

8. Galway Preserve

2519 Crane Rd, Galway, NY

Former tree farm contains 2 miles of marked trails, stream crossings, open areas and three ponds. Excellent for cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and educational programs. No horses, please. Educational Building available for school programs upon request.

Directions: From I-87, take Exit 13. Take Rte 9 south. On Rte 9, take first right onto Malta Ave/Rte 63. Drive 1 mile and take a right onto Northline Rd/Rte 45. Stay on Northline Rd. for about 8.5 miles. After passing Armer Rd. and Bliss Roads, turn left onto Jockey St/52 South. After 1 mile, take your second right onto Crane Rd. The property is on your right before McConchie Road on your left - you will see a sign.

Zim Smith Trail (county-wide) Saratoga Springs, NY

Great for jogging, bicycling or walking your dog, this trail stretches south from the Town of Malta to the City of Mechanicville along the old D&H railroad bed. Trail crosses under the Northway and then crosses over Rte 9. From there it runs through the wetland area southwest of Round Lake. This section is an excellent spot for bird watching. The trail intersects numerous roads along the way - some have parking areas. We are working on connecting trail to Saratoga Spa State Park and eventually to Railroad Run in Saratoga Springs. Most of trail is asphalt with some hard packed dirt sections. Fine for strollers and wheelchairs. Several playgrounds along the way. The best place to park (and even have a picnic) is at Shenantaha Creek Park in Malta. The trail from Coons Crossing Road to Mechanicville is still under development.

Directions: To Shenantaha Creek Park, East Line Rd. From the Northway (I-87) take Exit 12. Drive west on Rte 67. Continue 1 1/2 miles to East Line Rd. Turn left and go 1/2 mile to the entrance for Shenantaha Creek Park on the left. The main parking area is through the gate and down the hill.

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ON OUR PRESERVES, IT IS UNLAWFUL TO:

- Hunt, trap, remove, harass, touch, or feed wildlife
- Camp, or ignite a fire
- View or (attempt to view) wildlife with artificial light
- Possess loaded or uncased firearms and/or traps
- Cut, remove, or damage any tree, shrub, or foliage, or any living or dead thing
- Permit dogs, cats, or other pets to run free. All animals must be leashed
- Use motorized vehicles, including snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles, or similar off-road devices
- Leave anything brought with you. Carry in, Carry out

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Hikers Enjoying The Gateway Preserve

1. Ballston Creek Preserve 409 East Line Road. Ballston, NY

1.5 miles of marked looping trails. Across the street from Zim Smith Trail entry at Shenentaha Park. Old farm field re-grown into substantial forest; occasional older growth found along rock walls. Bring binoculars to observe the Great Blue Heron rookery on the western edge of the property.

Directions: From Saratoga Springs, take Route 50 south toward Ballston Spa for 6 miles. Go through village and turn left onto East High Street (NY-67) onto East Line Rd. Continue on East Line for about ½ mile, take left into Shenentaha Park. Walk to the entrance just 22 yards up Eastline Rd.

2. Bog Meadow Trail Saratoga Springs, NY

Two miles one-way and great for warm season walks and cold season skiing. Two wildlife parcels on either side of the trail protect the watershed, where maple, meadowsweet, ferns, beaver, and evergreens are common. Extensive wetland observation deck. Be aware of the deer ticks in this area. Cycling not advised because railroad plinths still line trailbed.

