

Examples of Woodland Benches



Woodland benches are a natural-looking way to enjoy time in your woods. They can vary in design, material, and cost from basic logs to DIY lumber pieces to purchased seats. This slideshow gives examples of woodland benches that others have chosen.

Keeping it simple

Benches don't have to be fancy. At their most basic, they can just be logs cut to a comfortable height. A big log cut up like the one pictured here will make strong, stable, and long-lasting seats.



Denning's Point
Beacon, NY

For more seating, leave the log uncut and turn it horizontal.
Remove the bark to create a more comfortable sitting surface.



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Acra, NY

A big log will last a long time, but you can extend its life and reduce rot by using smaller limbs to lift it off the ground, as shown here.



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Going one step further, cutting a log in half will give you a flat spot to sit rather than a round one. A bench built this way will be lower to the ground, so it works well for children.



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If you want a taller split-log bench, raise it up by attaching longer limbs or lumber pieces as legs.



Clark Preserve
Pound Ridge, NY

Lumber Options

A lumber bench gives you more aesthetic options than a basic log seat. This memorial bench uses a tapering board to create an attractive look.



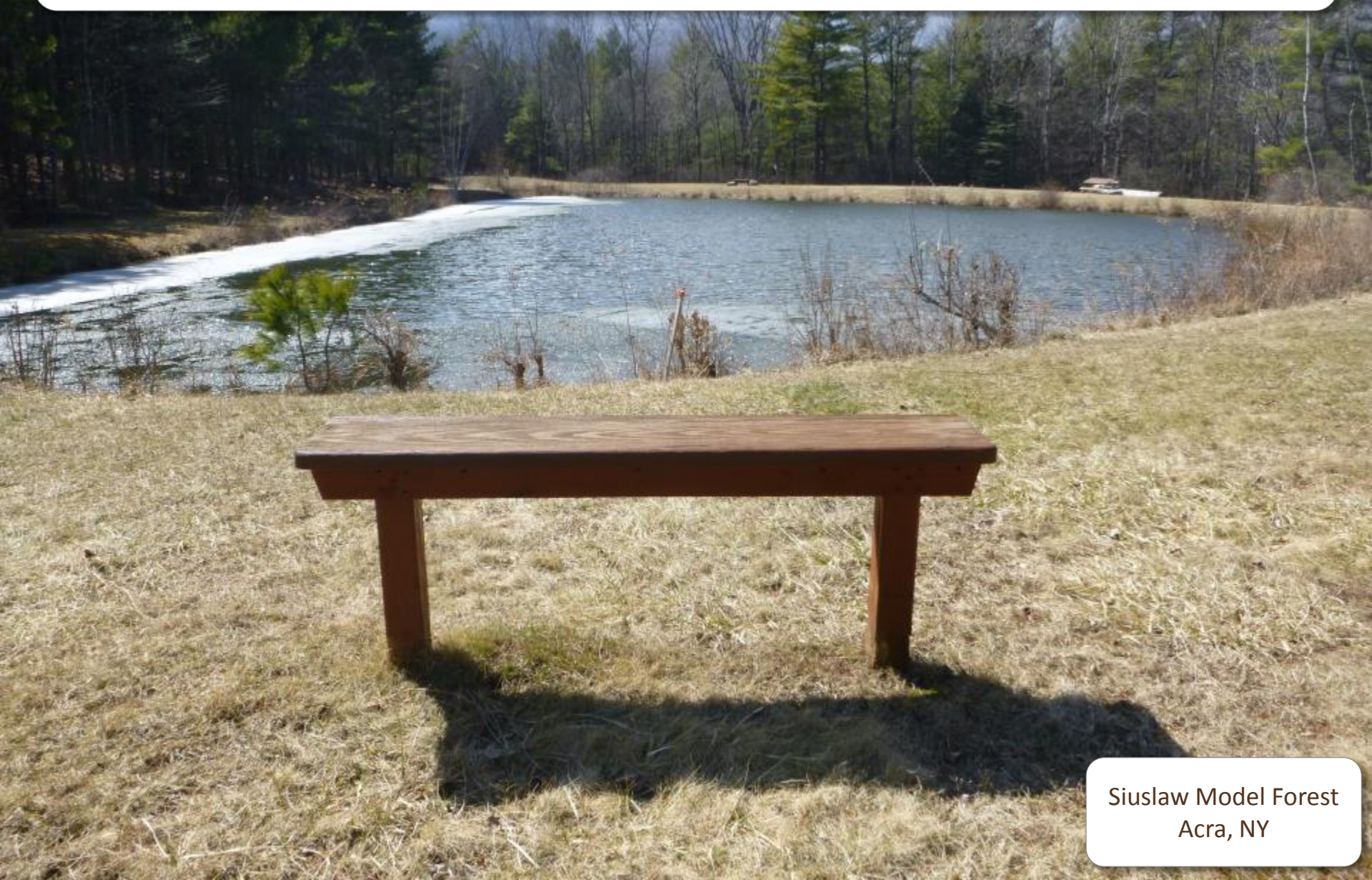
Angle Fly Preserve
Somers, NY

Lumber benches can also be simple. This small bench repurposed former industrial timbers.



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Durability matters with an outdoor bench. This bench has its legs dug into the ground so it doesn't topple in high winds.



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An outdoor bench has to survive whatever Mother Nature throws at it. Choose rot-resistant woods that weather well, like white oak or black locust (pictured here).



Marsh Sanctuary
Mount Kisco, NY

Buying a Bench

Purchased, pre-assembled cedar log furniture has a rustic look, making it well suited to cabins and lake homes.



Teatown Lake
Reservation
Ossining, NY

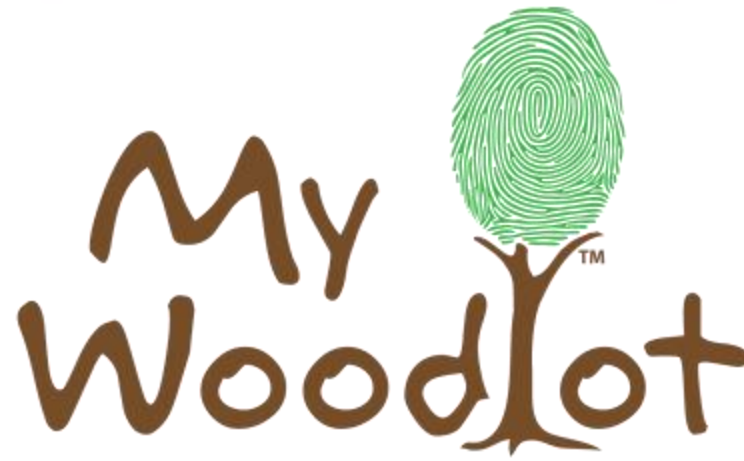
You can buy wooden benches lots of places, but ensure whatever you buy can hold up to weather. You'll also have to transport it to where you want it, so opt for something light like this one.



Frederick P. Rose and
Rock Shelter Preserve
Lewisboro, NY

Benches Are Meant to Be Shared

The pictures in this slideshow are just examples. For the creative DIYer, there are almost infinite design choices. If you install a bench in your woods, consider posting a photo of it to the MyWoodlot forum. Your design might inspire another landowner to add a bench to their land!



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