

# Visitor's Map of Lacawac Sanctuary



## Lacawac Hiking Trails

All Lacawac hiking trails depart the vicinity of the Visitor's Center and trail maps for each can be found in the kiosk at the individual trailhead. Also, please read and be familiar with the rules on back of this flyer.

### Meadow Trail *(easy) 0.2 miles.*

Circles the hilltop meadow and former orchards - a good path for small children and an excellent place to spot a variety of birds.

### Maurice Broun Nature Trail *(easy) 1.2 miles.*

Moderate loop trail that can be accomplished in less than one hour. Highlights include varied habitats, the Ledges geological feature, and a deer enclosure research plot.

### Partner Ridge Trail *(easy) 0.7 miles.*

A loop trail through a mature oak forest with interesting geological features. Reached via a branch off the Broun Trail.

### Lake Lacawac Trail *(moderate) 1.1 miles.*

Rocky trail through glacial terrain leads to a boardwalk with an overlook of Lake Lacawac. It passes through a bog and wetland fringe with interesting flora and fauna to be seen along the way.

### Big Lake Trail *(vigorous) 2.9 miles.*

Wide, flat path ends in a loop along the western shore of Lake Wallenpaupack. Good lake views! Includes mixed hemlock and oak forests and passes two small ponds outstanding for bird and aquatic-life viewing. After the lake shore loop it returns up the mountain over the same path.

## Welcome to Lacawac Sanctuary

We hope you enjoy your visit today. To assist we have prepared this short guide with a map and helpful information. There is no charge to visit Lacawac, but we hope you enjoy the experience and will return for some of our scheduled programs.

### Lacawac - The Great Camp Historic Area

This is a complex of 5 buildings built in 1903, in the style of the rustic summer homes built by wealthy industrial barons in the Adirondack Mountains. In addition to its intentional rustic ambiance there are many significant architectural features. The lodge is widely considered the first "vacation home" built in the Pocono Mountains. It was donated to the sanctuary by the Watres Family and is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places. Tours are available on a regular schedule - please check our web site or inquire at the Visitor's Center for times. School and group tours are by appointment. If you wish to visit and view the exterior of the buildings during a time when tours are not available please inquire in the office for permission and a pass.

### Lacawac - The Nature Preserve

Lake Lacawac was decreed a National Natural Landmark by the federal government. It is the southernmost pristine glacial lake in the country today. More than 75 scientific research studies have been conducted at Lacawac to date and several are ongoing. It is an important ecological research station.

Displays are available to view at the Visitor's Center during business hours and five trails are open to the public. The trails are accessible everyday, during daylight hours.

## Visitor Rules

- Please - no littering. If you see any - help out by picking it up and bringing it back to the Visitor's Center for disposal.
- Not permitted: fishing, hunting, swimming, camping, fires, trapping, bicycles, horses, snowmobiles or ATV's.
- Please do not cut, alter, move or remove any vegetation, plants, animals or rocks. They are part of our ecosystem!
- Please respect the security of the Sanctuary's buildings. Do not enter unless invited.
- If you see flags or colored ribbons in the forest - please do not touch. They are markers for scientific research projects.
- Cars should be parked in the lot at the Visitor's Center unless you are a registered program participant at Watres Lodge or The Carriage House or attending a scheduled tour.
- When hiking, always wear sturdy shoes, carry a first aid kit, water, and let someone know where you are. Please sign in at the trail head register.
- Pets must be kept on a leash and picked up after.
- Hiking can be strenuous and risky. Lacawac is not responsible for injuries, accidents or losses. By voluntarily entering Lacawac you do so at your own risk.

## Lacawac Sanctuary Membership Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Membership Category\*

- individual \$35.00
- family \$45.00
- caretaker (VIP) \$100.+

*\*Lacawac is a 501 (c)3 non-profit registered with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Your membership is tax deductible as a contribution. Please make checks payable to Lacawac Sanctuary Foundation and drop it off at the office or return this to the address on the front.*

### Members Receive

- "Forest Notes" (4 times a year)
- Free Attendance at Membership Events
- Discount on activities and Programs

**Please Join Us**  
**Members Make Lacawac Work!**  
**Your Membership Preserves The Forest!**

## Volunteer Opportunities

There are many opportunities to help at Lacawac Sanctuary. It is a non-profit association of conservation minded individuals, like yourself, who protect the preserve, provide educational opportunities to the public, and facilitate environmental research. Volunteers are much needed to help with special projects, trail maintenance, gardening, office chores, fund raising and as tour guides or assistants. If you have spare time, please talk to us at the Visitor's Center, call 570-689-9494, or email [info@Lacawac.org](mailto:info@Lacawac.org)

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- National Natural Landmark
- National Historic Registry
- Nature Preserve

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