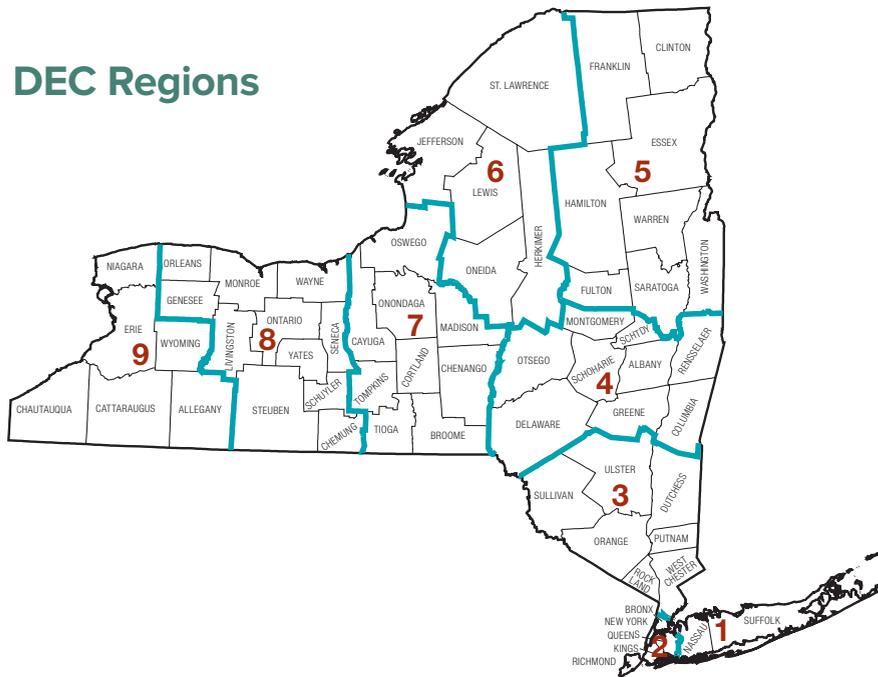
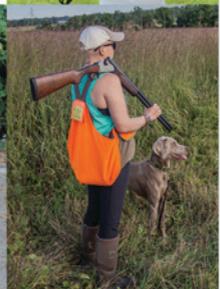


Important Numbers

DEC Regions



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 Search 'Becoming an Outdoors Woman'
 518-402-8963
 Hands-on workshops where adult women can learn outdoor skills like how to fish, hunt, shoot, kayak, or backpack in a supportive atmosphere with patient, enthusiastic instructors.

Important Numbers

Region	Offices	Wildlife	Law Enforcement	Hunter Ed
1	Stony Brook University 50 Circle Rd. Stony Brook, NY 11790-3409	(631) 444-0310	(631) 444-0250	(631) 444-0255
2	1 Hunters Pt. Plaza 47-40 21st St. Long Island City, NY 11101-5407	(718) 482-4922	(718) 482-4885	(631) 444-0255
3	21 South Putt Corners Rd. New Paltz, NY 12561	(845) 256-3098	(845) 256-3013	(845) 256-3063
4	1130 North Westcott Rd. Schenectady, NY 12306-2014	(518) 357-2355	(518) 357-2047	(518) 357-2355
	65561 State Hwy 10, Suite 1 Stamford, NY 12167-9503	(607) 652-7367	—	—
5	1115 Route 86, PO Box 296 Ray Brook, NY 12977-0296	(518) 897-1291	(518) 897-1326	—
	232 Golf Course Rd. Warrensburg, NY 12885	(518) 623-1240	—	(518) 623-1240
6	317 Washington St. Watertown, NY 13601-3787	(315) 785-2263	(315) 785-2231	(315) 785-2533
	225 North Main St. Herkimer NY 13350	(315) 866-6330	—	—
	190 Outer Main St, Suite 103 Potsdam, NY 13676	(315) 265-3090	—	—
	17893 Game Farm Rd. Dexter, NY 13634	(315) 639-6122	—	—
7	615 Erie Blvd. West Syracuse, NY 13204-2400	—	(315) 426-7431	—
	1285 Fisher Ave. Cortland, NY 13045	(607) 753-3095 ext. 247	—	(607) 753-3095 ext. 242 or 247
8	6274 E. Avon-Lima Rd. Avon, NY 14414-9519	(585) 226-5380	(585) 226-6706	(585) 226-5463
	7291 Coon Rd. Bath, NY 14810-9728	(607) 776-2165	—	—
9	270 Michigan Ave. Buffalo, NY 14203-2999	(716) 851-7010	(716) 851-7050	—
	182 East Union St., Suite 3 Allegany, NY 14706	(716) 372-0645	—	(716) 372-0645

Other Important Numbers

DEC Automated Licensing System	1-86-NY-DECALS (1-866-933-2257)M-F, 8:30 AM-4:30 PM
NYC Watershed Hunting Permits	1-800-575-5263
Deer Management Hotline	1-866-472-4332
Report Game Take via DECALS	1-866-GAME-RPT (1-866-426-3778)
Report Poachers and Polluters Hotline	1-844-DEC-ECOS (1-844-332-3267)
Lifetime License Information	(518) 402-8843
Hunter Ed	1-888-HUNT ED2
Reporting Banded Waterfowl	www.reportband.gov
Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program (HIP)	1-888-427-5447 www.newyorkhip.org
Information on NY SAFE Act	1-855-LAW-GUNS
Law Enforcement (ECOs)	1-844-332-3267

Access to Hunting Areas

The focus of this year's Hunting and Trapping Regulations Guide is "access and accessibility." There is information throughout the guide on accessing waterfowl blinds, accessing private land for deer hunting, best practices for trapping on public and private lands, and access for hunters with disabilities. Enjoy!

Places to Hunt in New York

DECinfo Locator is an interactive map that includes DEC lands with public hunting access and other outdoor recreation information. Go to <https://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/109457.html>.

For additional information about places to hunt in New York, go to <https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/7844.html>.

Private Lands

Always ASK the landowner for permission to hunt and trap on private land. If it were your land, how would you want a visitor to act?

- Be courteous — ASK permission well in advance.
- ASK what is permitted. What species can be hunted? Are tree stands allowed?
- ASK if friends can join you.
- Exercise safety—always!
- Thank the landowner.

Many landowners use "ASK permission" stickers on their signs which show the landowners' willingness to allow access to their lands. Stickers are available for free from your local Regional Wildlife Office (see page 6) or from DEC Central Office, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-4754. For more information on hunting on private lands, visit our website: www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/7844.html.

ASK Permission

"ASK Permission" stickers, a brochure explaining the program, Landowner Permission forms, and information about fish and wildlife conservation are available for free from DEC Regional Wildlife Offices or by writing:

NYSDEC, 625 Broadway,
Albany, NY 12233-4754

OR ONLINE
at www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/8371.html



Remember: Damaging bark or cutting trees, branches or plants is illegal without permission of the landowner.

Rights of way that cross private property, such as for power lines and railroads, are NOT public land. Trespassing on these areas without permission from the landowner is illegal.

FWMA cooperative areas

Through cooperative agreements under New York's Fish and Wildlife Management Act (FWMA), Cooperative Hunting Areas provide access and management services to privately owned lands in order to increase public hunting opportunities. When using these areas, remember that you are a guest on private property. Littering and other abuses will only result in closure of many excellent hunting areas.

