

Moderate. roots, wet spots, and a few uphill portions is more Moderate to Easy while Lake Trail West, due to Difficult. Lake Trail East can be considered Total Distance: ~3 miles

return to the Eldridge Research Center parking area. Towards Pond Hill Rd. Hang a left at the road to Wheeler Watson Trail) and making a gentle climb looking to the left (headingle right connects you with Lake Trail East continues into one of the prettiest and most diverse habitats of the Preserve before Lake Trail East between the trail end and the beach. midway point between the left, marking the will pass Ordway Trail on your left, marking the numerous warblers during spring and summer. You before diving into a shrubby habitat filled with small pine stand on your left. The trail opens up a bit trail signs past the beach and the boat racks and a trail a nice stroll to Lake Myosotis Beach. Follow the Prime Plantations dotted along the Preserve's landscape. The Lake Trail East is considerably flatter making easier the forest and head up hill into one of the many takes another turn, this time to the left as you're from the Overlook before continuing on. The trail Upper Falls Bridge. Take a moment to enjoy the falls continues on to the top of the Rensselaerville Falls. Backtracking, puts you on the Lake Trail which mixed deciduous forest and a fork to your left with a picnic lunch as you look over Lake Myosotis. trail from the spillway but this is a nice place to grab Dam. There is no thru access to the other side of the lead you to the top of the spillway for Lake Myosotis mixed deciduous forest and a fork to your left with crossing. A gentle rise will bring you back into heading down hill and to the right to a stream other tree roots poking up along the trail before along the slightly uneven terrain thanks to hemlock and sure to wear sturdy shoes. Lake Trail West continues here and there during early spring and late fall so be side of the lake instead of towards a few wet spots downhill towards the lake. This cooler and shadier trail crosses another small stream before turning through a low lying wetland and heading uphill. The lake before taking a slight right turn to meander. The trail follows a gentle rise as it heads towards the taking a moment to tap out a tune on the PVC scale.

**Wheeler-Watson, Race Track and Ordway Trails**  
Wheeler-Watson and Ordway trails mostly act as connector trails between Lake Myosotis Trail and the Race Track which leads to Partridge Path. The Wheeler-Watson trail begins off of Pond Hill Rd. near the Eldridge Research Station parking area, approximately 0.1 miles up the road on the left. From the road, the trail climbs uphill for 0.4 miles meandering through second-growth hardwood forest and thickets in which the Preserve's rich human history can be observed in old apple trees, stone walls, and in the historic Wheeler-Watson cemetery, where many of the early settlers of Rensselaerville find their resting place. The trail ends at the Race Track, where Sunday horse races were once held making it a great place for cross-country skiing and a nice breather after Wheeler-Watson. Taking a left from Wheeler-Watson trail on to Race Track, the trail loops around one of the oldest Pine Plantations on the Preserve and serves as the entrance to Partridge Path Trail system. Alternatively, you can pick up Ordway Trail which appears on your right. Ordway Trail fades from mixed pine forest into a shrubby, grassy field before heading downhill towards Pond Hill Rd. Be sure to keep an eye open for the ruffed grouse and deer in this part of the Preserve. Watch your step has you pass over a slightly rocky and occasionally damp trail before arriving at the road. A right will take you back to the parking area at the Eldridge Research Center or you can cross the road and head downhill to Lake Trail East.

Total Distance: ~1.5 miles

Difficulty: Uphill climbs on Wheeler-Watson and Ordway Trails and slightly uneven terrain make these trails Moderate to Difficult. Race Track's flat and wide surface make it ideal of cross country skiing and an Easy trail to walk.



