Godwin Preserve

The Isabel La Roche Godwin Preserve is a beautiful property of forests and vernal pools in the uplands of Bolton Landing. It was purchased in June, 2016 and its hiking trails were officially opened to the public on July 26, 2016.

The Bolton property includes a tributary of Indian Brook and large vernal pools for breeding amphibians. It is part of a large, unfragmented forest that adjoins Pole Hill Pond Preserve. Protecting this fragile property prevents excess nutrients and sediments generated by development from flowing into Indian Brook and Northwest Bay.

LGLC has created two hiking trails for passive recreation, exploration and education, which includes a lookout area for Pole Hill and High Nopit.

The preserve was named in memory of the sellers’ mother, who loved the land and Lake George.

We would like to give a special thanks to Richard Hayes Phillips for making this acquisition possible.

We are pleased to announce that the Godwin Preserve is now connected to the Pole Hill Pond Preserve.

The Lake George Land Conservancy’s nature preserves are open to the public from dawn to dusk year-round for educational, scientific, and passive recreational pursuits.
Godwin Preserve has two trails for hiking: the red trail, which is part of a future loop trail, and the yellow trail, which leads to a view of the Amy's Park wetlands and High Nopit.

From the Padanarum Road parking area the red trail follows a logging road for 0.5 miles, with a gradual upward grade, then leaves the road for 300 feet and climbs a short, fairly steep ledge, before returning to the road.

At this point, the red trail intersects with the yellow trail. Turning onto the yellow trail, it climbs steadily for 0.3 miles to a lookout, with views west of High Nopit and the wetlands of Amy’s Park.

If you continue on the red trail, it follows the road gradually downhill for 0.5 miles until it connects with the blue trail on the Pole Hill Pond Forest Preserve. Turning left takes you to Walnut Ridge and right to Pole Hill Pond (See LGLC’s Pole Hill Pond Trail Map.)

To reach Amy’s Park, use the connector trail, which has yellow triangles. From the parking lot, go north on Padanarum Road for 0.25 miles until the trail turns down an embankment and into the woods. Follow this relatively flat trail for 0.25 miles until it intersects with Amy’s yellow trail. Going left takes you across the stream to Trout Falls Road. If you go right, that will take you to the lookout and Amy’s Park kiosk and parking lot.

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**Preserve Use Guidelines**

- Please hike only on the marked trails.
- Please be courteous of other guests at the preserve.
- No unauthorized removal of plants or animals.
- Hunting is allowed with LGLC permit. Please contact LGLC for permit application.
- No motorized or non-motorized recreational vehicles of any kind allowed on the preserve.
- Please keep dogs leashed at all times.
- No camping or fires. Please do not litter.
- Use of drones by special permission only
- Parking lot may not be open in winter; check with office

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**Preserve Map Key**

- **Red Trail** 1.14 miles
- **Yellow Trail** 0.3 miles
- **Connector Trail** 0.5 miles to Amy’s Park
- **Scenic Lookout**
- **Parking Lot/Trailhead**