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RECREATIONAL BOATING PROGRAM

NYC Environmental Protection

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It's as easy as...

1. Pick a reservoir and get a DEP Access Permit available at www.nyc.gov/dep/accesspermit

2. Get your watercraft steam cleaned and receive your Recreational Boat Tag at one of our designated vendors.

3. Bring your boat down to the reservoir.

4. Put on your life vest and have fun! Be safe!

Season and Times

- Starts Friday of Memorial Day Weekend and ends Columbus Day
- Sunrise to Sunset
- Temporary passes for 1 to 7 days and full season passes available.

Types of Boats Permitted

- Non-motorized kayaks and canoes – electric trolling motors are permissible on the Cannonsville for flat-bottomed fishing boats only
- Row boats/Jon boats
- Canoes, Kayaks and Sculls
- Small sailboats (with removable center/dagger boards)

Kayaks must be at least 9' in length – all other boats must be at least 11'5" in length

Launch Sites

- Please use the designated launch sites at each reservoir
- Hand carry in only
- No trailers/vehicles in the water
- Some sites will have handicap parking designated
- Sailboats can only launch at sailboat designated launch sites
- No overnight camping
- Portable privies at most launch sites
- No trash receptacles, please carry out all waste
- Public storage racks may be available at some sites on a first come, first served basis

Restrictions

- Boats must be steam cleaned and have a DEP boat tag
- No commercial activities without prior approval
- Sailboats can only be used in designated sailboat waters
- Boating is not permitted in certain areas. Please review the map and observe all restricted areas
- Boats left overnight can be secured hull-side up with lock and chain to trees above the water line or boat racks if available
- Once a boat is removed from the reservoir it must be steam cleaned and tagged again before returning to the reservoir or to a different reservoir

A few words about eagles

The NYC reservoir system has some of the highest bald eagle nesting densities in New York State. These reservoirs are critical habitat for the bald eagles nesting there, and are protected under State & Federal regulations. Disturbance of eagles or their essential behaviors is illegal, and has associated penalties. Please do your part in the continuing recovery of our American symbol by enjoying the opportunity to watch the eagles' activities from a distance greater than 350-feet, avoiding making loud noises, and respecting any signage that has been placed indicating Restricted Areas. For more information on eagles contact NYSDEC Wildlife at (607) 652-7367.

Boat Cleaning

All boats must be steam cleaned prior to being placed on the reservoir in order to help prevent the introduction of zebra mussels and other aquatic invasive species which can negatively impact DEP's water supply infrastructure and water quality. At the time of steam cleaning, all boats will be inspected for aquatic invasive species as well. (Visit www.catskillinvasives.com for more information.)

Boat steam cleaning services are provided for a fee by vendors listed in the interior of this brochure. In addition to obtaining your temporary or seasonal DEP Recreational Boat Tag after steam cleaning, you can also get your DEP Access Permit at these locations, or at www.nyc.gov/dep.

You don't have to own a boat to enjoy the reservoirs. Several boat rental vendors located in proximity to the reservoirs are ready and willing to rent kayaks and canoes for day use. They, too, are listed inside this brochure. These vendors may have other supplies such as bait, tackle and snacks, they are there to help you enjoy your time on the water and off! It is wise to call ahead for hours of operation.

Welcome to the Catskills, an outdoor recreation paradise!

The Catskill Mountain region encompasses six counties (Delaware, Greene, Schoharie, Sullivan, Ulster and southern Albany) and 6,000-square miles in Southeastern New York State. The State-designated Catskill Park (the area within the "blue line" of many maps of the region) is a patchwork of public and private lands stretching over 700,000 acres, 40% of which is preserved as "forever wild" – the Catskill Forest Preserve.

A major feature of the region is the 1600-square mile New York City Watershed. Six major reservoirs in the region provide 90% of New York City's water supply. It is the largest unfiltered water supply in the U.S., providing 1.2 billion gallons of clean water each day to more than nine million people, nearly half the population of New York State.

Four of those reservoirs – Cannonsville, Neversink, Pepacton and Schoharie – are open to non-motorized recreational boating. A quiet paddle here offers scenic views, great birdwatching opportunities and wildlife sightings.

