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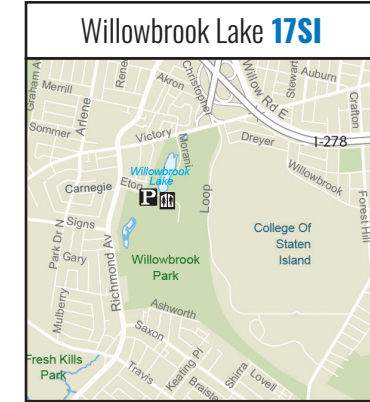
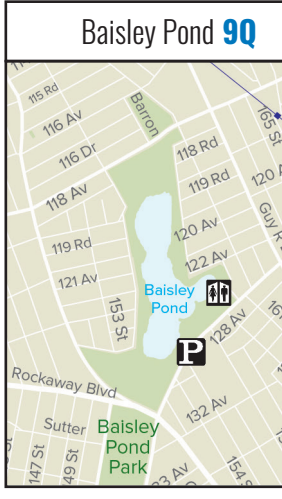
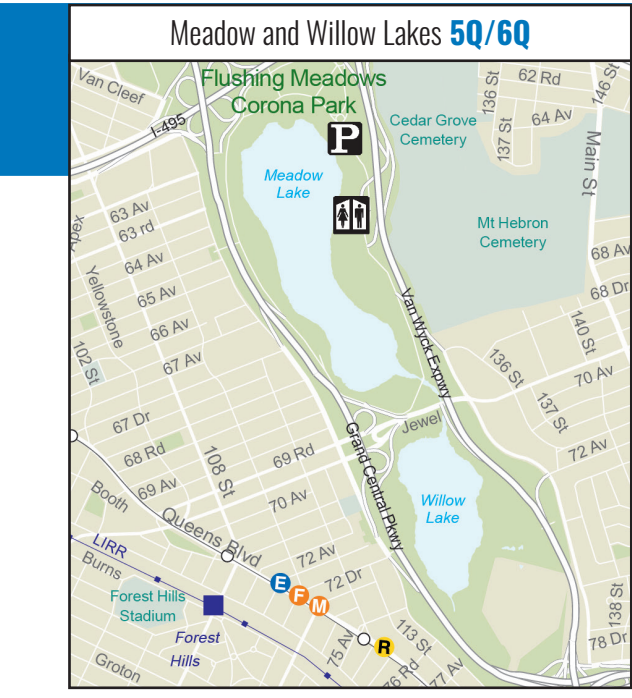
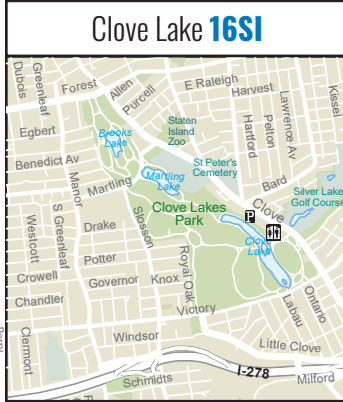
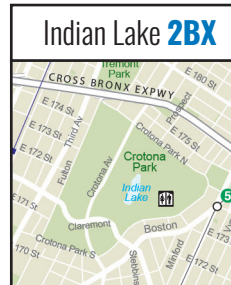
- Public transportation routes to shoreline fishing sites;
- Information and fishing tips for popular fish species; and
- Links to information on fishing licenses, regulations, and health advisories.



Fishing information at your fingertips. Download the HuntFishNY app and open the Tackle Box to get started today.

FRESHWATER

All freshwater fishing in NYC is from the shore, only.



| Map # | Borough | FRESHWATER SITE | Acres | Fish Species | | | | | | | | Amenities | | | | |
|-------|---------|--------------------|-------|-----------------|----------------|---------|---------------|--------------|-------------|------|---------|-----------|------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|
| | | | | Largemouth Bass | Chain Pickerel | Sunfish | Black Crappie | Yellow Perch | White Perch | Carp | Catfish | Restrooms | Playground | Picnic Area | Nature Trail | Walking Paths |
| 1BX | BX | Van Cortlandt Lake | 18 | x | | x | x | x | | x | x | x | | | x | x |
| 2BX | BX | Indian Lake | 3.3 | x | | x | | | | | | x | x | x | | x |
| 3Q | QN | Oakland Lake | 10.5 | x | x | x | x | | | x | x | | | | | x |
| 4Q | QN | Kissena Lake | 8.5 | x | | | x | x | | x | x | x | x | x | | x |
| 5Q | QN | Meadow Lake | 95 | | | x | | | | x | x | x | x | x | | x |
| 6Q | QN | Willow Lake | 45 | x | | x | | | | x | x | x | | | x | |
| 7Q | QN | Golden Pond | 1.7 | x | | | x | x | | | | | | | | x |
| 8Q | QN | Bowne Pond | 1.4 | | | x | | | | x | x | | x | x | | x |
| 9Q | QN | Baisley Pond | 28 | x | | x | x | x | | x | x | x | x | x | | x |
| 10M | MN | Harlem Meer | 10 | x | | x | x | x | | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| 11M | MN | 100th Street Pool | 1.7 | x | | x | x | x | | | x | | x | | x | x |
| 12M | MN | Central Park Lake | 18 | x | | x | x | x | | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| 13BK | BK | Prospect Park Lake | 55 | x | x | x | x | x | | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| 14SI | SI | Brooks Pond | 2.6 | x | | x | x | | | x | x | | | | | x |
| 15SI | SI | Martling Lake | 5.3 | x | | x | x | | | x | x | | | | | x |
| 16SI | SI | Clove Lake | 10 | x | | x | | | | x | x | x | x | x | | x |
| 17SI | SI | Willowbrook Lake | 5 | x | | | | | | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| 18SI | SI | Ohrbach Lake | 11 | x | x | x | x | | | | x | x | | x | x | x |
| 19SI | SI | Acme Pond | 5 | x | | x | x | | | x | x | | | | x | x |
| 20SI | SI | Wolfe's Pond | 16 | x | | x | x | | | x | x | x | | x | | x |

