

About Angel Bluff

This 20-acre nature preserve in Buffalo County was donated to Mississippi Valley Conservancy in 2008 by Stanley A. Ledebuhr, a retired teacher from Winona, MN. Angel Bluff contains a variety of habitats that are home to many kinds of wildlife including frogs, turtles, snakes, salamanders, birds, mammals, and insects. Some of the habitats on the property are becoming increasingly rare in our region and around the world.

In 2017, thanks to a grant from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service in partnership with the Buffalo County Conservation Department, the Conservancy began a large-scale effort to restore the property's rare wildlife habitat (native prairie and oak savanna) by clearing many trees and encouraging native plants to grow and flourish. Along with the Conservancy's land management staff, volunteers from the Challenge Academy, the Boy Scouts, and the general public have contributed countless hours to this restoration work and have improved wildlife habitat on the property.

Although no trail goes to the top of the bluff, those who venture off the beaten path will be rewarded with broad, sweeping views of the Mississippi River valley from a serene prairie vantage point filled with native grasses and wildflowers.

Activities allowed

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

Activities NOT allowed

Dog-walking



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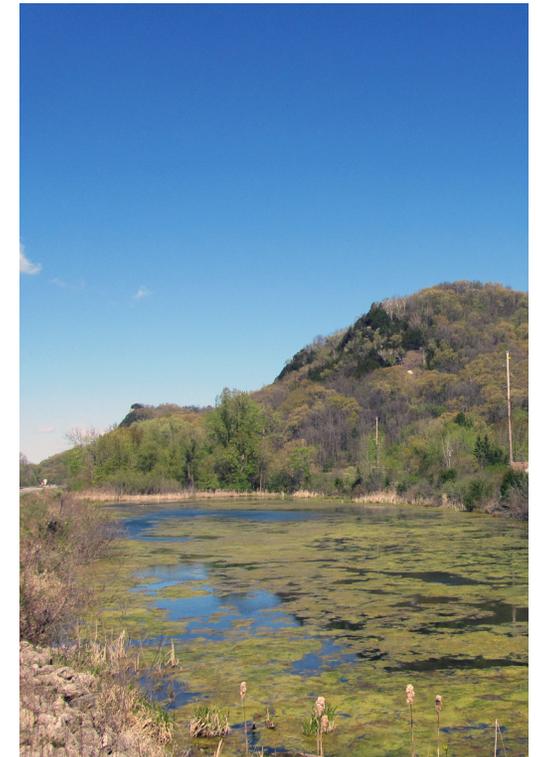
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PROPERTY MAP

Angel Bluff

adjacent to
W582 Burt Lane/Old Hwy 35
Fountain City, WI



Please respect landowners near Conservancy tracts by observing property boundaries.

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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Enjoy hiking through the woods for a look at the prairie restoration work in progress.

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 – 3 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.

