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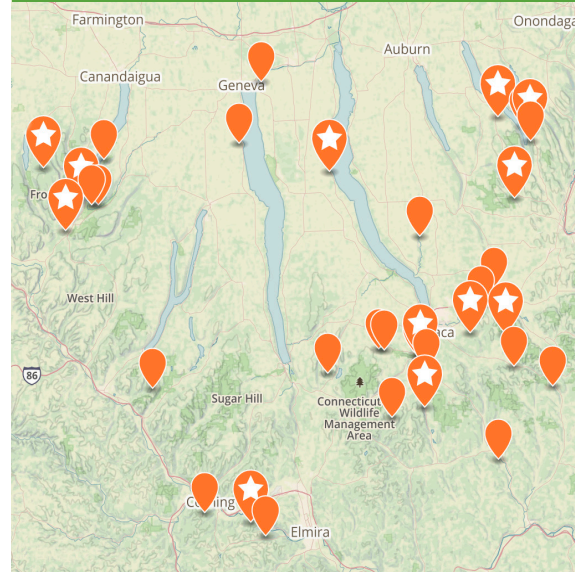
"Go Finger Lakes" is a mobile-ready web site with an interactive map showing over 650 miles of trails. It is a free public service of the Finger Lakes Land Trust promoting conservation and recreation.



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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 24,000 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.

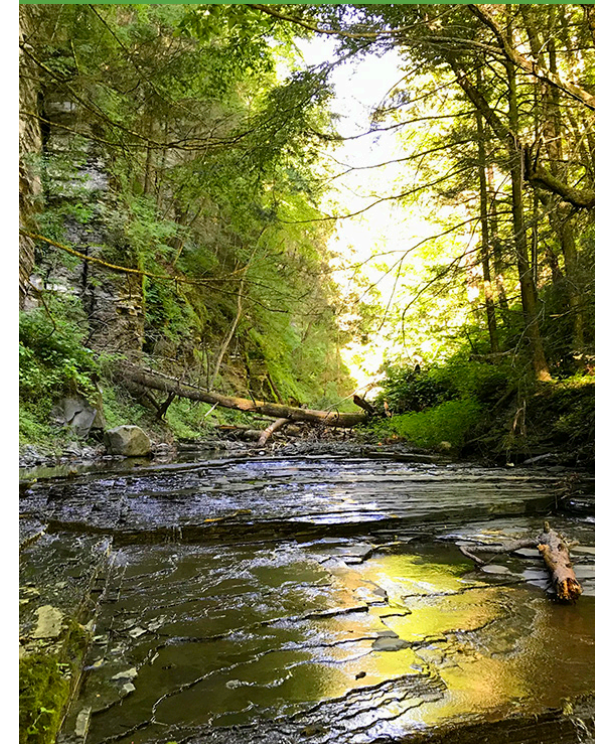
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## BOTSFORD NATURE PRESERVE

JERUSALEM, NY

### MAP & GUIDE



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 **Acreage:** 26 acres

 **County:** Yates

 **Trails:** 0.3 miles

Nestled among the rolling green hills north of Keuka Lake lies Big Gully, a three-mile-long gorge that runs from the Guyanoga Valley to the edge of Italy Hill State Forest.

## NATURAL HISTORY

The Botsford Nature Preserve protects 2,500 feet of this impressive gorge. The preserve features streamside woodlands and open meadows that are reclaiming an area used as a gravel mine until 2003. The short hiking trail leads visitors through grassland, upland forest, and into the gorge itself, where you can take a fascinating walk when the creek is low in summer.

## HISTORY

The preserve is a gift from Art and Kay Wilder who donated the land in 2019, and it is named for Art's maternal grandmother's family who originally farmed here. The preserve comprises one of the last parcels of the farm that had been in Art's family for 150 years. Art and Kay hold fond memories of family outings to the gully and they chose to ensure the future of this special place by donating it to FLLT.

### ACTIVITIES

Hiking  
Snowshoeing  
Birdwatching

### DOGS

Keep your dog on a leash and 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/botsford](https://fllt.org/botsford) for more history, natural history, photos, and an interactive map.

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