WATCHABLE WILDLIFE
Many areas within the Catskill Region provide excellent opportunities to observe wildlife. Parasites and disease can dramatically affect the health of animals, making the visit to parks an important part of wildlife conservation.

ACCESSIBLE ADVENTURES
Seeking a leisurely, family-friendly way to enjoy the natural beauty and tranquility of the Catskill Park?

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 campgrounds have access to restrooms, drinking water, and firewood sales, and some sites offer cooking grills and picnic tables. Campers must follow New York State’s camping rules, regulations, and guidelines. For more information, call the campground operator or the nearest DEC district office.
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" that marks the boundary of the park. 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.

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 for DEC and 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.