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bikes, paddles,
and outdoor
adventures in the
Finger Lakes?



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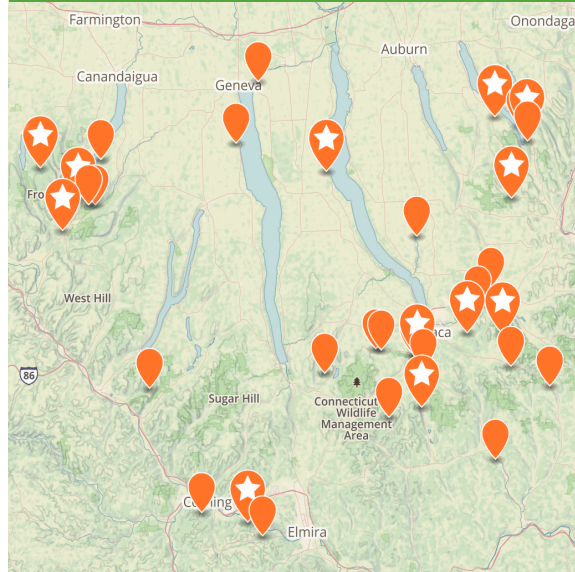
"Go Finger Lakes" is a mobile-ready web site with an interactive map featuring over 900 miles of trails! It is a free public service of the Finger Lakes Land Trust promoting conservation and recreation.



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Discover dozens of free nature preserves
of the Finger Lakes Land Trust



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 water, and
wild places for everyone.

The Finger Lakes Land Trust (FLLT) is a nonprofit conservation organization working across 12 counties in Central New York. Since 1989, we have worked cooperatively with landowners and partners to protect some of the most treasured natural areas and open spaces in these vital watersheds. FLLT manages dozens of conservation areas that are free and open to the public for quiet recreation year-round. We also hold easements on protected lands that remain in private ownership. FLLT is supported by members, and you can help us do more!

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**DOROTHY
MCILROY
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SUMMERHILL, NY

MAP & GUIDE



**CONSERVED FOREVER
OPEN TO ALL**

FLLT.ORG/MCILROY



 **Acreage:** 260 acres

 **County:** Cayuga

 **Trails:** 1.1 miles

Follow the trail through hemlock and yellow birch hummocks, and you begin to understand this wetland preserve which lures us into the heart of nature.

NATURAL HISTORY

Situated on the plateau between Locke and Homer, this serene preserve is bisected by Fall Creek near its headwaters. Northern plant species support breeding populations of Dark-eyed Junco, Hermit Thrush, Winter Wren, Canada Warbler, Mourning Warbler, and others. Nearby state forests and farmland provide a range of habitats and give the plateau some of the highest breeding bird diversity in the state.

HISTORY

Dorothy McIlroy was renowned and beloved for her gentle manner and extraordinary knowledge of birds. She played a significant role in the early days of the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology. Following her death in 1999, at age 91, her children donated to the Finger Lakes Land Trust to establish a preserve in her memory. The various tracts now comprise 259 contiguous acres in the Summerhill wetland complex.

ACTIVITIES

Hiking
Cross-Country Skiing
Snowshoeing
Birdwatching

DOGS

Keep your dog under control at all times

HOURS

Open dawn to dusk all year

POLICIES

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