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Olive Gunnison Museum of Natural History Quaker Hill Pawling, NY 12564

Hours: Thursday-Sunday 2PM-4PM, Mid-May - Mid-October

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Historical Description:

The Olive Gunnison Museum of Natural History is located on Quaker Hill in the Akin Free Library. The library was given to the community by Albert J. Akin, a notable figure in the history of Pawling. Akin founded the Bank of Pawling while also bringing the railroad to Pawling and Dover. Construction on the building began in 1898 and was completed ten years later.

The Site:

The museum is located on the lower floor of the Akin Free Library and contains a range of exhibits on natural history such as rocks, minerals, birds and eggs, shells, and other artifacts.

Directions:

From I-84 East: Take the Lake Carmel/ Patterson exit 18. Turn left onto NY-311. After 5 miles, turn left onto NY-22 North. Turn right onto CR-67/ Quaker Hill Road.

From the North Taconic Parkway: Take Route 55 E exit ramp towards Pawling. Turn right and merge onto NY-55. Turn right onto CR-67/ Quaker Hill Road.

From the South: Take the Hutchinson Parkway North. Take I-684 N toward Brewster. After 29 miles, merge onto NY-22 North for 11.7 miles. Turn right onto CR-67/ Quaker Hill Road.