

# Baker Woods North

*(Parking Lot side)*

**2015:** The original 354 acre Baker Woods Preserve (BWP), spanning the upper reaches of the Indian River, was donated to the Indian River Lakes Conservancy (IRLC) in 2015 thanks to the generosity and forward thinking of Doris and Norm Baker, who lovingly stewarded the land for over 40 years. Their gift of these rich and scenic lands was assisted by the insight and efforts of IRLC Director, Ed Robertson and funding from the New York State Conservation Partnership Program.

**2016:** The original BWP trail system was dedicated in August 2016. The Baker Woods Preserve featured a parking area, kiosk, signage, canoe launch, approximately 3 miles of trails including a 2.7 mile loop, and a riverside observation deck. All of these accomplishments were done and or directed by the Carney / BWP volunteer stewardship team over a period of several months. Funding for the project was provided by the New York State Conservation Partnership Program.



# Preserve (BWP)

**2017-18:** The original BWP N trail system was expanded.

- New trails including Scraggy Spruce and Maebh's Meander, were added to expand access and integrate more natural geological formations.
- Picnic tables, benches, a pollinator garden, signage, a bulletin board and a privy were installed at the sign in the kiosk area.

**2018-2019:** New land added on the south side of the Indian River, Baker Woods Preserve South (BWP S)

Ed Robertson, with assistance from IRLC director and BWP land steward Matt Carney, submitted a successful North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) grant application facilitating a 230 acre addition to the preserve on the south shore of the Indian River. Special thanks to Gary and Myra Dake and the Carney Family for their generous land contributions.

Significant funding remains available to IRLC in this cycle of the NAWCA grant and we hope to utilize those funds to add more land to the preserve around the confluence of the Indian River and Weatherhead Creek.

# Timeline

Extensive new trail work completed by the Carney, Nesbitt and Kerns families resulted in the five mile Dake Loop trail system featuring bog bridging, benches and signage. Materials for use in the new trails were made possible by the BWP Stewardship Fund created by Doris Baker.

**2019:** Improvements made to original trails.

- Two additional trails have been added: Tata's Turnoff and Oso Negro, designed to enhance our cross country skiing and brings our total trail mileage in BWP North to just over 4 miles.
- Coniferous and Deciduous Tree ID guides were added.
- Pollinator garden plants were labeled.
- The new trails (BWP S) open to the public in August.

**Note:** access to the newest trails across the river requires a 250 yard paddle upstream from the canoe launch.

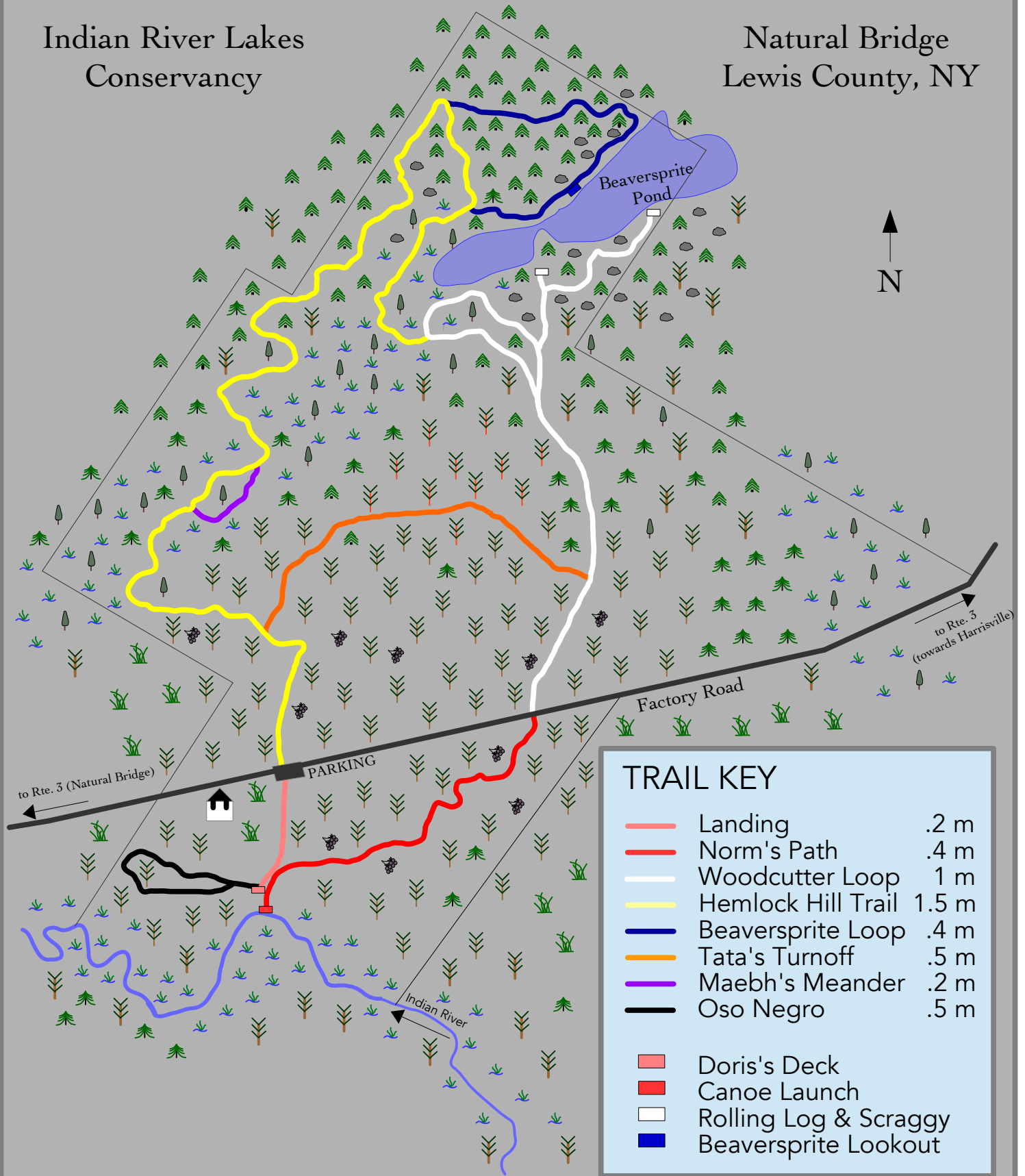
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*Happy hiking...and happy paddling.*

# BAKER WOODS PRESERVE NORTH

Indian River Lakes  
Conservancy

Natural Bridge  
Lewis County, NY



## TRAIL KEY

	Landing	.2 m
	Norm's Path	.4 m
	Woodcutter Loop	1 m
	Hemlock Hill Trail	1.5 m
	Beaversprite Loop	.4 m
	Tata's Turnoff	.5 m
	Maebh's Meander	.2 m
	Oso Negro	.5 m
	Doris's Deck	
	Canoe Launch	
	Rolling Log & Scraggy	
	Beaversprite Lookout	

# Baker Woods South

*(Across the River)*

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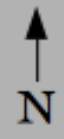
# Natural Bridge Lewis County, NY

to Rte. 5  
(towards Harrieville)

PARKING

to BWP North

Indian River



Porcupine  
Mull

The Braigh

Canopy Ridge

## BWP SOUTH TRAILS

Indian River Lakes  
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TRAIL KEY	
	Landing .2 m
	Norm's Path .4 m
	Dake Loop 4.2 m
	Finnegans Wayk .3 m
	Deerslayer .3 m
	Onjebonge .1 m
	Doris's Deck
	Canoe Launch
	Rock Robertson
	Carney Point
	Blue Heron Landing

