

Explore the Dardenne Greenway: BaratHaven



Explore the plant and animal communities on water and on land along the Dardenne Creek.



SHORT TRIP

- 2.5 miles from **A** westward along lake to Technology Dr. and back eastward around BaratHaven neighborhood back to **A**
- 75 minute walk/30 minute bike

LONG TRIP

- 4.5 miles from **A** westward along lake to Technology Dr. and back eastward around BaratHaven neighborhood back to **C**, along prairie and looping around back between Dardenne Creek and the prairie back to **A**
- 2.5 hour walk/45 minute bike

TRAIL SURFACE

Asphalt surface separated from the road



EXPLORE & ENJOY

Trailheads

- A P BaratHaven Park Trailhead:** west side of Henning Road at BaratHaven Blvd., Dardenne Prairie, MO
- B P Bluebird Meadow Trailhead:** east side of Henning Road at BaratHaven Blvd., Dardenne Prairie, MO

Points of Interest

- C BaratHaven Lake**
- D Bluebird Meadow Prairie**



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WHILE YOU'RE EXPLORING

- » **Observe the plants and animals in the wetlands** around the lake in BaratHaven Park. Compare and contrast them with the plants and animals in the prairie in Bluebird Meadow Park.

NATURE: Prairies provide food and shelter for a diversity of pollinators. Prairie plant roots store carbon, prevent erosion, and absorb water during heavy rains.

CULTURE: Great Rivers Greenway has converted a former 34-acre sod farm in Bluebird Meadow Park back into a prairie consisting entirely of plants that are native to Missouri.

HISTORY: Prairies are large open areas of grassland. Prairies of North America once covered more than 200 million acres including much of this region. Less than 1% of prairie habitat remains today, but you can see a prairie along the Dardenne Greenway.



Greenways are outdoor spaces connecting people and places. Each greenway is unique, reflecting the character of the communities it connects. Greenways can include **trails, conservation projects** such as rain gardens and restored prairies, **amenities** like restrooms and drinking fountains, and **connections** to businesses, neighborhoods, parks, schools, waterways and transit. There are over 120 miles of greenways throughout St. Louis City, St. Louis County and St. Charles County for you to explore and enjoy.