

## WI Ledge Learning

What is the Niagara Escarpment? Where can it be found? How vital is it to the economic, social and environmental resources of Northeast Wisconsin?

Our aim is to share the beauty and importance of the Escarpment community-wide, helping to acquaint local residents with the particular needs and issues related to the Escarpment landscape. That's why we intend to create educational brochures, maps, curricula and other informational materials to help both students and adults understand the Escarpment's connections to the economy, ecology and identity of the region.

Escarpment fun facts:

- The first outcropping of the Niagara Escarpment can be seen in Southern Waukesha County at "Brady's Rocks" along the Ice Age Trail in Southern Kettle Moraine State Park.
- The Escarpment extends 230 miles in Wisconsin.
- The Escarpment corridor hosts more than 241 rare species including the Dwarf Lake Iris, Hines Emerald dragonfly, and cedar trees more than 1,000 years old.
- It houses archeological assets in the form of American Indian petroglyphs, pictographs and effigy mounds.
- The 'Wisconsin Ledge' American Viticultural Area (AVA) owes its ability to grow grapes to the Escarpment's special geology, soils and climate.



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