

Fw: Watershed Recreation News Updates

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"The strongest reason for the people to retain the right to keep and bear arms is, as a last resort, to protect themselves against tyranny in government."
Thomas Jefferson

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Ashokan Improvements





Above: The Waldo Smith Monument now cleared from encroaching trees.

Visitors to the Ashokan Day Use Area may have noticed some changes. Late last year, DEP removed trees around the J. Waldo Smith Monument, giving many people their first glimpse of a tower that was once used to survey the reservoir construction. This past spring we installed new benches and interpretive signs. The new signs feature information about the reservoir, the history of its construction, recreational uses, and surrounding natural features. We will continue our work at the J. Waldo Smith site this fall when the eagle-nesting period is complete. We would like to thank all our recreational visitors for their patience as we continue to make improvements. Come out for a walk or a bike ride to check out the progress.



Above: DEP Project Manager Lydia Lewis coordinated the new wayside signage at the Ashokan Frying Pan area.



Above: New bench along the Ashokan walkway.





Above: Recreational walker at Ashokan viewing the wayside exhibit for the first time.

Land Steward Program



Above: Members from the Croton Chapter of Trout Unlimited plant trees along the Muscoot River.

The DEP Watershed Land Steward Program is into its second year. The current program is taking place at the Kensico and Pepacton reservoirs. The volunteer stewards assist in protecting the resources of the NYC Water Supply System by encouraging the responsible and sustainable use of its reservoirs and recreation lands. New this year, we're also partnering with the Croton Chapter of Trout Unlimited,

which has several of its members serving as stewards on DEP properties with streams running through them. Many of the streams are the connecting waterways between reservoirs.

Watershed stewards donated many hours to pick up trash, remove invasive plants, plant trees, check boat launch areas, report downed trees or unsafe conditions, support our annual reservoir cleanup, and interact with other outdoor enthusiasts. They also sent in several reports that helped DEP improve our boat storage areas and watershed lands.

Earlier this year DEP met with some of the stewards who suggested ideas to improve the program. These ideas included expanding the program to other reservoirs, installing more trash cans, proposing improvements to our annual reservoir cleanup, and recommending changes to DEP's recreation rules.

We would like to thank our stewards for their efforts and ask all our recreation users to support them. If you meet someone in a DEP Watershed Steward shirt or hat, stop and chat with them. Some will give fishing tips or share information about our recreational boating program. If you're interested in getting involved, keep an eye out for future announcements and opportunities to participate in the program.

Boat Tag Renewal Reminder

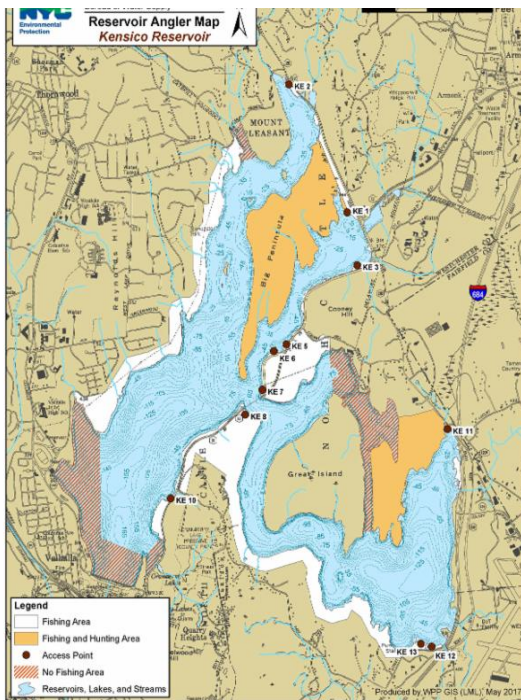
Did you know that more than 13,000 rowboats are stored on DEP reservoirs? All boats are permitted, steam cleaned, and must remain on reservoir property in their designated storage area. Every two years, boaters must renew their boat tag by mailing in a completed renewal form. DEP employees process between 5,000-8,000 boat tag renewals each year. That's a lot of mail!

If you have a boat that was up for renewal this year, you would have received a notice in the mail with instructions for renewing your tag. If you haven't done so already, please mail it back so we have time to process it before the Sept. 30 expiration date. Please note, it can sometimes take up to eight weeks to receive your new boat tag from the date that you mailed in your renewal application. Renewal season is reaching its peak now, so please be patient if you're still waiting for your tag.



Angler Maps





DEP is in the process of updating its angler maps that can be found on our interactive [RECMapper](#).

To date, the [Kensico](#) and [New Croton](#) maps have been revised to better reflect restricted areas for boating. Typically, these restricted areas are near shaft sites, dams and other vital water supply infrastructure.

In some cases, due to security and safety considerations, DEP may extend the restricted areas to greater than the minimum 500 feet that is required by our recreation rules. Additional angler maps can be found [here](#).

Come Visit DEP...

CATSKILL FOREST FESTIVAL!

Saturday, July 29th
10am 'til 4pm

At the Park Pavilion
Margaretville, New York
For information call (845)586-3054

Save the Dates

RESERVOIR CLEAN UP DAY

Sunday, October 1, 2017

12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

DEP will once again team up with school groups, business leaders, environmental advocates, local nonprofits and our watershed neighbors to help remove litter and recyclables from public recreation areas along water supply reservoirs in the Catskills and Hudson Valley. Hundreds of volunteers are expected to participate in DEP's fourth annual Reservoir Cleanup Day. Be on the lookout for future newsletters that will contain information on cleanup locations and registration. We hope you will join us!



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