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The natural resources of the reservation are essential to the sustainability of the Oneida membership, ceremonies, and the entire way of life. The traditional ceremonies, held throughout the year, incorporate all cycles of life from the berries, white corn to the deer, eagle, fish and waters. Each year, the ceremonies are thanksgiving to the creator for all living things and that Oneida's still share the knowledge of our culture and heritage to be passed on.


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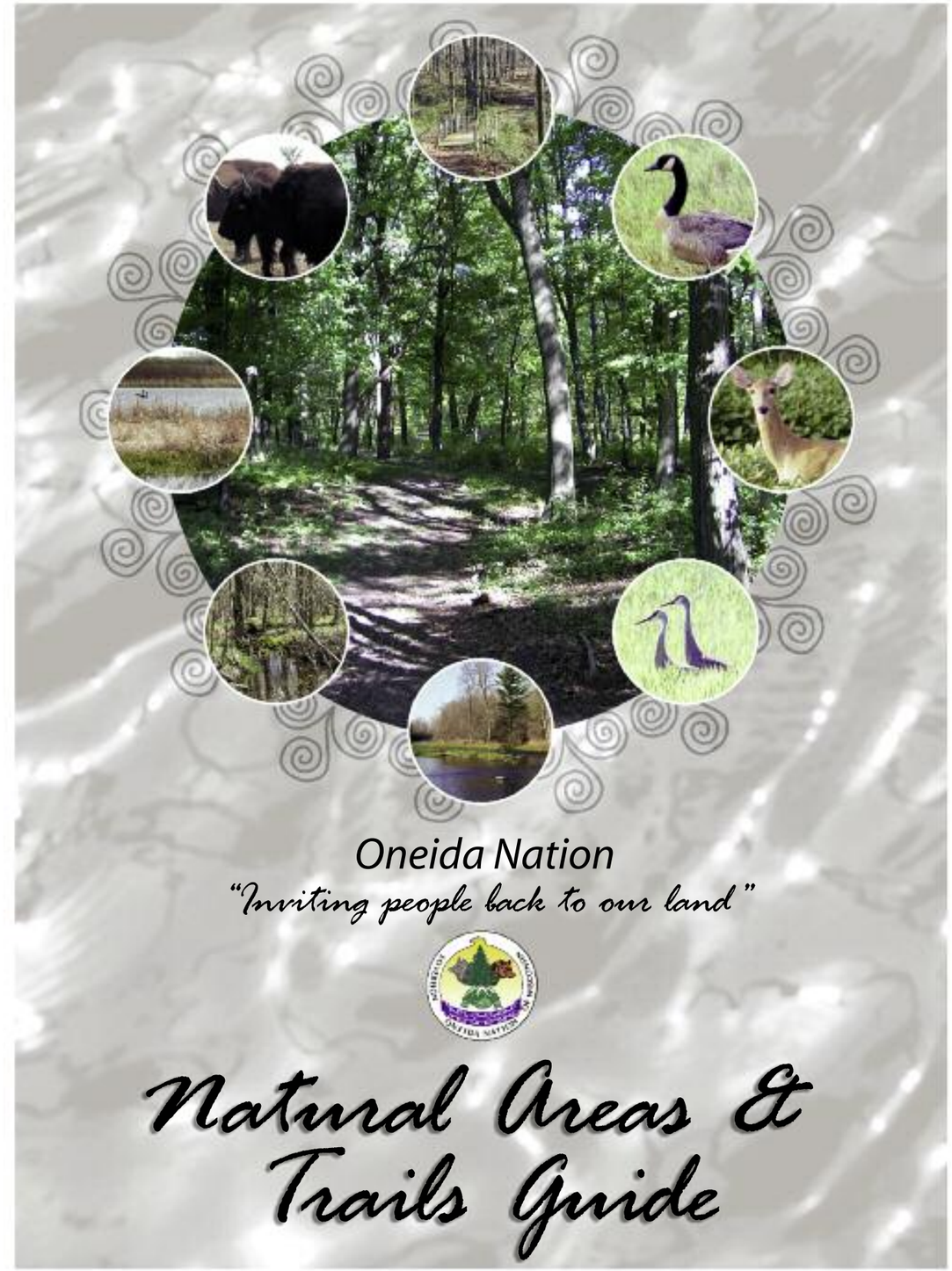