***Snakehead Alert:** Northern snakehead and other snakehead species are listed as species dangerous to native fish populations in New York. Their possession is strictly prohibited. Any snakehead caught while angling cannot be released back into the water. It must be immediately killed, frozen, and reported to a local DEC office. Don't confuse the northern snakehead with burbot and bowfin, two native species. Please review these distinguishing characteristics:

| Invasive | Native | Native |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Northern Snakehead | Bowfin | Burbot |
| Continuous dorsal fin | *"Eyepot" (male or juvenile) | Split dorsal fin |
| Pectoral fin above pelvic fin | Pectoral fin forward of pelvic fin | Barbel |
| Long anal fin | Short anal fin | |
| | Round tail | |

Common Freshwater Fish Species in New York City

Black Crappie

Average 10". Often in large schools. Fish in weedy areas. Use live minnows, small jigs, spinners, and plugs. Black crappie avoid tearing the soft mouth.

Chain Pickerel

Average 15-18". Found in... Use weedless spoons, spinner baits, and soft plastics rigged w... Be careful of sharp teeth.

White Perch

Average 5-9" in lakes and ponds, 12" or more in tidal waters. Found in murky ponds and lakes; tidal streams in late winter and spring. Use worms, grubs, small lures or flies.

Yellow Perch

Average 6-10". Range from shallow, weedy ponds to deeper lakes. Use small tubes or curly tail jigs, live minnows, and worms. Be careful of sharp fin rays and gill covers.

Largemouth Bass

Average 12-16". Find near weeds, logs, or docks in shallow water. In heavy cover, use weedless spoons, plastic frogs, or plastic worms and tubes rigged weedless. In open water, use top-water bait spinnerbaits and diving plugs.

Brown Bullhead

Average 8-14". Nocturnal. Found at bottom of lakes, ponds and rivers. Use worms and other live bait fished on the bottom.

Common Carp

Average 18-21". Find in most lakes and ponds; muddy bottoms. Prefer warmer water with a soft bottom. Use worms, corn or bread dough on bottom.

Sunfish (Bluegill and Pumpkinseed)

Average 6-8". Easy to catch. Fish under docks, near weeds, and logs in lakes, ponds, and rivers. Use worms, grubs, crickets, or small jigs. Great for beginner fly anglers with small poppers.

Common Marine Fish Species in New York City

Striped Bass

Up to 4.5 ft., 70 lbs. Found in rocky areas, jetties, drop-offs, and current boundaries. Striped bass travel the Hudson River and East River in the spring and fall. Use clams and bunker chunks or large plugs, spoons, or jigs.

Bluefish

Up to 3.5 ft., 25 lbs. Schools of young bluefish ("snappers") may be under piers in late summer/early fall. Use live bait, swimshads, tins and plugs, with wire leaders. For snappers, use spearing, squid strips, or small shiny lures and a popper.

Fluke (Summer Flounder)

Up to 37" (18" average). Fish over flat, sandy, or muddy bottoms. Drift or bounce a spearing bait or bucktail along the bottom.

Black Sea Bass

Up to 10 lbs. Found in rocky or other structured environments. Try bottom fishing with clam or squid around rocks.

Blackfish (Tautog)

In spring, fish in shallow local waters, and rocky, sheltered areas near structure (i.e., pilings, jetties). Use bottom rigs with crabs or clams.

Porgy (Scup)

In spring, fish inshore and around jetties, piers, artificial reefs and offshore ledges. Bottom fish with small hooks baited with clam or squid in a Hi-Lo rig.

Oyster Toadfish

Found throughout NYC on sand, mud, rocks, and vegetation. Use bottom rigs and a variety of baits, especially clam.

American Eel

Up to 3 ft. Found in all of NYC's marine waters and many freshwater ponds. Bottom fish with bait, particularly off piers.

Sea Robin

Up to 18". Fish over sandy-bottom areas. Try any bait or small lure over sand. Sharp spines on the rear portion of the head.

Little Skate

Up to 20" excluding tail. Find on sandy or gravelly bottoms. Bat, bucktails, or small lures intended for fluke will catch skates.

Fishing Regulations

Freshwater Fishing

- Both New York City and New York State regulate FRESHWATER fishing in NYC. Below are the combined rules and regulations:
- Fishing is permitted from locations under the jurisdiction of NYC Parks, except in open swimming areas or where specifically prohibited.
 - Weights and sinkers ½ ounce or less must be lead-free.
 - Littering is prohibited.
 - All fish caught in freshwater lakes and ponds, except "snakeheads", must be returned to the water immediately. Do not use barbed hooks in these areas.
 - The use of traps to catch fish and/or crustaceans in freshwater lakes and ponds is prohibited.

Saltwater Fishing

New York State regulates SALTWATER fishing. Certain fish may be kept depending on the species, size of fish and time of year. Saltwater regulations are updated at least once a year and sometimes more often. It is your responsibility to check saltwater fishing regulations at <http://bit.ly/saltwaterfishregs>.

