

About Romance Woods

Romance Woods is Mississippi Valley Conservancy's first owned property in the Bad Axe River Priority Area. It includes 35 acres of scenic diverse woodlands, rocky dolomite outcrops and an ephemeral stream. These native communities contain numerous native plant and animal species.

The land has a reputation with the locals as a great hunting spot and supports a healthy population of white-tailed deer, wild turkeys and other wildlife that provide hunting and trapping opportunities for the public. The property also provides potential habitat for numerous non-game species such as neotropical migratory birds as well as for native plant and animal species and mushrooms.

A former logging road runs the length of the property, providing an excellent trail for hiking, snowshoeing, and cross-country skiing.

The land was acquired in 2008 through a generous donation by Ben Anderson and Pauline Jackson.

Activities allowed

Hiking, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, wildlife observation, hunting, trapping

Activities NOT allowed

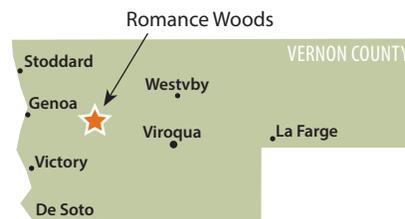
Dog-walking, horseback riding, camping



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Some plants seen here

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Baneberry | <input type="checkbox"/> Sharp-lobed hepatica |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black snakeroot | <input type="checkbox"/> Wild columbine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bloodroot | <input type="checkbox"/> Wild geranium |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blue Cohosh | <input type="checkbox"/> Wild strawberry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Common Violet | <input type="checkbox"/> Black Cherry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gooseberry | <input type="checkbox"/> Paper Birch |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jack-in-the-pulpit | <input type="checkbox"/> Burr Oak |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lady Fern | <input type="checkbox"/> Red Oak |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Maidenhair Fern | <input type="checkbox"/> White Oak |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Round-lobed hepatica | |



