NORTHEAST ADIRONDACK REGION

Photo Credit: James Sickler
In the Adirondacks are found the 46 High Peaks that have the state’s highest vantage point (over 4,000 feet). Most of the major highways that serpentine through the Park’s magnificent landscape have been officially designated as Scenic Byways.
Ausable Point Campground protrudes from Route 9 into Lake Champlain and offers a shoreline comprised of natural sand and a gentle slope from many campsites. It borders a wildlife management area that offers a hiking trail, as well as water access for canoeists and sea kayakers to explore. With the city of Plattsburgh a short drive from this campground there is virtually no limit for entertainment opportunities.

Buck Pond Campground is located on 130-acre Buck Pond and offers secluded sites, numerous water access points, guarded bathing beach and an “easy-to-walk” trail which stretches for miles along an old, abandoned railroad bed. Camping equipment from tents to 30-foot RVs can be accommodated. The Campground offers a variety of recreational opportunities including: boating rentals, fishing, hiking and bicycling.
MEADOWBROOK

62 Sites | 518.891.4351

Meadowbrook is the best bargain in town for those visiting the Lake Placid Olympic Training venues and the Village of Lake Placid. Located only four miles from the center of town, campers have no shortage of activities available to them. The nearby villages offer a variety of restaurants, shopping, golf courses, boating, fishing and various other activities. The campground is near many hiking trails for both the experienced and novice hiker. Also a short distance from the campground is Whiteface Mountain and the Memorial Highway, which offers spectacular views of the surrounding area.
Taylor Pond can be found in the back woods, on a dirt road, and miles from the public mainstream. Fishermen and naturalists come from miles away to spend vacations in a lean-to, a designated open site on the back part of the pond, or the mainland campground. Canoes and rowboats can be rented at the boat launch site at the caretaker’s residence.
WILMINGTON NOTCH

Wilmington Notch is located beside the Ausable River and accommodates fishermen looking to challenge the rapids in search of a great catch. Olympic Whiteface Mountain is on the other side of the river and offers a gondola ride to the summit with a great view for miles. Lake Placid Olympic Village is a short eight miles from this campground offering unlimited attractions.

Photo Credit: Amy Canough
NORTHWEST ADIRONDACK REGION
The Adirondack Park is designated “forever wild,” the land is largely undisturbed by human activity and offers visitors spectacular views and long, peaceful waterways.
CRANBERRY LAKE

One of the largest remote lakes in the Adirondacks, its proximity to 50,000 acres of wilderness, intermingled with 50 miles of well-developed trails makes Cranberry Lake the outdoor enthusiasts’ perfect vacation spot. Whether it’s fishing, boating or just laying back and enjoying your well-deserved vacation, Cranberry Lake is the spot for you. The lake has been stocked with trout in the past and many of the local ponds, streams and rivers support excellent trout fishing. The perfectly formed forest canopy in the campground provides excellent shade on hot summer days while the undergrowth provides excellent privacy for campers. Getting from Cranberry Lake to other Adirondack Campgrounds requires only a short trip on a major highway.
**FISH CREEK POND**  
355 Sites | 518.891.4560

Fish Creek Pond Campground offers a natural sand shoreline and water access for most campsites. Campers are provided with pristine rivers and ponds accessible to both motorized and non-motorized boats. Square Pond and Fish Creek Pond (the two bodies of water around which the campground is situated) are open to motorboat usage. Also, motorboat operators can enjoy miles of open water on the Upper Saranac Lake. A trailered boat launch with a small temporary parking area nearby receives steady usage throughout the camping season. Campers seeking non-motorized boating opportunities may enjoy the Rollins Pond area or the nearby St. Regis Canoe Area (approx. three miles north of the campground). It is considered by many the finest and most attractive of all the Adirondack campgrounds. Camping equipment from tents to 40-foot RVs can be accommodated. The campground offers a variety of other recreational opportunities including: canoeing and boating, fishing, hiking and bicycling.

