

SAW MILL RIVER AUDUBON

OUR MISSION

To maintain environmental quality for all living things by protecting natural ecosystems through education, advocacy, and habitat conservation.

OUR SANCTUARIES

Saw Mill River Audubon owns eight separate sanctuaries protecting more than 300 acres of wildlife habitat in Westchester County. All are open to visitors free of charge, seven days a week, from dawn to dusk.

Group Visits: With advance notice, we may be able to provide your group with a guided tour. Visit our web site for more information about guided sanctuary tours and our calendar of free public field trips. Even if your group wishes to visit without a guide, please contact us. To enhance your experience, we want to ensure that your visit does not coincide with that of another group.

Staff & Volunteers: Our sanctuaries are maintained by a part-time caretaker and our Sanctuary Committee assisted by volunteers and our executive director. We also rely on our sanctuary neighbors to monitor these special habitats. Volunteer Trail Walkers monitor individual sanctuaries and report on trail conditions and visitor and wildlife observations.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

We also invite you to submit a Trail Walker report at our website if you see needed trail work or want to report observations about wildlife or visitors.

Help us protect and conserve open space for the enjoyment of all! Join SMRA by filling out the form on the inside of this brochure and mailing it with your tax-deductible contribution to our office. Or donate online today at: www.sawmillriveraudubon.org



PINECLIFF
SANCTUARY

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Welcome to Pinecliff Sanctuary

We hope you enjoy your walk. A few reminders as you begin your visit:

- If you wish to visit with a group of six or more people, you **must** contact our office first. Parking is extremely limited on Pinecliff Road and the boardwalk only accommodates a small number of people at one time. Please call ahead to ensure a quality visit. We want to ensure that your visit does not coincide with the visit of another group.
- A sanctuary is a place where all life is respected. Please do not remove or injure any plant or animal. Pinecliff Sanctuary is a rich habitat for amphibians and reptiles. Enjoy watching them when you visit, but leave them here when you go. All collection is prohibited.
- Dogs are welcome on leashes. Please clean up after your dog.

If you have an emergency, call 911 or the New Castle Police Department: (914) 238-4422.

ABOUT THE TRAILS

The wheelchair accessible **Boardwalk** leads from the entrance parking area between two ponds, and makes a loop through a red maple swamp to the edge of the upland woods in the eastern portion of the sanctuary before returning west along the swamp edge back to the entrance. The boardwalk offers several overlooks from which to observe the wetland wildlife.

