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NYC FISHING MAP



Map information includes:

- Public transportation routes to shoreline fishing sites
- Information and fishing tips for popular fish species
- Links to information on fishing licenses, regulations, and health advisories.



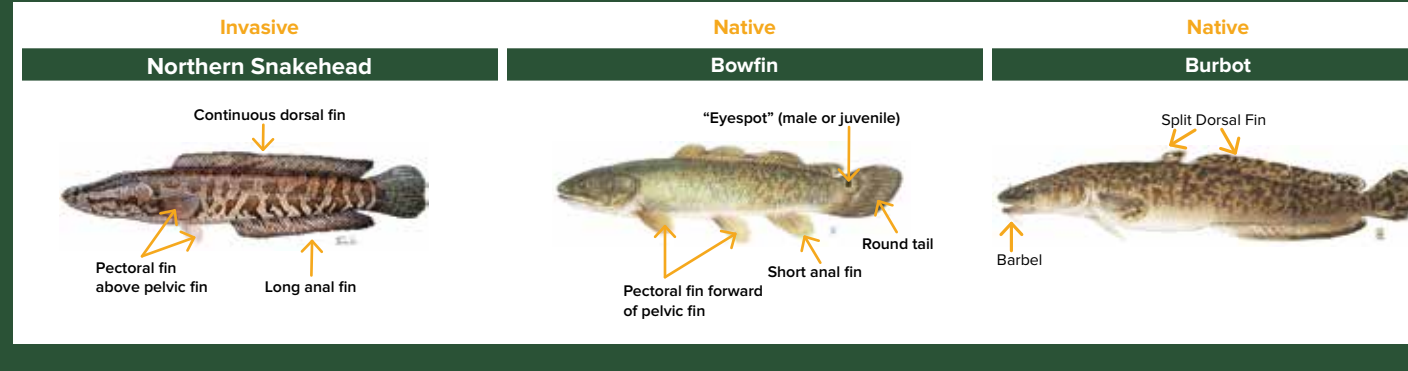
FRESHWATER

All freshwater fishing in NYC is from the shore, only.



Map #	Borough	FRESHWATER SITE	Acres	Fish Species								Amenities				
				Largemouth Bass	Chain Pickerel	Sunfish	Black Crappie	Yellow Perch	White Perch	Carp	Catfish	Restrooms	Playground	Picnic Area	Nature Trail	Walking Paths
1BX	BX	Van Cortlandt Lake	18	●		●	●	●			●	●	●		●	●
2BX	BX	Indian Lake	3.3	●		●						●				
3Q	QN	Oakland Lake	10.5		●		●				●				●	
4Q	QN	Kissena Lake	8.5	●		●	●	●			●	●	●		●	
5Q	QN	Meadow Lake	95								●	●	●			
6Q	QN	Willow Lake	45	●		●				●	●	●			●	
7Q	QN	Golden Pond	1.7	●		●	●									●
8Q	QN	Bowne Pond	1.4			●					●				●	
9Q	QN	Baisley Pond	28	●			●	●			●	●	●			●
10M	MN	Harlem Meer	10	●		●	●	●			●	●	●		●	
11M	MN	100th Street Pool	1.7			●		●							●	●
12M	MN	Central Park Lake	18	●		●	●	●			●	●	●		●	
13BK	BK	Prospect Park Lake	55	●	●			●			●	●	●		●	●
14SI	SI	Brooks Pond	2.6			●	●				●	●				●
15SI	SI	Martling Pond	5.3	●			●				●	●				●
16SI	SI	Clove Lake	10	●		●					●	●	●	●		●
17SI	SI	Willowbrook Lake	5	●		●					●	●	●		●	
18SI	SI	Ohrbach Lake	11		●		●					●		●	●	●
19SI	SI	Acme Pond	5	●		●	●				●				●	●

***Snakehead Alert:**
Northern snakehead and other snakehead species are listed as species dangerous to native fish populations in New York. **Their possession is strictly prohibited.** Any snakehead caught while angling cannot be released back into the water. It must be immediately killed, frozen, and reported to a local DEC office. Don't confuse the northern snakehead with burbot and bowfin, two native species. Please review these distinguishing characteristics:



Common Freshwater Fish Species in New York City

Black Crappie

Average 10". Often in large schools. Fish in weedy areas. Use live minnows, small jigs, spinners, and plugs. Set hook lightly to avoid tearing the soft mouth.

Chain Pickerel

Average 15-18". Found in Ohrbach and Oakland lakes. Use weedless spoons, spinner baits, and soft plastics rigged weedless. Be careful of sharp teeth.

White Perch

Average 5-9" in lakes and ponds, 12" or more in tidal waters. Found in murky ponds and lakes; tidal streams in late winter and spring. Use worms, grubs, small lures or flies.

Yellow Perch

Average 6-10". Range from shallow, weedy ponds to deeper lakes. Use small tubes or curly tail jigs, live minnows, and worms. Be careful of sharp fin rays and gill covers.

Largemouth Bass

Average 12-16". Find near weeds, logs, or docks in shallow water. In heavy cover, use weedless spoons, plastic frogs, or plastic worms and tubes rigged weedless. In open water, use top-water baits, spinnerbaits and diving plugs.

Brown Bullhead

Average 8-14". Nocturnal. Found at bottom of lakes, ponds and rivers. Use worms and other live bait fished on the bottom.

Common Carp

Average 18-28". Find in most lakes and ponds and many tidal streams; prefer warmer water with a soft bottom. Use worms, corn or bread dough on bottom.