**MEACHAM LAKE**  
224 Sites | 518.483.5116

Campers at Meacham Lake are provided with a wide open view of a truly undeveloped area and can often hear the loons calling in early morning and late evening. Aside from being an angler’s paradise, the campground has an activities area complete with volleyball, horseshoes, kids’ playground and bathing beach. Meacham Lake Campground is located on the north and west shores of Meacham Lake. The campground represents the only development on this 1,203-acre lake. The campground is in a very scenic area, surrounded by the northern mountains and extensive tracts of Wild Forest state land. All types of camping units can be accommodated, from small tents to large recreational vehicles. The west side offers primitive and walk-in sites, while the main campground will accommodate both tents and RVs.
Rollins Pond should be at the top of your list if you enjoy paddling. Boats are available for rent at the boat launch livery site, and this long narrow body of water provides the ideal setting for days of fun as you take turns on all of them. Adventurers can canoe the waterway leading to Fish Creek, or just try their luck fishing in Whey Pond, located adjacent to the livery area, and stocked annually with trout. Camping equipment from tents to 40-foot RVs can be accommodated. Rollins Pond Campground offers a variety of recreational opportunities including: canoeing and boating, fishing, hiking and bicycling.
SARANAC LAKE ISLANDS  
87 Sites | 518.891.3170

This boat-access-only campground provides miles and miles for boater recreation and direct access to four other lakes through a set of locks which allow your vessel to be raised or lowered to the right water level. Coupled with the ability to camp on selected island sites, being able to fish for your dinner after hours of water skiing might make you never want to leave.
The Adirondack Park is a vast natural park (6 million acres, or two-and-a-half times the size of Yellowstone National Park) with immense, untouched forests heaved by rugged mountain ranges mirrored in thousands of lakes and ponds.
CROWN POINT

Because Crown Point Public Campground rests over battlefields and fort locations dating back to 1775, remnants of structures and sites remain for visitors to view. The lighthouse, rebuilt in 1911-1912 and positioned on the campground shore, overlooks the 281,600-acre Lake Champlain. Positioned so that it is majestically overlooking Lake Champlain and neighboring Vermont, the Crown Point bridge looms on the northern most shore of this campground and is one of the few bridges connecting New York State and Vermont. The entire Crown Point Reservation, including all 49 acres of the campground, are listed in the National Register of Historic Places and have been designated by the United States Secretary of the Interior as a National Historic Landmark.
EAGLE POINT

Eagle Point Campground is located on the west shore of Schroon Lake which is approximately nine miles in length and 1 1/2-miles in maximum width. Camping equipment from tents to 30-foot RVs can be accommodated. The campground offers a variety of recreational opportunities. The Village of Schroon Lake has a quaint “Main Street” with shops and restaurants. The Schroon-North Hudson Historical Museum can be found here. Nearby is the Seagle Music Colony which offers plays, operas and concerts. Explore the nearby Natural Stone Bridge and Caves. Canoeing, hiking, boating, fishing and bicycling opportunities abound.

Photo Credit: Rose Perry
Lake George Battleground is located just 1/4-mile south of the Village of Lake George and is close to many historical locations. Campers can visit the Battleground to view the remains of the numerous military activities that took place on and around the campground location during the colonial period. A self-guided historical interpretive path with educational information at the Battlefield Park and the Lake George Beach for swimming and sun bathing are just a short walk away. Shopping and theme parks are also very close by.

LAKE GEORGE BATTLEGROUND 68 Sites | 518.668.3348

Located on picturesque Lake George just two miles north of the Village of Lake George, this has become a very popular vacation location. The Lake George region offers some of the most diverse recreation opportunities in New York State. A Junior Naturalist Program is also offered at Hearthstone, and the successful camper can earn a naturalist patch for their efforts.
Located on the “Queen” of American Lakes, Lake George, the Lake George Islands offer a unique experience to campers. Lake George Islands campsites are accessible by boat only and are spread out over much of the lake. They are divided into three groups: Glen, Long and Narrow. Each group has its own headquarters to make site registration as convenient as possible. After choosing the area you want to camp in, you need to go to a private marina to park and launch. A fee is usually charged for both. Fishing, hiking, bird watching, boating and sailing are included in the many activities campers enjoy. Please note that dogs are prohibited on any of the islands, docks and on vessels moored at docks.

