

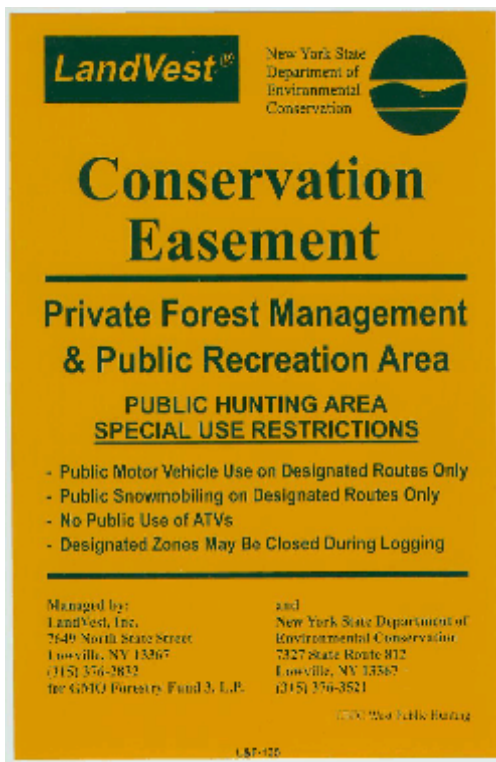
NYSDEC: East Branch of Fish Creek Project Recommendations for use (December 2005):

Many of the boundaries defining public recreation areas on these lands are presently undefined. Since there are certain areas that are closed to hunting and closed to public use at this time of year, the DEC is directing the public to a couple of areas where the boundaries are defined. Venturing beyond any of these defined boundaries could be considered trespassing whether on lands owned by GMO or lands of neighbors.

The East Branch of Fish Creek State Forest (see, [Map: East Branch of Fish Creek Project Lands](#)) has had its entire boundary surveyed, blazed and the blazes painted with yellow paint. It is most accessible by motor vehicle from the Michigan Mills Road, a town road in the town of West Turin. Motor vehicles can be driven into the property nearly to the bridge over the East Branch of Fish Creek. The road will be signed as open to public motor vehicle use to a turnaround and parking area just short of the bridge.

The Heron Brook Compartment (see, [Map: East Branch of Fish Creek Project Lands](#)), including a portion of the E. Br. Fish Creek State Forest, is open to public recreation, including hunting, and is accessible by motor vehicle from the Gallo Road, a town road in the town of Lewis. From the Gallo Road proceed up the Camp Four Road. The public may drive motor vehicles to the gate across the Camp Four Road. Motor vehicles should only drive where the road is signed for their use and should not proceed past the gate on the Camp Four Road whether the gate is open or not. Proceeding past the gate could result in you being locked in by others using the gate. A parking area for approximately three vehicles is available by the gate. Please do not block the gate. The boundary of this compartment includes the Camp Four Rd., marked just with conservation easement signs; the exterior boundary surveyed, blazed and painted yellow with conservation easement signs; and the northern boundary signed with conservation easement signs and marked with blue paint. Look

for the yellow-orange conservation easement signs with green text and the name "EBFC West Public Hunting" in the lower right hand corner of the sign. The portion of the E. Br. Fish Creek SF adjacent to the Heron Brook compartment is also blazed and painted yellow with State Forest signs.



Important Points to Remember on All Public Lands & GMO Easement Lands

- Remember the important points about hiking safely available at the DEC's webpage on [Hiking Safely](http://www.dec.state.ny.us/website/df/publands/hikesafe.html) at www.dec.state.ny.us/website/df/publands/hikesafe.html. These points apply to all outdoor activities.
- You can always cross the land on foot (walking, hiking, snowshoeing, cross country skiing...), except in the areas where there is currently no public access or no public access during specified periods.
- Trail bicycling is allowed on the trails and roads on land open to public use on the GMO easement.
- Horses or other similar animals are allowed on the trails and roads on land open to public use on the GMO easement.

GMO Public Hunting and Recreation Areas Sign



GMO Limited Public Recreation Area Sign

- The public has the right to access waterways from portions of the property open to public use. This use is limited to canoes and other non-motorized vessels.
- The public is not allowed on the GMO lands east of the East Branch of Fish Creek State Forest, except for the designated corridors along or through it.
- The public is not allowed to use ATVs anywhere on any of the easement lands.
- The public is limited to motor vehicle and snowmobile use on designated corridors at specific times of the year as designated on signs posted along the routes.
- The public is not allowed to hunt on the GMO lands west of the East Branch of Fish Creek State Forest between Sept. 1st and Dec. 31st of any year until 2017, except for 3 specifically designated parcels .
- The public is not allowed on the GMO lands west of the East Branch of Fish Creek State Forest during big game (rifle) season of any year until 2017, except for 3 specifically designated parcels.
- The public is excluded at all times from specifically posted zones of up to 5 acres in size, demarcated on the ground surrounding the leased camps on GMO lands.
- The public can be excluded from designated zones closed for logging, for specific periods of time.