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and outdoor  
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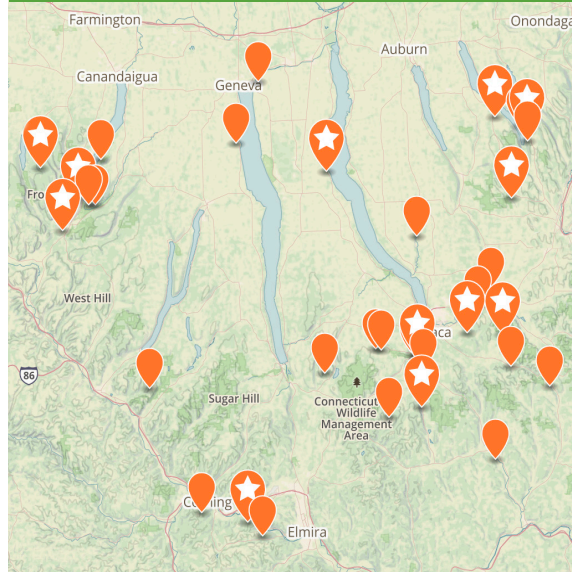
"Go Finger Lakes" is a mobile-ready web site with an interactive map showing over 650 miles of trails. It is a free public service of the Finger Lakes Land Trust promoting conservation and recreation.



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Discover over 35 free nature preserves  
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**WE NEED YOU!**

Help us save more land and water by  
donating and volunteering



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To conserve forever the lands  
and waters of the Finger Lakes  
region, ensuring scenic vistas,  
local foods, clean waters, and  
wild places for everyone.

The Finger Lakes Land Trust is a nonprofit conservation organization working across a 12-county region in Central New York. We have worked cooperatively with landowners and partners to permanently protect over 25,000 acres of treasured natural areas and scenic farmlands. The Land Trust owns and manages more than 35 conservation areas that are open to the public for quiet recreation. We hold over 150 easements on protected lands that remain in private ownership. FLLT is supported by members, and you can help us save more land.

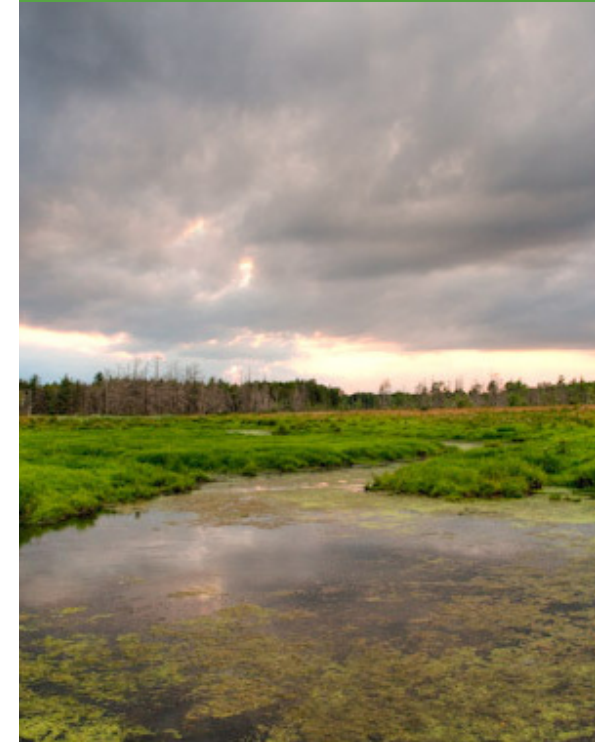
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## GOETCHIUS WETLAND PRESERVE

CAROLINE, NY

### MAP & GUIDE



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**Acreage:** 80 acres



**County:** Tompkins



**Trails:** 0.4 miles

At the Goetchius Preserve, a successful wetland restoration partnership has been underway for over 10 years and continues to flourish.

## NATURAL HISTORY

Conservation enthusiasts gravitate to the preserve for its mix of natural wetlands, newly created wetlands from former agricultural fields, open grassland, and dry woods – a mix that has demonstrated the benefits of habitat diversity and wetland restoration efforts. Unlike most marshes, the large natural wetland that is partly on the preserve is unique because it drains to both the north and the south, contributing to the St. Lawrence and Susquehanna River watersheds.

## HISTORY

To honor the memory of their parents and protect a precious piece of land, Susan Creed and Paul Goetchius donated the first 18 acres to the Finger Lakes Land Trust in 1995. Subsequent acquisitions and a restoration partnership with the Upper Susquehanna Coalition have resulted in the current form of the preserve, which now totals 80 acres.

### ACTIVITIES

Hiking  
Snowshoeing  
Birdwatching

### DOGS

Keep your dog under control at all times

### HOURS

Open dawn to dusk all year

### POLICIES

See [fltl.org/policies](http://fltl.org/policies)

### LEARN MORE

See [fltl.org/goetchius](http://fltl.org/goetchius) for more history, natural history, photos, and an interactive map.

PHOTOS: (COVER) MELISSA GROO, (L) BETSY DARLINGTON, (R) BRIAN MALEY

