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Western Zone

The Western Zone makes up the rest of the state with the Allegheny, Niagara Frontier, and Genesee Regions of OPRHP. Also included in this zone are DEC's Regions 8 and 9.

OPRHP Regions

Allegheny Region
Allegheny State Park
2373 ASP Rt. 1, Suite 3
Salamanca, NY 14779
(716) 354-9101

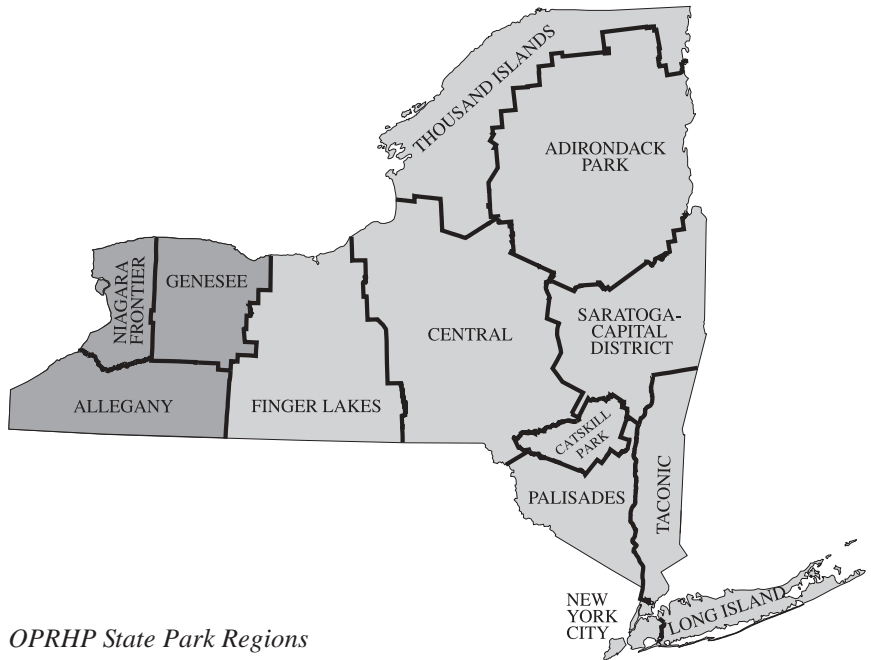
Genesee Region
1 Letchworth State Park
Castile, NY 14427-1124
(716) 493-3600

Niagara Frontier Region
Prospect Park
P. O. Box 1132
Niagara Falls, NY 14303-1132
(716) 278-1701

DEC Regions

Region 8
6274 Avon Lima Road
Avon, NY 14414-9519
(716) 226-2466

Region 9
270 Michigan Ave.
Buffalo, NY 14203-2999
(716) 851-7000



OPRHP State Park Regions



DEC Regions

State Parks

Western Zone



Allegany State Park

Contact: 2573 ASP Route 1
 STE 3
 Salamanca, NY 14779
 (716) 354-6515

Hiking trails: 79 miles.
 Biking trails: 5 miles.
 Snowmobile trails: 61 miles.
 Equestrian trails: 45 miles.
 Cross-country ski trails: 24 miles.

Our largest state park is truly a park for all seasons. Trail opportunities and activities exist year-round. Summer activities range from guided nature walks to overnight backpacking excursions. In the winter months, trails are opened to snowshoers, cross-country skiers and snowmobilers. Eighteen

designated trails provide hiking opportunities ranging from short walks to backpacking experiences.