**GLEN ISLAND**

- 212 Sites | 518.644.9696

**LONG ISLAND**

- 90 Sites | 518.656.9426

**NARROW ISLAND**

- 85 Sites | 518.499.1288
LAKE HARRIS

Lake Harris is fed by the mighty Hudson River in its beginning stages and is sheltered among large hardwood trees which offer splendid color contrasts throughout the year. While the lake offers many water craft opportunities, many love visiting the Visitor Interpretive Center or the Santanoni Preserve Historic Site, both close by. A number of the sites offer a good degree of privacy and camping equipment from tents to 40-foot RVs can be accommodated. Lake Harris Campground offers a variety of recreational opportunities including: canoeing and boating, fishing, hiking and bicycling.
Lincoln Pond provides the opportunity for primitive, island or “developed site” camping. Large enough to accommodate motorboats, but sheltered from most harsh winds, this facility maintains a bathing beach and provides a very popular canoe, kayak and rowboat rental area. Some sites are in remote areas and do not offer flush toilets or potable water without going back to the main part of the campground. Three sites are boat-access-only.

Located on Fourth Lake, this is a very popular family campground. It is within the Lake George region which offers some of the most diverse recreational opportunities in New York State. Boating and canoeing (rentals available) along with fishing are popular activities. Swimming along with sun bathing are popular with recreation enthusiasts.
Paradox Lake Campground is nestled on rolling hills of hardwood and creates the impression of being miles from the real world. With canoes and rowboats available for rent and abundant fish in the lake, this facility provides for camping at its finest. Paradox Lake Campground is a comparatively small campground located on the shore of Dark Bay, which is on Paradox Lake. The lake itself is approximately 4 3/4 miles long.
Located on the northern end of Lake George, Rogers Rock is a very popular family campground. Campers enjoy swimming, bicycling, fishing, boating and hiking at this recreation facility. There are two group camping areas which are very popular with families and friends. It is located just six miles south of Ticonderoga which has many historical sites of interest and educational opportunities.
This one-of-a-kind campground, completed in 2011, has been designed from the ground up to provide accessibility to people of all abilities. The universal design of this facility enables everyone, including seniors and families with small children to access all amenities. All campsites, showers and restrooms are accessible. The campground is a great place to fish, motorboat, paddle, bicycle, picnic and swim.
SHARP BRIDGE
40 Sites | 518.532.7538

The facility location is best suited for daily hiking excursions in the Adirondack High Peaks, since it is a short distance from some of the most renowned and notable hiking areas in the state. Sharp Bridge Campground is located on the western shore of the Schroon River. Camping equipment, from tents to 45-foot RVs, can be accommodated. The campground offers a variety of recreational opportunities including: canoeing and boating, fishing, hiking and bicycling.
SOUTHWEST ADIRONDACK REGION

Photo Credit: Katarzyna Bujak
More than 70 native tree species, 55 species of mammals, 218 different birds, plus 86 species of fish reside in the Adirondacks, making it a perfect place to see all kinds of flora and fauna.
This boat-access-only campground is located on Fourth Lake of the Fulton Chain of Lakes. Fourth Lake Day-Use Area is the headquarters where registration and permits are issued for Alger Island. A state owned boat launch, with ramp for launching larger, motorized boats, is located on Route 28 in the village of Inlet. The facility offers 15 lean-to sites, hiking, boating and fishing.

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Tucked away in seclusion a short way off the main tourist route, this “jewel” of a campground remains one of the best kept secrets in the Adirondacks. The remote Adirondack setting of this facility offers a relaxing, quiet beauty all its own. The campsites offer privacy; they are large and well-forested and camping equipment from tents to 30-foot RVs can be accommodated. The campground offers a variety of recreational opportunities including: canoeing and boating, fishing, hiking, swimming and bicycling.
Caroga Lake Campground offers large, level sites to accommodate the smallest tent to 30-foot RVs. A Diversified Exercise course with 18 exercise stations wanders through the campground challenging those who enjoy staying physically fit in an outdoor environment. The campground offers boat rentals, swimming and numerous hiking trails are located nearby. The area offers historic interests from the French and Indian and Revolutionary wars.

