

Welcome to Discovery Lake

Discovery Lake, with its 1.6-mile nature trail, allows NIEHS and Environmental Protection Agency employees to enjoy the outdoors through various activities, such as fishing, running, walking, birdwatching, and boating. The lake features benches, bridges, two rock outcroppings, and a boat launch on the north side.

It also serves as a rainwater catch basin, decreasing potential flooding and erosion along the flood plain of Burdens Creek, which flows into Jordan Lake.



Great blue heron

(Ardea herodias)

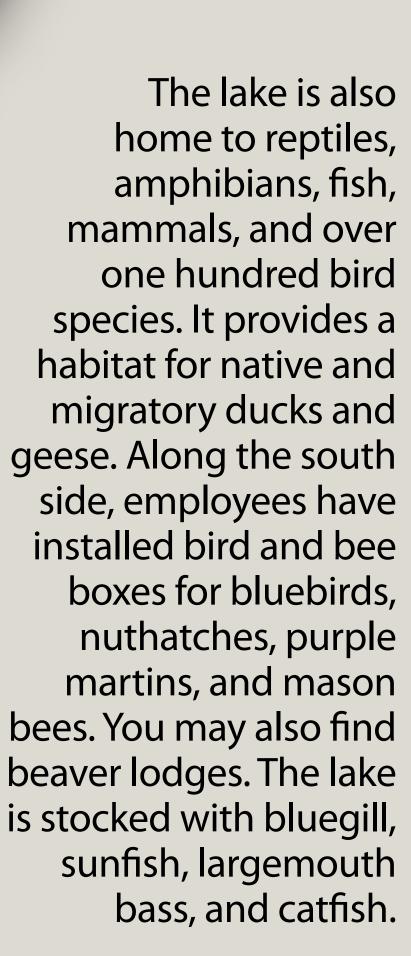
Plants and Animals

The banks of Discovery Lake contain shrubs, bushes, sedges, cattails, and other wetland species. Nearby trees include sweetgum, ash, pine, hickory, blackjack oak, dogwoods, willow, and red oak.

Learn More About Discovery Lake

Visit the Discovery Lake webpage to learn more about the trail. For example, you will find a video about how the lake was named, a digital trail map, and animal and insect identification guides.







Trail Length		Slope		Cross Slope		Tread Width		Surface
Total	Accessible	Typical	Maximum	Typical	Maximum	Typical	Minimum	Туре
1.6 miles	0.5 miles	0% to 5%	24%	0% to 2%	14%	6 feet	3 feet	Asphalt, Concrete, and Wood