



FARMINGTON BAY NATURE TRAIL - FARMINGTON



Rating: Easy Hike

Length: 1+ hours

Maps: FARMINGTON, UT

Season: Any, hot in the summer.

Waypoints:

Trailhead

12T 421891mE 4534919mN
N40° 57' 42" W111° 55' 42"

Hype

Farmington Bay Wildlife Management Area is an outdoor paradise minutes from the hustle and bustle of the Wasatch Front. On the north end of the expansive 18,000-acre area sits the Eccles Education Center and a 1.6-mile introductory trail. This is an excellent place to see birds and other wildlife. The trail is mostly flat and an easy surface for families to stroll around and enjoy. My favorite time to visit is sunrise when the lighting is incredible, and the birds seem in abundance.

The education center is open Tuesday–Saturday: 9:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m., closed on Sunday, Monday and holidays. It is free and a great place to learn more about the bay. The trail is open anytime during daylight hours, not just when the education center is open. .

Note: Farmington Bay is home to migrating Bald Eagles from November to March. A winter visit is likely to see less diversity of birds, but you are more likely to see a few Bald Eagles. These stunning creatures migrate to Farmington Bay from more northern regions to winter in warmer temperatures.

Note: Dogs are not allowed on the nature trail.

Tags: roadside, hike, family friendly

Trailhead

Coming from the south (SLC)

Take exit 322 off I-15. Stay to the right at the fork off the ramp, then turn right on the frontage road. Follow the frontage road to Glovers Lane.

Turn right onto Glovers Lane and follow it 2 miles west. There is a Dead End sign but continue to where the road enters the nature center on the left.

Coming from the north (Ogden)

If coming from the north, take exit 325 off I-15. Once off I-15, go right on Park Lane. Follow this for about a mile as it becomes Clark Lane. Turn left on 1525 W and follow it for 1.2 miles.

Turn right onto Glovers Lane, then left in 0.3 miles into the Education Center.

Route

The nature trail leaves on the east side of the parking lot. If going clockwise, the trail quickly branches to an overlook of the pond. There are two side trails to the pond, both go to overlooks. Continuing along the main trail, it crosses a wetland area and stream, then circles back to the parking area.

The area around the stream seems to teem with wildlife. I have seen many birds and deer in the area.

