ABOUT THE PRESERVE

Originally, this 223-acre parcel was illegally cleared and a house and mile-long driveway were constructed. Further proposed development would have greatly changed the quality and character of the entire basin.

The property was subsequently confiscated by authorities and resold to the Zug family, who stewarded the land for over 10 years. With the help of hundreds of donors and a selling price well below market value, the Lake George Land Conservancy was able to purchase the property from the new owners in August of 2000.

First named the Pilot Knob Ridge Preserve, the preserve was renamed on August 9, 2010 at a dedication ceremony in honor of LGLC’s past executive director, Lynn LaMontagne Schumann, who was instrumental in its protection. Lynn passed away from breast cancer in March, 2010.

In 2018, restoration work began on the preserve’s trails, which had deteriorated after many years of heavy use. The scope of the renovation project included expanding the parking area, managing stormwater, installing educational signage, and trail redesign. The LGLC hired a professional trailbuilding company to do the specialized rock work and trail grading needed to reduce erosion and increase user enjoyment. The two-phase project was completed in 2019.

This trail work, as well as the expanded parking lot and new trail signage, was generously funded by individual donors and with grants from the NYS Smart Growth Implementation program, the NYS Regional Economic Development Council, and the Alfred Z. Solomon Charitable Trust. Thank you!

HOW TO VISIT

This preserve is a free resource, open to the public year-round, dawn to dusk.

Address: 1142 Pilot Knob Road
Fort Ann, NY 12845

Coordinates: 43.471634, -73.625985

If the parking lot is full, please come back another time or visit one of our other preserves. Please do not park along the road, as you will be ticketed and/or towed.

SUPPORT THE LGLC

Help us keep these trails safe and enjoyable for years to come. Visit hikelakegeorge.org to make a tax-deductible donation online.

Get trail updates, event notices and more—follow us on Facebook and Instagram @HikeLakeGeorge and share with the hashtag, #HikeLakeGeorge.
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ORANGE TRAIL

- Moderate; steep in sections, rocky
- 0.70 miles (ave. 20-30 minute hike)
- Educational signage; ends at a gazebo and expansive views of Lake George.

BLUE TRAIL

- Easy/moderate
- 1 mile to waterfall; 1.4 miles to end of loop (ave. 30-40 minute hike)
- Educational signage; seasonal waterfall (best seen in early spring).

GUEST RULES

- Stay on the marked trails.
- Be courteous of other preserve guests.
- Dogs must be kept on a leash at all times. Please clean up after your dog; do not leave plastic dog waste bags on the property.
- Hunting is not permitted at this preserve. No removal of plants or animals.
- No camping or fires.
- No motorized or non-motorized vehicles beyond the parking area.
- Please help us keep the preserve clean; take out all trash with you. Do not litter.

In case of emergency, call 911 and provide this address: 1142 Pilot Knob Road, Fort Ann, NY.

HIKING TIPS

Especially in early spring, be prepared for muddy sections and trail surfaces that may be slick. Always carry a map with you, and be prepared with proper footwear.

This property is owned and managed by the Lake George Land Conservancy. Please report trail damage, or other maintenance needs to stewardship@lglc.org or call us at 518-644-9673.