



* Poison Ivy can be found along the trail in the woods. Exercise caution during summer.



During the 1800s, Horace S. Hart owned and operated a lumber mill on the location today known as Hart’s Falls. Lumber harvested in the Adirondacks was transported down the Grasse River to the mill to make use of the abundant mineral, Pyrite. Commonly known as “fool’s gold”, pyrite is used to make sulfur dioxide, and important chemical in paper processing.

While the mill closed in 1865, many reminders of the area’s industrial past remain, including one of the mill’s stone walls that is visible on the edge of the River. The Hart’s Falls property was donated to the St. Lawrence Land Trust by the Kelly family who wanted to ensure the preservation of the many important habitats on the property. Our mission is to protect the many species who call the Falls home, while also providing a fun and safe location for all to enjoy. Please help us in this mission by keep the property clean and safe for all.

Please Respect the Land:

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| Stay on marked trails | Leave No Trace |
| No Motorized Vehicles | No Hunting |
| No Swimming | No Fires |
| No Camping | Remove your garbage |

St. Lawrence Land Trust



The mission of the St. Lawrence Land Trust (SLLT) is to protect privately-owned open space through voluntary means within the watersheds of the rivers that flow north out of the Adirondack Mountains to the St. Lawrence River. Our focus is on the rivers crossing St. Lawrence County, New York, outside of the Blue Line of the Adirondack Park. We work with willing landowners to conserve ecologically important elements of the landscape, while maintaining the private ownership of the land. We are a member of a nationwide confederation of land trusts, the Land Trust Alliance.



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Hart’s Falls Preserve, Pyrites-Russell Road, Russell, NY

Hart’s Falls is a 40 acre preserve on the edge of the towns of Pyrites and Russell. It is owned and managed by the St. Lawrence Land Trust and is open to the public.

Also known locally as Flatrocks because of the smooth stone that used to be underwater, the ground here is dotted with cylindrical holes. These holes are carved out over centuries by rocks that get trapped in what used to be small depressions, where the rocks swirl around in the river’s eddies, carving out small pocket ecosystems that change with the seasons.

