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## **Carlyle Lake Bike Trail**

Maintaining an active lifestyle at Carlyle is easy and fun! Carlyle offers many miles of public bicycling and hiking routes and trails that are waiting for your use. Biking in Carlyle is a pleasant way to visit areas, including neighborhoods with historic homes, the Downtown, and our commercial areas along Franklin and 12th Streets.

Carlyle is also located very conveniently to U.S. Army Corps facilities at Carlyle Lake where you will want to tour by bike or by foot. The Carlyle Lake Dam is almost two miles long, offers fantastic views of the expanse of the lake, and is great for biking and hiking. Eldon Hazlet State Park is located approximately 5 miles north of Carlyle and offers biking but also the best hiking trails on the Lake.

In 2009, the City received a \$20,000 planning grant from the Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources to work towards a planned bike trail that would circumnavigate Carlyle Lake. The City is currently working hard with staff of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and of the Southwestern Illinois Resource & Conservation District to put together this plan.

Please visit this page often for updates on this planned trail and for maps of routes and trails that you should consider biking or hiking right now!