Sunfish (Bluegill and Pumpkinseed)

Average 6-8". Easy to catch. Fish under docks, near weeds, and logs in lakes, ponds, and rivers. Use worms, grubs, crickets, or small jigs. Great for beginner fly anglers with small poppers.

Common Marine Fish Species in New York City

Striped Bass

Up to 4.5 ft., 70 lbs. Found in rocky areas, jetties, drop-offs and current boundaries. Striped bass travel the Hudson and East Rivers in the spring and fall. Use clams and bunker chunks or large plugs, spoons or jigs.

Bluefish

Up to 3.5 ft., 25 lbs. Schools of young bluefish ("snappers") may be under piers in late summer/early fall. Use live bait, swimshads, tins and plugs, with wire leaders. For snappers, use spearing, squid strips, or small shiny lures and a popper.

Fluke (Summer Flounder)

Up to 37" (18" average). Fish over flat, sandy or muddy bottoms. Drift or bounce a spearing bait or bucktail along the bottom.

Black Sea Bass

Up to 10 lbs. Found in rocky or other structured environments. Try bottom fishing with clam or squid around rocks.

Blackfish (Tautog)

In spring, fish in shallow local waters, and rocky, sheltered areas near structure (i.e., pilings, jetties). Use bottom rigs with crabs or clams.

Porgy (Scup)

In spring, fish inshore and around jetties, piers, artificial reefs and offshore ledges. Bottom fish with small hooks baited with clam or squid in a Hi-Lo rig.

Oyster Toadfish

Found throughout NYC on sand, mud, rocks, and vegetation. Use bottom rigs and a variety of baits, especially clam.

American Eel

Up to 3 ft. Found in all of NYC's marine waters and many freshwater ponds. Bottom fish with bait, particularly off piers.

Sea Robin

Up to 18". Fish over sandy-bottom areas. Try any bait or small lure over sand. Sharp spines on the rear portion of the head.

Little Skate

Up to 20" excluding tail. Find on sandy or gravelly bottoms. Bait, bucktails, or small lures intended for fluke will catch skates.

Fishing Regulations

Freshwater Fishing

Both New York City and New York State regulate **FRESHWATER** fishing in NYC. Below are the combined rules and regulations:
1. Fishing is permitted from locations under the jurisdiction of NYC Parks, except in open swimming areas or where specifically prohibited.
2. Weights and sinkers ½ ounce or less must be lead-free.
3. Littering is prohibited.
4. All fish caught in freshwater lakes and ponds, except "snakeheads", must be returned to the water immediately. Do not use barbed hooks in these areas.
5. The use of traps to catch fish and/or crustaceans in freshwater lakes and ponds is prohibited.

Saltwater Fishing

New York State regulates **SALTWATER** fishing. Certain fish may be kept depending on the species, size of fish and time of year. Saltwater regulations are updated at least once a year and sometimes more often. It is your responsibility to check saltwater fishing regulations at <http://bit.ly/saltwaterfishregs>.

Fishing Licenses

Anglers 16 years of age and older must have a New York State Freshwater Fishing License to fish in NYC lakes and ponds. If you are fishing in saltwater, including the Hudson River, you must enroll in the (free) Recreational Marine Fishing Registry. You can purchase a freshwater fishing license online and/or enroll in the marine registry at www.dec.ny.gov/permits/6101.html, or call 1-866-933-2257.

Report Poachers or Polluters

To report an environmental violation call 1-844-DEC-ECOS (1-844-332-3267) 24 hours a day/7 days a week. Or call an Environmental Conservation Officer in NYC: www.dec.ny.gov/about/704.html

Eating Legally Caught Fish

The NYS Department of Health recommends children up to age 15 and women up to age 50 do not eat any fish from most NYC waters. See more details at www.health.ny.gov/environmental/outdoors/fish/health_advisories/regional/new_york_city.html

