

Castle Mound Nature Trail



Black River State Forest



Interpretive nature trail

This 1.5-mile trail includes a series of interpretive signs explaining Castle Mound's geology and ecology. This is a grass trail with a few steep hills.

Overlook trail

The overlook trail branches off the nature trail and heads 0.5 mile to a scenic overlook. This trail climbs up along towering sandstone bluffs that are over 30 feet high. Metal stairs lead to the platform of an old fire watch tower providing visitors a panoramic view of the surrounding area. The trail is considered difficult with stairways and steep climbs that may be slippery when wet or covered in pine needles.



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Trail next to Castle Mound.

Trail rules

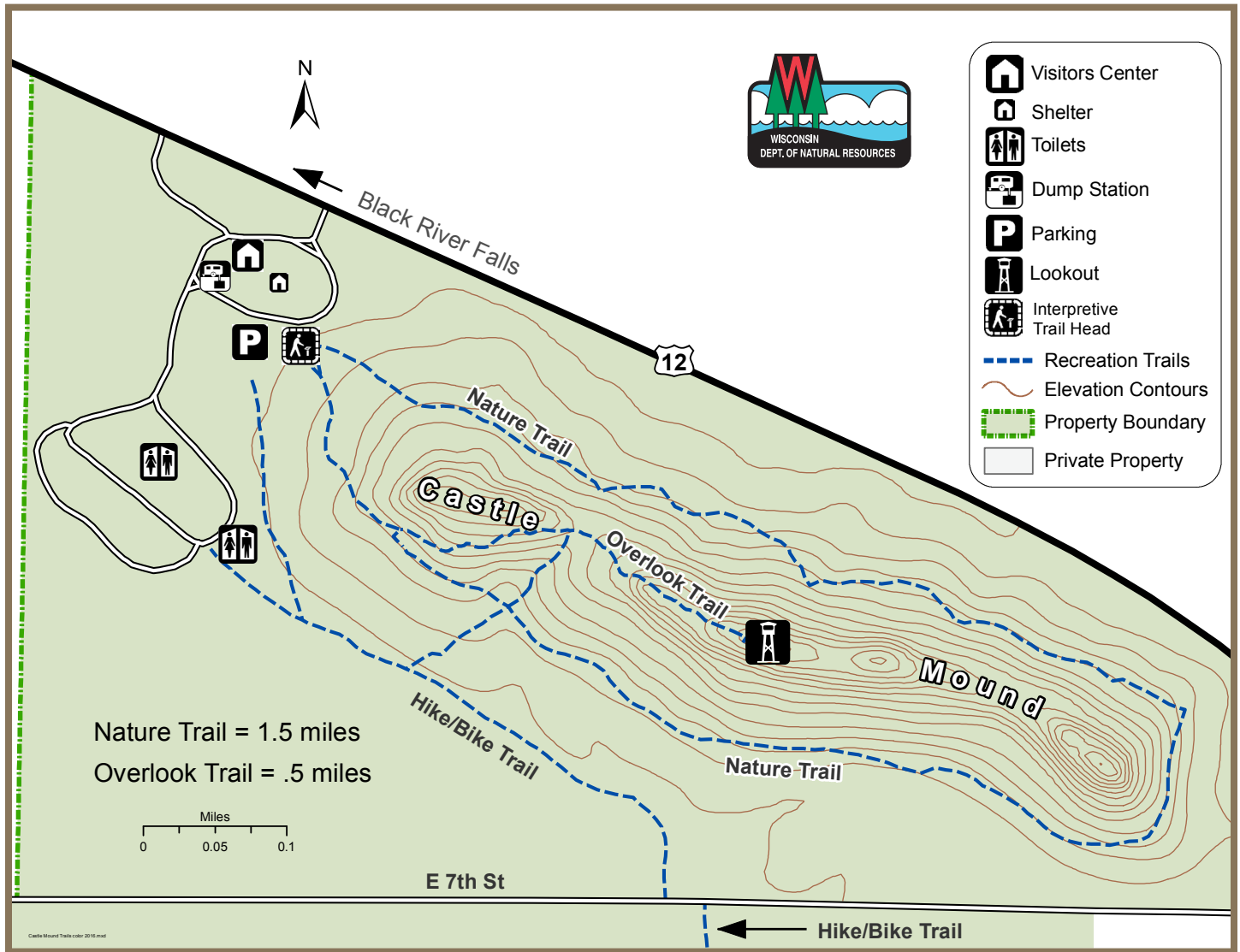
- Pets are not allowed on the nature and overlook trails.
- Motorized vehicles are not permitted on trails.
- Please help keep the forest clean, carry out what you carry in.
- Report any damaged/missing signs or trail hazards to the Castle Mound office at 715-284-4103.

Geology of Castle Mound

Castle Mound lies in an area strongly influenced by glaciation. When the glaciers retreated they left a landscape void of plants and trees leaving the area vulnerable to wind, rain and erosion. Over time the weathering and erosion formed the unique sandstone features that you see today.



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