In August of 2018, heavy rains and storms caused the temporary closure of Wildcat Mountain State Park and closures of segments along the Elroy-Sparta, 400 and Hillsboro State Trails. The Department of Natural Resources has been working diligently to reopen the park and trails. Today, Wildcat Mountain State Park is completely repaired and open to the public. Major repairs still remain on sections of the Elroy-Sparta, 400 and Hillsboro State Trails with some sections to re-open in 2019 and others by 2020.

The public is reminded to stay off all closed trail sections until repairs have been made.

Other Recreational Opportunities in the Area

The Department of Natural Resources provides many different recreational opportunities surrounding the Elroy-Sparta and 400 State Trails. With over 50 miles of the La Crosse River and Great River State Trails open and three State Parks within 25 miles of Elroy, there are many ways to keep exploring Wisconsin!

State Park or Forest
Great River and La Crosse River State Trails
Elroy-Sparta and 400 State Trails

Only 25 miles from Elroy you will find Buckhorn, Mill Bluff and Wildcat Mountain State Parks with hiking, camping and other outdoor opportunities.

Starting in Sparta, travel west across 50 miles of open trail to Marshland, passing through Onalaska and along the Mississippi River.

Enjoy hiking, biking and paddling at Devil’s Lake State Park or visit Mirror Lake and Natural Bridge State Parks, less than 25 miles from Reedsburg.