From Lake Trail west continue across the small bridge miles to the Lake Trail East trailhead on your right. kiosk to Lake Trail West, or hike up the road ~0.1 miles to the kiosk across from the Research Center for ease of access. From this location you can either start at the

Center. If starting at the trail head, park in the lot next to the kiosk across from the Research Center for ease to the kiosk across from the Research Center for ease of access. From this location you can either start at the Center. If starting at the trail head, park in the lot next to the kiosk across from the Research Center for ease to the kiosk across from the Research Center for ease of access. From this location you can either start at the

Pond Hill Rd. across from the Eldridge Research

during the summer), or at the trail head located off

up off of the Falls Trail, Lake Myosotis Beach (open

circumvents Lake Myosotis. The trail can be picked

and wetlands rich with wildlife and wildflowers as it

This trail passes through northern hardwood forests

Difficult

the beginning of the trail making this trail Moderate to

Difficulty: There is a significant, but short, climb at

Total Distance: 1 mile to and from Falls Overlook.

The Lake Myosotis trail loop on your left.

straight from the overlook where the trail continues to

making a right at the top of the steps or continuing

by retaking your steps back across the bridge and

can then be followed to the shores of Lake Myosotis

Falls bridge brings you to the Falls Overlook. The trail

put you at the top of the Falls. A jaunt across the upper

following the stairs that appear just to your right will

which you can see if you peak through the trees,

some what steep climb to the head of the Falls,

The trail then veers away from the falls to make a

near the bottom of the falls just over the lower bridge.

Falls. Look out for the ruins of the Huyck Falls Mill

bridge at the base of the bridge Rensselaerville

as it follows along 10 Mile Creek to the lower falls.

The trail is wheelchair accessible and ADA compliant

parking lot, to find the trail head by a kiosk.

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back from the steps of the Visitors Center, across the

historic village of Rensselaerville. Walk straight

This trail begins near the Visitor Center at the edge of

Rensselaerville Falls Trail

the easiest trail in the Huyck Preserve trail system and one that visitors of all ages have enjoyed. Difficult: Even with slightly uneven terrain this is the easiest trail in the Huyck Preserve trail system and one that visitors of all ages have enjoyed. Total Distance: 0.6 miles

agles are frequently seen in and around the pond.

birdlife including warblers, waterfowl and bald

terns as you traverse this trail. A wide variety of

Research Center and Pond Hill Rd. Look out for red

Camp Lane which will pass Horse Cabin to Bullfrog

down the grassy hill past Camp Biologica Station. Continue

before depositing hikers at the back of Bullfrog

tumbling back into the forest to head gently uphill

which abundant beaver activity is evident before

connected by a span of boardwalk over a wetland in

hemlock forest. The trail crosses two bridges

a gentle stream as it passes through a 200 year old

continuing on, the trail opens up again hopping over

narrow mixed deciduous forest before the trail

over Lincoln Pond Dam. The trail starts out passing

at the south end of Lincoln Pond across the bridge

This trail begins near the Eldridge Research Station

Lincoln Pond Trail

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General DEC Emergency Number

518-813-6472

Adam Caprio, Buildings and Ground Supervisor,

In case of emergency please call:

are open to the public drawn to dusk.

hiking ability and time. Trails at the Huyck Preserve

footwear, and plan their excursions keeping in mind

water and snacks, wear appropriate clothing and

When hiking our trails we encourage hikers to bring

growth hardwood forest, and pine plantations, second-

forest, freshwater wetland, shrub swamps, second-

variety of habitats, including old growth hemlock

twelve miles of trails which go through a wide

The Huyck Preserve contains a network of over

Welcome to the Huyck Preserve Trail System!



# Trail Map

## Huyck Preserve and Biological Research Station

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### Huyck Preserve Rules and Trail Etiquette

In order to keep our trails pristine and our research areas undisturbed, we ask that you respect the following:

- Please keep pets on a leash.
- Please stay on the trails.
- Horses, bicycles, and motorized vehicles prohibited.
- No hunting or trapping.
- Fishing allowed in Lake Myosotis only.
- Camping and fires prohibited.
- Take only pictures, leave only footprints.
- Trails open dawn to dusk.

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