



Welcome to the Erickson Wildlife Area

"Argyle just gained a 220-acre park" -John Soper

What can I do at the property?

The Erickson Wildlife Area is open to the public throughout the year for non-motorized uses like hiking, birding and wildlife viewing, fishing, hunting, trapping and skiing.



What will I see there?

You can enjoy a variety of settings, including open water, wetlands, Pecatonica River frontage, big oak trees, woodland, rock outcrops & grassland.

Wildlife is abundant! Cranes, songbirds, turtles, frogs, fox, butterflies and fish call this special place home. Though we continue to remove unwanted brush and weeds, there are plenty of wonderful wildflowers, grasses and trees!

How do I get there?

The main entrance to the property is from the Argyle Legion Community Park. From the parking lot, walk west across the mowed area. Follow the new boardwalk to the old field road and follow that to the railroad bed.

Feel free to go off-trail, but you might get wet!



What's next?



Within a year we plan to build an observation pier, install signs and a kiosk, build benches and picnic tables, and complete a management plan.

Within five years we hope to build an accessible boardwalk and begin significant wildlife habitat restoration, such as prairie planting or stream projects.

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Alex and Mary Erickson donated half the value of their property toward the purchase of the Erickson Wildlife Area.

Driftless Area Land Conservancy is a non-profit conservation organization that strives to conserve lands and improve lives in Southwest Wisconsin. This includes providing places for people to enjoy the outdoors in their communities.

We have helped private landowners protect over 5,000 acres of natural, wildlife and working lands in Southwest Wisconsin. The Erickson Wetlands is the first property that we've purchased to own and manage.



**Please contact us if you have any questions,
comments or ideas!**

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Erickson Wildlife Area Trails

