

Betty Allen Nature Preserve

Twin Ponds South

The flat, well-maintained trail at Betty Allen Nature Preserve meanders around its central pond, giving hikers opportunities to view the water and its inhabitants, which include swans, ducks, and other waterfowl. The preserve was named for Betty Allen, an environmental activist who cofounded the Huntington Audubon Society. The pond was initially used by Native Americans and was formed by the damming of nearby streams. The Town of Huntington purchased the land in 1972 with a 50% matching grant through the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund.

In 2011 a new dam and fish ladder were installed to allow alewives to travel into the pond, providing them new habitat and spawning grounds, and providing people with new opportunities for fishing.

Park steward says: "It made me feel good early one morning when I went there and an older gentleman came with two young boys with their poles and creels. People might not realize that there is an opportunity for fishing".

Educational Opportunities

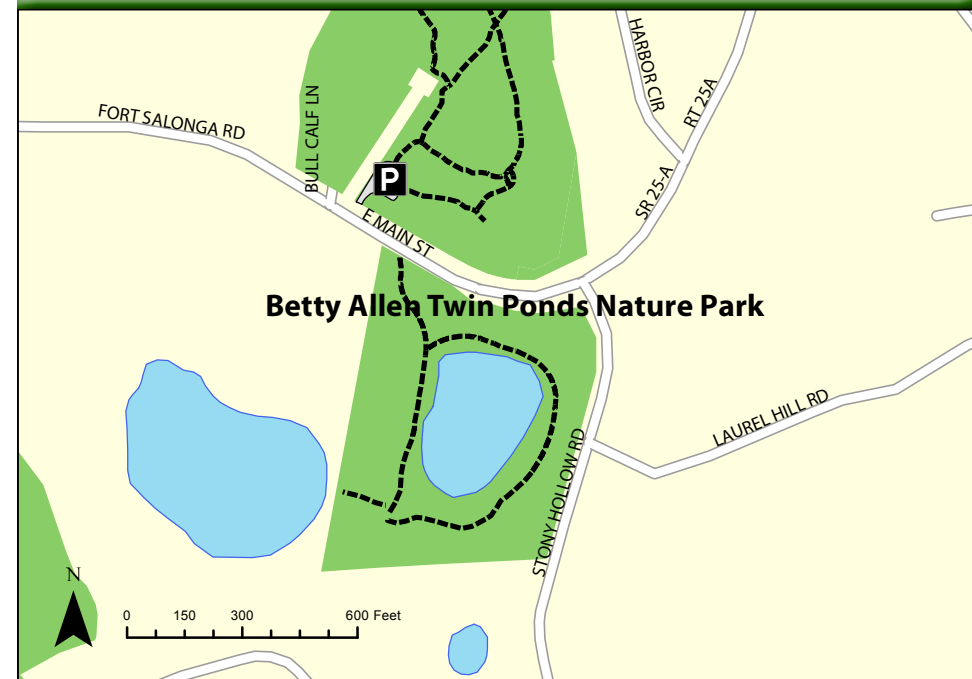
The short trail is excellent for school field trips, as it is dynamic in vegetation and wildlife. A 1975 trail guide also provides educational details pertaining to the preserve's environment. It leads visitors on the walkway and helps them to identify the preserve's plants and animals and understand the area's ecology.

Other Park Amenities

Various docks and overlooks for fishing, bird watching, and nature observation. The pond is stocked with brown and rainbow trout in the spring by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

You May See:

- Canvasback, Green Heron, Hooded Merganser, Mallard, Mute Swan, Northern Pintail, Ovenbird, Red-winged Blackbird, Ring-necked Duck, Winter Wren, Wood Duck | American Bullfrog, Common Gray Tree Frog, Green Frog, Painted Turtle, Snapping Turtle | Bluegill Sunfish, Pumpkinseed sunfish, Largemouth Bass.



Location: South Side of Route 25A near Stony Hollow Rd in Centerport.

Terrain: Flat | **Length:** 0.3 mi | **Parking:** Across Street at Phragmites Park | **Type:** Loop

Surface: Ground, Plank | **Acres:** 9 | **Trailhead:** 40.885193, -73.361930

