Shandaken Wild Forest Location Map

Legend
- Shandaken Wild Forest
- Hunter West Kill Wilderness
- Big Indian Wilderness
- Belleayre Intensive Use Area
- Other DEC Lands
- Catskill Park Blue Line
History of the Unit Management Plan (UMP)

June 2005:

Final Shandaken Wild Forest UMP was adopted by Commissioner Sheehan for 5,375.6 acres of Wild Forest land that covered management, maintenance, monitoring & recreational proposals for:

- 4,184.6 acres in the Town of Shandaken- Ulster County
- 1,191 acres in the Town of Lexington- Greene County
2005 UMP Included Proposals for 4 Distinct Parcels:

- Rochester Hollow: 2,475 acres
- Peck Hollow: 2,384 acres
- Allaben Parcel: 414 acres
- Lower Birch Creek Parcel: 102.6 acres
2005 Management Actions Completed

- Lower Birch Creek: Constructed an accessible path, accessible picnic area and accessible fishing facility, designated an administrative use area.

- Rochester Hollow: Constructed an accessible lean-to, developed a 2.77 mile multi-use trail and designated as a CP-3 Rt. for persons with qualifying disabilities.

- Allaben: Constructed and designated 2 accessible primitive camp sites.

- Improved and/or constructed 5 parking areas: Lower Birch Creek, Rochester Hollow, Allaben and Sawmill Lot, Broadstreet Hollow near Peck Hollow
2011 Big Indian Acquisition

1,180 acres acquired by NYS in the Town of Shandaken known as the Big Indian Acquisition of which 610 acres were added to Shandaken Wild Forest

**SUMMARY OF CLASSIFICATION PROPOSALS:**

**Summary of Classification** proposals for newly acquired Forest Preserve lands described herein:

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<td>Belleayre Mtn Ski Center Intensive Use Area (See Section 2 of Draft Revision to UMP)</td>
<td>2,211 acres</td>
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In 2018 with funding from the Catskill Watershed Corporation, a contractor Tahawus Trails, was hired to develop a conceptual trail plan for the Big Indian acquisition lands that were added to the Shandaken WF and Belleayre Mtn. Ski Center Intensive Use Area.
Existing Regional Mtn. Biking & Cross Country Skiing Opportunities

• Belleayre Mountain Ski Center
• Rochester Hollow
• Frost Valley YMCA
• Bluestone Wild Forest
• Windham Mtn. Resort
• Elm Ridge Wild Forest
• Lippman Park
• Kenneth Wilson Campground & Day Use Area
• North South Lake Campground
2018 Tahawus Trails Conceptual Maps
2020 Revised UMP

- Includes the management proposals for an 610 acre Giggle Hollow parcel based on recommendations from the Tahawus Trails Conceptual Plan

- Formally classifies the 46-acre Esopus Creek parcel as Shandaken Wild Forest land.
Significant Proposals in 2020 Plan

• 10.1 miles of new and improved multi-use trails are proposed for construction on the Giggle Hollow parcel.
  • 3.7 miles- Lost Clove Multiple Use Trail
  • 3.7 Winding Mountain Multiple Use Trail
  • 2.7 Pine Hill Multiple Use Trail

• An accessible fishing platform to expand existing accessible opportunities on the Allaben parcel.

• Removal of six buildings that pose a public safety hazard on the Lower Birch Creek parcel.

• Establishment of a scenic vista on Giggle Hollow

• Improvements to the impoundment on Lower Birch Creek Pond
Giggle Hollow
Existing and Proposed Recreational Facilities
Map - 610 acres

10.1 miles of new and improved Multi-Use trails are proposed

3.7 miles - Lost Clove Multiple Use Trail

3.7 Winding Mountain Multiple Use Trail

2.7 Pine Hill Multiple Use Trail
Allaben Parcel

Existing and Proposed Recreational Facilities Map

414 acres
Esopus Creek Parcel

Existing and Proposed Recreational Facilities Map

46 acres
Peck Hollow Parcel
Existing and Proposed Recreational Facilities Map

2,384 acres
Rochester Hollow Parcel

Existing and Proposed Recreational Facilities Map

2,475 acres
Lower Birch Creek

Existing and Proposed Recreational Facilities Map

102.6 acres
Lower Birch Creek Building Demo & Debris Removal Project

Buildings and debris pile are located on the Lower Birch Creek parcel
Thank You

Public comments on the management and recreation proposals contained in this draft plan will be accepted until Monday, September 28th.

Please submit comments by email to: r3.ump@dec.ny.gov or by mail:
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