Six Nations Recreation Trail System

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Six Nations Unit Management Plan, which provides access to the Finger Lakes Trail System designed for foot travel, horses and part of the North Country Trail, including the portion in these state forests. The North Country National Scenic Trail is about 4,600 miles long and crosses seven northern states from the Goundry Hill and Sugar Hill state forests. The North Country National Scenic Trail offers spectacular views, including water quality and aesthetics. The main method of accomplishing these objectives is by careful harvesting of trees. For further information, see the Six Nations Unit Management Plan, which includes these forests.

TRAIL SYSTEM

The trail system is a series of loops and spur trails covering about 40 miles. The trailhead at Sugar Hill Recreation Area offers toilets, parking, camping, running water, picnic tables, a pavilion, hitching rails, an accessible horse-mount ramp and 16 covered horse-tie stalls. All are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Other parking lots are scattered throughout the area.

During winter months, horse trails are open for snowmobile use. In addition, hikers and cross-country skiers are welcome to use the trail system. Caution should be taken on some of the steeper sections along the trails.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

The Sugar Hill Archery Course, located near the Fire Tower Recreation Area, is the site of several tournaments each summer. In addition, hunting opportunities for waterfowl, big game and small game are available and vary with the habitat.

Another attraction is the Finger Lakes/North Country Trail for hiking. The Finger Lakes Trail is 559 miles long, approximately 15 miles of which cross the Goundry Hill and Sugar Hill state forests. The North Country National Scenic Trail is about 4,600 miles long and crosses seven northern states from New York to North Dakota. More than 300 miles of the Finger Lakes Trail are part of the North Country Trail, including the portion in these state forests. Because the Finger Lakes Trail System is designed for foot travel, horses and snowmobiles are prohibited.

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This area comprises almost 12 thousand acres west of Watkins Glen in Schuyler County. Among its many attractions is the Six Nations Recreation Trail System, primarily designed for horses and snowmobiles. The trail system traverses the hills separating Keuka and Seneca lakes. Also located here is a portion of the Finger Lakes/North Country Trail, the Sugar Hill Fire Tower and the Sugar Hill Archery Course.

Goundry Hill and Sugar Hill state forests offer spectacular views, miles of forests and opportunities to glimpse the wildlife that calls these forests home.

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