## Oneida Nation

*"Inviting people back to our land"*

# Natural Areas & Trails Guide

# Inviting You Back to the Land

The natural resources of the Oneida Tribe's Reservation are essential to our people and our distinct way of life. The preservation and enhancement of our environment is one of the Tribe's highest priorities for our community and for future generations. The Oneida's Environmental Policy historic perspective states:

> *"The preservation and enhancement of our Mother Earth is an obligation of the members of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin. We give thanks for her well being and all other forms which come from our Mother Earth. We as Oneida people cannot turn our backs on this responsibility as caretakers, the Oneida Nation has, from the beginning of time, co-existed with all living being: the winged, the four legged, all plant life, the trees, the stones, the water and the air.*
>
> *It is now time for the Oneida People to be held accountable to our children, their children, and for generations to come by creating a sustainable environment."*

Keeping with these concepts, the Oneida Environmental, Health & Safety Division has created a number of opportunities for ***inviting people back to the land*** as highlighted in this "2006 Oneida Nation Natural Areas and Trails Guide."

The ***inviting people back to the land*** initiative promotes an active lifestyle for improving health. It provides a place for experiential interactions with nature, to gain new respect and knowledge of our natural environmental systems; and places for traditional gathering and recreation that support our well being.

This guide will provide information on a variety of enhanced and restored natural area sites for mixed recreational uses.

***Site information:***

- Detailed maps of location, access, and trails
- Site descriptions
- Use restrictions
- Restoration and reforestation efforts
- What plants and animals can be seen at each site

The Oneida Environmental, Health & Safety Division realizes that the natural resources and environment of the Reservation are essential to the membership and community. Please use this guide to enhance your experiences of these natural systems. We appreciate your continued support which allows us to serve you better.

*-- Oneida Environmental, Health & Safety Division Staff*

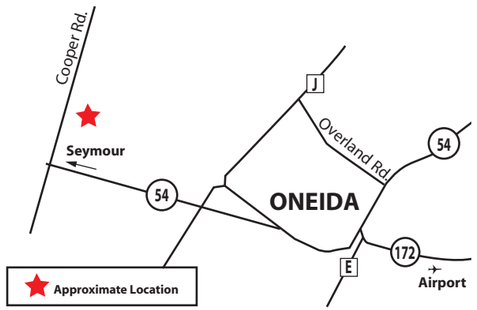


# J. Ukwehuwé·ne? tsyotekliyá·ku thutke?to·tákhwa?

Where the Buffalo Roam

**Location and Access:**

The 400-acre site is located on Cooper Road, 1/4 mile north of Highway 54. Parking is available 1/2 mile north of 54, west on Vandebruggen Lane. Handicap accessible sites are available at this site.




**Description of the Site:**

The area is described in quarters. The northeast and southwest are utilized by the Oneida Nation Farm Buffalo Project and are restricted for safety. The northwest and southeast quarters are enrolled in USDA programs to restore the land. In 2001, the pond north of Vandebruggen Lane was constructed. In Fall 2005, a berm was constructed to retain water in the southeast quarter of the site. Both projects were completed to increase wildlife diversity of the site.

**What to Look For:**

— Only area on the Reservation to view the Oneida Nation Farm Buffalo Project
— Rare species on the Reservation, such as bitterns and shorebirds can be found here
— Native grasses and flowers were planted here for future gathering

**Uses and Restrictions:**

- Gun and bow hunting on NW and SE quarters only.
- No motorized vehicles anywhere on this property at this time.
- Constructed Outlook is available for viewing wildlife.

