

About La Crosse Blufflands South— Easter Road Trailhead (Hass)

From the Easter Road trailhead, near the south end of the beautiful La Crosse Blufflands, enjoy a cool and shaded forest walk zigzagging up to a blufftop prairie. The trail takes you along springs and seeps and among woodland wildflowers and ferns. The blufftop provides views of both reconstructed prairie in a former agricultural field and native remnant prairie on a south-facing slope. The entire site presents ample opportunities for hiking, birdwatching, and nature photography. The land is mostly wooded and provides scenic views of the Mississippi River, the City of La Crosse, and the Minnesota blufflands.

The 118-acre property was formerly owned by the Gerald and Edward Hass families of La Crosse and was included in the La Crosse Blufflands Protection Program. The program was a unique partnership between the Conservancy and the City of La Crosse that preserved lands with natural, scenic, and recreational value, ensuring that the beauty of the City's landscape is not destroyed by poorly planned development.

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.

Activities allowed

Hiking, showshoeing, wildlife observation, dogs on leash, hunting (subject to municipal ordinance)

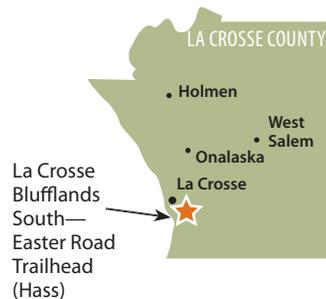
Activities NOT allowed

Biking, motorized vehicles, camping

Please respect landowners near Conservancy tracts by observing property boundaries.

Plants and animals found here

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Butterfly weed | <input type="checkbox"/> Northern parula |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Compass plant | <input type="checkbox"/> Scarlet tanager |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cylindrical blazing star | <input type="checkbox"/> Tufted titmouse |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Death camas | <input type="checkbox"/> Warbling vireo |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gromwell | <input type="checkbox"/> Monarch |
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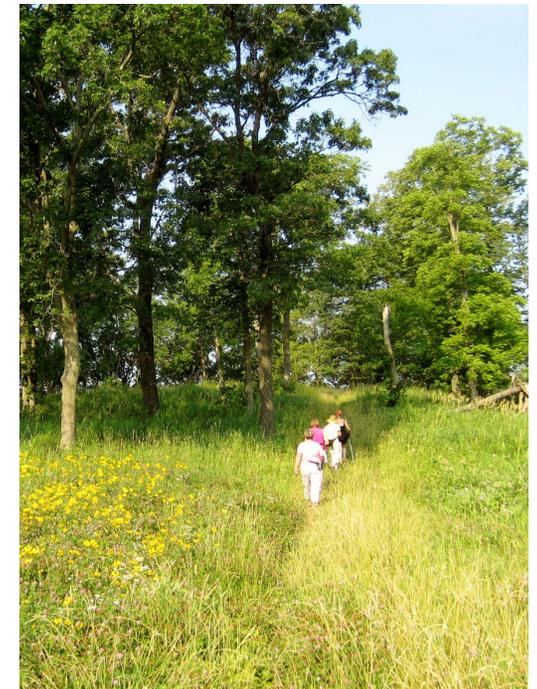
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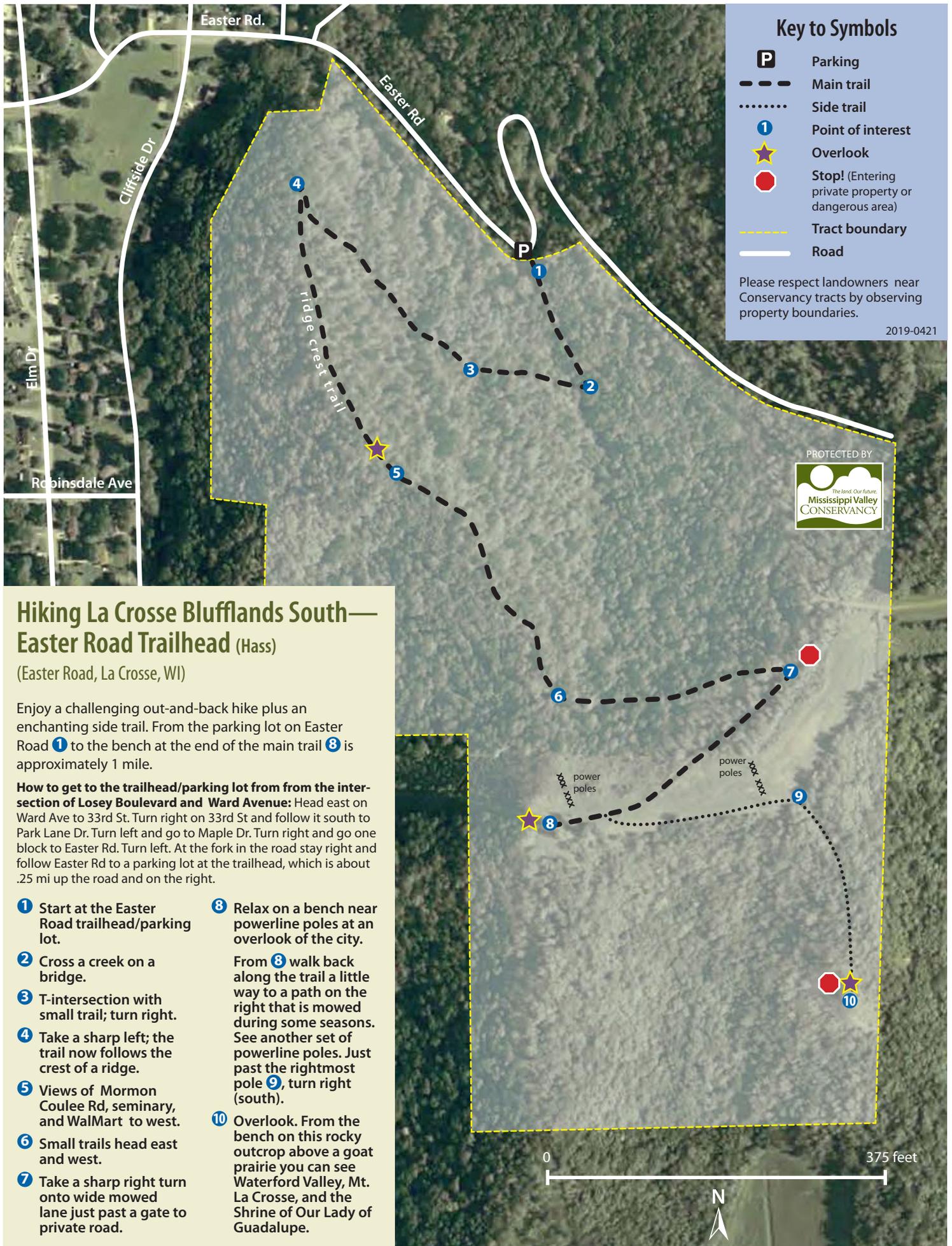