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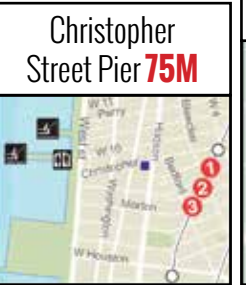
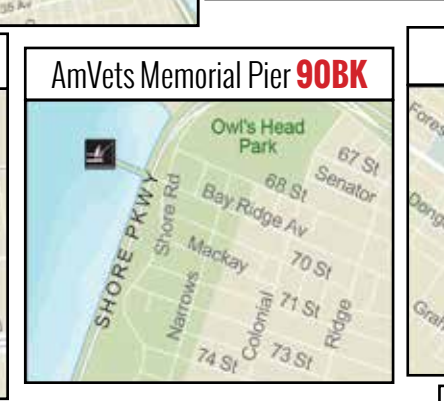
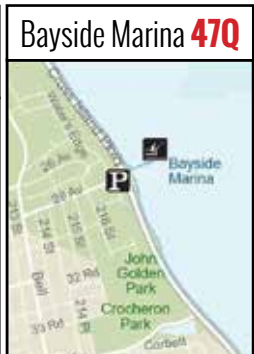
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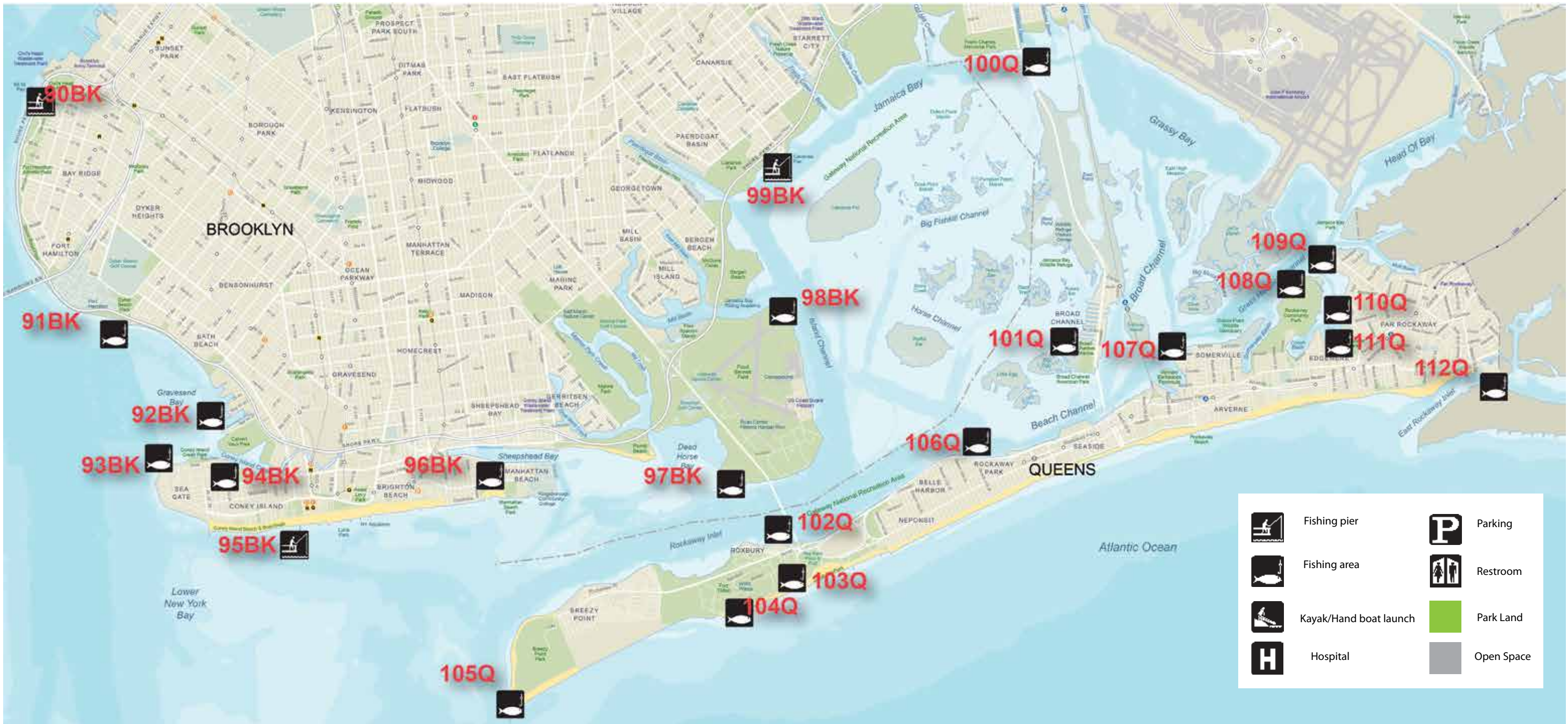
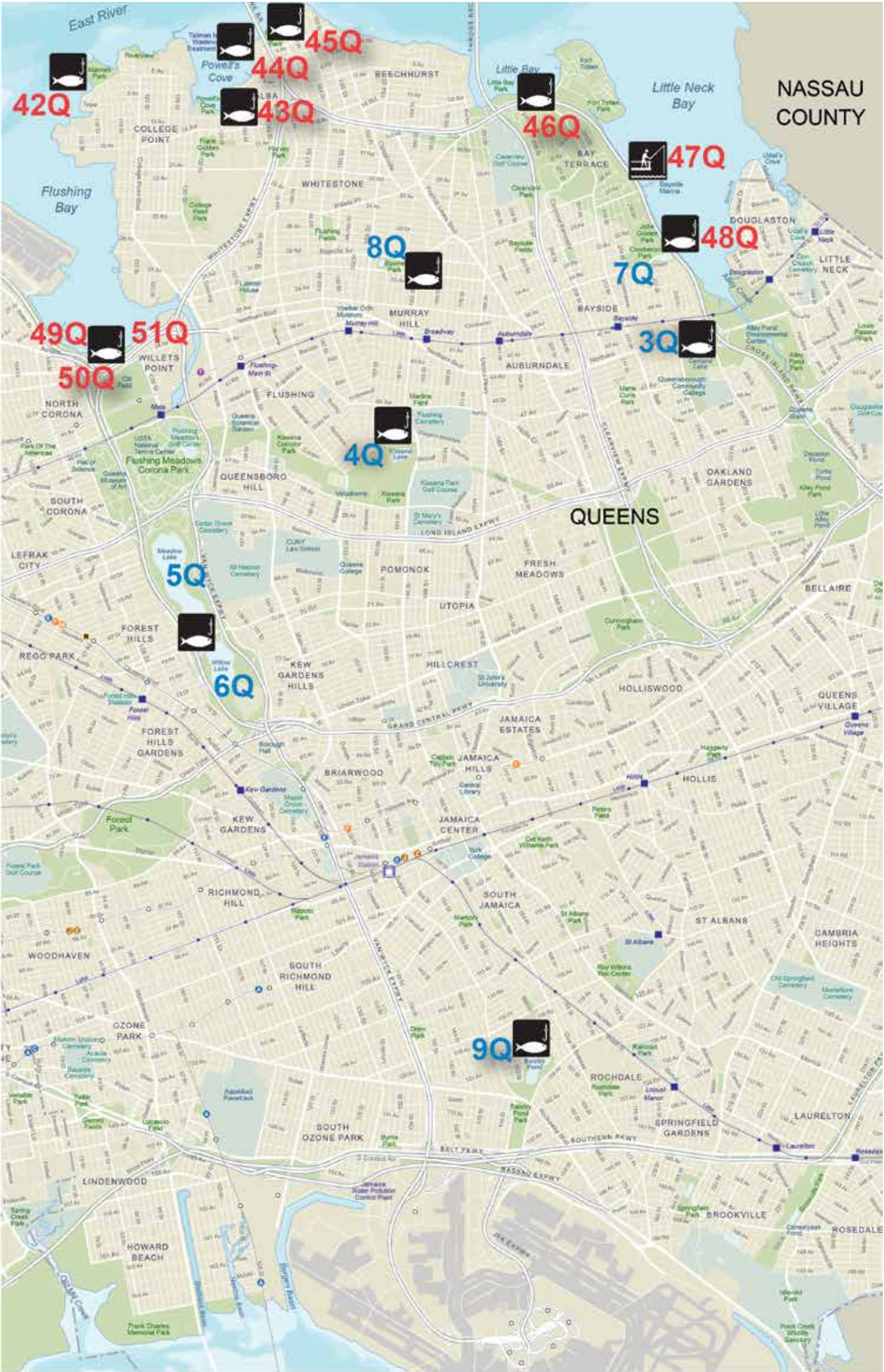
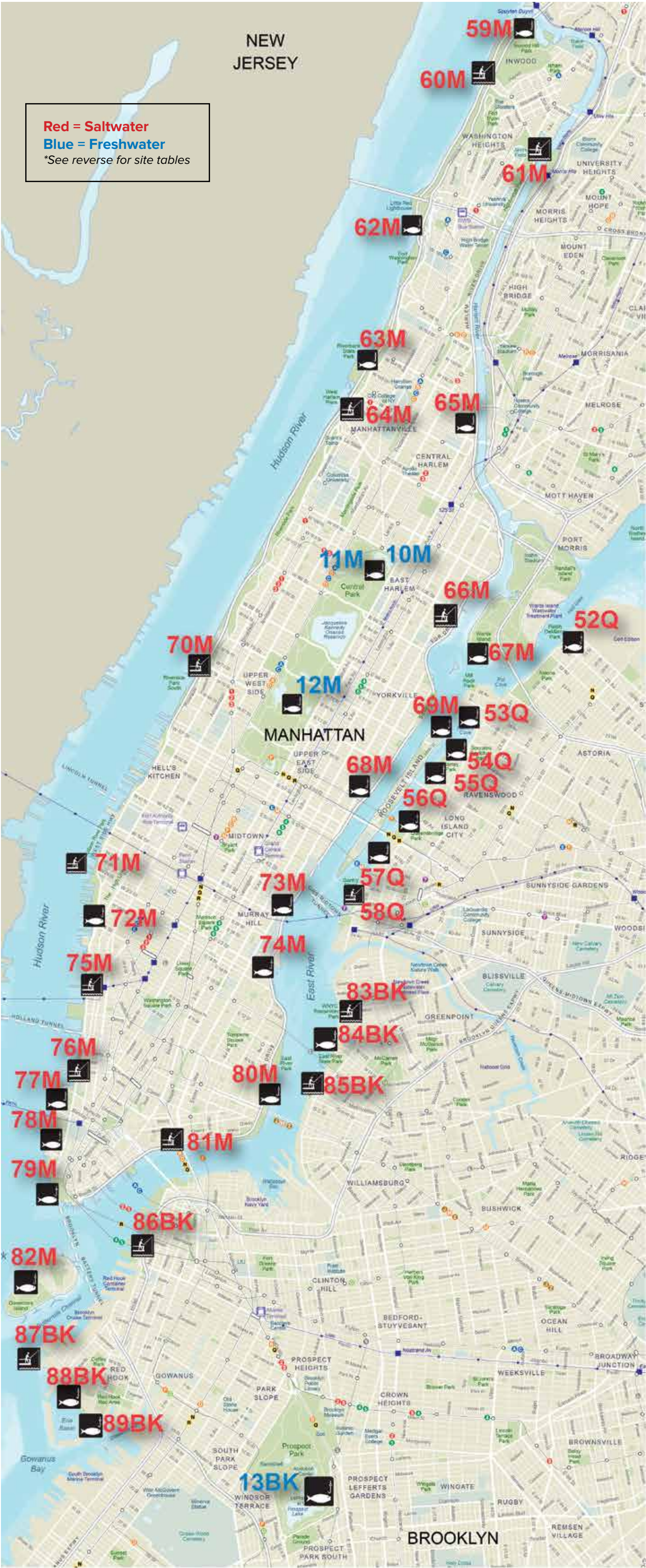