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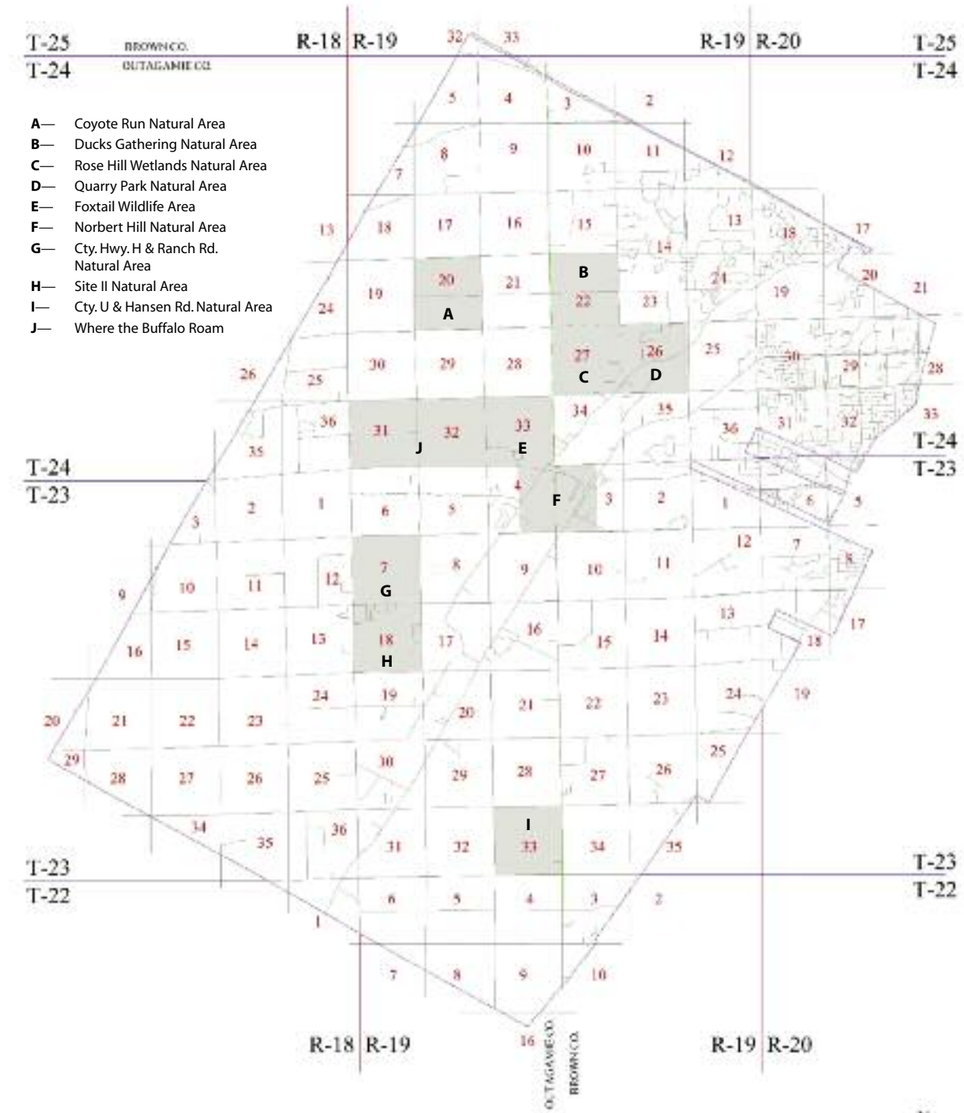


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**Natural Recreational Area Locations**

