

Pitch Pine and Scrub Oak Barrens

RECREATION

Over 15 miles of trails for year-round outdoor fun hiking, dog walking, bird watching, trail running, nature photography, and groomed trails in the winter for cross country skiing and snowshoeing.



In the summer months we sponsor a series of 5k fun runs.



Annual winter events include a moonlight ski and snowshoe and an 8k snowshoe race.



The thirteen miles of trail are available for a range of non-motorized activities.



Pitch pine barrens natural ponds and other types of wetlands provide important habitat for a variety of reptile and amphibian species.



VOLUNTEERS

There are lots of great volunteer opportunities. Wilton Wildlife Preserve & Park offers programs for schools and the public. First-time volunteers share an afternoon about the Preserve. Casual trail hikers. Trail volunteers help maintain our network of trails. Volunteer researchers help collect data and assist with research at the Preserve & Park.



The mission is to conserve ecological systems and natural settings while providing opportunities for environmental education and recreational experiences.



EDUCATION

Lively and interactive environmental education programs are offered to groups and to the public year-round. We work with school groups, scout troops, after-school programs both at the Preserve & Park and at off-site locations. Nature walks, pond explorations, and craft programs are offered to the public on a regular basis.



For maps, directions, up-to-date program information and trail conditions, please visit our website: www.wiltonpreserve.org

CONSERVATION

The unique Saratoga Sandplains ecosystem has a variety of rare habitats providing homes to a number of endangered and threatened species including: the Karner Blue and Pinerose with subspecies, the Common Goldeneye, Blue-winged and Spotted turtles, and Black vulture and Eastern bog turtle.



The Karner Blue survives best exclusively on the leaves of the wild blue lupine.



The Pinerose butterfly lives best on the leaves of the wild blue lupine.



The Common Goldeneye is a rare bird that lives in the wetlands of the Preserve & Park.



The Black vulture is a rare bird that lives in the wetlands of the Preserve & Park.



The Spotted turtle is a rare species that lives in the wetlands of the Preserve & Park.