

# Saylorville Lake Archery Range

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In FY 19, Saylorville Lake was a selected recipient of the Handshake Program funding. Saylorville Lake is located on the Des Moines River in central Iowa, just north of the city of Des Moines. Partnerships and funding from the Handshake program have supported the development of an archery range in the Bob Shetler Recreation Area. The range will serve as a public space for archery practice, as well as an area for youth/adult archery programs with focused curriculum that teaches proper use and techniques of archery and other related outdoor recreation.

The Saylorville Lake Archery Range will feature a vault restroom, handicap accessible walkways, a small pavilion, nine ground level shooting stations and a three station elevated shooting structure. Located at the end of each shooting station are covered target structures which will be ranged at 10/20/30/40/50 yards. The construction of the range would not have been possible without the ongoing support of local partners who are dedicated to assisting us with providing this new outdoor recreation amenity. Several of our partners, such as the Carpenters Union – Local 106 and Boy Scouts of America – Troop 202, donated in-kind services to construct the elevated shooting and wooden target structures. Manatt's Inc. and Martin Marietta, building material companies, donated rock, concrete and other

materials. Sportsman's Warehouse, Bass Pro, and the National Wild Turkey Federation donated archery supplies (bows, arrows, and targets) to support programming at the range.

Saylorville Lake is committed to providing quality outdoor experiences and recreation opportunities for all park visitors. This project supports the Saylorville Lake Master Plan vision and the newly signed Greater Des Moines Urban Wildlife Conservation Partnership MOU; which will engage a diverse urban community to nurture and instill an appreciation of wildlife conservation as well as provide the delivery of environmental education, interpretation and outreach programs. Ultimately, the archery range is just the beginning of what can be accomplished when partners work together. USACE continues show unwavering commitment towards environmental education as well as providing safe, fun and engaging recreation opportunities for park visitors in the surrounding Des Moines metropolitan area.



*Volunteers work to construct an elevated shooting station at Saylorville Lake's archery range located in the Bob Shetler Recreation Area.*