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**Legend**

Trails - 5.0 Miles

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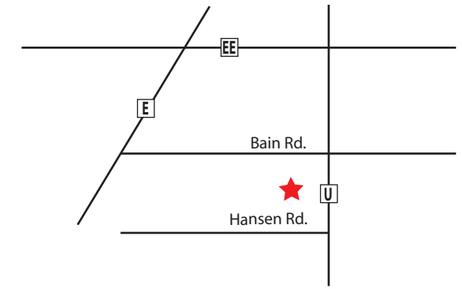
# I. County U & Hansen Rd. Natural Area

## Location and Access:

The 246-acre parcel is located in the southern end of the Oneida Reservation. The property is west of County Highway U and extends from Hansen Road, north to Bain Road. Access and parking areas are established off Hansen Road, 1/4 mile west of County U. Another location for access and parking is at the end of Jordon Court, west of County U, approximately 3/4 of a mile south from the intersection of Bain Road.




## Description of the Site:

The property, acquired in 1999, has an extensive trail system and is managed by the Department. The wooded area of the property is made up primarily of oaks, which provide an abundant mast crop for wildlife in the area. Visitors will find the relatively flat terrain provides an enjoyable walk through a secluded forest setting. The meadows that are established in the center of the property create an aesthetic, pleasing and relaxing environment. The area lends itself to people having a picnic or taking a break from day-to-day activities.

## What to Look For:

— Mallard, Black Duck and Canada Geese
— Songbirds, Cardinal, Red-Headed Woodpecker, Black-Capped Chickadee, Finch and Red-tailed Hawk
— Rabbit, Fox, Squirrel (Grey/Fox), Raccoon and Small Mammals

## Uses and Restrictions:

- Firearm and Bow Hunting
- Aesthetic Value
- Observation/Bird Watching
- Walking, Hiking, Snow Shoeing and Camping

- NO ATV's or Motorized Vehicles

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**Legend**

Trails - 1.68 Miles

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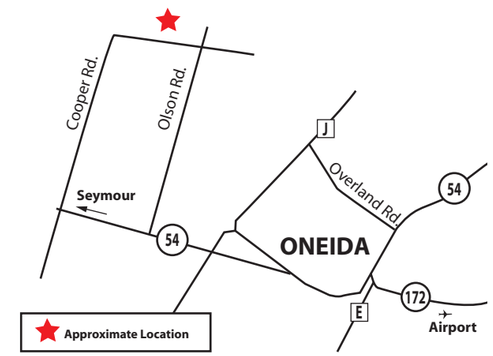
# A. *kaʔniwathahyunisláʔ yothóhaʔ*

Coyote Run Natural Area

## Location and Access:

The 283-acre parcel of land is located on the northwest end of the Oneida Reservation, north of Cooper Road. There are parking and access locations along Cooper and Olson Road, approximately 1/2 mile from this intersection. An additional access area is located on the north side of "Cooper's corner".




## Description of the Site:

The property has had a number of restoration efforts completed throughout the area. Visitors are provided an opportunity to view waterfowl by ponds off the Olson Road access area. Funding for these restoration practices was secured through the Circle of Flight (COF) program. The wetland enhancement efforts were initiated in 1990, with a total of six (6) ponds being constructed. There has been an extensive reforestation effort on the property, with the planting of 14,000 seedlings. Sportsmen can utilize food plots established on the south end of the property, beneficial to all surrounding wildlife species. The acquisition was done in 1985, with an additional 40 acres acquired in 1992, by the Oneida Conservation Department.

## What to Look For:

- Mallard, Wood Duck, Teal (Blue/Green Winged and Cinnamon), Woodcock, Scaup, Northern Shoveler and Canada Geese
- Finch, Marsh Hawk, Redwinged Blackbird, Sand Hill Crane
- Pheasant, Grouse, Rabbit, Squirrel (Grey/Fox) and Raccoon
- Deer, Turkey and Coyote
- Medicinal Plants: Queen Annes Lace (Wild Carrot), Wild Grape, Wild Bergamot, May Apple, Trillium, Marsh Marigold, Blue Flag, and Wild Ginger. Trees include Norway Spruce, Black Hills Spruce and Oak.

