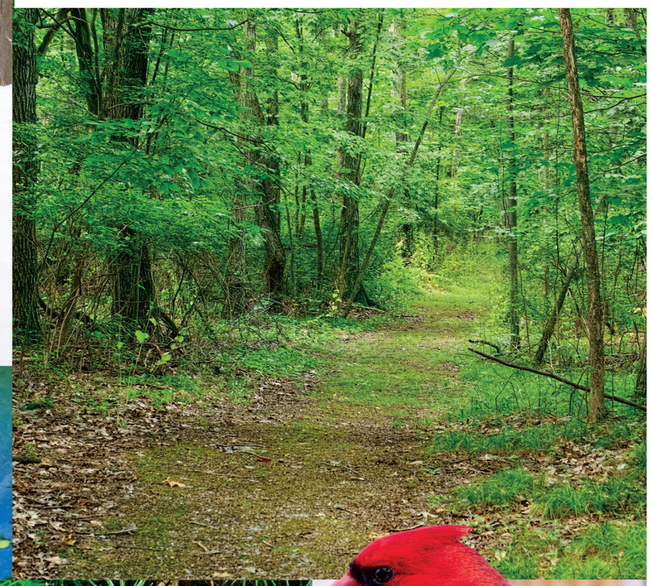














GENESEE COUNTRY VILLAGE & MUSEUM

TRAIL MAP AND GUIDE

SUCCESSION TRAIL
BLAZE COLOR: ORANGE
DISTANCE: 1.1 MILES

Observe how the plants and the landscape around you change considerably, as you walk along this trail. These differences are all steps in the succession of the land. Initially lichens and mosses breakdown the bedrock for other plants, such as grasses. Gradually larger varieties of plants, such as shrubs and trees, occupy the same habitat. As these larger species establish themselves they ultimately dominate the smaller ones before them. All of this can be seen as you travel from open field to old field to woodland habitats. In the spring this is an excellent trail for birding. Listen and look for eastern towhees, field sparrows and blue-winged warblers in the old field. Wood thrushes, tanagers and cerulean warblers can often be found in the wooded areas.

GEOLOGY TRAIL
BLAZE COLOR: GREEN
DISTANCE: 1.8 MILES

Discover 375-million-year-old fossils, an extinct waterfall, glacial erratic boulders and other unique geologic features while exploring an oak opening and a wooded ridge. On various portions of the trail, the limestone bedrock is completely exposed.

PERIMETER TRAIL
BLAZE COLOR: YELLOW
DISTANCE: 1.8 MILES

The Perimeter Trail will take you to a variety of habitats including old field, deciduous woodland and woodland edge. Along the way you'll encounter several limestone and dolostone walls built in the 19th century. Look for small pieces of flint, a naturally occurring mineral in the local limestone bedrock.

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TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS

PLEASE REMEMBER:

Trails are open only during regular museum hours. Please visit www.gcv.org for current museum hours.

Do not disturb or collect plants, animals or minerals. No pets or bikes are allowed on the trails.

Unless participating in Orienteering or Letterboxing please remain on marked trails.

LOWER MEADOW TRAIL
BLAZE COLOR: RED
DISTANCE: .3 MILES

This open meadow trail is filled with a variety of grasses and summer wildflowers. The bird boxes provide nesting sites for several species, including the eastern bluebird, house wren and tree swallow.

MAPLE HISTORY TRAIL
BLAZE COLOR: PURPLE
DISTANCE: .6 MILES

Take a hike through the "sugarbush" where you will find many maple trees over a hundred years old. In the late winter and early spring, see sap collection by both modern and traditional methods.

WEB OF LIFE TRAIL
BLAZE COLOR: BLUE
DISTANCE: .8 MILES

This woodland trail is particularly stunning during spring, when wildflowers abound and the temporary vernal pond hosts myriad aquatic creatures, including wood frogs, fairy shrimp and wood ducks. The pond disappears during dry months. However, the eggs of many miniscule creatures survive in the soil, ready to hatch when water returns in late winter. The pond also is a breeding site for spotted and blue-spotted salamanders, both listed as New York species of special concern.

*Vernal Pond is a unique and special habitat that must be left undisturbed, please stay on the trail.

Perimeter Trail

Geology Trail South

Succession Trail

Wolf Tree

Vernal Pond

Geology Trail Loop

South Field

Trail to the Village

Web of Life Trail

Seasonal Section (closed in winter)

Maple History Trail

Geology Trail North

Great Meadow

Fairy Trail

Sugar Camp

Nature Center

Flint Hill Road

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Playground

Admissions

Lower Meadow Trail

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TRAIL MAP AND GUIDE

Trails (Please remain on marked trails)

- Lower Meadow Trail .3 miles
- Web of Life Trail .8 miles
- Geology Trail 1.8 miles
- Maple History Trail .5 miles
- Succession Trail 1.1 miles
- Perimeter Trail 1.8, 2 or 2.5 miles

Map Key

- Bench
- Boulder
- Nesting Box
- Bridge
- Butterfly Garden
- Shelter
- Rock wall
- Wetland
- Spring Flowers
- Summer Flowers
- Mature Forest
- Young Forest

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