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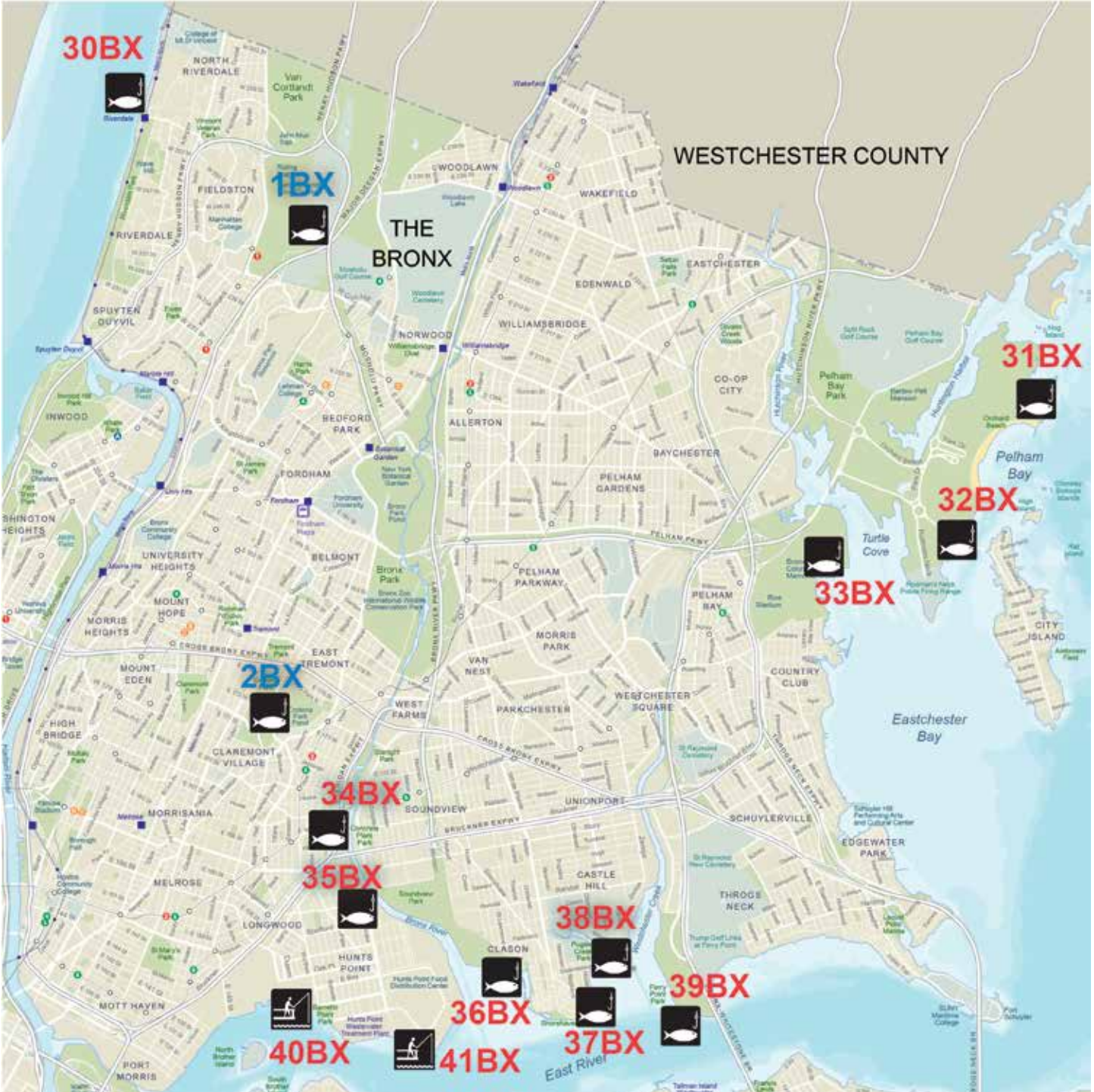
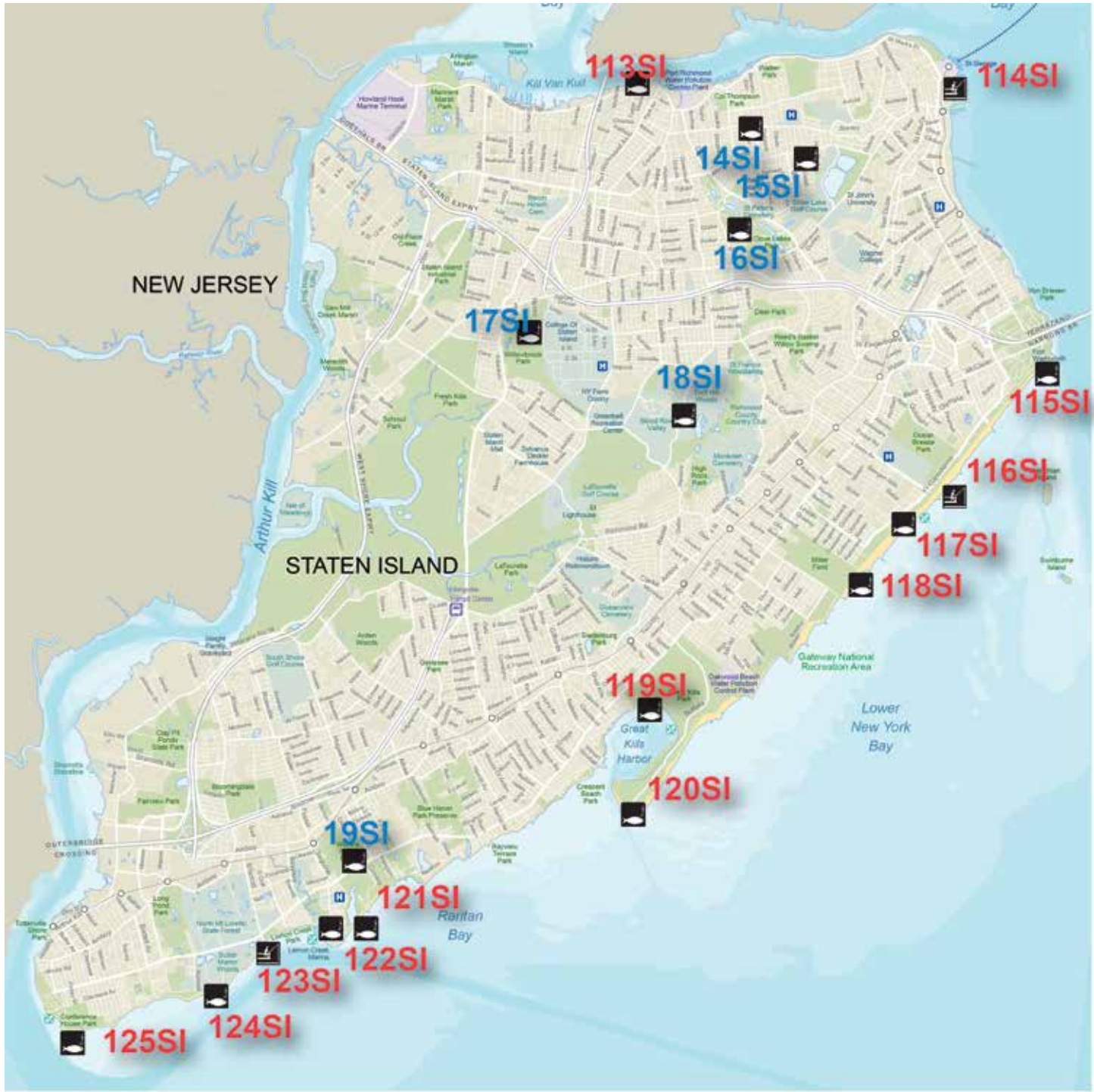


