

## 7. State Forest

During the days of the Great Depression of 1929 many hill farms on either side of the Schoharie Valley were abandoned and acquired by the State of New York. Their Conservation Department used the Civilian Conservation Corps which President Roosevelt had established on a massive tree planting program. The pasturelands which had been laboriously cleared of its forests by misguided farmers were thus returned to again become forested land. After a half century these trees are now large enough to be harvested and become an important factor in the local economy.

