

## 6. Long Path Leanto

The Long Path Leanto is located near the base of the Upper Falls at the Christman Wild Life Sanctuary now owned by the Nature Conservancy.

It was built by members of the Mohawk Valley Hiking Club about sixty years ago to serve as a shelter along the Long Path of New York. The original plan was to have Adirondack Type Open Leantos along the Long Path for protection of hikers from inclement weather. At the time Mr. W.W. Christman who owned and tilled the farm was highly enthusiastic about the Path and the Leanto. After his long, hard life as a farmer, Mr. Christman started to write poetry and soon became recognized as the Poet of the Helderhills. Before he died, four books of his poetry were published. Many have compared his poetry as on a par with that of Robert Frost.

