

JOE 2025 Information Packet for **Cornelia & Florence Bridge Nature Preserve**

Day: Sunday	Start Time: 8:30 am	End Time: noon
Co-Leader:	Co-Leader:	Limit: 10 people
Transportation: Personal Cars	Driver:	Bus Captain: n/a
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, leisurely stroll through the forest near the camp. A significant portion of the three miles of trails in the Preserve are handicap accessible, featuring gentle hills with a total elevation gain and loss of under 200 ft and primarily wide, flat paths. However, be cautious in certain areas where rocks and tree roots may pose tripping hazards. Before his recent passing, Township native Charles Bridge donated his family's 300-acre property to Dingman Township. Charlie had two specific visions for the property: to honor his late wife's and mother's dream of preserving the land and to ensure it remains accessible for public enjoyment. Additionally, he requested that the park be named the Cornelia and Florence Bridge Preserve in their honor.

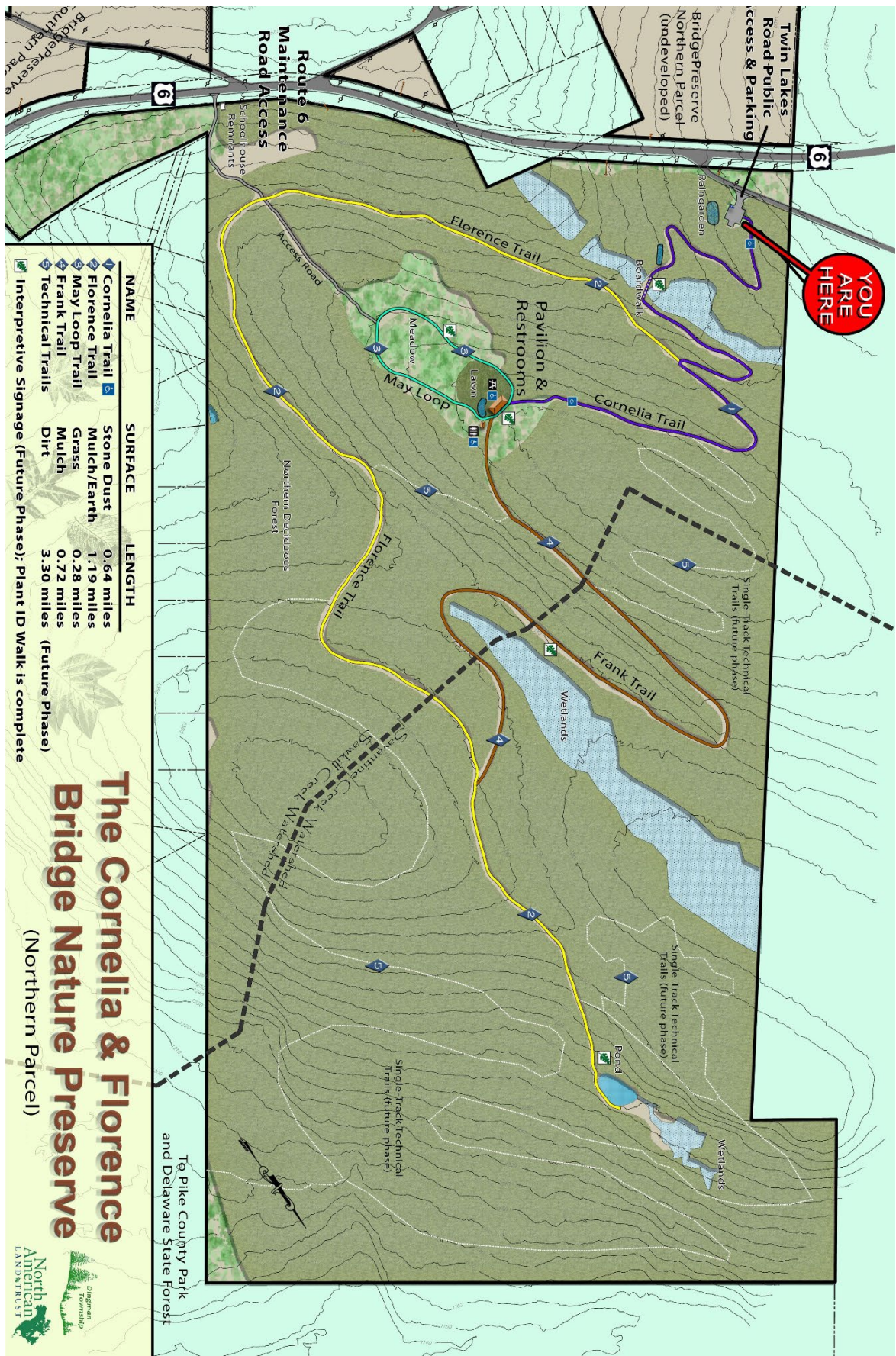
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Please bring a hat, water, snacks, and good walking shoes. Some areas may become muddy if it has rained recently.