Located on the southeast shore of 314-acre Eighth Lake, this campground offers great fishing for lake trout with special salmon ponds adjacent to the campground. The campsites offer privacy; they are large and well-forested and camping equipment from tents to 40-foot RVs can be accommodated. Eighth Lake Campground offers a variety of recreational opportunities including: canoeing and boating, fishing, hiking and bicycling.
Comprehensive planning and beautiful surroundings, combined with the remoteness of this campground offers a great wilderness experience to the public. All the campsites offer privacy and some are large and well-forested. Campsites are accessible by boat and/or trail (not all sites are accessible by trail, some are boat-access-only), except for three which can accommodate 20-foot RVs. The campground offers a variety of recreational opportunities including: canoeing, boating and fishing.
INDIAN LAKE ISLANDS
55 Sites | 518.648.5300

This boat-access-only campground is located on the southern shore of 4,365-acre Indian Lake. Beautiful wild forest islands offer wilderness camping and some of the best recreational boating in the Adirondacks. All the campsites offer privacy, are large and well-forested and are accessible by boat only. The opportunity to camp on an island or along the shore of Indian Lake makes this one of the most popular camping destinations in the Adirondacks.

GOLDEN BEACH
204 Sites | 315.354.4230

Located on the shore of the beautiful 5,935-acre Raquette Lake this 204 campsite park offers many opportunities for enjoying the Central Adirondack Mountains. Boating on Raquette Lake provides the opportunity to explore the 99 miles of shoreline with views of some historic Adirondack Great Camps or fish for varied species of fish including lake and brook trout, small mouth bass and perch to name a few. There is a shallow boat launch, one of the largest natural beaches in the area, a picnic area and swimming available.
LAKE DURANT

The remote Central Adirondack setting of this facility offers a relaxing, quiet beauty and breathtaking views of Blue Mountain. The campsites offer privacy; they are large and well-forested and camping equipment from tents to 30-foot RVs can be accommodated. Lake Durant Campground offers a variety of recreational opportunities including: canoeing and boating, fishing, hiking and bicycling.

Photo Credit: Connor Brazell
LAKE EATON
135 Sites | 518.624.2641

Lake Eaton offers a number of secluded sites, boat rentals and a blacktopped roadway for biking and walking enthusiasts. An interpretive nature trail is located along the northern boundary of the campground and there are numerous hiking opportunities nearby. Seaplane rides are available only a mile away in the nearby village of Long Lake which is a quintessential Central Adirondack town, and has been a hub of activity since the mid-nineteenth century.

LEWEY LAKE
206 Sites | 518.648.5266

This campground is located in the central portion of the Adirondack Park, on a 90-acre lake and offers secluded, wooded sites. Swimming, hiking, fishing and picnicking are some of the activities campers can enjoy while at this facility. The Adirondack Park Visitor Interpretive Center at Newcomb and the Adirondack Museum at Blue Mountain Lake are a short drive and feature the history of the Adirondack Mountains.
A great family spot with many summer activities nearby such as a water park, various shops in Old Forge, museums including the Adirondack Museum at Blue Mountain Lake and golf courses. Hiking opportunities in the area include Old Dam Nature Trail, Rocky Mountain, Black Bear Mountain and Bald Mountain. Access to Moose River Plains Wild Forest is also close by. The campground also offers swimming, boat rentals and access to fishing for a wide variety of fish including yellow perch, bullhead and splake.

MOFFITT BEACH
260 Sites | 518.548.7102

This popular family campground offers large, level sites within the 70 to 80 feet tall white pine trees to provide a rustic camping ambience. Many of these sites are located on the water’s edge. A newly constructed boat launch aides in accessibility to Sacandaga Lake’s fine fishing and water sport opportunities. This campground offers a Junior Naturalist Program to enrich the camping experience, swimming, a large picnic area with pavilion and an informal nature trail.
Located in the Black River Wild Forest, this campground offers a picnic area, a large beach, boating, swimming and more than five miles of hiking trails. And don’t forget that fishing pole, because the fishing is great too. If paddling around at dusk trolling for that lunker bass or brown trout, listening to the sound of the loons, and watching the sun set sounds a little too relaxing for you then how about a modern ADA Accessible playground for the little ones, volleyball, horseshoes and basketball.

