
Cross River Mountain Fire Tower

Restoration of a Historic Landmark

Friends of Trailside Nature Museum and Ward Pound Ridge Reservation



Photo taken in 1970 of the Aeromotor Company Model #LS-40 Fire Tower in the Ward Pound Ridge Reservation.

An Icon of the Past

The beautiful and historic fire tower was erected in 1926 and was used by the community until the 1970's. The County Parks operated the tower until the 1930's when the NYS Conservation Department began its operations.

The tower, the only one of its kind in Westchester County, was a critical asset to the community as it served as a monitoring station for forest fires. According to a Westchester County government report from 1975 indicates that about 500 fires were reported from the tower between 1966 and 1968, with tower observers working with aerial support to pinpoint their locations.

The tower was decommissioned by the DEC in 1971 and was taken down without county approval several years later.

A Figure of Beauty



View from Cross River Mountain

- The 60 foot tower stood at the highest point of Cross River Mountain
- The tower stood a staggering 960 feet above sea level
- A spectacular 360 degree view with a visibility of 50-100 miles depending on the weather
- From the tower Long Island, New York City, the Hudson River, the Catskill and the Appalachian Mountains can be observed

A Symbol for the Community

- Over 100,000 people per year visit the reservation, the addition of the restored fire tower would increase tourism in the area as a much sought after destination
- Restoration of the historic landmark will give the community and surrounding tri-state area a symbol for our shared history
- As a focal point of the reservation, the tower would aid in drawing concern and support for the future of the reservation and all that it offers



The Towns of Bedford, Lewisboro and Pound Ridge are on record offering their support.



Please go to <https://vimeopro.com/littleriff/friends-of-trailside> to view a short clip of the spectacular aerial views from over 950 ft above sea level. This film was shot on location, at the site of the original Ward Pound Ridge Fire Tower.

If you would like more information or are interested in offering your support, please contact the Friends of Trailside Nature Museum and Ward Pound Ridge Reservation.



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