Key to Symbols



Please respect landowners near Conservancy tracts by observing property boundaries, and carry out what you carry in. **Both trails are moderately difficult.**

Wandering Rock State Natural Area (just south of Nelson, WI)

Directions from La Crosse: Follow US Hwy 35 N from La Crosse toward Nelson for approximately 67 miles to the trailhead, located just south of the Nelson Cemetery on the right side of the road. **Directions from Nelson:** Drive 0.7 miles southeast on US Hwy 35 S. The trailhead will be just past the Nelson Cemetery on the left. **GPS Coordinates:** 44°24′44.3″N 91°59′33.8″W

Trail 1 1.2 miles roundtrip Meander through the woods along a rustic trail as it makes its way up to an overlook at the top of the bluff to view Lake Pepin to the north and Alma to the south. Trail 2 1.6 miles roundtrip Become immersed in the sights and sounds of the woods as you head up to the top of the bluff. Then continue to trek south for a panoramic view of the Mississippi River Valley and a bluff prairie.



Base map: USDA 2022