## Uses and Restrictions:

- Firearm and Bow Hunting
- All Terrain Vehicles
- Observation/Bird Watching
- Aesthetic Value
- Walking, Hiking, Biking, Snowshoeing and Cross Country Skiing

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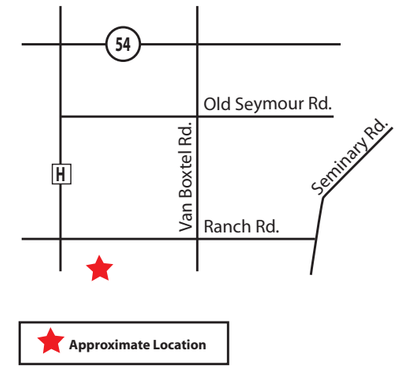
Trails - 1.65 Miles



# H. *Site II Natural Area*

**Location and Access:**

The 380-acre parcel is located on the southwestern end of the Oneida Reservation, south of Ranch Road. This property can be accessed from all four surrounding roads, with primary parking and access area, north of Fish Creek Road, approximately 1/2 mile west of Van Boxtel Road. On the north end of the site, trail access is available from the corner of Park Drive in Site II.




**Description of the Site:**

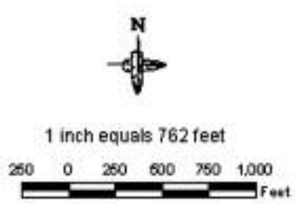
There are three (3) housing subdivisions established on the north (Site II), east (Rolling Hills) and west (Green Earth) sides of this property. Established hardwood flats lie on the north end of the site, with swampy habitat to the south. This area has a number of small winding tributaries that feed into Oneida Creek. On the south end of the property sits a small 1/4-acre pond that is utilized by a variety of surrounding wildlife. The property was acquired in 1983.

**What to Look For:**

- Mallard, Wood Duck, Grebe, Black Duck and Widgen
- Mourning Dove, Songbirds, Hawks, Owls and Snipe
- Fox, Raccoon, Rabbit, Squirrel (Grey/Fox) and Small Mammals
- Coyote, Deer and Turkey
- Medicinal Plants: May Apple, Wild Leeks, Nettle, Wild Cucumber, Marsh Marigold, Trout Lily, and Meadow-rue. Trees include Red Maple, Basswood and Black Ash.

**Uses and Restrictions:**

- Firearm and Bow Hunting
- Observation/Bird Watching
- Hiking, Walking, Running, Biking and Snowshoeing
- Snowmobile and ATV Use

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Trails - 1.6 Miles

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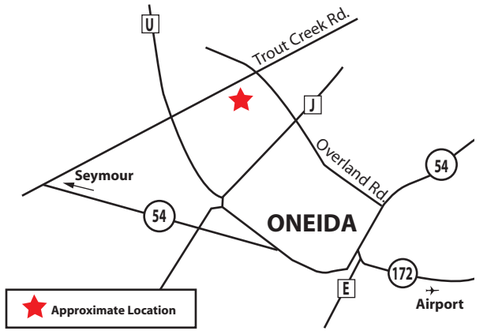
# B. *talu˜ko·thatiya˜talohlóktaˇ*

Ducks Gathering Natural Area

**Location and Access:**

The 89-acre site is located on the northeast end of the Oneida Reservation, south of Trout Creek Road 1/4 mile east of County U. Parking and access areas are located off Trout Creek Road, on the east and west end of the property. The eastern parking area has a small overlook for visitors to utilize.




**Description of the Site:**

Visitors will find a haven for waterfowl and other wildlife species on this property. To establish this prime habitat, there have been a number of different restoration efforts completed on this tract of land. Wetland restoration efforts included phased wetland projects to establish ponds, flooded timber and nesting habitat. Funding was provided by the Circle of Flight (COF) program, as a showcase project for the Oneida Nation. Sportsmen can utilize the three (3) acres of food plots, beneficial to the surrounding wildlife species. The property was acquired in 1999.

