

## Map & Trail Guide

- Pond Trail (Blue/Easy/0.8 mile)** - The Pond Trail begins and ends here, looping around Delta Pond. Walking straight ahead from the Gifford Road entrance is an asphalt road suitable for handicapped access into an area of the Preserve. This Exotic Thicket portion of the trail exhibits characteristics of a disrupted native habitat that has self-restored with a variety of naturalized exotic woody plants, providing a buffer between the Preserve and the railroad corridor. This handicapped accessible portion of the trail is approximately 920 feet.

The sandy Pine Barren section of the trail is to the immediate left of the Gifford Road entrance, and contains many native plants characteristic of the Pine Bush, intermixed with naturalized non-native herbs, shrubs and vines.

The Marsh portion of the Pond Trail contains an entirely different array of plants that can withstand the periodic flooding that may occur in early spring or after heavy rains. If flooding has occurred, the loop can be continued on the yellow trail.

- Forest Edge Trail (Yellow/Easy/0.4 mile)** - Accessed from either side of the Pond Trail, the Forest Edge Trail borders a wooded area of oak and pine. Many plants characteristic of the Pine Bush are found here, such as bush clover, scouring rush, spotted horse mint, Canadian tick-trefoil and sweet fern, to name a few.

- Dune Trail (Red/Moderate/1200 feet)** - The most remote and challenging trail, traversing the best pine barren remnants in the Preserve. Badly degraded from ORV traffic, this trail leads to the highest dune in the Albany-Schenectady Pine Barren complex.

- Woodlawn School Connector Trail (White/Easy/720 feet)** - A short, mostly flat trail through a wooded and damp area, culminating at the back of the Woodlawn School. A native plant butterfly garden is planned for the area behind the school.

For additional information

[friendsofwoodlawnpreserve.org](http://friendsofwoodlawnpreserve.org)

The Friends of the Woodlawn Preserve is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

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### Dr. John VanDeloo

was active in environmental issues on many fronts for many years. He formed and took a leadership role in a group that came to be known as **The Friends of the Woodlawn Preserve**, and his efforts led to the protection of this environmentally valuable property. The FWP is now a 501(c)3 not for profit organization established for charitable, scientific and educational purposes, and dedicated to the re-establishment, protection and preservation of a forever wild pine barren environment.



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*The Woodlawn Preserve is a part of the larger Hudson Valley Sand Plains left by the retreating glaciers more than 10,000 years ago, stretching from Glens Falls to Newburgh.*

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**woodlawn**  
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**The Woodlawn Preserve** is the beginning section of the Albany-Schenectady Pine Barrens, situated immediately northwest of the Albany Pine Bush Preserve.




**The Woodlawn Preserve** includes several remnant features of the Pine Bush, including sand plains and dune formations, pitch pine scrub oak barrens, and historic Karner Blue butterfly habitat, which while currently unoccupied, may be restored as a future reintroduction site.



The headwaters of the Lishakill Creek flow through the region, eventually finding their way to the Mohawk River.

**The Woodlawn Preserve** is considered a globally rare ecosystem, and is now recognized as a regional priority conservation project in the DEC New York State Open Space Conservation Plan.



-  Information/Kiosk
-  Wheelchair Access
-  Parking Lot

*The Woodlawn Preserve Trails are open to the public for hiking. Hours are dawn to dusk. A trash container is located at the Gifford Road entrance, however a carry-in / carry-out system is preferred. Parking is available at the Gifford Road entrance, and is subject to availability at the Woodlawn Elementary school.*

