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Guides



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Trail**
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The General Dacey Trail, which first opened in 2006, is a beautiful and richly varied trail located between the city of Shelbyville to the west and large Lake Shelbyville to the east. Its surface is oil and chip throughout.

The two northernmost loops go through dense forest with plenty of short, steep hills, and tight curves. All this moderates a bit in the mid-section between the two trailheads. And the trail south is much more open and flat, with grand panoramic vistas of the lake and dam. Along the trail south there are also very nice parks and lake facilities. After the trail crosses the dam and passes the Lake Shelbyville Visitor Center, it makes a meandering descent to the Kaskaskia River below, then climbs back to end at the historic courthouse in Shelbyville.



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States: Illinois

Counties: Shelby

Length: 6miles

Trail end points: Shelbyville Sunken Garden to
E Main St.

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

Trail activities: Bike, Fishing, Walking,
Wheelchair Accessible, Cross Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

The largest parking lot along this trail is at the east end of Ninth Street in the Dam West Recreational Area.

A smaller lot is available by the trailhead on the north side of Forest Park, just behind the Scout Cabin; and there are four more lots along the roadway south to the dam and the parkway beyond.

Please see TrailLink Map for detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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