The Natural Environment

Lake Taghkanic State Park encompasses 1,568 acres of pristine wilderness in New York State's Hudson Valley Region. Here you will find many species of flora and fauna that are indigenous to this climate. Elevations within the park range from 500 feet to 930 feet at some of the higher northern ridges. Appalachian oak, hickory, maple, cedar, and hemlock are commonly found throughout the park with spruce and white birch found on the northern slopes. Mammals found in the park include deer, coyotes, beaver, rabbits, squirrels, and raccoons.

The lake is 156 acres, with a maximum depth of 42 feet. Fish in the lake include large and small mouth bass, pickerel, brown bullhead, blue gill, and rock bass.

Directions:

Lake Taghkanic State Park is located off of the Taconic State Parkway, one mile south of the Hudson/Ancram Exit (Rt. 82).

Trucks, trailers, and cars can alternately access the Park off of State Route 82, approximately 2 miles south of West Taghkanic.

Contact Information:

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Ancram, NY 12502 Online: www.nysparks.com

E-mail: Lake.Taghkanic@parks.ny.gov

Camping Reservations:
1-800-456-CAMP (2267)
www.reserveamerica.com

NY State Park Police:
(845) 889-8866

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Ancram, New York —Taconic Region

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History

The park was donated to the State of New York in 1929 by Dr. McRa Livingston with the provision that the lake and park be named Lake Taghkanic. The lake had been previously known as Lake Charlott. In 1933 a Civilian Conservation Corp (CCC) camp was established at the park. C.C.C. projects in the park included construction of the East Bathhouse, the East Beach, the camping and cabin areas and the water tower.

Special features of the park include a tent and small trailer camping area, a cabin & cottage area, a bathing beach, secluded picnic areas, boat rentals, playground areas, a ball field and hiking trails. There is also a picnic pavilion available for rental.

Lake Taghkanic is open year round for day use activities. Overnight camping is available May through October. A daily vehicle use fee is charged seasonally. Winter activities include ice fishing, cross country skiing, snowshoeing, snowmobiling, and ice skating.

Park Hours

For general use the park is open daily, year round, from sunrise to sunset, except from Memorial Day to Labor Day. From Memorial Day to Labor Day the Park is open daily from 8am to sunset. Campers must stay within the campground and cottage areas outside of general use hours.

Please don't forget this is a Carry-In Carry-out park. All that you bring in, you must bring out.

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NO DOGS ARE ALLOWED IN THE PARK EXCEPT:

In Parking Lots–Along Roadways–On Marked Trails

Recreation & Activities

Hiking & Biking: There are 8 miles of trails suitable for hiking and light to moderate mountain biking.

Swimming: The West Beach is open for swimming when lifeguards are on duty from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day (weather & resources permitting). For 2016, swimming is open Sat, Sun and Holidays only, 10:00am until 7:00pm from May 28th through June 26th. Then, from June 27th to Labor Day (9/5), swimming is open10:00am until 6:00pm Mon-Fri and 10:00am until 7:00pm Sat, Sun and Holidays.
The East Beach is CLOSED.

Boating: Visitors may bring their own boat/kayak to enjoy on the lake. No gas powered motors are allowed. All boats must have a permit. Season long permits are $30, and weekly permits are $10. Both are available at the Park Office. Seasonal boat storage is available for an additional $10.

Fishing: Is allowed during park hours. Everyone age 16 or older must possess a valid NYS fresh water fishing license.

Hunting: Bow hunting only. Deer and turkey may be taken in designated areas during season. A Park Hunting Permit is required.

Boat Rentals: Rowboats, kayaks, paddleboats and canoes are available for rent from May 7th through October 16th in 2016.
All boats are the same price: $40 cash deposit;
$10 per hour taken out of deposit or $40 per day

West Beach Concession

The Concession is open during swim season and follows the same operating schedule as swimming (weather permitting), The Concession serves traditional snack bar food/drinks. It also sells ice, firewood, charcoal and lighter fluid, clothing, beach toys, misc. camping supplies and much more! **All sales are Cash Only**.

