

# Message from the Governor



New York is blessed with an abundance of hunting opportunities, from the tip of Long Island to the shores of Lake Erie. Whether you're looking for big game, waterfowl, upland gamebirds, small game, or furbearers, we have a season for you. This year amidst all of the challenges and pain we've faced with the COVID-19 crisis, time spent responsibly outdoors is an especially comforting release that is important to our physical and mental well-being. And there's no better time to be afield than in the fall.

DEC's 50th anniversary commemoration this year offers a great opportunity to reflect on all of the significant progress New York has made to restore healthy ecosystems and the wildlife they support. Thanks to the hard work of DEC and other state agency partners over the years, our state has made great strides in removing environmental contaminants from our lands and our

waters. Bald eagles and peregrine falcons are thriving again in New York, and many of our game species have recovered and are expanding their range.

While there is much to celebrate, there is always more that we can do, especially as New York rises to take on new challenges such as invasive species and climate change. New York is up to the challenge and our hunting and trapping community will continue to play a leading role in conservation.

Each year, some 600,000 hunters and 14,000 trappers go afield in pursuit of their favorite game. DEC's dedicated volunteer hunter education instructors have done a remarkable job of instilling safe practices in New York's hunters. While 2019 was the safest year on record, tragic incidents still occur. These incidents are most often preventable, and it is incumbent on hunters to always put safety first.

In this year's hunting and trapping guide you will find information to keep you legal, safe, and informed about wildlife conservation issues. I wish you all a safe, enjoyable, and successful season in New York's magnificent great outdoors. Stay healthy, recreate responsibly, and be safe.

Excelsior!

**Governor Andrew M. Cuomo**

# Highlights of Changes for 2020–2021

## Changes to Regulations to Prevent the Spread of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD)

To prevent the introduction of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) to New York, hunters are prohibited from returning to the state with whole carcasses or intact heads of deer, elk, moose, or caribou that they harvest anywhere outside of New York. For more information read the CWD information on page 22 and visit <https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/8325.html>.

## Deer and Moose Feeding Prohibited

DEC adopted regulations to strengthen and clarify the existing prohibition on feeding deer and moose. Intentional feeding, including placing mineral blocks, is prohibited at all times of year. Products packaged to be sold as a food or attractant for deer or moose are required to carry a label stating that such use is illegal in New York. For more information visit <https://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/7197.html>.

## New Early Bear Hunting Opportunity in Wildlife Management Unit 4W

Regulations were adopted to offer an early bear season in Wildlife Management Unit 4W (portions of Delaware and Sullivan counties) to address a growing bear population and associated human-bear conflicts in this area. WMU 4W joins 10 other WMUs in southeastern New York with September bear hunting opportunity. For details see the Bear Hunting Seasons map on page 43.

## Additional Waterfowl Hunting Opportunity for Active-Duty Military and Veterans

As of 2020, states can offer two additional dates that allow active-duty military and veterans to hunt waterfowl. DEC worked with the Waterfowl Task Forces in each zone to select two days for this purpose. When this guide was printed regulations to provide additional hunting days for active duty military personnel and veterans were still pending. If approved, dates for each zone will be posted on the DEC website. Visit <https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/28888.html>.

## Changes to Trapping Season Dates for Mink, Muskrat, and Beaver

Based on input from trappers and management needs for species like beaver, DEC proposed regulations modifying season dates for mink, muskrat, and beaver. When this guide was printed the proposed regulations were still pending. If approved, revised season dates for these species will be posted on the DEC website. Visit <https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/45551.html>.

## New Hunting Season Summary

New in this year's Hunting and Trapping Regulations Guide is a four-page summary of hunting season maps and dates that you can pull out of the guide and take with you into the field.

### DEC HAS A NEW HUNTING, TRAPPING & FISHING LICENSING SYSTEM!

You can purchase new licenses and privileges, apply for deer management permits, track online orders, register for HIP, view an events calendar, report your game harvest & view your harvest history and much more!

**Here's how to access your account and get started today:**

- STEP ONE:** Go to DEC's website [www.dec.ny.gov](http://www.dec.ny.gov) and follow the links to purchase a sporting license online, then click 'Sign Up.'
- STEP TWO:** Locate your existing file by entering your current Customer ID # from your sporting license or your driver's license # and date of birth, OR create an account if you have never purchased a NYS sporting license.
- STEP THREE:** Create a user name (email address) and password.
- STEP FOUR:** Review your personal information and verify all the information is up to date.
- STEP FIVE:** Add qualifying education & eligibilities; view your order history, license holdings, game harvest reports and deer management permit history.
- STEP SIX:** Select the 'Buy a License' link at the top of the page to purchase a license!

For more information on the new system, including details on how to locate your profile, create a new one, add education and eligibilities and how to purchase licenses, privileges and products, visit our YouTube channel for tutorials or the DEC website.

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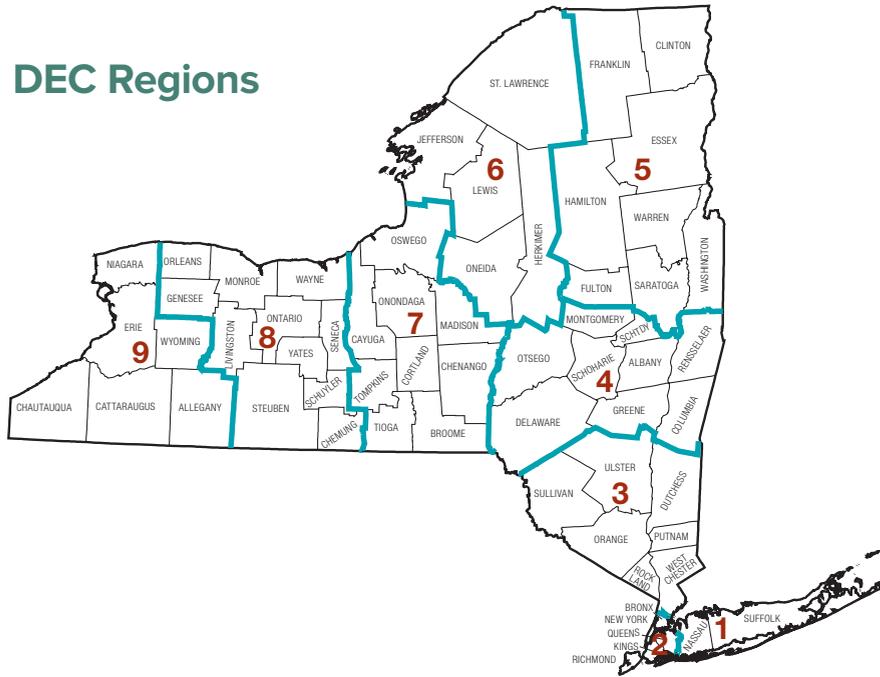


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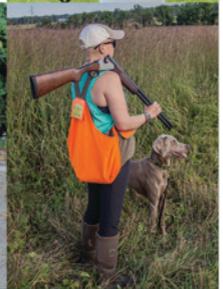
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## Important Numbers

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	<a href="http://www.reportband.gov">www.reportband.gov</a>
Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program (HIP)	1-888-427-5447 <a href="http://www.newyorkhip.org">www.newyorkhip.org</a>
Information on NY SAFE Act	1-855-LAW-GUNS
<b>Law Enforcement (ECOs)</b>	<b>1-844-332-3267</b>

# Message from the Commissioner



In 2020, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation is commemorating 50 years since its inception. I am proud to work with the people at DEC, our partners, and the public to continue the stewardship of New York's natural resources. The unprecedented crisis we are facing this year during the State's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the response of all New Yorkers to persevere in the face of adversity is emblematic of what we can accomplish when we work together toward a common goal.

Prior to the creation of DEC in 1970, its precursor, the New York State Conservation Department, was one of the first state agencies of its kind when it began in 1895. For over 100 years, New York's hunting and trapping community has taken an active role in conservation efforts and we have a lot of success stories to show for it. Game species like deer and turkeys that were once either greatly reduced in number or were gone from the state entirely are now abundant. Furbearers like otter, fisher, and bobcat that were restricted in their distributions can now be found across upstate New York. In addition to the many success stories for game species, hunter and trapper supported conservation efforts have benefited a multitude of non-game species through protection, habitat improvement, and management. The amount of land with public access for hunting and trapping has steadily increased, now totaling millions of acres across the state including 260,000 acres of Wildlife Management Areas.

Whereas the goal of hunters and the Conservation Department was once the restoration and recovery of game populations, our focus now shifts to protecting habitats and providing access to those habitats for wildlife-related recreation and other sustainable uses. In some parts of the state, species like deer are now overabundant, negatively affecting residents in these communities. Hunters, who were advocates for setting hunting seasons and bag limits 100 years ago to foster population recovery are now helping to manage overabundant deer and the impacts they cause on people and habitats. As new challenges emerge which impact at-risk species, our hunters continue to be a strong voice for conservation efforts which protect all of our native wildlife. The role of the hunter-conservationist is as important as it has ever been — protecting and managing habitat, managing species like deer and bear, and preventing the spread of diseases like Chronic Wasting Disease, to name but a few important management issues.

As New York's landscape and the wildlife that inhabit it change, so too does our relationship with the natural world. Engaging with that world during these challenging times is more important now than ever, and hunting and trapping are great ways to do so. In addition, when you head afield this fall you are continuing not only New York's hunting legacy, but its long legacy of conservation.

I hope to see you out there. Remember to recreate responsibly and safely to protect yourself and others. Good Luck and be safe!

## Basil Seggos

Commissioner

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

## Game Harvest Reporting

Hunters are required to report the harvest of deer, bear and turkey within 7 days of take. You may report your harvest using one of these methods:

- **Online:** [www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/8316.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/8316.html)
- **By phone:** 1-866-GAME-RPT (1-866-426-3778).
- **Game Harvest Mobile App** (see below for details).