*The section of the Florence Trail between Service Road and Cornelia Trail is NOT handicap accessible. There are too many rocks and roots to navigate, but a workaround is available to avoid this section of the trail.

Logistics:

- 8:30 am Meet in front of the Dining Hall
- 8:30-8:40 am Drive from camp to the park
- 8:40 - 8:50 am Safety Talk and Hike Prep
- 8:50 - noon Hike from camp to Cornelia & Florence Bridge Nature Preserve and then back.
- noon - Back at Camp in time for lunch



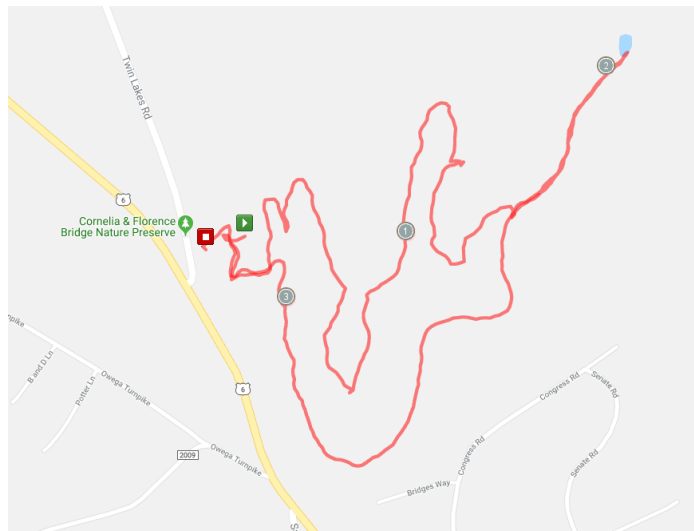
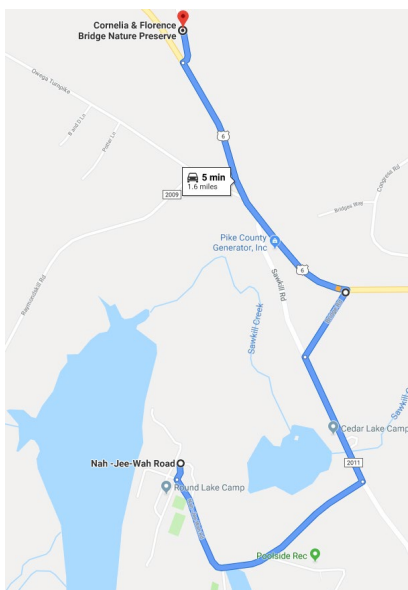
Driving Directions to Park (Distance: 1.6 Miles / 5 min)

1. Start at the 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 Route 6 is hazardous and should be avoided if you are in a car.
5. Go a Short Distance to the end of Bridge Road
6. Turn left onto Rte. 6.
7. Go ½ mile to bear right onto Twin Lakes Road
8. The entrance to the parking lot is a short distance on your right.

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

Below is a 3.3-mile route with a total ascent of 173 feet and a maximum elevation of 1,403 feet.

1. Park the car and find the trailhead at the parking lot. Follow the Cornelia Trail across the bridge and then to the Pavilion. (0.64 Miles)
2. Once in 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 great opportunity for a bathroom break for those who need 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 cross over the service Road to the end of Florence Trail (1.19 Miles). This ends the handicap-accessible trail.
7. Turn left downhill on the Cornelia Trail.
8. Take the Cornelia Trail back to the parking lot.



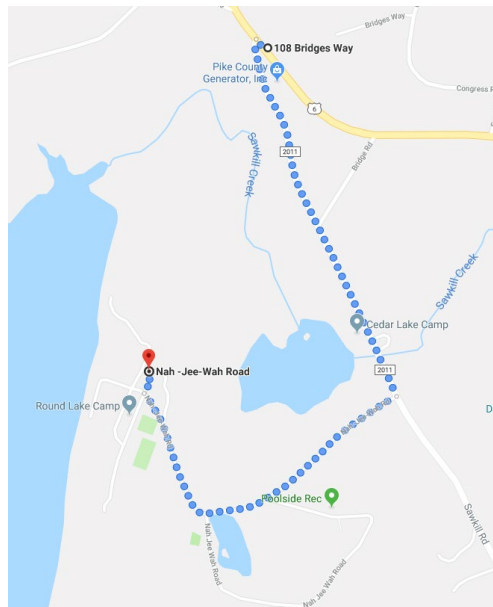
Walking Directions to Park (1 Mile / 25 Min)

