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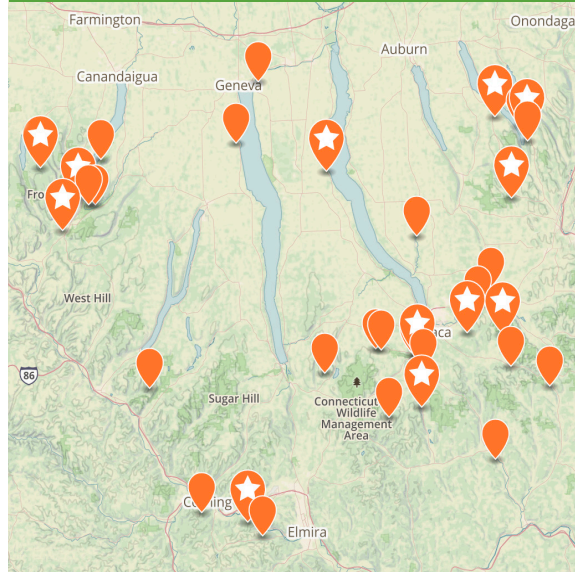
"Go Finger Lakes" is a mobile-ready web site with an interactive map showing over 650 miles of trails. It is a free public service of the Finger Lakes Land Trust promoting conservation and recreation.



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Discover over 35 free nature preserves
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 23,000 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 145 easements on protected lands that remain in private ownership. FLLT is supported by members, and you can help us save more land.

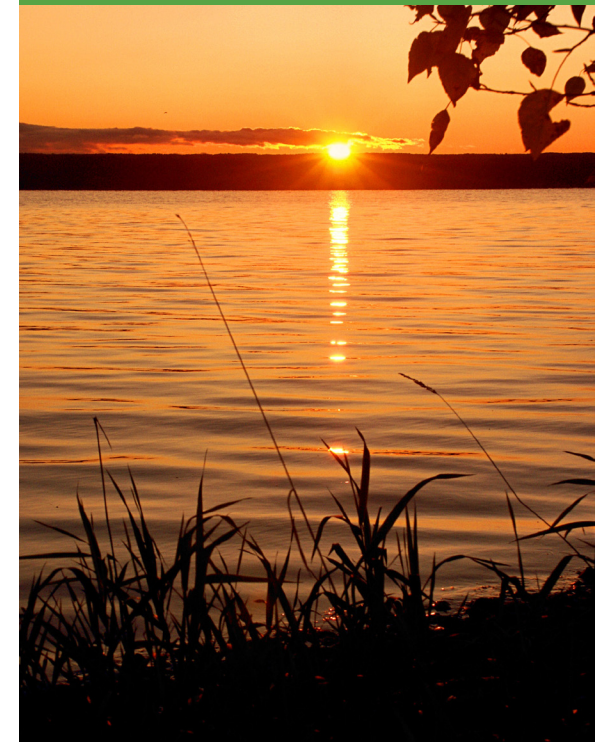
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**VANRIPER
CONSERVATION AREA
WHITLOCK
NATURE PRESERVE**

ROMULUS, NY

MAP & GUIDE



**CONSERVED FOREVER
OPEN TO ALL**

FLLT.ORG/VANRIPER



 **Acreeage:** 81 acres

 **County:** Seneca

 **Trails:** 1.4 miles

VanRiper Conservation Area and Whitlock Nature Preserve play an important role in protecting and providing public access to natural, undeveloped shoreline – a rarity in the Finger Lakes region.

NATURAL HISTORY

On the west side of Cayuga Lake, these magnificent natural areas together comprise approximately 1,900 feet of peaceful lakeshore, woods, and gullies. Natural shoreline is the hallmark of the preserves. The narrow beach is made up of rounded stones, shaped by years of tumbling in the waves. The cobble beach hosts a variety of shrubs, overtopped by tall, intact forest all along the lakeshore, together providing fantastic habitat for a variety of birds.

HISTORY

Louisa Whitlock donated 13 acres to the Land Trust in 1998, creating the Whitlock Nature Preserve. In February 2011, the 68-acre VanRiper Conservation Area was established when the Land Trust acquired the adjacent parcel at a discounted price from Barry VanRiper and Sharon Moran.

ACTIVITIES

- Hiking & Running
- 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

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