

FIND YOUR PASSION IN THE PARK

Whatever the season, the Catskill Park offers exquisite views and a wealth of recreational opportunities for everyone.



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THINGS TO DO IN THE CATSKILLS



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WHAT'S YOUR PLEASURE?

Pitch a tent in a majestic hemlock forest, paddle a canoe on a quiet lake, or break trail in the fresh powder on a crisp winter morning.



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CAMPING

Eight NYS-owned campgrounds in the Catskills provide a wide variety of recreation, including tent and trailer camping, non-motorized boating, hiking, and swimming, plus picnicking and grilling at day-use areas.



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CAMPING

Primitive camping is allowed on most state forest preserve land, enabling backcountry users to camp in more remote or secluded areas. Bring a tent, or look for one of the park's more than 30 lean-to's.



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HUNTING

Most public lands in the region are open to both big and small game hunting for NYS-licensed hunters.



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ROAD AND MOUNTAIN BIKING

With miles of scenic country roads and developed trail systems, opportunities to peddle abound throughout the park.



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SCENIC DRIVE

Take a scenic drive along Rt. 30, stopping in quaint towns like Arkville and Roxbury along the way.



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SWIMMING

From the developed beaches at North-South Lake, Mongaup Pond, Little Pond and Pine Hill Lake to natural areas such as Colgate Lake, Alder Lake and Big Pond, there are many places to cool off.



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PADDLING AND TUBING

Several streams, including the Esopus Creek and the Delaware River are great for canoeing, kayaking, tubing and rafting.



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PADDLING AND TUBING

There are plenty of lakes and reservoirs for boating: North-South Lake, Mongaup Pond, and the Cannonsville, Pepacton, Neversink and Schoharie reservoirs.



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FISHING

Fish outstanding trout streams like the Willowemoc and Beaverkill creeks, the birthplace of American fly fishing.



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WATERFALLS

There are dozens of waterfalls to visit. Some are easy to see just by pulling off the road, while others are along remote hikes.



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HIKING

Put on your hiking boots and explore a trail. There are 500,000 acres of preserved land and hundreds of miles of trails for hiking.



Marie Ellenbogen



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FIRE TOWERS

Climb one of the five historic fire towers in the Catskills for great 360-degree views.



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BIRD WATCHING

The Catskill area supports over 120 species of breeding birds and is a migration route for hawks.



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WATCH WILDLIFE

Watch nesting eagles, be on the lookout for white-tailed deer, or catch a glimpse of a bear or fisher.



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AN AREA FULL OF CULTURE AND HISTORY



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CATSKILL FLY FISHING CENTER AND MUSEUM

Learn about the history of America's
fly-fishing heritage.

Livingston Manor, Old Rte. 17



Charles Sonny Somelofski



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CATSKILL FISH HATCHERY

Visit the Catskill Fish Hatchery,
where more than 100,000 pounds
of brown trout are raised each year.

Livingston Manor, Sullivan County



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BETHEL WOODS CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Attend a musical performance
at the site of the original 1969
Woodstock Festival.

Bethel, Hurd Rd.



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HANFORD MILLS MUSEUM

Step into the past and experience a working landscape of traditional craftmaking, blacksmithing and ice harvesting.

East Meredith, Rte. 12



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VISIT A MYSTERIOUS WONDER

Make the short climb to view Pratt Rock Park, New York's Mount Rushmore. Learn the legend of these mysterious sculptures.

Prattville, Rte. 23



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RIDE THE RAILS

Delaware and Ulster Railroad and Catskill Scenic Trail

A popular historic train ride offers scenic excursions along the east branch of the Delaware River from Arkville to Roxbury.

Catskill Mountain Railroad

A scenic 12-mile round-trip train ride travels between Phoenicia and Boiceville along the Esopus Creek, with views of Mount Tremper and Mount Pleasant.



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EVERY OUTING IN THE PARK IS AN ADVENTURE

Snowshoeing is a fun way to explore the trails, whatever your age.



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CROSS- COUNTRY SKIING & SNOWSHOEING

Many hiking trails throughout the park are perfect for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing.



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ALPINE SKIING

Skiers can enjoy several major alpine ski centers within the park.