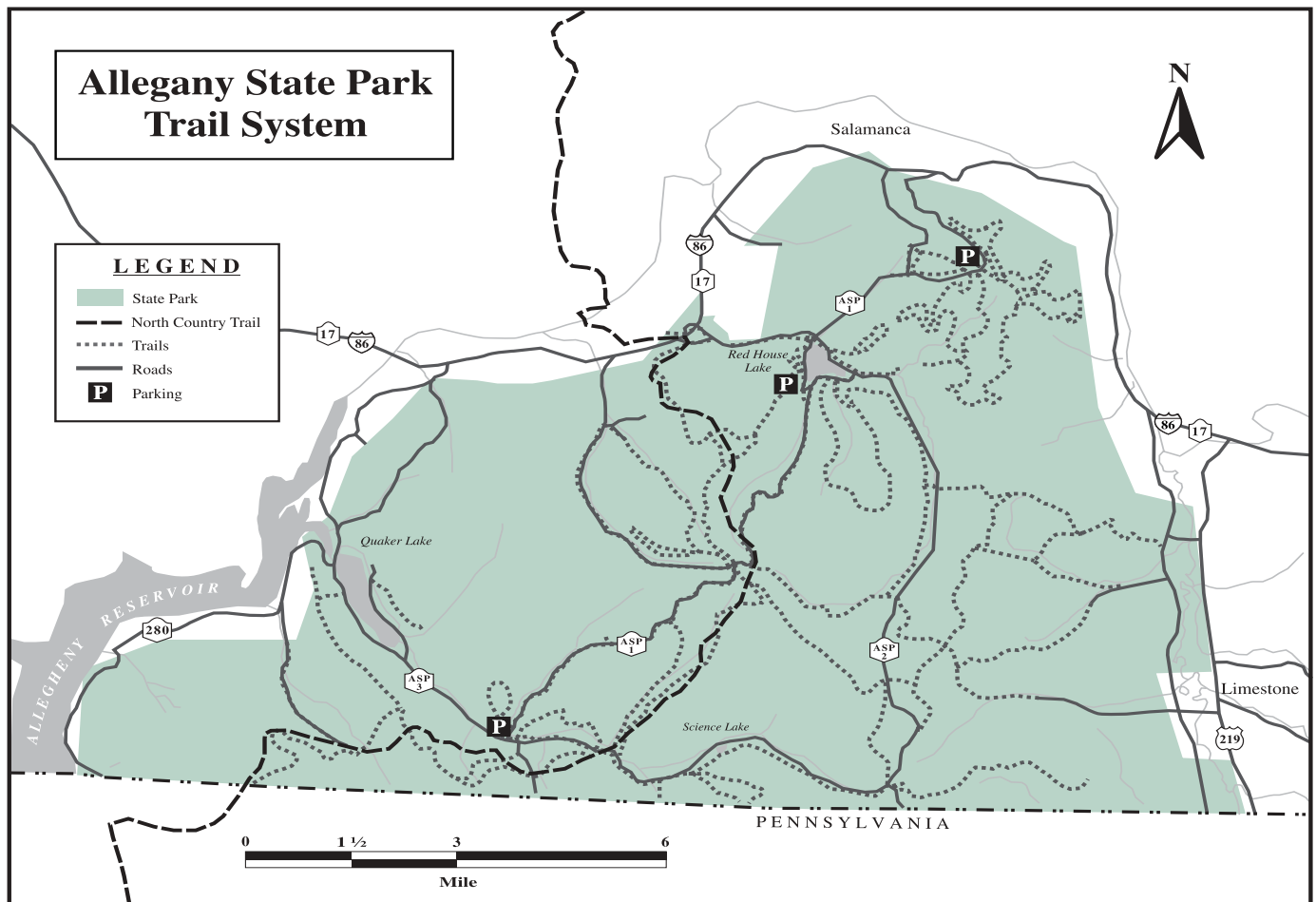
The park abuts the Allegheny National Forest in Pennsylvania, where 120 miles of hiking trails are available. The park and the forest are linked together via the North Country National Scenic Trail/ Finger Lakes Trail.

Bicycling is an increasingly popular activity in Allegany State Park. The bike path encircles Red House Lake with short connecting spurs to cabins and camping areas.

Horseback riding trails abound in the park. The series of interconnecting loops use gravel park roads, abandoned roads and railroad rights-of-way. There is a 24-mile trail network for cross-

country skiing. The system uses hiking trails, abandoned railroad beds and former logging trails and roads. A separate loop is available for ski-skating.

Sixty-one miles of snowmobile loop trails include the use of unplowed park roads, abandoned roadways, utility corridors and gasoline roads and railroad grades. Trailheads and parking areas have been designated for snowmobiles. All other hiking trails not officially designated for winter use are open to snowshoers.