Located on the northwest corner of 29-mile long Great Sacandaga Lake, this campground offers a variety of large, level camping sites, from the seclusion within the tall white pines and northern hardwoods, to the openness of the sandy shoreline. The campground offers a Junior Naturalist program, a large boat launch, a natural sand beach with a swimming area, boat rentals, a large picnic area with pavilion and excellent fishing and water sport opportunities.
Located on picturesque Piseco Lake, The Pisecos offer the seclusion and serenity for family camping. The Pisecos are divided into two campgrounds: Little Sand Point and Point Comfort. Each facility has its own headquarters to make site registration as convenient as possible. Nestled within the hardwood and conifer trees are larger, level sites with moderate remoteness to one another. Piseco Lake offers fine fishing, canoeing, sailing, and all types of water sports, accessed via a concrete boat launch. Numerous hiking trails to challenge the day hiker to the 133-mile-long Northville-Lake Placid Trail are located just minutes away.

**LITTLE SAND POINT**  
78 Sites | 518.548.7585

**POINT COMFORT**  
76 Sites | 518.548.7586
Situated in a stand of white pine and northern hardwoods on the Sacandaga River, this serene campground offers the camper a wide selection of fishing and hiking on nearby state lands. The campground offers a Junior Naturalist Program, a nature based program that encourages children to explore the surrounding environment.

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ALLEGANY REGION

Photo Credit: Susanna Merrick

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Nature lovers, photographers, hunters and anglers have discovered that Allegany has something for everyone. It’s truly the place to be!
The largest of New York’s state parks with 65,000 acres, Allegany State Park has two developed areas, Red House and Quaker, offering sand beaches, hiking trails, museums and naturalist walks. Visitors are able to choose from a variety of lodging options including 38 full-service two-bedroom cottages, hundreds of campsites and cabins (many winterized) and two recently-renovated group camps available for rental. Nearby recreation areas include tennis courts, picnic areas, ball fields and playgrounds. Rowboats, paddleboats, bicycles and more are available to rent. There are 18 trails offering 80 miles of hiking and snowshoeing, more than 25 miles of cross-country skiing or snowshoeing and 90 miles of groomed snowmobile trails. Other activities include bird watching, fishing, hunting, canoeing, kayaking, mountain biking and horseback riding. Educational and nature interpretive programs offer guided hikes, fossil hunts and star gazing.
High bluffs overlooking Lake Erie provide a breathtaking view for visitors to Lake Erie State Park, located in western New York. This scenic park has campsites and cabins nestled atop the Lake Erie shoreline. Patrons can enjoy picnic areas with shelters, playgrounds and hiking trails that are also available to cross-country skiers during the winter months. If you’re a bird watcher, come during the migrating season; you can see many different species of birds as they set out to make their journeys across the lake. The park opened Shipwreck Bluff Disc Golf Course, the first public disc golf course in Chautauqua County. Swimming is also now available at this picturesque park!

Photo Credit: Sharon Atti
The Catskill Park is a mountainous region with 98 peaks over 3,000 feet in altitude. The Catskills offer visitors lush forests, with meadows, lakes, rivers, springs, waterfalls, cliffs, fire towers, rare plants and wildlife including, coyote, bear, bobcat, mink and fisher. Distinctive areas like spruce-fir forests on boreal mountaintops, wetlands, trout streams and old-growth forests may be found throughout the Catskill Park.
Bear Spring Mountain is located at the western end of the Catskill Forest Preserve on beautiful Launt Pond. The Campground’s beach, boat rentals and multi-use trail system offers fun for all ages. For the horse enthusiast, Spruce Grove camping and trail system is one-of-a-kind facility in the Catskills region. This region is also known for its excellent hunting and fishing.

