



## Day Hiking

# Finger Lakes National Forest



# No-Tan-Takto Trail

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## Trail Facts:

<b>Length:</b> 4.5 miles one way	<b>Feature:</b> Pond, Views
<b>Max. Elevation Change:</b> 134 feet	<b>USGS maps:</b> Finger Lakes National Forest Quad
<b>Amount of use:</b> Moderate	<b>Hiking level:</b> Easy <b>Blaze:</b> Yellow
<b>Average hike time:</b> 4 ½ - 5 ½ hour round trip	<b>Use restrictions:</b> No motorized vehicles except snowmobiles when conditions permit

## Trail Description:

This trail is nearly all open pastureland and traverses the Forest in a north/south direction between the Backbone Horse Campground and Parmenter Road. The No-Tan-Takto Trail is accessed from the corner where Ball Diamond Road and Wardner Corners Road connect. The trail goes north into Seneca County and crosses the Interloken Trail at Seneca Road. The trail follows Townsend Road east for about 0.5 miles then runs north to the parking area on Parmenter Road. In some of the pastures there are outstanding vistas, including views of Seneca Lake to the west and Cayuga Lake to the east. The trail is relatively flat, with a primitive trail tread, gravel in wet portions, and traverses through fenced pastures. **Please close gates behind you.** No camping is allowed within pastures while livestock are present. Please practice Leave No Trace ethics, such as carry out what you carry in.

**Caution:** Hikers beware; skiers and snowmobilers also use this trail in season.

**Note:** Trails are closed to horse users from March 15<sup>th</sup> thru May 1<sup>st</sup> due to muddy conditions.

## Directions:

**From the South,** take State Route 14 North (Exit 52 off State Route 17) to Watkins Glen, NY. In Watkins Glen, turn right at the Fourth St intersection onto State Route 414 North. Go approximately 9 miles north, past the Hector Ranger Station of the Finger Lakes National Forest. 3 miles past the Ranger Station, turn right on Ball Diamond Road. Follow Ball Diamond Road east for 3.0 miles to the 90 degree corner where Wardner Corners Road starts. Parking is allowed along the road side; please do not block any gates.

**From the North,** take I-90 to Exit 41 (414 South) towards Hector, NY. Approximately 2 miles past Valois, turn left onto Ball Diamond Road. Follow Ball Diamond Road east for 3.0 miles to the 90 degree corner where Wardner Corners Road starts. Parking is allowed along the road side; please do not block any gates.



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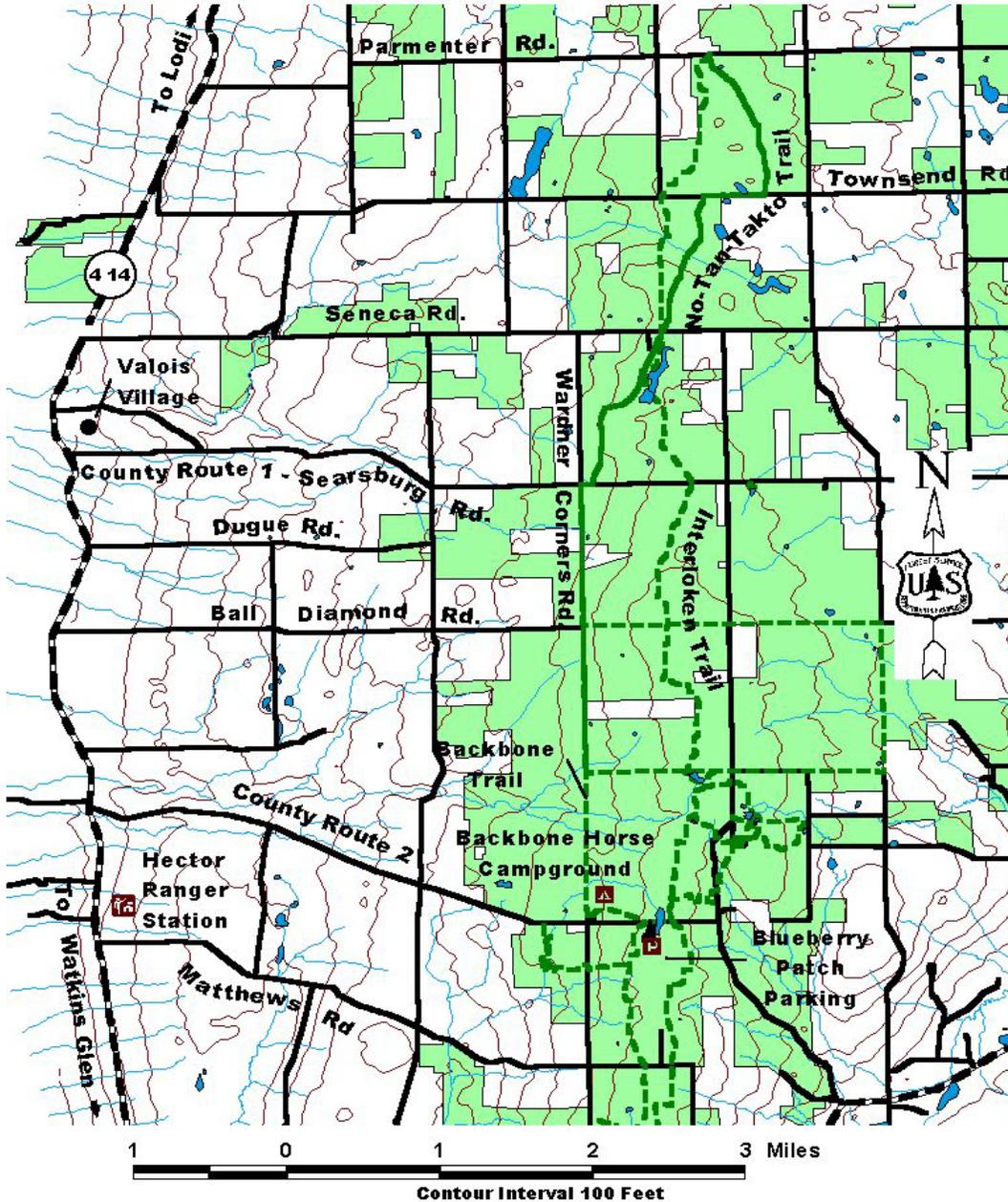
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<b>Police:</b> (607) 535-6642 or 911	<b>Fire:</b> (607) 535-6642 or 911	<b>Rescue:</b> (607) 535-6642 or 911

Map:



For More Information:

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