BOAT RAMPS
LONG ISLAND REGION

A listing of facilities for the launching of trailered boats into the marine waters in the

Town of Smithtown

NYSDEC Oyster Bay Western Waterfront Boat Ramp

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Thank you for using the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation’s Guide to the Boat Ramps of the Long Island Region. This guide includes the ramps located in Nassau and Suffolk Counties. If you are interested in information on boat ramps and fishing access to the counties in New York City, please refer to the NYSDEC publication titled, “Fishing the Marine Waters of New York City”. This publication is available on the NYSDEC website at www.dec.ny.gov.

This list is provided for your convenience, and while it is as complete as we could make it, some facilities may have been omitted. The information in this guide is subject to change, which is beyond control of the NYSDEC. It is best to call using the phone numbers provided to get the most up to date information on a particular ramp.

Several private marinas are listed that have boat ramps open to the public for a day use fee. These are listed in the guide as “Private-Day use fee”. Be sure to call the marina to verify the information before traveling there. The NYSDEC does not endorse any of these facilities. Our best attempt was made to survey all marinas with ramps on Long Island in order to determine which were available for public use.

The following list of boat ramp facilities is divided into groups based on township and the waterbodies near the township. Each ramp is managed by an entity with a specific set of rules for ramp use. Before setting out for a day’s boating, you should familiarize yourself with the rules that apply to your destination ramp.

Besides knowing the rules that govern ramp use, you should be aware that conditions at each ramp may vary. We have tried to provide you with some information to help determine if the ramp is suitable for your vessel and abilities. The assessment was done in 2009. Please be aware that conditions may have changed since then.

Please be aware that you must now possess a valid Recreational Marine Fishing License to fish in New York’s Marine District or for anadromous species in the Hudson River and its tributaries. More information is available on the NYSDEC website at: http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/7755.html.

Finally, check the NYSDEC’s website for the most up to date information regarding saltwater fishing regulations. They can be found at: http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/7894.html

Thank you, and have a safe day while enjoying New York’s waters!
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Description: SLA = Single Lane Asphalt, SLC = Single Lane Concrete, MLC = Multi-Lane Concrete Ramp, WCR = Wide Concrete Ramp, CBL = Single Lane Cobble, SD = Sand Launch, TD = Tide Dependent (launch and recover at higher tides), EX = Exposed to strong wave action, 4WD = Four wheel drive recommended, SM = Small boats only (<20ft), HL = Hand launch of canoes and kayaks only, RE = Road end

Parking: A = Ample, L = Limited, VL = Very Limited, N = No Parking; 125 = One Hundred and Twenty-Five Trailer Rigs Accommodated

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation ramps are free but may require registration.
All other ramps require a permit or day use fee.
Use the phone numbers provided to contact the appropriate entity to obtain a ramp use permit and verify hours and availability.
TRAILER BOATING TIPS

BEFORE YOU LEAVE:
• Check tires for recommended pressure
• Check hubs and bearings for grease
• Make sure straps and chains are secure
• Use a hitch lock
• Check trailer lights and turn signals
• Make sure side and rear view mirrors are adjusted

AT THE RAMP:
• Find a quiet spot away from the ramp to make ready
• Unplug trailer lights
• Remove straps, except for bow strap at winch
• Make sure the transom plug is inserted and tight

PUTTING IN:
• Make sure the ramp is clear of trailers
• Back up to the ramp in a slow, deliberate manner
• Make small movements of the steering wheel
• Back in until the boat can be pushed off easily
• Set the parking break, chock the rear tire of your vehicle
• Tie up to the far end of the dock
• Proceed at idle speed until well away from the ramp area

For more information regarding New York's hunting, fishing, and pollution regulations visit the NYSDEC website at [http://www.dec.ny.gov/62.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/62.html).

For boating operation, safety and registration information visit the New York State Parks website at [http://www.nysparks.com/recreation/boating](http://www.nysparks.com/recreation/boating).
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