Pavilion & Rec. Hall Rentals

Our picnic pavilion provides an ideal place for your next function. Located in parking lot "E", the pavilion can accommodate 75 people. There are picnic tables, charcoal grills and a handicap accessible restroom. The fee is $50 for the day or $60 for the day if electricity is needed. Applications are available at the Park Office.
Our Rec Hall, which is located in the campground, is also available for your next function. Please contact the Park Office for additional information.

Camping Information

Lake Taghkanic State Park, offers a beautiful backdrop for tent camping. There are over 60 ground, platform, and trailer sites available for rent . Each site can accommodate up to 6 people.

Shower facilities and comfort stations are centrally located, as well as water fountains. Camping season extends from mid-May through late-October.

Reservations

While reservations aren't required, they are highly recommended, especially on weekends and holidays. Reservations can be made up to 9 months in advance by calling the New York State Camping Reservation Service at:

1-800-456-CAMP (2267)

or by visiting: **www.reserveamerica.com**

If a reservation is not made in advance, you take the chance of there not being a campsite and or cabin/cottage available.

Registration

All campers must register upon arrival, at the West Beach Office. Please know your reservation details, vehicle information, and the names of all occupants staying on the site/unit. **Campers must check in by 9:00 p.m.**

Cabin & Cottage Occupancy

Officially begins at 3:00 p.m. on the day of arrival and ends at 11:00 a.m. on the date of departure. Permits are limited to a maximum of two weeks, permits may be extended on a day by day basis (subject to availability).

Camp Store

The Camp Store is located just off Parking Lot 1 (Campground Parking Lot) and is open seasonally. The Store sells items such as firewood, ice, worms for fishing, charcoal and lighter fluid, candy, snacks, drinks, ice cream, clothing, blankets, misc. camping supplies and more! **All sales are Cash Only**.

The Camp Store is open during camping season only and is open to all guests of Lake Taghkanic. See the Park Office for operating hours/dates.

Cabin & Cottage Information

Each cabin & cottage has the following amenities: an electric stove, refrigerator (at least 10 cubic ft.), screened-in porch, picnic table as well as a fire-ring. Units range from 1 to 4 bedrooms. Patrons must provide all utensils, cookware, linens & pillows in standard cottages / cabins.

Cabins: Our rustic cabins are located in woods at the east end of the park, beyond the camping area. Each unit has a small kitchen, running water (most only have cold water), a fireplace, and an indoor toilet. There is a centrally located shower house.

Cottages: Are located at the west end of the park along the lake shore. Each unit has a kitchen, hot & cold water, and a bathroom with shower. These units have a drywall interior and some have electric heat or a fireplace.

Full–Service Vacation Cottages:

Four of our cottages (C-157, 158, 167 & 171) have the luxuries of home. Additional amenities include : Eating /cooking utensils, pots & pans, glassware, microwave, deluxe furniture, electric heat, coffee maker, toaster, radio/clock, carpeted or hardwood floors, sofa, and bed linens. Access Passes are not valid for renting these units. A $100 condition deposit is due upon check-in.

Cabin & Cottage Capacity:

