**Saylorville Lake Hiking Trails**

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When I saw the title of this site, I immediately clicked it. I love trails and parks. Who doesn’t!? I loved the pictures that start out the page. It was nice to be able to open a full-size image by clicking on the pictures. When I clicked the trail closure banner, I was met with useful information. Hopefully the bathrooms will open before the end of the season, but we’ll see. I think the base map was a good choice given the outdoor subject matter. I think the zoom level should have been set further out to show the whole trail, but it is a minor detail. The project report was very detailed. I liked how Caroline added notes within the code for easy editing. Making a custom base map from Mapbox was a great idea. I wondered why the other trails were so well marked. Now I know! Using ArcGIS Online is a great way to convert files for use in websites. It’s leaps and bounds easier than using Arc desktop. I liked the popups on the trails points, but it would be nice to know where the 0 mile marker is. I thought having all of the layers turned on when the map loaded was nice.

I learned there are more hiking trails around Saylorville than I thought. I knew there were some, but I was not aware of all of these. I also learned there is significant prairie restoration being done in the Prairie Flower area. I love this area, because it is where I was introduced to what a Brown-Headed Cowbird is.

I would have liked to have seen the trail layers be checkboxes so I could see multiple layers without reloading the page. The symbol for the trail in Mapbox could be brighter to better visualize where else these trails come from and go to. Also, having to interaction that zooms the user to an area when the view has been brought out of the focus area would be nice.