

JOE 2019 Information Packet for **Cornelia & Florence Bridge Nature Preserve**

Day: Sunday	Start Time: 9:30 am	End Time: 12:30 pm
Co-Leader: Scott Berman	Co-Leader: Jonathan Fredland	Limit: 15 people
Transportation: 2 Cars to Handicap Parking Lot	Driver: Scott Berman - Car Jonathan Fredland - Car	Radios: 2 / First Aid Kits: 1
Fees: none	Travel Distance: 1.6 Mile Driving 1 Mile Walking	Travel Time: 5 Min Driving 25 Min Walking

Cornelia & Florence Bridge Nature Preserve



Enjoy a peaceful easy walk through the forest near camp. A good portion of the three miles of trails in the Preserve is handicap accessible* with gradual uphill and downhill (total elevation gain/loss under 200 Ft.), and wide, mostly flat paths. There are few places where you need to watch your step with rocks and tree roots.

Before his death in 2008, Dingman Township native Charles Bridge donated his family's 300-acre property to the township. Charlie had two specific visions for the property—to honor his late wife and mother, who wanted to preserve the property, and to honor their wish that the land be accessible for public enjoyment. He also requested that the Park be named the Cornelia and Florence Bridge Preserve in their honor.

[TripAdvisor](#) / [Facebook](#) / [Website](#) / [Historical Background](#) / [Park Map](#)

Bring Hat, Water, Snacks. Wear decent walking shoes. Some spots might get muddy after rain.

*The section on Florence Trail between Service Road and Cornelia Trail is NOT handicap accessible. Too many rocks and roots to navigate.

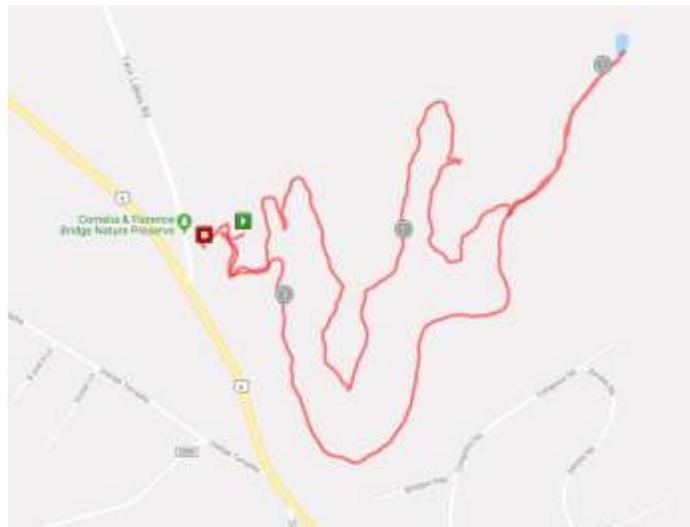
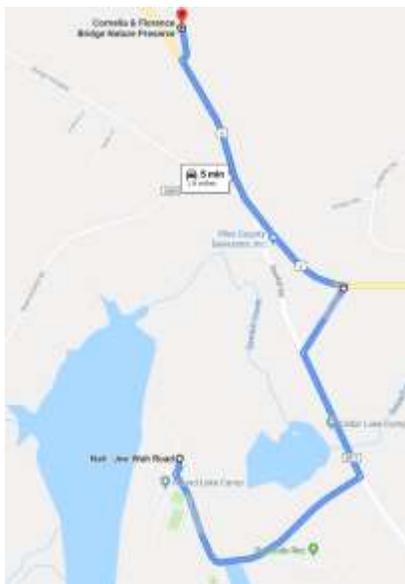
Driving Directions to Park (Distance: 1.6 Miles / 5 min)

1. Start at camp's dining hall
2. Head out of the camp to Sawkill Road (1/2 mile)
3. Turn left onto Sawkill Road. Go 0.3 Mile to Bridge Road.
4. Turn right onto Bridge Street. Ignore your GPS!!! The intersection at Sawkill and RT. 6 is very dangerous and should be avoided if in a car).
5. Go a short distance to the end of Bridge Road.
6. Turn left onto Rt. 6.
7. Go ½ mile to bear onto first right on Twin Lakes Road.
8. Entrance to the parking lot is a short distance on your right.

Trail directions from Twin Lakes parking lot (3.3 Miles):

This 3.3 mi route has a total ascent of 173 ft and a maximum elevation of 1,403 ft.

