

2016 NYS Saratoga-Capital District Region

# GEOCACHE CHALLENGE



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✦ **May 28 to November 11** ✦  
Join the region-wide **treasure hunt** with  
New York State Parks and Historic Sites!



Find 40 caches to win  
an exclusive Saratoga  
Spa State Park coin!

**New for 2016 — NYS Central Region Geocache Challenge!**  
Visit [NYS Parks.com](http://NYS Parks.com) for more information.

**PICK UP YOUR GEOCACHE PASSPORT AT THE PARK OFFICE!**

**STATE PARKS:** Max V Shaul • John Boyd Thacher • Peebles Island • Schodack Island  
Mine Kill • Moreau Lake • Saratoga Spa • Grafton Lakes • Cherry Plain  
**STATE HISTORIC SITES:** Schoharie Crossing • Johnson Hall • Grant Cottage • John Brown  
Bennington Battlefield • Crailo • Schuyler Mansion • Crown Point • John Burroughs



**Parks, Recreation  
and Historic Preservation**

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## Dear Park Patrons,



Hi there! Welcome to New York State's great outdoors! The Saratoga-Capital District Region provides a variety of activities that will keep people of all ages and interests entertained. While you are geocaching, take some time and enjoy all that these parks have to offer. You and your family will understand why Upstate New York is a great place to be. ***Remember to take only pictures and leave only footprints.***

A few safety things to consider....

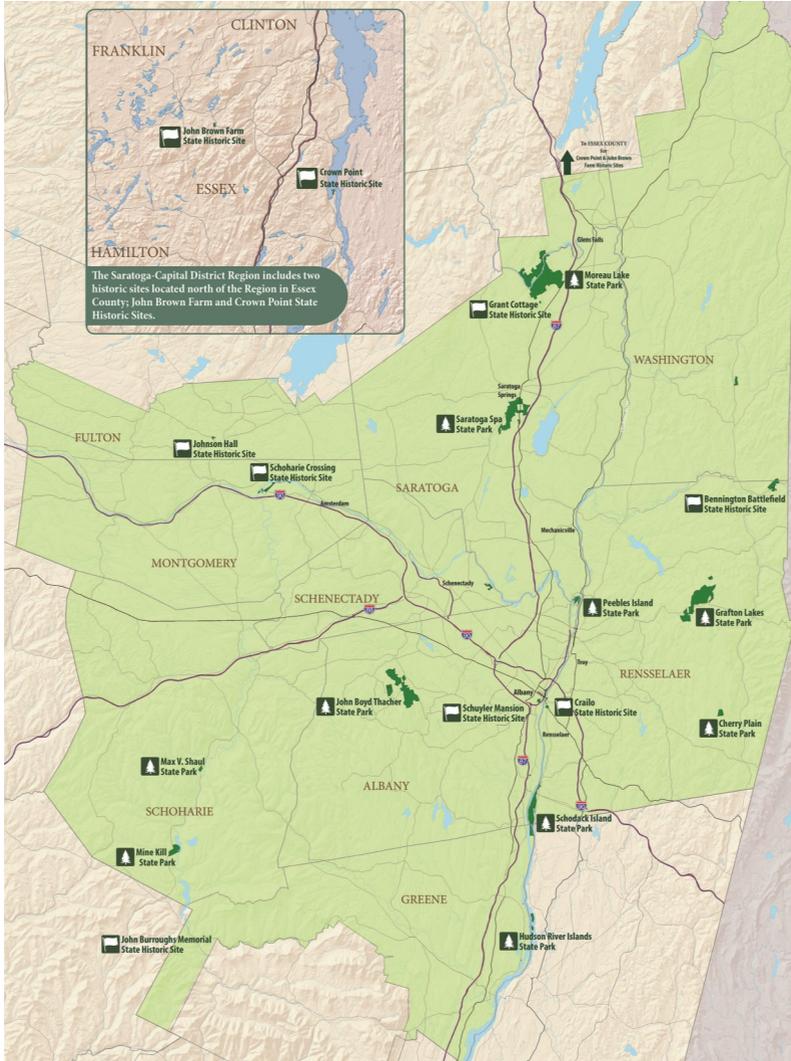
- 🦋 Bring insect repellent for mosquitos and ticks.
- 🦋 Watch for poisonous plants such as ivy, sumac, giant hog weed, etc.
- 🦋 You might encounter wildlife: deer, raccoons, groundhogs, coyote, snakes, snapping turtles, Canada geese, frogs, etc. Please leave these animals alone. And remember; they are more scared of you than you are of them.
- 🦋 Before heading out, download a parks map or get one from the park office. If you do get lost, stay put! Use a whistle and call park police (518) 584-2004 if you have cell phone signal.