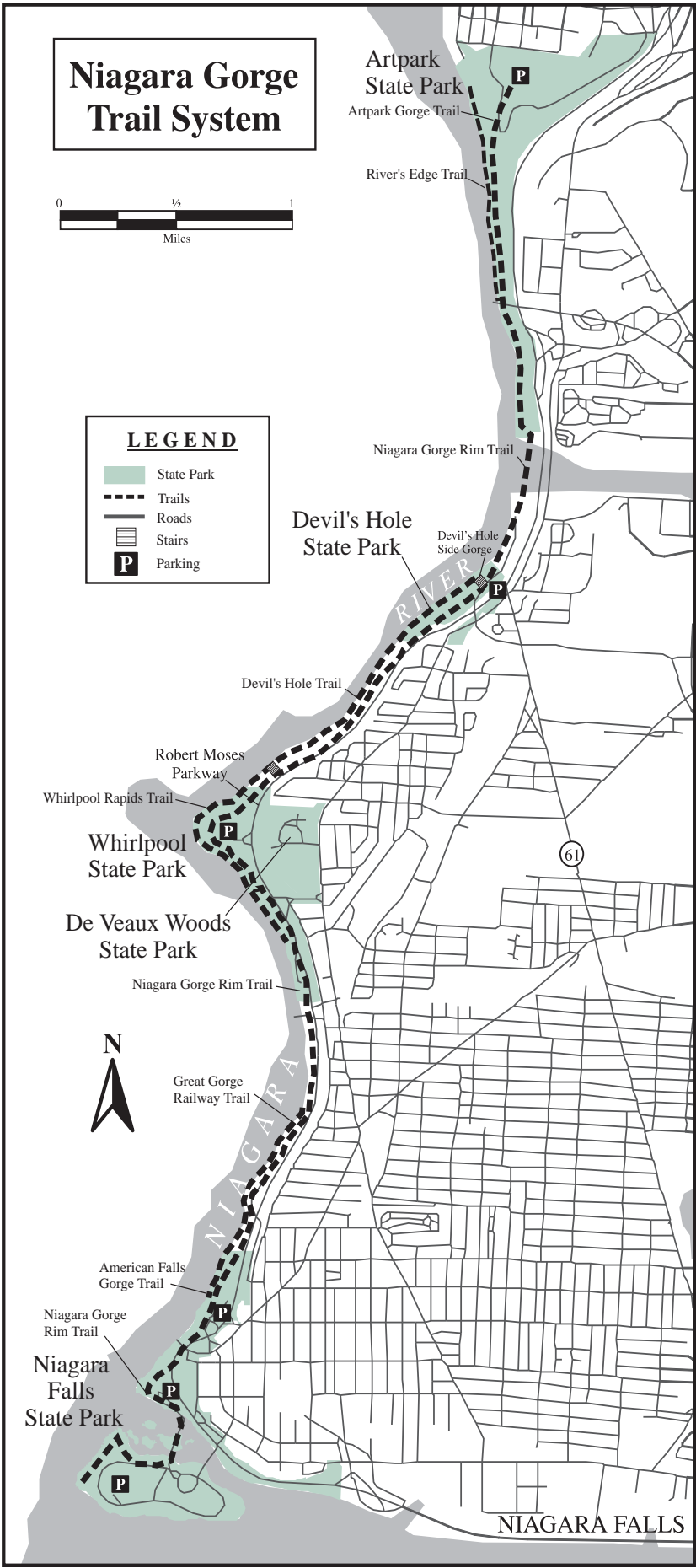
Niagara Gorge Trail System

Contact: Niagara Gorge Trail Hikes
 Niagara Falls State Park
 PO Box 1132
 Niagara Falls, NY 14303-0132
 (716) 278-0820

Trail System: 16 miles.

For over 12,000 years, the Niagara River's powerful waterfall has been creating the gorge. Niagara Falls is now seven miles south of its original location. Many sections of the trail system are remnants of the Great Gorge Route, an electric trolley line that ran in the gorge between 1895-1935.

The Niagara Gorge Trail System is a series of hiking trails parallel to the Niagara River Gorge. The trail system provides public access to the gorge and its many spectacular scenic attractions, including *The Whirlpool*, *Giant Rock*, *Whirlpool Rapids*, and *Devil's Hole Rapids*. The gorge trail system interconnects five state parks: Niagara Falls, Whirlpool, DeVeaux Woods, Devil's Hole and Artpark. Parking is available in each of these areas. Naturalist-led hikes into the gorge are offered to groups and the general public from mid-May through mid-November.



Letchworth State Park

Contact: 1 Letchworth State Park
Castile, N.Y. 14427
(716) 493-3600

Trails: 70 miles.

Gorge Trail: 7 miles.

Hemlock Trail: 2.5 miles.

Letchworth State Park, the “Grand Canyon of the East,” comprises 14,350 acres of scenic magnificence along the Genesee River in western New York. Three major waterfalls, lush forest and dramatic cliffs approaching 600 feet in height contribute to make Letchworth one of the most notable examples of waterfall and gorge scenery in the eastern United States. There are almost 70 miles of trails in Letchworth with a variety of uses including hiking, biking, horseback riding, snowmobiling and cross-country skiing.

Any listing of the highlights of the Letchworth trails would start with The Gorge Trail, the most popular and the most scenic. Its seven moderately difficult miles begin just below the Erie High Bridge at the southern end of the park. The trail follows the gorge rim past the Upper and Middle Falls, Inspiration Point overlook, around the Great Bend, over Wolf Creek ending at the river flats near St. Helena. Your hike will be rewarded with spectacular vistas, up close encounters with the falls and an opportunity to admire many of the stone walls and stairs built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s.

The Hemlock Trail is a true multi-use trail often used for biking, horseback riding and snowmobiling. This 2.5 mile wooded trail travels through rolling terrain once used as farmland. The fields have returned