Beaverkill Campground is located on the famous Beaverkill trout fishing stream, which flows through the entire developed length of the facility, roughly east to west. A historic covered bridge, originally constructed in 1865, spans the stream on the town road.
Devil’s Tombstone, a small, primitive facility, is one of the oldest campgrounds in the Catskill Forest Preserve. It has wooded sites and a small shallow lake, Notch Lake (no swimming or boating is permitted on the lake). The campground is an ideal base camp for serious hikers with trails leading to some of the highest peaks, such as Hunter with the highest historic fire tower in New York State, Indian Head and West Kill Range. Children will enjoy exploring the mysteries of the Devil’s Tombstone, the playground and participating in the Junior Naturalist Program.
Completely surrounded by beautiful mountains with panoramic views creating a picturesque setting, Kenneth L. Wilson Campground is located in north central Ulster County, five miles southwest of the Village of Woodstock. The campsites are secluded, large, and wooded, and patrons may enjoy pavilion and boat rentals.
Mongaup Pond is located in north eastern Sullivan County. It is situated on a 120-acre lake, the largest body of water in the Catskill Park outside of the N.Y.C. reservoirs. The dense forest environment, remote location, large wooded campsites, and a lake with swimming, picnic area and boat rentals are the attractions for most campers.

Photo Credit: Rich Coulton
NORTH-SOUTH LAKE

North-South Lake is the largest and most popular state campground in the Catskill Forest Preserve, offering extraordinary, scenic beauty and historical sites such as Alligator Rock, Kaaterskill Falls, and the former site of the Catskill Mountain House. An abrupt change in elevation occurs from about 540 feet above sea level at the base of the escarpment to approximately 2,250 feet at the site of the former Catskill Mountain House. It is said that on a clear day, five states can be viewed from the escarpment. Everyone will enjoy the pavilion and boat rentals as well as the playground, volleyball and horseshoe areas.
WOODLAND VALLEY

Nestled at the foot of Slide Mountain, the tallest peak in the Catskills, and surrounded by Panther, Cornell, and Wittenberg Mountains is Woodland Valley Campground. Woodland Valley Campground serves as the trailhead for both Slide-Wittenberg Trail and Woodland Valley-Denning Trail. Area attractions include the Village of Phoenicia, which offers tubing on the Esopus Creek (famous for its trout fishing), a railroad museum, train rides on the Catskill Mountain Railroad, fine shops, antiques and restaurants.
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CENTRAL
REGION
Sit on a bluff overlooking one of the Great Lakes, where the sunset matches the best in the world. See first-hand the lush valleys, glacially carved lakes and rolling hills that are a camper’s paradise.
Green Lakes State Park has two beautiful glacial lakes dating back to the Ice Age. The lakes are surrounded by campsites (some now full service!) and newly renovated cabins situated in the lush forests. The park has more than 20 miles of prized hiking trails that circle the lakes, where you can stop for a private picnic with or without shelter. The bathhouse offers amenities adjacent to the popular beach. There is an interpretive nature center that provides educational and recreational programs during the season. What more could you ask for? How about a scenic two-hour hike that takes you around Green Lake and Round Lake and alongside the 18-hole Robert Trent Jones championship golf course! Following your hike, enjoy lunch on the clubhouse terrace overlooking the lakes and course.

Chenango Valley State Park, situated in the southern tier, is one of the area’s hidden gems. With more than 1,200 acres to enjoy, park patrons can choose from a variety of activities. There are 20+ miles of multi-use trails, with some of the best mountain bike terrain in the state. The main lake allows for swimming, boating and fishing, and campers can opt for 185 campsites and 24 cabins. The park also has three pavilions and one large building that can be rented out for private parties. And for golfers, remember to bring your clubs (or rent some at the clubhouse) for a wonderful day on the 18-hole, 6,432-yard course!
Delta Lake State Park is located on a peninsula in the Delta Reservoir. Campers can enjoy one of 101 electric sites set among the wooded property. Summer visitors can take a dip in the cool water off the sandy beach. You’ll find the terrain is wooded and generally flat. There is also a boat launch and shoreline fishing for trout, pike, bass, bullhead and perch. Picnic areas are open year-round along with a hiking and nature trail during daylight hours.

