



The Eau Galle Flood Control Project, with its dam, lake, recreation areas and channel improvements, was authorized by the Flood Control Act of 1958 as a result of repeated flooding in the Spring Valley area. The 650-acre project is located just north of Spring Valley, 50 miles east of the Twin Cities and 40 miles west of Eau Claire, Wis. Eau Galle Recreation Area is operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Paul District.



The large rolled-earth and rock-filled dam controls a 64-square-mile drainage basin of the Eau Galle River, which flows into the Chippewa River and eventually enters the Mississippi River. The outlet structures include an uncontrolled morning glory inlet that releases water from the surface and a vertical slide gate that releases water from the bottom.

In addition to providing downstream flood protection, the Eau Galle Flood Control Project provides numerous recreational opportunities and valuable habitat for native plants and animals.

## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

911.....Ambulance, Fire, Police  
Pierce and St. Croix counties

(715) 778-5562.....Eau Galle  
Project Office

To make reservations for the Highland Ridge Campground or main day use area contact:



**National Recreation  
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Toll free: 877-444-6777  
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For more information on  
Nationwide Corps Recreational Facilities  
[www.CorpsLakes.us/](http://www.CorpsLakes.us/)

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# Eau Galle Recreation Area

Spring Valley, Wisconsin





## NOTICE TO VISITORS

This public land is provided for safe, healthful recreation use by the visiting public. All visitors are welcome to enjoy this area under the provisions of applicable federal laws and regulations.

Camping, picnicking, hiking, boating and swimming are allowed within the specific posted rules governing the use of these federal lands.

### Prohibited uses or activities include, but are not limited to:

1. Horses on any paved road, except at designated crossings.
2. Defacement of any federal property or natural features.
3. Littering and discharge of contaminants or sewage.
4. Fires in undesignated areas.
5. Use of any vehicle off authorized roadways.
6. Operation of a powered watercraft other than by electric motor.
7. Use of any firearms or lethal weapon without Corps of Engineers permit.
8. Fireworks, including sparklers.
9. Unrestrained pets or domestic animals and failure to clean up after pets or domestic animals.
10. Glass containers and pets on or around the swimming beach.
11. Snowmobiles, off-road and all-terrain vehicles.

Any person who violates the rules and regulations established by the Secretary of the Army in 36 CFR, Part 327, may be cited and referred to the U.S. Magistrate in accordance with Section 234 of the Flood Control Act of 1970. A complete copy of 36 CFR, Part 327, is available from the Corps of Engineers project office, park ranger or information kiosk.

## RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

### Eau Galle Dam and Reservoir



Eau Galle Reservoir is a 136-acre impoundment surrounded by three day use areas, a beach, two boat launches, one campground and several miles of hiking and equestrian trails. An abundance of largemouth bass, crappies, bluegills and sunfish provide plenty of action for the angler year-round. **Eau Galle Reservoir** is open to non-gasoline-powered boats only.

The **Highland Ridge Campground** is located at the north end of the lake. There are electric, non-electric and walk-in tent campsites available. Interpretive programs are offered on weekends throughout the summer. The Highland Ridge Equestrian Loop is located north of the campground and provides an opportunity for riders who would like to bring their horses on a camping outing. Access to the lake is limited to trails. The Lousy Creek Trail, from the campground, winds through woodlands and wetlands and is approximately a 45-minute hike. For easy access to the lake from the campground, drive to the **Lousy Creek Landing**. It is just down the road from the Highland Ridge Campground on County Road NN. There is also day parking at the landing for horse trailers and access to the equestrian trails.



Getting ready to ride the trails

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From the campground it is just a short hike down to the **Northwest Day Use Area** on the Ox Trail. This area is best known for its impressive scenery. It is nestled between the Eau Galle River, Lake and a wooded hillside. Bring your fishing pole; there is great fishing from shore. Parking for horse trailers and access to equestrian trails is also available.

Take a short drive to the **main day use area**, which offers ample facilities for picnicking, playing and access to the

Beach at main day use area



lake. For the younger visitor there is a large playground area with a variety of equipment. If you want to hike, the West Ridge Trail will take approximately 40 minutes to complete. The popular Overlook Trail gives picnickers access to the West Overlook and to the top of the dam via a half-mile hike. Some of the best water and sand in the area for swimming or sunbathing can be found at the beach in the Main Day Use Area. Sand volleyball courts are provided.

The **Stilling Basin/Outlet Works** has excellent fishing from shore and is especially interesting to visit after heavy rains.



Ice fishing on Eau Galle Reservoir  
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