On the Trail

The Lois Buck Nature Trail is an "easy" hike through the 27-acre Peterson Preserve. The trail is one mile long with a gentle grade.

The trail can be hiked in 15 minutes. However, the more time you take, the more you're likely to see.

The trail leads through different habitats. Along the way, you'll find several sculptures – by artist Vince Liuzzo – that celebrate Roger Tory Peterson's legacy.

Use your cell phone to activate the QR codes to learn more about the art and nature along the trail. (If you need help, ask our staff.)



Home to the largest collection of Roger Tory Peterson's work, the Roger Tory Peterson Institute is a leader for the study, exhibition and nurturing of art that matters to the planet.

Through world class exhibitions and programs, RTPI illuminates the beauty of nature; challenges us to confront environmental issues of regional, national and global concern; and inspires us to preserve the earth's biodiversity – with a particular emphasis on the natural area wonders of Western New York.





at the Roger Tory Peterson Institute

Lois Buck Nature Trail

Spark Bird

Roger Tory Peterson once roamed our woods. When he was 11 years old, he discovered a bird on the side of a tree. He sneaked up and touched it with his finger. It flew away in a burst of golden wingbeats.

The bird was a Northern Flicker, the "spark bird" that changed his life.

He grew up and combined his passion for art and nature to create the modern field guide. For more than 90 years, Peterson Field Guides have inspired millions of people all over the world to discover their "spark bird" and become lifelong lovers of nature.



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Which Sculptures Did You Find?



Roger's Art Studio

Roger Tory Peterson was famous for drawing what he discovered in nature. You can be, too. After your hike, come inside the museum and draw what you discovered on the Art Wall. Be inspired by our "Flicker Moment" mural by Erin Ruffino.

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