### DID YOU KNOW?

You may be fined up to \$250 for failing to report your deer, bear or turkey take.

**Take it • Tag it • Report it**

Harvest reporting is the **LAW** and necessary for wildlife management!

## Report your Game Harvests via Mobile App!

DEC's mobile app, *HuntFishNY* provides hunters with an e-license and game harvest reporting tool. Hunters now have a quick, user-friendly way to:

- gain instant, mobile access to an electronic version of sporting licenses and privileges;
- report the harvest of deer, bear and turkey on a smartphone immediately while afield, even when out of cellular range;
- view current and past harvest reports.

The *HuntFishNY* App can be downloaded from the **Apple App store** or **Google Play store**.

**NOTE:** You will need a DEC Automated Licensing System (DECALS) user name and password in order to access your license documents through the app. If you have not yet created an online user name and password, visit the **DECALS** website today. Questions? – Call our sporting license hotline at 866-472-4332.



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# General License Information

## Purchasing a License

Hunting, trapping, and fishing licenses can be purchased at over 1,200 agent locations throughout NYS, over the phone via the DEC call center (1-866-933-2257/M-F, 8:30-4:30) and online through the DEC's Automated Licensing System, DECALS ([www.dec.ny.gov/permits/365.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/365.html)). To find an agent near you, visit [www.dec.ny.gov/permits/95448.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/95448.html). Visa & Mastercard are accepted online and over the phone.

## Mandatory Hunter Education

A hunter education course is required for persons who cannot provide proof that they have ever possessed a hunting license. You must be at least 11 years of age to take this class. The general course is an in-person or on-line course offered by DEC and is a minimum of seven hours in length. Once the course is complete, the individual must have the DEC hunter education certificate added to their DEC licensing profile. This can be done anywhere licenses are sold or by calling 1-866-933-2257. DEC honors hunter education certificates and sporting licenses from all other states and countries.

## Mandatory Bowhunter Education

Hunters wishing to bowhunt for big game must present either:

1. Proof that he or she successfully completed an approved bowhunter education course. (Note: Approved courses are International Bowhunter Education Program courses or an equivalent course conducted in 1974 or later. If in doubt, call toll free — 1-888-HUNT-ED2) OR
2. Proof that he or she previously held a NYS bowhunting license or stamp issued in 1980 or later; if proof is from prior to 1980, he/she must take an additional 7-hour minimum bowhunter education course.

## Mandatory Crossbow Requirement

Hunters wishing to use a crossbow must complete qualifications in the safe use of hunting with a crossbow and responsible crossbow hunting practices. See page 23 for details.

## Residency

To qualify for an annual resident license, a person must live in New York State for more than 30 days immediately preceding the date of application. To qualify for a Lifetime License, a person must live in New York State for at least one year immediately preceding the date of purchase. Land ownership in New York does not make you a resident. Residency is that place where a person maintains a fixed, permanent

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## Licenses, Privileges and Permits

Type	Age or Special Qualifier	Price
<b>Hunting (Ages 16+)</b> <b>Privileges:</b> Hunt small game species with gun, bow or crossbow (see page 23). Hunt deer or bear with gun, muzzleloader, bow (with proof of bow education or a bow privilege), or crossbow (see page 23) during the regular season, or hunt with shotgun or muzzleloader during the January firearms season (permit required — see page 18) in Suffolk County (WMU 1C). You may hunt frogs with a valid hunting or fishing license. <b>Qualifications:</b> Hunter Education Certificate OR previous hunting license. Certificates to possess firearms do not qualify. <b>Note:</b> Those less than 18 years of age who are hunting big game for the first time as a holder of a hunting license must be accompanied for the entire season by a parent or legal guardian, or a person 18 years of age or older designated in writing (see permission form on page 37) with at least one year's experience hunting bear or deer. Accompanist must have a current hunting license and meet all requirements as specified on page 37.	16–69 (NYS Resident)	\$22
	70+ (NYS Resident)	\$5
	Military Disabled <sup>1</sup>	\$5
	Patriot <sup>2</sup>	FREE
	Native American <sup>3</sup>	FREE
	16+ (Non-Resident)	\$100
<b>Junior Hunting (Ages 12–15)</b>	12–15 (NYS Resident)	\$5
	12–15 (Non-Resident)	\$5
<b>Privileges:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ages 12–13:</b> Hunt small game species with gun or bow during appropriate seasons when accompanied* by a parent, legal guardian, or person 21 years of age or older with written permission from parent or guardian (see permission form on page 37).</li> <li>• <b>Ages 14–15:</b> Hunt small game with gun, bow or crossbow (see page 23) when accompanied* by a parent, legal guardian or person 18 years of age or older with written permission from parent/guardian. Hunt deer or bear with a gun, bow (with proof of bow education or a bow privilege) or crossbow (see page 23) during the regular season, or hunt with shotgun or muzzleloader during the January firearms season (permit required — see page 18) in Suffolk County, when accompanied by a parent, legal guardian or "youth mentor" 21 years of age or older designated in writing (see permission form on page 37).</li> </ul>		
* Accompanist must have a current hunting license and meet all requirements as specified on page 37.		
<b>Qualifications:</b> Hunter Education Certificate OR previous hunting license (certificates to possess firearms do not qualify). Must be accompanied by parent/legal guardian to purchase. First-time applicants must show proof of age (birth certificate or passport). Junior hunters do not need a Federal Duck Stamp but are required to register in NYS's Harvest Information Program ( <a href="https://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/6405.html">https://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/6405.html</a> ) to hunt migratory game birds.		
<b>Bowhunting Privilege (Ages 16+)</b> <b>Privileges:</b> Hunt deer and bear with a bow during bowhunting seasons. <b>Qualifications:</b> Current year NYS hunting license, PLUS acceptable Bowhunter Education Certificate, OR NYS Bowhunting Stamp issued in 1980 or later, OR NYS Junior Bowhunting License issued 1980 or later. <b>Note:</b> To hunt deer or bear with a bow during the regular season, hunter must possess both a valid hunting license and either a current bowhunting privilege or a valid Bowhunter Education Certificate. This includes Westchester and Suffolk counties.	16–69 (NYS Resident)	\$15
	70+ (NYS Resident)	FREE
	Military Disabled <sup>1</sup>	FREE
	Patriot <sup>2</sup>	\$15
	Native American <sup>3</sup>	FREE
	16+ (Non-Resident)	\$30
<b>Junior Bowhunting (Ages 12–15)</b>	12–15 (NYS Resident)	\$4
	12–15 (Non-Resident)	\$4
<b>Privileges:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ages 12–13:</b> Hunt deer and bear with a bow during the bowhunting season or the regular season or bear during the early bear season when accompanied* by a parent, legal guardian, or a "youth mentor" 21 years or older and designated in writing (see permission form on page 37). Youth hunter will receive a deer of either sex carcass tag for use in the regular season, instead of a regular season buck tag.</li> <li>• <b>Ages 14–15:</b> Hunt deer and bear with a bow during the bowhunting season and the regular season when accompanied* by a parent, legal guardian or "youth mentor" 18 years of age or older designated in writing (see permission form on page 37).</li> </ul>		
* Accompanist must have a current hunting license and meet all requirements as specified on page 37.		
<b>Qualifications:</b> Current year NYS hunting license, PLUS acceptable Bowhunter Education OR previous Junior Bowhunting License. Must be accompanied by parent/legal guardian to purchase.		
<b>Muzzleloader Privilege (Ages 14+)</b> <b>Privileges:</b> Hunt deer and bear with a muzzleloading firearm during muzzleloading season, and the January special firearms season in Suffolk County (WMU 1C). Hunt deer and bear with a crossbow (see page 23). <b>Qualifications:</b> Current year NYS hunting license.	14–69 (NYS Resident)	\$15
	70+ (NYS Resident)	FREE
	Military Disabled <sup>1</sup>	FREE
	Patriot <sup>2</sup>	\$15
	Native American <sup>3</sup>	FREE
	14+ (Non-Resident)	\$30

## Licenses, Privileges and Permits

Type	Age or Special Qualifier	Price
<b>Deer Management Permit Application (Ages 12+)</b> <b>Privileges:</b> Application for up to two antlerless deer tags issued through a random computer selection process. Tags are valid for hunting antlerless deer only (both antlers less than 3" long) in a specified Wildlife Management Unit. See DMP information on pages 28–29. Application deadline is October 1 annually. <b>Qualifications:</b> Must hold a current year NYS hunting license to apply and pay a non-refundable \$10 application fee. <b>Fee is waived for hunters 12–15 years of age and holders of Lifetime (Sportsman) Licenses purchased prior to October 1, 2009.</b>	12–15 (NYS Resident)	FREE
	16+ (NYS Resident)	\$10
	Military Disabled <sup>1</sup>	\$10
	Patriot <sup>2</sup>	\$10
	Native American <sup>3</sup>	\$10
	12–15 (Non-Resident)	FREE
	16+ (Non-Resident)	\$10
<b>Turkey Permit (Ages 12+)</b> <b>Privileges:</b> Hunt turkey during fall and spring turkey seasons (see page 45). To hunt turkey, all hunters must possess a turkey permit. There are no exceptions. <b>Qualifications:</b> Current year NYS hunting license. Turkey tags are included with a Lifetime License (formerly Lifetime Sportsman).	12+ (NYS Resident)	\$10
	Military Disabled <sup>1</sup>	\$10
	Patriot <sup>2</sup>	\$10
	Native American <sup>3</sup>	\$10
	12+ (Non-Resident)	\$20
<b>Trapping</b> <b>Privileges:</b> Set traps for species during their appropriate seasons (see page 55 for detailed information). <b>Qualifications:</b> Trapper Education Certificate or previous trapping license. See page 37 for additional information on the mentoring program for trappers under 12 years of age.	12–15 (NYS Resident)	\$5
	16–69 (NYS Resident)	\$20
	70+ (NYS Resident)	\$5
	Military Disabled <sup>1</sup>	\$5
	Patriot <sup>2</sup>	FREE
	Native American <sup>3</sup>	FREE
	12–15 (Non-Resident)	\$5
	16+ (Non-Resident)	\$275

## Lifetime Sporting Licenses

The following Lifetime Licenses are available to New York State residents only and may be purchased at all license-issuing outlets throughout New York State. Applicants must prove NYS residency for one year prior to application (proofs are the same as annual licenses with the exception of the one-year requirement). For additional information and clarification on Lifetime License sales, contact our License Sales Unit, NYSDEC, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-4790, call 518-402-8843, or visit our website [www.dec.ny.gov](http://www.dec.ny.gov). Lifetime License Holders should expect to receive their annual carcass tags in the mail by no later than Sept. 1 annually. License Issuing Agents will replace licenses and tags free of charge between Sept. 1 and Nov. 1. After Nov. 1, there will be a charge up to \$15. If you have a lifetime license card, you will only have to replace carcass tags at a fee of \$10.

