

BRIEFLY



DEC employees staff the magazine's booth at the fair in summer 2006.

State Record Fish

On May 9, Robert Kubica of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, caught a state rod-and-reel record American shad in the Hudson River (Albany County). Taken on a shad dart, the fish weighed 9 lb. 4 oz. and was 28" long. In the last few decades, Hudson River commercial fishermen have caught American shad up to 13 lb. in gill nets and seines. However, hooking and

landing one that size on rod and reel, given the necessary light tackle and the fragile nature of a shad's jaw, has always been difficult.

On May 11, Mr. Ian Kiraly of Walton landed a 55 lb. 6 oz. striped bass near Kingston, establishing a new inland waters record for New York State. The fish surpassed the previous record, set in 2003, by six ounces.

Knowing that such record-size fish visit the Hudson each spring continues to be an attractive lure for anglers.—*Courtesy Tom Lake/Hudson River Almanac*

See You at The New York State Fair!

The Great New York State Fair will be held from Thursday, Aug. 23 to Monday, Sept. 3. Stop by the *Conservationist* booth and say hello, as our staff will be in Syracuse for the entire event. You can renew your current subscription, or pick up a new one while you're there. We'll be in the same location in the DEC Aquarium building as we have for years. See you then.

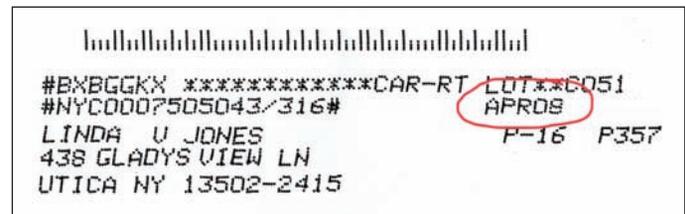
Trails Supporter Patch

Sales of a new Trails Supporter Patch will help protect and enhance the state's public trail network and promote outdoor recreational activity. The new Trails Supporter Patch can be purchased for a \$5 donation at all outlets where sporting licenses are sold and on DEC's website. All monies raised from the purchase of the patch will be used for enhancing outdoor recreational opportunities for all New Yorkers. DEC administers more than 3,500 miles of non-motorized trails on State Forests, Wildlife Management Areas, Forest Preserves, and Multiple Use Areas. For more info: www.dec.ny.gov



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Interested in finding out when your *Conservationist* subscription expires? Look in the upper right hand corner of your mailing label on the back cover of every *Conservationist*. There, you will find a month and a year corresponding to the date when you will receive your last issue. We've posted more Frequently Asked Questions on our web site, so when you're looking for information about the magazine, visit www.TheConservationist.org before picking up the phone—it might save you a few nickels.





Correction: Wild Center Hours

The June 2007 article about The Wild Center/Natural History Museum of the Adirondacks contained an error regarding the facility's open hours. The Wild Center's hours of operation are as follows:

Memorial Day to Columbus Day:
10 AM-6 PM daily
Columbus Day to Memorial Day:
10 AM-5 PM Friday-Monday
Holiday Hours: December 26-31:
10 AM-5 PM

*Closed on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day. Closed in April.

The center is located at 45 Museum Drive in Tupper Lake. Driving directions can be found on the museum's website www.wildcenter.org—*David Nelson, Editor*

Seeking Photos

Attention camping enthusiasts: *Conservationist* is seeking vintage camping photos to illustrate an article on the history of camping in New York State. You can submit photos for the piece via email at www.TheConservationist.org; please use the subject line "Camping and your last name". To submit prints or slides by mail, send correspondence to: *Conservationist* ATT: **Camping and your last name**, 2nd Floor, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-4502. One submission per family, three photos maximum, please. *Conservationist* reserves the right to choose which photos will be used in the article. If you want your photos returned, please send us a SASE along with your submission. To be considered

for publication, all submissions must contain detailed information about the photo, including when and where it was taken, who is in the photo, and a brief explanation of why you decided to send it in. Don't forget to include your phone number and/or email address. Watch for the camping photos to appear in an upcoming issue.

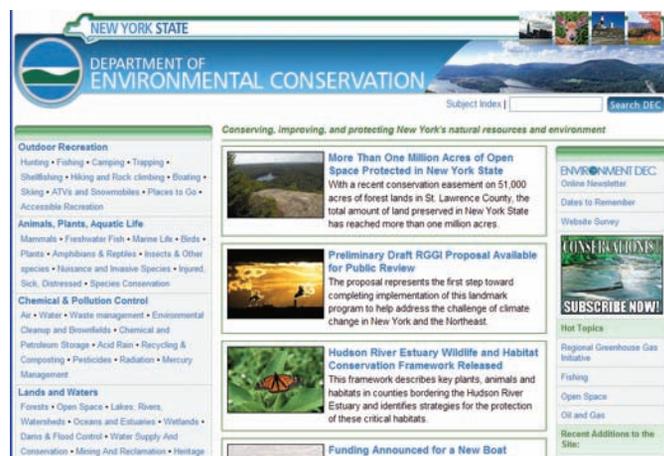
Attention Outdoorsmen

Hunting, fishing and trapping licenses go on sale Aug 13, 2007. You can purchase a license at any license sales agent throughout the state or by calling 1-866-933-2257. If you have held a previous license, you can order through DEC's website at www.dec.ny.gov. Please have an old license handy and remember to allow 14 days to receive your license and/or tags in the mail.

Also, here's a heads up for youth and their parents—young outdoor enthusiasts will need to take their hunter education course early if they want to participate in upcoming youth pheasant hunting opportunities. The dates for this new youth pheasant hunting program are:

Northeastern: September 29-30, 2007
Southeastern: September 22-23, 2007
Western: October 13-14, 2007
Long Island: November 10-11, 2007
Lake Champlain: TBA

A list of all hunter education courses across the state is updated regularly and can be found at www.dec.ny.gov



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