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30BX	BX	Riverdale Waterfront Promenade	Pr							Access through southbound platform, Riverdale Station, Metro North Hudson Line	Metro North to Riverdale Station
31BX	BX	Pelham Bay Park North	V	●	●	●	●	●		Bx 29 Bus to City Island Rd/Orchard Beach Circle	Bx 29 Bus to City Island Rd/Orchard Beach Circle
32BX	BX	City Island Bridge	B							Mainland side of City Island Bridge	Bx 29 Bus to City Island Rd/Orchard Beach Circle
33BX	BX	Pelham Bay Park South	V	●	●	●	●	●		Best access on Bay Shore Ave. by Watt Ave.	6 Subway to Pelham Bay Park
34BX	BX	Concrete Plant Park	Pr						●	H Bx. River bet. Bruckner Blvd and Westchester Ave.	6 Subway to Whitlock Ave.
35BX	BX	Hunt's Point Riverside Park	Pr/B							H End of Lafayette Ave (past Edgewater Rd.)	Bx 6 Bus to Hunt's Point Ave./Lafayette Ave.
36BX	BX	Soundview Park	R	●	●	●	●	●		H Bronx River Ave.bet. Lafayette Ave., Surf Dr.	Bx 5 Bus to Story Ave./Morrison Ave./Bx 27 Bus to Randall/Commonwealth Bx 27/Bx 39 Bus to Soundview Ave/ Cornell Ave
37BX	BX	Clason Point Park	R						●	H End of Soundview Ave.	Bx 22 Bus to Castle Hill Ave./Norton Ave.
38BX	BX	Castle Hill Park	V						●	End of Howe Ave. and west of Barrett Ave.	Bx 42 Bus to Harding Ave./Hosmer Ave.
39BX	BX	Ferry Point Park	R						●	Hutchinson River Parkway by the Whitestone Bridge	
40BX	BX	Barretto Pt. Park/ Tiffany St. Pier	Pi	●	●	●	●	●		H End of Tiffany St., Hunt's Point	Bx 46 Bus to Viele Ave./Casanova St.
41BX	BX	Hunt's Point Landing	Pi							H End of Farragut St. Hunt's Point	Bx 6 or Bx 46 Bus to Food Center Dr/ Farragut St.
42Q	QN	MacNeil Park	R	●	●	●	●	●		H Poppenhusen Ave. bet. 115 th St. and College Pl.	Q25 Bus to Poppenhusen Ave./119 th St.
43Q	QN	Powell's Cove Park	R/B						●	11 th Ave. bet 130 th St. and 9 th Ave.	Q20B Bus to 14 th Ave./135 th St.
44Q	QN	Malba Drive	Pr							End of Malba Drive	none
45Q	QN	Francis Lewis Park	R/B	●	●					H 3 rd Ave. bet. Whitestone Bridge and 147 th St.	none
46Q	QN	Little Bay Park	R/J						●	Near Throgs Neck Bridge at end of Utopia Parkway	7 Subway to Q15/Q15A/Q16 or QM2 Bus
47Q	QN	Bayside Marina	Pi						●	S N side of Cross Island Pkwy at 28 th Ave.	Q13 Bus to Bell Blvd./28 th Ave.
48Q	QN	Crocheron Park	Pr	●	●	●	●	●		N side of Cross Island Pkwy by Crocheron Park (35 th avenue)	Q13/Q31 Bus to Bell Blvd./35 th Ave.
49Q	QN	Flushing Bay Promenade West	Pr	●	●	●	●	●		Q19/Q48 Bus to 108 th St./Astoria Blvd. walk over footbridge	Q19/Q48 Bus to 108 th St./Astoria Blvd. walk over footbridge
50Q	QN	World's Fair Marina	Pr	●					●	Flushing Bay Promenade near Citi Field	Q66 Bus to Northern Blvd./126 th St.
51Q	QN	Flushing Bay Promenade East	Pr						●	Flushing Bay Promenade east of Flushing Bay Marina	Q100 Bus to 21 st Ave./21 st St.
52Q	QN	Ralph DeMarco Park	R							Shore Blvd. between Ditmars Blvd. and 20 th Ave.	Q103 to Vernon Blvd./30 th Ave.
53Q	QN	Astoria Houses Promenade	Pr						●	Behind Goodwill Park, next to Astoria Houses/ Vernon Blvd. bet. 30 th Rd. and Welling Ct.	Q103/Q104 Bus to Vernon Blvd./ Broadway
54Q	QN	Costco	Pr/R						●	Vernon Blvd. bet. 10 th St. and Broadway. Fish on promenade in parking lot.	Q103/Q104 Bus to Vernon Blvd./ 34 th Ave.
55Q	QN	Rainey Park	Pr	●	●				●	Vernon Blvd. bet. 33 rd Rd. and 34 th Ave.	F Subway to Queensbridge
56Q	QN	Queensbridge Park	R	●	●	●	●	●		40 th -41 st Road at Vernon Blvd.	
57Q	QN	Gantry Plaza State Park (Promenade)	Pr	●	●	●	●	●		47 th Road north to the end of 5 th street, 11 th St. Basin	
58Q	QN	Gantry Plaza State Park (Piers)	Pi	●	●	●	●	●		47th Road and Center Blvd, LIC, NY, Pier #4	7 Subway to Vernon Blvd./Jackson Ave.
59M	MH	Inwood Hill Park	R	●	●	●	●	●		West 218 th Street	1 Subway to 215 th St.
60M	MH	Dyckman Street Pier	Pi							Dyckman Street @ Hudson River	A Subway to Dyckman St.
61M	MH	Swindler Cove Park	Pi						●	H Dyckman Street & 10 th Ave. @ Harlem River	1 Subway to Dyckman St.
62M	MH	Ft. Washington Park	R	●	●	●	●	●		145 th Street North to Inwood Hill along Hudson River	No good options, but can take A to 175 th St. bicycle recommended

