

USACE PROJECTS: REND LAKE – MARION, IL

Welcome to the Pollinator Trail & Pond

This 1/2 mile, accessible trail is surrounded by acres of native plant prairie that bursts with seasonal wildflowers and hosts many grassland birds and busy insects. Discover other habitats as the trail loops around a pond with platforms for fishing or observing aquatic species. Continue to explore along the Nature Trail. This extended, unpaved path passes through the nearby woods where other wildlife might be spotted.

Thank You to Our Partners

This project was completed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Rend Lake and partners to provide accessible recreation and educational opportunities.

The following partners are gratefully acknowledged for their hard work and generous contributions that made this project possible.



Pollinator Trail & Pond

Local labor union members (laborers, carpenters, cement masons, operating engineers) and other community groups donated 100+ hours, materials and equipment to complete the 1,200-foot Pollinator Trail at the North Marcum Recreation Area on Rend Lake. The trail encircles a pond that volunteers dredged and expanded and features four accessible fishing stations.



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Rend Lake Archery Trail & Range

USA volunteers from IUOE local 318 have already completed the main archery trail as well as the new parking lot. Volunteers also prepped the grounds and laid rock for the accessible sidewalk to the range shelter. Volunteers will complete the range shelter as well as construct an elevated archery platform similar to the one pictured here.