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 website 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

Welcome to Pruyn Sanctuary
We hope you enjoy your walk. A few reminders as you begin your visit:

- A sanctuary is a place where all life is respected. Please do not remove or injure any plant or animal and please leave only your footprints behind when you leave.
- Dogs are welcome on leashes. Please pick up after your dog.
- If you have an emergency, call 911 or the New Castle Police Department: 914-238-4422.

ABOUT THE TRAILS
The Fern Trail, marked with white paint, leads from the sanctuary entrance on Woodmill Road along a dirt road cut through the woods when this land was surveyed for development in the 1960s. The dirt road takes you to a boardwalk through a swamp. Pruyn Trail (see below) begins here. The Fern Trail continues along the edge of the swamp and crosses it again with another boardwalk segment before continuing south through upland woodlands and a loop walk through rocky hillslope. This trail ends at Seven Bridges Road through a section of sanctuary land that runs between two private houses.

The Pruyn Trail, marked with green, includes a boardwalk loop through a swamp. The wooden boardwalks are gradually being replaced with ones made from recycled plastic, which are safer for the fragile wetland and less slippery for visitors. The trail crosses Gedney Brook and continues beside mudflats and a pond. A side trail on the eastern side of the stream leads to a bird blind, an observation area and bird feeding station. The Pruyn Trail makes a loop uphill, through an arboretum with labeled trees and shrubs near the Pruyn House, and back down to the swamp. The arboretum also contains a butterfly and hummingbird garden. Interpretive signs along this trail highlight animals and plants found in the sanctuary. They were funded by a grant from Audubon New York.

The Ridge Walk, marked with blue, leads up a gentle slope off the Fern Trail near the sanctuary entrance. It continues through open woodlands where locust trees are giving way to black birch, sugar maple and American beech trees. The trail descends into a small valley where spring wildflowers are prevalent and deer and other wildlife shelter from winter winds.

The Deer Loop, marked with yellow and connected to the Ridge Walk, follows the northeastern boundary of the sanctuary and is very steep in sections, leading past some outstanding rock formations and stands of chestnut oak. It loops back through the secluded valley described above.

The Swamp View Trail, marked with red, is in the southern part of the sanctuary. It passes beside a stone wall that overlooks the Crystal Spring wildlife area, continuing through a beech grove and near wild azalea and high bush blueberry shrub stands.

The Crystal Spring Trail, marked with orange, follows a boardwalk section across the southern part of the swamp adjacent to the Birchwood Swim Club. This boardwalk was built with a grant from the New York City Environmental Fund in 1999. On the other side of the swamp, the trail circles a steep rocky hillside that offers another view overlooking the swamp.

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TRAVEL DIRECTIONS AND TRAILS ENTRANCE

Woodmill Road off Route 133-Millwood Road, three miles east of Millwood, Town of New Castle

1. From the Taconic Parkway, take Route 133 Millwood Exit.
2. Follow Route 133 East (towards Mount Kisco) through the hamlet of Millwood and continue for approximately .9 miles east of Millwood.
3. At the intersection of Route 133-Route 120, bear left, continuing on Route 133 East.
4. Woodmill Road is the first right-hand turn on Route 133, approximately .6 miles after the Route 120-Route 133 split.
5. The sanctuary entrance is on the right at the end of Woodmill Road BEFORE Woodmill Road continues uphill into a private driveway.
6. Please park carefully along Woodmill Road, being certain not to block neighboring driveways or the sanctuary entrance.

OFFICE & GARDEN ENTRANCE

275 Millwood Road (Route 133) opposite and between Bradley Farm Road and Joan Drive.

1. Follow the first 3 sets of directions above.
2. Proceed approximately .5 miles after the Route 120-Route 133 split.
3. Driveway is marked by a large green sign that reads “Pruyn Sanctuary.”
4. Please park in the gravel lot immediately on your left as you enter the driveway.

We are committed to protecting and restoring the native habitats here for the benefit of birds, other wildlife and people.

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