THE PRESERVE WITHIN THE PARK

Many people think the Catskill Forest Preserve and the Catskill Park are the same thing, but they are not. The Catskill Park is a mix of public and private land, defined by the “blue line,” a boundary the state established in 1904. The Preserve is state-owned land that is protected as “forever wild” within the park.

PRESERVE LANDS INCLUDE:

- Wilderness – About 143,000 acres
  These areas, accessible by foot only, offer exceptional places for solitude in remote forest settings. Motor vehicles and bicycles are not allowed.
- Wild Forest – About 130,000 acres
  These areas provide settings for a wide range of recreation, including hiking, cross-country skiing, and mountain biking. Some areas have snowmobile and horse trails.
- State Recreation Areas – About 6,000 acres
  These include Belleayre Mountain Ski Center, campgrounds, and day-use areas. Some offer snowmobiling and car-top boat launches.

NOTICE:
This map is intended as an overview of places for recreation on NYS Forest Preserve and NYC-owned lands within and near the Catskill Park. It is not a trail or land-use map. The information on it has been compiled by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). DEC offices and DEP offices can provide up-to-date information on trail conditions, land condition, and types of activities allowed. These offices are located in New York City, New York State, and beyond. More information about the Preserve and NYC-owned lands is available at DEC or DEP offices and online at www.dec.ny.gov or www.nyc.gov/dep respectively. Trail conditions and land ownership may change. Particular caution is advised where a trail crosses private land. Always check with the landowner and consult with the local DEC or DEP office prior to using any trail which crosses private land.