

Rapp Barrens & Six Mile Waterworks

Welcome to the Albany Pine Bush Preserve

The Albany Pine Bush is one of the best remaining examples of an inland pine barrens in the world. This gently rolling sand-plain is home to a unique variety of rare plants and animals including the federally endangered Karner blue butterfly.



Photo by Justin Cummings

#2 - Rapp Barrens

The trails in this region of the preserve showcase a diversity of wetland and upland habitats. Trails meander through open oak savannahs, parallel the steep shoreline of Rensselaer Lake, cut through pitch pine-scrub oak barrens and patches of forest, and run adjacent to recent habitat restoration areas.

Red Trail – 1.7 miles

#3 - Six Mile Waterworks

Providing access at the eastern-most end of the preserve, this area provides developed picnic grounds with tables and grills, a playground, restrooms, and shoreline docks to facilitate fishing. A pavilion is available to rent (call the Albany City Clerk 518-434-5090).

White Trail – 0.5 miles

