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## **Dutchess County**

**Baxtertown Woods** - 250 acres, upland and wetland forest communities, hunting, fishing, hiking, wildlife observation, and nature photography. Hunting access is from designated parking areas only. Big game hunting is restricted to bows and crossbows only. Rifles are prohibited.

NOTE: The adjacent Stony Kill Farm Environmental Education Center remains closed to hunting and trapping.

**Depot Hill Multiple Use Area**- This 260 acre multiple use area (MUA) is distinctive for hosting part of the Appalachian Trail. Located in the towns of Beekman and Pawling, there are several parking lots along the town road with unofficial trails for hiking and wildlife enjoyment. Possible recreational pursuits for this area include, hunting, hiking, wildlife and bird observation, and camping.

**Hudson Highlands State Park Preserve**- Need permit from Parks office. Unlimited archery permits. Shotgun only- limited to the first 200 hunters. Big-game only.

**Lafayetteville Multiple Use Area**- Lafayetteville Multiple Use Area consists of 715 acres in the Town of Milan, Dutchess County. This area has both fields and forests and is regularly stocked with pheasants during hunting season.

**Roeliff Jansen Kill Multiple Use Area**-The Roeliff Jansen Kill Multiple Use Area consists of 128 acres in the Town of Milan, Dutchess County.

**Stissing Mountain Multiple Use Area**- Stissing Mountain Multiple Use Area consists of 590 acres in the Towns of Milan, Pine Plains, and Stanford in Dutchess County.

**Taconic-Hereford Multiple Use Area**- Taconic Hereford Multiple Use Area consists of 917 acres located in the Towns of Pleasant Valley and LaGrange, Dutchess County.

**Taconic State Park-Rudd Pond Area**- Permit required. Deer only. Archery and shotgun only.

**Tivoli Bays** - 1,722 acres, upland, wetland, hiking trails, boat access, parking lot, scenic vistas, birdwatching, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, hunting, fishing and trapping. Located in the Hudson River Estuary, this WMA is in northern Dutchess County just south of the Village of Tivoli. Take NYS Route 9G to parking areas and information kiosks

## **Orange**

**Stewart State Forest**-Stewart State Forest encompasses about 6,700 acres west of Stewart Airport in the Towns of Montgomery, New Windsor, and Hamptonburg and the Village of Maybrook in Orange County. Since the property was first opened as a cooperative hunting area in 1974, it has been one of the most popular hunting destinations in the state. Each year, thousands of sportsmen and women flock to Stewart to take advantage of its diverse habitats and abundant game populations. White-tailed deer and ringnecked pheasants are the most commonly pursued game species at Stewart. However, the area also provides high-quality turkey, waterfowl, rabbit, squirrel, and furbearer hunting. See <http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/50095.html> for more information.

**Pocunk State Forest**- Pochuck State Forest (Orange #5) encompasses 503 acres of land and is located in the hamlet of Pine Island near the town of Warwick in Orange County. It is a popular area for recreational activities such as hunting, hiking, camping, and horseback riding

**Sterling Forest State Park**- NYS DEC hunting license and park permit (\$5 fee) are required to hunt big and small game, and turkey. Applications must be received by mail or in person by 4 p.m. on September 18 to be eligible to hunt November 21 & 22, 2015. Hunters applying after Sept. 18 can begin hunting on November 23. See <http://nysparks.com/parks/74/hunting.aspx> for more information.

**Storm King State Park**- Hunting allowed on west side only. From West Point boundary to flag pole pull off.

## **Putnam County**

**Bog Brook** - 132 acres, upland, wetland, hiking trails, parking lot, viewing tower, birdwatching, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, hunting, fishing and trapping. This WMA is located in southeastern New York State approximately 60 miles north of New York City, west of NYS Route 22 and north of Foggintown Road.

**Big Buck Mountain State Forest**-Big Buck Mountain State Forest consists of 146 acres in the Town of Kent, Putnam County.

**California Hill State Forest**-California Hill State Forest consists of 982 acres in the Town of Kent and Putnam Valley in Putnam County.

**Cranberry Mountain** - 467 acres, upland, hiking trails, parking lot, birdwatching, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, hunting, fishing and trapping. This WMA is located in the Town of Patterson east of Route 22 approximately 63 miles north of New York City. A parking area allowing access is located on the west side of Stage Coach Road.

**Fahnestock State Park**- Need permit from Parks office. Unlimited archery permits. Shotgun only- limited to the first 200 hunters. Big-game and turkey only.

**Great Swamp** - 444 acres, upland, wetland, hunting, trapping, wildlife observation and photography, hiking, and fishing. Horseback riding and mountain biking are also allowed on the property. Hunting opportunities at the WMA include native small game species, waterfowl, white-tailed deer, and stocked ring-necked pheasants. This WMA is located in northeastern Putnam County in the Town of Patterson.

