

About Angel Bluff

Stanley A. Ledebuhr, a retired Winona teacher, donated a 20-acre Buffalo County bluff directly across the river from Winona, Minnesota, to Mississippi Valley Conservancy in 2008. Ledebuhr, a lifelong Winona resident who taught in Winona public schools for 32 years, stipulated that the land should be open for public use. He owned the bluff for 30 years and has many memories of playing there as a child. He realized the importance of seeing the land protected, especially after a neighbor died and a developer bought the neighbor's land, cut many of the trees, and built several homes adjacent to the bluff.

The scenic bluff property includes dry prairie, dry cliffs, former oak opening, southern dry-dry-mesic, and mesic forest, emergent aquatic wetland, and surrogate grassland. These natural communities provide habitat for a variety of rare and declining species, such as the State Endangered peregrine falcon, State-threatened great egret, and a variety of reptiles. The property is visible from St. Mary's in Winona. From the bluff top, one can see all of Winona and a broad swath of the Mississippi River Valley.

When Ledebuhr registered the property as a natural area with The Nature Conservancy in 1986, he called it "Angel's Monument," a tribute to his late wife, Marian.

Conservancy staff and volunteers are working to restore the bluff's globally imperiled remnant oak savanna and dry prairie habitat.

Activities allowed

Hiking, showshoeing, wildlife observation, hunting, trapping, fishing

Activities NOT allowed

Dog-walking

Please respect landowners near Conservancy tracts by observing property boundaries.



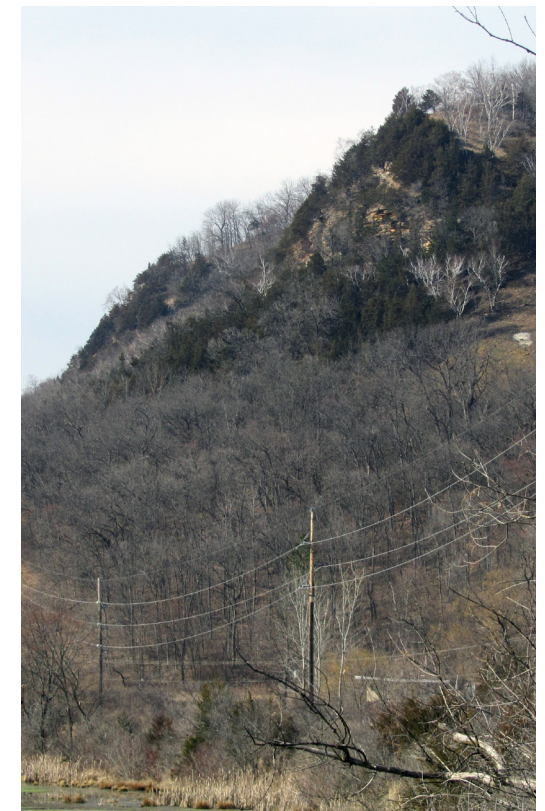
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PROPERTY MAP

Angel Bluff

Buffalo County, Wisconsin



Key to Symbols

- P** Parking
- — — Main trail
- Side trail
- 1** Point of interest
- Stop!** (Entering private property or dangerous area)
- Tract boundary
- ==== Road

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Angel Bluff (adjacent to W582 Burt Lane/Old Hwy 35, Ferryville, WI)

Enjoy hiking through the woods up a bluff.

How to get to the trailhead/parking lot from La Crosse (approximately 33 miles from downtown La Crosse): Follow US 14/61 north through La Crescent, MN, and drive to Winona, MN. Turn right onto Huff St and go 1 mi. Turn right onto W 6th St (Broadway), then left at the first cross street—Winona St. Continue on MN-43 N, cross the Mississippi River bridge, and onto WI-54 Trunk E. Turn left on WI-35 N and go 1 mi. Turn right onto Burt Ln (Old Hwy 35) and park in a small lot on the left near a powerline cut.

Trails:

1 – 2 This short trail is an old 4-wheeler track that is not maintained.

1 – 4 This .6-mile (round trip) out-and-back route gently climbs the bluff and ends at the property line. Conservancy staff and volunteers are working to clear it of invasives.

