It's as easy as...

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



2. Get your boat 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

- Sunrise to sunset starting the Friday of Memorial Day weekend and ends Columbus Day*.
- Temporary passes for 1 to 7 days and full season passes available.

Types of Boats Permitted

- Non-motorized kayaks and canoes
- Row boats/Jon boats
- Canoes, Kayaks and Sculls
- Kayaks must be at least 9' in length-all other boats must be at least 11'6". For additional guidance on boats and restrictions, please visit www.nyc.gov/ dep/recreation.

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
- 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
- No commercial activities without prior approval
- 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

*An extended season may be offered in 2019. Please visit www.cwconline.org/reservoir-boating for updated information

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 and 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 (845) 256-3098.

Boat Steam 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

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 operations.

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 1.1 Billion gallons of clean water each day to 9.6 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. Consult the following websites for information and accommodations, events and attractions.



For more information on local businesses and activities go to the following websites:

Sullivan County Visitors Association: www.scva.net

Town of Neversink: www.townofneversink.org Town of Wawarsing: www.townofwawarsing.net

Town of Liberty: www.townofliberty.org

Catskill Association for Tourism Services: www.visitthecatskills.com

Emergency Contact Numbers

To report dangerous or suspicious activity, water quality threats or fish kills on City-owned reservoirs and lands call the DEP Police at 888-H2O-SHED (1-888-426-7433) or call 911.

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**



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

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