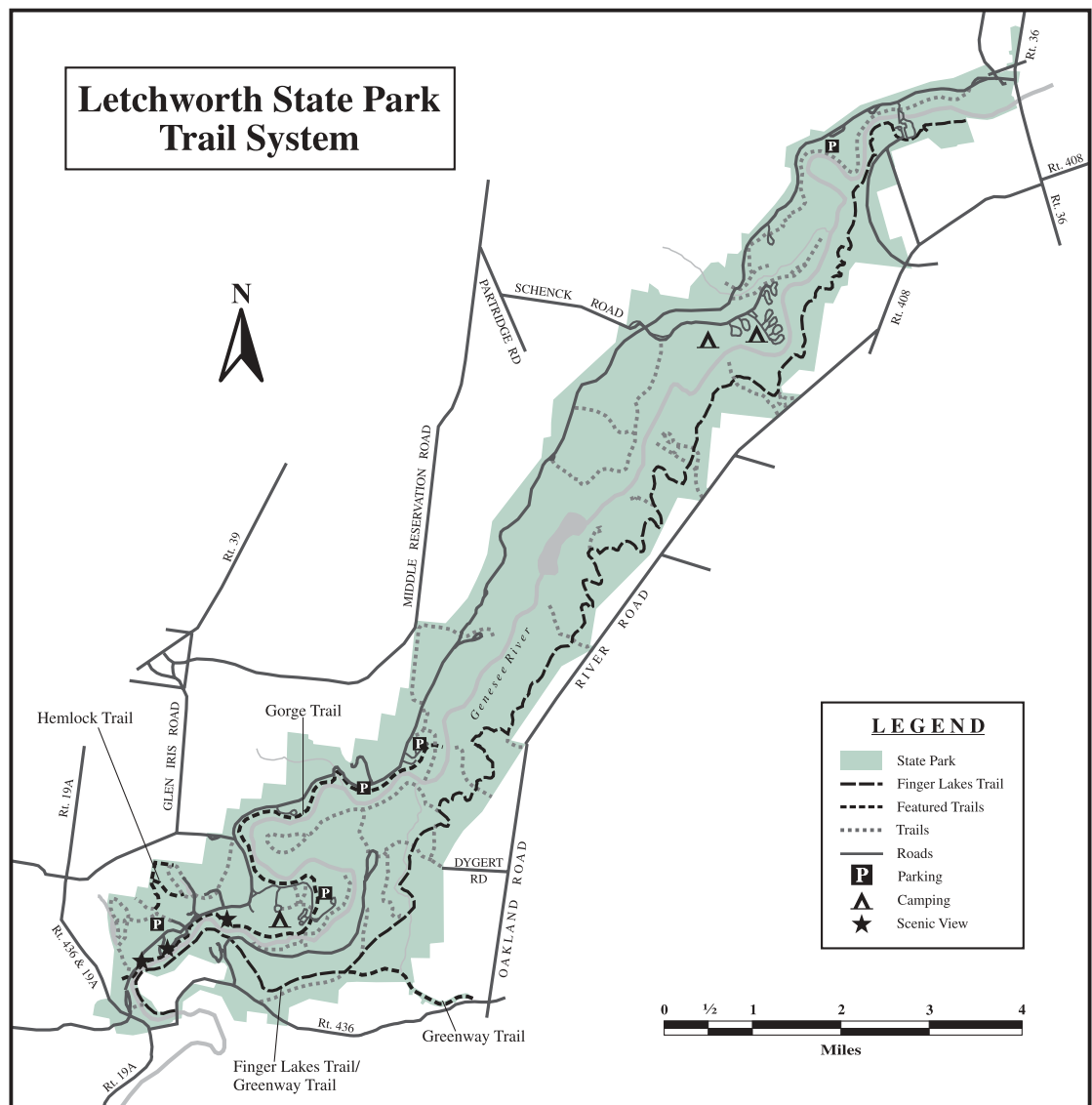
to forest, and old growth eastern hemlocks, 200+ years old, still mark the long forgotten hedgerows. The winding route follows Deh-ga-ya-soh Creek and connects two trails to form a popular mini-network. Passing by Pine Pond and Beaver Pond, be sure to look for wood ducks, mallards, spotted turtles and bullfrogs. Birdwatchers can also scan the trees for pileated woodpeckers, cedar waxwings and great horned owls.

The Greenway Trail is part of the 90-mile Genesee Valley Greenway, which is discussed in a later section. The Greenway follows the path of the old Genesee Valley Canal and the abandoned Pennsylvania Railroad. As you follow the Greenway through the park, journey along the edge of the gorge and discover an ancient river valley filled with glacial debris. Several of the bluestone locks

from the canal days are also visible at the eastern trailhead.

The Letchworth branch of the Finger Lakes Trail presents great opportunities for the trail enthusiast. Its 21.5 mile ramble along the park’s wilder east side weaves through woodland, across ravines with cascading streams as well as old farm fields. Its changing surroundings offer a diversity of wildlife habitats. You may encounter beaver dams, river otter tracks and hummingbirds among the flowering dogwoods. Multiple access points allow the trail to be hiked in shorter segments as well as end to end.

More information and complete trail maps are available by contacting the park.



State Parks

Allegheny Region

| Park Name | Phone Number | H i k i n g | N a t u r e | E q u e s t r i a n | B i k i n g | C r o u s t r y | C o u n t y | S n o w m o b i l e |
|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| Allegheny | (716) 354-9121 | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ |
| Lake Erie | (716) 792-9214 | ◆ | ◆ | | | | ◆ | ◆ |
| Long Point on Lake Chautauqua | (716) 386-2722 | ◆ | ◆ | | | | ◆ | ◆ |

Genesee Region

| Park Name | Phone Number | H i k i n g | N a t u r e | E q u e s t r i a n | B i k i n g | C r o u s t r y | C o u n t y | S n o w m o b i l e |
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| Darien Lakes | (716) 547-9242 | ◆ | | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ |
| Hamlin Beach | (716) 964-2462 | ◆ | ◆ | | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ |
| Lakeside Beach | (716) 682-4888 | ◆ | | | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ |
| Letchworth | (716) 493-3600 | ◆ | ◆ ^H | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ |
| Silver Lake | (716) 493-3600 | ◆ | | | | | ◆ | |

