



High Trestle Trail. Source: Nate Schlorholtz



High School Track. Source: Nate Schlorholtz



High Trestle Bridge. Source: Nate Schlorholtz

The recreational and leisure landscape of Madrid provides connections to the area's rich natural and cultural history. The **Saylorville Wildlife Management Area (5)**, a large area of land adjacent the Des Moines River valley, is open to the public, providing opportunities for camping (at nearby **Swede Point Park (1)**), nature exploration, fishing, (using the nearby **Laurie Boat Ramp (7)**) hunting, and mushroom hunting. The old Chicago Milwaukee Railroad right-of-way provides the base for the new regional **High Trestle Trail (6)**, considered by many to be the "crown jewel" in the Central Iowa Trail network connecting Madrid, Woodward, Slater, and other communities to the greater Des Moines region. This connection provides not only recreation for residents of Madrid, but also an influx of active visitors who may frequent Madrid's local businesses.

Historically, **Edgewood Park (4)** was the picnic grounds of the community, and the favored event space for Chautauquas and other community celebrations. **School campuses (2)** also provide a place for sports and recreation within town.

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