

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

From the Rim of the City Road Trailhead, enjoy an easy hike to one of the most prominent blufftops in the northern section of the La Crosse Blufflands. At the end of the trail are three rocky promontories facing west overlooking the La Crosse River Marsh. A much more rugged trail climbs to the same overlooks from the bottom of the bluff.

You may be lucky enough to see a variety of birds and wildlife, including migrating songbirds, waterfowl, eagles 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.

Activities allowed

Hiking, snowshoeing, wildlife observation, dogs on leash

Activities NOT allowed

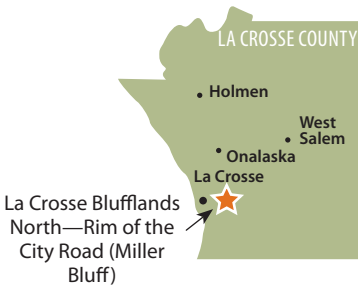
Bicycling, motorized vehicles, camping, rock climbing

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Please respect landowners near Conservancy tracts by observing property boundaries.

Plants found here

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| <input type="checkbox"/> American pasqueflower | <input type="checkbox"/> Prairie phlox |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Columbine | <input type="checkbox"/> Rough blazing star |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jack-in-the-pulpit | <input type="checkbox"/> Virginia waterleaf |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mountain mint | <input type="checkbox"/> Wood betony |



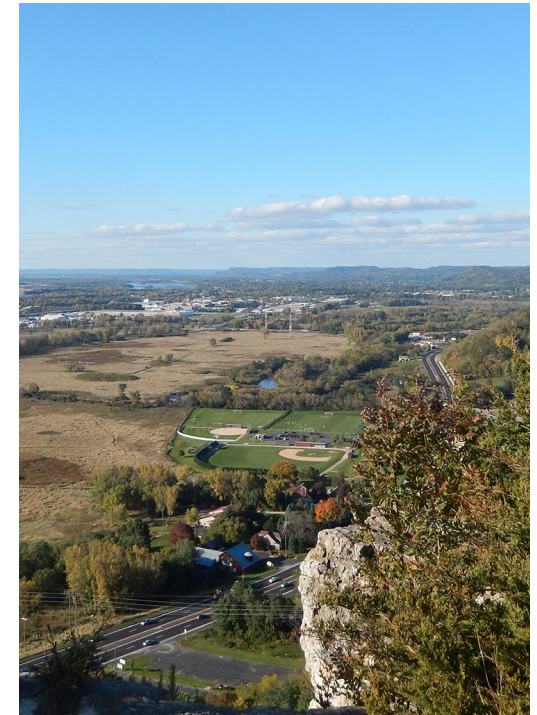
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TRAIL MAP

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Rim of the City Road, La Crosse, Wisconsin



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(Miller Bluff) (Rim of the City Road)

A network of trails—the main one flat and wide, a secondary one steep and rocky—provides access to three west-facing promontories overlooking the La Crosse River Marsh.

How to get to the trailhead 1 from Losey & Main Streets in La Crosse: Go east on Main St, which becomes Bliss Rd, for 2.1 mi to CTH-FA. Turn left (north) and park in the lot at the end of County FA or at the Upper Hixon Forest lot and walk along County FA and Rim of the City Road to the trailhead.

Hike 1: Easy 1-mile out-and-back hike to the overlooks

- 1 **Cul-de-sac at the end of Rim of the City Road.** Hike west.
- 2 **South upper overlook.** Take the trail northwest.
- 3 **North overlook.** Take a lower trail east and south.
- 4 **South lower overlook.** Retrace your steps to return to 1 or take the lower trail (from 4 to 7).

How to get to the Bluff Pass trailhead 6 from Losey & Main Streets in La Crosse: Go north on Losey Blvd, which becomes Hwy 16, 0.9 mi to Bluff Pass. Turn right and go up the hill to the cul-de-sac. Please observe street parking signs.

Hike 2: Challenging 1.75-mile out-and-back trail up and down the bluff

- 6 **The end of Bluff Pass, off Hwy. 16.** Start here and go east, uphill.
- 5 **Sharp switchback.** Turn left.
- 4 **South lower overlook (see above).** Take the northwest trail.
- 3 **North overlook (see above).** Take trail east.
- 2 **South upper overlook.** Retrace your steps back to 3, then 4 and back down to Bluff Pass. [Note: there is no direct trail between overlooks 2 and 4.]

