

## **Caledonia Conservancy Property Descriptions**

The Caledonia Conservancy is PEOPLE, working to protect Caledonia's unique rural character and its wild areas through land acquisition, stewardship, education, and conservation.

Our Volunteers maintain a land trust with nearly 300 acres of preserved greenspace in Caledonia that includes both hiking and equestrian trails. Locations are between the Root River and Hwy 31 . Preserves are marked with green and white signs with the CC Logo.

Hikers, please turn around when you see the private property sign.

**TROUT PONDS PRAIRIE** - 4819 4 Mile Rd, Racine, WI. 30.7-acre parcel. Surrounding 7 ponds you will find planted mesic prairie and natural riverside wildlands. Trails for walkers and horses are marked separately for mutual comfort, although in some areas they are shared. When on a shared trail, please follow posted horse trail etiquette to ensure the horses are aware of you. Parking lot entrance is at the corner of Highway 31- and 4-Mile Rd. There is an informational kiosk at the trail entrance.

**KING'S CORNER** - 4813 5 Mile Road, Racine, WI. 36.90-acre parcel. Here, a naturalized prairie gives way mixed woods and a pine plantation. Trails are separate between walkers and horses. There is a child nature education area and the mowed path area near Highway 31 is excellent for walking leashed dogs (pickup any of your dog's waste and take with you). Parking area can handle horse trailers. There is a kiosk with additional information on site.

**TABOR WOODS** -5118 Pine Tree Circle, Racine, WI. 34.23-acre parcel . This site is a State-funded Natural Area Preserve. The Gordon Tabor Woods section offers trails through rolling pine tree terrain. Behind this area is a 100-year-old growth forest with myriad spring wildflowers and lovely fall colors. Trails include both walking and horse trails. The parking area can handle horse trailers as well as cars at this location.

5131 Tabor Rd, Racine, WI is the Christensen/McCalvy and Cameron-Erlandsson Woods Sections. On the Cul-de-Sac, there are a few parking spaces.

**SHORT ROAD TRAIL HEAD** - 6111 5 Mile Rd, Racine, WI. - 14.84 acre preserve the site is found at the stub of Short Rd., where it

intersects with 5 Mile Rd. A lovely, long grassy land leads into an old growth wood with two creeks, bridges. Spring showcases wonderful wildflowers. The property is adjacent to the Renik-Polak State Natural area owned by UW Parkside. There are both horse and walking trails. For riders, the area can be accessed from the Right of Way. There is a picnic area, and you will find both a place to tie your horse and a mounting block to get back on.

**NEIGHBORHOOD CENTRAL WALK** - 1934 4 1/2 Mile Rd. , Racine, WI - 16.74 acre preserve with walking trails that circle through a wooded wetland. In the winter, neighbors and others have cross country skied on the trails. This area is best used in dry weather.

**In addition,** some of the trails follow the right of way trail .The old North Shore train tracks were discontinued in the 1960's. The Caledonia Conservancy's land runs from County Line Rd south to 7 Mile Road. It then picks up at the north end of East River Road which is the Ehrlich section of the right of way. It extends south to 5 Mile Rd. The right of way is hard packed and the main trail for horses and walkers. The Ehrlich right of way trail connects to the Short Road Trailhead with steps leading down to that lovely piece of old growth woods.