A word about liability

Whether or not the land is posted, New York State General Obligations Law protects landowners from liability for non-paying recreationists engaged in hunting, trapping and fishing on their property. Because of this protection, recreational liability lawsuits against rural landowners are uncommon. This protection does not apply in cases of willful or malicious failure to guard or warn against dangers.

State Lands

For information on hunting and trapping opportunities and rules governing the use of state land, contact the regional office for the county where you would like to hunt or trap (see page 6). Wildlife staff can provide information on Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) and Cooperative Hunting Areas. DEC Forestry staff and Forest Rangers can provide details on state forest lands and forest preserve lands. In some instances, written permission or permits are required to use state lands. These are available from DEC regional offices during normal business hours.

Motorized access to state lands

DEC has designated routes on state forests, wildlife management areas, forest preserve lands and conservation easement lands for motor vehicle use by people with a qualifying mobility disability. For a list of these opportunities, along with information on how to obtain a motorized access permit, please visit the DEC website at: www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/2574.html.

Wildlife management areas

The Division of Fish and Wildlife manages about 187,000 acres of wildlife management areas (WMAs). These areas are located throughout the state and contain a variety of different types of habitat and wildlife. They are managed primarily for wildlife and wildlife-related public use.

WMAs have specific use regulations in addition to the general use regulations for state land. Hunting, trapping, and fishing are permitted, except as specifically restricted by posted notice.

On wildlife management areas, it is unlawful to:

- Camp without written permission
- Travel off-road by use of motorcycles, motor scooters, mopeds, trail bikes, snowmobiles or any other motorized vehicle, except as specifically allowed by a permit or posted notice
- Remove, cut or willfully damage or destroy living vegetation of any kind
- Construct or place a permanent structure, blind, stand or platform (including placement of nails or other hardware into trees)
- Leave any personal property when leaving the area, including leaving tree stands overnight
- Enter property posted with No Trespassing signs, except with written permission from DEC

For further information on wildlife management areas, please visit the DEC website at: www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/8295.html

Lands and forests

The Division of Lands and Forests manages nearly five million acres of land, located in almost every county of the state. From the remote locations of the Adirondack and Catskill mountains to the rolling hills of the western parts of the state and the forested areas on Long Island, a wide range of hunting and trapping opportunities await the outdoor recreationist.

Forest Preserves

Hunting and trapping are permitted in the Adirondack and Catskill Forest Preserves. State-owned lands located within these preserves are designated "Forever Wild." All state land rules and camping requirements apply to the preserves, as well as additional rules specific to certain areas. Contact the regional DEC office (see page 6) of the county where you would like to hunt or trap for more information. For further information on Forest Preserve lands, please visit the DEC website at: www.dec.ny.gov/lands/4960.html

Conservation easements

Conservation easements are tracts of privately owned property on which New York State has acquired certain public recreation rights. These rights are outlined in the easement document as well as in a recreation management plan jointly developed by the DEC and the landowner. Public hunting and trapping is allowed on many conservation easements, but due to the individual nature of each conservation easement, members of the public wishing to hunt or trap on a given easement property are strongly encouraged to contact a local DEC office (see page 6) of the county where you would like to hunt or trap for details on how to properly access the property and the hunting and trapping regulations unique to the easement. For further information on DEC held Conservation Easements, please visit the DEC website at: www.dec.ny.gov/lands/41156.html

State forest (reforestation land)

Outside the Adirondacks and Catskills, State Forest lands are the most common type of state lands. Many recreational activities can be pursued on these lands, including hunting and trapping.

In some instances, permits are required to camp overnight on undeveloped state forest lands. Unless specifically prohibited, groups of less than 10 people may camp on state forest lands (other than developed campgrounds and wildlife management areas) for three consecutive nights without a permit. To camp for four consecutive nights or more, a permit must be obtained. Groups of 10 or more people need a permit to camp on such lands for one night. Further information may be obtained from DEC regional offices for the county you want to camp in (see page 6). For further information on State Forest Lands, please visit the DEC website at: www.dec.ny.gov/lands/40672.html

Remember, it is unlawful to:

- Cut or injure trees (including construction of permanent tree stands, construction of natural blinds, clearing of shooting lanes around portable stands, placement of nails or other hardware into trees, or use of live trees as targets while sighting-in firearms).
- Store personal property. Tree stands or hunting blinds that do not injure a tree, and are properly marked or tagged with the owner's name and address or valid hunting license number, may be placed during the appropriate hunting season, but must be removed at the end of the season.
- Erect, use or maintain a building or structure.
- Deposit or leave any litter or rubbish.
- Operate a motor vehicle, including an all-terrain vehicle (ATV), off maintained roads except where specifically allowed.
- Camp without a permit when a permit is required.

- Possess a rifle, shotgun or firearm in or upon buildings or grounds used for educational purposes (see Penal Law Section 265.01-a).

State Parks

Many state parks offer waterfowl, small game and big game hunting. For more information, contact the appropriate DEC regional office (see page 6) or visit the State Parks website (www.parks.ny.gov). Call each state park to find out specific hunting and access regulations. For a listing of state parks that allow deer hunting, visit the DEC website: www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/88898.html

Other Areas to Hunt

- **Finger Lakes National Forest (federal):** Located east of Seneca Lake in Schuyler and Seneca counties. Small and big game hunting opportunities. Special hunting permits are not required.
- **Fort Drum Military Base (federal):** Wildlife Management Unit 6H, located in Jefferson and Lewis counties. Over half of the 107,000-acre U.S. Army military installation is open to the public for hunting and trapping. See the Fort Drum Fish and Wildlife Management Program website for more information: <https://fortdrum.isportsman.net/> or call (315) 772-9303.
- **Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge (federal):** Located at the north end of Cayuga Lake in Seneca County. Offers small game and waterfowl hunting opportunities. This area is also open for deer hunting on a controlled basis during both the bowhunting and regular seasons. Permits are required. When deer management permit use is allowed, WMU 8J permits are valid. For current information on seasons, permits, maps and regulations visit Montezuma's website at: www.fws.gov/refuge/Montezuma/visit/visitor_activities.html
- **Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge (federal):** Located east of Lockport in Genesee and Orleans counties. Offers small game and waterfowl hunting opportunities. This area is also open for deer hunting during both the bowhunting and regular seasons. For further information visit: www.fws.gov/refuge/iroquois/
- **Long Island:** For a brochure on areas to hunt and for access permits, write to
» Hunting Opportunities, NYS DEC
SUNY Stony Brook
50 Circle Rd.
Stony Brook, NY 11790-3404
- **New York City Watershed Lands:** The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) allows trapping, as well as deer, bear, turkey, and small game hunting on specially designated city water supply lands. Hunters

and trappers must possess the appropriate, valid New York State sporting license and a valid access permit to hunt or trap on designated hunting and trapping areas on city water supply lands. For more information, including maps, go to: www1.nyc.gov/site/dep/recreation/hunting-trapping/page

DEC Campgrounds

DEC operates 52 public campgrounds in the Adirondack and Catskill Parks. Hunting is not permitted within these campgrounds, although some campgrounds allow camping during big game season. Unloaded firearms are allowed on public campgrounds only during the spring and fall hunting seasons for hunting. A valid hunting license is needed. Firearms cannot be discharged in the campground or day use facilities at any time. For more information on DEC's campgrounds visit: www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/7825.html

Campgrounds outside the Forest Preserves are operated by the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) (see State Parks below).

For all campgrounds, reservations can be made by calling 1-800-456-CAMP or online at <https://newyorkstateparks.reserveamerica.com>

Licensed Guides

For information on licensed professional guides in New York, contact NYS DEC, 625 Broadway, NY 12233-2560, call (518) 402-8838, or visit the DEC website at: www.dec.ny.gov/permits/30969.html.

