



From Viroqua, WI: Head west out of town on Highway 56. Turn right onto N Ridge Road. (12 miles)

From La Crosse, WI: Head 15 miles south out of town on Highway 35/Great River Road to Genoa, WI and take Highway 56 west for 5 miles. Turn left onto Newton Rd/Romance Rd, continue to follow Newton Rd and take a slight right onto N Ridge Rd. (26 miles)





# Romance Woods

## **Property Description**

Romance Woods is Mississippi Valley Conservancy's first owned property in the Bad Axe River Priority Area, and includes 35 acres of scenic, diverse oak woodlands, rocky dolomite outcrops and an ephemeral stream. These native communities contain numerous native plant and animal species.

The land has a reputation with the locals as a great hunting spot and supports healthy populations of white-tailed deer, wild turkeys and other wildlife available to provide hunting and trapping opportunities for the public. A former logging road runs the length of the property, providing an excellent trail for public use for hiking, snow-shoeing and cross-country skiing. The property also provides potential habitat for numerous non-game species such as Neotropical migratory birds, and other native animal and plant species.



Conserve. Enjoy. Explore.

#### Stewardship

This land was acquired through a generous donation by Ben Anderson and Pauline Jackson.



The late Wisconsin Senator and Governor Gaylord Nelson, the founder of Earth Day said, "The ultimate measure of a man's conscience may be his willingness to sacrifice something today for future generations whose words of thanks will not be heard."



# What Can I do at Romance Woods?

- Open to the public for hunting, trapping, hiking, wildlife observation, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. (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

Mississippi Valley Conservancy was formed by a group of local citizens that responded to growing development in the blufflands of southwestern Wisconsin by organizing a land trust to ensure conservation of the remaining special places in this region.

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

You can help! Please become a contributing member by sending a tax-deductible donation to:

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