

HIKE No. 2821 – Casper Bluff Land and Water Reserve - Galena, IL

Saturday, April 27, 2024 - 2:30 PM

Casper Bluff Land and Water Reserve consists of 106 acres with a river overlook and mounds, including an effigy mound, built by the Woodland peoples up to 1800 years ago. The park trail also connects with the Great River Trail for additional hiking. A short hike will visit the features on top of the bluff. The long hike will also descend the hill and walk along the Great River Trail.

Directions to Casper Bluff Land and Water Reserve in Jo Daviess County.

From I-80 and IL 84, proceed north on IL 84 about 57 miles, going through Savanna to Hanover. About two blocks after crossing Apple River in Hanover, turn onto Blackjack Rd., which branches off at an angle to the left. Proceed 8.9 mi. on Blackjack Rd. to Sand Hill Rd., and turn sharp left onto Sand Hill Rd. Continue on Sand Hill Rd. about 0.6 mi. to S. River Rd. and turn right onto S. River Rd. After 2.0 mi., South River Rd. becomes Pilot Knob Rd. Proceed another 0.2 mi. to the entrance to Casper Bluff.

The total distance from the bridge at I-80 and IL 84 is 69 mi., or about 1.5 hours travel time.

Please bring your own water and snack.

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