

Pettus Hill Preserve

History

- The Pettus Hill Preserve is a 103-acre second-growth forested property that was abandoned as farmland in the early 20th Century. It was bequeathed to the Waterman Conservation Education Center in the Will of Charles Pettus, a retired IBM Physicist and Engineer, in 2013.

Trail Description

- The trail from the parking area to the Pettus Memorial is approximately .7 mile in each direction and is mostly level. It is very suitable for cross-country skiing, as well as casual walking. There is a shelter with benches approximately 200 yards from the entry gate.

Interesting Features

- Interesting features at the end of the trail. Around 1990, Mr. Pettus attempted to make his property the “highest point in Broome County” by constructing a “pyramid” of soil and rock at the highest elevation on his hilltop. Although his effort fell short, his “pyramid” still stands, and his grave and memorial are at the base of his structure.

Also located at the end of the trail are: .

- The stone foundation of a farmhouse that occupied the site about 100 years ago.
- A Vernal pond, from which soil for the pyramid was excavated, and which serves as an excellent habitat for amphibians today.
- An impressive overlook and view to the North.

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Trail Map

Windsor, NY

Trails are Open Dawn to Dusk

Rules: NO: Pets, Hunting, Fires or Camping, Littering, Alcohol, or illegal drugs. NO: Removing plant materials or artifacts from the property. NO: Motorized vehicles of any kind. To arrange for group use, call (607) 625-2221



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Directions to Pettus Hill Preserve

Travelling Eastbound on Route 17 from Binghamton:

Take Exit 77, West Windsor.

Turn right at the end of the ramp, drive about 100 yards and make a left turn on Fox Farm Road.

Go .5 miles and turn right on Roberts Road

Go .4 miles and turn right on Abbey Road.

Go .6 miles and bear left at the "Y" intersection.

Go .1 miles to where the road crosses the power line right-of-way.

Turn left and drive about 50 yards along the right-of-way to the parking area along the fence. The chain on the entry gate is loose enough to admit pedestrians, but not vehicles.

If travelling Westbound on Route 17, turn left at the end of the ramp from the West Windsor exit and follow directions as above.

