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find the very  
best hikes,  
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and outdoor  
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Finger Lakes?



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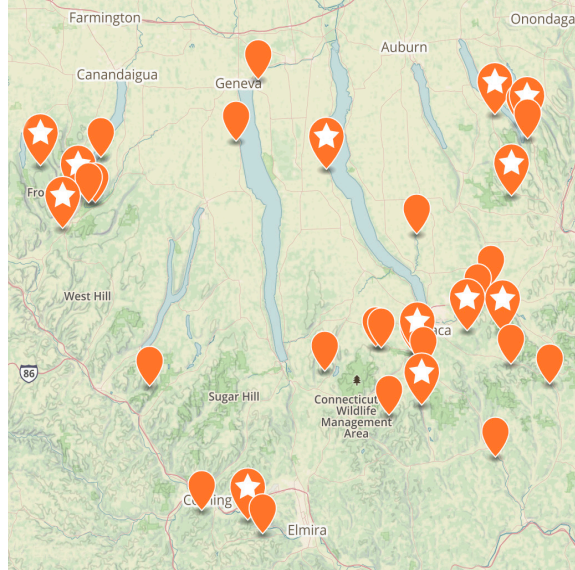
"Go Finger Lakes" is a mobile-ready web site with an interactive map showing over 650 miles of trails. It is a free public service of the Finger Lakes Land Trust promoting conservation and recreation.



**GOFINGERLAKES™**  
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**FLLT.ORG/MAP**

Discover over 35 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 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 26,000 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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SUMMERHILL, NY

**MAP & GUIDE**



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 **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

See [fllt.org/policies](https://fllt.org/policies)

### LEARN MORE

See [fllt.org/mcilroy](https://fllt.org/mcilroy) for more history, natural history, photos, and an interactive map.

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