### Lifetime License (Sportsman) (combined hunting and fishing licenses, includes turkey permits):

For a person age 0–4	\$380
For a person age 5–11	\$535
For a person age 12–69	\$765
For a person age 70 or older	\$65

### Other Lifetime Licenses/Privileges

Hunting License	\$535
Fishing License (age 0–69)	\$460
Fishing License (age 70 and older)	\$65
Trapping License	\$395
Bowhunting	\$235
Muzzleloading	\$235

<sup>1</sup>**Military Disabled:** Permanent status — must be a NYS resident and provide a letter from the Department of Veterans' Affairs stating the disability is "permanent" and rated at a 40% or greater service-connected disability. Once permanent eligibility is determined, it will stay in your customer profile. Annual Status — must be a NYS resident and provide a letter ANNUALLY from the Department of Veterans' Affairs stating the disability is service connected and rated at 40% or more. The letter must be dated in the current year. **Note:** The first purchase of either a hunting, fishing or trapping license within a calendar year will cost \$5. Subsequent purchases of these license types within the same calendar year will be free for qualifying customers.

<sup>2</sup>**Patriot:** Free hunting, fishing and trapping licenses are available to NYS residents who have the appropriate hunting or trapping education and are active members of the NYS National Guard, US Reserve Forces or certain members of the US Armed Forces. For more detailed information, visit our website or call (518) 402-8843.

<sup>3</sup>**Native American:** Free hunting, fishing and trapping licenses are available to members of the Shinnecock and Poospatuck tribes and members of the Six Nations residing on reservations wholly or partially in New York State. Licenses must be obtained from participating tribal councils or DEC headquarters in Albany (518) 402-8843.

## Deer Hunting Privileges and Tags

### Resident and non-resident hunter licenses

- **Hunting or Junior Hunting (ages 14-15 only):** You will receive a Regular Season Deer Tag and a Regular Season Bear Tag.
- **Muzzleloading privilege:** You will receive a Bow/Mz Season Either Sex Tag.
- **Junior bowhunting or bowhunting privilege:** You will receive a Bow/Mz Season Either Sex Tag. Junior bowhunters may also use this tag during the regular season, with bowhunting equipment.

Residents and non-residents must purchase a hunting license to be eligible for bowhunting and muzzleloading privileges. **If you purchase both bowhunting and muzzleloading privileges, you will receive one Bow/Mz Either Sex Deer Tag and one Bow/Mz Antlerless Deer Tag.** Both tags may be used in either season, with the appropriate implement.

## Lifetime Licenses and Tags for Young Hunters

Young hunters who hold a lifetime hunting privilege and wish to receive their tags must first take the appropriate hunter safety training course and have it entered in their DECALS profile. To have the course added, please call the DEC call center at 1-866-933-2257 (M-F, 8:30-4:30). Young hunters should take the appropriate training course well in advance of the season to allow adequate time for their tags to be mailed. Tags cannot be obtained from a license-issuing agent.

When purchasing a lifetime license for a child, the purchaser must bring proof of the child's age (e.g., birth certificate or passport) and a copy of the parent's proof of residency.

## Remember to Report Your Game Harvest

Visit [www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/8316.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/8316.html) for details. It's the law!

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and principal home (regardless of where temporarily located), such as where a person is registered to vote. If under 18, the residence of parents or legal guardian shall be deemed such person's residence. For a complete list of valid residency proof documents please see [www.dec.ny.gov/permits/95452.html#Res](http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/95452.html#Res).

Active members of the U.S. Armed Forces stationed in New York and full-time college students in residence in the state during the school year (proof required) qualify for annual resident licenses.

## Minimum Hunting Age

Minors under the age of 12 may not obtain a hunting license or hunt wildlife.

## License Year

Licenses and permits are valid from September 1 through August 31.

## License Responsibilities

- A license or tag is not transferable and may be used only by the person to whom it was issued (except for Deer Management Permits—see pages 28–29).
- It is illegal to possess another person's license while hunting.
- A license to hunt, trap or fish does not give the holder any right to go on private property without permission of the landowner.
- You can legally purchase and possess only one hunting license per year.
- Your license must be carried on your person when hunting or trapping.
- It is illegal to refuse to show your license on demand to a law enforcement officer or the owner, lessee or person in control of the lands (or their designees) while on their property.
- Make sure that your license has all the correct information. Carefully check it immediately after receipt. If you discover an error, have it corrected as soon as possible.



Lauren Nowak in Monroe County with her first deer.

Stamps / Donations		
Type	Age or Special Qualifier	Price
<b>Habitat &amp; Access Stamp</b> Donations are used to create or improve fish and wildlife habitat and improve access to those resources for recreational or educational activities.	Any	\$5
<b>Venison Donation</b> Help feed the hungry by supporting NY's venison donation program.	Any	\$1 or more
<b>Federal Duck Stamp</b> Available at most post offices and some sporting goods stores.	16+	\$25

**Privileges:** Hunt migratory waterfowl. It is not needed for gallinules, coot, crows, rails, woodcock or snipe. All migratory game bird hunters, including junior hunters, must register with the Harvest Information Program by calling toll free 1-888-427-5447 or registering online at: [www.dec.ny.gov/permits/6405.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/6405.html)

**Qualifications:** Validated by holder's signature on the face of the stamp. Hunter must also possess a current year NYS hunting license.

- Do NOT heat laminate your license. High temperatures will destroy the license and tags and turn them black. If destroyed, there is a fee for replacement.
- Sign the back of your license/privilege panel.

## Back Tags

Must be visibly displayed on the middle of your back while hunting, except in the Northern Zone and Catskill Park.

## Hunting License Exceptions

All residents must have a valid hunting license in their possession except:

- Resident owners primarily engaged in farming, lessees and members of their immediate families do not need a hunting license when hunting small game on farmlands they are occupying and cultivating.
- Native Americans living on a reservation do not need a hunting license while hunting on reservation lands.

## Free Licenses/ Patriot Licenses

Free hunting, fishing and trapping licenses are available to members of the Shinnecock and Poospatuck tribes and members of the Six Nations residing on reservations in the state. They must be obtained from some tribal councils or DEC headquarters in Albany (518) 402-8843.

Free hunting, fishing and trapping licenses are also available to NYS residents who have the appropriate Hunter Education and are active service members of the NYS Guard, US Reserve Forces or certain members of the US Armed Forces. For more detailed information, visit our website or call (518) 402-8843.

## Lost Licenses

A lost current year license may be replaced at any license-issuing outlet at a cost of \$5 for a license panel. Big game carcass tag sets or turkey carcass tag sets may be replaced at a cost of \$10. There is no charge to replace a lost backtag.

## Special Licenses for Hunters with Disabilities

### Non-ambulatory hunter permit

This permit allows qualified hunters to shoot a firearm from a motorized vehicle (including an off-road vehicle) that has the motor turned off and that is completely off the highway right-of-way.

To qualify for a Non-Ambulatory Hunter Permit, a person must be physically unable to move about except with the use of a mechanized aid such as a wheelchair.

### Modified longbow authorization

This authorization allows qualified people to hunt big or small game with a legal bow that is equipped with a device to hold it in a drawn and cocked position. It does not allow for the use of a crossbow.

To qualify for a Modified Longbow Authorization, a person must be permanently physically unable to draw and hold a legal bow.

### Modified crossbow permit

This permit allows qualified people to hunt big or small game during bowhunting season with a crossbow that has been specifically modified with a device that only allows it to be discharged (fired) by means of a breath tube. This permit does not allow the use of an unmodified crossbow.

To qualify for a Modified Crossbow Permit, a person must be permanently physically unable to hold or draw a legal bow or to fire a legal bow that has been modified to hold and release the string.

If a person can pull the trigger on a gun, he or she will not qualify for a Modified Crossbow Permit.

For more information on these permits, write the NYS DEC Special Licenses Unit, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-4752, email [speciallicenses@dec.ny.gov](mailto:speciallicenses@dec.ny.gov) or call (518) 402-8985. The application process takes time; write or call well before you intend to hunt.

## How To Properly Fill Out Your Carcass Tag and Report Your Harvest

### Carcass Tag

REG SEASON DEER - RES

Doc# 1234-5678-9013      2020-21

Jane Doe      05/31/1982

ID # 314114431020      Issued 08/24/2020 10:52 AM

**Fill out both sides immediately upon harvest**

Kill Info

Date 11-28-20      Sex  M  F

County Green      Antler Pts L 3 R 3

Town Cairo       Reg Season

WMU 4H       Bowhunting

Muzzleloading



### It's as Easy as 1 - 2 - 3!!

- 1 Fill in the date, location, biological and season information on the front of your tag.
- 2 Mark or cut out month and day of kill AND sign the back of your tag.
- 3 Report your harvest! See details below.

