

# Green Diamond Rail Trail

Dedicated on August 5, 2000, the Green Diamond Rail-Trail was the first bicycling/pedestrian trail in Montgomery County. Partially funded by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, the trail is the first leg of a possible 16 miles of trails that will link Farmersville to Litchfield and beyond. The trail gets its name from the sleek diesel streamliner that ran this Illinois Central Railroad corridor with a daily passenger service between Chicago and St. Louis, from 1936 to 1947.

The trail is entirely flat, and its soft oil-and-chip surface makes it especially comfortable for walking. At the north end, the trail begins in a thick woodland swamp. At the half mile mark, there's a scenic bridge crossing of Macoupin Creek. Continuing southward, the tree cover gradually diminishes and there are wide open vistas of adjacent farmlands.

## **Parking and Trail Access**

There is parking and trail access at the south end of S. Cleveland Street in Farmersville and at the Historic Depot Park on Main Street in Waggoner. To reach the Farmersville trailhead and parking from I-55, take Exit 72 and turn right into town. Proceed three blocks and turn left on S. Cleveland Street. Go 0.5 mile to the parking lot on the right.