1. Start at the Dining Hall
2. Head to the end of the driveway out of the camp to Sawkill Road (½ mile)
3. Turn left onto Sawkill Road. Go ½ mile to the end of Sawkill Road at the intersection of Rte. 6 (½ Mile)
4. You will need to cross Route 6 carefully. This intersection is at a blind bend on a hill on Rte. 6. We suggest posting one person to stop traffic on the downhill side at the intersection of Sawkill and Route 6. Then, walk the group uphill to the far end of the parking lot of the building just uphill from the intersection. This will give you a better chance to see traffic around the bend. Send another person further up the road around the bend to stop traffic from that direction. Coordinate with the two individuals to stop traffic simultaneously. Then, as a group, we all crossed the road simultaneously. 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 Approx. Three mi. The route has a total ascent of approx. It is 200 ft. long and has a maximum elevation of 1,403 ft.

1. Follow the 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. Take a moment to enjoy the pond.
3. Then go back to how 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 great spot to take a break for a snack and use the bathroom.
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. You went too far if you got to the bridge (parking lot just beyond).
7. Turn left onto Florence Trail. Follow the Florence Trail back to the Service Road.
8. Turn right (downhill) into the Service Road.
9. Take Service Road down to Rte. 6. Then, reverse the directions above and head back to camp.



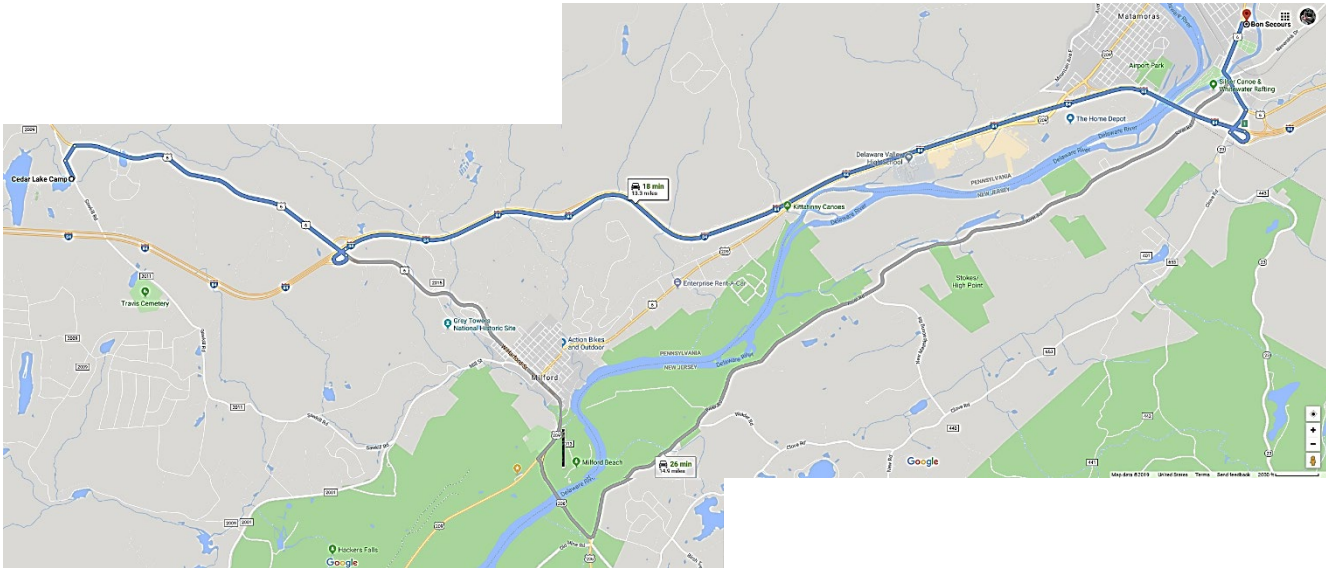
Nearest hospital



Bon Secours
Community Hospital
Westchester Medical Center Health Network

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

<https://www.wmchealth.org/locations/bon-secours-community-hospital-emergency-department>



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Start Camp Nah-Jee-Wah

1. Head out of camp down the driveway and turn left, heading northwest on Sawkill Road toward Bridge Road.
 - a. Then 0.21 miles, 0.21 total miles
2. Take the first 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 the exit ramp onto I-84 E toward Port Jervis
5. .
 - 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
6. Take EXIT 1 toward US-6/Port Jervis/Sussex/NY-23.
 - a. Then 0.31 miles, 12.25 total miles
7. Turn right onto County Hwy.-15.
 - a. Then 0.25 miles, 12.50 total miles
8. Turn left onto E. Main St/US-6 W.
Then 0.86 miles, 13.36 total miles

Bon Secours Community Hospital, located at 160 E. Main St., is on the right.
Blue and White Sign. There is a walkway over the road.
Second Entrance for Emergencies

