

Madison Avenue Pinelands

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.



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Dense forests of pitch pine trees, which are evidence of past agricultural land use, once blanketed this region. These forests were recently thinned changing the habitat to more closely resemble the globally rare, wide open pitch pine-scrub oak barrens more typical throughout the area. Broad sandy trails provide an easy hike or ski over the rolling dunes. If you're lucky, you may see pink lady slipper orchids blooming along the trailside in late May/early June. This trailhead serves as the beginning of the purple "through trail" connecting the trailhead to Guilderland's DiCaprio Park.

- Yellow Trail – 0.6 miles
- White Trail – 0.4 miles
- Purple Trail – 3.7 miles