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63M	MH	Riverside Park at 145 th Street	R	●	●	●	●	●		Hudson River shoreline north of 145 th St., access over pedestrian bridge at 151 st St.	1 Subway/M11 bus to 145 th St.
64M	MH	West Harlem Piers Park	Pi					●	●	125 th Street at Hudson River	1 Subway to 125 th St./Bx 15 Bus to 125 th St/12 th Ave.
65M	MH	Harlem River Greenway	Pr/R							FDR Dr. bet. 125 th and 145 th Sts.	M1 Bus but walking required
66M	MH	Pier at 107 th Street and East River	Pi						●	FDR Dr. near 107 th St.	M106 Bus to 105 st /FDR Dr.
67M	MH	Randall's/Ward's Island	R	●	●	●	●	●		SW Tip of Randall's/Ward's Island, access over pedestrian bridge at 106 th St.	M15 Bus goes N/S on 1st and 2nd Aves
68M	MH	East River Shoreline	Pr						●	FDR Dr. between RFK Bridge and 42 nd St.	M15 Bus goes N/S on 2 nd Ave.
69M	MH	Lighthouse Park Roosevelt Island	Pr/R	●		●	●	●		N. tip of Roosevelt Island	F Subway/ Roosevelt Island tram to Roosevelt Island-Q102 bus
70M	MH	70th Street Pier @ Riverside Park South	Pi	●				●	●	Hudson River at 67-70 th Sts.	M72 Bus to W69 th St. & Riverside Dr.
71M	MH	Pier 64	Pi	●				●	●	24 th to 26 th Streets @ Hudson River	M23 Bus to 23rd St. and 12 th Ave.
72M	MH	Hudson River Park	Pr	●	●			●	H	Hudson River Park runs from Battery Place to W. 59 th St.	M20 and M12 Buses make many stops near the park.
73M	MH	E. River Esplanade	Pr					●		FDR Dr. E 36 th -38 th Sts.	M34A-SB5 Bus to Ferry Terminal
74M	MH	Stuyvesant Cove Park	Pr					●	●	FDR Dr. E 18 th -25 th Sts.	M23/M9 Bus to Ave. C/23rd st
75M	MH	Christopher Street Pier	Pi	●				●	●	Christopher St. @ Hudson River	1 Subway to Christopher St./Sheridan Sq.
76M	MH	Pier 25/26	Pi	●	●			●	●	N. Moore St. @ Hudson River	1 Subway to Franklin St.
77M	MH	Rockefeller Park	Pr	●	●			●	●	Chambers St. @ Hudson River	1/2/3 Subway to Chambers St.
78M	MH	Battery Park City Esplanade	Pr					●	●	Hudson River bet. Liberty St. and Pier A	1/N/R Subway to Rector St.
79M	MH	Battery Park City Esplanade	Pr	●	●					South Ferry	1/4/5/N/R Subway to South Ferry/ Bowling Green/Whitehall St.
80M	MH	East River Park	Pr	●	●			●	●	FDR bet. Jackson St. and 13 th St.	1/4a/M2/M22/M4d Bus to FDR Drive
81M	MH	Dover Street Pier	Pi	●						Dover St. @ South St.	2/3 Subway to Fulton St. Downtown shuttle. also.
82M	MH	Governors Island	Pr/R	●	●		●	●	H	Governors Island	1/N/R Subway to South Ferry/Whitehall St., catch ferry.
83BK	BK	WNYC Transmitter Park	Pi	●	●					West St. between Kent St. and Greenpoint Ave.	G Subway/B32 Bus
84BK	BK	East River State Park	PR	●			●			90 Kent Ave., Williamsburg, Brooklyn	G Subway/B32 Bus
85BK	BK	North 5th St. Pier Park	Pi					●	●	N 5 th St. @ Kent Ave., Williamsburg, Brooklyn	L Subway to Bedford Ave/ E River Ferry to N. Williamsburg
86BK	BK	Brooklyn Bridge Park Pier 5	Pi	●	●					Pier 5, Joralemon St @ Furman St., Brooklyn Hts	4/5 Subway to Borough Hall
87BK	BK	Louis Valentino, Jr Park	Pi						H	Coffey & VanDyke Sts., Red Hook	B61 Bus to Van Dyke/Van Brunt St.
88BK	BK	Erie Basin Park	Pr/Pi	●						Beard St. behind Ikea, Red Hook	B61 or B57 Bus to Beard St./Otsego St. (Ikea Plaza)
89BK	BK	Columbia St. Espionade	Pr				●	●		End of Columbia St. Red Hook	B61 or B57 Bus to Beard St./Otsego St. (Ikea Plaza)
90BK	BK	Am Vets. Memorial Pier/69 th St. Pier	Pi						●	Bay Ridge Ave (69 th St.) @ Shore Rd., Bay Ridge	B9/B64 Bus to Bay Ridge Ave./Shore Rd.
91BK	BK	Shore Parkway Greenway	Pr	●	●			●		Shore Rd. Bay Pkwy- Bay 50 th St.	B82/X28/X38 to Cropsey Av/Bay 49 th St.
92BK	BK	Calvert Vaux Park	Pr					●		Shore Rd-Bay 46 th St. Bensonhurst	B82 to Cropsey Ave./Bay 46 th St.
93BK	BK	Coney Island Creek Park	B							Bay View Ave. @ W 37 th St.	B36/B74 to Bayview Ave./W. 36 th St.
94BK	BK	Kaiser Park	B	●				●	H	Neptune Ave. @Bay View Ave., Coney Island.	B74 to Neptune Av/ w 24 th St.