Native American Tribal Lands

Some tribal governments have made provisions for limited public hunting, trapping and fishing access, while others do not permit non-tribal members to hunt, trap or fish on their land. Check with the governing tribal office to determine the requirements for hunting, trapping and fishing within the reservation boundaries. A special permit is required.

Use of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and off-road vehicles (ORVs) is restricted on most state land.

Accessibility for All

By Josh Carney

I've always been fascinated by the outdoors. As a child, I hunted small game with my family in Louisiana; eventually that led to pursuing white-tailed deer and wild turkeys.

At age 13, I became fascinated with turkey hunting. I watched television shows and read articles describing how incredible it was. I wanted to find out for myself. When turkey season was a few months away, I bought every turkey call I could find. I drove my family crazy as I practiced, trying to perfect the sound. As the season approached, I begged my dad to take me; he promised he would. I grew more anxious with each passing week: each day I'd wake up knowing that opening day was one day closer.

On April 17, 2005, it was finally my day to shine. As my dad and I walked down a gravel road, I found a feather; I knew it was a sign: this was our spot. We crossed the ditch and headed to the timber. My dad picked a place to sit and I picked another 20 yards away. This was our first turkey hunt; neither of us were very knowledgeable. We began to call but got no response. I patiently waited before calling again. As a novice, I figured turkey hunting would be like the TV shows: rub two sticks together to make a turkey call and the bird would run right in. But that was not the case. After a while, I saw movement out of the corner of my eye: a turkey had come in behind me. I caught a glimpse of my father aiming his shotgun in my

direction. Before I knew it, his gun went off, my body went numb, there was ringing in my ears, and my vision started to blur. I had been shot. My dad rushed me out of the woods and called 911.

I spent the next three months in the hospital. I endured lots of surgeries before going home. After just two weeks, the only thing I could think about was going hunting again. So I did. In fact, I haven't stopped, even as a paraplegic in a wheelchair.

Hunting from a wheelchair takes extra planning; many questions cross a hunter's mind. Is the area I want to hunt easily accessible? What is the terrain like? Will my chair get stuck? How about the parking? My truck is modified to lift my wheelchair, but it requires extra space.

Many technological advances and site modifications help those with disabilities enjoy hunting. Specially designed hunting trailers can be placed at remote locations. Some states allow track chairs on state lands, which is great because these chairs are game-changers. Some locations have raised, ramp-accessed hunting platforms overlooking food plots—I'd like to see more of those. Packed gravel paths and bridges allow me to get deep into the deer and turkey woods. Some states have programs that allow people with disabilities to hunt in warmer weather under special permits.

Several organizations have programs to help hunters with disabilities get outdoors, fostering the sense of reward and empowerment that



comes with hunting. I'm thankful for these programs, and for land managers' efforts to make the outdoors accessible to all.

Hunter and motivational speaker Josh Carney is featured on the cover of this guide.

For more information about accessible hunting opportunities on DEC lands, see page 38.

Remember the cardinal rules of firearm safety:

- Treat every firearm as if it is loaded.
- Keep your muzzle pointed in a safe direction.
- Keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
- Be sure of your target and what is in front of and beyond it.
- Stalking stinks! Set up with your back against a tree or other object wider than your shoulders and call birds to you.

Permission Granted!

Ask, or you'll never know...



For decades, hunter access to private lands has been on the decline. As properties subdivide, develop, and transfer, more land has been labeled as **POSTED**. Trespassing is illegal whether the land is posted or not, but there is a certain stigma associated with posted property that deters many hunters from even asking. Some landowners may be resistant to providing hunting access due to fears of liability, safety concerns, unruly guests, or personal objection to hunting, but many others readily allow hunting to occur on their land.

Declines in access can reduce efficient deer population control and negatively impact hunter enthusiasm. When hunters ask for permission and landowners grant hunting access, it's a win-win! But hunters must start this relationship by **ASKING**.

An on-line survey conducted by DEC revealed something interesting about hunters' attitudes towards access. More than 55% of respondents believed that lack of access was directly linked to their lack of hunting success. Yet, more than 40% of these same respondents admitted they did not spend time seeking permission. Opportunities for hunters to gain access to private property exist, but many hunters are simply not asking.

Hunters wanting to increase their success must take initiative. Though past research indicates that landowners are most comfortable only allowing family and friends to hunt their property, 15-35% of landowners did grant hunting access to strangers who asked permission. This should be encouraging for hunters hoping to find a new piece of ground.



“When I first moved to the Albany area, I hunted public land and spent a lot of time knocking on doors asking permission. Posted signs actually helped because it told me who the landowner was. I got turned away from probably 90% of the people I asked, mostly because they already had other hunters.

But all it took was permission from 2 or 3 landowners, and I was set.”

Jeremy Hurst, DEC Big Game Unit Leader

Misconceptions: Private Land Access

- **POSTED—THE LAND IS CLOSED TO HUNTING:** Most landowners want to control access, not eliminate it. In fact, *less than 25% of landowners post because they disapprove of hunting*. Show respect and **ask** in person.
- **POSTED PROPERTIES ALREADY HAVE HUNTERS:** Posted signs can lead hunters to believe the property is already being hunted. This could be true, but some owners might not have contact with any hunters. You won't know unless you **ask!**
- **SMALL/SUBDIVIDED PARCELS—NOT WORTH IT:** Small parcels can deter hunters looking to maximize hunting ground acreage. However, more landowners means better chances of finding one who will grant access. But you must **ask!**
- **HUNTERS—A RISK TO MY FAMILY AND PROPERTY:** Careless and irresponsible behavior by one hunter can ruin public perception for others. It's up to hunters to change this stereotype. **Ask** permission, hunt safe, and treat the land and wildlife with respect.
- **GRANTING ACCESS INCREASES LIABILITY:** The New York State General Obligations Law protects landowners from liability for nonpaying recreationists engaged in hunting and many other outdoor activities.

ASK PERMISSION stickers and record cards are available upon request. These items are a great way for landowners to encourage hunters to ask permission, improving the communication process.

www.dec.ny.gov/docs/wildlife_pdf/askperm.pdf



Hunt Smart

Choose Non-lead Bullets & Slugs

You wait all year for this. Big game season is just around the corner and you've been scouting, preparing your gear, and practicing at the range. Now you're about to pick up a fresh box of that ammunition that has served you well in the past or perhaps something different based on cost or a friend's recommendation. Pause a moment. Let's think about the bullet or slug you'll use this year. Traditional lead-based bullets and slugs fragment to varying degrees, leaving small lead particles distributed along the wound channel and some distance into the meat of your deer or bear. They may be small enough not to be visible to the naked eye. As a result, you and those you share your bounty with can be exposed to lead, a well-known toxin. In addition, scavenging animals feeding on the gut pile left behind

can ingest lethal and sub-lethal doses of lead. Why chance it?

Today's alternative ammunitions choices, typically copper bullets or slugs, are engineered to expand reliably for a quick kill and perform excellent in most rifles, shotguns, and muzzle-loading firearms. They are a bit more expensive, typically costing about \$5-10 more per box than a high-quality lead-based option. When you consider all that you put into your big game season, the investment is small compared to the benefit to you, your family, and non-target wildlife.

Non-lead ammunition; it works, it reduces exposure to lead, and it is good for conservation. It's a smart choice. Try it this year!

For more information: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/48420.html>



Non-Lead Ammunition for...

