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# The Finger Lakes Trail

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**Sheet M17**

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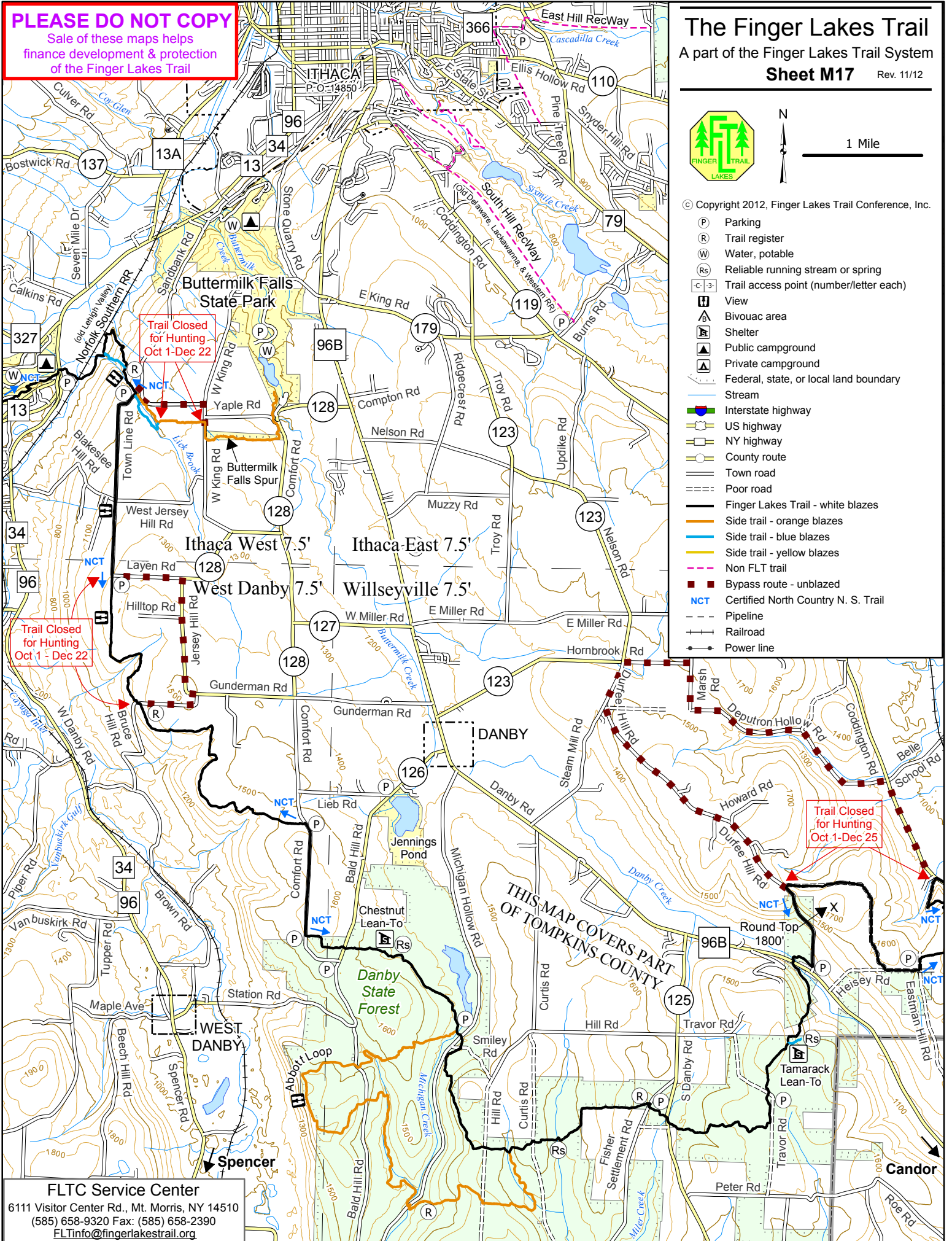


