

# Walking Paths and Nature Areas at Emerson Resort

## Esopus Riparian Woods

This zone spans the area between the Esopus Creek and our Inn and Lodge. It may be accessed from the path leading from the firepit off the Spa Bites deck or from the driveway between the Lodge and the Inn. You will find old pathways throughout which lead to creek access points. As a riparian zone, this area is subject to flooding and can change its character frequently as a result. Please exercise caution when exploring this naturally fluctuating part of our property.

## Esopus Walk

### 1 mile loop

This stroll starts from the Angler's Parking Lot on the far side of the Emerson Pond. Follow Mt. Pleasant Road, or walk atop the flood control berm and enjoy views and access to the Esopus. Follow the road as it turns a corner, and from here you can continue your progress along Risely Road until you reach the Emerson soccer fields parking lot on your right. From the south-west corner of the parking lot you can step onto the trail that leads directly across the playing fields and pasture, merging onto the Woodland Path as you approach the parking lot across from The Shops at Emerson.

## Woodland Path

### .75 mile loop

This nature path starts across Mt. Pleasant Road (just behind The Shops at Emerson), making its way through the old Risely farm pasture and hardwood stands to the Emerson soccer fields. The path returns to the Emerson by way of a mown path in the open meadows. Keep your eyes open for signs introducing native animals and birds (like bobcat, beaver, or eagle) and trees which will also mark your course.

## Brookside Wander

### .25 mile loop

This short walking trail will lead you through the latest addition to the Emerson Resort & Spa's trail system. You will traverse stream banks which have been landscaped with all-native plants, part of ongoing local efforts to reduce erosion and the proliferation of invasive plants, and enhance the habitat for regional Catskill Mountain wildlife. **The Brookside Wander** is the product of a partnership between the Emerson Resort & Spa and the Catskill Streams Buffer Initiative (CSBI), with funding from the Department of Environmental Protection, and its partners, the Ulster County Soil & Water Conservation District and Cornell Cooperative Extension. We are working together to add another layer of protection to waterways in the Ashokan Watershed.

**Note:** The Woodland Path and Esopus Walk are adjacent to our neighbors. Please enjoy your walk while being respectful of private property boundaries.

