

Colonial Greenway list of Wildlife Species

BIRDS

- Great Horned Owl *s*
- Screech Owl (*Otus asio*)
- Red-Tailed Hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis*)
- Sharp-Shinned Hawk (*Accipiter striatus*)
- Belted Kingfisher (*Ceryle alcyon*)
- Blue Jay (*Cyanocitta cristata*)
- American Crow (*Corvus corax*)
- Downy Woodpecker (*Picoides pubescens*)
- Red-Bellied Woodpecker (*Melanerpes carolinus*)
- Piliated Woodpecker (*Dryocopus pileatus*)
- Northern Cardinal (*Cardinalis cardinalis*)
- Eastern Towhee (*Pipilo erythrophthalmus*)
- Rose Breasted Grosbeak (*Pheucticus ludovicianus*)
- Chickadee (*Parus atricapillus*)
- Tufted Titmouse (*Parus bicolor*)
- Sparrow (*Spizella sp.*)
- Great Blue Heron (*Ardea herodias*)
- Green Heron (*Butorides virescens*)
- Great Egret (*Ardea alba*)
- Shoveler (*Anas clypeata*)
- Green Winged Teal (*Anas crecca*)
- Wood Duck (*Aix sponsa*)
- Mallard (*Anas platyrhynchos*)
- Wood Warbler (*Dendroica sp.*)

MAMMALS

- Eastern Coyote (*Canis latrans*)
- Red Fox (*Vulpes vulpes*)
- Raccoon (*Procyon lotor*)
- Opossum (*Didelphis virginiana*)
- Striped Skunk (*Mephitis mephitis*)
- Eastern Cottontail (*Sylvilagus floridans*)
- Grey Squirrel (*Sciurus carolinensis*)
- Red Squirrel (*Tamias sciurus*)
- Flying Squirrel (*Glaucomys volans*)
- Eastern Chipmunk (*Tamias striatus*)
- Muskrat (*Ondatra zibethicus*)
- Woodchuck aka: Groundhog (*Marmota monax*)
- Brown or Norway Rat (*Rattus norvegicus*)
- Meadow Vole (*Microtus pennsylvanicus*)
- White-Footed Mouse (*Peromyscus leucopus*)
- Meadow Jumping Mouse (*Zapus hudsonius*)
- White-Tailed Deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*)

REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS

- Painted Turtle (*Chrysemys picta*)
- Snapping Turtle (*Chelydra serpentina*)
- Common Musk Turtle or Stinkpot (*Sternotherus oderatus*)
- Common Garter Snake (*Thamnophis sirtalis*)
- Black Rat Snake (*Elaphe obsoleta obsoleta*)
- Northern Water Snake (*Nerodia sipedon*)
- Brown Snake (*Stoeria dekayi*)
- Red Backed Salamander (*Plethodon cinerius*)
- Wood Frog (*Rana sylvatica*)
- Green Frog (*Rana clamitans*)
- Spring Peeper (*Pseudacris crucifer*)
- Gyle Tree Frog (*Hyla versicolor*)



The Colonial Greenway is a project of



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Colonial Greenway

The natural beauty and rich history of southern Westchester come together on the Colonial Greenway.

Its 15 miles of trails wind through woods and wetlands that are home to an abundance of wildlife, and through neighborhoods touched by the lives of Thomas Paine, Anne Hutchinson, James Fenimore Cooper and other great figures of American history. The Colonial Greenway can be enjoyed by hikers, walkers and runners, and portions of the trail are also appropriate for equestrians.

Parks of the Colonial Greenway

James G. Johnson Conservancy Larchmont Reservoir

Village of Larchmont 60 Acres

The conservancy is a wildlife sanctuary and nature study area with lakeside trails and quiet woodland paths. Site of a Colonial-era sawmill and grist mill, the lower pond was enlarged in the 1870s by John Goodliffe for his ice business. Until 1975, the reservoir was the primary water source for the Village of Larchmont. The on-site Sheldrake Environmental Center offers programming for adults and children year-round.

Hutchinson River Parkway Trail 12 Miles

This unpaved corridor, a favorite with equestrians and hikers links several parks and historic sites from New Rochelle to White Plains, including the Thomas Paine Cottage, Saxon Woods Park and Maple Moor Golf Course.

Leatherstocking Trail Town of Mamaroneck, City of New Rochelle, Village of Mamaroneck 54 Acres

This trail features northeastern hardwood forest, old farm stone walls, babbling streams and large marshlands. Formerly a bridle trail, the Leatherstocking trail was targeted in 1926 for a county parkway linking the Bronx to Port Chester. The land was subsequently preserved through the efforts of the Larchmont Garden Club and the League of Women Voters.

Nature Study Woods Twin Lakes Park Westchester County 220 Acres

These two parks feature woods, lakes, hiking trails and fields along the Hutchinson River in New Rochelle and Eastchester. Trails within the parks pass footbridges, dams, a spillway and a water pump house. Two horse stables on the property offer boarding and lessons.

Saxon Woods Park Westchester County 700 Acres

Saxon Woods Park offers swimming, picnicking, fishing, hiking, golf, mini golf, soccer and a playground that is accessible to the disabled.

In Colonial times the area was called Saxton Forest, after William Saxton, who operated a sawmill on the Mamaroneck River. The property was acquired by the county in 1925. The upland wooded northern part of the park is characterized by mature hardwood forests, steep rock outcrops and wetlands.

Ward Acres Park City of New Rochelle 62 Acres

New Rochelle's largest park features dense woodlands and rolling open meadows, as well as a large barn once used for the breeding and care of thoroughbred horses. Ward Acres is the last remaining portion of the 400-acre estate of William B. Ward, who made his fortune as the owner of the Ward Baking Company. Be sure to see: Thoroughbred graves just north of the park's southeastern entrance on Pinebrook Boulevard.

Weinberg Nature Center Town/Village of Scarsdale 11 Acres

Features wetlands with labeled shrubbery and trees, as well as a small museum. The Center was established in conjunction with the Scarsdale Audubon Society from a bequest in 1958 by the estate of Wilhelm Weinberg, a German-born financier and art collector.

Historical Figures of the Colonial Greenway

James Fenimore Cooper (1789 - 1851)



The Leatherstocking Trail, which derives its name from Cooper's work, forms much of the southern edge of the Colonial Greenway. James Fenimore Cooper earned his reputation with *The Spy* in 1821, a collection of stories set in Revolutionary-era

Westchester and based on the recollections of Cooper's good friend John Jay, the first Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. His later works, including the famous *Last of the Mohicans*, were anthologized as *The Leatherstocking Tales*. Cooper lived in New Rochelle, Mamaroneck and Scarsdale.

Anne Hutchinson (1591 - 1643)



The river, parkway and bridle path that now form the Colonial Greenway's northern trail all bear Hutchinson's name. An émigré from England who settled in the New World in 1634, Hutchinson was expelled from the Massachusetts Bay Colony for her

insistence on practicing religion as she chose. Her act of defiance established her as one of the early champions of religious freedom. She moved with her family to the area that became Rhode Island and then, after her husband's death, to Pelham Bay.

Thomas Paine (1737 - 1809)



The Colonial Greenway winds through the Paine Heights neighborhood of New Rochelle, formerly the site of Paine's farm and now home to Paine Cottage and Museum. Paine's sensational best-selling pamphlet, "Common Sense" is widely recognized as one of

the major catalysts of the American Revolution. An advocate for social change, Paine outlined his political and spiritual philosophy in "The Rights of Man" and "The Age of Reason."