Features of the 
Ridgeway Pine Relict 
State Natural Area

Just North of Ridgeway, Wisconsin

Please Enjoy and Protect this Hidden Gem!

The Ridgeway Pine Relict was designated a State Natural Area in 1998 and now covers 546 acres.

Volunteers & Donations are Welcomed!
As a non-profit charity, we need your help & financial gifts! Projects include:
- prairie seed collecting & sowing
- removing garlic mustard & other invasives
- burning brush piles

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During the Summer, you might see magnificent Great Blue Herons nesting together in a tree top rookery.

Experienced hikers can continue off trail to other features such as:

1 ~ Rock Wall • Blue Ribbons: From the Hwy H entrance follow the blue ribbons (hanging in trees) for a short walk across the field and into the woods via a deer trail, leading to a stunning rock wall. Be careful entering the woods, as the deer path starts with a steep decline that can be slippery when wet.

2 ~ Oak Tree Overlook • Green Flags: show a continued flat alternative where the blue ribbon deer path enters the woods. The flags lead to the shade of two mature oaks that overlook the closest pine relict.

3 ~ Major Pine Relict • Yellow & White Flags: show a long maintenance trail leading to a major pine relict.

4 ~ Cabin Foundation • Pink Ribbons: lead down a steep lane to a stone cabin foundation.

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Pine Relicts:
- are descendents of the pine forests that covered Wisconsin after the last glacier receded some 12,000 years ago.
- As the climate warmed, prairie & oak woodlands replaced the pine in southern Wisconsin, but remnant pine forests remain on rocky slopes where they were protected from prairie fires.
- Pine relics represent a unique combination of Northern and Southern plant species.

Features:
1 ~ Rock Wall
2 ~ Oak Tree Overlook of Close Pine Relict
3 ~ Major Pine Relict
4 ~ Cabin Foundation
5 ~ Orange Rock & Gulch
6 ~ Wetland
7 ~ Rock Outcrops
8 ~ Old Logging Road to Former Shack Site
9 ~ Ridgevue Rd. Pine Relict

- Grove Wall
- Deer Paths, Maintenance Trails, Flagged Routes, etc.
- Creek / Dry Stream Bed
- Topographical lines at 900 ft.
- Tree Cover
- Fields
- Parking
- Private Homes
- Prairie Restoration in Progress

Parking lot across Hwy H to the NorthEast

Entrance is at 4122 Hwy H, 1/4 mile N of Ridgeway