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# **Nature Preserves You Can Visit**

TREMPEALEAU JACKSON Plan your next nature walk on the beautiful public lands protected by AONROI Mississippi Valley Conservancy. CROSS Angel Bluff\* 1 17 Wilton Hemlocks\* Water's Edge Woods\* 2 Eagle Eye 18 State Natural Area Little Bluff (including anonymous 3 Perrot State Park addition) **Tunnelville Cliffs** 19 State Natural Area\* 4 Trempealeau Lakes\* 20 **Romance Woods\*** New Amsterdam Grasslands\* 5 ERNO Cardinal Bluff\* 21 Holland Sand Prairie 6 State Natural Area Sugar Creek Bluff 22 State Natural Area\* 7 **Apple Valley Bluff\*** RICHLANI 23 Kickapoo Bottoms\* Greens Coulee–Savanna Oaks\*\* 8 **Boscobel Bluffs** 24 La Crosse River Conservancy 9 State Natural Area\* CRAWFORD Fish Creek\* 10 25 Limery Road\* 11 Black River Bottoms\* Kickapoo Caverns\* 26 La Crosse Blufflands North— Plum Creek Conservation Area\* 27 12 County B Trailhead **Borah Creek Prairie** La Crosse Blufflands North— 28 State Natural Area 13 County FA Trailhead (Mathy) Devil's Backbone 29 La Crosse Blufflands North— State Natural Area\* 14 Rim of the City Road Trailhead (Miller Bluff) **Cassville Bluffs** 30 La Crosse Blufflands South— State Natural Area\* 15 Easter Road Trailhead (Hass) Owned and maintained by Mississippi La Crosse Blufflands South— Valley Conservancy 16 **Crown Boulevard Trailhead** \*\* Onalaska Natural Lands Protection Protection Program property La Crosse Bluffland Protection Program This land was protected by the partnership of For additional information about recreational use Mississippi Valley Conservancy and the City of La Crosse to provide scenic preservation and policies and hunting restrictions ensure that the beauty of the city landscape is on these nature preserves, visit our website at not destroyed by poorly planned developwww.MississippiValleyConservancy.org **COLOR KEY** ment. The program was created to protect /land-protection Has walking trails; rare natural communities like bluff prairies see back for descriptions or contact us at and provide an outstanding recreational re-

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Open to public;

no designated trails

# **Enjoy a Walk in Nature!**

These properties have walking trails. Download trail maps at www.mississippivalleyconservancy.org/protected-land.

# **3** Little Bluff

This 0.5-mile out-and-back hike begins with a steep stairway and continues upward to a marker pointing to a blufftop with three earthen mounds, interpretive signs, and a view of the Mississippi River and the Village of Trempealeau.  $\frac{1}{24}$ 

# Trempealeau Lakes

A 0.75-mile flat, wide loop trail traverses a former pine plantation with side trails to fishing spots along spring-fed Second Lake. Trail may be flooded or wet during spring and other high-water periods. A portion of the trail (beyond #2 on the trail map) is currently not accessible due to a habitat restoration project. A

# 5 New Amsterdam Grasslands

The trails follow the boundaries of an open, rolling prairie. A short loop hike (a little over 1 mile) is open year-round. A longer one (2.8 miles) is closed during nesting season, April, May, June, and July. Great birding! 🛠

# Holland Sand Prairie State Natural Area

The 1.3-mile main loop hike follows the boundaries of an open, rolling prairie. Over 150 plant species have been identified here.  $\stackrel{\frown}{\sim}$ 

# 8 Greens Coulee–Savanna Oaks

Greens Coulee comprises a network of trails accessible from Stonebridge Ave. in Onalaska. The 1.2-mile outand-back Savanna Oaks hike, accessible from Clifford Dr., connects to the Greens Coulee trails, climbs 440 feet, and ends at a lovely overlook.  $\stackrel{\scriptstyle\frown}{\sim}\stackrel{\scriptstyle\frown}{\sim}\stackrel{\scriptstyle\frown}{\sim}\stackrel{\scriptstyle\frown}{\sim}$ 

# La Crosse River Conservancy

Descend a gentle hill to flat river-bottom land. Choose among routes ranging from .9 to 1.9 miles. About half the trail is along the La Crosse River, where you may see a variety of birds and mammals. Trail may be flooded or wet during spring and other high-water periods.  $\overleftrightarrow$ 

# 12 La Crosse Blufflands North—County B Trailhead

A 1.6-mile out-and-back hike that climbs almost 500 feet to the top of a bluff. Your reward at the top is a beautiful view of the Mississippi River. ☆☆☆

#### 13 La Crosse Blufflands North— County FA Trailhead (Mathy)

Mostly open, rolling terrain in an old quarry. There's one somewhat steep climb to the quarry's rim. The main loop trail is approximately 2.75 miles. Side trails add another 2.75 miles.  $\stackrel{\scriptstyle\frown}{\approx}$ 

#### La Crosse Blufflands North— Rim of the City Road Trailhead (Miller Bluff)

Walk .25 mi on a flat trail to three rocky bluff cliffs overlooking the La Crosse River Marsh.  $\Rightarrow$ 

#### **15** La Crosse Blufflands South— Easter Road Trailhead (Hass)

The main trail is approximately 1 mile (one way), rising 400 feet to a blufftop with a panoramic view of La Crosse. An optional trail leads to a view over a goat prairie and blufflands to the south.  $\frac{1}{24}$ 

#### 16 La Crosse Blufflands South— Crown Boulevard Trailhead

A narrow, sometimes steep 2-mile out-and-back trail sits atop a bluff overlooking Mormon Coulee Road and the backwaters of the Mississippi River. ☆☆☆

# 19 Tunnelville Cliffs State Natural Area

North Trail: This 1.6-mile out-and-back hike follows a ridge past a small goat prairie and ends on a wooded ridge with an overlook. **East Trail:** Enjoy a 2.5-mile out-and-back hike on gently rolling mowed trails on this large property with access to Cambrian sandstone cliffs and the Kickapoo River. *The entrance to this trail may be flooded or wet during spring and other highwater periods.* 公公

#### **20** Romance Woods

This 1.5-mile out-and-back hike descends through woods on an old logging road.  $\precsim$ 

# 21 Cardinal Bluff

This short hike (0.6 mile out-and-back) along a wooded trail climbs a bluff 340 feet high for a beautiful river view and a look at some interesting rock formations.  $\cancel{k} \cancel{k} \cancel{k}$ 

# 22 Sugar Creek Bluff State Natural Area

A slightly rolling 1.5-mile out-and-back hike along a wooded ridgetop that ends at a wildflower-filled prairie overlooking the Mississippi River.  $\stackrel{\scriptstyle\frown}{\propto}\stackrel{\scriptstyle\frown}{\propto}$ 

# 24 Boscobel Bluffs State Natural Area

The main trail, approximately 1.5 miles one-way, climbs 400 feet from the trailhead along an old logging road through woods and prairie.  $\Rightarrow \Rightarrow \Rightarrow$ 

#### 28 Borah Creek Prairie State Natural Area Cross a scenic remnant prairie on a gently sloping 1-mile (out-and-back) farm road southwest of Fennimore. ☆☆

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