- Good Hunting
- Improved Conservation
- High-Quality Meat
- Safer Consumption

Accessible Hunting Opportunities on DEC Lands

Hunters and trappers with disabilities can find accessible features at several Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) and State Forests such as accessible parking areas, hunting blinds, platforms, boardwalks, trails, and motorized access routes (MAPPWD). See the maps on pages 67-73 for facilities and specific features, which can also be found on the **Accessible Recreation Destinations** webpage (<http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/34038.html>).

There are many great DEC lands to explore across the state. Below is a summary of features that can be found at select sites. Visit <http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/7768.html> for more about these sites, WMAs, and other state lands.

Western NY

Tonawanda WMA (Orleans, Erie, Genesee, and Niagara Counties) has an accessible parking area and kiosk off of Route 77, as well as an accessible parking area, path, and waterfowl hunting blind off of Owen Road (hunting by permit only; call 585-948-5182 for more information).

Spicer Creek WMA (Erie County) has a universally accessible parking area, trail, and two hunting blind/observation decks. A free permit is required from Beaver Island State Park to hunt at these blinds. For more information, call 716-773-3271.

The Motorized Access Program for People with Disabilities (MAPPWD) provides access to vehicular routes for hunting, fishing, and wildlife observation for qualified people with disabilities. Qualified individuals must obtain a permit from the appropriate DEC region to use these routes. To apply for a MAPPWD permit visit www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/2574.html.

Northern NY

Upper and Lower Lakes WMA (St. Lawrence County) features two accessible trails. The trails lead to pads suitable for use with portable hunting blinds and are located off of County Route 14 on Middle Access Road. Off of County Route 15 is an accessible trail and waterfowl blind. The covered blind is large enough for two people and a dog. It has a dog door and ramp for retrieval of game.

Upper Hudson Valley

Vosburgh Swamp WMA (Greene County) has an accessible waterfowl hunting blind at the north end of Vosburgh Swamp, along the eastern shore. A trail and short boardwalk to this blind begin at the middle parking lot off of Four Mile Point Road.

Partridge Run State Forest and WMA (Albany County) together have nearly five miles of MAPPWD routes.

Mid-Hudson Valley

Bashakill WMA (Orange and Sullivan Counties) has an accessible waterfowl hunting/wildlife observation blind and a 600-foot trail from the western parking area on Haven Road. Waterfowl hunting at Bashakill WMA requires an area-specific permit. Contact the Region 3 office at 845-256-3098 or wildlife.r3@dec.ny.gov.

Stewart State Forest (Orange County) has an accessible boardwalk and parking lot on Great Swamp Road. There are also over 15 miles of MAPPWD routes. Special arrangements must be made to obtain combinations for entry at selected gates.



Accessible path and waterfowl hunting blind at Tonawanda WMA.

Permits for Hunters with Disabilities

Eligible hunters with a physical disability can get a permit to use a modified crossbow or longbow and to hunt from a motorized vehicle. All permits require verification of a qualifying disability from a licensed physician. More information, including applications, is available at <https://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/30419.html> or through the Special Licenses Unit (518-402-8985 or speciallicenses@dec.ny.gov).

Non-Ambulatory Hunter Permit authorizes hunting with a firearm from a motorized vehicle with the motor turned off and completely off the highway right-of-way, with its motor turned off.

Modified Longbow Authorization allows hunting with a legal bow equipped with a mechanical device to aid in the drawing, holding, and releasing of the bowstring.

Modified Crossbow Permit authorizes hunting using a modified crossbow and use of a crossbow equipped with a breath-tube apparatus to release the bowstring.

Preference for Deer Management Permits and reduced fees for hunting, trapping, and fishing licenses are available to resident military veterans with a service-related disability of 40% or more. Hunters need to provide a letter from the Veteran's Administration. Visit <https://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/6097.html>.

WMA Accessible Features for Regions 1 and 3

Suffolk

Edgewood Oak Brush Plains Preserve (Babylon, Huntington, Islip)

- 1.7 mi CP-3 trail*

Otis Pike Preserve (Riverhead, Brookhaven)

- Accessible Blind, Parking

Randall Pond, Ridge Conservation Area (Ridge)

- Fishing Access, Parking, Permit Station, Restroom, Viewing Area, Viewing Platform, 2.1 mi foot trails

Sullivan/Orange

Bashakill WMA (Mamakating, Deerpark)

- Fishing Access, Parking

Mongaup Valley WMA (Forestburgh, Highland, Lumberland, Deerpark)

- Blind, Parking, Restroom

* CP-3 - Motorized Access Program for People with Disabilities. Go to <https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/2574.html> for application instructions and forms.

Did you know in 2019, DEC Forest Rangers:

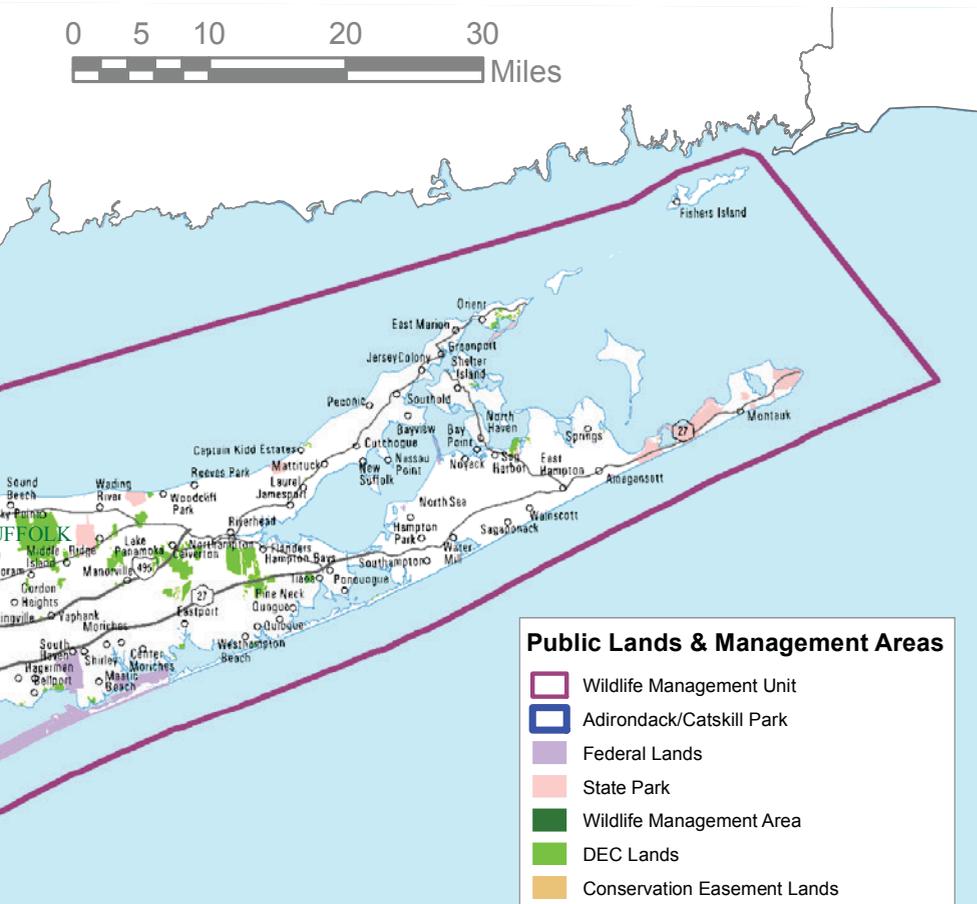
- Walked, snowshoed, and skied 26,297 miles of trails
- Inspected 10,409 occupied campsites
- Patrolled 18,593 miles on snowmobile
- Conducted 19,312 snowmobile law safety checks
- Made 1,018 state land offense tickets/arrests

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/regulations/41086.html>

518-402-8839 or 518-408-5250



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Atlantic Ocean

FIREWOOD WARNING

Your firewood may be hiding invasive pests that are killing our trees and forever changing the forests we love. Protect our trees.