## Key to the Icons

	Scenic view		Audio/Visuals
	Biking		Picnic area
	Boat Launch		Playground
	Boat Rentals		WiFi
	Camping		Beach
	Cabin rentals		Disc Golf
	Fishing		Pool
	Food Available		Horse Trail
	Hiking		Tennis
	Hunting		Playing fields
	Pavilion rentals		Historic House
	Group Tours		Golf Course
	Self Guided Tour		Performance Center
	Guided Tours		Waterfalls
	Parking fee		Interpretative Signage
	Gift Shop		Reenactments
	Museum		

# New York State Parks

## Saratoga– Capital District Region



## *New this Year:* **We Welcome the Central Region!**

The Central Region of New York State Parks is starting their own Geocache Challenge. Expand your travel to even more beautiful areas for the chance to log dozens of new caches. Check out [www.parks.ny.gov](http://www.parks.ny.gov) to download the 2016 passport for the Central Region.



Chittenango Falls State Park

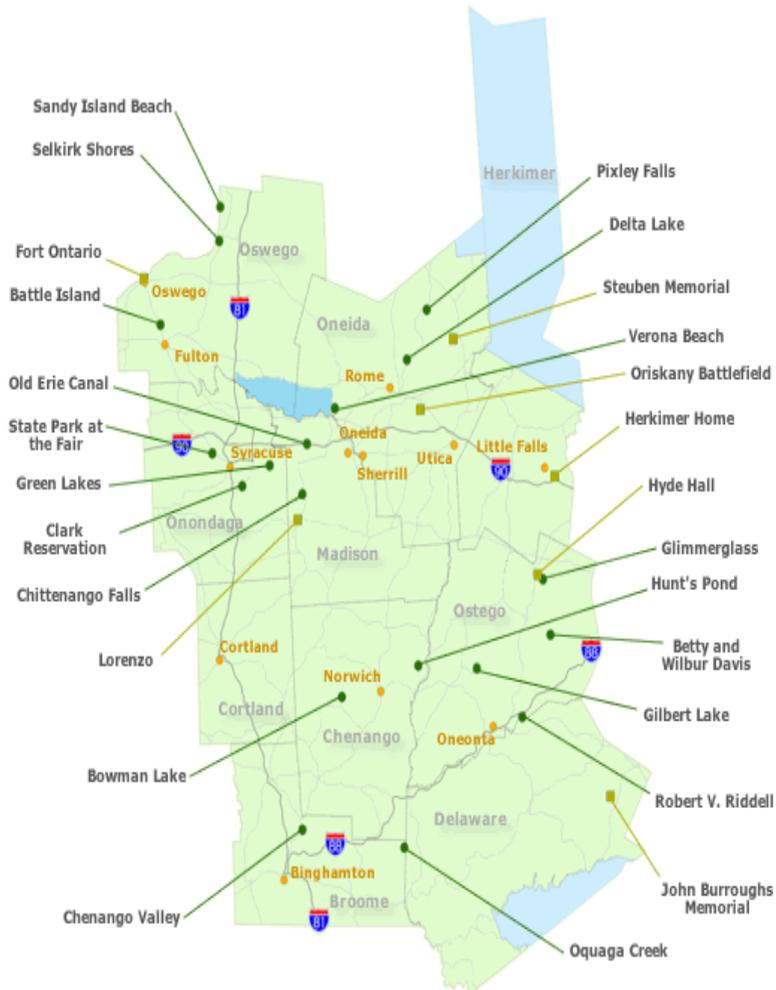
Cazenovia, NY

Find any 10 caches in the NYS Parks Central Region Geocache Challenge and they will count toward your goal of 40 in the Saratoga-Capital District Geocache Challenge!



Earn the Central Region's Coin by completing at least 40 of the 74 total caches offered by the Central Region. The 2016 Central Coin features Fort Ontario State Historic Site.

## New York State Parks Central Region



## Log 10 caches from Central Region here:

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Park: \_\_\_\_\_

Cache Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Log 10 caches from Central Region here:

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Park: \_\_\_\_\_

Cache Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## How to Play the Game:

- 1) Pick up a Saratoga– Capital District Region Geocache Challenge Passport at a participating park or historic site office, or download a copy at [www.nysparks.com](http://www.nysparks.com).
- 2) Go to [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com) to get the coordinates for each cache in the challenge, then plug them into your GPS unit.
- 3) Go to each of the participating parks and historic sites.
- 4) When you find each cache, sign the logbook and look for the unique stamp in each cache to stamp your passport. You may take or trade items in the cache, but ***please*** leave the stamp behind for other cachers!
- 5) When you find all the caches at a park or historic site and have each stamp marked in your passport, feel free to stop by the park office and let us know how it went.
- 6) When you successfully stamp your passport with 40 of the total 76 caches, you will be eligible to win the unique 2016 Saratoga-Capital Region coin. Bring your completed passport to either Moreau Lake, Schodack Island, or J.B. Thacher State Parks before November 11, 2016 (Veteran’s Day). Staff will verify you have completed the challenge and you will earn the limited edition 2016 coin !