**What to Look For:**

— Mallard, Teal (Blue/Green Winged), Wood Duck, Northern Shoveler, Scaup, Bufflehead, Hooded Merganser, Swans and Canada Geese
— Snipe, Redwinged Blackbird, Red-tailed Hawk and Yellow headed Blackbird
— Pheasant, Woodcock, Rabbit, Raccoon and Small Mammals
— Deer, Coyote, Turkey and Black Bear

**Uses and Restrictions:**

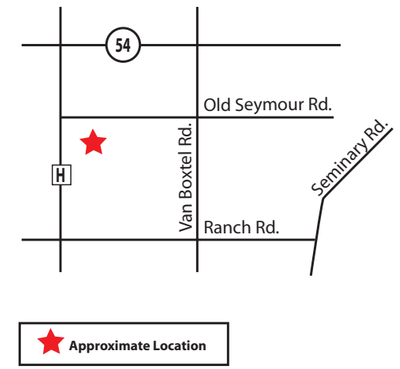
- Firearm and Bow Hunting
- Observation/Bird Watching
- Walking, Hiking, Biking, Snowshoeing and Cross Country Skiing

- NO ATV's or Motorized Vehicles

# G. Cty. Hwy. H & Ranch Rd. Natural Area

## Location and Access:

This 766 acre site is located on the western end of the Oneida Reservation, east of County H and includes almost an entire section of land. The primary parking and access area is east of the intersection of County H and Government Road. Additional access and parking areas on Ranch Road, Van Boxtel Road and Old Seymour Road.




## Description of the Site:

The property is primarily agricultural fields that are leased to non-tribal farmers. In the sections that are not farmed, there have been a number of enhancement practices done. The Conservation Department utilizes this site as a major pheasant release location. Every year the Department releases 100 to 300 mature birds throughout the area. There are three (3) ponds located on the west end of the property, that were constructed in 1999, with funding from the Circle of Flight (COF) program. The Department had also established small food plots on the western end of the site. The first property in this section was acquired in 1990.

## What to Look For:

- Mallard, Black Duck, Scaup, Wood Duck and Canada Geese
- Pheasant, Songbirds, Snipe, Woodcock, Hawks and Sand Hill Crane
- Otter, Rabbit, Squirrel (Grey/Fox), Fox and Raccoon
- Coyote, Turkey and Deer
- Bass and Bluegill

## Uses and Restrictions:

- Firearm and Bow Hunting, Fishing
- Observation/Bird Watching
- Walking, Hiking, and Snowshoeing

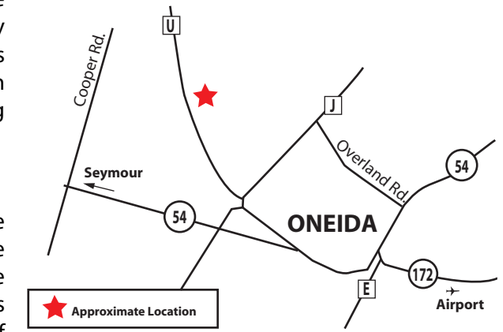
- NO ATV's or Motorized Vehicles

# C. Yotsi?nahkwa?talíha? tsi?yonutáhehle? tyohutsyana·wʌ́

Rose Hill Wetlands Natural Area

## Location and Access:

The 264-acre site is located in the northeast end of the Oneida Reservation, east of County U and extends easterly to Rose Hill Drive. An established parking and access area is also available at the end of Rose Hill Drive. The property can be accessed from the east side of County U, with a parking and access area a 1/2 mile north of Pearl Street.




