

Switzkill Farm

Berne's escape to the Helderbergs



THE LODGE

The 4,600-square-foot lodge was built by Frank Miller in 1961 as a private home. The spacious great room has two large, fossil-stone fireplaces, a cathedral ceiling, and a bar, with stunning views of the Catskill Mountains. The room seats 110 people at tables and 150 people theatre style—perfect for weddings, parties, reunions, showers, meetings, retreats, and other events.

EVENTS

Switzkill Farm has a full season of events for 2017. Join us for how-to classes in homesteading and sustainability, educational experiences for children, an artisans' market, a day of antiques appraisals, farm-to-table dinners, music under the stars, and so much more. Be sure to check the calendar on our website. There's something for everyone at Switzkill Farm!

STARGAZING

Berne's dark skies make stargazing truly sensational. Bring your chairs, binoculars, or telescope, and enjoy the celestial view. Available nightly with a \$5 permit from the Town Clerk.

OVERNIGHT STAYS

The hostel in the Retreat House has a living room with fireplace, a meeting room, and a fully equipped kitchen. Six rooms are available for \$20 per person nightly. The hostel can sleep a maximum of 10 guests. Two rooms have queen beds, one room has a double bed, one a bunkbed, and the others are singles. Please bring your own toiletries, towels, and bedding. Reservations may be made with the Town Clerk.

THE ANTI-RENT WAR

In the 18th and 19th centuries, feudalism was a common way of life in the Helderbergs of New Netherland, as it was in the entire region. Landholders with rights to large tracts were called patroons, and they imposed feudal leases on their tenant-farmers to maintain control.

On July 4, 1839, a small but determined group of tenants met and resolved to rebel from their patroon, Stephen Van Rensselaer, IV. This first meeting, which ultimately led to the Anti-Rent War, was held in Berne, New York.



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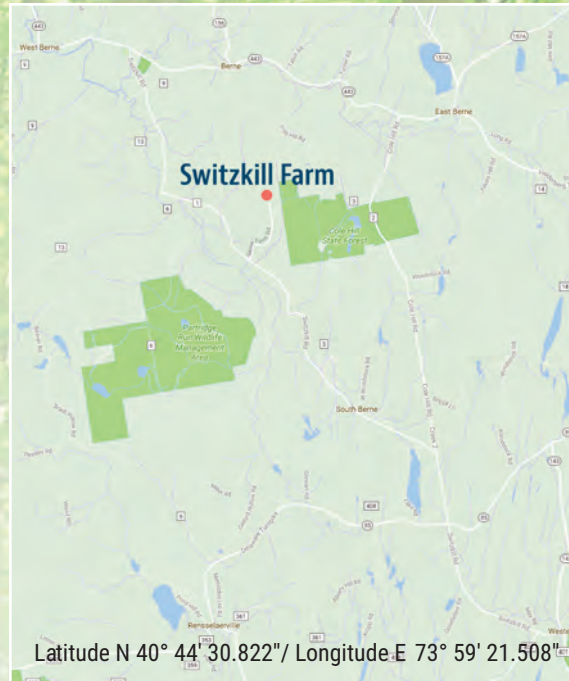
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Escape high above the verdant Switzkill Valley to Switzkill Farm! Our 355 acres of harvested fields and hardwood forest are ideal for hiking, biking, horseback riding, photography, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, sledding, or simply enjoying the serenity of the surroundings.

The wonderfully varied terrain encompasses streams, ponds, a waterfall, and seven miles of diverse hiking trails, with stunning views of the northern Catskill Mountains.

Located on the Helderberg Plateau, the farm is immediately adjacent to the 874-acre Cole Hill State Forest and close to the 4,500-acre Partridge Run Wildlife Management area, just waiting for your exploration.

Unplug. Relax. Experience. Restore. Come find what you've been longing for. It's all in this picturesque corner of Albany County.



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HOURS

Switzkill Farm is open from dawn to dusk daily and is free and open to the public.

LODGE RESERVATIONS

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INFORMATION

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DIRECTIONS

Take State Route 443 to Berne. Turn south onto State Route 1 (Switzkill Rd). Travel 4 miles, then take a left onto Game Farm Road. Switzkill Farm awaits you where the road ends.



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A WORLD AWAY, YET RIGHT IN YOUR BACKYARD!

One-half hour from Albany and one hour from Saratoga Springs, Saugerties, and Cooperstown