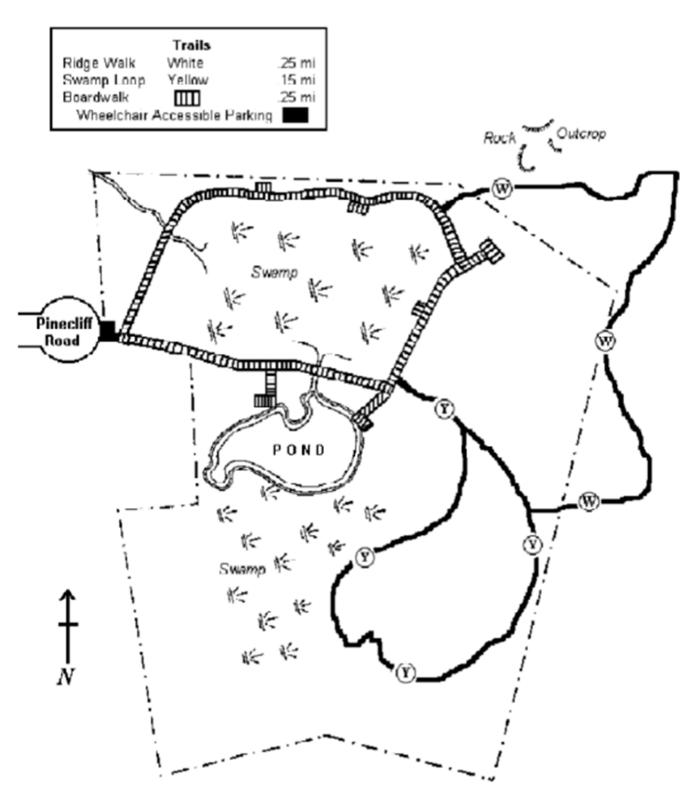


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We hope you enjoy your walk. A few reminders as you begin your visit:

- If you wish to visit with a group of six or more people, please contact our office first. Parking is extremely limited on Pinecliff Road and the boardwalk only accommodates a small number of people at one time. 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 of wildlife is prohibited including tadpoles.
- Dogs are welcome on leashes. Please clean up after your dog.
- Please drive slowly up Pinecliff Road and be aware of children at play. Please park carefully and don't block our neighbors' driveways or the sanctuary entrance.

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 woods to connect with the Ridge Walk

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.

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