Use pen or permanent marker.

17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31

1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16

May    Jun    Jul    Aug    **Nov**    Dec    Jan    Feb

Mark or Cut Out month & day of kill

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**NY Fishing, Hunting & Wildlife**

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Now includes an electronic license & game harvest reporting feature!

For more information on the app & game harvest reporting, visit:  
[www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/8316.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/8316.html)  
Report by phone: 866-426-3778

EnCon Officer 24/7 Dispatch - call 844-332-3267

All Licensees: I hereby affirm under penalty of perjury that information provided on this form is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. False statements are punishable as a Class A misdemeanor pursuant to Section 210.45 of the Penal Law.

Signature Jane Doe

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Parents of Junior Licensees must sign and provide supervision.  
Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

It is against the law to improperly or incompletely fill out your carcass tag.

Hole for attaching to your game

## Remember: Take It • Tag It • Report It

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### Reporting Your Game Harvest

- Deer, Bear and Turkey harvests must be reported within 7 days of take.
- You can report your harvest by phone, online or through our new mobile app (see page 8 for details).
- Reporting online and through the new mobile app is simple, fast and convenient!

Remember to save the bear's skull so DEC can collect a tooth to age the bear.



### Information You Will Need When Reporting

CUSTOMER ID #

12 DIGIT DOC #

CORRECT TAG TYPE

REG SEASON DEER - RES

Doc# 1234-5678-9013      2020-21

Jane Doe      05/31/1982

ID # 314114431020      Issued 08/24/2020 10:52 AM

**Fill out both sides immediately upon harvest**

Kill Info

Date 11-28-20      Sex  M  F

County Green      Antler Pts L 3 R 3

Town Cairo       Reg Season

WMU 4H       Bowhunting

Muzzleloading

Jane Doe      Valid 09/01/2020

ID# 314114431020      08/31/2021

You must call to report your deer, turkey or bear within 7 days of take.  
To report Call Toll-free: 1-866-426-3778(GAMERPT)  
or visit [www.dec.ny.gov](http://www.dec.ny.gov)

	Date of Kill	Reported
DMP Deer Tag-4H	1234-5678-9012	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reg Season Deer	1234-5678-9013	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bear Tag	1234-5678-9014	<input type="checkbox"/>

- For Spring Turkey:
  - » Spur length (none, less than 1/2", 1/2" or longer)
  - » Beard length (less than 3", 3" or greater but less than 7 1/2", or 7 1/2" or longer.
  - » Estimated weight

- For Fall Turkey:
  - » Remember to save a leg. We will request it to determine age and sex.

# General Hunting Regulations

The following are general hunting regulations. Specific regulations for various game species are in the Small Game, Big Game and Trapping sections of this booklet.

## Definitions

**Air gun**—a firearm that uses spring or compressed air (not gunpowder) to propel a single projectile that is .17 caliber or larger and produces a muzzle velocity of at least 600 feet per second. You may use a smooth or rifled bore.

**Bow**—includes long (stick), compound, or recurve bow.

**Crossbow**—consists of a bow, a string, and either compound or recurve limbs with a minimum width of 17 inches (tip of limbs, uncocked), mounted on a stock. The stock shall have a trigger with a working safety that holds the string and limbs under tension until released. It shall have a minimum overall length from the butt of the stock to the front of the limbs of 24 inches and be able to launch a minimum 14-inch arrow/bolt, not including the legal arrowhead. It shall have a draw weight of 100 to 200 pounds. Optical sights are allowed on crossbows.

**Firearm**—all guns, including handguns, rifles, shotguns, muzzleloaders, BB and pellet guns.

**Handgun**—is any pistol or revolver intended to be aimed and fired with one hand and having a barrel length not exceeding 16 inches. Possession of handguns in New York State requires a NYS Pistol Permit. New York does not recognize permits issued by other states.

**To hunt**—means to pursue, shoot, kill or capture (other than trap) wildlife and includes all lesser acts that disturb or worry wildlife, whether or not they result in taking. Hunting also includes all acts to assist another person in taking wildlife.

**Motor vehicle**—means every vehicle or device operated by any power other than muscle power including but not limited to automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, tractors, trailers, motorboats, snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles, whether operated on or off public highways.

**Muzzleloading firearm**—is a firearm loaded through the muzzle, shooting a single projectile and having a minimum bore of .44 inch. Scopes or fiber-optic sights may be used at any time. You must possess a New York State Pistol Permit to hunt with a muzzleloading pistol.

**Public highway**—means any road maintained by a state, county or town. A private road is one maintained by a person or corporation.

**Rifle**—is a firearm with a barrel length of 16 inches or more with rifling in the barrel that uses metallic cartridges.

**Shotgun**—is a firearm with a barrel length of 18 inches or more that uses shells that are non-metallic except for the base.

## Hunt Safe — Hunt Smart

- Assume every gun to be loaded.
- Control the muzzle, point in a safe direction.
- Keep finger off the trigger until firing.
- Be sure of your target and beyond.
- Wear hunter orange.

**To take**—means to pursue, shoot, hunt, kill, capture, trap, snare or net wildlife and game—and all lesser acts that disturb or worry wildlife—or to place or use any net or other device commonly used to take wildlife.

**To trap**—means to take, kill or capture wildlife with traps, deadfalls and other devices commonly used to take wildlife, including the shooting or killing of lawfully trapped animals. It also includes all related activities such as placing, setting, staking or checking traps or assisting another person with these activities.

## Manner of Taking

It is illegal to take or hunt wildlife:

- While in or on a motor vehicle (except by special permit—see page 2)
- With the aid of a vehicle's lights
- On or from any public road
- With any firearm equipped with a silencer
- With any firearm which continues to fire as long as the trigger is held back (an automatic firearm)
- With any semi-automatic firearm with a capacity to hold more than 6 rounds, except:
  1. Firearms using .22 or .17 caliber rimfire ammunition, or
  2. Firearms altered to reduce their capacity to no more than 6 shells at one time in the magazine and chamber combined, or
  3. Autoloading pistols with a barrel length of less than 8 inches
- With a spear
- With a bow equipped with any mechanical device which is attached to the bow (other than the bowstring) for drawing, holding or releasing the bowstring except for a person with a physical disability in possession of a Modified Longbow Authorization (compound bows are legal)
- With a spear gun or modified crossbow except for a person with a physical disability in possession of a Modified Crossbow Permit
- With an arrow with an explosive head or shaft.
- With any device designed or intended to deliver drugs to an animal
- With a crossbow if you are under 14 years old

**Baiting**—It is illegal to hunt with the aid of bait or over any baited area when hunting big game, upland game birds, turkey or waterfowl.

**Fish**—Crossbows may not be used to take carp or any other fish.

## Spotlighting

You may use lights to observe wildlife under the following conditions:

- You are not within 500 feet of a home or farm

building, unless you have permission from the owner or lessee (when looking for deer or bear)

- While in or on a motor vehicle and operating a light and no person has a firearm, bow, or crossbow, or if:

- » the implement is taken down, or
- » the implement is securely fastened in a case, or
- » the implement is locked in the trunk of the vehicle, or
- » the implement is a handgun

For information on hunting furbearers at night, see page 55.

## Possession of Firearms and Crossbows

During the open season for deer, it is illegal to:

- Possess shotgun shells loaded with slug or ball, unless holding a valid license (including carcass tags) or permit to take deer or bear, or
- Possess a rifle larger than a .22-caliber rimfire in areas where rifles are banned for taking deer (**Centerfire rifles less than .22-caliber and muzzleloading rifles are legal**)

In Westchester County and on Long Island, it is illegal to use any rifle for hunting or to carry one afield. In Suffolk, Nassau and Westchester counties, it is illegal to use a crossbow to hunt wildlife.

In the Northern Zone, it is illegal to carry a rifle larger than .22 rimfire or a shotgun loaded with slug, ball or buckshot afield if accompanied by a dog, except when coyote hunting.

Possession of handguns in New York requires a NYS Pistol Permit. New York does not recognize permits issued by other states.

## Transportation of Firearms

A person may not transport or possess a shotgun, rifle or crossbow in or on a **motor vehicle** unless the firearm is unloaded in both chamber and magazine or the crossbow is unloaded or taken down. While legally hunting migratory game birds, a loaded firearm may be possessed in a motorboat not under power OR in a motorboat under power only while retrieving dead/crippled birds.

A muzzleloader is considered unloaded when the cap is off the nipple, the primer is removed, the primer powder is removed from the flintlock pan, or the battery is removed from an electric-fired muzzleloader.

A crossbow is considered unloaded when the arrow/bolt is removed and the crossbow is uncocked.

## Discharge of Firearms, Crossbows and Bows

It is illegal to discharge a firearm, crossbow or bow:

- So that the load or arrow/bolt passes over any part of a public highway
- Within 500 feet for a firearm, 250 feet for a crossbow or 150 feet for a bow of any school, playground, or an occupied factory or church
- Within 500 feet for a firearm, 250 feet for a crossbow or 150 feet for a bow of a dwelling, farm building or structure in occupation or use unless you own it, lease it, are an immediate member of the family, an employee, or have the owner's consent

You may hunt waterfowl over water within 500 feet of a dwelling or public structure as long as neither are within 500 feet in the direction you are shooting.

## Protected and Unprotected Wildlife

In New York State, nearly all species of wildlife are protected. Most species, including endangered species, songbirds, hawks and owls are fully protected and may not be taken. The few unprotected species include porcupine, red squirrel, woodchuck, chipmunk, English sparrow, starling, rock pigeon and monk parakeet.

## Hunter Education

### Hunter Education Requirements

All first-time hunters, bowhunters, and trappers must pass one or more courses before they can purchase a license. Traditionally, hunter and trapper education have been in-person courses taught by trained volunteer instructors certified by DEC. In April 2020, DEC began offering an on-line hunter education course in response to COVID-19. Be sure to check the DEC website about the availability of both in-person and on-line courses before registering.