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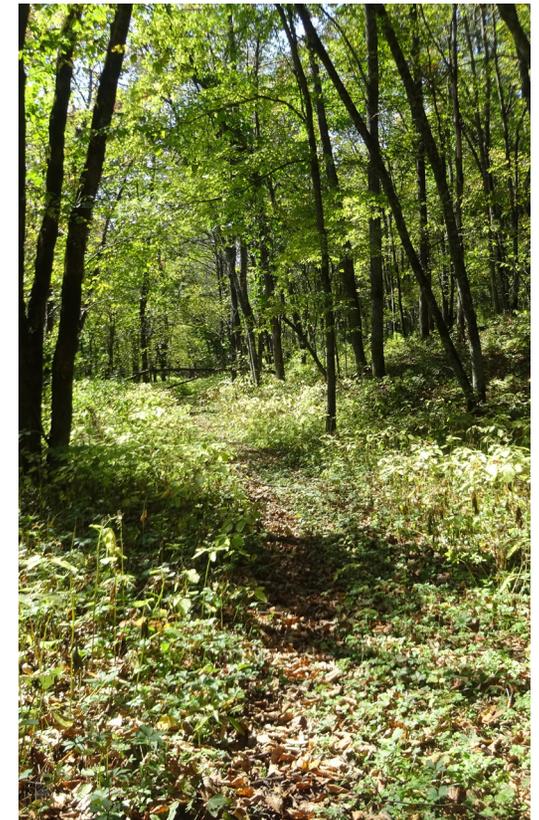
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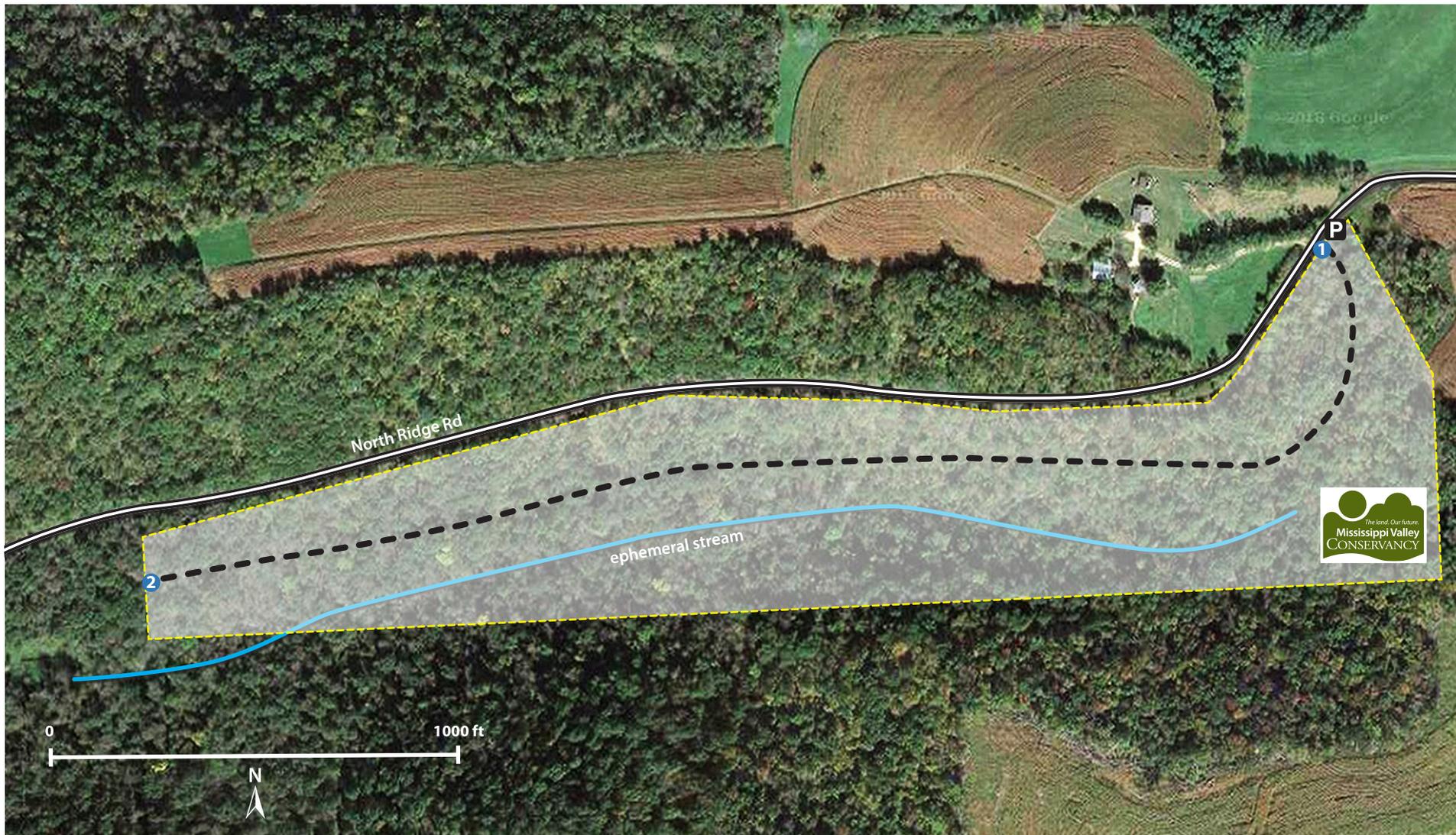


TRAIL MAP

Romance Woods

E2625 N Ridge Rd, Genoa, WI





Hiking Romance Woods

(E2625 N Ridge Rd, Genoa, WI)

The out-and-back trail (1.3 mi round-trip) follows an old logging road, descending over 300 feet.

How to get to the trailhead/parking lot from La Crosse: From the intersection of Hwys 14/61 and 35 at the south edge of La Crosse, follow Hwy 35 south 12 miles to Genoa. Turn east on Hwy 56 and go 5 miles. Turn left onto Newton Rd/Romance Rd and go .8 mi. Take a slight right onto North Ridge Rd and follow it 1.4 mi to the parking area on the right.

- 1 Start at the kiosk at the parking area and head west along a .65-mi mowed trail along that follows an old logging road.
- 2 Turn around here and follow the trail back to the parking area.

Key to Symbols

- Parking and kiosk
- Boundary trail
- Point of interest
- Tract boundary
- Road

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