THE PARK

The Catskill Preserve and the Catskill Park are located in the state. The Catskill Park is defined by the "blue line," a boundary on the map. The Preserve is state-owned and is "wild" within the park.

Exceptional places for solitude and natural beauty are available, but bicycles are not allowed. The Catskill Park offers a variety of recreation, including horseback riding, hiking, and mountain biking. Some areas have permanent and seasonal campgrounds and day-use areas, which are ideal for swimming, fishing and picnicking.

NYS Forest Preserve and NYC-DEP use the "blue line" on the land-use map. The information on the map is as accurate as possible. However, DEC does not ensure its accuracy. Detailed information about camping reservations can be found at DEC or NYC Department of Parks and Recreation websites at nysdec.ny.gov or www.nyc.gov/dep. Particular caution is advised where a "wild" area is present. It is suggested to consult with the local DEC or DEP offices for more information.
THE PRESERVE WITHIN

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

PRESERVE LANDS INCLUDE:

- **Wilderness – About 143,000 acres**
  These areas, accessible by foot only, offer excellent opportunities to experience 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 outdoor activities, including hiking, camping, cross-country skiing and mountain biking. Some areas also have snowmobile and horse trails.

- **State Recreation Areas – About 6,000 acres**
  These include Belleayre Mountain Ski Center, swimming and boat use areas. All offer picnicking, and some offer boat launches and car-top boat launches.

NOTICE:

This map is intended as an overview of places for recreation on state-owned lands within and near the Catskill Park. It is not a trail or liability map. It has been compiled from many sources and verified wherever possible to ensure its accuracy and is not liable for its use for any purposes other than recreation. Specific NYS Forest Preserve and NYC-owned lands is available at the Land Information Clearinghouse of Environmental Protection (DEP) offices and online at www.dec.ny.gov, respectively. Trail conditions and land ownership may change. Please check with the landowner and/or local DEC office prior to using any trail which crosses private land.