

Great Dune

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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Diverse forest communities, pitch pine-scrub oak barrens, and native prairies adorn rolling sand dunes including the Great Dune that is over one mile long and as much as 75 feet tall. The red trail crosses a southern portion of the Kaikout Kill, whose steep slopes and damp floor support dense masses of ferns and other moisture loving plants. Wild blue lupine wildflowers, beautiful in their own right, and the exclusive food for the caterpillar life stage of the endangered Karner blue butterfly, can be seen along some of the trails in this area in May and June.

- Red Trail – 1.8 miles
- Blue Trail – 1.4 miles
- Yellow Trail – 1.3 miles