Buy Local, Burn Local.

- It is illegal to bring untreated* firewood into New York State
- It is illegal to transport untreated firewood more than 50 miles from its source or origin
- When transporting firewood, you must carry proof of source (receipt from a vendor), origin (self-issued certificate from DEC website), or treatment (label showing treatment method)

* Treated firewood has been heated to 160°F for 75 minutes to eliminate pests living inside the wood. Treated firewood can be moved without restriction.

Failure to follow these regulations may result in a ticket.

For questions, call toll-free:

1-866-640-0652

State and federal quarantines exist that further restrict the movement of firewood. For more information, visit www.dec.ny.gov and search for "invasive insects".



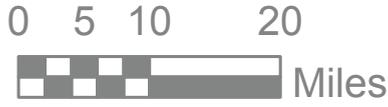
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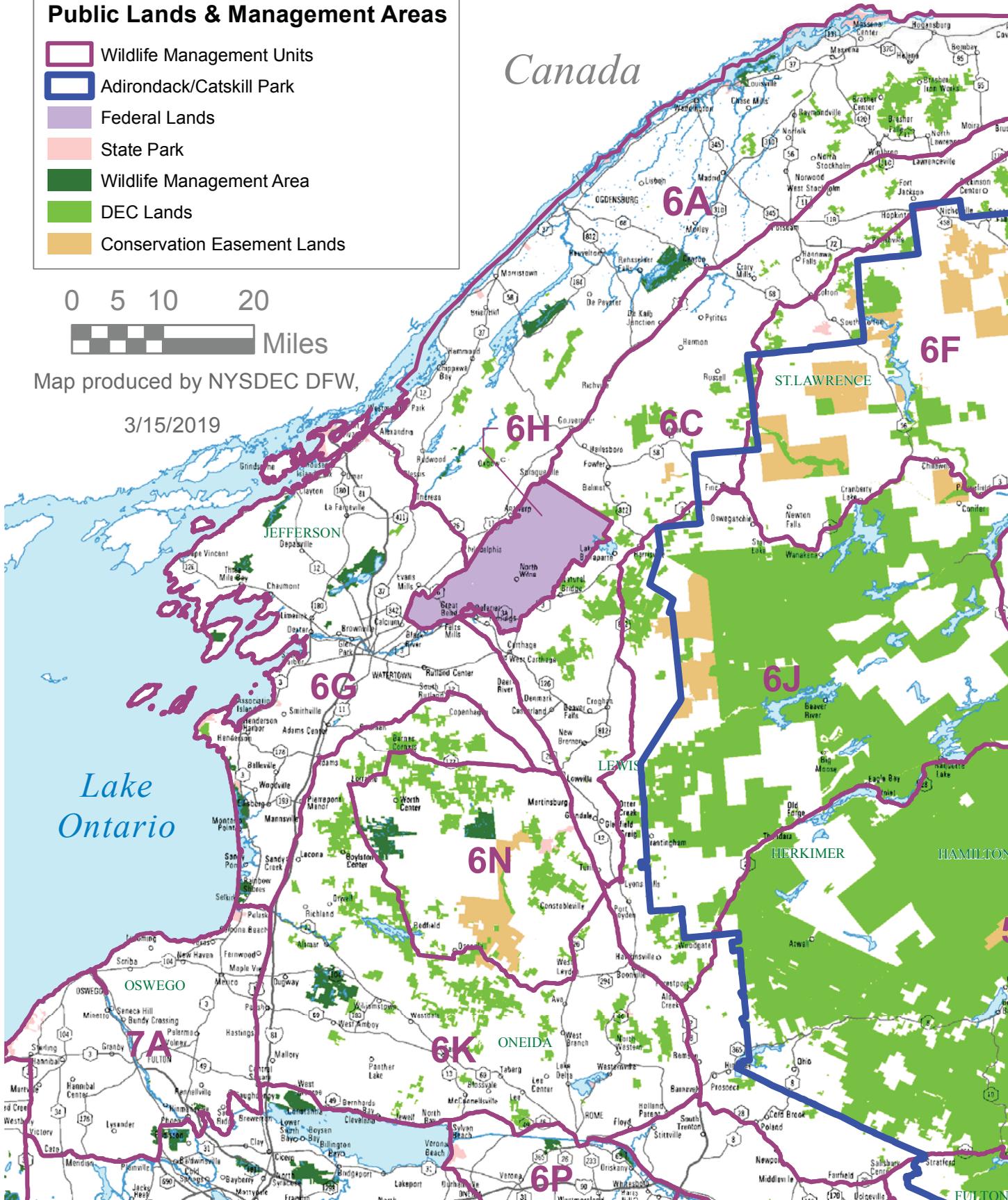
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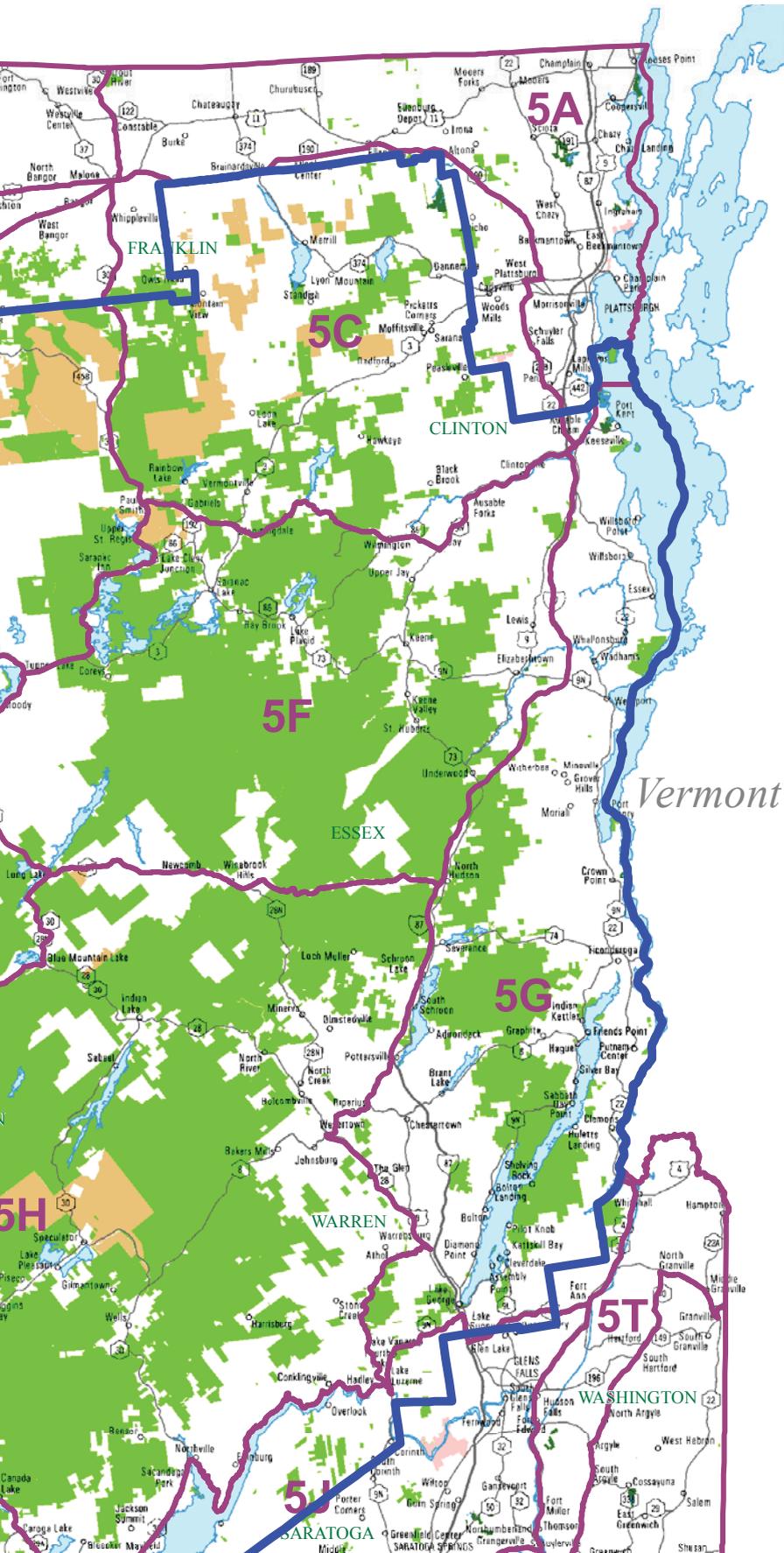
-  Wildlife Management Units
-  Adirondack/Catskill Park
-  Federal Lands
-  State Park
-  Wildlife Management Area
-  DEC Lands
-  Conservation Easement Lands



