

ACCREDITATION

If you're a land conservancy, you've hit the big time when you earn, after a long and exacting process, accreditation by the Land Trust Alliance. It requires a careful review of policies and standards in twelve different categories, ensuring that WLC follows best practices in our work and governance.

After literally years of preparation, much accomplished through generous grant support from the NY State Conservation Partnership Program administered by NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, WLC was awarded accreditation this August. WLC is one of 389 land trusts (out of 1363 nationwide) with this designation.

Congratulations are in order to WLC's hard-working board and staff, in particular Executive Director Maxanne Resnick and board member Jim Bogner, who, besides leading the organization's Stewardship Committee, did the major heavy lifting of accreditation as WLC's chair of its Standards & Practices Committee. Kudos to all for a big job well done! Look for the accreditation seal which will now proudly grace all WLC's communications.

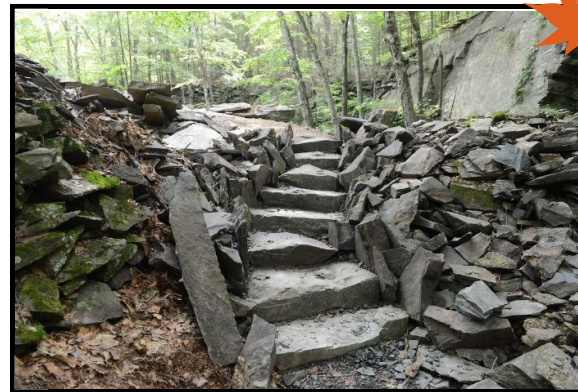


SLOAN GORGE PRESERVE 10TH ANNIVERSARY



It's been 10 years since the opening of WLC's first public trail at Sloan Gorge. Many love its dramatic bluestone quarries, seasonal stream in the gorge, and its self-guided interpretive "geology trail." But Sloan Gorge fans now have even more to love, since the installation of several beautiful bluestone stairways in the quarry located a few minutes from the parking area. This was built over the summer by four hard working, creative, young people, part of the NY/NJ Trails Conference's Summertime Conservation Corps. They channeled Harvey Fite, and created a stunning entrance/exit to the quarry -- a perfect platform to view the fall colors in Sloan Gorge.

Visit WLC's website for directions to Sloan Gorge Preserve. 487 Stoll Road, Saugerties.



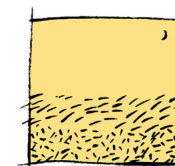
Sloan Gorge steps, Tania Barricklo, Kingston Freeman

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Longyear Farm Day 2016, Hillary Harvey

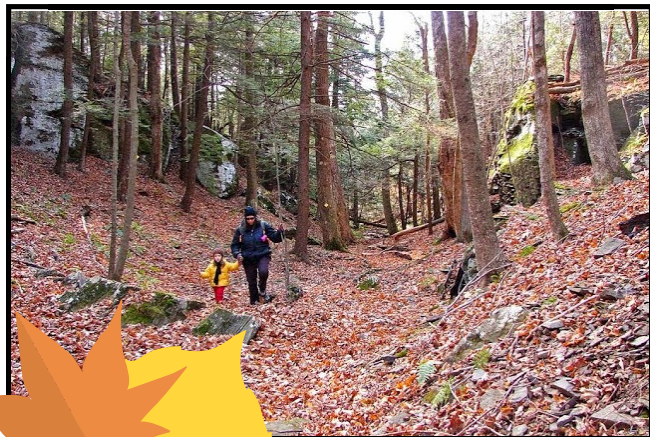


WOODSTOCK LAND
CONSERVANCY

MESSAGE FROM
PATTY GOODWIN, PRESIDENT
AUTUMN IS EXHILARATING!

For many of us, autumn is our favorite season. The air is crisp, the foliage is stunning, and there's nothing more enticing than getting outside and connecting to the gorgeousness of this landscape we call our own.

For WLC it's a season of hard work - it's when we monitor the properties on which we hold conservation easements, to ensure that these beautiful places and important ecosystems are preserved for future generations. The work is a vitally important part of our mission, but the great news is that we get to have fun too. And we want you to join us. Take a hike on a preserve, new or old, or join us for our regular programming or for our wonderful, family-friendly annual Longyear Farm Day! Read on, and celebrate Autumn with Woodstock Land Conservancy.



Sloan Gorge in the fall



View of Mount Guardian from Longyear Farm Day

LONGYEAR FARM DAY

WLC'S ANNUAL "FUN" RAISER!

Did you know there's a working family farm in the heart of Woodstock? All ages will enjoy WLC's annual Longyear Farm Day on **Saturday, October 21st**. Matt, Heather, Kathy Longyear and WLC volunteers welcome you to a community day of fun with crafts, kids activities, hay rides, live music and more. Enjoy great local food from the farm, your favorite eateries and cider pressing with Woodstock Supervisor Bill McKenna.

Longyear Farm Day takes place at 42 Schoonmaker Lane.

Admission is \$10/person or \$20/family and includes all food.

Many thanks to sponsors; Boyer Sign Company, Bread Alone, SOLARgeneration, Sunflower Natural Foods Market, Transcend Dental, Ulster Savings Bank, and friends; Adams Fairacre Farms, Stewart's Shops, and West Hurley Hannaford.

Thanks to Matt, Heather, Kathy Longyear, and all of the local businesses and restaurants who have contributed.

THE ISRAEL WITTMAN SANCTUARY NOW OPEN

WLC has just opened the Israel Wittman Sanctuary, its newest and largest preserve in a beautiful 123 acre forest. The ribbon-cutting was led by donor Elaine Chaback, and is named to honor her father, Israel Wittman, whose love for nature and animals was shared with Elaine.

Israel Wittman features a two-mile trail loop with relatively easy walking trails through a beautiful woodland landscape, dotted by boulders, rock walls, small quarries and two stream crossings with bridges constructed by Woodstock's famed Geezer Corps, Lorin Rose, Jim Hanson, Richard Heppner and Tom Unrath. Trails were created under the leadership of WLC Board Members Hank Starr and Jim Bogner with a team of volunteers including Anthony Lee, Dennis Collins, Del Orloske, and Jack Robinson. If you'd like to visit the Israel Wittman Sanctuary, the entrance is at the end of Old Sawmill Road, Saugerties. WLC requests that visitors use care to follow trail markers and stay inside the Sanctuary's boundaries.

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October 14 - Guided hike at Israel Wittman Sanctuary with Del Orloske

October 21 - Longyear Farm Day!

November 4 - Nature Photography at Sloan Gorge Preserve

November 8 - Toddler Tales with WLC at the Woodstock Public Library