### In-Person Hunter Education Course

In-person courses have a field day where new hunters can get hands-on experience. All courses are free of charge, but space may be limited. As hunting seasons approach, classes fill quickly. **SIGN UP EARLY!**

All in-person hunter and trapper education courses require the completion of homework prior to attending the course. Proof of completed homework must be brought to the course. Homework may take several hours to complete, so start it well in advance.

To obtain study materials to complete the homework requirement, download the free manual and worksheet from the DEC website. Visit [www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/7860.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/7860.html) for more information on materials, including a list of courses and course registration.

### On-line Hunter Education Course

All the requirements to earn a New York State hunter education certificate can be met by completing DEC's on-line course and passing the exam. Upon passing, you will receive your hunter education certificate so you can purchase a hunting license.

You must be a New York State resident. The cost of the course is \$19.95 and can be accessed at <https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/92267.html>.

Unprotected species may be taken at any time without limit. However, a hunting license is required to hunt unprotected wildlife with a bow, crossbow or firearm.

Game species may be taken only during their open seasons and as summarized in this guide. Persons taking wildlife on licensed shooting preserves must comply with regulations governing those shooting preserves.



# Environmental Conservation Officers

## Report All Poachers and Polluters

1-844-DEC-ECOS (844-332-3267)

Approximately 250 field ECOs patrol the entire state. Their job includes enforcement of fish and wildlife laws and state environmental quality laws. ECOs rely on the eyes and ears of our dedicated members of the sporting community to report suspected violations. Poachers and other violators are stealing from you, your children and our environment.

**As soon as possible**, call the hotline to report suspected violations. Dispatchers will assist you in filing a complaint. You may ask to have your name kept confidential or file anonymously. File complaints online at [www.dec.ny.gov/regulations/67751.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/regulations/67751.html)

Complaints are forwarded to an ECO for investigation. The sooner you call and the more detailed information you provide, the more likely the violator will be apprehended. Try to remember the “who, what, when, where and how” of the event.

**Keep your distance.** Do not approach or confront suspects. They may be dangerous, destroy evidence, or simply evade officers if forewarned.

**Who did it?** Provide names, age, sex, height, weight, clothing or vehicle descriptions, etc.

**What occurred?** What exactly is the nature of the violation? Examples — taking deer using bait, over limit, shooting from roadway, trespass, using tags of another, after hours, non-resident buying resident license.

**When did it occur?** Dates and times. Is it still in progress, ongoing or yet to happen?

**Where did it occur?** Provide exact street addresses, town/county, GPS locations or other ways the officer can locate the scene, suspects and evidence.

**How did it occur?** What methods or circumstances were used in the violation?

## Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact

New York State is a member of IWVC, which is an agreement between 47 states to share information regarding hunting, fishing and trapping convictions.

The IWVC gives members the capability to honor each other's license revocations so a violator convicted in one state may be barred from hunting, fishing or trapping in all member states, at the discretion of each state.

Call NYSDEC Law Enforcement at (518) 402-8816 or visit <http://wildlifecrimestoppers.org/>

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ECO SWAN	(518) 869-5237	
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ECO DODGE	(718) 751-5701	
ECO MICHALET	(929) 505-6878	
ECO VELOSKI	(929) 505-6896	
SUPERVISOR - LT. GALVIN	(718) 482-4885	
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ECO MCCORMICK	(607) 621-3464	
ECO RIGOLI	(607) 766-1375	
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ECO SINCEBAUGH	(315) 253-8534	
SUPERVISOR - LT. MCSHANE	(315) 426-7431	
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ECO FREEMAN	(716) 490-3947	
ECO KINNEY	(716) 401-1187	
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ECO LIFRIERI	(607) 644-3815	
SUPERVISOR - LT. LOCHNER	(315) 836-6137	
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ECO WING	(607) 242-9156	
SUPERVISOR - LT. COLESANTE	(315) 426-7431	
CLINTON		
ECO BUFFA	(518) 354-0539	
ECO FADDEN	(518) 912-4579	
ECO LACROIX	(518) 335-5422	
ECO LAGREE	(518) 319-7706	
SUPERVISOR - LT. PHELPS	(518) 897-1326	
COLUMBIA		
ECO COX	(518) 794-8935	
ECO DAVEY	(518) 414-6083	
SUPERVISOR - LT. MALONEY	(518) 357-2047	
CORTLAND		
ECO BURDICK	(315) 251-0125	
ECO KOSTUK	(315) 741-2205	
SUPERVISOR - LT. COLESANTE	(315) 426-7431	
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ECO BAUER	(845) 346-6607	
ECO DOIG	(607) 267-5452	
ECO OSBORNE	(607) 206-0711	
ECO WOODIN	(607) 437-6259	
SUPERVISOR - LT. BEITER	(518) 505-4123	
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ECO EYLER	(845) 490-9869	
ECO HAMELINE	(845) 423-1018	
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ECO PASCIAK	(518) 448-3103	
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HAMILTON		
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ECO KELLY	(315) 804-9435	
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SUPERVISOR - LT. HIGGINS	(518) 897-1326	
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ECO TABOR	(315) 214-9681	
ECO NOYES	(315) 240-8862	
ECO GATES	(315) 816-1449	
SUPERVISOR - LT. MURPHY	(315) 785-2231	
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ECO JAKAUB	(315) 269-7443	
ECO LUCAS	(315) 823-4071	
ECO SCHOONOVER	(315) 269-6646	
SUPERVISOR - LT. MARKEY	(315) 785-2231	
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ECO JACKSON	(315) 418-7380	
ECO MCFEE	(315) 640-0335	
ECO NICHOLAS	(315) 466-4931	
ECO ROCKEFELLER	(315) 830-6335	
ECO WOYTON	(315) 200-0813	
ECO KOCHANOWSKI	(315) 748-8041	
SUPERVISOR - LT. BARTOSZEWSKI	(315) 785-2231	
KINGS		
ECO ANDERSON	(929) 505-1174	
ECO BRUSSELL	(929) 505-4747	
ECO LOVGREN	(929) 505-6875	
ECO PARMELEE	(929) 505-6888	
SUPERVISOR - LT. DAINACK	(718) 482-4885	
LEWIS		
ECO KRAEGER	(315) 767-5232	
ECO NICHOLAS	(315) 466-4931	
ECO ROCKEFELLER	(315) 830-6335	
ECO WOYTON	(315) 200-0813	
SUPERVISOR - LT. MURPHY	(315) 785-2231	
LIVINGSTON		
ECO RAUSCHER	(585) 300-7715	
ECO DUSSAULT	(585) 362-0395	
ECO WARD, C.	(585) 303-0098	
SUPERVISOR - LT. VERHAGUE, J.	(585) 226-6706	
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ECO GRISOLINI	(607) 316-2574	
SUPERVISOR - LT. COLESANTE	(315) 426-7431	
MONROE		
ECO DOBIES	(585) 329-8377	
ECO JANKOWSKI	(585) 269-9338	
ECO JOHNSTON	(585) 397-2746	
ECO LUTZ	(585) 303-1506	
ECO MUCHOW	(585) 329-9381	
ECO SNOWDON	(585) 683-6758	
SUPERVISOR - LT. HUMMEL	(585) 226-6706	

# Environmental Conservation Officers

## ECO Dispatch — 1-844-332-3267 for General Questions

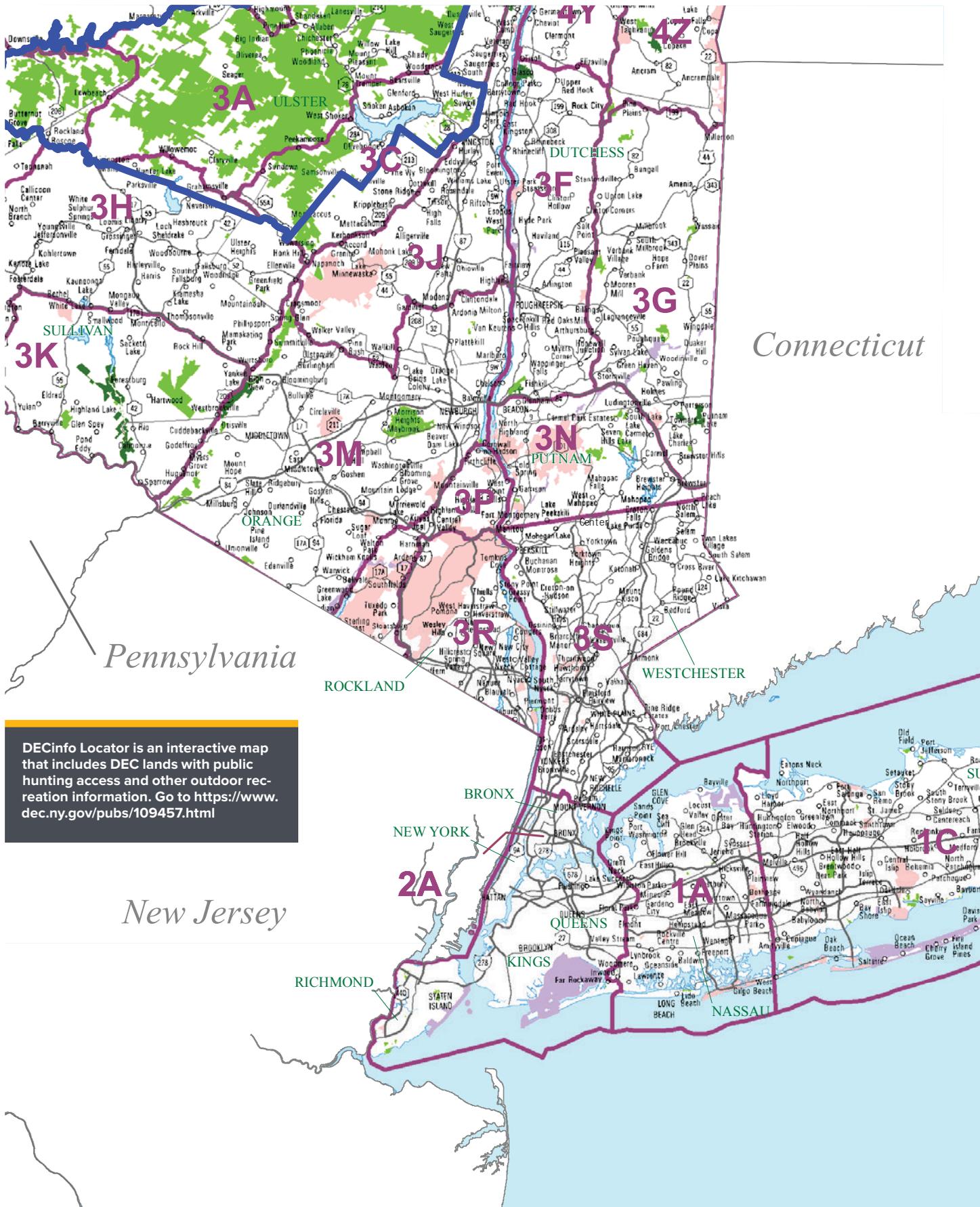
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ECO BUSH	(518) 813-6805
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SUPERVISOR - LT. MURPHY	(315) 785-2231
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ECO HULL	(315) 408-7179
ECO HOWE	(315) 382-0996
ECO LAKEMAN	(315) 734-0648
ECO STARCZEK	(315) 489-4224
SUPERVISOR - LT. MARKEY	(315) 785-2231
ONONDAGA	
ECO DAMRATH	(315) 445-2061
ECO SHERMAN	(315) 484-9678
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## 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

