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To conserve forever the lands and waters of the Finger Lakes region, ensuring scenic vistas, local foods, clean water, and wild places for everyone.

The Finger Lakes Land Trust (FLLT) is a nonprofit conservation organization working across 12 counties in Central New York. Since 1989, we have worked cooperatively with landowners and partners to protect some of the most treasured natural areas and open spaces in these vital watersheds. FLLT manages dozens of conservation areas that are free and open to the public for quiet recreation year-round. We also hold easements on protected lands that remain in private ownership. FLLT is supported by members, and you can help us do more!

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# OWASCO BLUFFS NATURE PRESERVE

NILES, NY

# **MAP & GUIDE**



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Acreage: 74 acres



County: Cayuga



Trails: 1 mile

Overlooking the eastern shore of Owasco Lake, the 74-acre Owasco Bluffs Nature Preserve protects over 1,100 feet of undeveloped, pristine shoreline.

## **NATURAL HISTORY**

The preserve features forested bluffs overlooking the lake as well as wetlands, meadows, and a rugged gorge. A one-mile trail begins off Sam Adams Lane and guides visitors through fields and forests, ending at a wooded hillside with spectacular lake views. In partnership with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, the Finger Lakes Land Trust completed a wetland restoration project in the upper portion of the preserve.

## **HISTORY**

The property was purchased in 2018 from Dr. Joseph Karpinski, a well-known and celebrated surgeon from Auburn who passed away in 2020. FLLT is grateful to NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historical Preservation, Gallogly Family Foundation, Fred L. Emerson Foundation, and the many funders and individual donors whose important support made this project possible.

#### **ACTIVITIES**

Hiking & Running Cross-Country Skiing Snowshoeing Birdwatching

#### **DOGS**

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#### **HOURS**

Open dawn to dusk all year

### **POLICIES**

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