



**Parks, Recreation  
and Historic Preservation**

**Section:  
Operations**

**Policy Title:  
Policy on the Possession of an Unloaded  
Firearm for the Purpose of Accessing  
Adjacent Lands for Lawful Hunting Purposes**

**Directive:  
OPR-POL-26**

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09/23/2016**

**Summary**

This Policy implements 9 NYCRR Section 375.1(p)(3), the regulation adopted by the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) that authorizes the Commissioner to establish a list a facilities where a person may possess an unloaded firearm for the purpose of accessing adjacent properties for lawful hunting purposes. (See Notice of Adoption and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking published in the State Register on May 11, 2016 and January 27, 2016, respectively at <http://docs.dos.ny.gov/info/register/2016/may11/pdf/rulemaking.pdf>, at p.34 and <http://docs.dos.ny.gov/info/register/2016/january27/pdf/rulemaking.pdf>, at p.34).

**Policy**

Hunters may possess an unloaded firearm for the purpose of accessing adjacent lands for lawful hunting purposes at the following areas.

**Allegheny Region**

**Genesee Valley Greenway**

All sections of the Genesee Valley Greenway that are within Cattaraugus County.

**Boat Launches**

Chautauqua Lake (Chautauqua County)

Long Point State Park, off Rte. 430 between Bemus Point and Maple Springs

Allegheny Reservoir (Cattaraugus County)

Allegheny State Park (Quaker area) Friends Boat Launch. On Rte. 280, 2.5 miles south of Route 17

Lake Erie (Chautauqua County)

Cattaraugus Creek (Sunset Bay), off Routes 5 and 20, approximately 2 miles west of Silver Creek Thruway interchange in the Hamlet of Sunset Bay

**Central Region**

Portions of Robert V. Riddell State Park that are located in Otsego County

## **Boat Launches**

### **Cazenovia Lake (Madison County)**

Helen L. McNitt State Park on East Lake Rd. in Cazenovia

### **Lake Ontario (Oswego County)**

Mexico Point, off Route 104B, one mile north of Texas

### **Salmon River (Oswego County)**

Selkirk Shores State Park, on Pine Grove Road, off Route 3. (1/2 mile south of Route 13 at Port Ontario.)

### **Canadarago Lake (Otsego County)**

Off NY Route 28, 3 miles south of NY Route 20 in Richfield Springs. Turn east onto Dennison Road and go to the end.

### **Otsego Lake (Otsego County)**

Off County Route 31, 4 miles south of NY County Route 20 in Springfield (Glimmerglass State Park)

### **Delta Lake (Oneida County)**

Delta Lake State Park, Route. 46 - 6 miles north of City of Rome

## **Finger Lakes Region**

## **Boat Launches**

### **Canandaigua Lake (Ontario County)**

Off Route 20, in the City of Canandaigua

### **Cayuga Lake (Cayuga County)**

In Long Point State Park, off Route 90, 1 mile southwest of Aurora

### **Cayuga Lake (Seneca County)**

Deans Cove Boat Launch, On Route 89, 24 miles north of Ithaca

### **Cayuga Lake (Seneca County)**

Cayuga Lake State Park, Route 89, 3 miles east of the Village of Seneca Falls

### **Cayuga Lake (Tompkins County)**

Allen H. Treman Marine Park (formerly Ithaca State Marine Park), Route 89, 1 mile north of the City of Ithaca

### **Cayuga Lake (Tompkins County)**

Taughannock Falls State Park, Route 89, 8 miles north of the City of Ithaca

### **Honeoye Lake (Ontario County)**

Route 204, 4 miles south of the Hamlet of Honeoye, off East Lake Road

**Keuka Lake (Yates County)**

Keuka Lake State Park, Route 54A, 6 miles southwest of the Village of Penn Yan

**Lake Ontario (Cayuga County)**

Fair Haven Beach State Park, 25 miles north of Fair Haven on Route 104A

**Seneca Lake (Seneca County)**

Lodi Point State Park, on Route 136, 5 miles west of the Village of Lodi

**Seneca Lake (Seneca County)**

Seneca Lake State Park, Routes 5 & 20 & 96A, in the City of Geneva

**Seneca Lake (Seneca County)**

Sampson State Park. Route 96A, 12 miles south of the City of Geneva

**Genesee Region**

**Genesee Valley Greenway**

From Ballantyne Rd, Chili, south to State Route 36 in Mount Morris and from the Sonyea State Forest, south the Cattaraugus County line.

**Boat Launches**

**Conesus Lake (Livingston County)**

From Route 390, Exit 8, 3 miles east on Route 20A, 4 miles south on East Lake Road

**Lake Ontario (Monroe County)**

Braddock Bay State Park, 10 miles west of Rochester, off Lake Ontario State Parkway

**Lake Ontario (Monroe County)**

Irondequoit Bay State Marine Park, at the intersection of Route 590 & Culver Road

**Lake Ontario (Orleans County)**

Oak Orchard Marine Park East, Town of Carlton, east side of creek at the end of Route 98

**Lake Ontario (Orleans County)**

Oak Orchard Marine Park West, in the Town of Carlton, west side of creek off of Archbald Road

**Silver Lake (Wyoming County)**

South end of lake on west side

**Long Island Region**

**Boat Launches**

**Jones Inlet (SW) (Nassau County)**

Jones Beach State Park, Ocean Parkway, Field 10 east of picnic area

Jones Inlet (SW) (Nassau County)

Jones Beach State Park, Ocean Parkway, Boat Basin east of picnic area

Great South Bay (SW) (Suffolk County)

