

Nestled on a wooded hilltop overlooking the beautiful Susquehanna River is a special place, a place for all seasons:

The facilities opened in 1976 with the donation of land by Lolita C. Waterman. The subsequent purchase of a former church building on the adjacent property offers 92 acres as a nature preserve.

This private, non-profit community nature center provides environmental education and outdoor recreational opportunities for people of all ages

and interests. This property houses a natural history museum, auditorium, classrooms, a reference library, nature gift shop, and offices.

As a private, non-profit nature center, we raise all

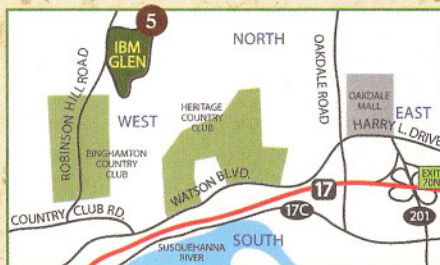
our own operating expenses. These funds come from a variety of sources including memberships, program fees, donations, fundraising events, sales in our Nature Shop and special program-related grants.

Our gift shop offers a wide variety of souvenirs and learning tools for nature lovers. Store hours are: Mon.-Fri. 9-4, Sat. 10-4, Sun. 12-4.

All hiking trails are open every day from dawn to dusk.



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Conservation  
Education Center



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### Hours for All Properties: Dawn to Dusk

### Education Center Open:

**Monday-Friday 9am-4pm**

Saturday 10am-4pm

**Sunday Noon-4pm**



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# "A Place for All Seasons"



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## Programs

Waterman Center offers year round programs for the public, schools, scout groups, community organizations and senior citizens. Programs can be designed to meet the specific needs and interests of your group.

- \* Summer Day Camp for youth 5-11
- \* Guided trail walks
- \* School programs
- \* Guest speakers
- \* Travelogues
- \* Preschool programs
- \* Cross Country Skiing (rentals available)
- \* Snowshoeing (rentals available)
- \* Earth Day Events
- \* Teacher workshops
- \* Outreach programs
- \* Bird watching
- \* Wildlife habitat classes
- \* Native American classes
- \* Special Events on Hiawatha Island
- \* Birthday parties
- \* Internships
- \* Family weekend hikes
- \* Survival classes
- \* And much much more!

## Properties

All Waterman Center properties are open to the public free of charge on a year-round basis.

### Hilton Road Interpretive Site

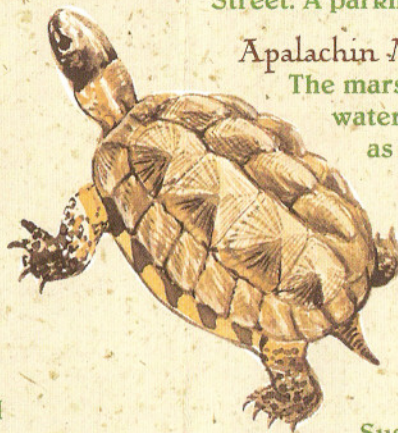
Located on a hillside overlooking the Susquehanna River Valley, this 92 acre refuge is our primary site. Four miles of trails wind their way around open woodlands, meadows, a small stream and a gorge. The museum houses numerous exhibits and interactive displays.

**Directions:** From Rt. 17, take exit 66 to Rt. 434 west. Travel 1.5 miles and turn left onto Hilton Road.



### Brick Pond Wetland Preserve

Located on East Front Street in Owego, the pond comprises 30 acres of open water, emergent plants and a wet woods. A trail, including a floating pontoon bridge, leads visitors around the pond. An active beaver colony is easily visible from the trails. Brick Pond is known as one of the best birding sites in New York State. **Directions:** From Rt. 17, take exit 65 to 17c West toward Owego for approximately 1 mile. Turn right onto East Front Street. A parking area is a few blocks on the right.



### Apalachin Marsh

The marsh is home to many species of waterfowl, songbirds and mammals as well as trees and shrubs. **Directions:** Located 1/2 mile west of Hilton Road. Park on north side of Rt. 434 and walk through opening in fence under Rt. 17.

### Hiawatha Island and Riverfront Park

This 112 acre island rests in the Susquehanna River between Owego and Apalachin. It is home to hundreds of flora and fauna species, including several on the State's endangered species list. The island has a rich history and remnants of a hotel and farm buildings are visible. A pontoon boat provides access from the mainland to the island for special events and tours. **Directions:** From Rt. 17, take exit 66 and follow directions to Rt. 434 west. Take Rt. 434 for about 3.5 miles. Turn right on the west end of Marshland Road and take the third driveway on the left.

### The IBM Glen - An Educational Preserve

The IBM Glen contains over 118 bird species, stands of white pine over 100 years old and cedar trees over 300 years old. Includes four miles of paved hiking trails and bridges. A waterfall is located at the southern end of the Glen. An excellent location for field trips in ornithology, environmental science and biology. **Directions:** Take Exit 70N to Harry L. Drive off Rt. 17. Go west on Harry L. Drive 1.9 miles (left turn). Turn right onto Country Club Road and then right onto Robinson Hill Road. Glen is on the right.

## Volunteers

Each year more than 350 volunteers donate thousands of hours to the Center's operation. Volunteers work in all areas of the center and come from diverse backgrounds. Many provide interpretation and guided tours.

We would like to welcome you into our volunteer corps if you have a few hours to donate. A few of the areas where volunteers help are listed below. Call the center, or stop by for more information on volunteering.

Some volunteer activities include:

- \* Naturalist
- \* Trail & Lawn Maintenance
- \* Gardening
- \* Nature Shop Sales
- \* Exhibit Construction
- \* Building Maintenance
- \* Special Events

## Become A Member

Your tax-deductible membership includes our newsletter, discounts and invitations to member-only programs. Student, family and organization memberships are available. Call us for more information concerning membership.

