



Wilton Wildlife Preserve & Park

Welcome to the Town of Wilton!

The Town of Wilton is taking great strides to enhance your quality of life. One example is the Wilton Wildlife Preserve & Park (WWPP), a non-profit membership organization. The WWPP's mission is to protect land, ensuring the survival of wildlife, rare and endangered species, and the natural communities that support them, and to create a natural area for educational and recreational benefits.

The WWPP, created in 1996, represents a partnership between the Town of Wilton, The Nature Conservancy, and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. Its efforts are focused on the protection of open space resources and environmental quality, the provision of opportunities for non-motorized outdoor recreation and environmental education, and the protection and restoration of the state and federally endangered Karner blue butterfly.

Within the WWPP, ten parcels encompassing approximately 800 acres are currently protected. In addition, there are approximately 600 acres of county forestland within the study area. Four of the protected parcels are developed with a total of ten miles of trails for non-motorized uses. Whether you like to hike, cross-country ski, snowshoe, observe wildlife, picnic, or relax on a bench, the preserve and park is a wonderful resource.

Educational programs for the general public are provided throughout the year and range in subject from amphibians to astronomy. Recreational events include 5k fun runs, cross-country ski races, and snowshoe races. We hold an annual Wilton Wildlife Preserve & Park Community Open House in the fall and an annual Full Moon Ski & Snowshoe in the winter. Efforts to protect and restore the habitat for the Karner blue butterfly are non-stop. The goal is to protect 3,000 acres.

If you would like more information about the Wilton Wildlife Preserve & Park, please visit www.townofwilton.com. Under departments, click on Wilton Wildlife Preserve & Park. For additional questions, please call (518) 450-0321. We hope you'll consider becoming a member, volunteering your time, and joining us for our programs.

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