

Up for an adventure?

10 MVC-protected properties to visit today!



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Trempealeau Lakes

A ¾-mile flat, wide trail traverses deciduous and pine woods with side trails to fishing spots along spring-fed Second Lake. Trail may be flooded or wet during spring and other high-water periods.

New Amsterdam Grasslands

The trails follow the boundaries of an open, rolling prairie. A short trail (a little over 1 mile) is open year-round. A longer one (2.8 miles) is closed during nesting season, May, June, and July. Great birding!

Holland Sand Prairie

The 1.3-mile main trail follows the boundaries of an open, rolling prairie. Roughly 150 species of plants have been identified, many unique to this remnant dune prairie.

La Crosse River Conservancy

Descend a gentle hill to flat river-bottom land. Choose among hikes ranging from .9 to 1.9 miles. About half the trail is along the La Crosse River, where you may see waterbirds, hawks, kestrels, bald eagles, beaver, muskrat, fox, turtles, and coyotes.

La Crosse Blufflands North: Mathy

Mostly open, rolling terrain on a wide road in an old quarry. There's one somewhat steep climb to the quarry's rim. The main trail is approximately 2.75 miles. Side trails traverse woods and prairie adjacent to the quarry and total another 2 miles.

La Crosse Blufflands North: Miller/Beck

Choose an easy or a challenging hike! *Easy:* Park atop the bluff and hike .25 mile on a flat trail to a rocky promontory overlooking the La Crosse River Marsh. *Challenging:* Hike to the same overlook from the foot of the bluff on a steep, rocky trail.

La Crosse Blufflands South: Hass

A challenging out-and-back hike with several options for loops and side trails. The main trail is approximately 1 mile, rising 400 feet to a blufftop with a panoramic view of the city of La Crosse. You may spot eagles, hawks, and wildflowers.

La Crosse Blufflands South: Juniper Partners/Welch/Frank

A narrow, sometimes steep out-and-back trail (about 1 mile each way, plus some side trails) sits atop a bluff overlooking Mormon Coulee Road and the backwaters of the Mississippi River. Two overlooks provide magnificent views. You may see wildflowers and birds.

Tunnelville Cliffs State Natural Area

Two entrances provide access to several miles of gently rolling mowed trails in this large property with access to Cambrian sandstone cliffs, the Kickapoo River, a small goat prairie, wooded ridges and a hilltop with a fantastic overlook.

Sugar Creek Bluff State Natural Area

A slightly rolling .75-mile (one-way) trail along a wooded ridgetop that ends at a wildflower-filled goat prairie overlooking the Mississippi River.



For more information about each property as well as downloadable maps, visit MississippiValleyConservancy.org/LandConservation/NaturePreserves.aspx