Fishing Licenses

Anglers 16 years of age and older must have a New York State Freshwater Fishing License to fish in NYC lakes and ponds. If you are fishing in saltwater, including the Hudson River, you must enroll in the (free) Recreational Marine Fishing Registry. You can purchase a freshwater fishing license online and/or enroll in the marine registry at www.dec.ny.gov/permits/6101.html, or call 1-866-933-2257.

Report Poachers or Polluters

To report an environmental violation call 1-844-DEC-ECOS (1-844-332-3267) 24 hours a day/7 days a week.

Eating Legally Caught Fish

The NYS Department of Health recommends children up to age 15 and women up to age 50 do not eat any fish from most NYC waters. See more details at https://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/outdoors/fish/health_advisories/regional/new_york_city.htm



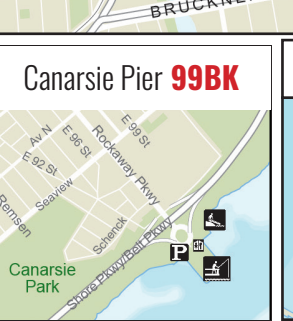
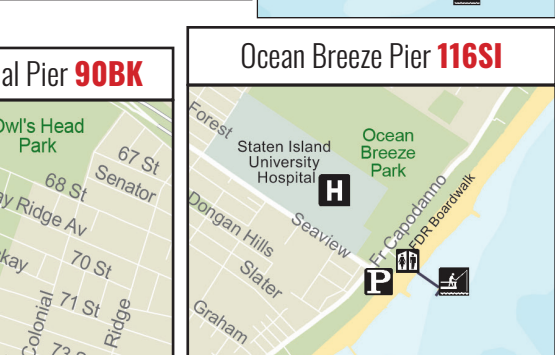
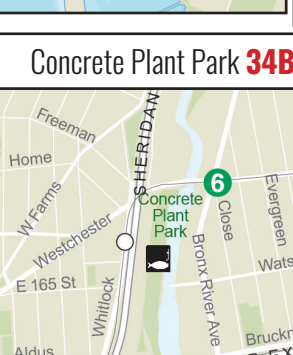
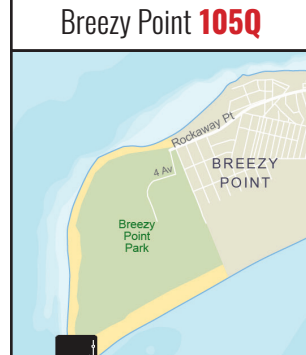
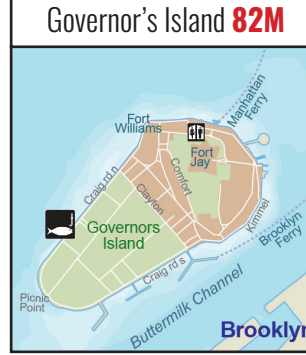
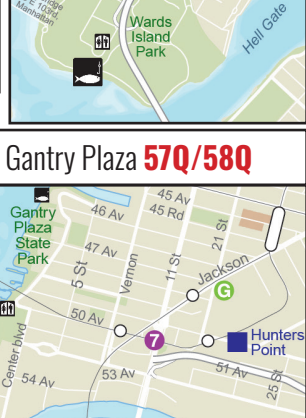
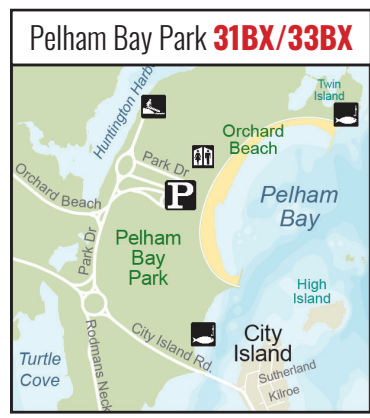
DEC Fisheries in NYC:

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email: fwfish2@dec.ny.gov

DEC Marine Resources:

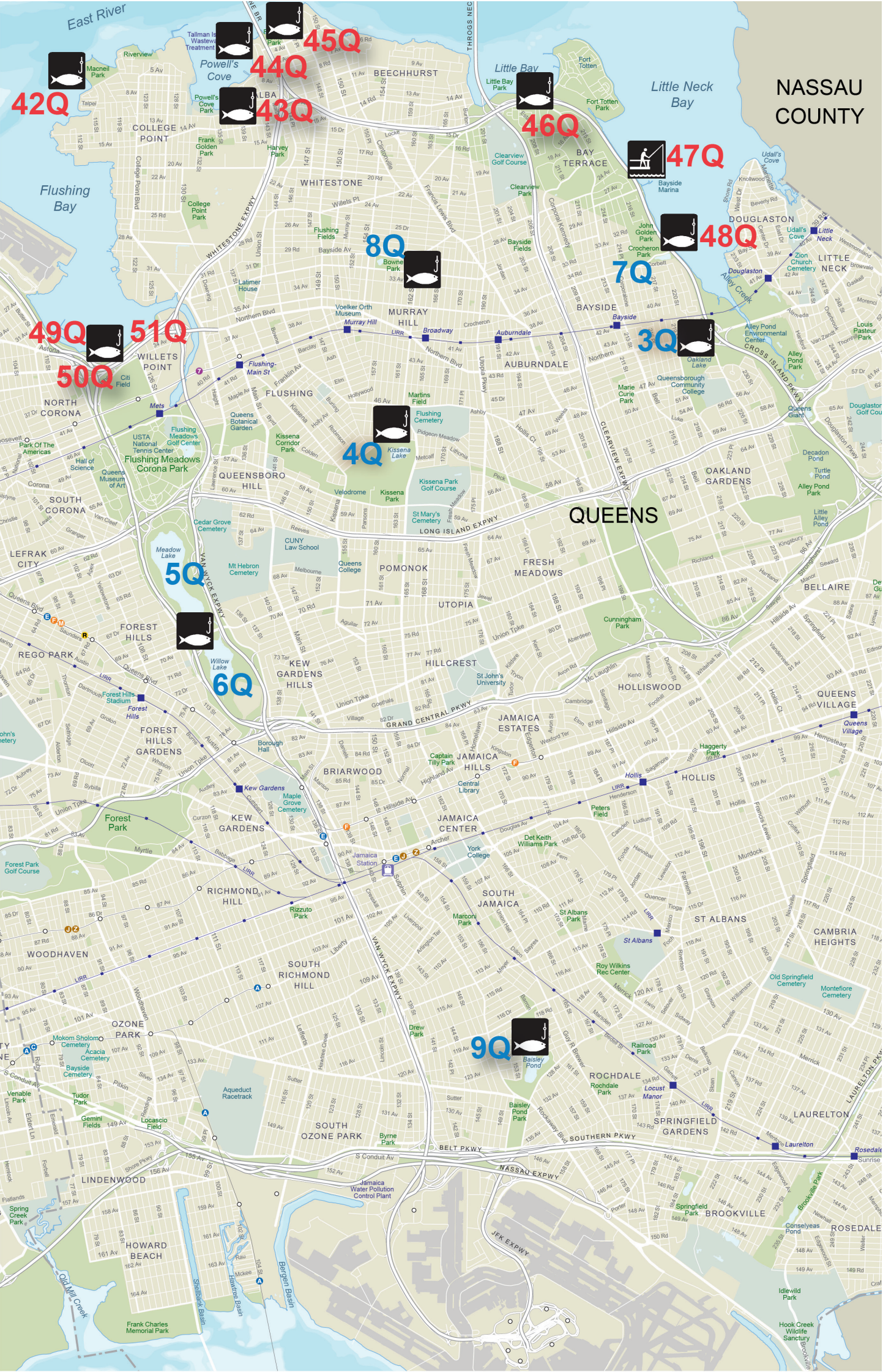
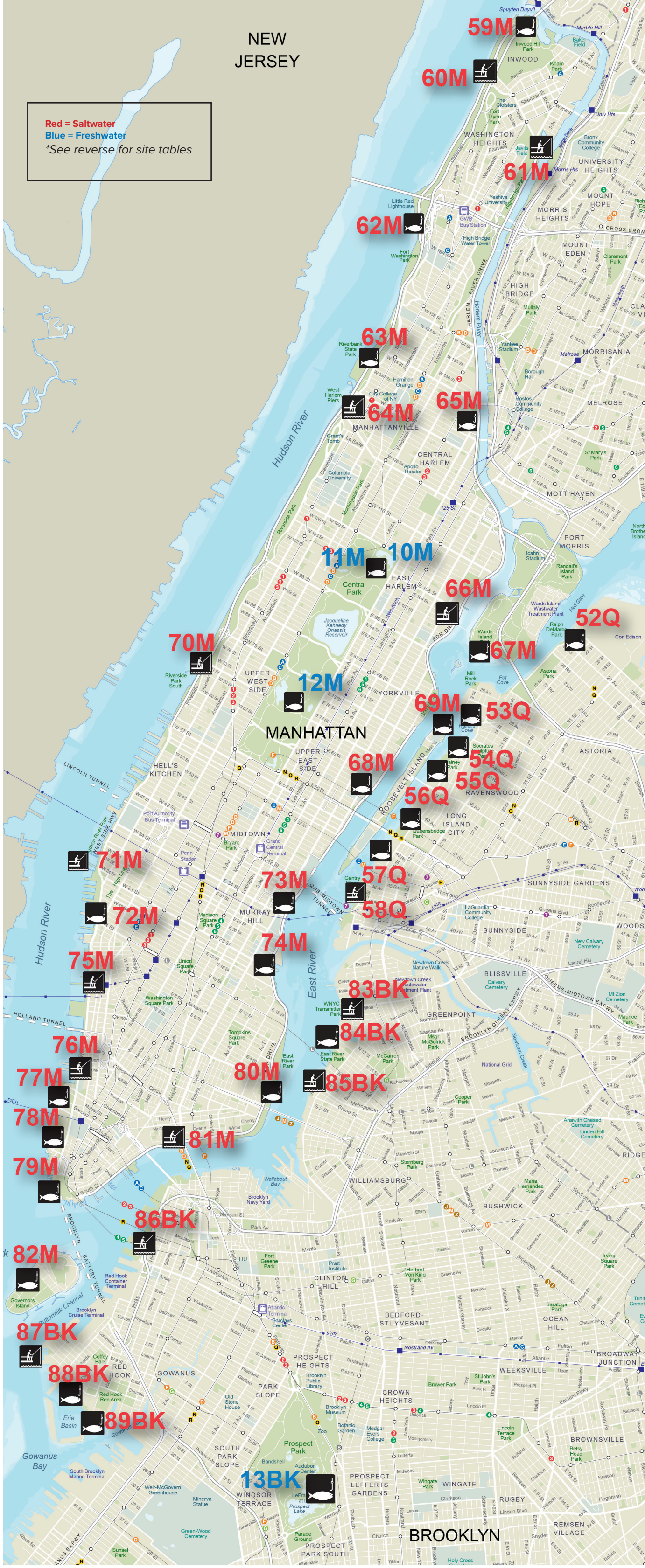
phone: 631-444-0430
email: fw.marine@dec.ny.gov

SALTWATER



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| 30BX | BX | Riverdale Waterfront Promenade | Pr | | | | | | | Access through southbound platform, Riverdale Station, Metro North Hudson Line | Metro North to Riverdale Station |
| 31BX | BX | Pelham Bay Park North | V | | | | | | H | Park Drive off City Island Road | Bx29 Bus to City Island Rd./Orchard Beach Circle |
| 32BX | BX | City Island Bridge | B | | | | | | H | Mainland side of City Island Bridge | Bx29 Bus to City Island Rd./Orchard Beach Circle |
| 33BX | BX | Pelham Bay Park South | V | | | | | | H | Best access on Bay Shore Ave. by Watt Ave. | 6 Subway to Pelham Bay Park |
| 34BX | BX | Concrete Plant Park | Pr | | | | | | H | Bx. River bet. Bruckner Blvd and Westchester Ave. | 6 Subway to Whitlock Ave. |
| 35BX | BX | Hunt's Point Riverside Park | Pr/B | | | | | | H | End of Lafayette Ave (past Edgewater Rd.) | Bx6 Bus to Halleck St./Spofford Ave. |
| 36BX | BX | Soundview Park | R | | | | | | H | Bronx River Ave. bet. Lafayette Ave., Surf Dr. | Bx5 Bus to Story Ave./Morrison Ave./Bx27 Bus to Randall Ave./Rosedale Ave./Cornell Ave. |
| 37BX | BX | Clason Point Park | R | | | | | | H | End of Soundview Ave. | Bx27 Bus to Soundview Ave./Cornell Ave. |
| 38BX | BX | Castle Hill Park | V | | | | | | H | End of Howe Ave. and west of Barrett Ave. | Bx22 Bus to Castle Hill Ave./Norton Ave./Bx39 Bus to White Plains Rd./Lacombe Ave. |
| 39BX | BX | Ferry Point Park | R | | | | | | H | Hutchinson River Parkway by the Whitestone Bridge | Q44 Bus to Hutchinson River Parkway |
| 40BX | BX | Barretto Pt. Park/Tiffany St. | Pi | | | | | | H | End of Tiffany St., Hunt's Point | Bx6 Bus to Halleck St./Viele Ave. or Bx46 Bus to Viele Ave./Casanova St. |
| 41BX | BX | Hunt's Point Landing | Pi | | | | | | H | End of Farragut St. Hunt's Point | Bx6 or Bx46 Bus to Food Center Dr./Farragut St. |
| 42Q | QN | MacNeil Park | R | | | | | | H | Poppenhusen Ave. bet. 115 th St. and College Pl. | Q25 Bus to 150th St./8th Ave.+walk Q16/Q13 Bus to Totten Ave./Cross Island Parkway or Q28 Bus to 211th St./18th Ave. |
| 43Q | QN | Powell's Cove Park | R/B | | | | | | H | 11 th Ave. bet 130 th St. and 9 th Ave. | Q19/Q48 Bus to 108th St./Astoria Blvd. walk over footbridge |
| 44Q | QN | Malba Drive | Pr | | | | | | H | End of Malba Drive | Q13 Bus to 20th Ave./131st St. |
| 45Q | QN | Francis Lewis Park | R/B | | | | | | H | 3 rd Ave. bet. Whitestone Bridge and 147 th St. | Q15A Bus to 150th St./8th Ave.+walk Q16/Q13 Bus to Totten Ave./Cross Island Parkway or Q28 Bus to 211th St./18th Ave. |
| 46Q | QN | Little Bay Park | R/J | | | | | | H | Near Throgs Neck Bridge at end of Utopia Parkway | Q13 Bus to Bell Blvd./35th Ave. |
| 47Q | QN | Bayside Marina | Pi | | | | | | R | N side of Cross Island Pkwy by Crocheron Park (35 th avenue) | Q13 Bus to Bell Blvd./33rd Rd. |
| 48Q | QN | Crocheron Park | Pi | | | | | | H | Flushing Bay Promenade bet. World's Fair Marina and LaGuardia Airport | Q19/Q48 Bus to 108th St./Astoria Blvd. walk over footbridge |
| 49Q | QN | Flushing Bay Promenade West | Pr | | | | | | H | Flushing Bay Promenade near Citi Field | Q19/Q48 Bus to 108th St./Astoria Blvd. walk over footbridge |
| 50Q | QN | World's Fair Marina | Pr | | | | | | H | Flushing Bay Promenade east of Flushing Bay Marina | Q66 Bus to Northern Blvd./126th St. |
| 51Q | QN | Flushing Bay Promenade East | Pr | | | | | | H | Shore Blvd. between Ditmars Blvd. and 20 th Ave. | Q100 Bus to 21st Ave./21st St. or Q69 to Ditmars Blvd./21st St. |
| 52Q | QN | Ralph DeMarco Park | R | | | | | | H | Behind Goodwill Park, next to Astoria Houses/Vernon Blvd. bet. 30 th Rd. and Welling Ct. | Q104 Bus to Vernon Blvd./Broadway or Q103 Bus to Vernon Blvd./34th Ave. or Q102 Bus to Vernon Blvd./36th Ave. |
| 53Q | QN | Astoria Houses Promenade | Pr | | | | | | H | Vernon Blvd. bet. 10 th St. and Broadway. Fish on promenade in parking lot. | F Subway to Queensbridge or Q102 Bus to 41st Ave./Vernon Blvd. |
| 54Q | QN | Costco | Pr/R | | | | | | H | Vernon Blvd. bet. 33 rd Rd. and 34 th Ave. | |
| 55Q | QN | Rainey Park | Pr | | | | | | H | 40 th -41 st Road at Vernon Blvd. | |
| 56Q | QN | Queensbridge Park | R | | | | | | H | 47 th Road north to the end of 5 th street, 11 th St. Basin | |
| 57Q | QN | Gantry Plaza State Park (Promenade) | Pr | | | | | | H | 47th Road and Center Blvd, LIC, NY, Pier #4 | |
| 58Q | QN | Gantry Plaza State Park (Piers) | Pi | | | | | | H | West 218 th Street | |
| 59M | MH | Inwood Hill Park | R | | | | | | H | Dyckman Street @ Hudson River | 1 Subway to 215th St. |
| 60M | MH | Dyckman Street Pier | Pi | | | | | | H | 145 th Street North to Inwood Hill along Hudson River | A Subway to Dyckman St. |
| 61M | MH | Swindler Cove Park | Pi | | | | | | H | Dyckman Street & 10 th Ave. @ Harlem River | 1 Subway to Dyckman St. |
| 62M | MH | Ft. Washington Park | R | | | | | | H | | A Subway to 181st St., walk down hill |

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| 63M | MH | Riverside Park at 145 th Street | R | | | | | | | Hudson River shoreline north of 145th St., access over pedestrian bridge at 151st St. | 1 Subway/M11 Bus to 145th St. |
| 64M | MH | West Harlem Piers Park | Pi | | | | | | | 125th St. at Hudson River | 1 Subway to 125th St./Bx15 Bus to W125th St./St.Claire |
| 65M | MH | Harlem River Greenway | Pr/R | | | | | | | FDR Dr. bet. 125th and 145th Sts. | 4/56 Subway to 125th St. or Bx15 Bus to E. 125th St./3rd Ave + walk |
| 66M | MH | Pier at 107 th Street and East River | Pi | | | | | | | FDR Dr. near 107th St. | 6 Subway to 103rd St. or M106 Bus to 106th St./1st Ave. |
| 67M | MH | Randall's/Ward's Island | R | | | | | | | SW Tip of Randall's/Ward's Island, access over pedestrian bridge at 106th St. | M35 Bus to Sunken Garden Loop/ Employment Center |
| 68M | MH | East River Shoreline | Pr | | | | | | | FDR Dr. between RPK Bridge and 42nd St. | M15 Bus goes N/S on 2nd Ave. |
| 69M | MH | Lighthouse Park | Pr/R | | | | | | | N. tip of Roosevelt Island | F Subway to Roosevelt Island tram to Roosevelt Island-Q102 bus |
| 70M | MH | 70th Street Pier @ Riverside Park South | Pi | | | | | | | Hudson River at 68-70th Sts. | M72 Bus to W.69th St. & Riverside Dr. |
| 71M | MH | Pier 64 | Pi | | | | | | | 24th to 26th Streets at Hudson River | M23 Bus to W 24th St./11th Ave. |
| 72M | MH | Hudson River Park | Pr | | | | | | | Hudson River Park runs from Battery Place to W. 59th St. | M20, SIM7, M12 Buses make many stops near the park |
| 73M | MH | E. River Esplanade | Pr | | | | | | | FDR Dr. E 36th-38th Sts. | M15 Bus to 1st Ave./E.36th St. |
| 74M | MH | Stuyvesant Cove Park | Pr | | | | | | | FDR Dr. E. C/E.18th St. | M9 Bus to 1st Ave./E.36th St. |
| 75M | MH | Christopher Street Pier | Pi | | | | | | | Christopher St. @ Hudson River | M8 Bus to West St./Christopher St. |



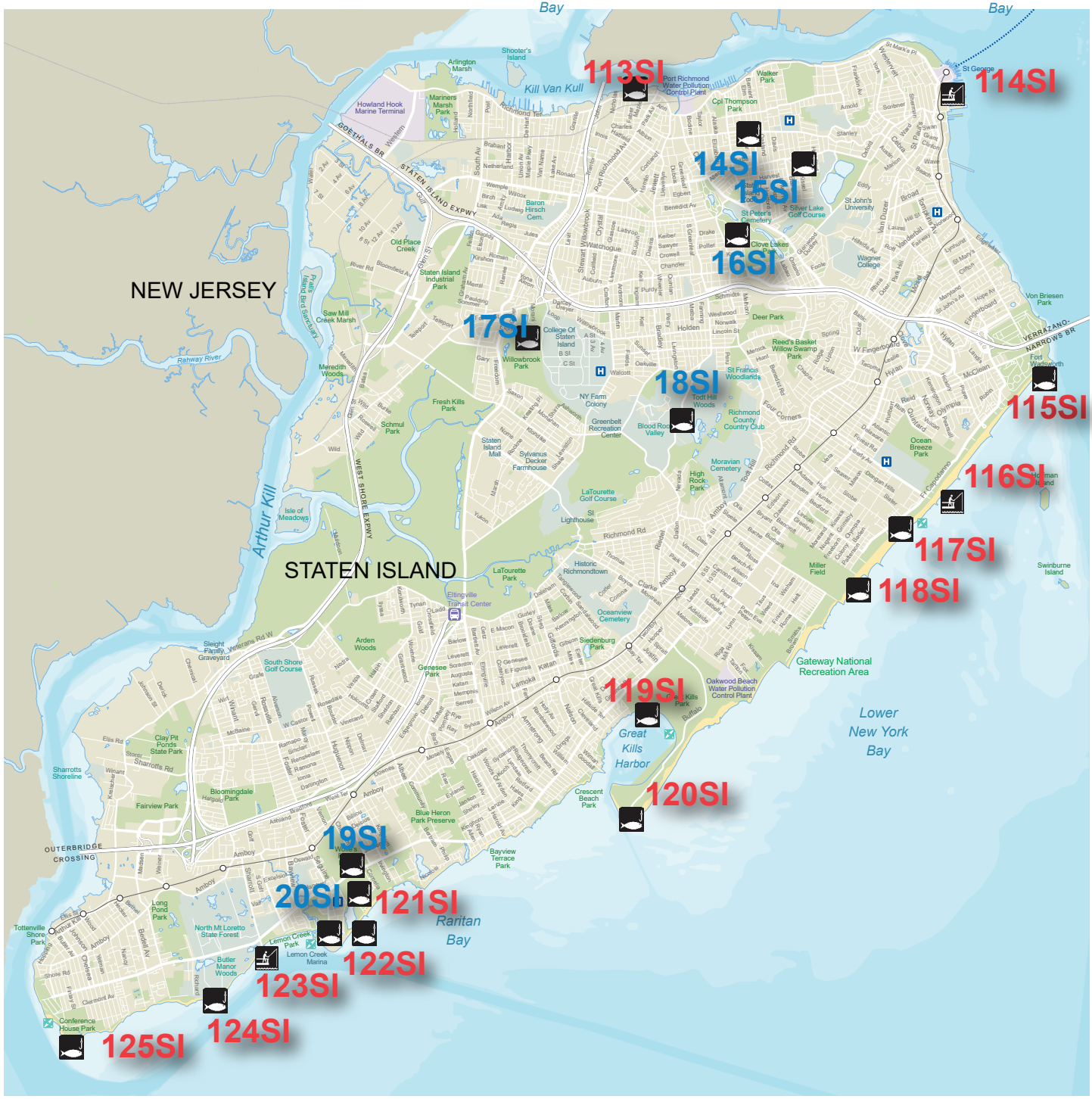
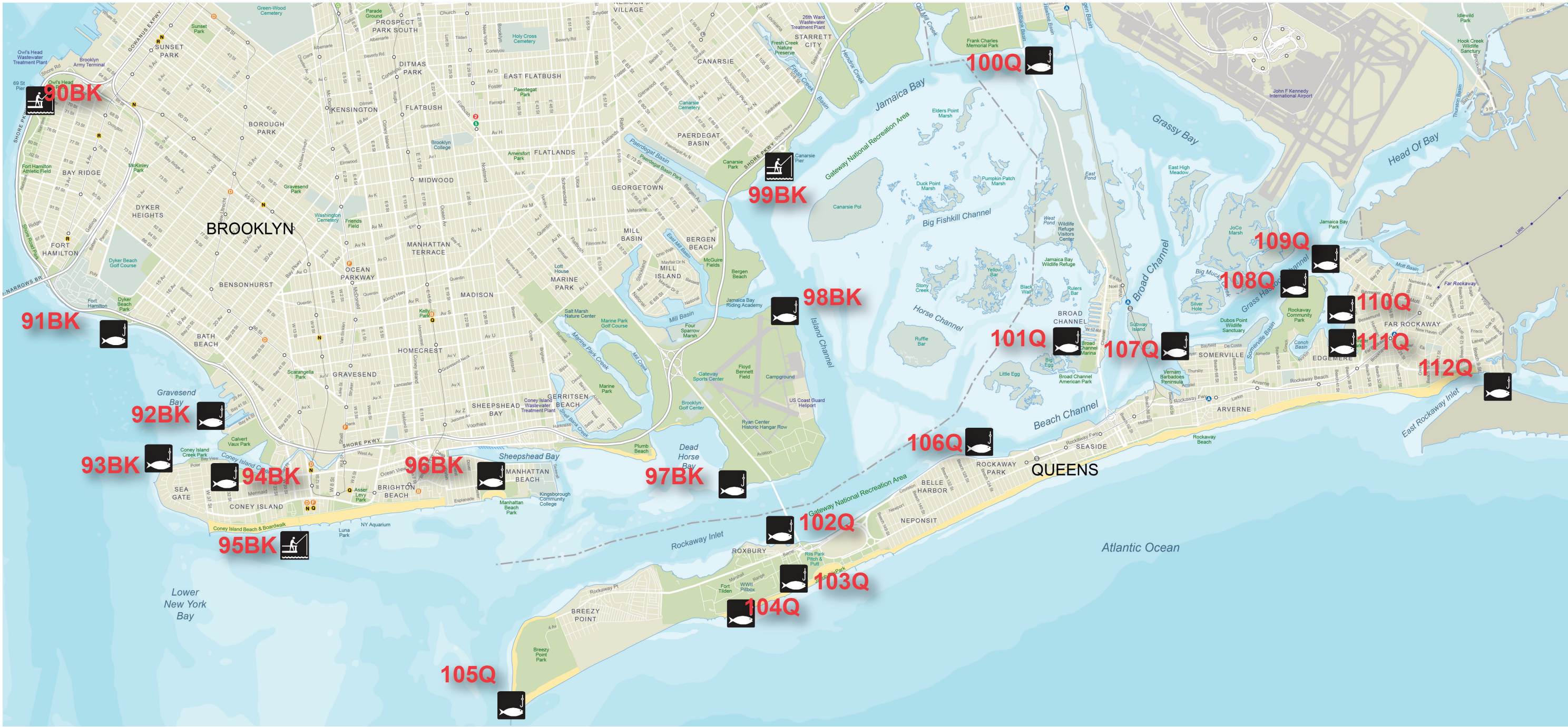
Learn to Fish!

For Teachers, Educators, and Guardians: DEC's I FISH NY program brings fishing education to NYC school students. Classroom lessons cover fish anatomy and diversity while addressing key ideas from NYS Science Learning Standards. Students participate in fishing trips to a fresh- or saltwater location.

Free programs are also available for groups in after-school programs, summer youth camps, and senior centers, and through other social services. Train-the-trainer programs are also conducted by DEC's I FISH NY staff.

I FISH NY educators bring all the necessary fishing gear and bait, but the group must provide their own transportation to the fishing spot. Those interested in a fishing program can contact I FISH NY by emailing fwfish2@dec.ny.gov or calling (718) 482-4922.

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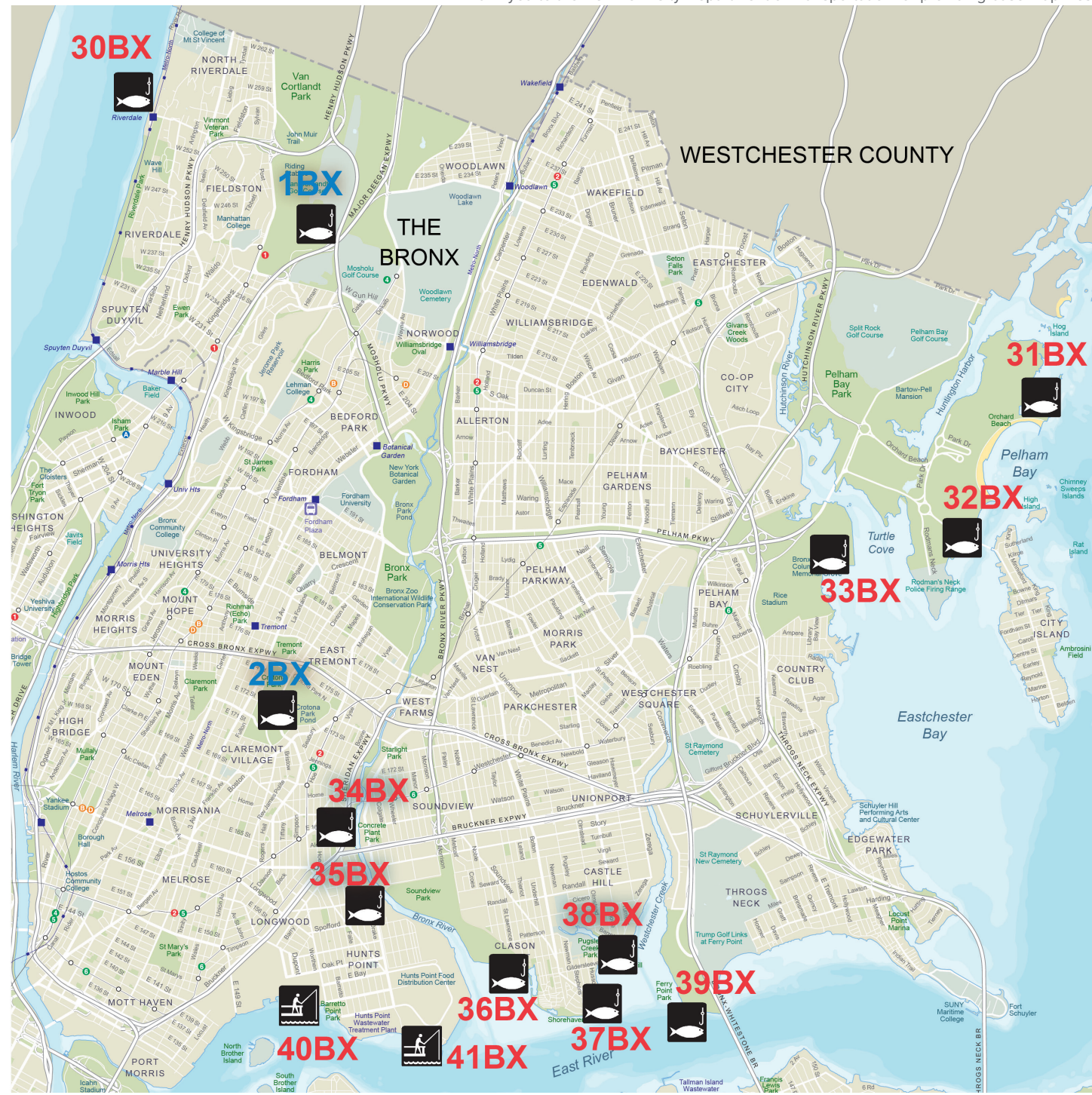


Public Fishing Clinics:

The I FISH NY program also hosts free public fishing clinics. These are designated "free fishing events," so participants do not need to possess a NYS fishing license or be enrolled in the Marine Recreational Fishing Registry. Find fishing events throughout NYS: www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/27123.html

Other Free Fishing Opportunities:

- Battery Park City Parks Conservancy:** www.bpcparks.org
- Brooklyn Bridge Park:** www.brooklynbridgepark.org/things
- Central Park Conservancy:** www.centralparknyc.org
- Hudson River Park Trust:** www.hudsonriverpark.org
- Lower East Side Ecology Center:** www.lesecologycenter.org



Fishing at National Park Service Sites

Fishing at National Park Service locations such as Crooke's Point, Floyd Bennett Field, Fort Tilden, and Breezy Point may require special parking permits. Check with Gateway National Recreation Area for details: www.nps.gov/gate/playyourvisit

NYC Department of Parks and Recreation: www.nycgovparks.org/facilities/fishing

NYS Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation: www.parks.ny.gov/events

Prospect Park Audubon Center: www.prospectpark.org/visit-the-park/things-to-do/fishing/

Randall's Island Park Alliance: www.randallsisland.org