

Nearby Recreational Trails

Harmony Trail: Harmony, Minnesota
(17 miles north of Cresco)

Prairie Springs Trail: Cresco, Iowa

Root River Trail: Lanesboro, Minnesota
(40 miles north of Calmar)

Trout Run Trail: Decorah, Iowa

Wapsi Great Western Trail: Riceville,
Iowa (20 miles west of Cresco)

Nearby Attractions

Bily Clocks Museum: Spillville, Iowa

Fort Atkinson State Preserve: Fort
Atkinson, Iowa

Lake Meyer Park: Between Calmar &
Fort Atkinson, Iowa

Laura Ingalls Wilder Museum: Burr
Oak, Iowa

Luther College: Decorah, Iowa

Niagara Cave: Harmony, Minnesota

Prairie's Edge Nature Center: Cresco,
Iowa

**Seed Savers Exchange Heritage
Farm:** Decorah, Iowa

**Vesterheim Norwegian American
Museum:** Decorah, Iowa

More Information

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Trail Guide to The Prairie Farmer Recreation Trail



A multiuse recreational trail
located in Winneshiek and
Howard counties.

Trail Information

The Prairie Farmer Recreation Trail stretches from Calmar to Cresco, following the abandoned Milwaukee Railroad line. Walk, jog, or bike along the trail and take in the views of native prairies and woodland wildlife!

Quick Facts

Length: 20 miles

Surface: asphalt

Hours: year-round

Cities: Calmar, Ridgeway, & Cresco,
Iowa

Uses: hiking, biking, jogging, skating,
walking, nature viewing, and cross-
country skiing

Access Points

Calmar: Parking and access at railroad
depot at the intersection of Highway
52 and the old railroad crossing.

Ridgeway: Access anywhere within city
limits. Parking at Ridgeway Trailside
Park on east edge of town.

Howard-Winneshiek County Line:
Parking and access off county road
345th Avenue, approximately two
miles from the Cresco trail terminus.

Cresco: Access along the north side of
Iowa Highway 9.

**Users may also access the Prairie
Farmer Recreation Trail at any road
crossing.** Please do not block the trail
with vehicles.

Amenities

Camping: Lake Meyer Park (between
Calmar & Fort Atkinson, Iowa off
Highway 24)

Conveniences: Calmar, Ridgeway,
Cresco

Equipment Rentals: Decorah, Cresco

Food: Calmar, Ridgeway, Cresco

Lodging: Calmar, Cresco, Decorah

Picnic Shelters/Rest Areas: Calmar,
Ridgeway, Cresco

Restrooms/Water: Calmar, Ridgeway,
Cresco Parks

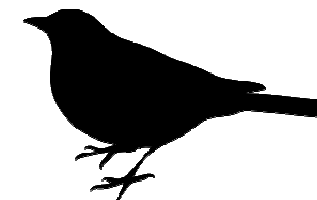
Nature Viewing

Spring Prairie Plants: Prairie Smoke,
Puccoon, Alexander, Phlox

Summer Prairie Plants: Rattlesnake
Master, Yellow Coneflower, Wild
Quinine, Blazing Star

Fall Prairie Plants: Asters, Goldenrod,
Gentians

Animals: Birds, Rabbits, Squirrels,
Chipmunks, Deer



Prairie Farmer Recreational Trail



To Kendallville



B45th Ave

285th St.

275th St.

Madison Rd.

Iowa Hwy. #9

285th Ave

270th Ave

Town Line Rd.

255th Ave

Conover

US HWY #52

To Decorah



Cresco



Ridgeway



W-14

Iowa Hwy #325



Calmar



Trail to
Prairie Edge
Nature
Center

Legend



Camping



Parking



Picnicking



Rest Room



Groceries



Water



Trail



Road



Nature Center

Scale in Miles

1 2 3 4 5 6



Lake Meyer Park



To Fort Atkinson