

Adventure awaits....



**Enjoy the local outdoor amenities, but please REMEMBER to:**

**Leave No Trace:**

- Open Space provides a safe haven for wild plants and animals and a welcome break from our work-a-day lives. By recreating wisely we can minimize our impact on wildlife, their homes and fellow visitors, while enjoying our experience even more.

**Practice Trail Etiquette:**

- We all know how great our outdoor experiences can be. One discourteous person can ruin an outing. Be courteous and everyone will have a better time.

**Leave What You Find:**

- The Northeast is rich in human history. In the forests we often find fascinating reminders of generations past. Preserve the past; examine, but do not touch or remove cultural or historic structures and artifacts.

**Manage Your Dog:**

- A pet under control lessens the chance for harm to your dog and others. When allowed off-leash, voice and sight control means coming on first command. Pack a pick up bag and always pick up and appropriately dispose of your dog's waste.



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# MALTA PARKS & TRAILS GUIDE



Facility details,  
photos, maps and  
activity  
information

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For more information on classes and special events offered through the Parks & Recreation Department, pick up the latest edition of the Malta Activity Guide which is distributed four times a year. The guide is available at the Malta Community Center or you may view it online at [www.maltaparksrec.com](http://www.maltaparksrec.com).

## Pavilion Reservations

The Malta Parks and Recreation Department reserves pavilions in the Malta Community Park and the Shenantaha Creek Park for picnics and parties. Reservations can be made for May - September. One pavilion in each park can be reserved per day. You can select from two reservation times, either 10:00 am - 2:00 pm or 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm for your event. Reservation requirements also include the Pavilion Use Permit Application, reservation fees, deposit and insurance. The application form, which includes the reservation requirement information, rules and regulations, can be found at [www.maltaparksrec.com](http://www.maltaparksrec.com) under the Department Info page.

## Field Information and Rentals

The Malta Athletic Association is the governing agent and provides maintenance and operations of designated field space in the Town. Field rentals are available at the Shenantaha Creek Park, Malta Community Park and the Luther Forest Athletic Fields. To reserve a field please download a Field Use Permit Application at [www.maltaparksrec.com](http://www.maltaparksrec.com). This form is used to reserve Town of Malta ball fields. Submit the completed application and fees to the Malta Community Center and the reservation will be reviewed and processed by the MAA.

To check field availability or for more information on the Malta Athletic Association please visit <http://maltaathleticassociation.com>.

## 100 Acre Wood



The Luther Forest Technology Campus balances campus design and commercial uses along with the environment with a significant amount of green space; and provides a special place for employees and residents to recreate - the 100 Acre Wood. In addition to the trails in the park, roadside pathways surround the property and connect through the campus to a regional network of multi-use trails including the Parade Ground and Zim Smith Trails. The parcel links into the Luther Forest Athletic Fields extending the network of trails used throughout the Town by residents and employees within the Luther Forest Technology Campus.

**HOURS:** 7:30 am to sunset.

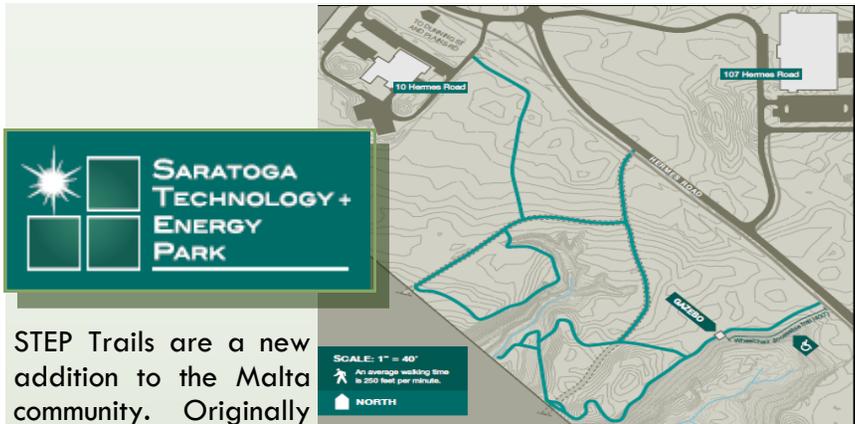
**PROHIBITIONS:** Trails are open sunrise to sunset. Pets are allowed on a leash and you must clean up after them. There is no alcohol, littering, biking or motorized vehicles, digging, collecting or removing natural or cultural resources and no hunting allowed and please, leave the park as you find it.

## AMENITIES

Undeveloped Open Space  
Scenic Overlook  
2 Bridges  
2 Parking areas  
2+ Miles of Scenic Trails

**DIRECTIONS:** The 100 Acre Wood is located in the Luther Forest Technology Campus between the Stonebreak Road Extension and Luther Forest Boulevard with parking available along both of these roads.

