



The Sauk Rail Trail is a multi-purpose recreational trail that runs from Swan Lake in Carroll to Black Hawk Lake in Lake View. Bicyclists and walkers can enjoy the 33-mile Sauk Rail Trail that runs from Lake View, south through Sac County, the communities of Carnarvon, Breda, Maple River Junction and Carroll ending with a loop around Swan Lake State Park in Carroll County. Cross-country skiing and snowmobiling are popular on many sections of the trail during the winter. Most of the trail is hard surfaced, either asphalt or concrete. A twelve mile section between Carnarvon and Maple River is crushed limestone.

The trail provides users with a quality outdoor recreation area, while preserving habitat for game and non-game species of wildlife and preserving some of our native vegetation. The Trail passes through the Black Hawk State Park, Black Hawk Marsh, Hazlebrush Wildlife area, Mid-Prairie Park, Rolling Hills City Park in Carroll, and Swan Lake State Park.

There is a user fee to help in the upkeep of the trail:

Youth under 18: No charge

Daily fee: \$ 1.00

Yearly fee: \$ 10.00

Lake View proposes to add to the Sauk Rail Trail by developing a seven-mile trail around Black Hawk Lake. When connected to the Sauk Rail Trail, trail users will have access to a 40-mile long trail from Swan Lake in Carroll to Black Hawk Lake in Lake View.

The entire project envisions a seven-mile long trail around Black Hawk Lake to be utilized by walkers, bikers, skaters, etc. This project is broken into seven phases. The first phase of the Black Hawk Lake Trail proposes to install 1.2 miles of ten foot wide concrete trail through Ice House Point. This phase will run near the shoreline of the lake and will provide users access to the "point." Currently, there is no designated access route to the point other than walking over 1000 feet over grassy terrain. The first phase provides a vital link from the populated areas of Lake View to Ice House Point and thus around Black Hawk Lake.

The trail not only appeals to trail users, this trail will appeal to visitors to Black Hawk Lake in general. This trail provides easy access from the populated areas of Lake View to areas of Black Hawk Lake which currently are accessible only by driving in a vehicle or by walking over rough, grassy terrain. Fishermen will utilize this trail to access the point at Ice House Point. The waters off of the point are the deepest waters in the lake and have been established with a rocky bottom as fish habitat. Campers will also utilize this trail as some walkways which will run through Camp Crescent will be connected to the Black Hawk Lake trail.

The project has been developed to facilitate and encourage use by the elderly and handicapped populations. Handicapped accessible facilities and the construction of a



hard surfaced trail will provide these populations with the opportunity to enjoy Iowa's natural resources. Further, the trail will provide disabled users greater access to existing features on the lake. A handicap accessible fishing dock is located on Ice House Point. The dock is currently available from the populated portions of Lake View only by vehicle.

Contributions are being accepted for the expansion of the trail. Contact the city of Lake View at 712-657-2634 or click here to send an email. [{Link to email}](#)