

Butterfly Park

While Butterfly Park is often used for nature walks, perhaps its most pertinent feature is its geological history. The park is located on the mid-island Manhasset plateau of the Ronkonkoma Moraine and is an ideal example of the effects of melting glaciers. Glacial deposits, along with stream-caused erosion, helped to shape the park's hilly terrain. While its eastern trail is sandy and well-drained, Butterfly Park's western trail contains a greater amount of silt and organic matter.

It contains a segment of the original Vanderbilt Motor Parkway. The Town of Huntington acquired the park as a result of several subdivisions from 1966 to 1973. The Town Board dedicated the site as a park-preserve in 1980, thus affording it further protection.

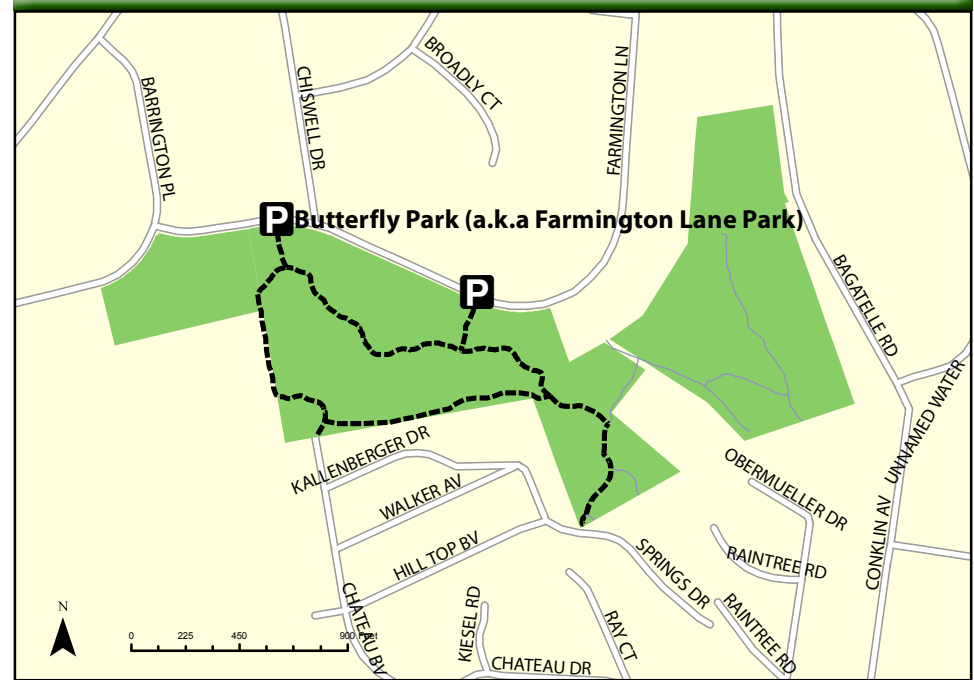
Park steward says:

"In springtime when conditions are right, there's a tremendous amount of Lady's Slippers to be viewed from the trails."

You May See:

American Chestnut, Catbrier, Club Moss, Flowering Dogwood, Gray Birch, Hawk Weeds, Huckleberry, Lichens, Mushrooms, Mustard, Poplar, Red Oak, Sassafras, White Oak

American Robin, Carolina Wren, Downy Woodpecker, Gray Catbird, Northern Cardinal, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Tufted Titmouse | Eastern Chipmunk, Eastern Cottontail, Eastern Gray Squirrel, Raccoon, Virginia Opossum



Location: Farmington Ln, south of the LIE, west of Bagatelle Rd in Melville

Terrain: Some hills | **Length:** 0.8 mi | **Parking:** Street | **Type:** Loop

Surface: Ground | **Acreage:** 38 | **Trailhead:** 40.773463, -73.374613