# The STEP Woods



STEP Trails are a new addition to the Malta community. Originally built by mountain bikers as a fun, winding network of trails, they have officially been adopted by the Saratoga Technology & Energy Park as multi-use trails. The trails were originally designed as narrow, single track trails to make them fun with minimal impact. There is a small section from the trailhead parking lot designed for handicap access out to a beautiful cedar gazebo built in the woods.

**HOURS:** 7:30 am to sunset.

**PROHIBITIONS:** Do not alter the trails in any way. There is no alcohol, motorized vehicles, littering or hunting allowed and please, leave the park as you find it. Pets are allowed, leashed, on trails. All animal waste must be removed by the owner.

**DIRECTIONS:** Head East from Route 9 onto Dunning Street. At second traffic circle turn right into the Saratoga Technology and Energy Park onto Hermes Road. At the T intersection, turn right and go about 1/4 mile. Look for trailhead parking sign on right.

Official trails are on both ends of the parking lot.

## AMENITIES

- Multi-Use Trails
- Narrow, Winding Trails Along Ridges
- Beginner Level to Intermediate Mountain Biking
- Intermediate to Advanced Cross Country Skiing



*A guide to our parks, trails & open spaces*

The Malta Parks & Recreation Department has a portfolio of the widest possible recreation diversity through the widest range of recreational settings. Malta is home to over 475 acres of park land, open space and trails. From observing nature to field sports and everything in between, Malta parks, trails and open spaces have something to offer every interest and ability.

This guide was created for you to get to know the natural gems of Malta. It is intended to cast a spotlight on some of the unique features of our parks and trails. Our hope is that this guide encourages you to experience the recreational opportunities each of our outdoor spaces offer you and your family. Step out into the natural world and discover what wonderful things are right outside your front door!

*Come, experience, explore and play in your outdoors...*



# Malta Community Park

The Malta Community Park is located in a forest of pine trees. The sandy plain area, which used to be an old glacial lake, is the active recreational area of the park. A nature trail follows the valley of a small stream where there is an abundance of wildflowers, ferns, mosses and other vegetation. The paved trail to this park is the Parade Ground Trail.

## AMENITIES

Softball/Youth Baseball Field  
2 Tennis Courts  
1 Basketball Court  
Nature Trail - .75 mile  
2 Pavilions  
Playground  
Swings  
Volleyball Court  
Bathroom Facility  
45 acres of Open Space

**HOURS:** 7:30 am to sunset.

**PROHIBITIONS:** No alcohol, littering, pets or hunting allowed in Town parks and please, leave the park as you find it.

**DIRECTIONS:** From Northway exit 12, head east on Rte. 67. Continue straight across Rte. 9 onto Dunning Street. Dunning becomes Plains Road and the park is on your left approximately two miles from the Northway.



# Historic Ruhle Road Bridge



In 2000, Malta had an opportunity to provide non-motorized access over Ruhle Road as a replacement of the historic bridge that collapsed in heavy rains when Cambridge, New York donated a historic 1888 lenticular truss bridge to the Town. The Town constructed a landscaped pathway on both approaches of the bridge. The joined pathway provides access to the Zim Smith Trail.

The bridge now located at the site is an iron, four-panel bridge constructed in 1888 by the Berlin Iron Bridge Company. In 2004, the bridge was added to the State and National Registers of Historical Places.

Lenticular truss bridges are significant for their unique shape and that they were built only during the last two decades of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Today, about 50 lenticular truss bridges remain all over the country.

**Originally one of hundreds of lenticular spans built by the Berlin Iron Bridge Company, this one is presently one of only 13 remaining in New York State and one of only five in the Hudson Valley Region.**

# Trails of Malta



## Parade Ground Trail

This paved, multi-use path along Dunning/Plains Road provides safe access to the Malta Community Park on Plains Road and transitions into a sidewalk providing seasonal access to the downtown.

## Zim Smith Trail

This county owned multi-use trail is currently 8.9 miles in length and is still being extended to ultimately connect to the proposed Champlain canal-way trail system and the Hudson Mohawk Bike Path. The trail stretches from the City of Mechanicville along the old D&H railroad bed to the Village of Ballston. The best access with parking is at the Shenantaha Creek Park. Along the Northway a 1.2 mile spur will take you to Route 9 and link into the 5 1/2 miles of paved trails and recreational facilities located in the Luther Forest Technology Campus.

## East High Street Trail

This trail is a separated, paved pedestrian pathway along East High Street. When completed, it will provide safe access from Route 9 to the Village of Ballston.

## Ice Cream Trail

This paved pathway connects the commercial area along Round Lake Road and follows Ruhle Road linking to the Knolls Edge and Avendale pathways. Once north of Avendale, pedestrians and cyclists share the road to link to the Zim Smith Trail.

**HOURS:** 7:30 am to sunset.

**PROHIBITIONS:** Malta's trails are seasonal and are not cleared in the off season. Pets are allowed on a leash and you must clean up after them.