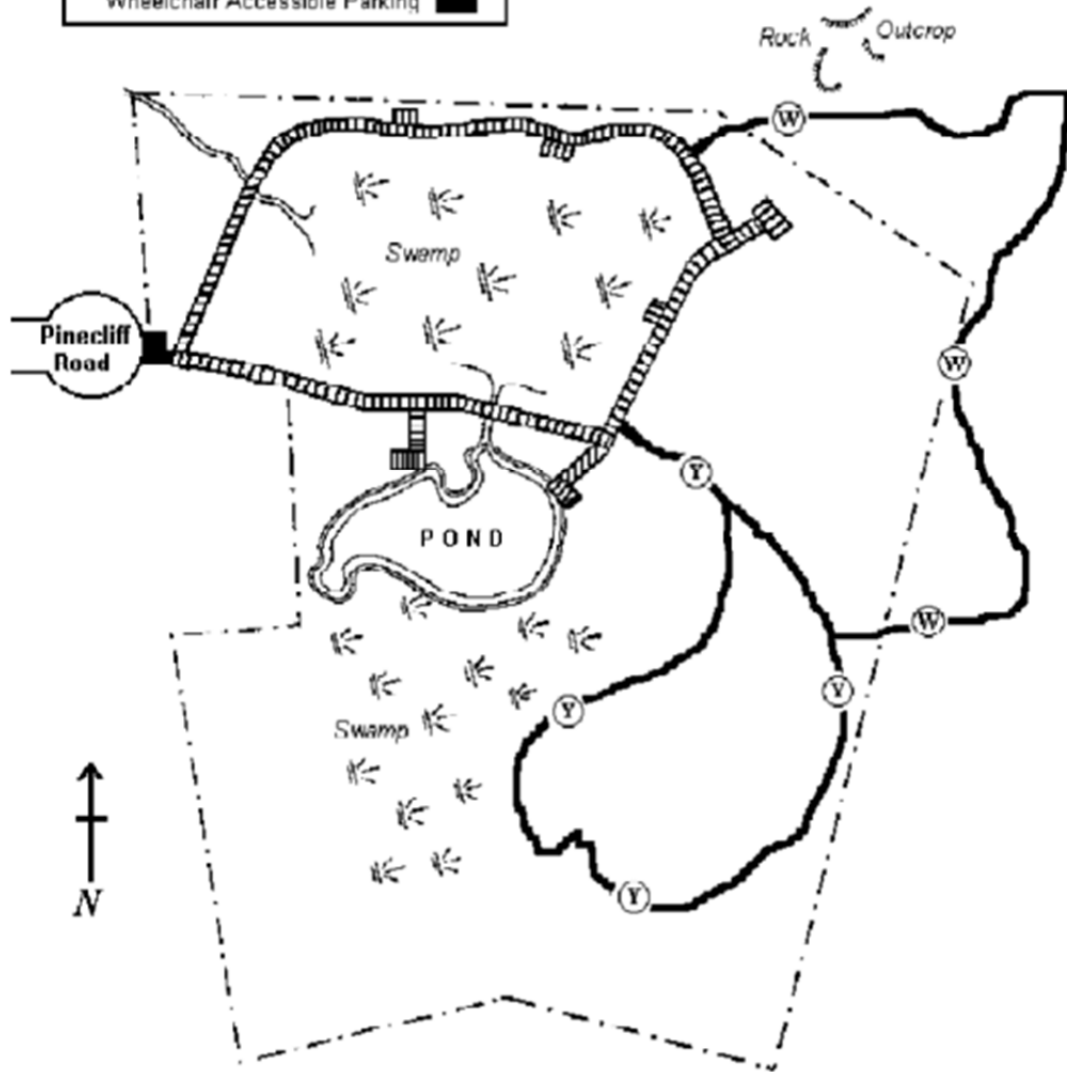
The **Ridge Walk**, marked with **white**, winds over and around the small hills and hollows in the sanctuary and just over its border on the Saw Mill River Parkway land. It begins at the easternmost overlook of the boardwalk and connects southward to the Swamp Loop Trail. There is a handsome rock formation at the top of the northern most hills made of gneiss rock, folded together by geologic forces until they appear to resemble gray whipped cream.

The **Swamp Loop**, marked with **yellow**, begins at the southeast overlook of the boardwalk, skirts the southern portion of the swamp and loops east through the upland woods to its connection with the Ridge Walk

Pinecliff Sanctuary

7 Acres • .65 miles of hiking trails

Trails		
Ridge Walk	White	.25 mi
Swamp Loop	Yellow	.15 mi
Boardwalk		.25 mi
Wheelchair Accessible Parking		



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TRAVEL DIRECTIONS AND TRAILS ENTRANCE

Pinecliff Sanctuary is at the end of Pinecliff Road outside of the hamlet of Chappaqua in the Town of New Castle.

Pinecliff Road is off Route 120 (Quaker Street), approximately 1/2 mile north of the Route 120-Chappaqua Exit of the Saw Mill River Parkway.

Please drive slowly up Pinecliff Road and be aware of children at play.

Parking is extremely limited; please park carefully so you do not block neighbors' driveways or the sanctuary entrance.

HISTORY OF PINECLIFF

Pinecliff Sanctuary's seven acres were donated by the Stern and Arleo families to the New Castle Land Conservancy in 1969. Saw Mill River Audubon has managed the property since the Land Conservancy merged with our organization in 1975.

The wheelchair accessible boardwalk was made possible through financial support from a Westchester County Community Development Block Grant, contributions from local organizations and businesses, and through the volunteer labor of Audubon members, community groups, and sanctuary neighbors. Additional interpretive trails signs were funded by the Campfire Association.

To learn more about our other sanctuaries, our free public field trips and programs, and our other activities, visit www.sawmillriveraudubon.org

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I want to support your local conservation work.

- \$500
 \$250
 \$100
 \$50
 \$30
 Other _____

Please make checks payable to Saw Mill River Audubon and send with this form to the address below. If you prefer to donate online using a credit card, visit www.sawmillriveraudubon.org

We welcome your comments and observations about our sanctuaries.

PINECLIFF SANCTUARY COMMENTS

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Street _____

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