1 bedroom unit = Maximum of 2 people

2 bedroom unit = Maximum of 4 people

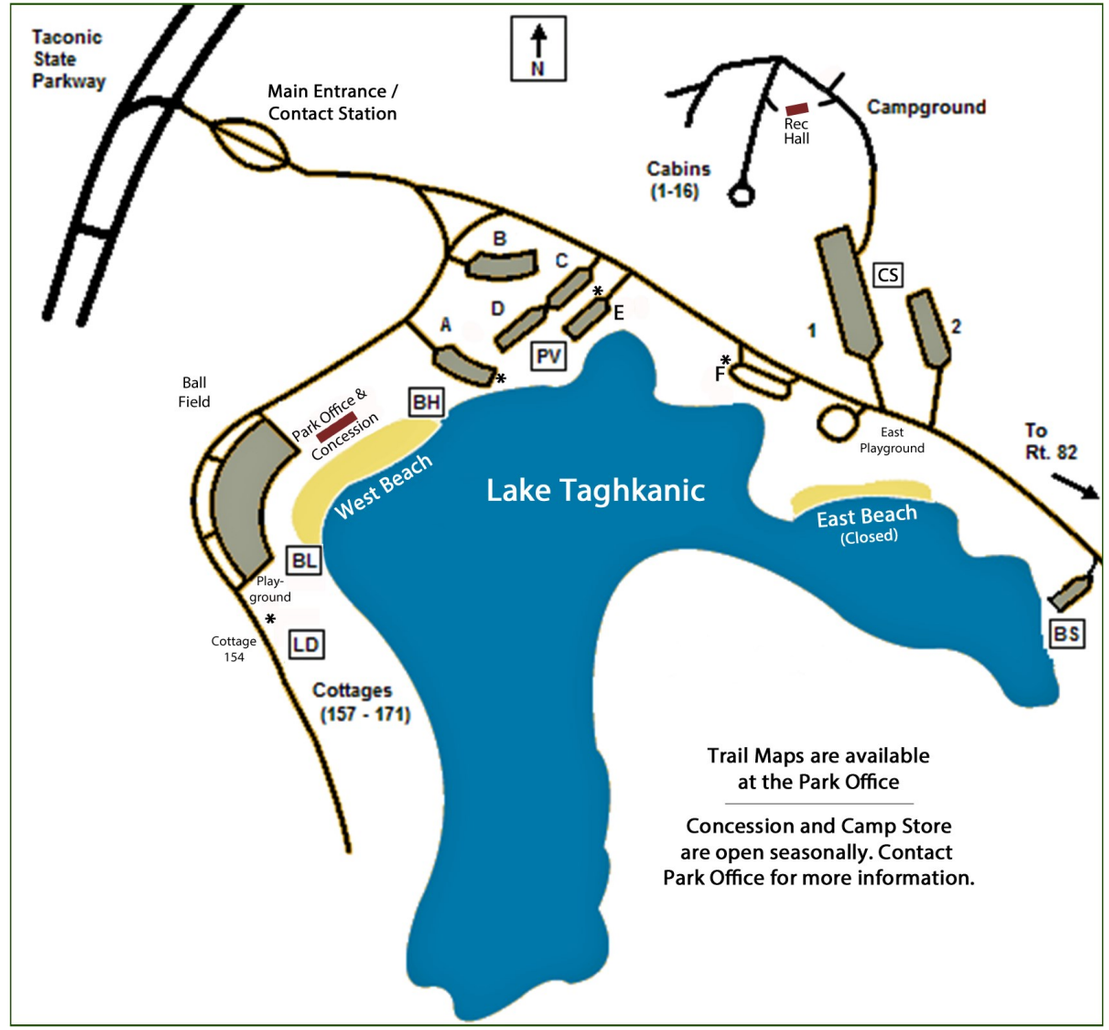
3 bedroom unit = Maximum of 6 people

4 bedroom unit = Maximum of 8 people

Laundry:

The Park has a coin operated Laundry available for our Camping, Cabin and Cottage guests. Quarters can be obtained at the Park Office. The Laundry is located near the West End Cottages. Small packets of laundry detergent and dryer sheets can be purchased in the laundry building.

Park Map



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A-F	Picnic Area Parking Lots	BH	Boat House (Boat Rentals)
1-2	East Area Parking Lots	BL	West Boat Launch
*	Comfort Stations	BS	Boat Storage / East Boat Launch
Bath House is located at the West Beach.		LD	Coin Operated Laundromat
It has showers, restrooms, changing areas and first aid		CS	Camp Store (Open Seasonally)
room. It houses the Park Office & Concession.		PV	"E" Lot Picnic Pavilion