Fishing, biking, and hiking are other popular activities in this region, known as America's First Wilderness. To make the most of your time in the Catskills, consult the following websites for information on accommodations, events and attractions.

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For more information on local businesses & activities go to the following websites:
Schoharie County Chamber of Commerce: schohariechamber.com
Schoharie County Tourism: upstatevacations .com
Great Northern Catskills Tourism: greatnortherncatskills.com
Catskill Assoc. for Tourism Services: visitthecatskills.com
Hospitality Green: hospitalitygreen.com/gc-map

Emergency Contact Numbers

To report dangerous or suspicious activity, water quality threats or to report fish kills on City-owned reservoirs and lands call the DEP Police at 888-H2O-SHED (1-888-426-7433).

For immediate DEP Access Permit issuance, application forms, rules and regulations and other information, go to Recreation on DEP's website at: www.nyc.gov/dep. For permit inquiries email: recreation@dep.nyc.gov or call 1-800-575-LAND (5263).

The Recreational Boating Program is a cooperative effort among the following:

Catskill Watershed Corporation
Coalition of Watershed Towns
Delaware, Greene, Schoharie and Sullivan Counties
NYC Department of Environmental Protection
NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
NYS Department of Health
USEPA

Catskill Reservoir Paddler
NEVERSINK ★ CANNONSVILLE ★ PEPACTON ★ SCHOHARIE

Proclaim to the world your amazing boating experience!
Earn the Catskill Reservoir Paddler patch!
To learn how to get yours, visit www.thecatskillregion.com.

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Designated Steam Cleaning/Boat Rental Vendors

1. **Nickerson Park Campground - 607-588-7327**
   378 Stryker Road
   Gilboa, NY 12076
   info@nickersonparkcampground.com
   www.nickersonparkcampground.com

2. **Al's Sport Store - 607-363-7740**
   6964 River Road
   Downsville, NY 13755
   alsport@frontiernet.net
   www.alssportstore.com

3. **Susan's Pleasant Pheasant Farm - 607-326-4266**
   1 Bragg Hollow Rd
   Halcottsville, NY 12438
   thesigncompany1@gmail.com
   www.pleasantpheasantfarm.com/kayaking.html

4. **OARS of Hancock - 607-237-3078**
   951 Cadosia Road
   Hancock, NY 13783
   info@oarsofhancock.com
   www.oarsofhancock.com

5. **Paddle & Pedal - 607-637-4296**
   159 East Front Street (Rentals)
   41 Pennsylvania Ave. (Steam Cleaning)
   Hancock, NY 13783
   paddleandpedal@hancock.net
   www.paddleandpedaloutdoors.com

6. **Pepacton Bait & Tackle - 845-586-6211**
   43005 State Highway 28
   Arkville, NY 12406
   farmertom19669593@gmail.com

7. **Roscoe Campground - 607-498-5264**
   2179 Old Route 17
   Roscoe, NY 12776-6447
   cls3835@aol.com
   www.roscoecampsites.com

8. **Neversink General Store**
   845-985-2076
   4 Schumway Road, Neversink, NY 12765
   NeversinkGeneralStore@gmail.com
   Find them on Facebook

9. **JMT Enterprises -**
   Chamberlain Brook Boat Washing
   at the Solitude Inn - 607-865-7801
   1803 Chamberlain Brook Road
   Walton, NY 13856-2425
   boatwash@hughes.net

10. **Young's Ace Hardware - 518-299-3426**
    25 Washington Street Extension
    Prattsville, NY 12468
    youngsagway@gmail.com
    Find them on Facebook

11. **Backus Farms - 607-865-6639**
    7377 County Highway 27
    Trout Creek, NY 13839
    backusfarm2@citlink.net

12. **Warner Enterprises - 607-725-3783**
    69 Main Street, Deposit, NY 13754
    casrrds21@aol.com

13. **Pepacton Cabins - 607-363-2094**
    348 Hood Lane, Downsville, NY 13755
    pepacton@catskill.net
    www.pepactoncabins.com

14. **Bradley Boat Rentals LLC - 845-807-1145**
    220 Lindholm Road, Hurleyville, NY 12747
    bradleyboatrentals@yahoo.com
    www.bradleyboatrentals.com