Niagara Frontier Region

| Park Name | Phone Number | H i k i n g | N a t u r e | E q u e s t r i a n | B i k i n g | C r o u s t r y | C o u n t y | S n o w m o b i l e |
|-------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| Earl W. Brydges Artpark | (716) 794-9000 | ◆ | ◆ | | | | ◆ | |
| Beaver Island | (716) 773-3271 | | ◆ | | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ |
| Buckhorn Island | (716) 773-3271 | ◆ | ◆ | | ◆ | ◆ | | |
| Joseph Davis | (716) 754-4596 | ◆ | ◆ | | | | ◆ | ◆ |
| Devil's Hole | (716) 278-1762 | ◆ | ◆ | | | | ◆ | |
| Evangola | (716) 549-1802 | ◆ | ◆ | | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ |
| Fort Niagara | (716) 745-7273 | ◆ | ◆ | | ◆ | ◆ | | |
| Four Mile Creek | (716) 745-3802 | ◆ | ◆ | | ◆ | | | |
| Golden Hill | (716) 795-3885 | ◆ | ◆ | | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ |
| Niagara Reservation | (716) 278-1770 | ◆ | ◆ | | ◆ | ◆ | | |
| Reservoir | (716) 285-3891 | ◆ | ◆ | | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ |
| Whirlpool | (716) 278-1762 | ◆ | ◆ | | ◆ | ◆ | | |
| Wilson-Tuscarora | (716) 751-6361 | ◆ | ◆ | | | | ◆ | ◆ |
| Woodlawn Beach | (716) 862-1930 | ◆ | | | | | | |

u= services available

R=Rentals Available

^H= Handicapped accessible

^P=Permit Required

State Lands and Forests

Western Zone



Boutwell Hill Management Unit (State Forests Chautauqua 1 and 7)

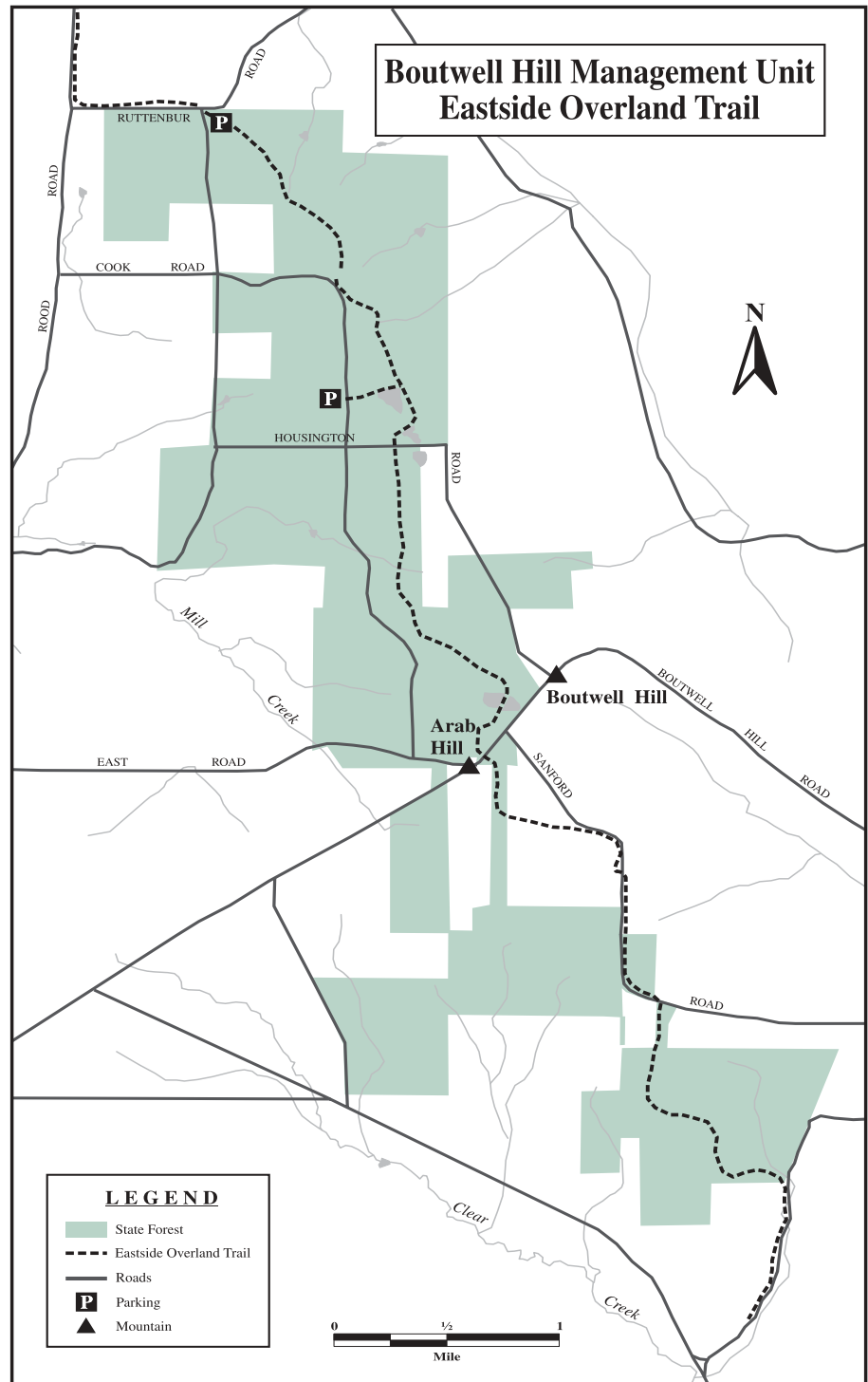
Contact: Department of
Environmental Conservation
215 South Work St.
Falconer, NY 14733
(716) 665-6111