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Learn to Fish!

For Teachers, Educators, and Parents: DEC's I FISH NY program brings fishing education to NYC school students in grades 3 and up. Classroom lessons cover fish anatomy and diversity while addressing key ideas from NYS Science Learning Standards. Students participate in fishing trips to a fresh- or saltwater location.

Free programs are also available for groups in after-school programs, summer youth camps, senior centers, and through other social services. Train-the-trainer programs are also conducted by DEC's I FISH NY staff.

I FISH NY educators bring all the necessary fishing gear and bait, but the group must provide their own transportation to the fishing spot. Those interested in a fishing program can contact I FISH NY by emailing fwfish2@dec.ny.gov or calling (718) 482-4922.

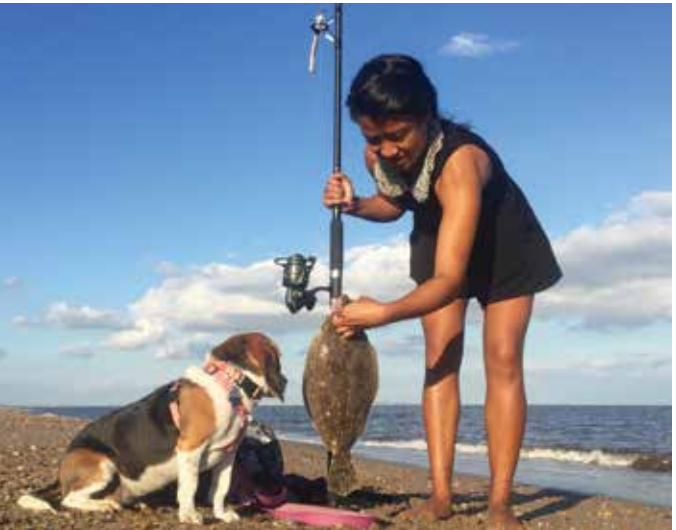


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Public Fishing Clinics:

The I FISH NY program also hosts free public fishing clinics. These are designated "free fishing events" so participants do not need to possess a NYS fishing license or be enrolled in the Marine Recreational Fishing Registry. Find fishing events throughout NYS: www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/27123.html

Other Free Fishing Opportunities:

- Battery Park City Parks Conservancy:** www.bpcparks.org
- Central Park Conservancy:** www.centralparknyc.org
- Hudson River Park Trust:** www.hudsonriverpark.org
- Lower East Side Ecology Center:** www.lesecologycenter.org
- NYC Department of Parks and Recreation:** www.nycgovparks.org/facilities/fishing

- NYS Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation:** www.parks.ny.gov/parks/149/details.aspx
- Prospect Park Audubon Center:** www.prospectpark.org/visit-the-park/things-to-do/fishing/
- Randall's Island Park Alliance:** www.randallsisland.org
- The River Project:** www.riverprojectnyc.org
- Rockaway Waterfront Alliance:** www.rwalliance.org

Fishing at National Park Service Sites

Fishing at National Park Service locations such as Crooke's Point, Floyd Bennett Field, Fort Tilden and Breezy Point may require special parking permits. Check with Gateway National Recreation Area for details: www.nps.gov/gate/planyourvisit/fees.html