

La Crosse Blufflands North— County B Trailhead

Your hike from the County Road B trailhead will begin with a steep climb of roughly 500 feet to the edge of an abandoned rock quarry. The main features are blufftop prairies and rocky cliffs. You may see migrating songbirds and waterfowl overhead, eagles and falcons, and mammals such as mice, rabbits, fox, coyotes, and deer.

This land was protected through the La Crosse Blufflands Protection Program to provide scenic preservation and ensure that the beauty of the City's landscape is not destroyed by poorly-planned development. The program was created to protect rare natural communities like bluff prairies and provide a marvelous outdoor recreational resource for the public. The City of La Crosse and Mississippi Valley Conservancy carry on the proud tradition of land conservation in the Coulee Region that was pioneered by Ellen Hixon and other citizens in the early 1900s who purchased Grandad Bluff and Hixon Forest and donated these gems to the city for all residents to enjoy. Through these efforts, the Conservancy and the City work to enhance the quality of life of all local residents and visitors.

Activities allowed

Hiking, showshoeing, bicycling (on trail shown only), wildlife observation, bird-watching, hunting (subject to municipal ordinance), dog-walking

Activities NOT allowed

Motorized vehicles, camping

Permanently protected by Mississippi Valley Conservancy. Owned and maintained by the City of La Crosse Parks, Recreation & Forestry. Please call 608-789-7533 with questions or visit www.cityoflacrosse.org/parksandrec/outdoor/trails for more trail information.

Please respect landowners near Conservancy tracts by observing property boundaries.

Plants found here

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Death camas | <input type="checkbox"/> Columbine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bracken fern | <input type="checkbox"/> Whorled milkweed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Smooth cliffbrake | <input type="checkbox"/> Rough blazing star |



That property off in the distance is the La Crosse River Conservancy. You can see the river in the foreground.



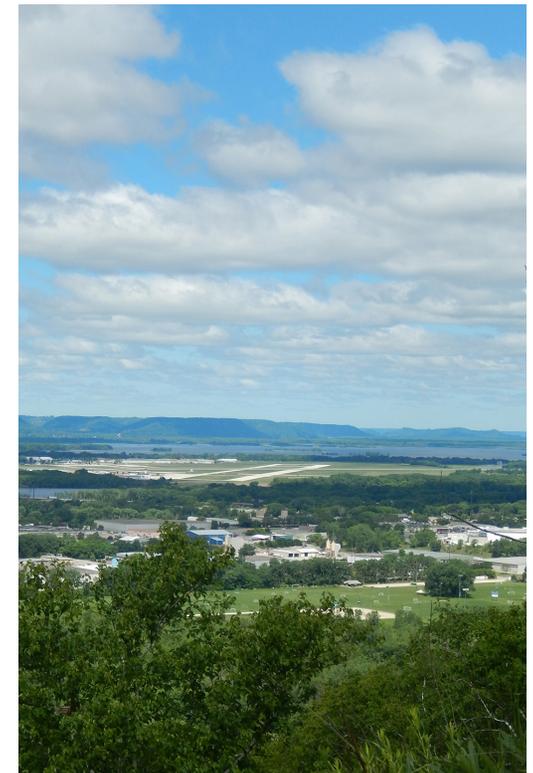
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TRAIL MAP

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W5845 County Road B, La Crosse, Wisconsin



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(W5845 Cty Rd B, La Crosse, WI)

Climb almost 500 feet to the top of the bluff on a steep old quarry road. Please respect the property boundary signs at the top. The round trip is approximately 1.3 miles.

How to get there from La Crosse: Follow Hwy 16 north to Cty Rd B. Turn right and go .5 mi to just past Bethany Church. On the right is a small parking area with a kiosk. **Please don't block the gate.**

- 1 Start at the kiosk in the parking lot off County Road B. Climb the old blacktop quarry road to the top.
- 2 At the top is a gate. Turn around here. Do not trespass on private property.



Key to Symbols

- Parking
- Trail
- Point of interest
- Stop! (Entering private property)
- Tract boundary
- Road

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