Hiking trails: 8.5 miles.
Snowmobile/horse trails: 6.2 miles.

Boutwell Hill Management Unit is a combination of two state forest areas and the Canadaway Creek Wildlife Management Area. The unit is located in the towns of Arkwright, Charlotte and Cherry Creek in Chautauqua County with a total of 5,124 acres.

In the 1930s, Boutwell Hill Management Unit was the site of many work projects carried out by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). These projects included construction of roads and the planting of thousands of pine and spruce trees in open areas.

The Eastside Overland Trail crosses this management unit. The trail was built through the cooperative efforts of government and private individuals. Chautauqua County, through the Department of Public Works, Parks Division and the County Park Commission, is responsible for trail maintenance. The Eastside Overland Trail is a hiking trail. However, there are also snowmobile/horse trails in Boutwell Hill State Forest.



Rock City State Forest (Cattaraugus 5 and 8)

Contact: Department of
Environmental Conservation
215 South Work St.
Falconer, NY 14733
(716) 665-6111

Rock City State Forest is a combination of two state forest areas comprising a total of 6,015 acres. The area is located in the towns of Great Valley and Little Valley in Cattaraugus County, north of the city of Salamanca.

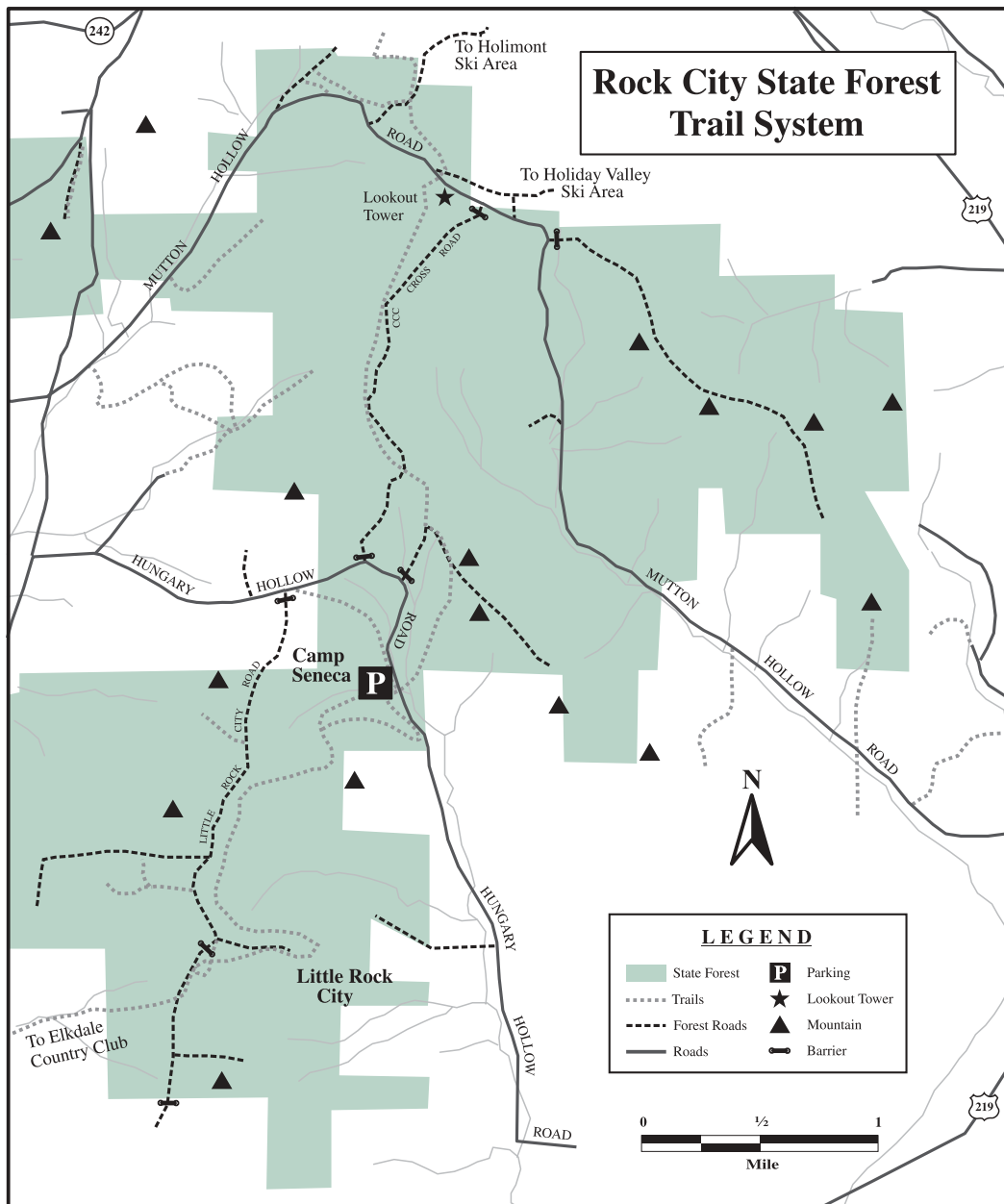
Camp Seneca was at one time a camp operated for men employed by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC).