1. Park car and the find trailhead at the parking lot. Follow the Cornelia Trail across the bridge and then up the hill to pavilion. (0.64 Miles)
2. Once at the grassy area just before the pavilion turn right to follow the grassy May Loop Trail (0.28 Miles). The end of this trail is the service road back to the pavilion.
3. This is a good time for a bathroom break for those who want it.
4. Just beyond the bathroom, you will find the Frank Trail. Follow the Frank Trail to the end at the Florence Trail (0.72 Miles).
5. Turn left on the Florence Trail. Follow the Florence Trail to the pond. There will be some ups and downs. This area may get muddy after rain.
6. After enjoying the pond, take the Florence Trail back the way you came past Frank Trail and crossing over the service Road to the end of Florence Trail (1.19 Miles). This ends the handicap accessible trail.
7. Turn left back downhill on the Cornelia Trail.
8. Take the Cornelia Trail back to the parking lot.



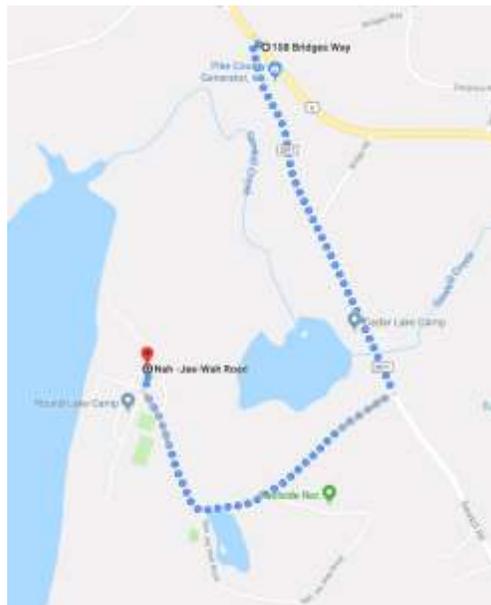
Walking Directions to Park (1 Mile / 25 Min)

1. Start at camp's dining hall
2. Head to end of the driveway out of the camp to Sawkill Road (½ mile)
3. Turn left onto Sawkill Road. Go ½ mile to end of Sawkill Road at the intersection of Rt. 6 (½ Mile).
4. You will need to cross Rt 6 carefully. This intersection is at a blind bend on a hill of Rt. 6. You can post one person to stop traffic on the downhill side at the intersection to Sawkill and Rt. 6. Then walk the group uphill to the far end of the parking lot of the building just uphill of the intersection. This will give you a better chance to see traffic around the bend. Send another person farther up the road around the bend to stop traffic from that direction. Coordinate with the two people to stop traffic at the same time. Then as a group, cross the road at the same time. Do the reverse when you return to camp.
5. Once across the road, you will see a driveway with a barrier. This is the service road to the park. Take this service road into the park.

Trail Directions if walking to the park (Approx. 3 Miles)

This approximately 3-mile route has a total ascent of approx. 200 ft and has a maximum elevation of 1,403 ft.

1. Follow service road uphill until you reach the intersection of the Florence Trail. Turn right on the Florence Trail and follow past Frank Trail until it ends at the pond. There will be some ups and downs. This area may get muddy after rain.
2. Enjoy the pond for a while.
3. Then go back the way you came on the Florence Trail.
4. Turn right onto the Frank Trail. Follow Frank Trail until it ends at the Pavilion (0.72 Miles).
5. The pavilion is a good place to stop for a snack and bathroom break.
6. After your break, go past the pavilion to find the Cornelia Trail, follow the Cornelia Trail most of the way downhill until you get to the Florence Trail. If you get to the bridge (parking lot just beyond), you went too far.
7. Turn left onto Florence Trail. Follow the Florence Trail back to the Service Road.
8. Turn right (downhill) onto the Service Road.
9. Take Service Road down to Rt. 6. and then reverse directions above back to camp.



Nearest hospital



**Bon Secours
Community Hospital**
Westchester Medical Center Health Network

160 E Main St, Port Jervis, NY 12771 | (845) 858-7000

<https://www.bonsecourscommunityhosp.org/emergency-dept>



16MIN / 13.4MI

Start Cedar Lake Camp

1. Head out of camp down the driveway and then turn left going northwest on Sawkill Rd toward Bridge Rd.
 - a. Then 0.21 miles 0.21 total miles
2. Take the 1st right onto Bridge Rd.
 - a. Then 0.16 miles 0.37 total miles
3. Turn right onto US-6 E. Continue to follow US-6 E.
 - a. Then 2.69 miles 3.06 total miles
4. Cross over RT. I-84 and then take exit ramp onto I-84 E toward Port Jervis
 - a. You will pass through the town of Matamoras and then cross the Delaware River, crossing into NY.
 - b. Then 8.89 miles 11.95 total miles
5. Take EXIT 1 toward US-6/Port Jervis/Sussex/NY-23.
 - a. Then 0.31 miles 12.25 total miles
6. Turn right onto County Hwy-15.
 - a. Then 0.25 miles 12.50 total miles
7. Turn left onto E Main St/US-6 W.
Then 0.86 miles 13.36 total miles

Bon Secours Community Hospital, 160 E Main St, is on the right.
Blue and White Sign. There is a walkway over the road.
2nd entrance for Emergencies

