

History of La Crosse Blufflands South—Hass Tract

The mostly-wooded land, formerly owned by the Gerald and Edward Hass families of La Crosse, includes several globally rare natural communities, a large spring and spectacular vistas of the city of La Crosse and the Mississippi River.

“I love that land, and I wanted to preserve it,” said Elizabeth Hass, one of the property’s former owners. “It’s so beautiful— it has a beautiful view. You can see the Mississippi River and the whole city from there. On a clear day, I think you can see all the way up the river to Trempealeau.”

The Hass property was the fourth land purchase completed by Mississippi Valley Conservancy under the La Crosse Blufflands Protection Program, a unique partnership between the Conservancy and the City of La Crosse. Initiated in 2002 to preserve lands with natural, scenic and recreational value, the program aims to protect several miles of blufflands overlooking the city.

Activities allowed

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

Activities NOT allowed

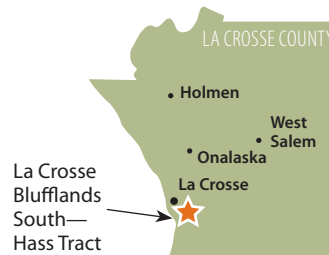
Biking, dog-walking

The land on this tract is owned by the City of La Crosse and is protected by MVC with a conservation easement.

Please respect landowners near Conservancy tracts by staying on the trail and turning back when signs indicate private property.

Plants and wildlife found at Hass

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bloodroot | <input type="checkbox"/> Shootingstar |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Butterfly weed | <input type="checkbox"/> Wood anemone |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Compass plant | <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow bellwort |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dutchman’s breeches | <input type="checkbox"/> Bald eagle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dwarf blazing star | <input type="checkbox"/> Blue-winged warbler |
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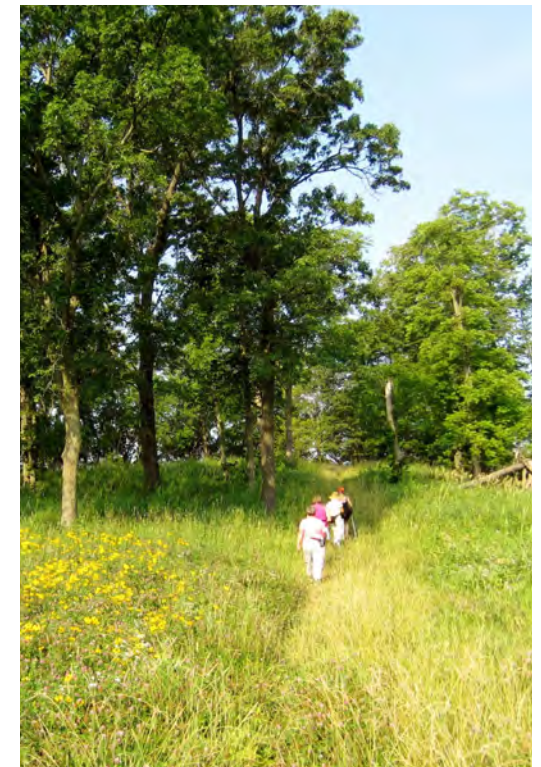
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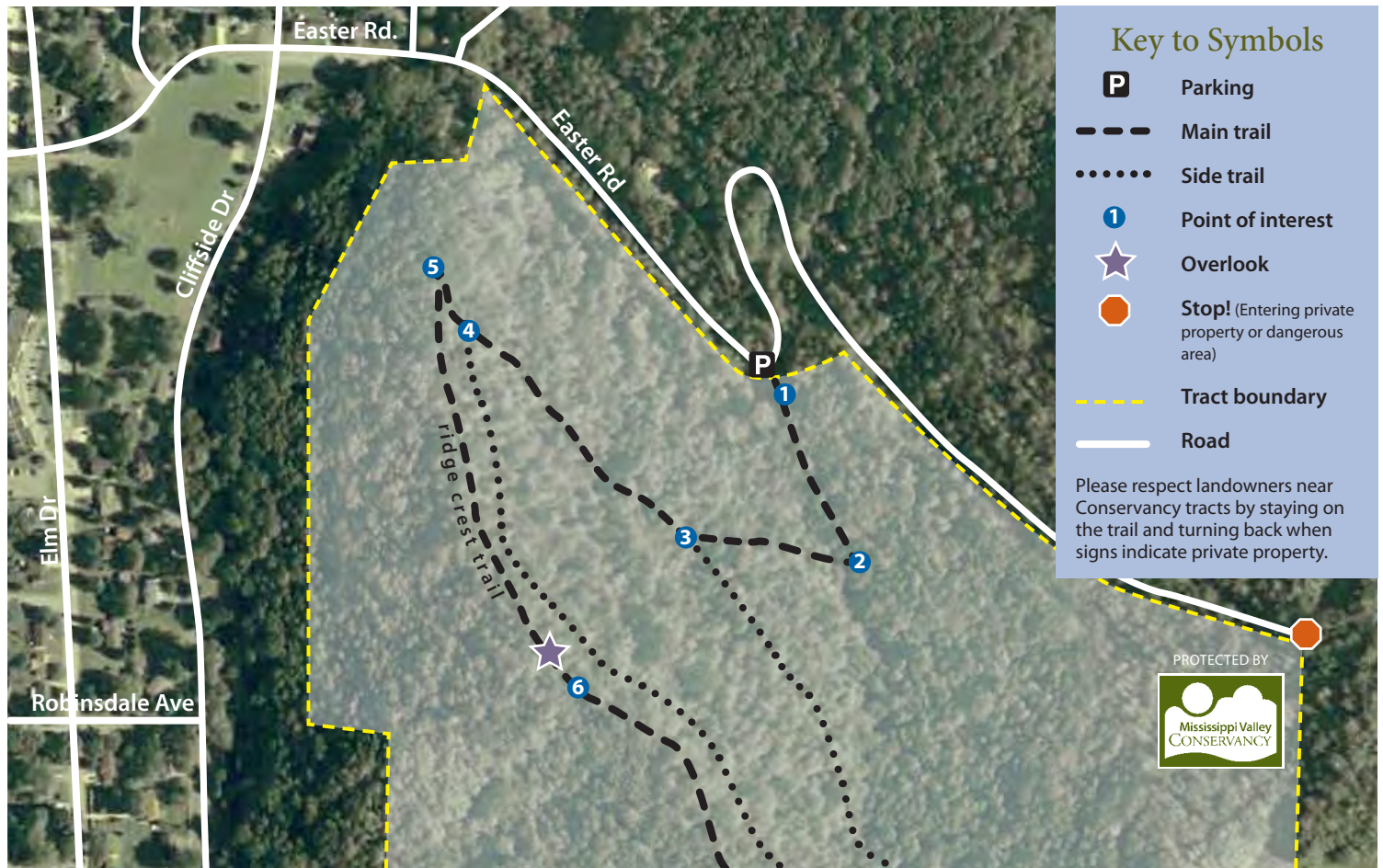