Presently, the camp is a recreation site. A hiking trail begins at a picnic area and leads into Camp Seneca. Take precaution when using the trail. The rocks are large with many separations and gaps. Hikers have the option of hiking to or from Camp Seneca, or circling around to "Little Rock City" to enjoy a vigorous hike while viewing fascinating, natural rock formations and the many species of wildlife that exist in the forest.

The Foothills Trail Club also maintains a hiking trail from the west. The trail leaves Elkdale Country Club golf course, crosses a stone bridge moving

towards Little Rock City and eventually converges with that trail. From Camp Seneca the trail goes north to an old fire tower and then off state reforestation lands onto the Holimont Ski Area.

The flat areas of the trails, especially in the old fire tower vicinity, are ideal for cross-country skiing. The winter roads are not plowed unless there is a timber sale; therefore, they are suitable for hiking, skiing, or snowshoeing.



State Lands and Forests

DEC Region 8 Avon - (716) 226-2466

| County | Unit No. | Common Name | H i k i n g | N a t u r e | E q u e s t r i a n | B i k i n g | C r o u s t r y | C o u n t y | S n o w m o b i l e |
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| Schuyler | 1 | Goundry Hill | ◆ | | ◆ | ◆ | | | ◆ |
| Schuyler | 2 | Sugar Hill | ◆ | | ◆ | ◆ | | | ◆ |
| Steuben | 1 | Greenwood | ◆ | | ◆ | ◆ | | | ◆ |
| Steuben | 3 | South Bradford | ◆ | | | ◆ | | | ◆ |
| Steuben | 4 | Cameron | ◆ | | | | | | ◆ |
| Steuben | 5 | West Hill | ◆ | | | | | | |
| Steuben | 6 | Urbana | ◆ | | | | | | |
| Steuben | 7 | Meads Creek | ◆ | | | | | | |
| Steuben | 8 | Birdseye Hollow | ◆ | | | | | | |
| Steuben | 9 | Beaver Dam | ◆ | | | | | | ◆ |
| Steuben | 10 | Moss Hill | ◆ | | ◆ | ◆ | | | |
| Steuben | 11 | Pigtail Hollow | ◆ | | | | | | ◆ |
| Steuben | 12 | Rock Creek | ◆ | | ◆ | ◆ | | | ◆ |
| Steuben | 13 | Dry Run | ◆ | | ◆ | ◆ | | | ◆ |
| Steuben | 14 | Erwin Hollow | ◆ | | | | | | |
| Steuben | 15 | Canacadea | ◆ | | ◆ | ◆ | | | ◆ |
| Steuben | 16 | Tracey Creek | ◆ | | ◆ | ◆ | | | ◆ |
| Steuben | 17 | Turkey Ridge | ◆ | | | | | | |
| Steuben | 18 | Cameron Mills | ◆ | | | | | | |
| Steuben | 19 | Bird Hill | ◆ | | | | | | |
| Steuben | 20 | Erwin Mountain | ◆ | | | | | | |
| Steuben | 21 | McCarthy Hill | ◆ | | | | ◆ | | |
| Steuben | 22 | Mt. Washington | ◆ | | | | | | |
| Steuben/ Schuyler | 1 | Cinnamon Lake | ◆ | | ◆ | | | | ◆ |
| Yates | 1 | Italy Hill | ◆ | | | | | | ◆ |
| Yates | 2 | Bare Hill | ◆ | | | | | | |
| Chemung | 1 | Catlin | ◆ | | | | | | |
| Chemung | 2 | Maple Hill | ◆ | | ◆ | ◆ | | | ◆ |
| Livingston | 1 | Canaseraga | ◆ | | ◆ | | | | ◆ |
| Livingston | 2 | Ossian | ◆ | | ◆ | | | | ◆ |
| Livingston | 3 | Sonyea | ◆ | | ◆ | ◆ | | | ◆ |
| Genesee | | Genesee Valley Greenway Trail | ◆ | | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | | ◆ |
| Genesee | | Holmes Trail | ◆ | | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | | ◆ |