**Hudson Highlands State Park**- Need permit from Parks office. Unlimited archery permits. Shotgun only- limited to the first 200 hunters. Big-game and turkey only.

## **Sullivan County**

**Bashakill** - 2,213 acres, upland, wetland, hiking trails, boat access, parking lot, viewing tower, scenic vistas, birdwatching, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, hunting, fishing and trapping. This WMA is located 65 miles northeast of New York City, south of NYS Route 17 and east of NYS Route 209 with major access points from Haven and South Roads.

**Crystal Lake Wild Forest**- The 497-acre Crystal Lake Wild Forest includes a 32-acre man-made lake, seeps and streams, wetlands and an old beaver pond. See <http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/79594.html> for more info.

**Mongaup Valley** - 11,855 acres, upland, wetland, hiking trails, boat access, parking lot, scenic vistas, birdwatching, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, hunting, fishing and trapping. From Monticello, go south on Route 42 approximately 7 miles to the blinking yellow light in Forestburg. Go west (right) on County Route 43 about 2 ½ miles, or follow Route 97 north from Sparrowbush approximately 3 miles to the confluence of the Mongaup and Delaware Rivers.

**Sundown Wild Forest**- The 30,100-acre Sundown Wild Forest covers a large swath of the southeast Catskills, including several ridges and 10 mountains over 2,000 feet. Sundown features an impressive mix of natural features - mountains, waterfalls, valleys and rivers - rich

with trout streams, hiking destinations, hunting opportunities and snowmobile trails. Hike to the Red Hill fire tower for an unsurpassed view of the Catskill high peaks and Rondout reservoir.

**Willowemoc Wild Forest-** Located in the southwest corner of the [Catskill Park](#), Willowemoc Wild Forest contains more than 14,800 acres of Forever Wild Forest Preserve. A 40-mile trail network provides access to six ponds, and a world-class trout stream, the Willowemoc. Although hilly, the terrain is not as rugged as the Catskill High Peaks. The Willowemoc Wild Forest has the most expansive snowmobile system in the Catskills.

## **Ulster County**

**Balsam Lake Mountain Wild Forest-** Balsam Lake Mountain Wild Forest contains more than 13,500 acres of "forever wild" Forest Preserve located at the head of the Beaverkill Valley, an area famous as the cradle of fly fishing in America.

**Big Indian Wilderness-** The 33,500-acre Big Indian Wilderness Area contains the longest stretch of trail through uninterrupted virgin forest in the Catskills.

**Hunter-West Kill Wilderness Area-** The 19,250-acre Hunter-West Kill Wilderness in the [Catskill Forest Preserve](#) is a high elevation east-west ridge that lies between the West Kill Creek to the north and the Esopus Creek to the south. Hunter-West Kill Wilderness is a remote mountainous location of more than 19,250 acres. The terrain is very steep in places with elevations ranging from 1,000 feet to 3,880 feet.

**Indian Head Wilderness-** The 11,500-acre Indian Head Wilderness is on the eastern escarpment of the Catskill Mountains

**Kaaterskill Wild Forest-** The 7,620-acre Kaaterskill Wild Forest, located in the [Catskill Forest Preserve](#) is a popular destination for outdoor recreation, due to the abundance of hiking and other recreational trails available

**Minnewaska State Park Preserve-** Permit required. See <http://nysparks.com/parks/127/hunting.aspx> for details.

**Overlook Mountain Wild Forest-** Hunting and trapping are allowed in accordance with all New York State laws and regulations

**Phoenicia-Mt.Tobias Wild Forest-** Hunting and trapping are allowed on all forest preserve lands. Big game hunting and turkey hunting are popular in this wild forest

**Shandaken Wild Forest-** Hunting and trapping are allowed during appropriate seasons, except where specifically prohibited by posted notice

**Slide Mountain Wilderness-** Hunting and trapping are traditional uses that are encouraged within the Forest Preserve. This area supports a thriving black bear population and stable

white-tail deer population, both of which are hunted in the fall. The eastern wild turkey is hunted in both spring and fall. Furbearers, including beaver, fisher and coyote, are harvested annually. Hunting is prohibited in posted areas, including the [Woodland Valley Campground](#).

**Turkey Point State Forest-** Turkey Point is a 139+ acre State Forest in the Town of Saugerties in Ulster County, fronting on the Hudson River

## **Westchester**

**Rockefeller State Park Preserve-** Rockefeller State Park Preserve will conduct a controlled bow hunt this fall. To participate, hunters must commit to a minimum of five days of effort. Applications and conditions of the hunt may be obtained in person at the Preserve Office, on the park website (below), or via email to [laurence.gill@parks.ny.gov](mailto:laurence.gill@parks.ny.gov). Questions can be directed to the Preserve Office at 914-631-1470, ext. 120. - See more at: <http://nysparks.com/parks/59/hunting.aspx#sthash.XPgQsVhm.dpuf>