

# Let's Go Wildlife Watching

## Point Au Roche State Park



Located on the northwestern shore of Lake Champlain, near Plattsburgh-size: 825 acres  
[http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/administration\\_pdf/0413consmafweb.pdf](http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/administration_pdf/0413consmafweb.pdf)

This 825 acre park is on the northwestern shore of Lake Champlain and has a mixture of open and forested areas. **The park does not allow hunting**, which should improve the wildlife watching experience. Families who wish to spend some time there will have much to do, as there are trails for hiking, biking, and winter cross-country skiing.

Contact: 518-563-0369, Website: [www.nysparks.com](http://www.nysparks.com)

## The New York Wildlife Viewing Guide

Watchable Wildlife has just published the New York Wildlife

Viewing Guide. To order this excellent book, please visit

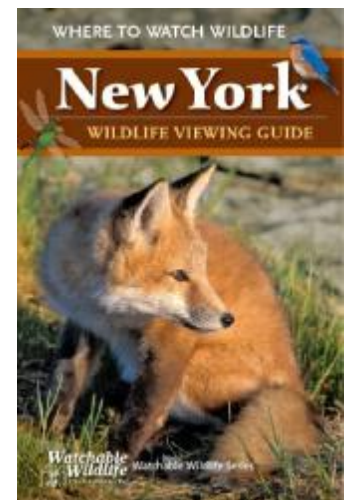
<http://utyxa.ffpbe.servertrust.com/ProductDetails.asp?ProductCode=13-022>

Be sure to visit the Watchable Wildlife home page to see all that this wonderful organization does: <http://www.watchablewildlife.org/>

**WANT TO BE A SUCCESSFUL  
WILDLIFE WATCHER?**

**THEN THINK LIKE AN ANIMAL**

*Find out how to do that on page 20 of the Guide.*



## TEATOWN LAKE RESERVATION Westchester, NY



This gem is open 365 days a year and does not allow hunting.

It is described in New York Wildlife Viewing Guide this way:

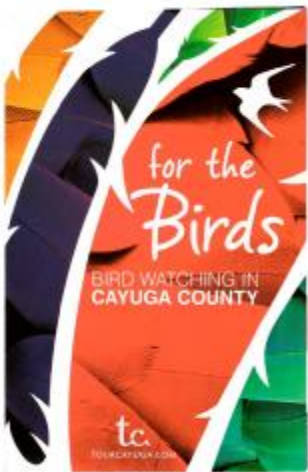
Forested hardwood swamps, shrub lands upland meadows, vernal pools, rock outcrops, wet meadows and small streams, and three lakes. It has 15 miles of hiking trails,

The trails are open dawn to dusk. They also have wildlife related events throughout the year.

[www.teatown.org/visitor-information/hiking-trails.html](http://www.teatown.org/visitor-information/hiking-trails.html)

## BIRD WATCHING OFFICIALLY TAKES FLIGHT IN CAYUGA COUNTY FOR THE FIRST TIME

BY ANNE MULLER



In memory of Rita Sarnicola, founder of CROW (Citizens Respectful of Wildlife), an Auburn-based group, I would like to say how honored she would feel that a Cayuga County bird watching pamphlet has been published by the Office of Tourism.

In 2006, CROW and Wildlife Watch hosted a wildlife watching event during one of the most spectacular wildlife "performances" to grace Auburn: the morning and evening crow flights. Crow watchers came from around the state, many from New York City, and stayed overnight at one of the local hotels in order to see the birds roost in the evening, and then take flight again in the morning. We carried our binoculars, cameras, and brought along a sound amplifying device to better hear the complex communication of the crows over the din of traffic noise. It certainly was a time I will remember forever. The tour was enhanced by Dr. Anne Clark of Binghamton University who had been studying the 50,000 crow roost of Auburn for years. She said, "Crows are commonly known to be the smartest birds on the planet. We know that they have a way of communicating with each other that we haven't begun to understand, and they use tools!"

Rita would be proud to see the crow listed as a watchable bird. I think beyond watching a single bird and ticking off the name on a list, to be caught up in the exhilarating flight of these intelligent birds is certainly worth a mention. We would love for the next publication to include the flight of the crows as a bona fide wildlife watching experience. To read about CROW's Crow Watch, please visit:

<http://wildwatch.org/events/AUBevents.htm>

Sadly, Rita passed away in 2012, but with every crow I see, I remember Rita's love for them.

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[www.tourcayuga.com](http://www.tourcayuga.com)