

Wisconsin, naturally

CATFISH EDDY TERRACES STATE NATURAL AREA

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Notable: In a broadly curving bend on the east bank of the Black River lie a series of sandy terraces that climb out of the river's floodplain to the adjacent uplands. The slopes are covered by a forest of older-growth red pine, red oak, white oak and red maple. A few large "super-canopy" white pines — so named because they soar above the surrounding tree canopy — are present in small numbers. Adding diversity to the natural area are moist sandstone cliffs, springs and groundwater seepages emanating from the steep terrace slopes. Catfish Eddy Terraces is within the Black River State Forest and was designated a State Natural Area in 2010.

How to get there: From the intersection of Highways 54 and 12/27 in Black River Falls, go south on 27 1.2 miles,

then west on West
7th Street 0.3 mile to
its intersection with
River Drive. Park on
the road shoulder and
walk west and south
into the site. There are
no designated trails or other facilities
on the property. Visit dnr.wi.gov and
search "Catfish Eddy Terraces" for a
map and more information.