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PLACES TO HIKE

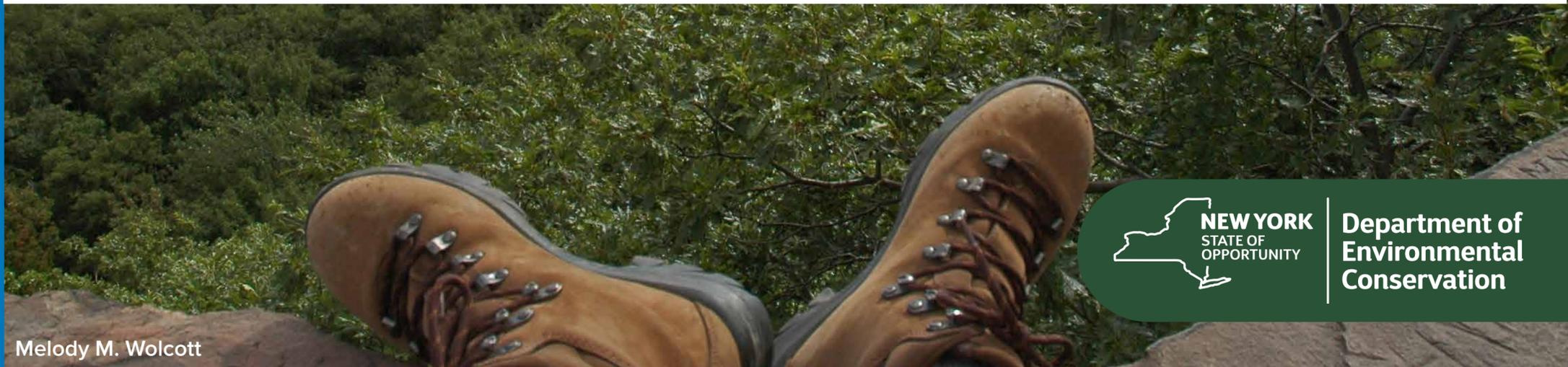


Onteora Lake, *Bluestone Wild Forest*
Kingston, Ulster County *Distance: 1.8 miles, easy-moderate*

Catskill Mt. House Site, *North-South Lake*
Hunter, Greene County *Distance (Mt. House): .5 mile*

Long Pond, *Willowemoc Wild Forest*
Neversink, Sullivan County *Distance: 2 miles*

Catskill Scenic Trail,
Delaware County *Distance: 19 miles along former rail bed*



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PLACES TO CAMP



Bear Spring Mountain *Downsville, Delaware County*

Beaverkill *Roscoe, Sullivan County*

Devil's Tombstone *Hunter, Greene County*

Kenneth L. Wilson Mt. Tremper, *Ulster County*

Little Pond *Andes, Delaware County*

Mongaup Pond *Livingston Manor, Sullivan and Ulster Counties*

North-South Lake *Haines Falls, Greene County*

Woodland Valley *Phoenicia, Ulster County*



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PLACES TO FISH AND PADDLE



Beaverkill

Catskill Creek

Delaware River

Esopus Creek

Little Pond

North-South Lake

Neversink River

NY City's Reservoirs:

Ashokan, Neversink, Rondout, Pepacton, Cannonsville, Schoharie

Willowemoc Creek



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PLACES TO WATCH WILDLIFE



Ashokan Reservoir Olive, Ulster County

Hunter-Westkill Wilderness Area Lexington, Greene County

Little Pond Campground Andes, Delaware County

Rondout Reservoir Neversink, Sullivan County

Birch Creek Access Shandaken Wild Forest (Town of Shandaken), Ulster County

Mongaup Valley Wildlife Management Area Sullivan and Ulster Counties

North-South Lake Public Campground Haines Falls, Greene County

Slide Mountain Wilderness Shandaken, Denning and Olive, Ulster County



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UPCOMING EVENTS



Athens Street Festival, Athens, *July 11*

Annual Catskills Irish Arts Week, East Durham, *July 12 - 18*

Callicoon Street Fair, Callicoon, *July 25*

Catskill Forest and Farm Festival, Margaretville, *July 25*

Tour of the Catskills: Pro-Am Bicycle Race, Tannersville, *July 31*



Naomi Nishimura



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THE CATSKILL PARK AND FOREST PRESERVE



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THE CATSKILL PARK AND FOREST PRESERVE

The Catskill Forest Preserve is the 288,000 acres of state-owned land within the Catskill Park.



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THE CATSKILL PARK AND FOREST PRESERVE

The Catskill Park is a mountainous region of more than 700,000 acres, made up of public and private land, mountains, farms and communities.



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THE CATSKILL PARK AND FOREST PRESERVE

The region has mature forest, steep hemlock ravines, and numerous free-flowing streams.



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THE CATSKILL PARK AND FOREST PRESERVE

The park is home to deer, turkey, black bear and more than 200 species of fish. Bald eagles nest at more than 40 sites within the park.



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Visitors enjoy hiking, hunting, fishing, trapping, camping and non-motorized boating, plus horseback riding, mountain biking and snowmobiling on designated trails.



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More than 40 percent of the park's total land area is protected as "forever wild."



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THE CATSKILL PARK AND FOREST PRESERVE

Ninety-eight of the Catskill peaks
are higher than 3,000 feet.



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NEW YORK CITY WATER SUPPLY



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NEW YORK CITY WATER SUPPLY

New York City gets more than 90 percent of its drinking water from the Catskill region.



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NEW YORK CITY WATER SUPPLY

The City of New York manages six large reservoirs, all of which are open to fishing by permit.



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NEW YORK CITY WATER SUPPLY

More than 40,000 acres of city-managed watershed lands within the park are open for hiking, hunting and fishing.



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