On Heckscher Parkway, off Southern State Parkway

Great South Bay (SW) (Suffolk County)

Captree State Park, just east of intersection of Ocean Parkway and Robert Moses Causeway

Long Island Sound (SW) (Suffolk County)

Gov. A.E. Smith/Sunken Meadow State Park, Sunken Meadow Pkwy. northeast corner of Field 3

Nissequogue River (Suffolk County)

Nissequogue River State Park, Kings Park

Nissequogue River (Suffolk County)

Gov. A.E. Smith/Sunken Meadow State Park, Sunken Meadow Pkwy. southeast corner of Field 3

### **Niagara Region**

Camping areas in Four Mile Creek State Park

Camping areas in Golden Hill State Park

#### **Boat Launches**

Upper Niagara River (Erie County)

Located off West River Parkway, on western shore of Grand Island

Upper Niagara River (Erie County)

Big Six Marina Boat Launch, West River Parkway and Whitehaven Road, Town of Grand Island

Lake Erie (Erie County)

Off Buffalo Skyway at Fuhrmann Blvd., City of Buffalo.

Lake Ontario (Niagara County)

Wilson Tuscarora State Park Boat Launch, Rt. 18, Town of Wilson

Lake Ontario (Niagara County)

Golden Hill State Park Boat Launch, Lake Road, Town of Somerset

Lake Ontario and Lower Niagara River (Niagara County)

Fort Niagara State Park Boat Launch, Village of Youngstown

### **Saratoga/Capital Region**

#### **Boat Launches**

Hudson River (Greene County)

Off County Route 385. Take Mansion Street south, then east on Reed Street to Coxsackie Riverside Park

Hudson River (Greene County)

Off County Route 385, just north of Athens

Schoharie Creek (Montgomery County)

At the dead end of North Dufel Road, off NY Route 5S, just west of Fort Hunter

Hudson River (Rensselaer County)

Schodack Island State Park, 1 Schodack way, Schodack Landing

Hudson River (Saratoga County)

Spier Falls Road, Town of Corinth

Saratoga Lake (Saratoga County)

Adjacent to Route 9P, at the north end of Saratoga Lake

### **Taconic Region**

All campgrounds and cabins in the Taconic Region

#### **Harlem Valley Rail Trail**

All sections of the Harlem Valley Rail Trail that are within Columbia County.

#### **Boat Launches**

Hudson River (Columbia County)

On east shore, south off Route 9G, in City of Hudson. Take Allen Street to Ferry Street, then Water Street to the end

Hudson River (Dutchess County)

Margaret Lewis Norrie State Park, located in the Village of Staatsburg, 9 miles north of Poughkeepsie

### **Thousand Islands Region**

Cabin areas within Kring Point State Park

Camping areas within Southwick Beach State Park

Camping, cabin and cottage areas within Wellesley Island State Park

#### **Boat Launches**

Lake Champlain (Clinton County)

Off Route 9, 6 miles north of the City of Plattsburgh, on Point Au Roche Road

Lake Champlain (Clinton County)  
Off Route 9B, .25 miles south of Coopersville at mouth of Great Chazy River

Lake Champlain (Clinton County)  
Point Au Roche State Park, off Route 9, north of Plattsburgh

Lake Ontario (Jefferson County)  
Off Route 12E, 2 miles west of Chaumont

Lake Ontario (Jefferson County)  
Off Route 3, south of Henderson Harbor

St. Lawrence River (Jefferson County)  
DeWolf Point State Park, off Route 181, 4 miles north of the Thousand Islands Bridge

St. Lawrence River (Jefferson County)  
Grass Point State Park. NYS Route 12, 1 mile east of the Hamlet of Fisher's Landing

St. Lawrence River (Jefferson County)  
Jacques Cartier State Park. On River Road, 2 miles south of the Village of Morristown

St. Lawrence River (Jefferson County)  
Keewaydin State Park, NYS Route 12, 1 mile west of the Village of Alexandria Bay

St. Lawrence River (Jefferson County)  
Kring Point State Park. Off NYS Route 12, 10 miles northeast of the Village of Alexandria Bay

St. Lawrence River (Jefferson County)  
Wellesley Island State Park Marina. 2 miles north of the Thousand Island bridge

St. Lawrence River (Jefferson County)  
Wellesley Island State Park Acorn Area. 2 miles north of the Thousand Island bridge

St. Lawrence River (Jefferson County)  
Wellesley Island State Park Eagle Area. 2 miles north of the Thousand Island bridge

St. Lawrence River (Jefferson County)  
Wellesley Island State Park Heron Area. 2 miles north of the Thousand Island bridge

Lake Ontario (Jefferson County)  
Off Route 3, south of Henderson Harbor

Lake Ontario (Jefferson County)  
14 miles from the Village of Three Mile Bay

St. Lawrence River (St. Lawrence County)  
Three miles north of Waddington on Route 37 (Brandy Brook)

St. Lawrence River (St. Lawrence County)

One mile north of Route 37 on Route 131, between Louisville and Massena (Wilson Hill Wildlife Management Area)

St. Lawrence River (St. Lawrence County)

Robert Moses State Park, Barnhart Island- just north of the Village of Massena

Black Lake (St. Lawrence County)

Eel Weir State Park, off Rte. 812, 7 miles south of Ogdensburg

Black Lake (St. Lawrence County)

Adjacent to Hammonds-Edwardsville County Road, 2 miles west of the Hamlet of Edwardsville in Town of Morristown

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### **Other Related Information**

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### **History**

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09/23/2016 Policy revised to include some cabin areas and additional boat launches.

