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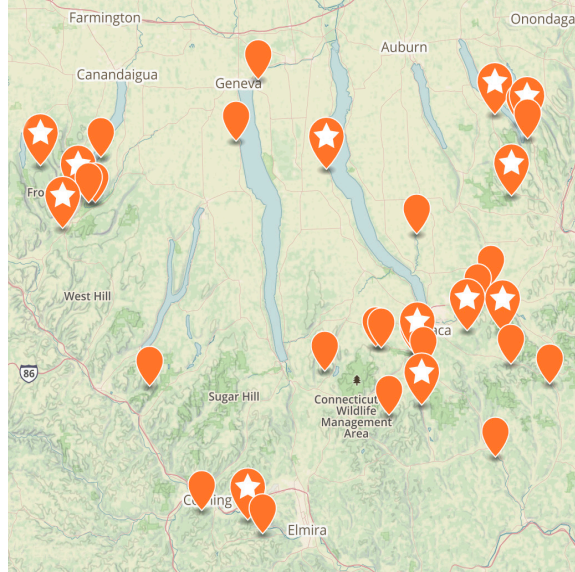
"Go Finger Lakes" is a mobile-ready web site with an interactive map featuring over 900 miles of trails! It is a free public service of the Finger Lakes Land Trust promoting conservation and recreation.



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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.

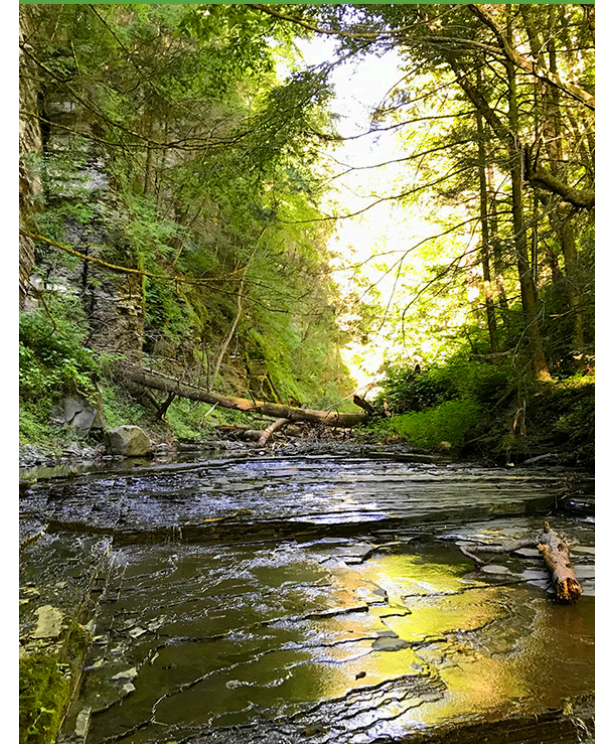
The Finger Lakes Land Trust (FLLT) is a nonprofit conservation organization working across 12 counties in Central New York. Since 1989, we have worked cooperatively with landowners and partners to protect some of the most treasured natural areas and open spaces in these vital watersheds. FLLT manages 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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**BOTSFORD
NATURE
PRESERVE**

JERUSALEM, NY



**CONSERVED FOREVER
OPEN TO ALL**

FLLT.ORG/BOTSFORD



 **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

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