

## Off the Beaten Path

ollow the Dude Ranch Trail Scenic Byway to Stony Creek and enjoy the beautiful scenery while getting a taste of Stony Creek's past as a destination for guests to enjoy access to wild land and recreation. Dude ranches were a principal livelihood of the people of Stony Creek for many decades, and visitors today can still enjoy stepping back in time and embracing the peace and quiet with a variety of outdoor recreation activities, including swimming, canoeing, horseback riding, and fishing, in the town's thousands of acres of Wild Forest.

## Dean Farm

Four miles of well-marked professionally designed and constructed trails beckon hikers and feature beautiful scenery through meadows, water side, and woodlands. Numerous interpretive signs highlight the flora and fauna of the area. Trails range in ability from easy through challenging, and offer scenic vistas, benches and picnic spots. Several of the trails are ADA accessible. After roaming the trails, stop in to the Dean Homestead Museum and learn the history of the family that settled this land.

## Into the Woods

The "Biggest Little Town" in New York State has more than thirty thousand acres of Forest Preserve waiting for hikers, hunters and campers. A variety of rolling trails, both in the Wilcox Lake area and at Dean Farm, offer hikers numerous options, from a short meadow stroll to an overnight backpacking adventure. Truly a place to get away, Stony Creek boasts fresh mountain air and a quiet reprieve.





Try your hand fishing for brook trout on 600 acre Wilcox Lake, or access Stony Creek, stocked annually with brook or brown trout, from a number of public fishing spots. 700 acre Harrisburg Lake has warm water and supports a variety of bass, pickerel and other warm water fish. Harrisburg Lake is open for ice fishing most of the

winter and is a great family fishing location due to the high amount of action from the pickerels.



## Mountain Days Festival

Come celebrate Stony Creek's heritage at the Mountain Days Festival held annually on the first full weekend in August. Visitors from far and wide travel to this festival to enjoy live music, arts and crafts, children's activities, a car show, mouth-watering foods, and the highlight – New York State's Lumberjack Competition.

