**ACCESSING INTERESTING PLACES IN THE ALBANY PINE BUSH PRESERVE**

- **Caban Dam:** Starting at the Albany Pine Bush Discovery Center, it is a 0.5-mile hike through trail to the dam. The dam provides a rare example of a beaver-dammed water body, where trees grow in the water. This area is open to the public during the week from 9-4, and on weekends from 10-4.
- **Kakiat Kill Barrens:** A 0.7-mile hike to the end of the Kaikout Kill ravine. The trail features a steep portion of the Kaikout Kill ravine.
- **Mosaic Avenue Pinelands:** Located along the Kaikout Kill ravine, this area is home to a variety of plants and animals, including several rare species.
- **Six Mile Waterworks:** A 3-mile hike through trail to the waterworks. This area provides developed picnic grounds with tables and grills, a playground available for rental through the Albany City Clerk, 434-5090, a playground, restrooms, and showplace rocks.
- **Tanglewood:** A 0.2-mile hike along the Guilderland Town Line. This area is open to the public during the week from 9-4, and on weekends from 10-4.
- **Bluebell Hill East:** One of the most intensively restored areas of the preserve, its restored native pine barrens are interspersed with small remnant pitch pine-scrub oak barrens. This trailhead is located within the Town of Guilderland.

**WHAT TO BRING DURING YOUR VISIT**

- Water
- Trail map
- Rain gear
- Sunscreen
- Hiking boots
- Comfortable hiking boots
- Snack foods
- Camera or smartphone
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**DIRECTIONS TO THE ALBANY PINE BUSH PRESERVE DISCOVERY CENTER**

Central to the Capital District of New York State, the Albany Pine Bush Preserve is easy to access from both I-87 and I-90. The directions below will get you started at the Albany Pine Bush Discovery Center; the preserve’s headquarters and flagship interpretive center which is free and open to the public during the week from 9-4, and on weekends from 9-5.

- **From I-478 West:** Take I-89 north to Exit 10 and take Exit 10-East to I-478 (Northwest) and follow directions for I-87.
- **From I-478 North or South:** Take I-478 West to 2W (Route 5 West). Travel west approximately 2 miles and turn left at the light into Route 155 South/New Karner Road. Travel approximately 1 mile to the second light. Turn left at the light into the Discovery Center parking lot.

**WHAT THE FOLLOWING ARE PROHIBITED IN THE PRESERVE**

- Motorized vehicles
- Littering/dumping
- Campfires
- Feeding wildlife
- Camping
- Weeds
- Fireworks
- Travel on firebreaks

**PRETEND RULES AND REGULATIONS**

In order to protect the natural beauty and ecology of the preserve and assure that all visitors have a safe and enjoyable visit, please observe the following rules. Complete preserve rules and regulations are available at AlbanyPineBush.org.

- 1. **Bicycling and horseback riding** are only allowed on officially marked trails.
- 2. **Off-trail “bushwhacking”** is permitted in trails but use only marked trails, and firebreaks is prohibited.
- 3. Pets must be restrained at all times on leashes or in carriers and harnessed and must be kept under complete control. Pets are not allowed in the preserve.
- 4. **Please recycle paper waste, but use only marked trails, and firebreaks is prohibited.**
- 5. **Research projects proposed for the preserve must be submitted in writing and approved by the Commission.**
- 6. Motor vehicles of any kind in -
- 7. **Dense forests of pitch pine trees were recently thinned here, changing the habitat to more closely resemble the pineland’s DiCaprio Park.** The purple through trail crosses a wide diversity of habitats and barrens, including pitch pine–oak forest and pineland, and run adjacent to recent habitat restoration areas.
- 8. **Dune top views provides beautiful vistas to the south and west.**
- 9. **Kings Highway Barrens:** A loop trail last visitors with both pitch pine-oak forest and globally rare black oak forest as well as the native prairie found in the region. Red Trail – 1.2 miles, Green Trail – 2.1 miles
- 10. **Hunger Hill Barrens:** Portions of the trail have been heavily disturbed in anticipation of development, while other areas offer closed canopy forests of low-growing white pine, and brier vines adorned with eastern vervain, Blue Trail – 0.5 miles, White Trail – 0.5 miles, Purple Trail – 2.7 miles
- 11. **Dunwich River Barrens:** A 0.3-mile hike through trail to the Dunwich River. This area provides a special habitat for many plants and animals, it also provides visitors with a variety of non-motorized recreational opportunities including hiking, jogging, nature study, cross-country skiing, horseback riding, mountain biking, and hunting.
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