1 Mile



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- Parking
- Trail register
- Water, potable
- Reliable running stream or spring
- Trail access point (number/letter each)
- View
- Bivouac area
- Shelter
- Public campground
- Private campground
- Federal, state, or local land boundary
- Stream
- Interstate highway
- US highway
- NY highway
- County route
- Town road
- Poor road
- Finger Lakes Trail - white blazes
- Side trail - orange blazes
- Side trail - blue blazes
- Side trail - yellow blazes
- Non FLT trail
- Bypass route - unblazed
- Certified North Country N. S. Trail
- Pipeline
- Railroad
- Power line



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**THIS MAP COVERS PART  
OF TOMPKINS COUNTY**

**Candor**

**Spencer**

**Trail Closed for Hunting  
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Miles Description of Trail from West to East

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| <p>0.0 Section starts at the junction of NY Routes 13, 34, and 96 two miles south of the Ithaca city line (440', parking on east side of highway). Trail follows walkway along Enfield Creek under the highway bridge.</p> <p>0.2 Cross Cayuga Inlet at railroad bridge and enter Babcock Preserve (Cornell Plantations).</p> <p>0.5 Cross Lick Brook (430') entering the Sweedler Nature Preserve, owned by the Finger Lakes Land Trust.</p> <p>0.6 Lower falls of Lick Brook. Junction with lower end of blue-blazed loop trail (0.3 mi., very steep).</p> <p>1.3 High falls of Lick Brook (view over Inlet Valley). Junction with upper end of blue loop trail. Soon pass kiosk with register.</p> <p>1.5 Town Line Road (930', parking). Main trail turns right across bridge over Lick Brook following Town Line Rd. Orange-blazed Buttermilk Falls S. P. Spur Trail goes straight across Town Line Rd.; it goes eastward for 2.1 miles to join a trail in Buttermilk Falls State Park; continue another 1.9 miles north on park trails to reach lower Buttermilk Falls State Park. <a href="#">Note: This spur trail is closed Oct. 1 – Dec. 22 for hunting from this junction to W. King Rd. Use Town Line (go north), Sandbank, and W. King Roads to bypass as shown on map.</a></p> <p>1.55 After crossing bridge, a blue trail goes left to join Buttermilk Spur Trail in 0.4 mile, creating a 0.7 mile loop with it.</p> <p>2.5 Pass W. Jersey Hill Rd. on east and Blakeslee Hill Rd. on west. Beautiful views to west of Cayuga Inlet Valley for about 0.5 mile.</p> <p>3.2 Layen Road on left (1300', parking). Continue straight ahead onto abandoned section of Town Line Road. <a href="#">Note: Trail ahead is closed for hunting Oct. 1 - Dec. 22. Use Layen, Jersey Hill, Gunderman and Bruce Hill Roads to bypass.</a></p> <p>3.5 Hilltop Road on left. Enter large field. Views west and south over Cayuga Inlet Valley to the Newfield hills.</p> <p>4.7 Turn left (east) uphill on Bruce Hill Road (1340'). In 150' turn right (south) into woods passing a trail register.</p> <p>5.1 Cross gully and enter field; follow its north side to reenter woods in 800'.</p> <p>5.8 Turn right into steep gully. Ascend and follow 1340' contour.</p> <p>6.8 Cross abandoned road, soon crossing another steep gully.</p> <p>7.3 Reach Comfort Road (1580', shoulder parking). Turn right (south) along road.</p> <p>8.3 Turn left off Comfort Road into 7100-acre Danby State Forest (1600', shoulder parking).</p> <p>8.7 Cross Bald Hill Road.</p> <p>9.2 Chestnut Lean-to (open front; 1360') to the left (north) across stream (orange blazes). Outhouse behind lean-to (blue blazes).</p> | <p>10.1 0.0 Junction on right with Abbott Loop (orange blazes, 1270'). Abbott Loop:</p> <p>1.4 Trail crosses Bald Hill Road (north junction, 1500').</p> <p>2.0 Pinnacles with spectacular views of the Inlet Valley and the hamlet of West Danby (1700'). Area directly below is Lindsay-Parsons Biodiversity Preserve, owned by the Finger Lakes Land Trust.</p> <p>3.0 Trail crosses Bald Hill Road (south junction, 1530').</p> <p>4.6 Trail crosses Michigan Hollow Road (1170').</p> <p>5.5 Trail crosses Hill Road (1670').</p> <p>6.1 Trail crosses tributary of Miller Creek (1370').</p> <p>6.6 End of Abbott loop and junction with main trail between Hill Road and Curtis Road.</p> <p>10.2 Cross Michigan Hollow Road (1270'). Parking.</p> <p>10.3 Cross Smiley Hill Road and continue south.</p> <p>11.5 Cross Hill Road, then down through pine plantation.</p> <p>12.0 Cross Curtis Road.</p> <p>12.5 Cross a snowmobile trail.</p> <p>13.2 Right on Fisher Settlement Road, then left off road (1400', shoulder parking).</p> <p>13.5 Right on South Danby Road, then leave it on left (1330'). DEC parking lot to north.</p> <p>14.6 Trail turns north paralleling Travor Road (1670').</p> <p>14.9 Cross Travor Road (seasonal dirt road, parking to SE) into larch (tamarack) plantation.</p> <p>15.2 A high point (1720').</p> <p>15.4 A blue trail on right leads 40 yards downhill to Tamarack Lean-to, which was rebuilt in June 2010 by an FLTC Alley Cat Crew (1660'). Outhouse nearby. A spring is located on a blue spur trail 200 yards east of lean-to. Take water from plastic pipe. Do not open reservoir.</p> <p>15.5 Trail descends steeply.</p> <p>16.3 Trail crosses NY Route 96B (1160'). Proceed north and then southeast through gas pipeline right-of-way parallel to NY Route 96B.</p> <p>16.5 Durfee Hill Rd. (dirt); roadside shoulder parking. Turn left and follow road north uphill.</p> <p>17.3 Turn right (east) on unnamed private woods road. <a href="#">Note: Trail ahead is closed for hunting from Oct. 1 - Dec. 25. Use Durfee Hill, Hornbrook, Marsh, Deputron Hollow, and Coddington Roads as shown on map to bypass.</a></p> <p>18.7 Heisey Rd. (dirt, 1560'). Turn left and follow road east.</p> <p>19.0 Junction of Heisey Rd. and Eastman Hill Rd. (1530', poor dirt roads; poor parking - don't park in low or wet areas where you might get stuck). End of Danby section. Caroline-Dryden section goes east from this point.</p> |
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For more information, including reroutes and latest trail conditions go to: [fingerlakestrail.org](http://fingerlakestrail.org). E-mail corrections/comments to [trailreport@fingerlakestrail.org](mailto:trailreport@fingerlakestrail.org) (if no e-mail call the FLTC Service Center at 585-658-9320 Mon. or Thur.).