DEC Region 9
Buffalo - (716) 851-7000

| County | Unit No. | Common Name | H i k i n g | N a t u r e | E q u e s t r i a n | B i k i n g | C r o u s t r y | C o u n t y | S n o w m o b i l e |
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| Chautauqua | 1&7 | Boutwell Hill | ◆ | | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ |
| Chautauqua | 2 | North Harmony | ◆ | | | ◆ | ◆ | | |
| Chautauqua | 3 | Mount Pleasant | ◆ | | | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ |
| Chautauqua | 4 | Panama | ◆ | | | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ |
| Chautauqua | 5 | Chautauqua Gorge | ◆ | | | ◆ | ◆ | | |
| Chautauqua | 6 | Stockton | ◆ | | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ |
| Chautauqua | 8 | Brokenstraw | ◆ | | | ◆ | ◆ | | |
| Chautauqua | 9&12 | Harris Hill | ◆ | | | ◆ | ◆ | | |
| Chautauqua | 10 | Hatch Creek | ◆ | | | | | | |
| Chautauqua | 11 | Edward J. Whalen Memorial | ◆ | | | ◆ | ◆ | | |
| Chautauqua | 13 | Hill Higher | ◆ | | | | | | |
| Chautauqua | 14 | Wellman | ◆ | | | | | | |
| Cattaraugus | 1&17 | Bucktooth | ◆ | | | ◆ | ◆ | | |
| Cattaraugus | 2&3 | South Valley | ◆ | | | | | | |
| Cattaraugus | 4 | Dobbins Memorial | ◆ | | | | | | |
| Cattaraugus | 5 | McCarthy Hill | ◆ | | | ◆ | ◆ | | |
| Cattaraugus | 6 | Windfall Creek | ◆ | | | | | | |
| Cattaraugus | 7 | Bush Hill | ◆ | | | ◆ | ◆ | | |
| Cattaraugus | 8 | Rock City | ◆ | | | ◆ | ◆ | | |
| Cattaraugus | 9 | Pine Hill | ◆ | | | | | | |
| Cattaraugus | 12 | Bear Creek | ◆ | | | ◆ | ◆ | | |
| Cattaraugus | 13&16 | Golden Hill | ◆ | | | ◆ | ◆ | | |
| Cattaraugus | 14 | Farmersville | ◆ | | | ◆ | ◆ | | |
| Cattaraugus | 15 | East Otto | ◆ | | | | | | |
| Cattaraugus | 18 | Cattaraugus | ◆ | | | | | | |
| Cattaraugus | 19 | Raecher Hill | ◆ | | | | | | |
| Cattaraugus | 20 | Boyce Hill | ◆ | | | ◆ | ◆ | | |
| Cattaraugus | 21 | Bryant Hill | ◆ | | | | | | |
| Cattaraugus | 22 | Nine Mile Creek | ◆ | | | | | | |
| Cattaraugus | 23 | Elkdale | ◆ | | | | | | |
| Cattaraugus/ Erie | 1 | Zoar Valley | ◆ | | | | | | |

DEC Region 9 (Continued)

Buffalo - (716) 851-7000

| County | Unit No. | Common Name | H i k i n g | N a t u r e | E q u e s t r i a n | B i k i n g | C r o u s t r y | S n o w m o b i l e |
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| Wyoming | 9 | Carlton Hill | ◆ | | | | | |
| Allegany | 1 | Phillips Creek | ◆ | | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ |
| Allegany | 2 | Turnpike | ◆ | | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ |
| Allegany | 3 | Bully Hill | ◆ | | | | | ◆ |
| Allegany | 4 | Palmer Pond | ◆ | | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ |
| Allegany | 5 | Keeney Swamp | ◆ | | | | | ◆ |
| Allegany | 6 | Klipnocky | ◆ | | | | | ◆ |
| Allegany | 7 | Vandermark | ◆ | | | | | ◆ |
| Allegany | 8 | Gillies Hill | ◆ | | | | | ◆ |
| Allegany | 9 | Hiltonville | ◆ | | | | | ◆ |
| Allegany | 10 | Gas Springs | ◆ | | | | | |
| Allegany | 11 | English Hall | ◆ | | | | | ◆ |
| Allegany | 12 | Lost Nation | ◆ | | | | | ◆ |
| Allegany | 13 | Jersey Hill | ◆ | | | | | ◆ |
| Allegany | 14 | Karr Valley Creek | ◆ | | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ |
| Allegany | 15 | Cold Creek | ◆ | | | | | ◆ |
| Allegany | 16 | Crab Hollow | ◆ | | | | | |
| Allegany | 17 | Coyle Hill | ◆ | | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ |
| Allegany | 18 | Rush Creek | ◆ | | | | | ◆ |
| Allegany | 19 | Swift Hill | ◆ | | | | | ◆ |
| Allegany | 20 | Plum Bottom | ◆ | | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ |
| Allegany | 21 | Slader Creek | ◆ | | | | | ◆ |
| Allegany | 22 | Bald Mountain | ◆ | | | | | |
| Allegany | 23 | Allen Lake | ◆ | | | | | ◆ |