HIKING MAP

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La Crosse County, 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—Hass Tract

Enjoy a challenging out-and-back hike with several options for loops and side trails. From the parking lot on Easter Road **1** to the bench at the end of the main trail **9** 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 Street. Turn right on 33rd St and follow south to Park Lane Dr. Turn left and follow to Maple Dr. Turn right and go one block to Easter Rd. Turn left (at the fork in the road stay right) and follow to the trailhead, which is about .25 mile up the road and on the right.

- 1** Start at Easter Road trailhead/parking lot.
43° 46.602' N, 91° 11.921' W
- 2** Cross creek on bridge.
43° 46.550' N, 91° 11.901' W
- 3** T-intersection; turn right.
43° 46.535' N, 91° 11.977' W
- 4** Turn left to take a side trail below and east of the ridge crest trail.
43° 46.639' N, 91° 12.095' W
- 5** Sharp left to hike ridge crest trail.
43° 46.657' N, 91° 12.118' W
- 6** Views of Mormon Coulee Rd, seminary, Shopko to west.
43° 46.505' N, 91° 12.056' W
- 7** Side trails to east and west.
43° 46.361' N, 91° 11.863' W
- 8** Sharp right turn onto wide mowed lane at gate to private road.
43° 46.361' N, 91° 11.863' W
- 9** Bench near power lines at overlook.
43° 46.299' N, 91° 11.915' W
- 10** From **9** turn east and walk toward power poles. Just past first power pole on right, turn right (south).
43° 46.326' N 91° 11.725' W
- 11** Overlook. From this rocky outcrop on a goat prairie you can see Waterford Valley, Mt. La Crosse, and the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe.
43° 46.221' N 91° 11.678' W

0 375 feet

