

## HUNTING

One thing that the Catskill Region has plenty of is open land for hunting. NY State land combined with NYC water supply land offers hundreds of square miles of valleys and mountains covered with hardwood forests, evergreen forests and fields. On this edition we have included evergreen forest areas inside the Catskill Park. Certain species avoid evergreen woods and other thrive in it. It is also useful for navigational purposes. The evergreen forest areas are shown with green dotted areas on the map. The NYCDEP is actively purchasing land from private owners in the effort to protect the Catskill's watershed, and in the process, continues to expand the opportunity for hunting on selected parcels. Small game, furbearer species, turkey, bear and whitetail deer may be hunted on most NYC water supply hunting areas. One parcel of NYC water supply land is open for bow hunting only. This parcel, the Rose Mountain Unit, is located near the town of Pine Hill east of Pepacton Reservoir. Access Permit plus Hunting Tags are required to hunt on NYC water supply land.

## CAMPING

Visitors come to the Catskills each year for camping more than any other outdoor activity. The Catskill Region has both state and privately owned campgrounds. Most campsites in the Catskills offer tent or RV camping with electric or full hookups. For holiday weekends, please be sure to book in advance as campsites tend to fill quickly. This map contains 38 campgrounds, seven which are state owned, and 31 privately owned. We tried our best to find every campsite in the region, but in case we missed your site, please let us know so that we can include you on the next edition of this map. Camping outside campgrounds is allowed on most state land below 3500 feet in elevation and at least 150 feet away from roads, trails or water. It is also allowed on DEC designated sites. These designated primitive campsites are marked on the map with green camping symbols. If there are more than one campsite at that location, there will be a number next to the camping symbol indicating numbers of campsites at given location. Again, we did our best to find all primitive campsites out there, but many of our hikes were done in winter when the ground was covered with a few feet of snow. As fires are permitted using dead wood which is on the ground, please try to use existing fire pits and make sure the fire is completely out before leaving. Camping and fires are not permitted on NYC water supply land.

## SWIMMING

Most state and privately owned campgrounds have beaches with lifeguards on duty during the summer season. Some campgrounds also have swimming pools available to their guests. Swimming is also permitted on most ponds, lakes, rivers and streams located on NY State land. Please remember that swimming, bathing or washing any objects is prohibited on NYCDEP land.

## SKIING

The Catskills is well known for downhill and cross country skiing. As the eastern side of the Catskills has higher elevation and steeper mountain sides, most of the downhill skiing takes place in this region. An alternative to skiing or snow boarding is tubing, which is available at some skiing locations and can be great fun for the entire family. Ski resorts offer plenty of amenities from accommodations, restaurants, bars, ski shops, and ski rentals. Most resorts are open year round offering activities at off-season discounts. Bicycling is especially popular during the summer months. Downhill skiing, ice skating and sleigh riding are not permitted on NYC water supply lands. However, cross country skiing and snowshoeing are allowed.

## BICYCLING

We received an overwhelming amount of requests to include information useful for bicycling. On this edition we added items to the map that we thought would be a great help for bicycle users. In our table, that is included on the western side of the map, a column named BC shows which trails are allowed for use of bicycles. We didn't ride all those trails but did hike all of them and based on our notes, we think that those trails are suitable for experienced riders. There are even more trails that bicycles can be used on, but those trails are really steep and rocky with many ledges where too often the bicycle would have to be carried rather than ridden. Please remember that bicycles are not allowed on Wilderness land (dark green on the map) except where indicated on the table in BC column. Those trails were designated as bicycle corridors, even though they go through Wilderness land. We also included elevation for all towns (red text under the town name), elevation on many road intersections and highest points on long roads (small brown text) to help you plan your routes. Most parking locations, as well as ponds and lakes, have elevation labels as well. Remember to also use the 50 foot elevation lines to find your perfect road. The more elevation lines (brown lines) you see, the steeper the roads are.

## WATER GAGES

USGS Real-Time Water Gages are devices that record water levels, flow, and temperature in real-time with data displayed on the Internet. The gages are placed on the river and stream banks by United States Geological Survey and provide valuable information about stream conditions in the Catskill Mountains. Most individuals who fish use these gages to get information about trout fishing conditions; others use it for swimming, floating down the river, or to obtain flood status. There are 57 gages shown throughout the map with the corresponding gage number. To access the gage information via the Internet, simply type in USGS following the gage number in any search engine or visit <http://waterdata.usgs.gov/nwis/rt>

## GAS STATIONS

Gas stations have also been added to this map. Please remember that new gas stations are being built every year, and some close unexpectedly. If you are in danger of running out of gas, pick the closest town with more than just one station as a precaution. Most stations also have convenience stores that are stocked with camping essentials, as well as basic food and beverages. (Please note that we do not collect any money from businesses shown on this product).

## HANDLING THE MAP

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## NYCDEP PERMIT

There are many ways to obtain an Access Permit or any other NYCDEP permit or tag. If you do not have access to the Internet, please call or write to the address listed below:

NYCDEP Land Management – Access Permits  
71 Smith Ave.  
Kingston, NY 12401  
Tel: (800)-575-5263

For those who have Internet access, you may utilize the on-line application to obtain the permit at:

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/dep/watershed/html/wsrecreation.html>  
(or type: "NYCDEP Permit" in any search engine)

To place a boat on the reservoirs, call the numbers below:  
(After receiving Access Permit)

Ashokan Reservoir:	(845) 657-2663
Schoharie Reservoir:	(607) 588-6231
Rondout and Neversink Reservoirs:	(845) 985-0386
Cannonsville and Pepacton Reservoirs:	(607) 363-7009

There are now some selected parcels owned by DEP that do not require a permit. Please check the legend on the map for color of these parcels. We urge everyone who is planning any activities on NYCDEP lands to read the rules and regulations on the NYCDEP website as the rules have changed recently. If you do not have Internet access, please contact the Kingston office listed above. To report pollution or security concerns inside the DEP watershed, call NYCDEP Police (888) 426-7433.

## OTHER CONTACT INFO

DEC Region 3  
Main Office (845) 256-3000; Fisheries (845) 256-3161; Forest Protection (845) 256-3025; Wildlife (845) 256-3098; Law Enforcement (845) 256-3013

DEC Region 4  
Main Office (518) 357-2234; Fisheries (607) 652-7366; Forest Protection (607) 652-7365; Wildlife (607) 652-7367; Law Enforcement (518) 357-2047

Hospitals around Catskill Park  
Margaretville (845) 586-2631; Sidney (607) 561-2100; Walton (607) 865-2100; Delhi (607) 746-0300; Harris (845) 794-3300; Kingston (845) 331-3131, (845) 338-2500

## FEEDBACK

**Your feedback is very important to us. It took us three years of research to create this map. There are over 6000 labels and thousands of symbols on this product. We did our best to make this map as accurate as possible. However, if you see any mistake, omission or have any type of recommendations or feedback, please let us know and we will make needed corrections on the next edition of this map. Our contact information is printed below.**

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