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Finger Lakes?



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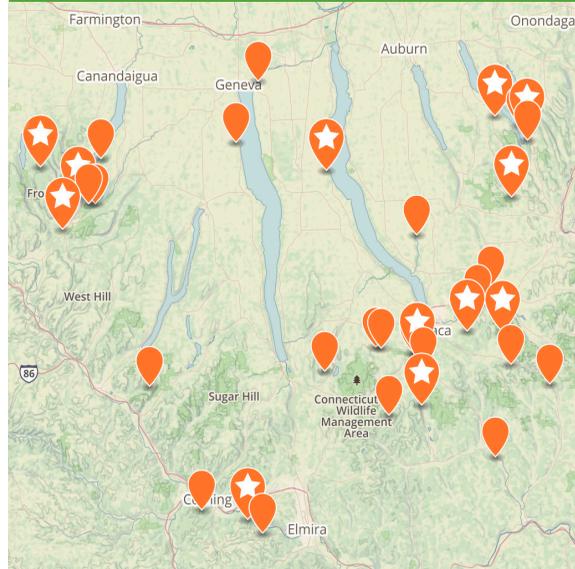
"Go Finger Lakes" is a mobile-ready web site with an interactive map showing over 650 miles of trails. It is a free public service of the Finger Lakes Land Trust promoting conservation and recreation.



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Discover over 35 free nature preserves
of the Finger Lakes Land Trust



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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 25,000 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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**BAHAR
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SKANEATELES, NY

MAP & GUIDE



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OPEN TO ALL**

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 **Acreage:** 87 acres

 **County:** Cayuga

 **Trails:** 1.6 miles

Discover a dramatic forest and gorge landscape, take in the vista, and see the secrets of the Bahar Nature Preserve unfold.

NATURAL HISTORY

Within the folds of farmland next to Skaneateles Lake, lies a hidden forest that calls to visitors yearning for an enchanted retreat. Although most evidence of an old mill disappeared many years ago, an old sluiceway guides hikers up to a knoll shaded by hemlock trees. On the hill, hikers are treated to a startling view of the 100-foot-deep Bear Swamp Creek ravine. The preserve extends across the creek and up the other slope.

HISTORY

An exceptional land steward and wilderness lover, Hu Bahar intended to keep his forested gorge untouched. Honoring her late husband's desire, Dawn Bahar sold the original 25-acre preserve to the Finger Lakes Land Trust in 1998. More recent additions protected public access to Carpenter Falls. In 2008, the Land Trust conveyed 36 acres to New York State, creating the Carpenter Falls State Unique Area.

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

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