Terraqueous Gardens are included in the Illinois Department of Conservation Natural Areas Inventory.

River Trail of Illinois Phase II

Phase II of the River Trail was completed in October of 1992. This section of the trail is approximately 1.8 miles in length. 1200 linear feet of the trail is a six-foot wide boardwalk with three large decks overlooking the wetland area adjacent to the Illinois River. The remainder of the River Trail is a gravel walkway. All trail surfaces, shelters and restrooms on Phase II may be accessed from both Cooper Parks and Spindler Marina.