GLIMMERGLASS STATE PARK

The park is located just eight miles from Cooperstown and the National Baseball Hall of Fame. The beach, playgrounds and picnic areas overlook Otsego Lake, the “Glimmerglass” of James Fenimore Cooper’s Leatherstocking Tales. The Beaver Pond and Sleepy Lion trails are picturesque and of interest for the variety of flora and fauna. The Hyde Hall Mansion and the oldest existing covered bridge in the United States are within park boundaries and open to visitors.
BETTY & WILBUR DAVIS STATE PARK

Perched atop a hill, Betty and Wilbur Davis State Park provides spectacular views. Nearly two-thirds of the park is blanketed by a forest of hardwoods intermixed with smaller areas of conifer plantation. The remainder of this 200-acre property is occupied by gently rolling meadowlands and two ponds. The park is a short drive from Cooperstown, home of the Baseball Hall of Fame, the Farmers’ Museum and the Fenimore Art Museum. In addition to year-round cottages, on-site facilities include a picnic area, playground and the Sunset Pavilion picnic shelter. The park also features an extensive network of hiking trails and a woodland stream. Winter activities include cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and snowmobile trails that connect to the state corridor trail system.
GILBERT LAKE STATE PARK
135 Sites | 607.432.2114

Gilbert Lake State Park’s lake and three ponds lie in wooded, hilly terrain in the foothills of the Catskills. In addition to 33 cabins (some recently renovated) and campsites, the park has more than 12 miles of interconnecting trails for hikers and prized picnic areas, swimming and boating, with kayaks and boat rentals available. Playgrounds and a disc golf course are also featured. The crystal clear lake provides excellent fishing with abundant rainbow trout and large-mouth bass. The park is conveniently located just a short 30-minute drive from Cooperstown and the Baseball Hall of Fame. Don’t miss this rich example of Civilian Conservation Corps-era parks.
VERONA BEACH STATE PARK  
47 Sites | 315.762.4463

Verona Beach State Park is located on the eastern shore of Oneida Lake offering spectacular sunsets. It is a picnicker’s and camper’s delight with shaded picnic areas and the campground adjacent to the beach providing scenic water views. A newly constructed beach comfort station is centrally located with restrooms and a new concession area for visitors. The lake, Black Creek, cattail marshes, and bottomland hardwood swamps provide Verona Beach with one of the most diverse aquatic habitats in the region. Visitors have several nature trails within the park to explore. Anglers can find walleye, yellow perch, small-and large-mouth bass on the eastern end of Oneida Lake.

OQUAGA CREEK STATE PARK  
95 Sites | 607.467.4160

Oquaga Creek State Park is known as the summer escape for many city residents looking to experience the tranquil setting of the Catskill Mountains. The park boasts large, private campsites and beach facilities at a 55-acre lake. For campers who enjoy the comforts of home, a unique cottage is available with two bedrooms and a complete kitchen. There are hiking trails, picnic areas, swing sets and fishing for all skill levels. Boats available for rent.
The campsites, cabins and cottage at Selkirk Shores State Park overlook a bluff on Lake Ontario where visitors can view spectacular sunsets and experience outstanding fishing enjoyed by people from around the world. Summer hiking and biking trails are popular and the park is on the direct migration route for a wide variety of bird species. Families can find a variety of activities planned at the recreational building or enjoy the playground while taking in a view of the lake. The scenic trails take visitors from the bluffs and cliffs on shore into a mix of woodlands and meadows. Visitors can launch small boats on Salmon River from the Pine Grove site and larger boats from Mexico Point on the Little Salmon River, swim at Selkirk Shores on weekends, or swim at nearby Sandy Island Beach State Park seven days a week.

Bowman Lake State Park is known as “a camper’s paradise.” Scenic park roads wind through forests to shady campsites. There is a sandy beach for swimmers and sunbathers with several picnic areas nearby. Rowboat and kayak rentals are also available. Have the kids check out the large playground by the beach. The park also has several trails for hiking and cross-country skiing.