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, camping, 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. All offer picnicking, and some offer swimming, fishing and car-top boat launches.

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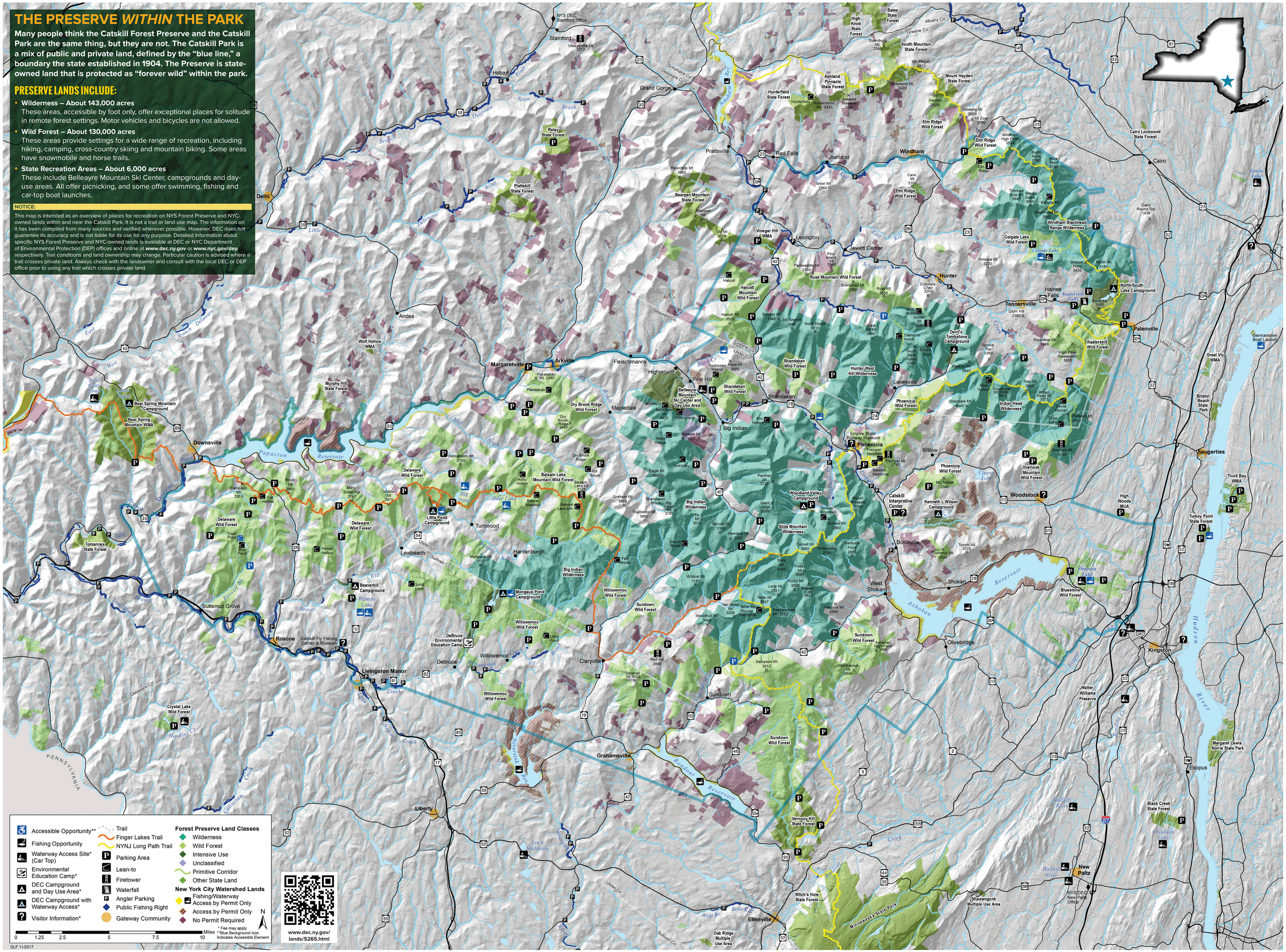
This map is intended as an overview of places for recreation on NYS Forest Preserve and NYC-owned lands within and near the Catskill Park. It is not a trail or land-use map. The information on it has been compiled from many sources and verified wherever possible. However, DEC does not guarantee its accuracy and is not liable for its use for any purpose. Detailed information about specific NYS Forest Preserve and NYC-owned lands is available at DEC or NYC Department of Environmental Protection (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.