



Door County Land Trust

Protecting Door County's Exceptional Lands and Waters...Forever

Hiking Trail Map

7. White Cliff Nature Preserve

8248 White Cliff Road

Preserve Acres: 103 **Miles of Hiking Trail:** 1.5

Trail Rating: Easy on fairly level terrain

Trail and Preserve Features: Trail traverses an impressive stand of mature forest with a diverse understory of spring ephemerals and other plants including yellow lady's slipper. Dominant tree species include maple, beech, big-toothed aspen, hemlock and white cedar. On the southeastern portion of the trail system, hikers pass near the rock face and talus slope of the Niagara Escarpment.

A Jewel of Emerald Forest...

White Cliff Nature Preserve was once part of the large landholdings of Ferdinand Hotz. In the early 1900s, the wealthy jeweler from Chicago owned more land than any other landowner in Door County, including all of what is now Newport State Park, much of the orchard and bluff lands near Fish Creek and the White Cliff Preserve neighborhood. The White Cliff Nature Preserve protects the beauty that Ferdinand Hotz saw when he purchased it over 100 years ago.



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