

## Information & History

The 60 acres that comprise the preserve are diverse and offer many highlights for visitors.

The property is known as the "Indian Fort" due to the two pallisades that once stood on the site. Two mounds are still visible where wooden posts once created a fenced enclosure between the two main gullies. These structures were built by the Onon:dowa'ga:' (pronounced: Oh-n'own-dough-wahgah) now known as the Seneca, circa 1400-1500 A.D.

Geologically, glaciers of the last ice age carved the underlying strata and left deposits containing billion year old boulders of granite and gneiss. The waterfall and rocks exposed in the gullies are Devonian in age, deposited in a warm shallow sea circa 385 million years ago. Black shales and thin limestones make up the waterfall and cliffs.

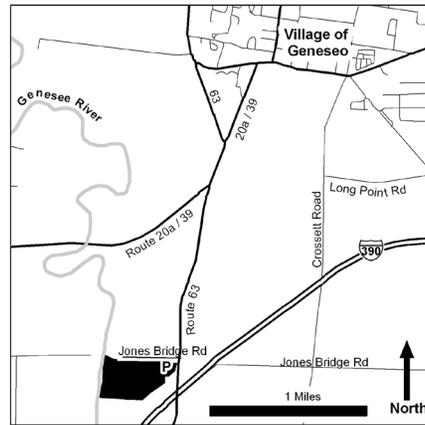
The property is an example of forest succession. In 1959 only 12 acres were forested; today, nearly the entire property is forested and a diverse mix of trees are present.

## Management of the Preserve

The preserve is managed for its habitat and to ensure uses do not negatively impact the significant features here. The Conservancy is allowing natural succession in the forest and field with work to control invasive species to preserve diversity on the property.

## Enjoying this Nature Preserve

Help minimize disturbance by remaining on our maintained trails. Enjoy low impact recreation such as hiking, bird watching, and snowshoeing. Keep dogs leashed or under your control.



## Hours

Open daily between sun-up and sun-down.

## Directions

From Geneseo head south on Route 39. Continue south on Rt-63. Turn west onto Jones Bridge Rd, the address is 3432. Park in the lot.

## Prohibited Activities

Hunting, trapping, motorized vehicles, cutting, digging, camping, biking, dumping, littering, & removing materials.

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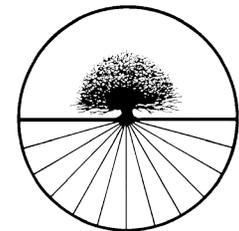
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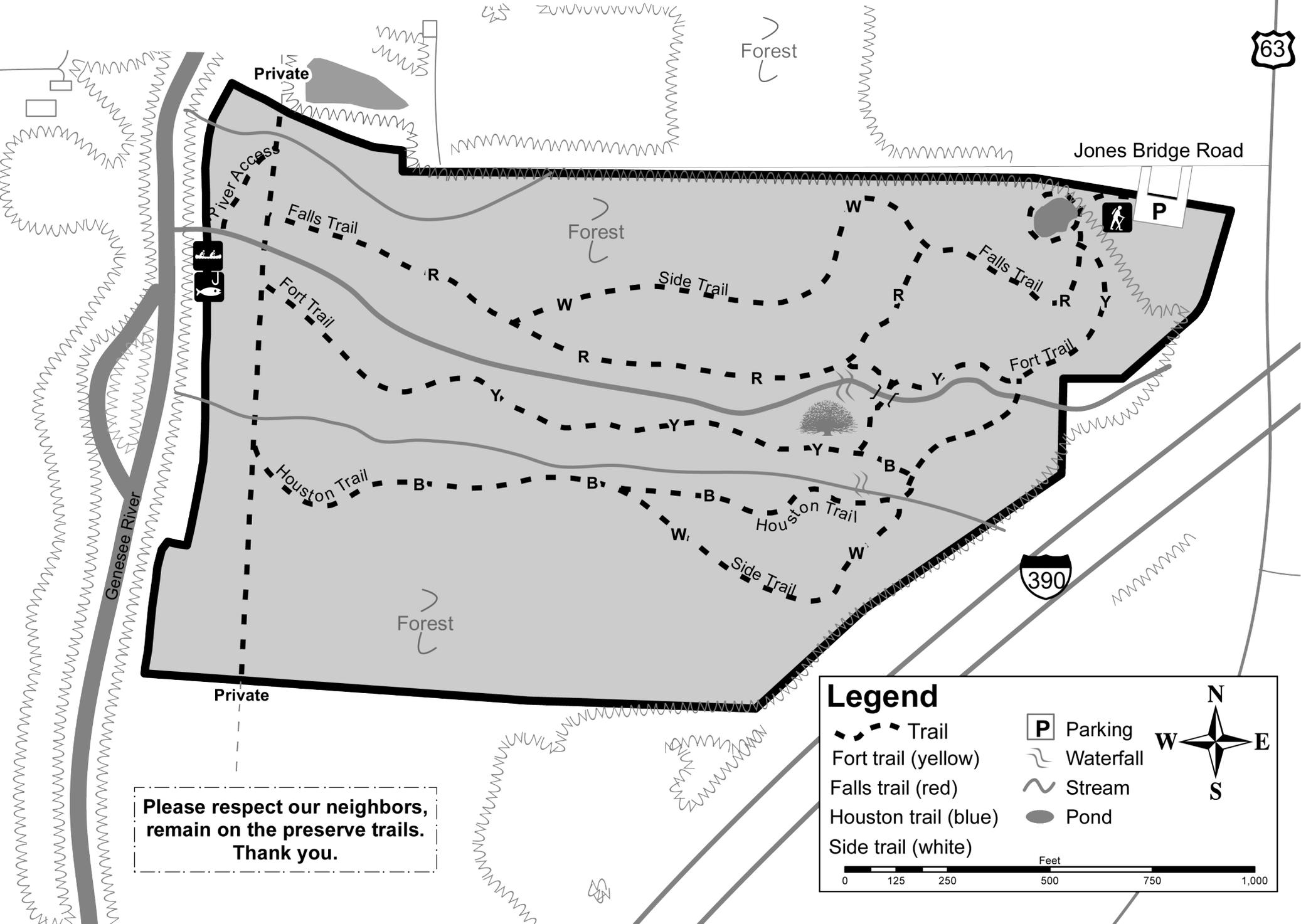
### *Research Reserve*



*"To protect the habitat, open space and farmland of the Genesee Valley region."*



# Indian Fort Nature Preserve



Jones Bridge Road

Private

River Access

Falls Trail

Forest

Side Trail

Falls Trail

Fort Trail

Fort Trail

Houston Trail

Houston Trail

Side Trail

Private

Forest

Please respect our neighbors,  
remain on the preserve trails.  
Thank you.

## Legend

--- Trail

Fort trail (yellow)

Falls trail (red)

Houston trail (blue)

Side trail (white)

**P** Parking

Waterfall

Stream

Pond

