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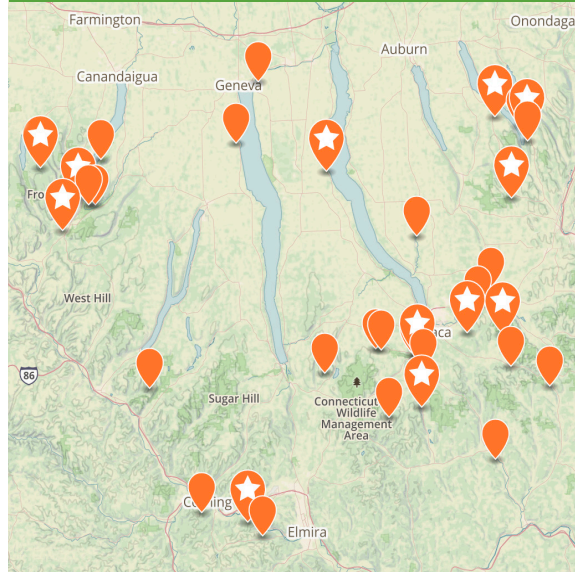
"Go Finger Lakes" is a mobile-ready web site with an interactive map featuring over 900 miles of trails! It is a free public service of the Finger Lakes Land Trust promoting conservation and recreation.



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Discover dozens of free nature preserves  
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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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**OTISCO LAKE  
PRESERVE**

*Dedicated to Annette and Thijs Wittink*

SPAFFORD, NY

**MAP & GUIDE**



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 **Acreage:** 36 acres

 **County:** Onondaga

 **Trails:** 0.4 miles

With over 1,300 feet of wild shoreline on the west side of Otisco Lake, this new preserve is the Land Trust's first in the watershed. The preserve provides prime habitat for Bald Eagles and many water birds.

## NATURAL HISTORY

Several cascading streams flow through the 36-acre preserve and into the lake below. A hiking trail passes through mature forest and descends steeply to the water's edge. Along the lakeshore, visitors will find a flat point flanked by rugged shale cliffs. Conserving this land protects Otisco Lake's water quality and scenic character, and offers an important outdoor recreational opportunity with rare public access to the lake.

## HISTORY

The land that forms the Otisco Lake Preserve was owned by the Stopyro family whose grandfather farmed the property as far back as the 1920s. The Land Trust was able to acquire the site in 2015 due to a generous, anonymous gift and broad community support. Since then, FLLT has added a parking area with an interpretive kiosk and a half-mile hiking trail.

### ACTIVITIES

Hiking & Running  
Birdwatching  
Snowshoeing

### DOGS

Keep your dog leashed and under control at all times

### HOURS

Open dawn to dusk all year

### POLICIES

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

### LEARN MORE

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

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