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3/15/2019





WMA Accessible Features for Regions 5 and 6

Clinton
Ausable Marsh WMA (Peru)
• Parking, Viewing Platform
Lake Alice WMA (Chazy)
• 0.4 mi CP-3 trail*
Kings Bay WMA (Champlain)
• Parking, Viewing Platform
Essex
Wickham Marsh WMA (Chesterfield)
• Parking, Viewing Platform, 0.1 mi foot trail
Jefferson
Black Pond WMA (Ellisburg)
• Fishing Access, Parking, Viewing Platform, 0.3 mi foot trail
Lakeview WMA (Ellisburg)
• Fishing Access, Parking, Restroom, 0.6 mi foot trails
Perch River WMA (Orleans, Pamela, Brownville)
• Parking
Oneida
Utica Marsh WMA (Marcy, City of Utica)
• Parking
St. Lawrence
Fish Creek WMA (Macomb, DePeyster)
• Fishing Access, Hand Launch, Parking
Upper & Lower Lakes WMA (Canton)
• Accessible Blind, Blind, Parking, 0.5 mi foot trails
Wilson Hill WMA (Louisville)
• Blind, Boardwalk, Viewing Platform, 1.2 mi foot trails
Washington
Carters Pond WMA (Greenwich)
• Parking, Viewing Platform, 0.2 mi. foot trail
Washington Co. Grasslands WMA (Fort Edward)
• Parking, Viewing Platform

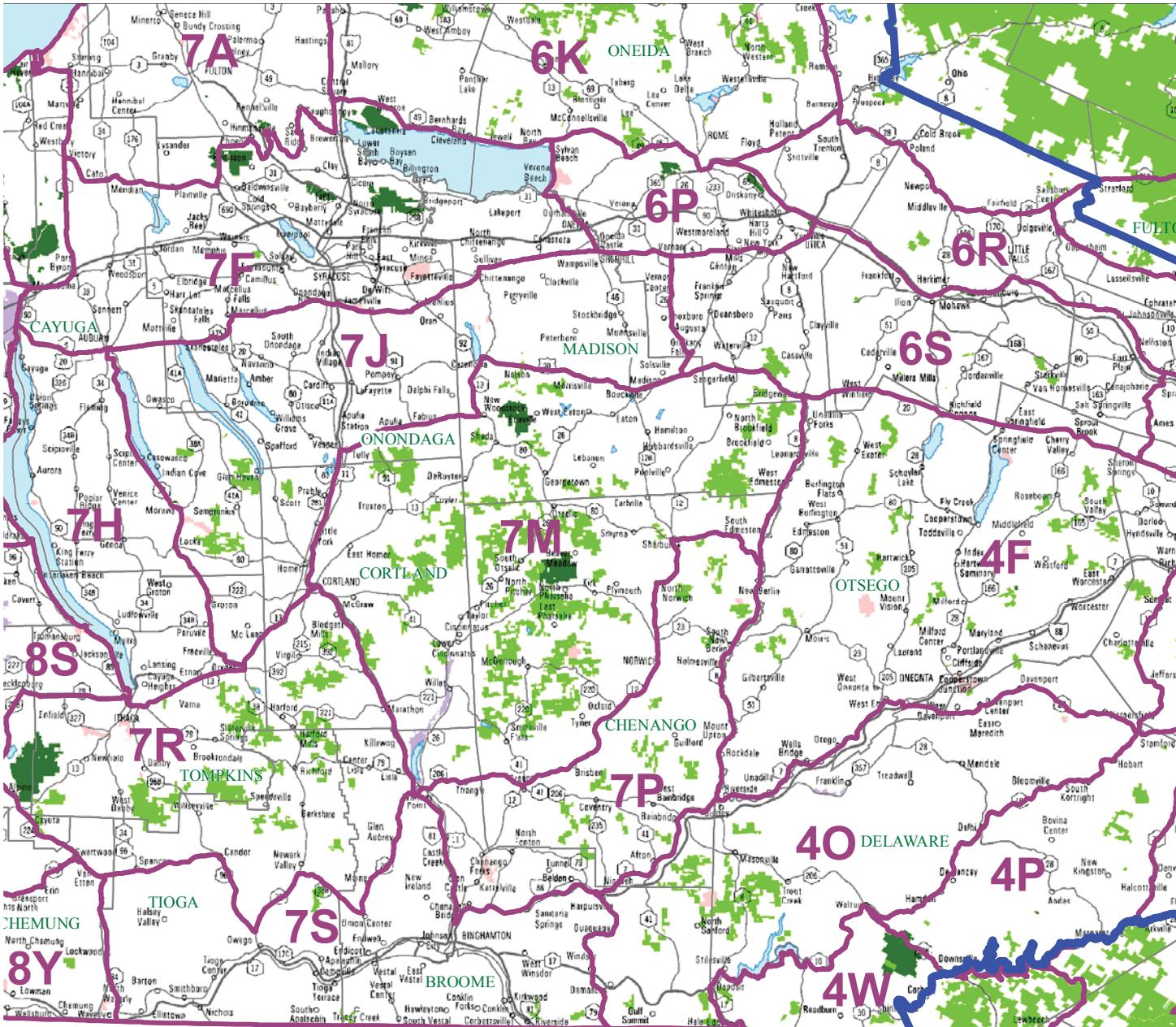
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Conservation Easements

