**WATCHABLE WILDLIFE**

Discover the remote mountain villages, beautiful views, and steep river valleys that make your Catskill region a fishing paradise. From the farm to fish, the Catskill Park is renowned for its well-marked and easily accessible trails, varying in difficulty and length. To experience the vast array of wildlife, birdwatching is a must! The Catskill region is home to a diverse range of wildlife, including bald eagles, black bears, white-tailed deer, and a variety of songbirds. For more information about fishing and wildlife viewing, visit www.dec.ny.gov/lands/9150.html.

**FISHING THE CATSKILLS**

The Catskill region is a fly fishing paradise. From lazy rivers to fast-flowing streams, the Catskill region offers something for everyone. The Ashokan Reservoir is one of the most popular spots for trout fishing, and nearby lakes and ponds provide excellent opportunities for bass and other species. For more information, visit www.dec.ny.gov/lands/9150.html.

**PLANNING YOUR CATSKILL ADVENTURE**

**DISCOVERING NEW YORK’S BOATING AND WATER RECREATION**

From sandy beaches to rocky shores, New York offers some of the most picturesque boating destinations in the Northeast. Whether you’re seeking adventure on the open water or a leisurely cruise, New York’s waterways have something for everyone. For more information, visit www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/24462.html.

**CAMPING IN THE CATSKILLS**

Each of DEC’s eight Catskill campgrounds is a perfect gateway to the mountains and regional attractions, with well-maintained, easily accessible sites for tents and trailers. All 173 developed sites are equipped with a picnic table, fire ring, and drinking water. The campgrounds offer various amenities, including showers, laundry facilities, and restrooms. For more information, visit www.dec.ny.gov/lands/9150.html.

**ACCESSIBLE ADVENTURES**

Seeking a leisurely, family-friendly way to enjoy the natural beauty and tranquility of the Catskill Park? Many areas are wheelchair accessible and offer a full range of features that welcome people of all ages and abilities. For more information, visit www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/24454.html.

**WATER FOR THE BIG APPLE... Providing Great Places for Recreation**

New York City gets nearly 90 percent of its drinking water from the Ashokan, Delaware, Catskill, and Croton reservoirs, which are located in the Catskill region. To protect that water, the NYPA operates the reservoirs, who ensure that they are free from contamination. For more information, visit www.dec.ny.gov/water/16190.html.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION...**

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 between the two. 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.

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 and provided by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), and other agencies as of the date of publication. Decisions about land use and trails are made by the local communities and their state and local government agencies. This map is subject to change, and new data is added periodically by the DEC and DEP. The map is not to scale and is intended for general planning purposes only.

For more information on the Catskill Preserve, contact the DEC or DEP. Trail conditions and land ownership may change. Particular caution is advised where a trail crosses private land. Check with the landowner and consult with the local DEC or DEP office prior to using any trail which crosses private land.

www.dec.ny.gov/lands/5265.html