

Edgewood Oak Brush Plains Preserve



Edgewood Oak Brush Plains Preserve is located at the juncture of the towns of Huntington, Babylon, and Islip. Only a portion of the site is in Huntington. The site was once a psychiatric hospital and is located next to Pilgrim State Hospital. After Edgewood Hospital's closing, community members advocated for the preservation of the land. In 1987, the area was dedicated as a state nature and historic preserve, and the buildings were demolished. The preserve is now classified as the largest remnant of pitch pine-scrub oak barrens on Long Island, and the second largest in the State. While a majority of the preserve exists on the east side of Commack Road, a small section adjoins Otsego Park on the west side.

You May See:

Bigtooth Aspen, Pitch Pine, Scrub Oak, Sweetfern, Wild Indigo

American Goldfinch, American Redstart, American Woodcock, Common Yellowthroat, Eastern Bluebird, Eastern Kingbird, Eastern Towhee, Field Sparrow, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Gray Catbird, Great-horned Owl, Northern Cardinal, Orchard Oriole, Pine Warbler, Prairie Warbler, Red-eyed Vireo, Red-tailed Hawk, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Whip-poor-will, Yellow-billed Cuckoo | Checker Spot Butterfly | Garter Snake

Additional Information

Friends of Edgewood:
www.edgewoodpreserve.wordpress.com

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation:
www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/7815.html

Park steward says: "A unique window into the past, offering views of how much of central Long Island looked more than 100 years ago, and home to a rich variety of native species".



Location: on Commack Rd, south of the Long Island Expressway

Terrain: Flat | **Length:** 5.5 mi | **Parking:** In park | **Type:** Loop | **Surface:** Ground, Paved
Acres: 843 | **Fee:** Free with NYSDEC permit | **Trailhead:** 40.776387, -73.310100