When map and marked route differ: follow signs, blazes, or even temporary flagging tape.

This section of trail is also described in the [Guide to Hiking Trails of the Finger Lakes Region \(2011\)](#) published by the Cayuga Trails Club and sold by the Finger Lakes Trail Conference; [www.fingerlakestrail.org](http://www.fingerlakestrail.org). Unlike maps, guidebooks are updated less frequently; if guidebook and map disagree, use the map.

(NCT) North Country National Scenic Trail. Sections of the FLT marked NCT are official certified segments of the 4600-mile NCT.

This section of trail was built and is maintained by the Cayuga Trails Club, Ithaca.

**REGULATIONS:**

1. Do not stray from the trail.
2. Fires and camping only at designated areas.
3. Take your litter back home.
4. Purify all water used along trail.
5. Road Hiking: Stay on shoulder off vehicle surface, travel single file, facing oncoming vehicle traffic.
6. Private land: No bicycles, horses, motor-powered vehicles or snowmobiles unless landowner has given operator written permission for such use. State land: No horses, motor-powered vehicles or snowmobiles unless trail is marked to allow their use. Bicycle use prohibited on FLT in Robert Treman State Park by NYS OPR&HP and in Danby State Forest by NYS DEC. Bicycle use is also prohibited in the Sweedler Nature Preserve and in Buttermilk Falls State Park. No camping within 150' of water sources, roads, or the trail unless designated as such by the state agency.
7. Because the FLT crosses varied terrain, steep slopes, rough footing, and watercourses, hikers must realize that they are responsible for their own safety and judgment in selecting hikes that are within their capabilities.
8. Dogs should be leashed when on the trail on private properties and most state park lands. The dog policy is available on the FLT website.