



*One of the first conditions of happiness is that the link between Man and Nature shall not be broken.*

- Leo Tolstoy

**Settled on one hundred and twenty two acres near Rhinebeck, New York, in the Hudson Valley, Stonehouse Wood Sanctuary is home to around five hundred domestic birds.**

**The Sanctuary surrounds an 1830's farm house on land that once was a dairy farm but has since gone to forest. The forest is laced with the old stone walls of the previous settlers.**

**The Sanctuary has trails that provide excellent bird viewing.**



Our mission is to provide refuge and sanctuary to those who come here.

This includes the creatures who live here in the forests and fields, the birds who are resident and humans who may come seeking peace.

The mission includes the preservation of the lands and streams in their beautiful wild condition and, if economically feasible, the acquisition of additional land for preservation and inclusion in the overall goals.

We hold and intend to spread the belief that all life forms deserve respect and are connected in a web which includes all. Humanity is understood as participating in the web interactively, not as being the only species who matters.



Our fundamental goal is to communicate the radiant peace the land offers in its wild state and the comfort that the winged residents enjoy pursuing their lives in a supported but not especially managed way.



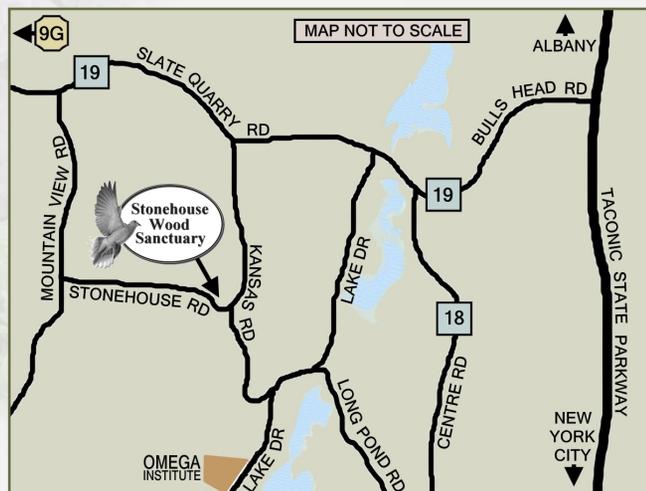
There are many species quietly carrying out their lives in the grounds and forest of Stonehouse Wood Sanctuary. The second floor of the old barn holds a seven circuit labyrinth, an ancient and powerful meditation space in a quiet setting. Similarly, the stone circle is a place to pause and let yourself become part of the landscape.

We welcome respectful visitors. There is off street parking available. Please, no picnics, and take home whatever you bring with you. Trail maps are available at the site. Look for the sign board on arrival, and please sign the Guest Book when you visit. Thank you!



There is no charge to visit the Sanctuary but we welcome donations. Visit our web site at [www.stonehousewoodsantuary.org](http://www.stonehousewoodsantuary.org) for details.

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