



GALENA RIVER TRAIL REGULATIONS

The following uses are:

PERMITTED:

- Walking/Running
- Bicycling
- Dogs on Leashes
- Cross Country Skiing
- Snow Shoes
- Strollers

PROHIBITED:

- Use before dawn or after dusk
- Smoking
- Fires
- Camping
- Motorized Vehicles
- Horses
- Amplified Music
- Littering
- Hunting
- Firearms
- Removing any flowers, plants or other foliage
- Disturbing wildlife

RESPECT PRIVATE PROPERTY

This trail is a publicly owned linear park. Property on each side of the trail, and at the end of the trail, is privately owned. Please stay on the trail at all times, except in the area designated and signed as a "Rest Area". The long term success of the trail depends on your respect of private property.

USE AT OWN RISK

This trail is owned and operated by the City of Galena, Illinois. By using the trail you agree to abide by the regulations governing the trail and the laws of the City of Galena. Each user agrees to indemnify and save harmless from any and all liability the City of Galena, its employees and all other users of the trail. Use this recreational amenity at your own risk. Please exercise caution and safety while enjoying the trail.

CAUTION: SHARED USE TRAIL

A short stretch of the Galena River Trail is used as access by several private property owners and is therefore shared with automobiles. Approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ mile from the trailhead begins a $\frac{1}{2}$ mile section of shared use trail. On this section, vehicles may be present on the trail.

The rules of the road apply on the shared use section. Trail users should walk on the left side of the trail (against traffic) and bicyclists should ride on the right side of the trail (with traffic). Though trail users have the right of way, always be alert, defensive and cautious.

RESTROOMS and DRINKING WATER

A temporary restroom is available seasonally at the trailhead. Please know that restrooms and drinking water are not available anywhere along the trail. Public restrooms and a drinking fountain are available in the Galena/Jo Daviess County Visitors Center (Old Railroad Depot) located at the far end of the parking lot and across the railroad tracks. The visitor center is open every Monday-Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and every Sunday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., excluding Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Thanksgiving Day and Easter. A drinking fountain is also available seasonally at the trailhead approximately 700 feet north of your current location. Please make sure you have an adequate quantity of water with you during your use of the trail.

LEAVE NO TRACE

Users of the Galena River Trail are asked to adopt the following **Leave No Trace Principles** of outdoor ethics:

Plan Ahead and Prepare

- Know the regulations and special concerns for the area you visit.
- Prepare for extreme weather, hazards, and emergencies.
- Schedule your trip to avoid times of high use.

Dispose of Waste Properly

- Pack it in, pack it out. Inspect your rest area for trash or spilled foods. Pack out all trash, leftover food, and litter.
- Pack out toilet paper and hygiene products.

Leave What You Find

- Leave rocks, plants and other natural objects as you find them.
- Avoid introducing or transporting non-native species.

Respect Wildlife

- Observe wildlife from a distance. Do not follow or approach them.
- Never feed animals. Feeding wildlife damages their health, alters natural behaviors, and exposes them to predators and other dangers.
- Control pets at all times, or leave them at home.

Be Considerate of Other Visitors

- Respect other visitors and protect the quality of their experience.
- Be courteous. Yield to other users on the trail.
- Let nature's sounds prevail. Avoid loud voices and noises

PARKING

Free parking is provided at the trailhead parking lot and the parking lot north of the trailhead (across the railroad tracks from the Train Depot).

NEED ASSISTANCE?

In the event of an emergency call 911.

To report damage or obstructions on the trail please contact Galena City Hall at 815-777-1050, Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. On weekends or after hours please call Galena Police Department at 815-777-2131.