

## About La Crosse Blufflands South— Crown Boulevard Trailhead

From the Crown Boulevard Trailhead, enjoy a hike of moderate difficulty to overlooks and stunning rock formations in the south section of the beautiful La Crosse Blufflands. In this surprisingly remote spot in the midst of the city, you may be lucky enough to see a variety of birds and wildlife, including 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, wildlife observation, dogs on leash, hunting (subject to municipal ordinance)

### Activities NOT allowed

Biking, camping, motorized vehicles

*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](http://www.cityoflacrosse.org/parksandrec/outdoor/trails) for more trail information.*

Please respect landowners near Conservancy tracts by observing property boundaries.

### Plants and animals found here

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agrimony               | <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey vulture        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Amethyst shooting star | <input type="checkbox"/> Leconte's haploa moth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bloodroot              |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Butterfly milkweed     |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Compass plant          |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Death camas            |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leadplant              |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Moonseed               |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pasqueflower           |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Downy painted cup      |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blackberries           |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dewberries             |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tufted titmouse        |  |



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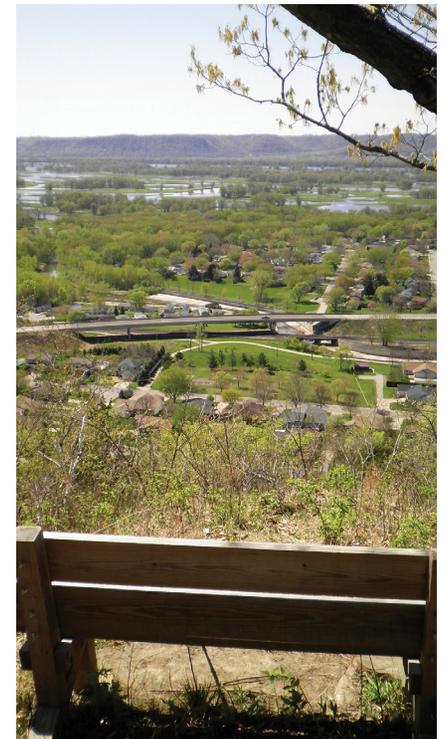
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## TRAIL MAP

## La Crosse Blufflands South— Crown Boulevard Trailhead

Crown Boulevard, La Crosse, Wisconsin



## Hiking La Crosse Blufflands South—Crown Boulevard Trailhead

Enjoy a challenging 1-mi out-and-back hike atop a bluff overlooking Mormon Coulee Road and the backwaters of the Mississippi River. Two overlooks provide magnificent views. Expect to see wildflowers and see and hear birds.

### How to get to the trailhead/parking lot from the intersection of Losey Boulevard and Ward Avenue:

Head east on Ward Ave. to 33rd St. Turn right on 33rd St. and follow it south to Robinsdale Ave. Turn left on Robinsdale and follow it to Cliffside Dr. Turn right on Cliffside. After .3 mi, turn left on Crown Blvd. and park along the road near the trailhead sign, or go straight to Springbrook Way, turn right, and park along the road. Please observe street parking ordinances.

- 1 Start at the sign on Crown Blvd and head south.
- 2 At an intersection, continue straight on the main trail, which continues for a short distance to a bench with a view of Mormon Coulee Rd 3.

Retrace your steps back to the intersection 2 and take a side trail (the leftmost of three that split from the main trail) and go north to another overlook and some rock formations 4.

Return to 2, turn right, and return to the trailhead.

### Key to Symbols

-  Parking
-  Main trail
-  Smaller trail
-  Point of interest
-  Overlook
-  Tract boundary
-  Road
-  Highway

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Base map courtesy of USGS