# **Magnolia Bluff County Park:**



This picturesque 112 acre park features beautiful rock outcroppings and vistas. Standing on the west outcrop at Magnolia Bluff, you are at the second highest (or arguably the highest) point in

Rock County. On a clear day, you can see the land extend west into Green County. Farm fields roll into the distance and it is unquestionably one of the best places to watch the sunset. Because this park has steep areas and rock outcroppings, extreme caution must be used by all park visitors.

The bluffs are made mostly of sandstone, but its top layer is limestone. The hearty limestone prevented the bluff's top from eroding, but its soft sandstone sides have been shaped by the wind and water, leaving a stretched, raised oval of land steeply dropping to lowland forests and farmland.

## **Trail System:**

Two trails are featured in the park: one is multi-use/ equestrian and the other for hiking and crosscountry skiing. The trails of Magnolia Bluff Park are open every day from dawn to dusk except for equestrian use during the



winter months. Use at night is not permitted for safety reasons. Magnolia Bluff's trail system underwent a complete trail restoration project. This project helped created more suitable and sustainable trails for all users. Park staff asks that you please stay on marked trails only and not to wander off these trails. There are many rare plants throughout the park that are easily harmed when trampled and impacted by human disturbances. Thank you!

### Location:

Magnolia Bluff County Park is located approximately 18 miles from Janesville. The park is just south of Evansville, and 1/2 mile south of the intersection of State Hwy 59 and Croak Road.

### **Amenities:**

Picnic tables, grills, drinking water, and restroom facilities. In an effort to keep the area clean, dumpsters are provided.

# **Ecological Restoration:**



Volunteers and County Park staff have labored to clear invasive species from the west bluff rim. These volunteers have restored the amazing view of the countryside that had been obscured by shrubs. Prairie grasses and wildflowers now flourish in the restored areas and remnant populations of rare native plants are beginning to recover.

Portions of the park were designated as a State Natural Area in collaboration with

the DNR in 2010. SNAs protect outstanding examples of Wisconsin's native landscape, significant geological formations and archeological sites.

# DOGS MUST REMAIN ON A 6' LEASH AT ALL TIMES.

Leave only the sound of your footsteps, hoof prints or track of your skis, take only memories and photos.

Rock County does not discriminate on the basis of disability in accommodations provided to persons using our parks.

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