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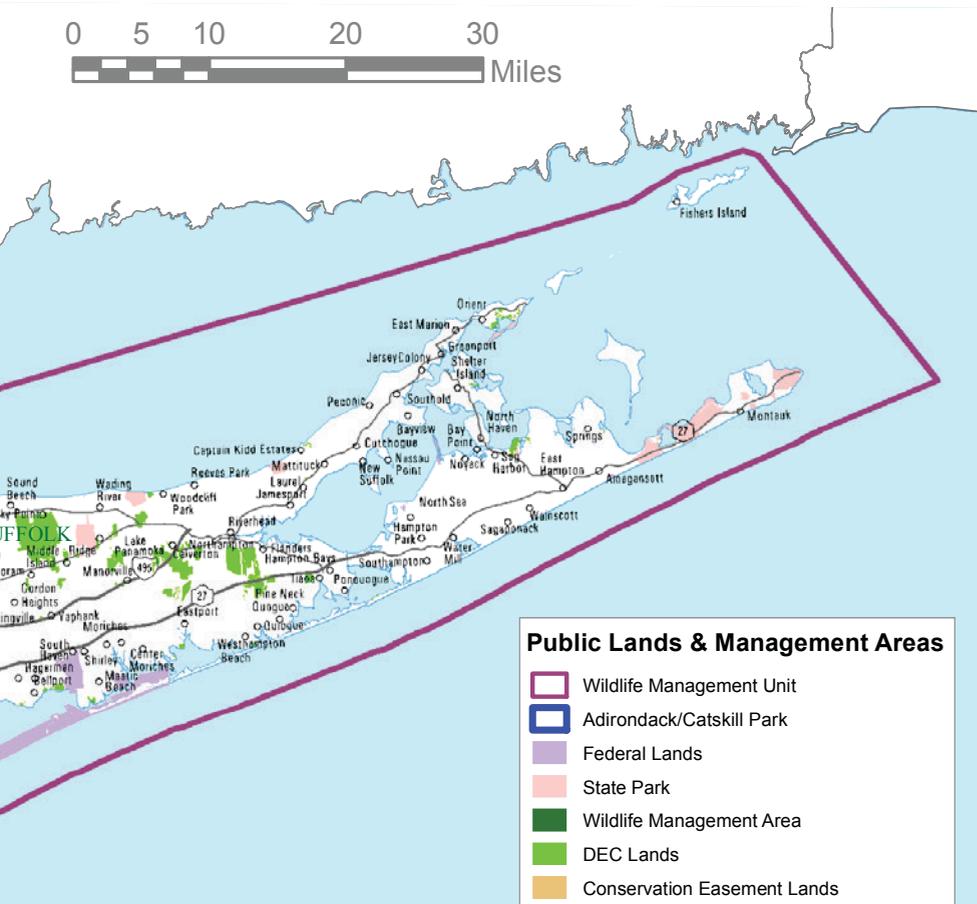
- Walked, snowshoed, and skied 26,297 miles of trails
- Inspected 10,409 occupied campsites
- Patrolled 18,593 miles on snowmobile
- Conducted 19,312 snowmobile law safety checks
- Made 1,018 state land offense tickets/arrests

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

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## 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](http://www.dec.ny.gov) and search for "invasive insects".



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What's lurking in your firewood?

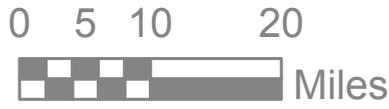
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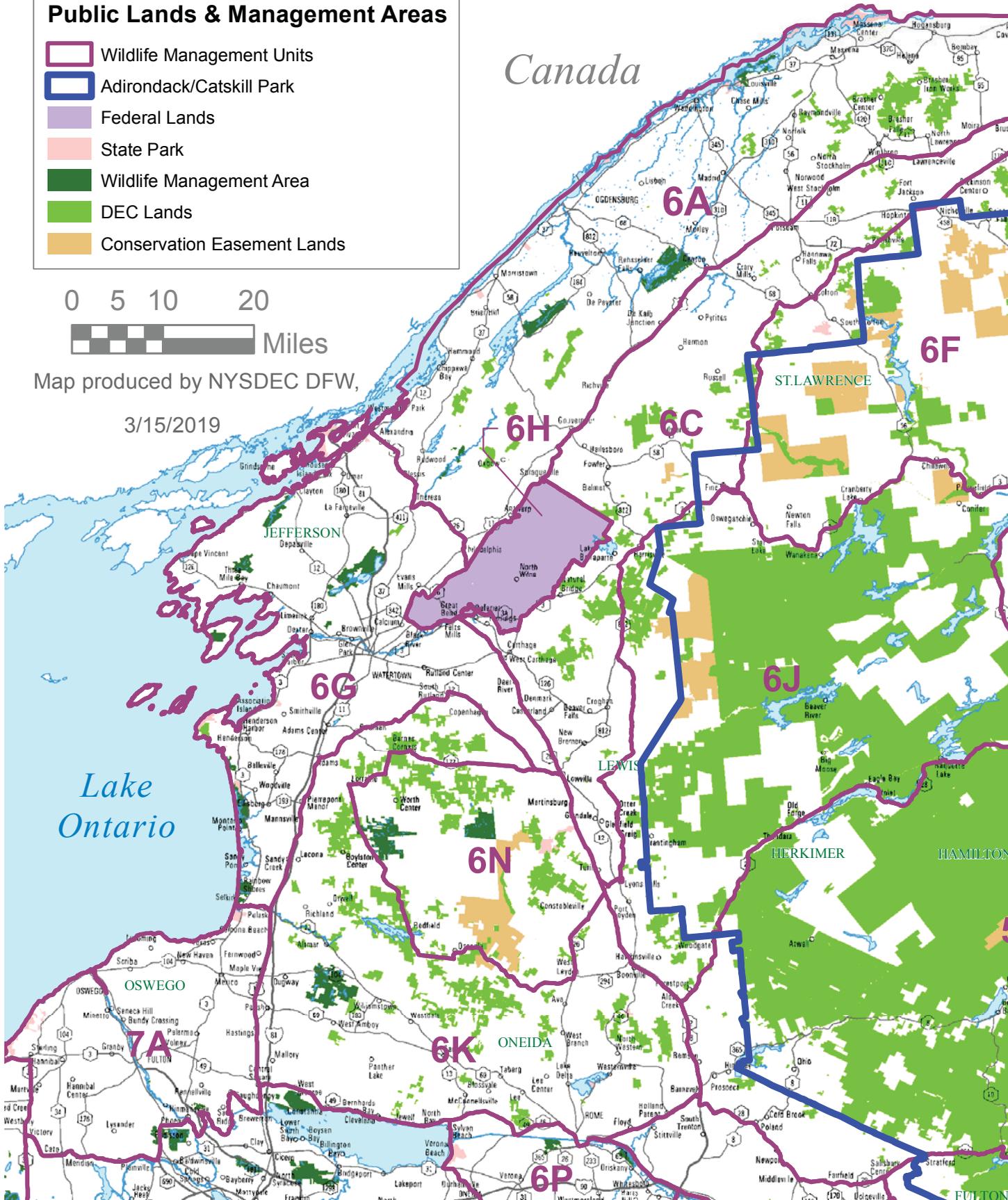
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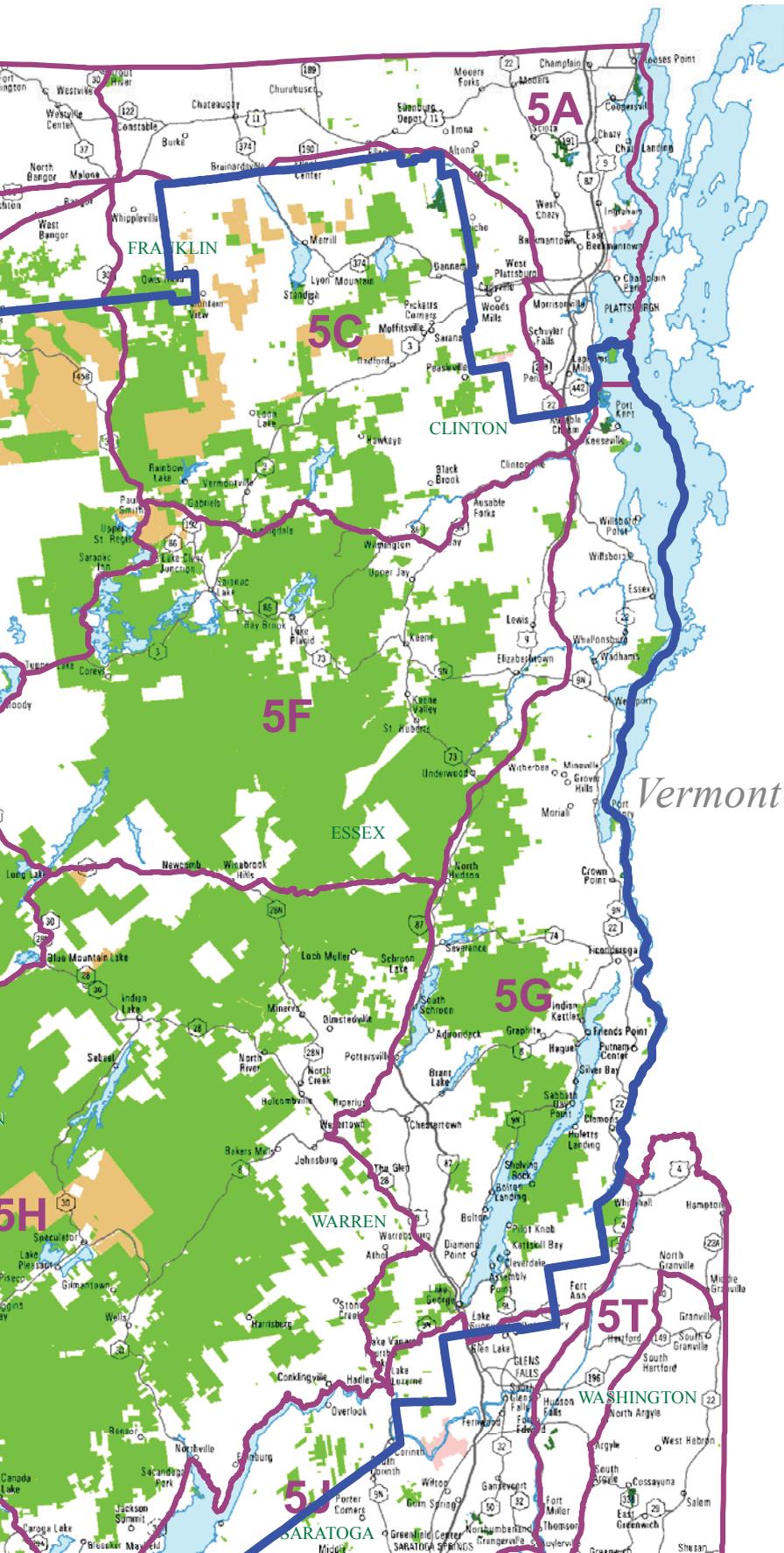
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## WMA Accessible Features for Regions 5 and 6