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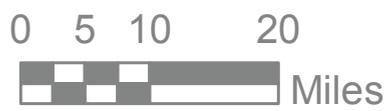
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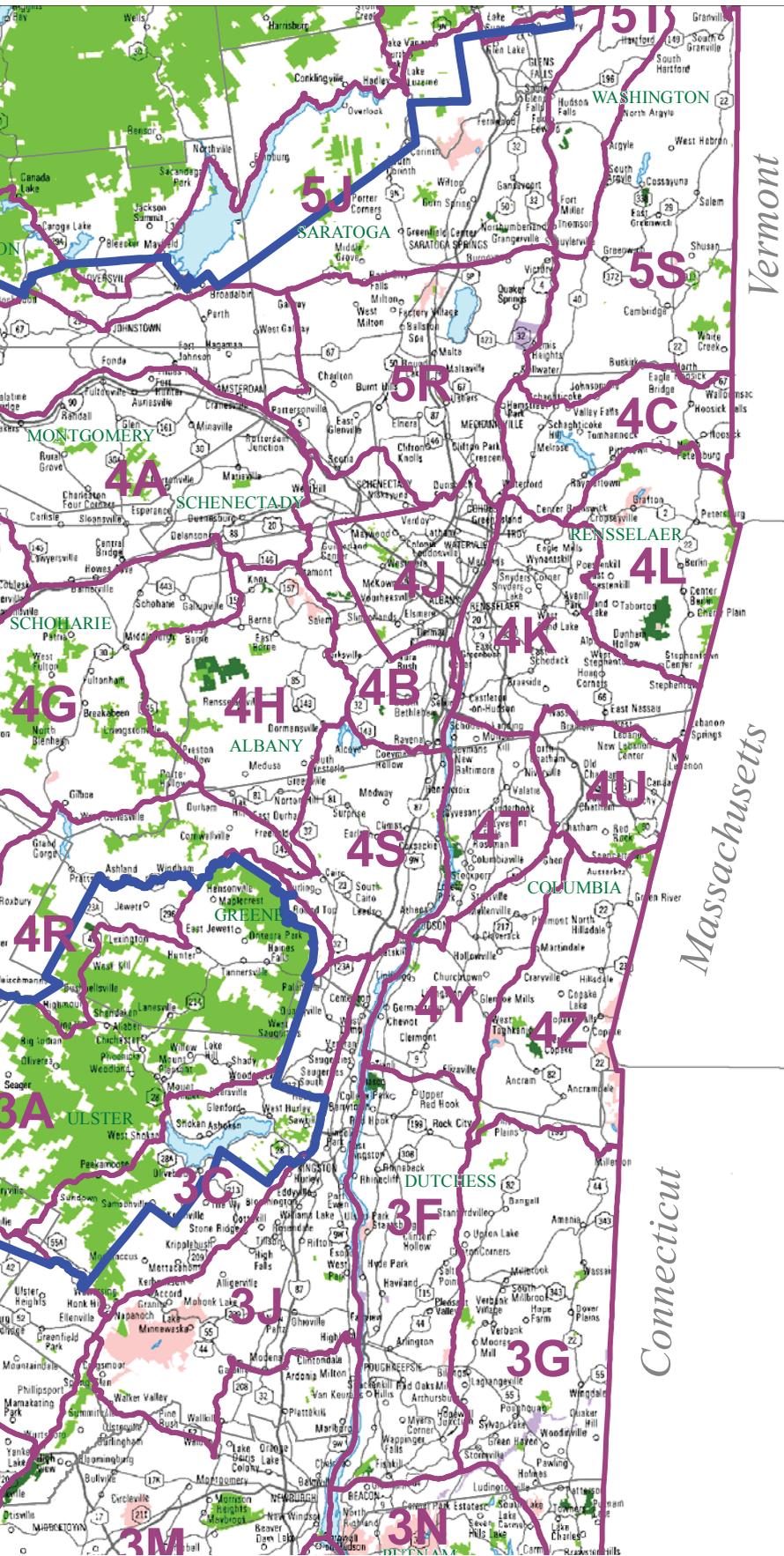
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- Adirondack/Catskill Park
- Federal Lands
- State Park
- Wildlife Management Area
- DEC Lands
- Conservation Easement Lands



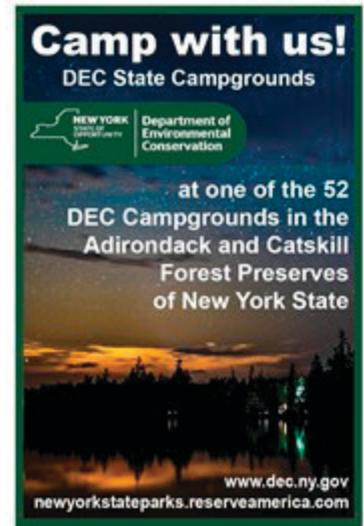
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WMA Accessible Features for Regions 4 and 7

Albany
Partridge Run WMA (Berne)
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Greene
Vosburgh Swamp WMA (Coxsackie, Athens)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accessible Blind, Boardwalk, Parking
Onondaga
Hamlin Marsh WMA (Clay)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accessible Blind, Boardwalk, Parking, Viewing Platform, 0.1 mi foot trail
Three Rivers WMA (Lysander)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parking, Viewing Platform, 0.1 mi foot trail
Oswego
Deer Creek Marsh WMA (Richland)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dock, Boardwalk, Hand Launch, Parking, 0.1 mi foot trail



