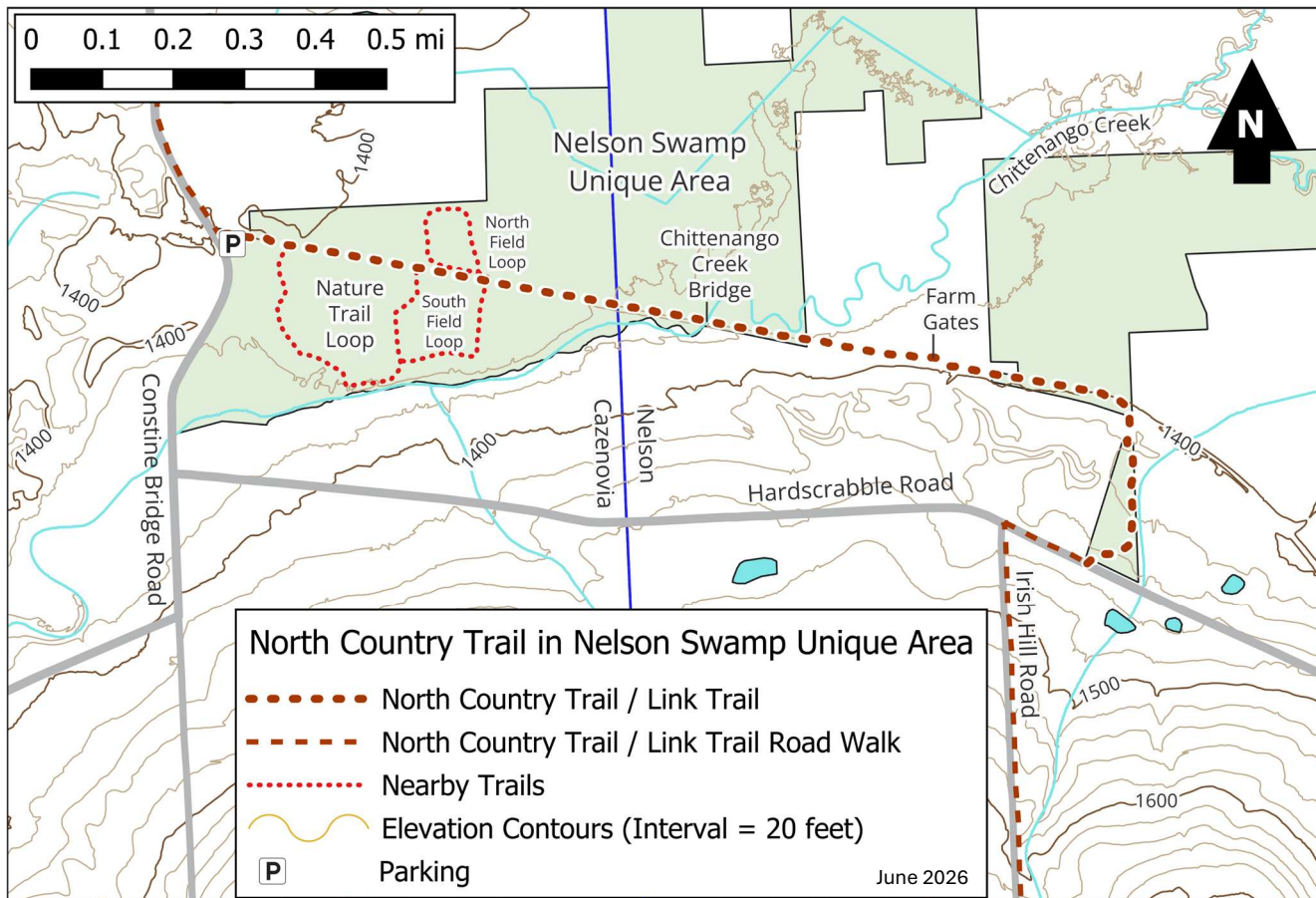




North Country National Scenic Trail

Section Map and Description

Constine Bridge Rd. to Hardscrabble Rd.

**Nelson Swamp Unique Area
Cazenovia/Nelson, NY**

This 1.6-mile trail follows the route of the historic Syracuse and Chenango Valley Railroad through Nelson Swamp Unique Area. The last train servicing this route traveled between Cazenovia and Eriville in 1935.

Nelson Swamp is home to several rare and protected plants and is a nesting ground for many bird species. Hikers can spot wildlife including deer, fox, beaver and numerous migratory waterfowl. Fishermen can find sizeable brown trout in Chittenango Creek.