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

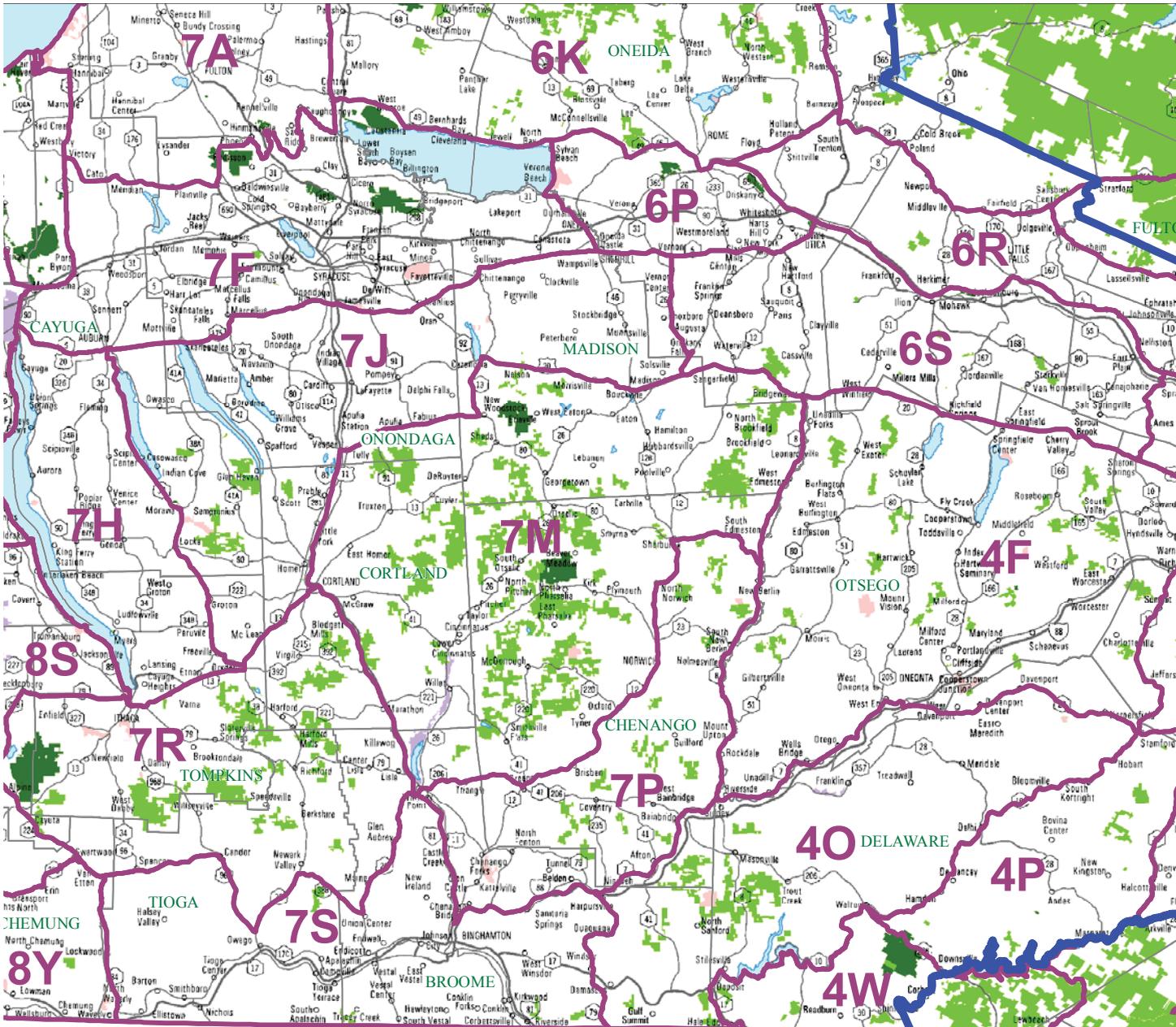
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## Conservation Easements

Public hunting and trapping is allowed on the conservation easements shown on these maps, but because rules and regulations are different for each conservation easement, members of the public wishing to hunt or trap on a particular easement property are strongly encouraged to contact the local DEC office (see page 6) before planning a trip.

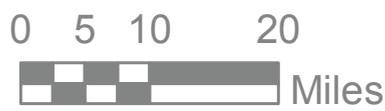
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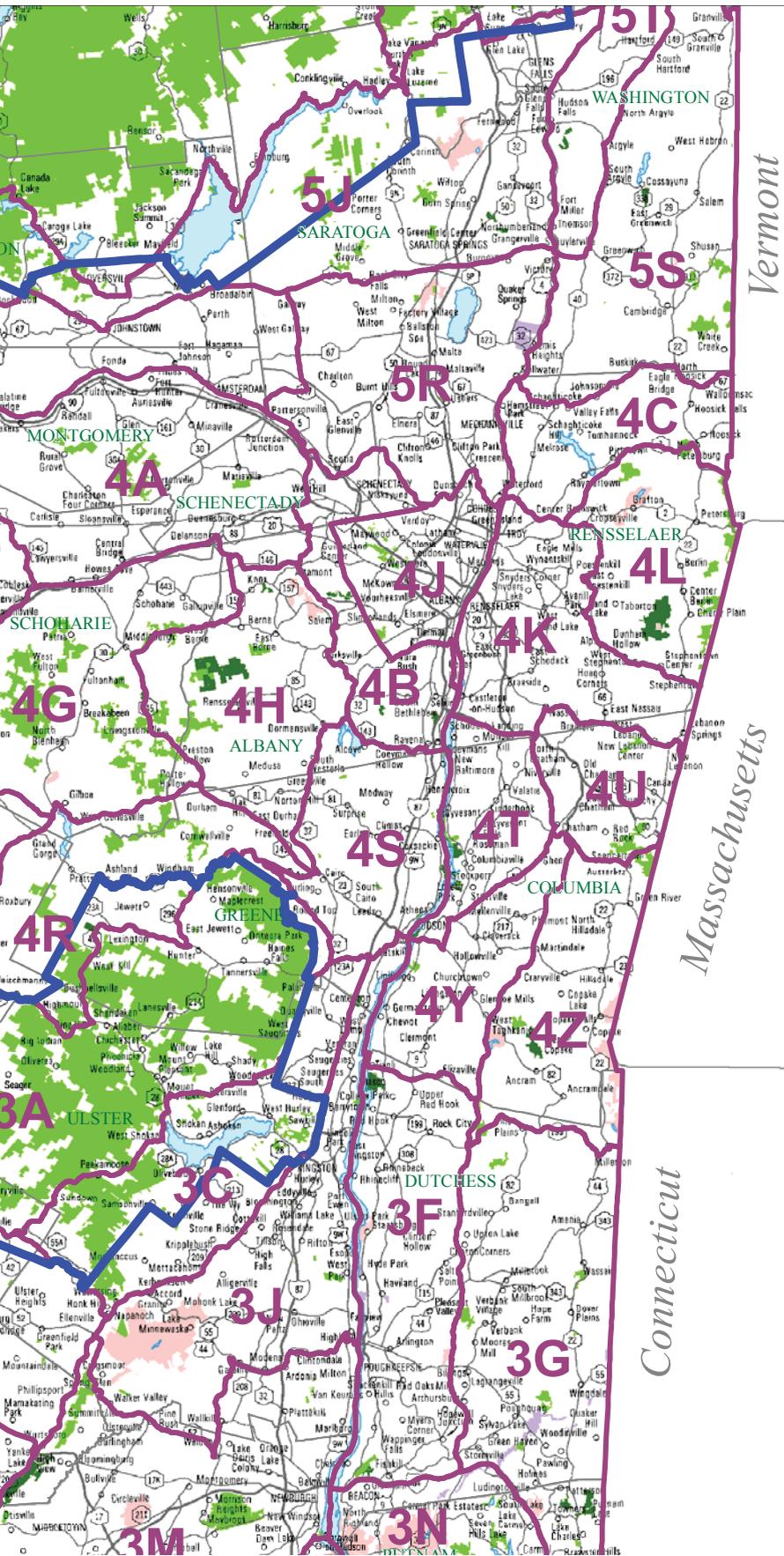
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## WMA Accessible Features for Regions 4 and 7