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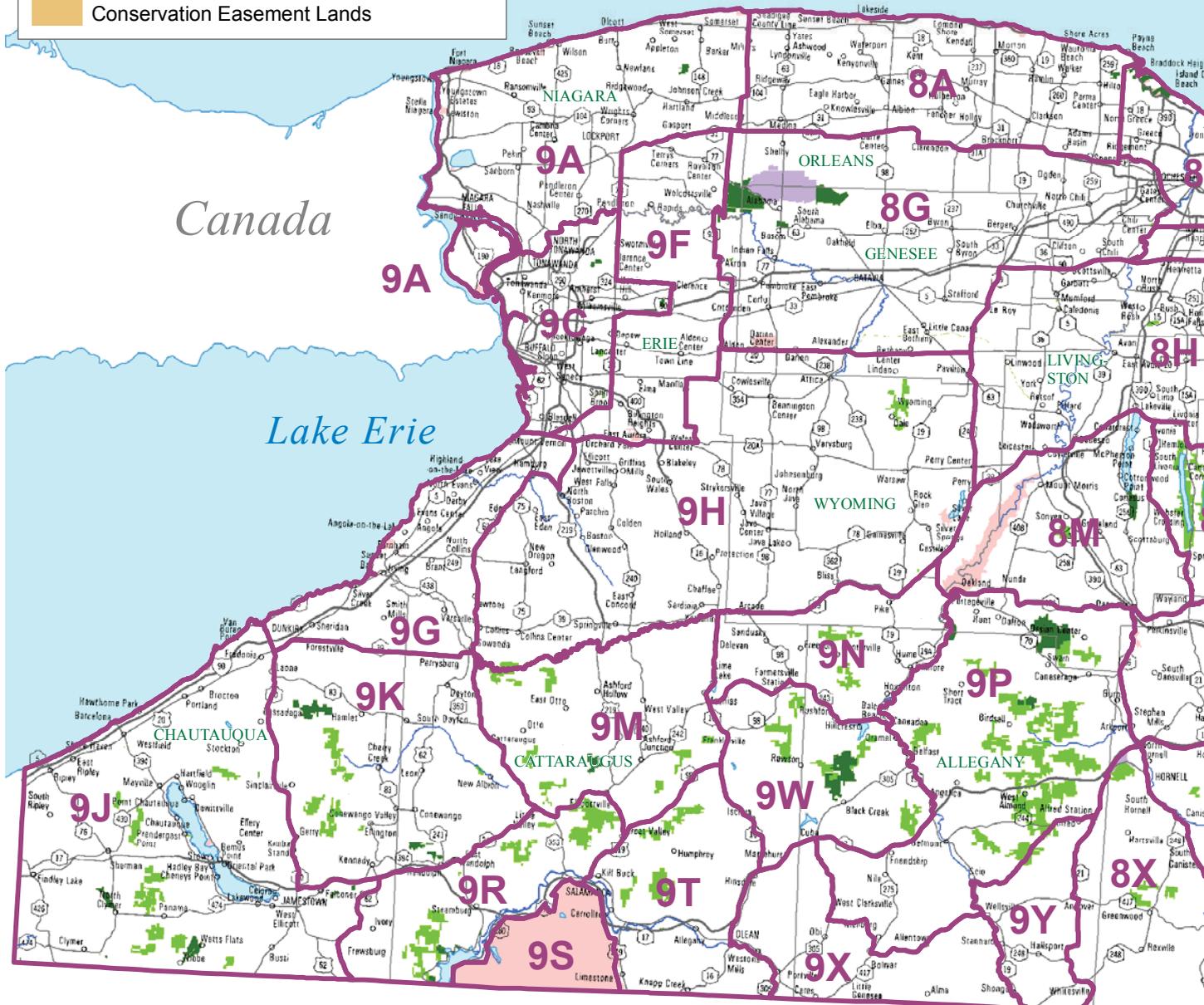
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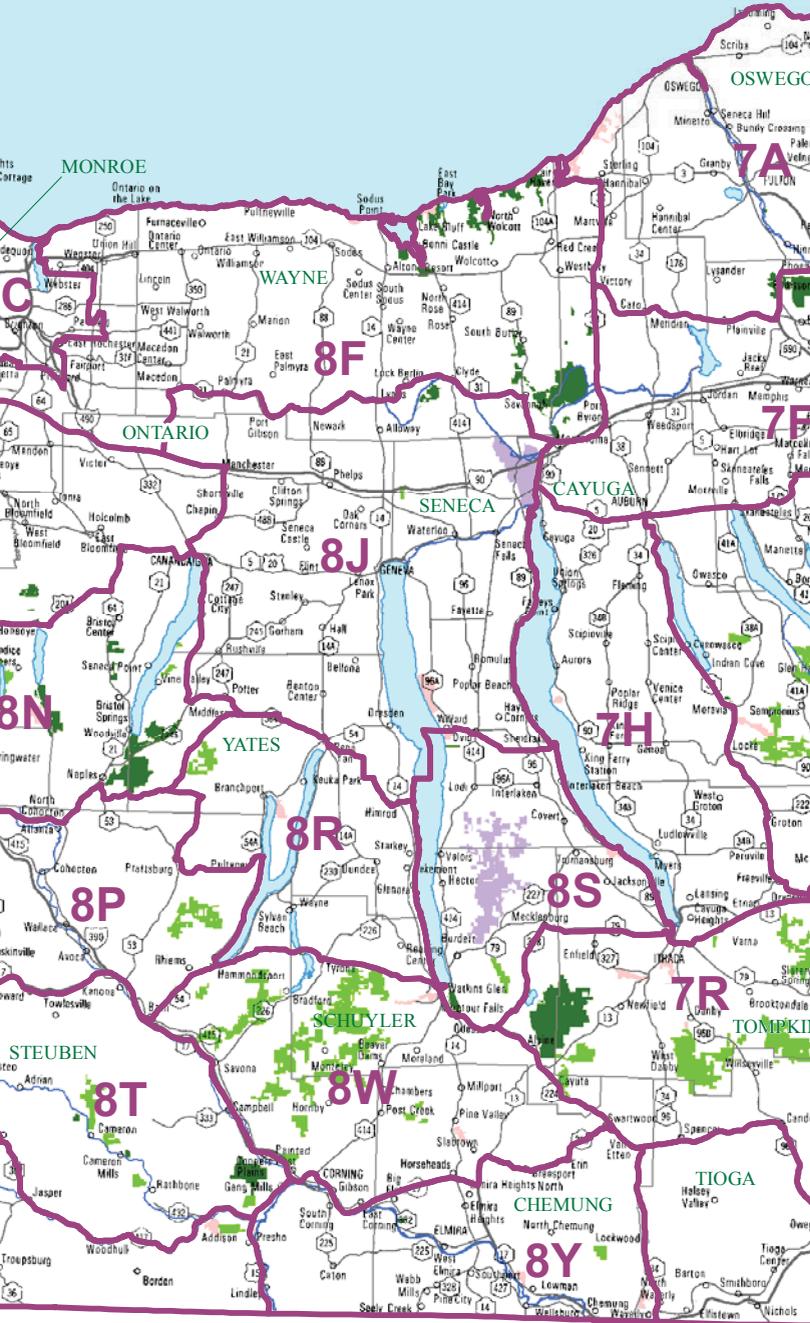


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WMA Accessible Features for Regions 8 and 9

Cattaraugus
Birch Run Ponds FWMA (Allegany)
• Fishing Access, Parking, 0.3 mi foot trail
Harwood Lake MUA (Farmersville)
• Parking
Cattaraugus/Erie
Zoar Valley (Otto, Persia, Collins)
• Parking
Cayuga/Wayne/Seneca
Northern Montezuma WMA (Victory, Conquest, Mentz, Montezuma, Butler, Savannah, Seneca Falls)
• Accessible Blind, Parking, Restroom, Viewing Platform, 1.4 mi foot trails
Chautauqua
Chautauqua Lake FWMA (Ellery, North Harmony)
• Accessible Blind, Parking, Viewing Platform, 0.2 mi foot trail
Watts Flats (Harmony)
• Blind
Erie
Great Baehre Swamp WMA (Amherst)
• Parking, 0.6 mi bike trail
Spicer Creek WMA (Grand Island)
• Accessible Blind, Parking, 0.4 mi foot trail
Tillman Road WMA (Clarence)
• Boardwalk, Parking, Viewing Platform, 0.1 mi foot trail
Genesee
John White WMA (Alabama)
• Accessible Blind, Parking
Livingston
Conesus Inlet WMA (Conesus)
• Parking, 0.1 mi foot trail
Livingston/Allegany
Rattlesnake Hill WMA (Nunda, Ossian, Grove)
• Viewing Platform, Parking
Monroe
Braddock Bay WMA (Parma, Greece)
• Fishing Access, Parking, Restroom, Viewing Platform
Ontario/Yates
High Tor WMA (Naples, Italy Middlesex)
• Fishing Access, Hand Launch, Parking
Orleans/Erie/Niagara/Genesee
Tonawanda WMA (Shelby, Newstead, Royalton, Alabama)
• Accessible Blind, Parking, 0.2 mi foot trail
Orleans/Genesee
Oak Orchard WMA (Barre, Shelby, Oakfield, Alabama)
• Parking, Viewing Platform, 0.1 mi foot trail, 3.2 mi dikes
Schuyler
Catherine Creek Marsh WMA (Dix, Montour)
• 2 mi. CP-3 trail*
Waneta-Lamoka WMA (Tyrone)
• Hand Launch, Parking
Steuben
Erwin WMA (Erwin)
• Parking
Wayne
Galen WMA (Galen)
• 2.2 mi foot trails
Lake Shore Marshes WMA (Rochester, Oswego)
• Fishing Access, Hand Launch, Parking, Restroom
Wyoming
Carlton Hill MUA (Middlebury)
• 0.6 mi CP-3 trail*

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