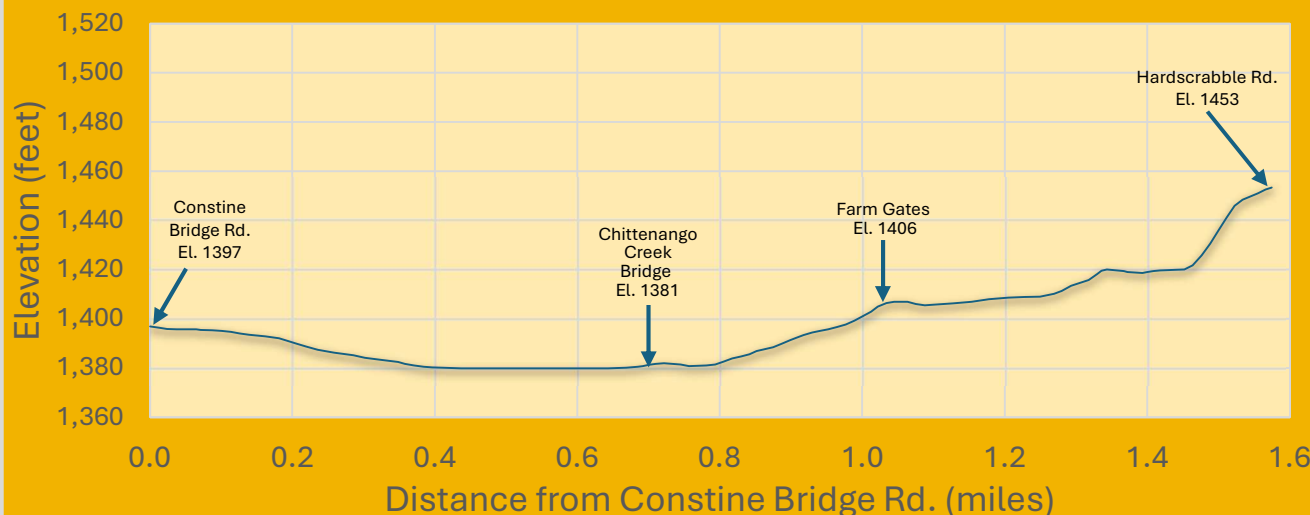
The half-mile nature trail passes through dense woods leading to a viewing platform overlooking Chittenango Creek.



View from
Chittenango
Creek Bridge

North Country Trail - Elevation Profile

Nelson Swamp Unique Area, Cazenovia/Nelson, NY



This section of the North Country National Scenic Trail (NCT) follows the route of the Link Trail. The trail is marked with blue rectangular blazes indicating the NCT and orange blazes indicating the Link Trail.

The trails looping the edge of the north and south fields are groomed for snowshoeing and cross-country skiing during the winter months.

You will pass the farm gates at the 1-mile point. Normally the gates are parallel to the trail on the left and right, preventing livestock from entering the trail. Occasionally, the gates may be positioned across the trail, allowing livestock to move between fields on either side of the trail. If you find the gates in this position you may open them to pass through, but after passing leave them in the position you found them.

Parking is available in the trailhead lot on Constine Bridge Rd. There is no parking on Hardscrabble Rd.



Snowshoeing in Nelson Swamp Mike Daly

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Miles	Description of Trail from Constine Bridge Rd. to Hardscrabble Rd. – <i>Follow the blue blazes</i>
0.0	Constine Bridge Rd. parking area and kiosk. Enter trail and pass steel gate.
0.1	Pass west end of nature trail.
0.3	Pass east end of nature trail.
0.4	Access to open fields north and south of trail.
0.7	Bridge over Chittenango Creek.
1.0	Pass farm gates. Please leave gate in the position you found it.
1.3	Trail turns right along edge of farm field, leaving old railroad right-of-way.
1.4	Trail enter woods and ascends then descends steeply over berm. Trail then follows hedgerow in edge of field. At end of hedgerow look ahead and right to see trail marker where trail bears right.
1.6	Reach Hardscrabble Road.

To continue hiking beyond this section...

Northbound Hikers

To continue north turn right on Constine Bridge Rd. Proceed 0.5 mi. to stop sign. Go straight as Constine Bridge Rd becomes Stone Quarry Rd. Proceed 1.0 mi. then turn left at trailhead entering Stone Quarry Art Park.

Southbound Hikers

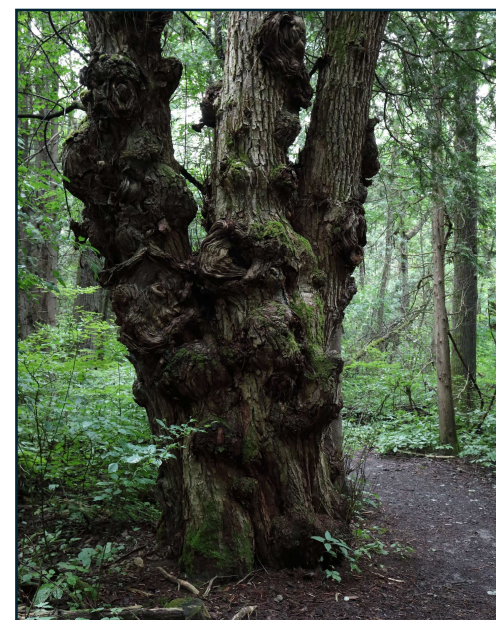
Go right (west) on Hardscrabble Rd. for 0.2 mi. to Irish Hill Rd. Turn left and follow Irish Hill Rd. 1.0 mile to trailhead at Tioughnioga Wildlife Management Area.

Trail Etiquette

Portions of this segment of the North Country National Scenic Trail are located on private land. Public use is available through generosity of the landowners. Please stay on the trail and do not trespass on private property. Take only pictures and leave only footprints.

The trail is maintained by local volunteers. You can help us by picking up trash that you find on the trail. Dog walkers, please keep your pet on leash and clean up after your dog. Do not leave dog waste in the trail, or at the trailhead.

Enjoy your walk on the North Country Trail!



Nelson Swamp Nature Trail

Russ Shamblen