## Description of the Site:

Visitors will find diverse habitats, which include mature hardwoods, swamp/wetlands and open meadows. The hardwoods provide a large mast crop of acorns, that are utilized by surrounding wildlife species. These habitats create ideal conditions for visitors to view a variety of different kinds of animals. The Department established two (2) ponds, approximately an acre in size, in 1989. The Circle of Flight (COF) program provided funding for this restoration effort. The property was acquired in December of 1985.

## What to Look For:

- Mallard, Wood Duck, Teal (Blue/Green Winged) and Woodcock
- Blue Jay, Red-tail Hawk, Owls, Finch, Redwinged Blackbird and Songbirds
- Grouse, Rabbit, Squirrel (Grey/Fox), Raccoon and Small Mammals
- Deer, Coyote, Fox and Turkey
- Plants (Medicinal): Gooseberry, Goldenrod, Nettle, Strawberry, Mullein, Milkweed and Red Willow. Woody plants include American Cranberry Bush, Black Ash, and Maples.

## Uses and Restrictions:

- Firearm and Bow Hunting
- Observation/Bird Watching
- Walking, Hiking, and Snowshoeing
- Aesthetic Value

- NO ATV's or Motorized Vehicles

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1 inch equals 750 feet

250 0 250 500 750 1,000 Feet

**Legend**

Trails - 2.36 Miles

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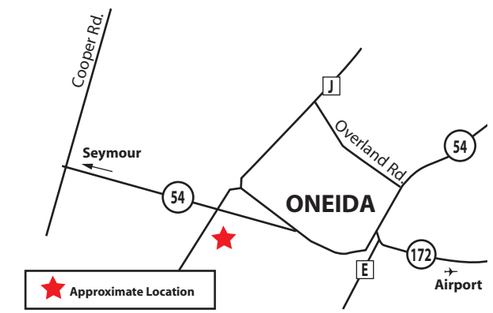
# F. *Norbert Hill Natural Area*

## Location and Access:

The 280-acre site is located in the heart of the Oneida Reservation. Just to the south of Highway 54, the property can be accessed from the main entrances of the Norbert Hill Center. A 1/4 mile south of the Norbert Hill Center is an additional parking and access area on the adjoining tribal land, east of Seminary Road.




## Description of the Site:

There have not been any major restoration efforts other than allowing the area to stay natural and undisturbed. The land is contoured with rolling ridges of mature hardwoods, which develop a thick canopy above the trail system. The inclines that the trail system covers will require visitors to exert themselves while completing their activities. The eastern end of the property is bordered by Duck Creek and will allow for the observation of a variety of aquatic life species. This large tract of land has a very unique aesthetic value even though it is relatively close to Highway 54. This property was acquired in 1984 and placed into trust in 1993.

## What to Look For:

- Mallard, Wood Duck and Canada Geese
- Songbirds, Red-tailed Hawk, Red-headed Woodpecker, and Owls
- Beaver, Otter, Rabbit, Squirrel (Grey/Fox), Raccoon and Fox
- Deer, Coyote and Turkey
- Along the Creek—Northern Pike, White Sucker, Crayfish and Frogs
- Medicinal Plants: Cardinal Flower, Wild Grape, Violets, Dandelions, Marsh Marigold, Wild Ginger, Sumac, Horsetail, Clovers, Jewel Weed, Solomons Seal, Trillium, Trout Lily and Gooseberry. Trees include White Pine, Basswood, Cedar and Maple.

## Uses and Restrictions:

- Observation/Bird Watching
- Aesthetic/Relaxing Value
- Walking, Hiking, Biking and Snowshoeing

- NO Firearm or Bow Hunting
- NO ATV's or Motorized Vehicles

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Legend

Trails - 1.7 Miles

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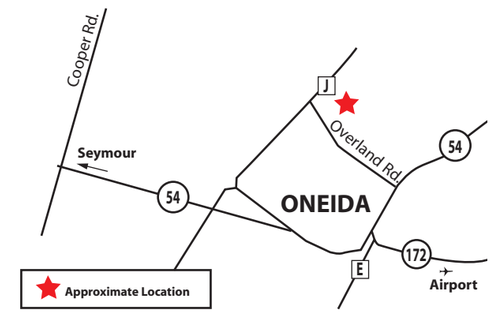
# D. Quarry Park Natural Area

## Location and Access:

The 160-acre site is located near the center of the Oneida Reservation, east of Overland Road. There are several parking and access areas for this property. The main entrance, at the intersection of Overland and County J, will bring you to the heart of the property. Access can also be gained from County J on the north side of the property and Dead End Road on the south side of the property.




