



LEAVE NO TRACE
Seven Principles

1. Plan Ahead and Prepare
2. Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces
3. Dispose of Waste Properly
4. Leave What You Find
5. Minimize Campfire Impacts
6. Respect Wildlife
7. Be Considerate of Other Visitors

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BREATHTAKING BEAUTY, OUTSTANDING FISHING, CAST YOUR LINE IN ULSTER COUNTY.

The shimmering waters of the Catskills attract anglers from far and near, who come to Ulster County to experience some of the best fishing in the northeast. The unspoiled lakes, streams, ponds and rivers vibrate with an abundance of species. With headwaters deep in the mountains, numerous streams wind through hills and valleys shaded by the lush forests of the Catskill preserve, creating an ideal environment for trout to thrive.

Trout might be the main draw, but there's no shortage of largemouth, smallmouth and striped bass; northern pike, pickerel, walleye, yellow perch and other popular pan fish. Tiger muskies, hybrids of a musky-northern pike cross, add an exciting dimension to Ulster County's fishing experience.

We're privileged to share the shoreline of the Hudson River, where superlative game fish abound and numerous festivals and fishing contests bring anglers from around the world. Fishermen in the many bass tournaments on the river report that the Hudson is one of the best bass waters anywhere.

April and May offer outstanding striped bass fishing in the Hudson River and its tributaries.

MEET THE FISH OF ULSTER COUNTY.



Trout
(Brook, Brown, Rainbow)



Bass
(Largemouth and Smallmouth)



Pickerel



Northern Pike



Tiger Muskellunge



Walleye



Striped Bass



American Shad



Crappie



Yellow Perch



Sunfish

HOW TO GET HERE

No matter where you're coming from, the New York State Thruway (Interstates 87 and 90) provides easy access to Ulster County. Depending on your fishing spot, you'll want to take exit 18, 19, or 20 and follow the county freeways and secondary roads to your destination.



Exit 18 (New Paltz - Poughkeepsie)
Exit 19 (Kingston)
Exit 20 (Saugerties - Woodstock)

“Fishing provides time to think, and reason not to.”
– Carl Safina

According to general regulations, persons 16 years of age and older must possess a valid New York State fishing license, available at Department of Environmental Conservation offices, town clerks' offices and select sporting goods stores. A special permit is required to fish the New York City reservoirs.

All regulations appear in the New York State Fishing, Hunting and Trapping Regulations Guides available where licenses are issued.

