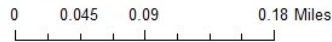


Kickapoo Bottoms Property Map



Property Address: Highway 131, Gays Mills, WI



Legend

- Kickapoo Bottoms Property
- Walk-In Access
- Parking
- Access Road
- Trail Access
- Trails



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Kickapoo Bottoms

Directions

Head south out of Gays Mills, WI on Highway 131. Watch for the fairgrounds on the west side of the road. Drive into the fairgrounds property all the way to the west edge.

Property Description

The Kickapoo Bottoms Property is an 85-acre tract of land along the Kickapoo River and adjacent to the Crawford County Fairgrounds which includes scenic southern sedge meadow, wet prairie, sloughs, ponds, and floodplain forest. The site has mowed trails and a public canoe launch is being considered. Open grasslands on the property provide valuable habitat for waterfowl and declining grassland nesting birds, such as meadowlarks and bobolinks. The property also provides 4,700 feet of frontage along the Kickapoo River, one of MVC's most ecologically significant priority areas.

According to the Wisconsin Land Legacy Report, the Kickapoo River is described as “one of the most diverse assemblages of natural communities in the state,” and is noted to support breeding populations of birds and to provide habitat for many rare species of plants and animals. Rare species on the Kickapoo Bottoms property include the state threatened snowy campion wildflower that can be found blooming in June and July.



Conserve. Enjoy. Explore.

Stewardship

The land was purchased with a grant from the State of Wisconsin's Knowles-Nelson Stewardship program. “Without this type of funding available within our state, these types of valuable projects likely would not happen. These are important for environmental protection, economic development, and for extremely important educational opportunities for generations to come,” said Julie Henley, Recovery & Development Director for the Village of Gays Mills. “We plan to provide public events, including interpretive hikes to folks in the community” said George Howe, MVC's conservation director.



What Can I do at Kickapoo Bottoms?

- ◆ Open to the public for hunting, fishing, canoeing, hiking, wildlife observation and snowshoeing. (See trail map)
- ◆ Hikers are encouraged to take precautions during hunting seasons.
- ◆ Provide environmental education to area school groups.
- ◆ You can help keep our Preserve beautiful by carrying out your trash.

Mississippi Valley Conservancy

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MVC works with willing landowners to protect our region's beautiful and natural areas for the enjoyment of current and future generations. We focus on areas of scenic, biological, agricultural and cultural importance throughout nine counties of southwestern Wisconsin (Buffalo, Trempealeau, Jackson, Monroe, La Crosse, Vernon, Crawford, Richland and Grant). Our various tools for land conservation include:

- ◆ Conservation Agreements
- ◆ Land Donations & Purchases
- ◆ Land Acquisition

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