TRAIL MAP

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Easter Road, La Crosse, Wisconsin





Key to Symbols

- P** Parking
- Main trail
- Side trail
- 1** Point of interest
- ★ Overlook
- ⬮ Stop! (Entering private property or dangerous area)
- Tract boundary
- Road

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Hiking La Crosse Blufflands South—Easter Road Trailhead (Hass)

(Easter Road, La Crosse, WI)

Enjoy a challenging out-and-back hike plus an enchanting side trail. From the parking lot on Easter Road **1** to the bench at the end of the main trail **8** is approximately 1 mile.

How to get to the trailhead/parking lot from 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 Park Lane Dr. Turn left and go to Maple Dr. Turn right and go one block to Easter Rd. Turn left. At the fork in the road stay right and follow Easter Rd to a parking lot at the trailhead, which is about .25 mi up the road and on the right.

- 1** Start at the Easter Road trailhead/parking lot.
- 2** Cross a creek on a bridge.
- 3** T-intersection with small trail; turn right.
- 4** Take a sharp left; the trail now follows the crest of a ridge.
- 5** Views of Mormon Coulee Rd, seminary, and WalMart to west.
- 6** Small trails head east and west.
- 7** Take a sharp right turn onto wide mowed lane just past a gate to private road.
- 8** Relax on a bench near powerline poles at an overlook of the city.
From **8** walk back along the trail a little way to a path on the right that is mowed during some seasons. See another set of powerline poles. Just past the rightmost pole **9**, turn right (south).
- 10** Overlook. From the bench on this rocky outcrop above a goat prairie you can see Waterford Valley, Mt. La Crosse, and the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe.