

# PEPACTON RECREATIONAL BOATING PROGRAM



# It's as easy as...



1. Pick a reservoir and get a free DEP Access Permit available at [www.nyc.gov/dep/accesspermit](http://www.nyc.gov/dep/accesspermit)
2. Get your watercraft steam cleaned and receive your Recreational Boat Tag at one of our designated vendors.
3. Bring your boat down to the reservoir.
4. Put on your life vest and have fun! Be safe!



Visiting the Catskill region is easy too.  
Easy on your budget.  
Easy drive time from metro NYC, Albany  
and Binghamton.  
And we're definitely easy on your eyes.

## Season and Times

- Starts Friday of Memorial Day Weekend and ends Columbus Day
- Sunrise to Sunset
- Temporary passes for 1 to 7 days and full season passes available.

## Types of Boats Permitted

- Non-motorized kayaks and canoes – electric trolling motors are permissible on the Cannonsville for flat-bottomed fishing boats only
- Row boats/Jon boats
- Canoes, Kayaks and Sculls
- Small sailboats (with removable center/dagger boards)  
*Kayaks must be at least 9' in length – all other boats must be at least 11'5". For additional guidance on boats and restrictions, please visit [www.nyc.gov/dep/recreation](http://www.nyc.gov/dep/recreation)*

## Launch Sites

- Please use the designated launch sites at each reservoir
- Hand carry in only
- No trailers/vehicles in the water
- Some sites will have handicap parking designated
- Sailboats can only launch at sailboat designated launch sites
- No overnight camping
- Portable privies at most launch sites
- No trash receptacles, please carry out all waste
- Public storage racks may be available at some sites on a first come, first served basis

## Restrictions

- Boats must be steam cleaned and have a DEP boat tag
- No commercial activities without prior approval
- Sailboats can only be used in designated sailboat waters
- Boating is not permitted in certain areas. Please review the map and observe all restricted areas
- Boats left overnight can be secured hull-side up with lock and chain to trees above the water line or boat racks if available
- Once a boat is removed from the reservoir it must be steam cleaned and tagged again before returning to the reservoir or to a different reservoir

## A few words about eagles

The NYC reservoir system has some of the highest bald eagle nesting densities in New York State. These reservoirs are critical habitat for the bald eagles nesting there, and are protected under State & Federal regulations. Disturbance of eagles or their essential behaviors is illegal, and has associated penalties. Please do your part in the continuing recovery of our American symbol by enjoying the opportunity to watch the eagles' activities from a distance greater than 350-feet, avoiding making loud noises, and respecting any signage that has been placed indicating Restricted Areas. For more information on eagles contact NYSDEC Wildlife at (607) 652-7367.

## Boat Steam Cleaning

All boats must be steam cleaned prior to being placed on the reservoir in order to help prevent the introduction of zebra mussels and other aquatic invasive species which can negatively impact DEP's water supply infrastructure and water quality. At the time of steam cleaning, all boats will be inspected for aquatic invasive species as well. (Visit [www.catskillinvasives.com](http://www.catskillinvasives.com) for more information.)

Boat steam cleaning services are provided for a fee by vendors listed in the interior of this brochure. In addition to obtaining your temporary or seasonal DEP Recreational Boat Tag after steam cleaning, you can also get your DEP Access Permit at these locations, or at [www.nyc.gov/dep](http://www.nyc.gov/dep).

You don't have to own a boat to enjoy the reservoirs. Several boat rental vendors located in proximity to the reservoirs are ready and willing to rent kayaks and canoes for day use. They, too, are listed inside this brochure. These vendors may have other supplies such as bait, tackle and snacks, they are there to help you enjoy your time on the water and off! It is wise to call ahead for hours of operation.

## Welcome to the Catskills, an outdoor recreation paradise!

The Catskill Mountain region encompasses six counties (Delaware, Greene, Schoharie, Sullivan, Ulster and southern Albany) and 6,000-square miles in Southeastern New York State. The State-designated Catskill Park (the area within the "blue line" of many maps of the region) is a patchwork of public and private lands stretching over 700,000 acres, 40% of which is preserved as "forever wild" – the Catskill Forest Preserve.

A major feature of the region is the 1600-square mile New York City Watershed. Six major reservoirs in the region provide 90% of New York City's water supply. It is the largest unfiltered water supply in the U.S., providing 1.2 billion gallons of clean water each day to more than nine million people, nearly half the population of New York State.

Four of those reservoirs – Cannonsville, Neversink, Pepacton and Schoharie – are open to non-motorized recreational boating. A quiet paddle here offers scenic views, great birdwatching opportunities and wildlife sightings.

Fishing, biking, and hiking are other popular activities in this region, known as America's First Wilderness. To make the most of your time in the Catskills, consult the following websites for information on accommodations, events and attractions.



For more information on local businesses & activities go to the following websites:

Town of Andes: [andesnewyork.com](http://andesnewyork.com)  
Town of Middletown: [middletowndelawarecountyny.org](http://middletowndelawarecountyny.org)  
Town of Roscoe: [roscoeny.com](http://roscoeny.com)  
Colchester Chamber of Commerce: [colchesterchamber.com](http://colchesterchamber.com)  
Delaware County Chamber of Commerce: [greatwesterncatskills.com](http://greatwesterncatskills.com)  
Central Catskills Chamber of Commerce: [centralcatskills.com](http://centralcatskills.com)  
Belleayre Region Lodging & Tourism Assoc.: [catskillhighpeaks.com](http://catskillhighpeaks.com)  
Catskill Assoc. for Tourism Services: [visitthecatskills.com](http://visitthecatskills.com)  
Hospitality Green: [hospitalitygreen.com/gc-map](http://hospitalitygreen.com/gc-map)

## Emergency Contact Numbers

To report dangerous or suspicious activity, water quality threats or to report fish kills on City-owned reservoirs and lands call the DEP Police at 888-H2O-SHED (1-888-426-7433) or call 911.

**For immediate DEP Access Permit issuance, application forms, rules and regulations and other information, go to Recreation on DEP's website at: [www.nyc.gov/dep](http://www.nyc.gov/dep). For permit inquiries email: [recreation@dep.nyc.gov](mailto:recreation@dep.nyc.gov) or call 1-800-575-LAND (5263).**

### The Recreational Boating Program is a cooperative effort among the following:

Catskill Watershed Corporation  
Coalition of Watershed Towns  
Delaware, Greene, Schoharie and Sullivan Counties  
NYC Department of Environmental Protection  
NYS Department of Environmental Conservation  
NYS Department of Health  
USEPA

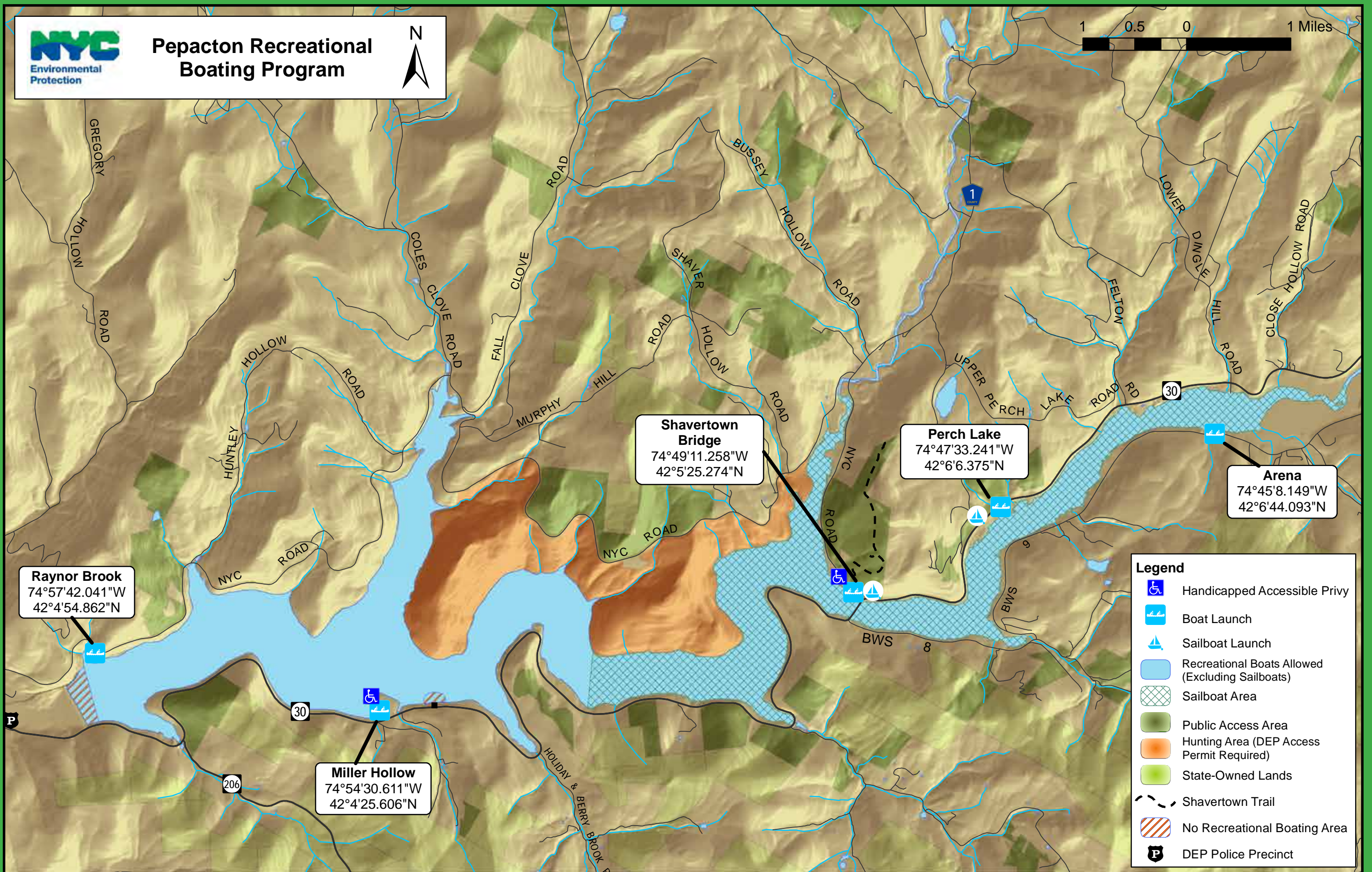
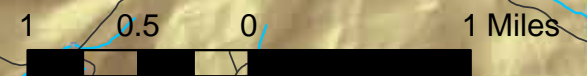


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Earn the Catskill Reservoir Paddler patch!  
To learn how to get yours, visit  
[www.cwconline.org](http://www.cwconline.org).**

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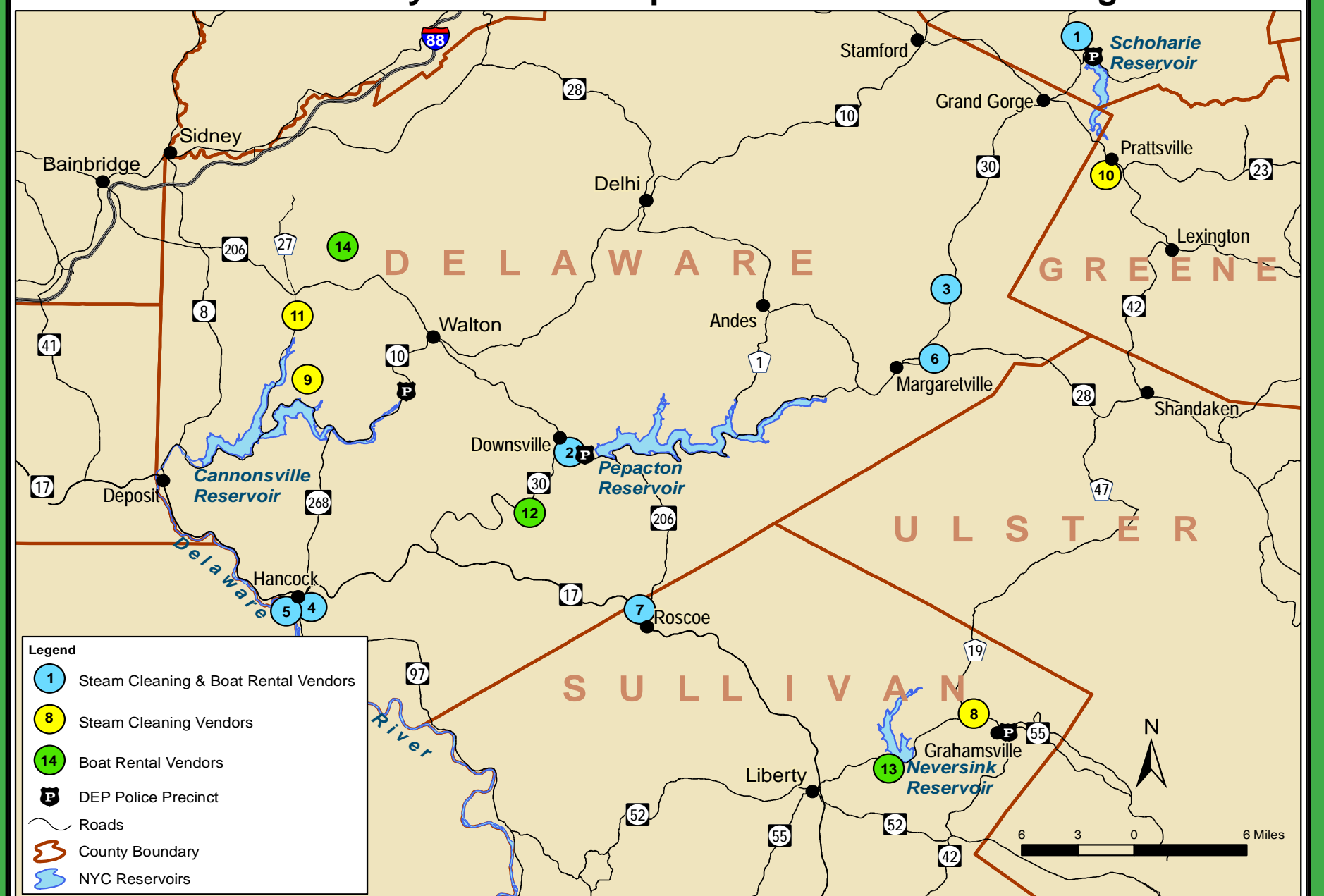
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## Designated Steam Cleaning/Boat Rental Vendors

- Nickerson Park Campground**  
607-588-7327  
378 Stryker Road  
Gilboa, NY 12076  
info@nickersonparkcampground.com  
www.nickersonparkcampground.com
- Al's Sport Store - 607-363-7740**  
6964 River Road  
Downsville, NY 13755  
alsport@frontiernet.net  
www.alsportstore.com
- Susan's Pleasant Pheasant Farm**  
607-326-4266  
1 Bragg Hollow Rd  
Halcottsville, NY 12438  
4KayakRentals@gmail.com  
www.KayakingintheCatskills.com
- OARS of Hancock - 607-237-3078**  
951 Cadosia Road  
Hancock, NY 13783  
signsetc@hancock.net  
www.oarsofhancock.com
- Paddle & Pedal - 607-637-4296**  
159 East Front Street (Rentals)  
41 Pennsylvania Ave. (Steam Cleaning)  
Hancock, NY 13783  
paddleandpedal@hancock.net  
www.paddleandpedaloutdoors.com
- Pepacton Bait & Tackle**  
845-586-6211  
43005 State Highway 28  
Arkville, NY 12406  
farmertom19669593@gmail.com
- Roscoe Campground**  
607-498-5264  
2179 Old Route 17  
Roscoe, NY 12776-6447  
cls3835@aol.com  
www.roscoecampsites.com
- Neversink General Store**  
845-985-2076  
4 Schumway Road  
Neversink, NY 12765  
NeversinkGeneralStore@gmail.com  
Find them on Facebook
- JMT Enterprises - 607-865-7801**  
Chamberlain Brook Boat Washing  
at The Solitude Inn  
1803 Chamberlain Brook Road  
Walton, NY 13856-2425  
boatwash@hughes.net
- Young's Ace Hardware**  
518-299-3426  
25 Washington Street Extension  
Prattsville, NY 12468  
youngsagway@gmail.com  
Find them on Facebook
- Backus Farms - 607-865-6639**  
7377 County Highway 27  
Trout Creek, NY 13839  
backusfarm2@citlink.net
- Pepacton Cabins - 607-363-2094**  
348 Hood Lane  
Downsville, NY 13755  
pepacton@catskill.net  
www.pepactoncabins.com
- Bradley Boat Rentals LLC**  
845-807-1145  
220 Lindholm Road  
Hurleyville, NY 12747  
bradleyboatrentals@yahoo.com  
www.bradleyboatrentals.com
- Hawk Mountain Guide Service**  
607-865-7830  
751 McLaughlin Road  
Sidney Center, NY 13839  
hawkmountainguide@hotmail.com  
www.hawkmountainguideservice.com

## New York City Reservoirs Open for Recreational Boating



**Delaware County Chamber of Commerce**

**5 1/2 Main Street**

**Delhi, NY 13753**

**866-775-4425**



[www.cwconline.org](http://www.cwconline.org)