

Charles E. Baker State Forest

Stone Quarry Hill Art Park

Charles E. Baker State Forest totals over 9,400 acres and makes up the core area for the Brookfield Trail System (see #6 for other forests part of this system). Hikers, mountain bikers, cross-country skiers, as well as equestrians and snowmobilers, are welcome on the nearly 100 miles of trails. The forest is also open to hunting. The Moscow Assembly Area in the Forest off of Moscow Road accommodates approximately 150 horses and campers with covered and uncovered tie stalls, a pavilion and picnicking facilities. Drinking water and accessible toilets are also provided. The State Forest is a blend of red, white and Scotch pine and Norway spruce plantations with natural hardwoods consisting of American beech, sugar maple, red maple, black cherry, white ash, basswood and eastern hemlock.

Stone Quarry Hill Art Park is made up of several different trails:

- 1. Woodland Trail** – ¼ mile – This trail loop descends and ascends the western wooded slope of Stone Quarry Hill to meet with the Vista Trail on both ends. Much of this trail winds through pasture land that was left to grow wild mid 20th century. Woodland Trail is part of the Link Trail.
- 2. Vista Trail** – 1/3 mile – Handicap accessible. With an easy grade and its scenic views, many sculptures can be seen from this trail. Other trails radiate from the Vista Trail loop: Wetland Trail to the east. Woodland Trail circling to the west. Vista Trail descends down northern slope to Secret Garden Trail. Vista Trail is part of Link Trail.
- 3. Wetland Trail** – ¼ mile – Shadowing the Link trail along the cultivated south field slope; this trail links the Vista Trail and the Homesteads / Piney Woods Trails.
- 4. Homestead & Piney Woods Trails** – 1/8 mile – Homesteader Mary Hackley purchased 56 acres here in 1803. The land was cleared of its ancient forest and rocks to make way for a barn and home. Two of the dug wells remain, as well as the foundation of the house and traces of the barn and silo foundation. Plantation of conifers established by boy scouts in 1945.
- 5. Old Orchard Trail** – ½ mile – This trail loops a 17 acre field which is level along Stone Quarry Road and drops steeply to a fertile valley. An ancient apple orchard runs along the northern border
- 6. Watershed Trail** – ½ mile - Crossing Stone Quarry Rd. this trail links Art Park's Old Quarry and Old Orchard Trails through the Cazenovia Village watershed. Two bridges spanning small creeks can be found just west of Stone Quarry Rd.
- 7. Old Quarry Trail** – ½ mile – This trail loops an 18 acre, cultivated knoll with views of Cazenovia Lake, Oneida Lake and hills beyond. The old quarry is on the eastern edge along Stone Quarry Road. This quarry of hard shale rock was operated by Eliphalet Steele Jackson in the 1840s and supplied foundations for many of Cazenovia's early buildings.
- 8. Secret Garden Trail** – 1/3 mile - This trail loops the Secret Garden area, pond and picnic pavilion. Lawn area was once the site of "hidden" vegetable garden of Art Park founder Bob Riester.
- 9. Link Trail** – Spur of North Country Trail. Link trail enters the SE corner of Art Park and follows the hedgerow to the Vista Trail ~ Woodland Trail ~ Secret Garden Trail. From the Secret Garden, the Link Trail winds down the steep western slope through the Village of Cazenovia and beyond.

GPS Coordinates (in Decimal Degrees)
 42.791467 -75.407691 (Moscow Assembly Area),
 42.757459 -75.367124 (Truck Trail 3),
 42.753417 -75.390473 (Truck Trail 7)

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