15. **Hawk Mountain Guide Service - 607-865-7830**
    751 McLaughlin Road
    Sidney Center, NY 13839
    hawkmountainguide@hotmail.com
    www.hawkmountainguideservice.com

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Legend

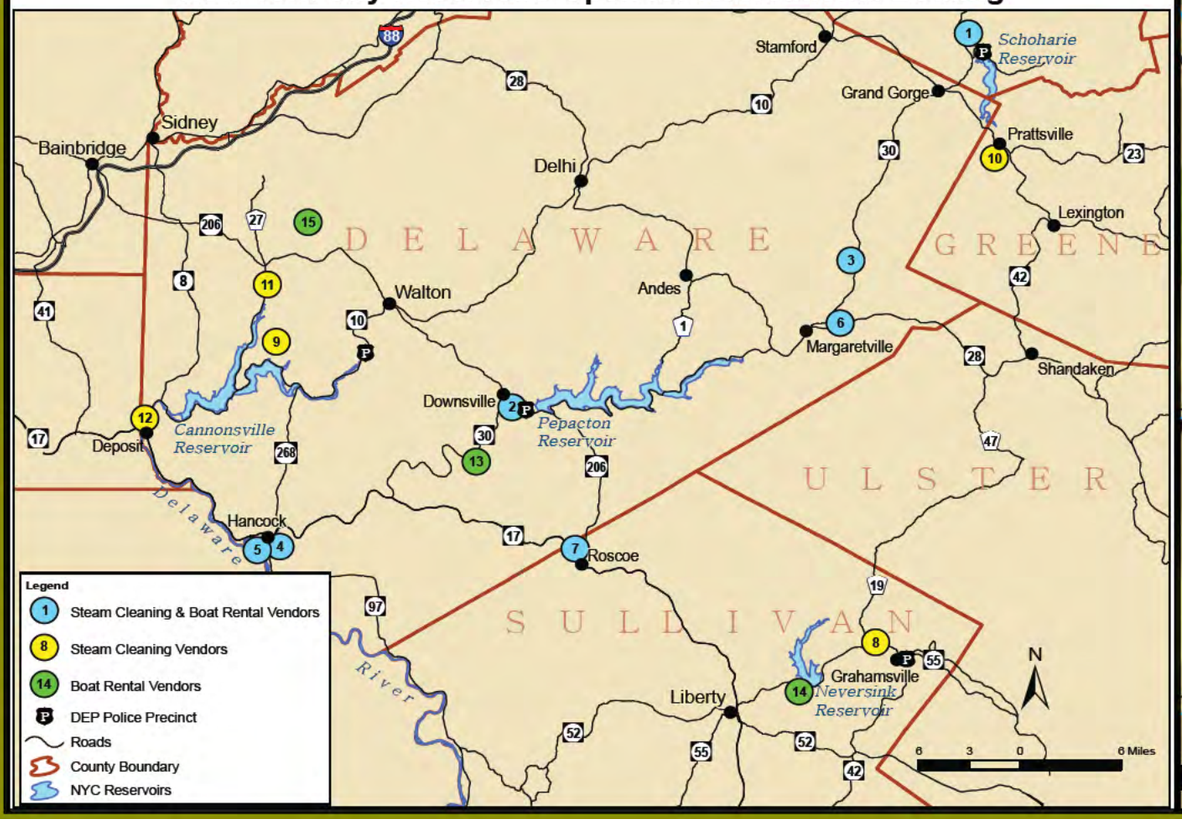
- Handicapped Accessible Privy
- Boat Launch
- Sailboat Launch
- Recreational Boats Allowed (Excluding Sailboats)
- Sailboat Area
- Public Access Area
- Day Use Area
- Hunting Area (DEP Access Permit Required)
- State-Owned Lands
- No Recreational Boating Area
- DEP Police Precinct

* Reservoir access may be closed at times due to low water at Devasego Falls.

Snyder's Cove
74°26'36.747"W
42°21'56.586"N

Devasego Park*
74°26'1.007"W
42°27.947"N

New York City Reservoirs Open for Recreational Boating



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