

HIKE No. 2830 – Whitewater Canyon - by Bernard, IA (Dubuque & Jones Counties)

Saturday, September 7, 2024 – 2:30 PM

Hike Description: This is a 562-acre wildlife management area of forest, upland and riparian habitats and almost 7 miles of trails. One of only three true canyons in the state of Iowa, the walls of Whitewater provide a lesson in the state's geology, taking one back to a time when what is now Iowa was under the sea. Rare plants and animals are also sheltered in the various natural communities found on the property. Scenic overlooks and beautiful prairie vistas as well as several caves and rock shelters wait to be discovered.

Directions: Drive north on Iowa 61 past Maquoketa to mile marker 171 and turn left (west) on IA D61 and continue west on Bellevue/Cascade Rd. (D61), past St. Patrick's Garryowen church. Follow the brown county conservation board arrowhead signs. Watch for HIKE signs and turn right on 9th Avenue. When the gravel road turns to paved, turn left into the parking lot. It is approximately 1 hour 10 minutes from the I-80 and Rt. 61 intersection in Iowa. It is well worth the drive! Bring your own water and snacks.

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