Photo by Nonie McDevitt

## Mine Kill State Park

**Like us on Facebook! Mine Kill State Park**

**Open Daily Memorial day-Labor day 7:30am-8pm**

**Open Daily Labor day-Memorial day 7:30am-4pm**

**518-827-6111**



Photo by Summerdaze 625

MK 1

MK 2

MK 3

MK 4

MK 5

MK 6

# Max V. Shaul State Park

Like us on Facebook! [Max V. Shaul State Park](#)

Open Daily Sunrise to Sunset

518-827-4711



MVS 1

MVS 2

MVS 3

Photo by LCSM



# John Burroughs Memorial Field State Historic Site

Open Daily Sunrise to Sunset

518-827-6111



JBMF 1



Photo by leaton



# Grafton Lakes State Park

Like us on Facebook! [Grafton Lakes State Park](#)

Open Daily 8am-Dusk

518-279-1155



GL 1

GL 2

GL 3

GL 4

GL 5

## Cherry Plain State Park

**Weekends Memorial Day-Labor Day, 8am-Sunset**

**Beach open for day use on Sat. & Sun. 10am-6pm  
through Labor Day**

***\*NOTE\* Due to summer construction,  
Weekday M-F 8am-5pm: Walk in Access Only.***

***Caches will be located on the North Side of  
the park to avoid construction areas.***

**After Labor Day, Walk-in Access Only 8am-5pm**

**518-733-5400**



CPSP 1

CPSP 2

Photo by Mr. & Mrs. Magic



# Schodack Island State Park

Like us on our Facebook Page!

Schodack Island State Park

Open Daily 7:00am-Sunset

New campground  
opened this spring!

518-732-0187



Duncan and Izzy Wall with on of their many finds from the 2015 challenge. Photo by AltDotAir.

SI 1

SI 2

SI 3

SI 4

SI 5

SI 6

SI 7

# Peebles Island State Park

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Open daily 7:00am-Sunset

518-237-8643



Photo by PopupMamajen

PI 1

PI 2

PI 3

PI 4

# John Boyd Thacher State Park

**Like us on Facebook! Thacher State Park**

**Open Daily 7am-sunset**

**Park Office Open Daily 8am-4pm**

**518-872-1237**



Photo by GS\_Punisher

JBT 1

JBT 2

JBT 3

JBT 4

JBT 5

JBT 6

# Thompson's Lake State Campground @ John Boyd Thacher State Park

**Like us on Facebook! Thacher State Park**

**Open Daily May 1 to Columbus Day**

**Beach open for Day Use Patrons 10 am - 6 pm**

**End of June to Labor Day**

**518- 872- 1674**



Photo by Hoglund12087

TL 1

TL 2

TL 3

TL 4

## Johnson Hall State Historic Site

**Like us on Facebook! Johnson Hall State Historic Site**

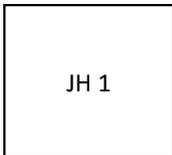
**Grounds Open Daily 8:00am-Sunset**

**Guided Tours: May 18th-October 9th**

**Wednesdays-Saturdays 10am-5pm, Sundays 1:00-5:00pm**

**(Closed Mondays and Tuesdays)**

**518 - 762 - 8712**



# Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site

**Like us on Facebook! Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site**  
Grounds open Daily Sunrise to Sunset

**Visitor Center Open May 1 - October 31**

**Wednesdays-Saturdays 10am-5pm, Sundays 1pm-5pm**  
**(Closed Mondays & Tuesdays)**

**518- 829 - 7516**



Bill and Annie enjoying the sunshine by the aqueduct.  
Photo by gpsbarb.

SC 1

SC 2

SC 3

SC 4

SC 5

SC 6

# Bennington Battlefield State Historic Site

Open May 1<sup>st</sup>-Veterans Day

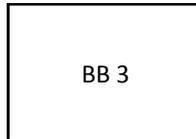
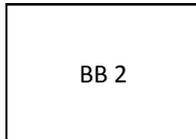
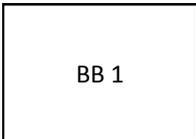
8am-Sunset

518-860-9094



Gail at Bennington Battlefield

Photo by Paul & Gail



# Crailo State Historic Site

Like us on Facebook! [Crailo State Historic Site](#)

Open May-October

Wednesdays-Sundays, 11am-5pm

(Closed Mondays and Tuesdays)

518-463-8738



C 1

## Schuyler Mansion State Historic Site

**Like us on Facebook!**

**Schuyler Mansion State Historic Site**

**Open May-October**

**Wednesdays-Sundays, 11am-5pm**

**(Closed Mondays and Tuesdays)**

**518-434-0834**



SM 1

# Crown Point State Historic Site

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**Grounds Open Daily Sunrise to Sunset**

**Museum Open May 7<sup>th</sup>-October 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Thursdays-Mondays 9:30am-5pm**

**(closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays)**

**518-597-4666**



Photo by Dolce Corky

CPSHS 1

CPSHS 2

CPSHS 3



## Geocaching Notes:

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**Please write any feedback that you  
would like to share with us about this  
year's challenge below:**

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If you have 40 stamps, then congratulations you have completed the 2016 Saratoga-Capital Region Geocaching Challenge.

Park Representative \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Geocaching Nickname \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to either Moreau Lake State Park, Schodack Island State Park, or John Boyd Thacher State Park and have a parks employee review your passport and sign above to earn the exclusive 2016 Saratoga Spa State Park coin!

