

Dock Specifications for 2025

- Structures authorized by this permit shall not extend waterward more than 100 feet from the shoreline nor be more than 6 feet in width.
- Configuration of dock may vary in plan (i.e. straight, T, U, or L shaped, etc.) provided the total square footage of the dock does not exceed 150 square feet, including finger piers, deck, platform, etc.
- All docks shall be constructed with the intent of a temporary seasonal installation; no permanent features may be added to facilitate dock or stairway installation. No dock components or other materials may remain on State Park lands after the date stated on a valid permit.
- Docks must be constructed in such a way as to not require specialized equipment for installation/removal. No pilings may be used unless hand driven and meet all Army Corp and DEC regulations and guidelines.
- Only portable hoist ways may be installed as part of the dock permit.
- Use of creosote treated wood under this permit is prohibited in New York State. All treated wood must be aged in the open air for at least three months prior to in-water use. Wood must be clean and free of surface deposits. Only appropriate preservatives approved for marine use are permitted.
- All docks will be required to have a gate or other mechanism to limit access by the general public at the entrance of the dock. Stairs are public access and must remain unobstructed.
- Dock must prominently display permit number for identification; docks that are not labelled will be considered unpermitted and subject to removal.
- No dock installation will be permitted which impairs the integrity of the embankment or shoreline. No wall, bulkhead or other shoreline protection shall be installed as part of the dock permit.
- No license/permit holder or other may disturb, cut, clear or uproot vegetation from the bed of the Niagara River, or remove from its bed, banks, sand, gravel or other material.
- Vehicle tires shall not be used for mooring purposes.
- Floatation devices for docks shall be foam blocks, pontoons, or other material manufactured for floatation.
- Only uncontaminated metal barrels, drums, or other containers that specifically made for floatation will be allowed.
- No vegetation or trees may be removed to facilitate the installation of docks or stairways for access from park property including riparian.
- No signage other than the permit number is allowed.