

Upper Mississippi Overlooks



Cassville Bluffs SNA (Abbie Meyer, MVC)



Casper Bluff Land and Water Preserve (Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation)



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Pikes Peak, McGregor, Iowa (Molly McGuire)

Minnesota

Fort Snelling State Park

Highway 55 and Highway 5, Minneapolis
Access: a short walk
View: Confluence of Mississippi and Minnesota rivers

Indian Mounds Park

east of downtown St. Paul
Access: drive right up
View: airport, bridges, downtown, towers

Cherokee Park

700 Cherokee Heights Blvd., St. Paul
Access: drive up
View: High Bridge, city

Pine Bend Bluffs Scientific and Natural Area

Inver Grove Heights
Access: a short walk
View: Upper and Lower Grey Cloud Island, Baldwin Lake, Spring Lake

Spring Lake Park: Shaars Bluff

123rd St. E., northwest of Hastings
Access: a short walk
View: Spring Lake, Lower Grey Cloud Island

Grey Cloud Dunes Scientific and Natural Area

110th St, Cottage Grove
Access: a short walk
View: Lower Grey Cloud Island, channel, bluffs

Barn Bluff

E. Fifth St., north of Highway 61, Red Wing
Access: a walk up the bluff
View: islands, city, bridge

Memorial Park

E. Seventh St. to Skyline Dr., Red Wing
Access: drive
View: backwaters, bridge, city

Frontenac State Park

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Access: a short walk
View: Lake Pepin

John A. Latsch State Park

upriver from Lock & Dam 5
Access: a steep climb
View: Whitman Bottoms

Garvin Heights

left and right at end of Huff St., Winona
Access: a short walk
View: city, Alma power plant to Trempealeau Mt.

Great River Bluffs State Park

Dakota
Access: a short walk
View: Trempealeau to Lake Onalaska

Apple Blossom Scenic Drive

La Crescent to Dakota
Access: drive
View: Lake Onalaska

Eagles Bluff Park

La Crescent
Access: a short steep walk
View: city, railroad bridge, downriver

Vetsch Park

end of N. Second St., La Crescent
Access: a short walk
View: city, backwaters

Reno Recreation Area

Access: a walk up the bluff
View: Reno Backwaters, Pool 8

Iowa

Mount Hosmer Park

Lansing
Access: a short walk
View: bridge and backwaters

Effigy Mounds National Monument

between Harpers Ferry and Marquette
Access: a walk up the bluff
View: river, islands, Prairie du Chien

Pikes Peak State Park

downstream from McGregor
Access: a short walk
View: conf. Mississippi and Wisconsin rivers

Guttenberg Roadside Overlook

Highway 52 south of Guttenberg
Access: pull over
View: city, river valley, backwaters

Eagle Point Park

upstream side of Dubuque
Access: a short walk
View: Lock & Dam 11, Pool 11

Julien Dubuque Monument

Mines of Spain State Recreation Area, Dubuque
Access: a short walk
View: islands, river valley

Bellevue State Park

downstream side of Bellevue
Access: a short walk
View: backwaters of the former Savanna Army Depot

Eagle Point Park

upstream side of Clinton
Access: a short walk
View: Lock & Dam 13, Pool 13

Weed Park

upstream side of Muscatine
Access: drive up
View: river valley

Mark Twain Overlook

upstream side of bridge, Lombard St., Muscatine
Access: short drive up steep street
View: bridge, river, downtown

Wisconsin

Maiden Rock Bluff State Natural Area

ridge between Stockholm and Maiden Rock
Access: a moderate walk
View: Lake Pepin, Frontenac

Buena Vista Park

Alma
Access: a short walk or walk up the bluff from town
View: city, Lock and Dam 4, backwaters

Ledebuhr Bluff

1 mile upstream from bridge to Winona (Hwys 35 & 54 intersection)
Access: a walk up the bluff
View: Winona, Prairie Island, river and backwaters

Perrot State Park: Brady's Bluff

upriver from Trempealeau
Access: a walk up the bluff
View: sandbars, steep bluffs in Minnesota

Miller Bluff

end of Rim of the City Rd. or via TNT Trail from Hixon Forest, La Crosse
Access: a moderate walk or a climb up the bluff
View: La Crosse, marsh, backwaters, Genoa

Grandad Bluff

Bliss Rd., La Crosse
Access: a short walk
View: city, marsh, river

Dobson Bluff

end of Thistledown Dr., La Crosse
Access: a short walk
View: city, wooded valley and bluffs, river

Hass Bluff

first switchback curve on Easter Rd., La Crosse
Access: a long walk up the bluff
View: south La Crosse, backwaters, La Crescent

Scenic Overlook

2 miles upriver from Genoa
Access: a short walk
View: Lock & Dam 8, Brownsville

Rush Creek State Natural Area

path across the road from parking area, between De Soto and Ferryville
Access: a walk up the bluff
View: middle Pool 9, Iowa bluffs

Sugar Creek Bluff State Natural Area

downriver from Ferryville,
Access: a walk up the bluff or a short walk
View: lower Pool 9, Iowa bluffs

Wyalusing State Park: Point Lookout

Wyalusing
Access: a short walk
View: conf. of Mississippi and Wisconsin rivers

Devil's Backbone State Natural Area

park near where Dugway Rd. crosses Chase Creek, upriver from Glen Haven
Access: a short, steep hike
View: river, backwaters, islands

Nelson Dewey State Park

upriver from Cassville
Access: drive right up
View: native prairie, backwaters

Cassville Bluffs State Natural Area

park at the end of Sand Lake Ln., south of Cassville
Access: a long walk up the bluff
View: backwaters, Main Channel, Iowa bluffs

Illinois

Gramercy Park

East Dubuque
Access: a short walk
View: city, Dubuque, bridge

Keough Effigy Mound Land and Water Preserve (may open this year)

end of North Cross Rd., southwest of Galena
Access: a moderate walk
View: Keough Slough, Iowa bluffs

Casper Bluff Land and Water Preserve

870 S. Pilot Knob Rd., south of Galena
Access: a very short walk
View: Harris Slough, Bellevue

Mississippi Palisades State Park

upriver from Savanna
Access: moderate walks
View: backwaters