Albany
<b>Partridge Run WMA (Berne)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CP-3 — Motorized Access Program for People with Disabilities. Go to <a href="https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/2574.html">https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/2574.html</a> for application instructions and forms.</li> </ul>
Greene
<b>Vosburgh Swamp WMA (Coxsackie, Athens)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accessible Blind, Boardwalk, Parking</li> </ul>
Onondaga
<b>Hamlin Marsh WMA (Clay)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accessible Blind, Boardwalk, Parking, Viewing Platform, 0.1 mi foot trail</li> </ul>
<b>Three Rivers WMA (Lysander)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parking, Viewing Platform, 0.1 mi foot trail</li> </ul>
Oswego
<b>Deer Creek Marsh WMA (Richland)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dock, Boardwalk, Hand Launch, Parking, 0.1 mi foot trail</li> </ul>

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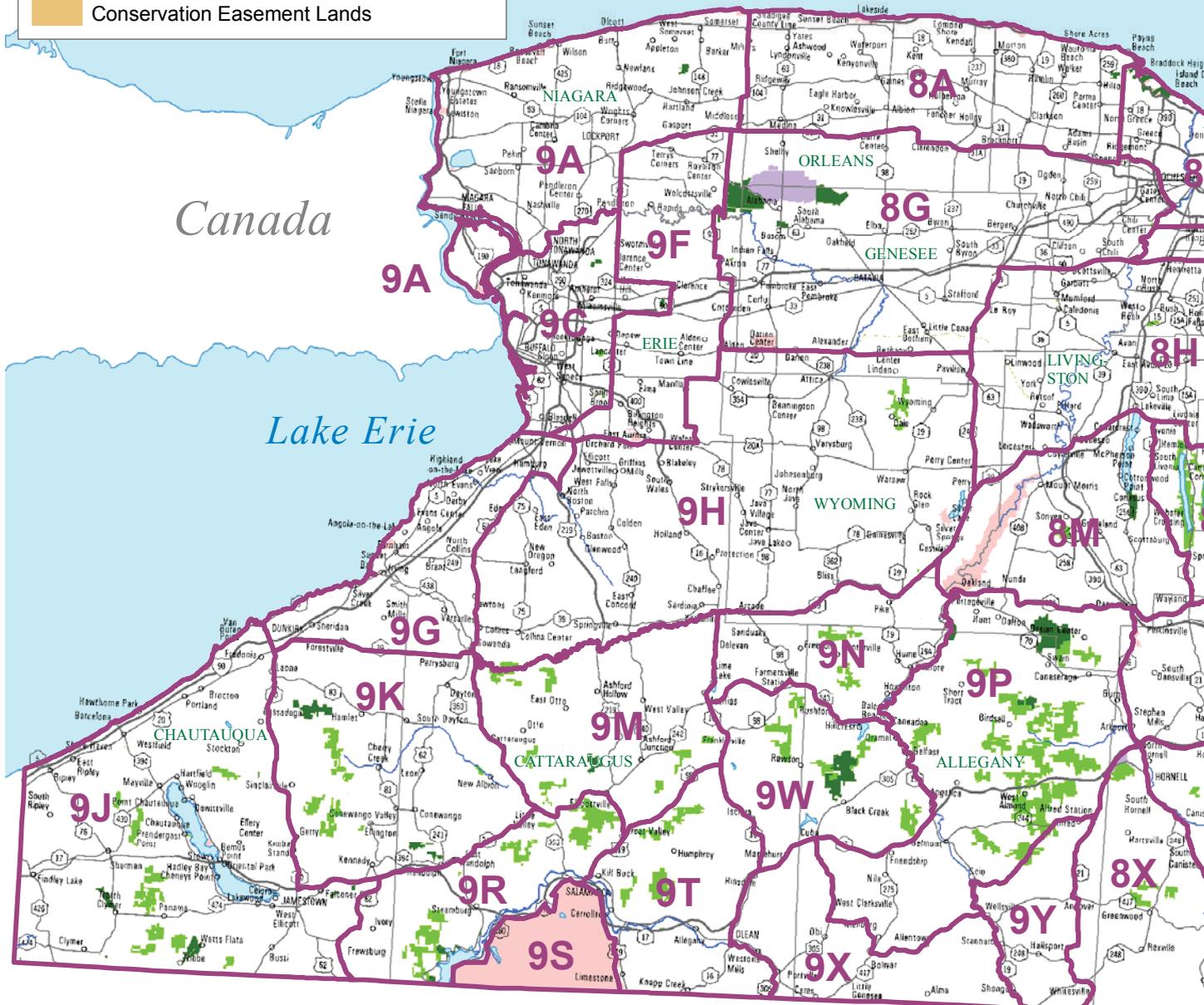
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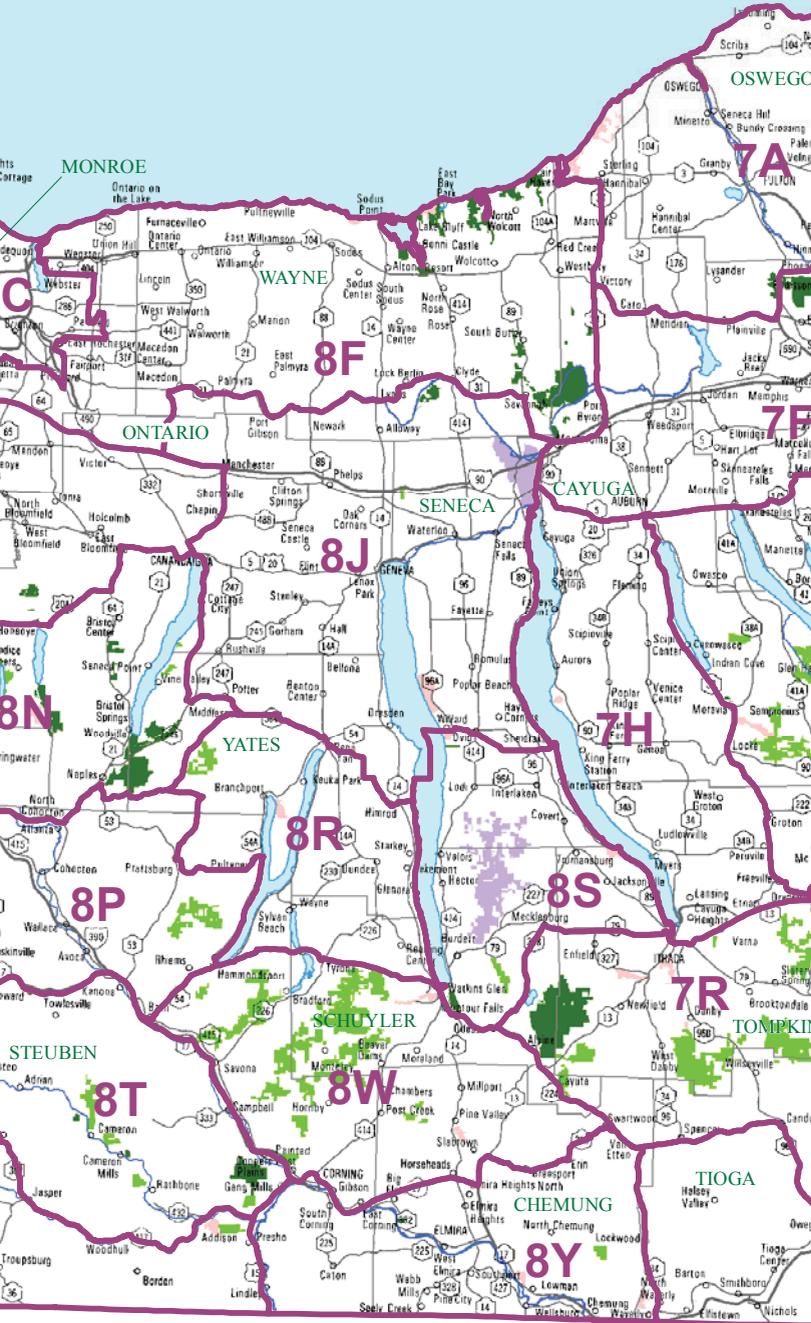


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## WMA Accessible Features for Regions 8 and 9

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

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