

## About Wilton Hemlocks

This 89.14-acre property is Mississippi Valley Conservancy's first nature preserve in Monroe County. The site was protected for its nearly half-mile stretch of the meandering Kickapoo River, diverse sedge meadows and forested seeps, alder thickets, hemlock relict, and oak forest.

Hemlock relict is considered an ecological gem that is unique to this area and is considered an imperiled habitat worldwide. Hemlock trees 150 to 200 years old grow above the river, which is flanked by conifer-clad sandstone cliffs, springs and seeps. Wilton Hemlocks is one of the Conservancy's best sites for early spring wildflowers, with the woodlands carpeted in pink spring beauties and false mermaid weed, and the wetlands with marsh marigold, swamp saxifrage, and skunk cabbage. The bird-life is exceptional and is within one of the "priority blocks" of the Wisconsin Breeding Bird Atlas.

The Wilton Hemlocks property was generously donated to the Conservancy by Eric and Inese Epstein for education, research and multi-faceted opportunities for enjoyment of the natural world for future generations to enjoy.

### Activities allowed

The property is open to the public for hiking, bird-watching, nature photography, fishing, canoeing, and snow-shoeing.

### Activity NOT allowed

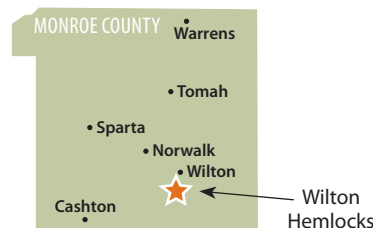
Hunting.



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### Interesting wildlife found at Wilton Hemlocks

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Swamp saxifrage   | <input type="checkbox"/> Joe pye weed          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Skunk cabbage     | <input type="checkbox"/> Manna grass           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> False mermaidweed | <input type="checkbox"/> Nannyberry            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spring beauty     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hemlock               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Showy orchis      | <input type="checkbox"/> Sandhill crane        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wild sarsaparilla | <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-billed cuckoo  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blue cohosh       | <input type="checkbox"/> Louisiana waterthrush |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow birch      | <input type="checkbox"/> Swamp sparrow         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lake sedge        | <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow warbler        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> False rue anemone | <input type="checkbox"/> Warbling vireo        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fragile fern      |  |



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### PROPERTY MAP

## Wilton Hemlocks

Monroe County, Wisconsin





Aerial Source: USDA 2015



## Wilton Hemlocks

25690 Hwy 131, Wilton, WI

### How to get there from Wilton:

At the intersection of Main Street (CTH-M) and Hwy. 71, head south on Main Street. In one block turn right at Center Street. Go three blocks and turn left (south) onto WI-131 S (S Water St). Go approximately 1.25 mi and park along the road near the northwest corner of the property.

## Key to Symbols

- P** Parking
- Tract boundary
- =====> Road
- River

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