## Description of the Site:

The property, acquired in 1986, has undergone a variety of upgrades to enhance the outdoor recreational experience. Visitors will be able to utilize a 5-acre pond, which has a variety of fish species for the avid angler. Duck Creek flows through the southern end of the property. This additional waterway provides the opportunity for viewing a variety of aquatic life species. The property also has a number of low-impact camping sites established along the trail system. The rolling hills and numerous inclines will provide a vigorous walking or hiking experience.

## What to Look For:

- Mallard, Wood Duck, Black Duck, Teal and Canada Geese
- A variety of Songbirds along with Eagle, Red-tailed Hawk and Owls
- Pheasant, Grouse, Rabbit, Squirrel (Grey/Fox) and Small Mammals
- Deer and Turkey
- Bass, Crappie, Bluegill, Northern and Walleye
- Medicinal Plants: Trout Lily, Gooseberry, Wild Bergamot (#6), Strawberry, Violet, Mullein, Yarrow, Marsh Marigold, Skunk Cabbage, Blue Flag, Bloodroot, Ginger Root, Trillium, Wild Onion, Wild Grape and Meadow-rue. Trees include Cedar, White Pine, Hemlock and Birch.

## Uses and Restrictions:

- Bow Hunting • Camping • Observation/Bird Watching
- Walking and Hiking • Fishing • Aesthetic Value

- NO Firearm Hunting • NO ATV's or Motorized Vehicles

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Legend

Trails - 3.1 Miles

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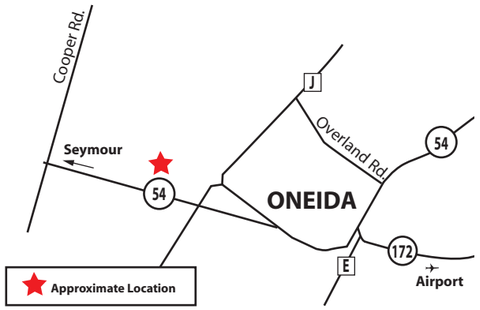
# E. Foxtails Wildlife Area

## Location and Access:

The 449-acre site is located in the center of the Oneida Reservation, 1/4 mile north of Highway 54. This large tract of land has numerous access and parking locations around the property. Look for these areas along County Highway U, Pearl Street, Olson Road and Water Circle Drive.




## Description of the Site:

The property has had a number of restoration efforts completed throughout. Visitors will find ponds scattered across the landscape, which were funded by the Circle of Flight (COF) program. Ponds vary in size from 1/2 acre to 2 acres. Food plots have been established through a partnership agreement with the USDA provided funding assistance. The trail system meanders through the wooded parcels which are made up of primarily deciduous trees, with a few conifer species in the southern end of the property. There have also been trees planted to limit the amount of fragmentation between the woodlands. The initial land parcels were acquired in 1984.

## What to Look For:

- Waterfowl: Mallard, Teal, Scaup and Ruddy Ducks
- Songbirds/Birds of Prey: Finch, Robin, Red-tailed Hawk, Redwinged Blackbird and Sand Hill Crane
- Red Fox, Grey Fox, Pheasant, Rabbit, Squirrel and Grouse
- Deer, Coyote and Turkey

## Uses and Restrictions:

- Firearm and Bow Hunting
- Snowmobile and All Terrain Vehicles
- Walking, Hiking, Snowshoeing and Cross Country Skiing