



Bergen Swamp Preservation Society

Bergen Swamp properties are special places where you will find unique associations of plants and animals. Bergen Swamp and Zurich Bog are listed on the National Registry of National Natural Landmarks. All Bergen Swamp properties are owned by the Bergen Swamp Preservation Society. They are open to the public by permission of the society. The chief goals of the Society are the protection and management of these unique communities, the education of the public about these areas and scientific research. In keeping with these goals, the properties of the Society are open to visitors interested in learning more about these unique communities. For the safety of visitors and the protection of the flora and fauna of these properties, we require visitors to adhere to the following guidelines:

- **Groups of six or more are not allowed on the properties without prior written permission from BPS. For permission, fill out the printable permission form and mail as directed.**
- No collecting or damage to plants or animals is permitted.
- No harassing of animals is allowed.
- No releasing of plants or animals is permitted.
- No pets are permitted, other than those registered as service dogs.
- No "gardening" for photography will be allowed.
- No littering.
- Visitors must stay on trails. This is to protect the visitor from getting lost and to protect fragile habitats from damage.
- Please respect marked research sites; do not touch, move or damage research equipment or barriers.
- Visitors are responsible for their own safety. Poisonous Massasauga rattlesnakes may be encountered in Bergen Swamp. Both Bergen Swamp and Zurich Bog have unstable soils, so visitors should watch their footing. The Society recommends that visitors not walk on trails alone.
- Visitors should wear appropriate footwear (boots). The trails on these wetland properties are rugged and may be very wet. Come prepared and you will enjoy your visit.
- The rugged nature of the trails makes them inaccessible to people who have difficulty walking. The trails are definitely not wheelchair accessible.
- Children should be supervised at all times. The Society requires that an adult accompany all children under the age of 16.
- No alcoholic beverages or smoking are permitted on BPS property.

Important Safety Notice!

All trails at **all** BPS properties are closed to the public during the firearms hunting season from approximately mid-November through Christmas. These include Bergen Swamp, Zurich Bog, Taylor Marsh, Slater Preserve, and Hotchkiss Preserve.



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Request for Permission to Visit a Bergen Swamp Preservation Society Preserve

Any group larger than six persons, including schools and organizations, using sanctuaries of The Bergen Swamp Preservation Society, Inc. (BSPS) is required to obtain written permission before visiting the properties.

Leaders must be familiar with the property, and conversant with the subject to be taught. BSPS will attempt to fill requests for qualified leaders when needed.

All rules of the society must be obeyed, including no collecting of plants or animals. Visitors must stay on trails unless explicitly given permission to go off trail herein.

Preserve to be visited	
Planned date of visit	
Time of day for visit	
Purpose of visit	
Name and address of school/class/group	
Request to travel off-trail (please give reasons to go off trail above)	
Leader responsible for group Name Address Telephone Number	
Number in group expected	
Previous training or experience of leader, students/group in natural history or conservation	
If you are in need of a guide, we will attempt to obtain one for you. Please indicate here if guide is needed.	Yes No (circle one)

Please fill in all pertinent information requested.

*Mail to one of the following addresses with a stamped self-addressed envelope for return of approved permission. Allow at least three weeks lead time (six if guide is needed).

Zurich Bog: Mona Rynearson, 1746 Welcher Rd., Newark, NY 14513

Bergen Swamp: Lee Blair, 7204 Byron Holly Rd, Byron, NY 14422

Taylor Marsh: Lee Drake, PO Box 155 7 Michigan St., East Bloomfield, NY 14443-0155