

KANGAROO LAKE NATURE PRESERVE

The Door County Land Trust

7912 North Maple Road

Area, ~700 acres. Miles of hiking trails: 1.5. Hiking time: 2 hours + on a trail. See attached map and trails of preserve. An information kiosk is present at the entrance.

Trail and preserve features: easy to moderate. From the parking area and kiosk, one trail loop winds down the Niagara escarpment eastwardly to the shore at the north end of the lake. It passes through tree re-growth on historic farmland, then into mixed hardwoods and conifer lowland down to the cool boreal forest ecology at the north end of Kangaroo Lake where you can glimpse two fairly large floating cattail-lined islands. These floating islands are slowly moved by weather conditions, ice movements and wind, over period of years around the shallow water of the north end of the lake. There are stunning views along the trails; and you can expect to see Caspian Terns, or glimpse a white egret or great blue heron along the shore, or a possible eagle or osprey over the waters of the north end. A second trail loop, that borders a wooded marsh, extends northward through rich mixed hardwoods and conifer forest before turning westward and slowly winds back up the escarpment. A mix of rare woodland plants and animals are present in the area, including the dorcas copper butterfly, dwarf lake iris, several orchids and the bottle gentian.

To get there: from Hwy 57, turn west onto Cty E, cross the Kangaroo Lake causeway and continue to Cty E and Logerquist intersection. Continue on Cty E to the right for 0.4 mile, and then turn onto Maple Road. Look for the Preserve sign on the right. Park on the wide shoulder along Maple Road.

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