

# Manor Plains Nature Park

The Town purchased Manor Plains Nature Park in 1963 from the Perkowski family which had cultivated crops on the site for generations. This specific region of Greenlawn has a long farming history with the oldest known Native American agricultural fields documented on Long Island, extending back prior to the 1640s. Local lore holds that there was once a war camp which may have been used in association with a Secatogue village in the hills east of Manor Road. The Secatogue were part of the larger Montauk Confederacy, a Native American people who inhabited Long Island before English settlement. Manor Plains Nature Park is presently comprised of 12.1 acres. The site was developed into a nature education center in 1969 through the efforts of members of the Elwood community. The 7-foot deep man-made pond and its surrounding field area are ideal for wildlife and wildflower viewing.



### You May See:

Bigtooth Aspen, Bog Goldenrod, Common Pipewort, Common Ragweed, Crab Apple, Eastern Cottonwood, Eastern Red Cedar, Heath Aster, Japanese Black Pine, Lady's Thumb, Quaking Aspen, Red Clover, Red Maple, Russian Olive, Wild Strawberry, Yellow Wood Sorrel | Common Yellowthroat, Downy Woodpecker, European Starling, Red-winged Blackbird, Ring-necked Pheasant | European Skipper Butterfly, Little Wood Satyr Butterfly | Eastern Painted

Turtle, Snapping Turtle | Bluegill Sunfish, Largemouth Bass, Pumpkin-seed Sunfish | Dragonfly

Park steward says: "MPNP is truly a people's park. The park use was initiated by a student. The pond was built by scouts and plantings were done by students and community members. It's a great place to go for a peaceful walk."



**Location:** West side of Manor Rd in Huntington

**Terrain:** Flat | **Length:** .3 mi | **Parking:** In Park | **Type:** Loop

**Surface:** Ground | **Acres:** 12 | **Trailhead:** 40.845420, -73.359285