# Shenantaha Creek Park



Shenantaha, meaning “deer water,” is the Iroquois name for the Ballston Creek which forms the eastern boundary of the park. The Shenantaha Creek Park is rich with history. Surrounding the active recreational area of this old farmland are woods full of oaks, maples, pines, hemlocks

and shade. There is a moraine area where deep bowls worn in rocks may have been mortars used for grinding acorns by Native Americans or the result of glacial action. The remains of a mill that pressed flax seed oil can be found along the creek. There are many foot trails leading to the stream and wooded areas with old stone walls. This beautiful park contains a balance of active recreation, historical features and protected open space. The paved trail along this park is the Zim Smith Trail.

**HOURS:** 7:30 am to sunset.

**PROHIBITIONS:** No alcohol, littering, pets or hunting allowed in Town parks and please, leave the park as you find it.

## AMENITIES

- 2 Soccer Fields
- 2 Tennis Courts
- 2 Basketball Courts
- Paved Multi-Purpose Trail
- 2 Pavilions
- Playground
- Swings
- Volleyball Court
- Bathroom Facility
- Open Space
- Primitive Area
- Historic Moraine Area
- Flax Mill Ruins

**DIRECTIONS:** From Northway exit 12, head west on Rte. 67 for 1.4 miles to the traffic signal. Turn left on East Line Road and travel 0.5 miles to park. Turn left into the park. Drive down the hill to parking lot.



## Collamer Park

The Wiggins-Collamer House was built circa 1835 by George Wiggins. While the park grounds are open to the public, the building is currently for sale. The Town will continue to own and maintain the park.

### AMENITIES

Historic Home  
1 Basketball Court  
Picnic Areas

**HOURS:** 7:30 am to sunset.

**PROHIBITIONS:** No alcohol, littering, pets or hunting allowed in Town parks and please, leave the park as you find it.

**DIRECTIONS:** The Collamer Park is located on the northwest corner of the intersection of East High Street and New York State Route 9.



## Round Lake Preserve



In 2006 the Town of Malta partnered with Saratoga P.L.A.N and secured funding to acquire and develop the Round Lake Preserve. The property contains a significant amount of wetlands that contribute to water quality, a critical view-shed, a large area of frontage along Round Lake and the Anthony Kill, woodlands, meadows and active farm fields.

### FUTURE AMENITIES

Trails  
Hand launch  
Boardwalks to overlooks  
Nature viewing

Planning for the Preserve is currently under-way and construction of Phase I is expected to start in 2013. From a recreational perspective, the Preserve will provide public access to Round Lake for kayaks, fishermen, a variety of birding and other trail opportunities.



# Malta Ecological Park

The Malta Ecological Park is a unique natural area and a location of outstanding scenic splendor, natural wonder and scientific importance. It was developed to protect the site's abundance of natural resources, including extensive wetland areas. Trails and boardwalks lead to areas to view and interpret nature in its natural setting. Phase I of the park was completed to provide the infrastructure of the park. Phase II of the park will lead to a large pond for fishing, a beaver dam and a heron rookery. The extension of the trails, boardwalk and interpretive signage system will increase the Town's system of passive recreation opportunities year-round.



## AMENITIES

- Trails
- Boardwalks to overlooks
- Nature viewing
- Off-leash area

**HOURS:** 7:30 am to sunset.

**PROHIBITIONS:** No alcohol, littering or hunting allowed in Town parks and please, leave the park as you find it. Pets are allowed, leashed, on trails. There is a large open field area in the park where pets are allowed to run off leash. All animal waste must be removed by the owner.



**DIRECTIONS:** From Northway exit 13, head south on Rte. 9 to the traffic signal. Turn right on Malta Avenue and travel to the park entrance on the left.

# Luther Forest Athletic Fields



Phase I of the Luther Forest Athletic Fields was completed in 2012 and includes two softball fields with skinned infields and sod outfields to accommodate various age groups; cleared footprints for two additional graded and seeded fields to accommodate immediate use for practices; three soccer fields installed with sod for various age groups; a gravel parking area for 130 vehicles with over-flow lawn parking for +- 70 vehicles.

## AMENITIES

- 2 Softball Fields 250 X 298
- 1 Soccer Field 200 X 140
- 1 Soccer Field 240 X 150
- 1 Soccer Field 360 X 200

The Malta Athletic Association is providing sport services for the Town and maintaining and operating these fields and the field area at the Shenantaha Creek Park. Members of the Association have first priority in scheduling of the fields. See page three for rental details.

**HOURS:** 7:00 am to sunset.

**PROHIBITIONS:** Public use of the fields is posted. There is no alcohol, littering or pets allowed on the playing fields. Pets must be leashed at all times.

**DIRECTIONS:** The Luther Forest Athletic Fields are located in the Luther Forest Technology Campus at 30 Rocket Way.