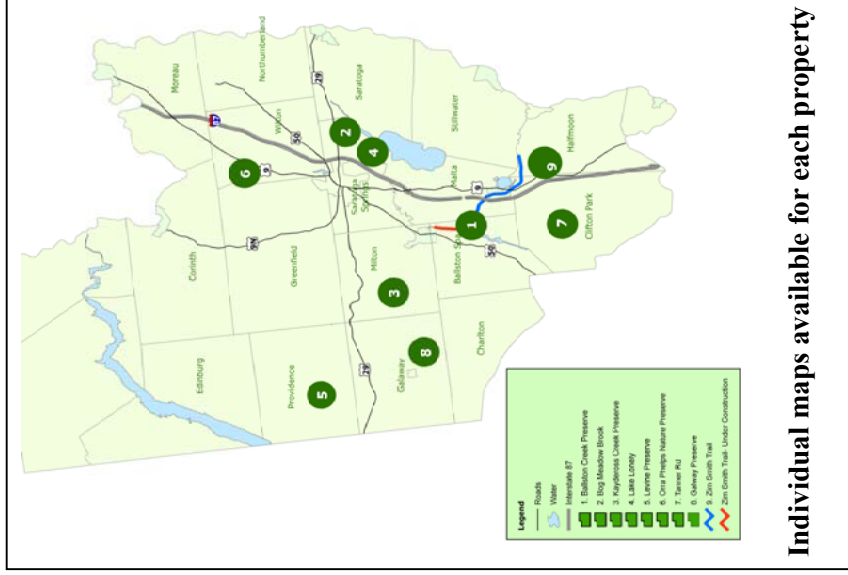
Directions: Exit 14 from I-87. Take Union Avenue east; for .25 miles. Take a left onto Gilbert Road. Take a right onto Route 29. The Nature Trail runs along the railroad tracks that cross Route 29.

3. Kayaderoseras Creek Preserve West Milton Rd, NY

Public recreation and fishing access to the Kayaderoseras Creek. Several trails, totaling more than a mile wind around the embankment, offering a leisurely walk among diverse flora. The Friends of the Kayaderoseras are developing a canoe kayak launch just upstream on the Boice Property.

Directions: From Saratoga Springs take State Hwy 29/Washington St. After 7 miles, you'll reach the hamlet of Rock City Falls. Turn left onto Rock City Rd/County Rte 49 and follow this road south approx. 2.5 miles. At the fork in the road, bear right. At the fork the road becomes West Milton Road. Go over the bridge, and approx. 200 yards ahead look for a blue mail box on the right. Pull off the road just before or after this mailbox for streetside parking. Entrance is on the left side of the road to the right of the grey cape house.

Properties Map



Individual maps available for each property

4. Lake Lonely Trail 458 Union Ave, Saratoga Springs, NY

Half-mile one-way trail leads to an observation platform overlooking the north end of Lake Lonely. The property consists of gently sloping forested wetlands where abundant fauna make their home. Can be accessed from entry or from stairs behind Longfellows Restaurant.

Directions: Exit 14 from I 87 North and South: take a left off ramp onto Union Ave/9P. Within a mile, you'll see Saratoga National Golf Course on the right. Just past the main entrance of the Golf Course you'll see a small parking area and a large gate. The trail begins just past the gate.

5. Levine Preserve Centerline Rd, Providence, NY

An old town road is now a clear trail that is approx. a 30 minute walk through the center of this wild area, which includes a creek crossing, and views of hemlocks and older growth pines. Currently Saratoga P.L.A.N.'s highest altitude property, this preserve feels like the Adirondacks.

Directions: From Saratoga Springs, travel North on Broadway. Turn Left on Washington St. (NY-29). Continue of Washington for 12.7 miles. Turn Right on Barkersville Rd./County Rte. 16. Stay on Barkersville Rd. Turn Left on Glenwild Rd. Turn Left on Centerline Rd. and on Centerline is a kiosk and parking area on your left.

6. Dr. Orra Phelps Preserve Parkhurst Rd. Wilton, NY

¾ mile of old woodland trails, including boardwalks, wind along the Little Snook Kill, through wetlands, wet woodlands, and an upland area with sandy soils. Abundant native flora can be found on the property, including fringed gentian, horsetails, and up to 75% of New York's native fern species. A letterbox is hidden on the property.

Directions: Take the Northway (I-87) to Exit 16. Turn west on Ballard road. After 2 miles, cross Route 9, then turn left (south) on Parkhurst Road. Go 1 more mile to the preserve parking lot on the left. The trailhead is just beyond the public parking lot.

7. Tanner Road Preserve (Woodcock Preserve) Clifton Park, NY

Currently we are re-routing trails around beaver - flooded areas in the western portion of this preserve. Wetlands and woodlands include abundant flora and fauna. Site is an active Woodcock management area with early successional species and is a proposed environment education/recreation site. A short hike is possible to the open field area from the parking lot.

Directions: West of Tanner Road, south of Route 146A, and east of Waite Road. Access to site is off of Tanner Road, just south of 740 Tanner Road. Parking available for 2 cars.

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