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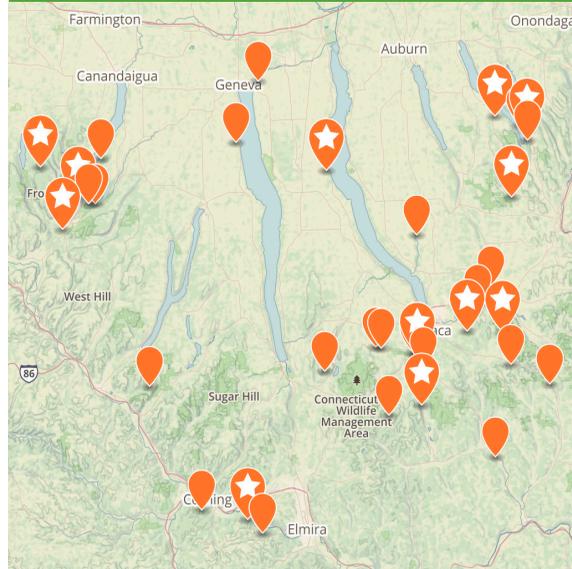
"Go Finger Lakes" is a mobile-ready web site with an interactive map showing over 650 miles of trails. It is a free public service of the Finger Lakes Land Trust promoting conservation and recreation.



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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
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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 21,000 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 130 easements on protected lands that remain in private ownership. FLLT is supported by members, and you can help us save more land.

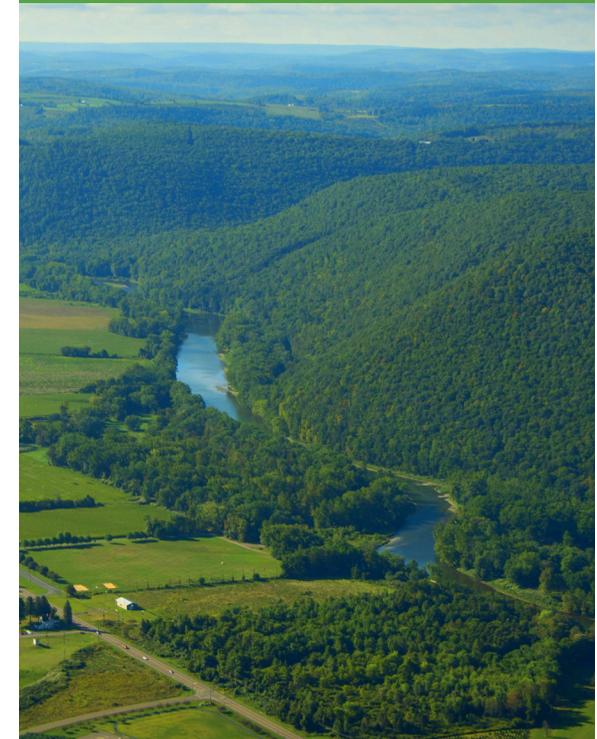
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STEEGE HILL NATURE PRESERVE

BIG FLATS, NY

MAP & GUIDE



**CONSERVED FOREVER
OPEN TO ALL**

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 **Acreage:** 739 acres

 **County:** Chemung

 **Trails:** 6.4 miles

As recently as the 1970s, much of this hillside was nearly devastated by poor logging practices. Now, at the Steege Hill Nature Preserve, there are miles of trails to walk and abundant wildlife to observe.

NATURAL HISTORY

Hundreds of millions of years ago, this land was part of the Great Catskill Delta Plain. More recently, glaciers gouged their way over the flat landscape. Rushing water over the past 10,000 years has further changed the landscape, carving numerous glens and ravines on its way to the Chemung River. Visitors should be aware of the presence of timber rattlesnakes on the preserve, an endangered species in New York.

HISTORY

Here you can witness what happens when conservationists and the community band together to conserve natural lands. Much of Steege Hill had been damaged by such extensive logging that the town of Big Flats shut down the operation and passed New York State's first local ordinance to regulate logging. Slowly, the forest is healing for generations to enjoy.

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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