

# John B. Staalesen Vanderheyden Preserve

Bordered by the Wynants Kill and a beaver marsh, the Staalesen Preserve is one of the last remaining undeveloped tracts of natural area and wildlife habitat in Troy, and includes a Capital Roots Community Garden.

The Staalesen Preserve includes 24 acres of fields, woods, and wetlands, and is bordered on one side by the Wynants Kill. Part of the Preserve has an open park-like feel due to its history of human activity and recent municipal infrastructure improvements. The remainder of the Preserve has more natural habitats, including floodplain (streamside) forest and a marsh with a beaver dam. The preserve provides habitat for a wide variety of wildlife, including deer, pileated woodpecker, wild turkey, and belted kingfisher.

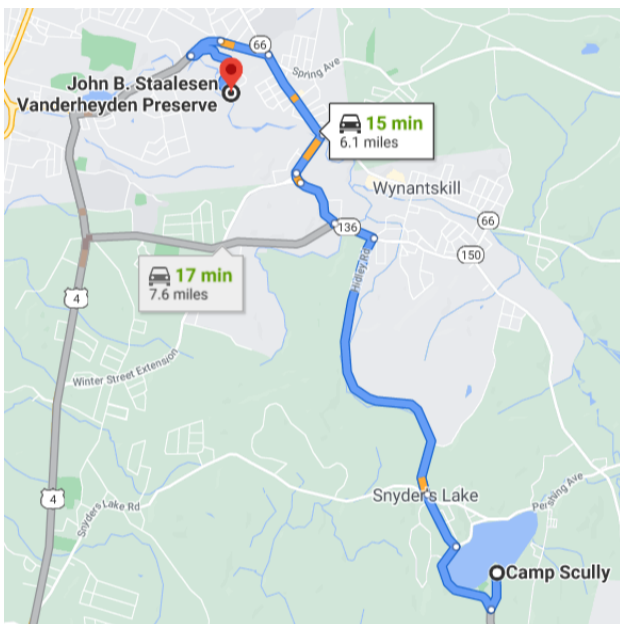
A network of walking paths allows visitors to walk, snowshoe, cross country ski, bird, and just enjoy the scenery. One path passes through a streamside forest of cottonwood and silver maple on its way to the shore of the Wynants Kill, at a spot good for fishing and creek walking.

**Hours:** Sunrise to Sunset

**More Info:** <https://www.renstrust.org/explore/preserves/public-preserves/8-john-b-staalesen-vanderheyden-preserve>

## Location

The main entrance to the John B. Staalesen Vanderheyden Preserve is in South Troy off Campbell Avenue at the end of Wynantskill Way in the Vanderhayden Estates residential development. Campbell Avenue runs from Route 4 at the Burden Pond Park up to Spring Ave, which in turn intersects with Pawling Avenue (NYS Route 66). From the intersection of Wynantskill Way and Campbell Avenue, just east of the intersection of Campbell Avenue and Spring Avenue, take Wynantskill Way to its end and continue straight ahead past the metal gate to the parking area next to the Capital Roots community garden.



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Over a mile of hiking trails  
24 acres



## Legend

Trails

RLT Boundary

Streets

Kiosk

Parking

Capital Roots Community Garden

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