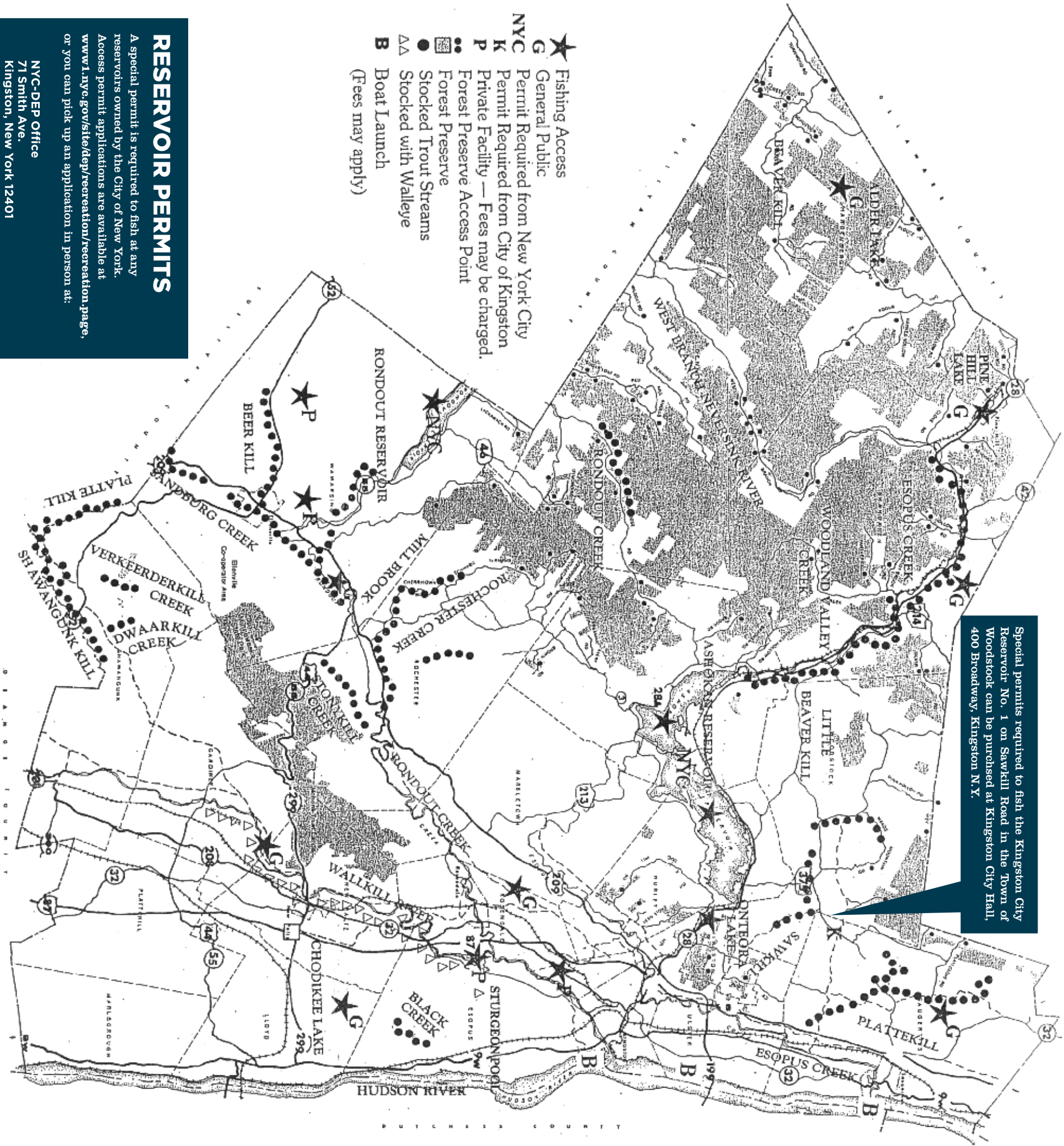
A POCKET GUIDE TO FISHING IN ULSTER COUNTY

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Special permits required to fish the Kingston City Reservoir No. 1 on Sawkill Road in the Town of Woodstock can be purchased at Kingston City Hall, 400 Broadway, Kingston N.Y.



ULSTER COUNTY REGULATIONS

TROUT (Brook, Brown, Rainbow) (Esopus Creek) (Alder, Echo Lake) Use or possession of fish for bait is prohibited	April 1-Oct. 15	Any Size	5
	April 1-Nov. 30	Any Size	5
	April 1-Sept. 30	10"	3
LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS (Hudson River, Lakes & Ponds) (Other Rivers and Streams)	3rd Sat. in June thru Nov. 30	12"	5
	3rd Sat. in June thru Nov. 30	10"	5
	1st Sat. in May thru March 15	15"	5
PICKEREL	1st Sat. in May thru March 15	15"	5
NORTHERN PIKE	1st Sat. in May thru March 15	18"	5
TIGER MUSKELLUNGE (found in pools above Eddyville Dam on Rondout Creek and above Saugerlies Dam on Esopus Creek and Onteora Lake)	1st Sat. in May thru March 15	30"	1
WALLEYE (all waters in Ulster Co. except Hudson River.)	1st Sat. in May thru March 15	18"	3
STRIPED BASS	March 16-Nov. 30	18"	1
AMERICAN SHAD	All Year	Any Size	6
CRAPPIE	All Year	9"	25
YELLOW PERCH	All Year	Any Size	50
SUNFISH (Bluegill, pumpkinseed & redbreast sunfish)	All Year	Any Size	50
BULLHEAD - ALL SPECIES (Hudson River) General Angling Regulations Apply			

NEW YORK CITY RESERVOIRS

RONDOUT RESERVOIR	April 1-Nov. 30	12"	3
LAKE TROUT	April 1-Nov. 30	18"	3
ASHOKAN RESERVOIR	April 1-Nov. 30	12"	3
WALLEYE	1st Sat. in May thru March 15	18"	3

FISHING: AN AMERICAN TRADITION

All New York State fishing regulations apply to Ulster County waters except in areas designated by the State for special regulations. Refer to New York State fishing guides available where fishing licenses are issued.

For specific information on regulations call NYS DEC at (845) 256-3161.

This fishing brochure was produced by the Ulster County Tourism Office, in cooperation with the Region 3 Office of NYS Department of Environmental Conservation.

RESERVOIR PERMITS

A special permit is required to fish at any reservoirs owned by the City of New York. Access permit applications are available at www1.nyc.gov/site/dep/recreation/recreation.page, or you can pick up an application in person at:

NYC-DEP Office
71 Smith Ave.
Kingston, New York 12401