

Lake Neatahwanta Nature Trail

Lake Neatahwanta has been interpreted to mean either "The lake that hides from the river," or "Little lake by the big lake." The natural lake covers approximately 750 acres of which about one-half lies within the city of Fulton, and the other half in the town of Granby. The natural lake is popular for boating, fishing, camping, and viewing nature. An accessible transfer launch on CCW Barrett Drive provides easy access for canoes and kayaks.

Plant and animal communities include white water lily and bullhead lily, pickerelweed, water willow, cattail, sedges and rushes. Bullfrogs and green frogs are often heard chorusing along the shoreline in late spring and early summer. Brown bullhead, sunfish, white perch, golden shiners, black crappie, carp, northern pike and largemouth bass are found throughout the lake and its tributaries. Canada geese and snow geese use the lake for resting and feeding during spring and fall migration, along with several species of ducks and mergansers, and shorebirds such as plovers and sandpipers. Absent for many years, bald eagles and ospreys have returned to the lake and are now nesting in the area, often seen perched in trees along the shoreline or hunting over the open water.

Along the trail...

Lakeview Lanes: Established as a bowling alley in 1961, it has evolved through the generations by adding a variety of recreational activities including cosmic bowling, billiards as well as in-season outdoor mini-golf, ice cream stand and volleyball.

Bullhead Point Pier, Gazebo & Pavilion: A popular location for a quick meal, and for fishing, the pier reaches about 500 feet out into Lake Neatahwanta to the gazebo. The pavilion provides picnic shelter, and may be reserved for special events. Public restrooms are available in the Tourism Center building.

Pump House: Water from the lake was once pumped from this brick structure to a storage tank on West First Street for the American Woolen Mills, a large textile firm located on the west bank of the Oswego River that provided uniforms and other cloth supplies for the US Army during both World Wars.

Fulton War Memorial: A multipurpose group of buildings housing an exhibition hall/gymnasium and related ante-rooms and a covered arena used for ice skating and winter sports, it hosts many events year round.

Recreation Park: Established 1961, it stretches from West Broadway to Chestnut Street. In 1921 John W. Stevenson, general manager of the American Woolen Mills, created recreational facilities on the site for his 1,500 employees. The original structures, including auditorium, dance pavilion, carousel and athletic field with grandstand are no longer there, but the park's 28 lakeside acres are still used for recreation. Today the picnic area adjacent to Stevenson Beach has a pavilion, picnic tables, and grills. Mature trees provide natural beauty and cool shade for visitors of the outdoor fitness and play areas.



About Friends of Fulton Parks

The vision of Friends of Fulton Parks (FoFP) is to enhance the quality of life for residents and visitors by collaboratively restoring Fulton's public parks. Leisure activities in parks improve moods, reduce stress, and enhance a sense of wellness. In an increasingly complex world, more and more people are placing a high value on feelings of relaxation and peacefulness achieved through contact with nature, outdoor recreation, and exposure to natural open spaces. People go to the park to improve their mood, to reinvigorate themselves, and to decrease the anxieties of daily life.

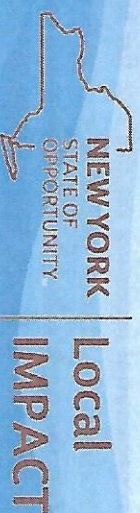
FoFP's mission is to revitalize the parks. They determine goals with the Fulton Department of Parks and Recreation, and partner with volunteer groups for specific projects to upgrade parks. They also encourage community gatherings in the parks through special public events.

FoFP is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization established October 21, 2008. They invite you to join them in enhancing the parks as places to exercise, play, relax, and rejuvenate.

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trail!



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A 1.7 Mile Scenic
Lakeside Trail
Through Fulton's
Recreation Park

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