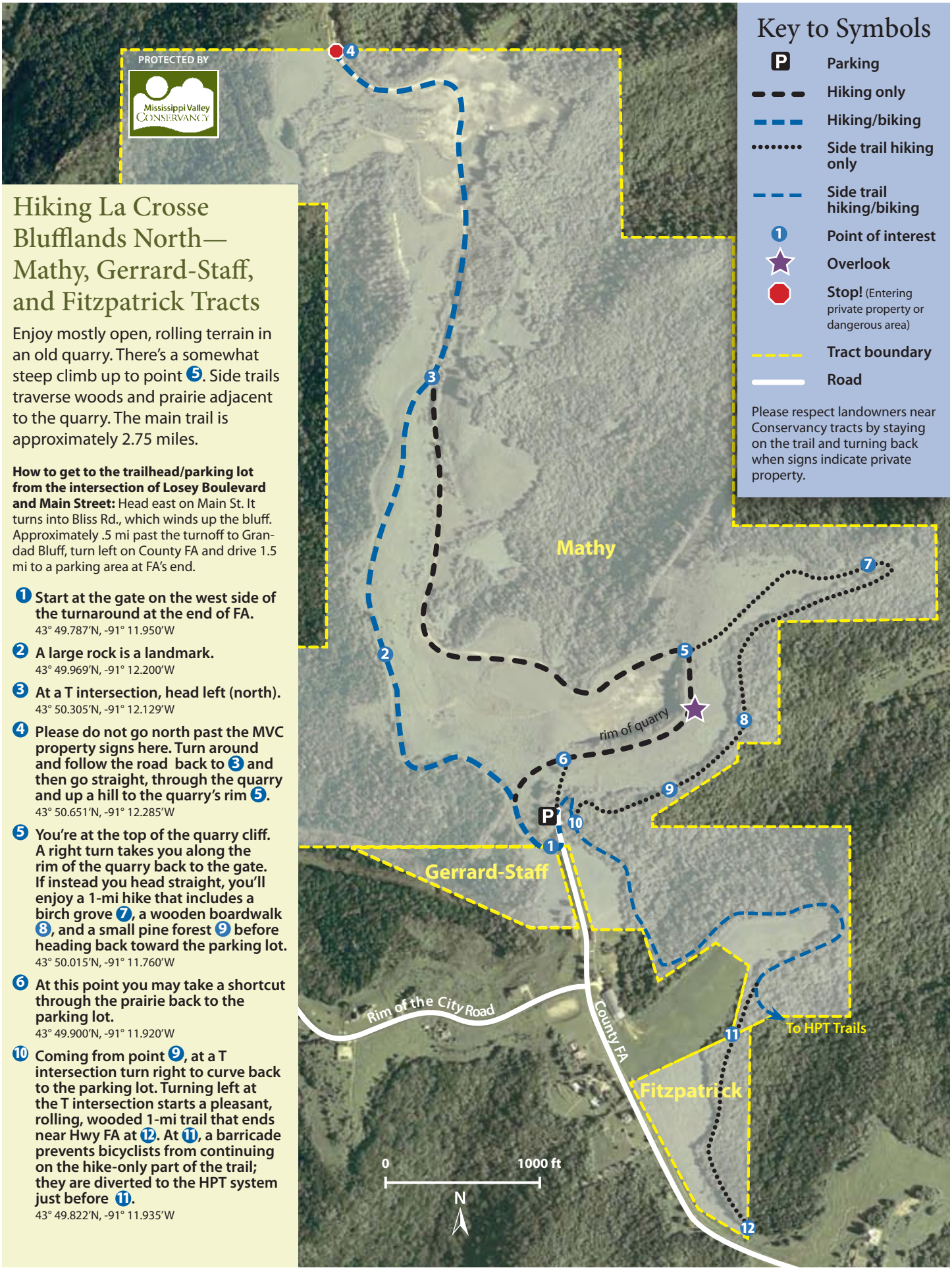
Hiking La Crosse Blufflands North—Mathy, Gerrard-Staff, and Fitzpatrick Tracts

Enjoy mostly open, rolling terrain in an old quarry. There's a somewhat steep climb up to point 5. Side trails traverse woods and prairie adjacent to the quarry. The main trail is approximately 2.75 miles.

How to get to the trailhead/parking lot from the intersection of Losey Boulevard and Main Street: Head east on Main St. It turns into Bliss Rd., which winds up the bluff. Approximately .5 mi past the turnoff to Grandad Bluff, turn left on County FA and drive 1.5 mi to a parking area at FA's end.

1. **Start at the gate on the west side of the turnaround at the end of FA.**
   43° 49.787'N, -91° 11.950'W
2. **A large rock is a landmark.**
   43° 49.969'N, -91° 12.200'W
3. **At a T intersection, head left (north).**
   43° 50.305'N, -91° 12.129'W
4. **Please do not go north past the MVC property signs here. Turn around and follow the road back to 3 and then go straight, through the quarry and up a hill to the quarry's rim 5.**
   43° 50.651'N, -91° 12.285'W
5. **You're at the top of the quarry cliff. A right turn takes you along the rim of the quarry back to the gate. If instead you head straight, you'll enjoy a 1-mi hike that includes a birch grove 7, a wooden boardwalk 8, and a small pine forest 9 before heading back toward the parking lot.**
   43° 50.015'N, -91° 11.760'W
6. **At this point you may take a shortcut through the prairie back to the parking lot.**
   43° 49.900'N, -91° 11.920'W
10. **Coming from point 9, at a T intersection turn right to curve back to the parking lot. Turning left at the T intersection starts a pleasant, rolling, wooded 1-mi trail that ends near Hwy FA at 12. At 11, a barricade prevents bicyclists from continuing on the hike-only part of the trail; they are diverted to the HPT system just before 11.**
    43° 49.822'N, -91° 11.935'W



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