Pepacton Recreational Boating Program
It’s as easy as...

1. Pick a reservoir and get a DEP Access Permit available at www.nyc.gov/dep/accesspermit

2. Get your watercraft steam cleaned and receive your Recreational Boat Tag at one of our designated vendors.

3. Bring your boat down to the reservoir.

4. Put on your life vest and have fun! Be safe!

Visiting the Catskill region is easy too. Easy on your budget. Easy drive time from metro NYC, Albany and Binghamton. And we’re definitely easy on your eyes.
Season and Times
- Starts Friday of Memorial Day weekend and ends Columbus Day
- Sunrise to Sunset
- Temporary passes for 1 to 7 days and full season passes available

Types of Boats Permitted
- Non-motorized kayaks and canoes – electric trolling motors are permissible on the Cannonsville for flat-bottomed fishing boats only
- Row boats
- Canoes, Kayaks and Sculls
- Small sailboats (with removable center/dagger boards)
- Kayaks must be at least 9’ in length – all other boats must be at least 11.5’ in length

Launch Sites
- Please use the designated launch sites at each reservoir
- Hand carry in only
- No trailers/vehicles in the water
- Some sites will have handicap parking designated
- Sailboats can only launch at sailboat designated launch sites
- No overnight camping
- Portable privies at most launch sites
- No trash receptacles, please carry out all waste
- Public storage racks may be available at some sites on a first come, first served basis

Restrictions
- Boats must be steam cleaned and have a DEP boat tag
- No commercial activities without prior approval
- Sailboats can only be used in designated sailboat waters
- Boating is not permitted in certain areas. Please review the map and observe all restricted areas
- Boats left overnight can be secured hulkside up with lock and chain to trees above the water line or boat racks if available
- Once a boat is removed from the reservoir it must be steam cleaned and tagged again before returning to the reservoir or to a different reservoir

Welcome to the Catskills, an outdoor recreation paradise!
The Catskill Mountain region encompasses six counties (Delaware, Greene, Schoharie, Sullivan, Ulster and southern Albany) and 6,000-square miles in Southeastern New York State. The State-designated Catskill Park (the area within the “blue line” of many maps of the region) is a patchwork of public and private lands stretching over 700,000 acres, 40% of which is preserved as “forever wild” – the Catskill Forest Preserve.

A major feature of the region is the 1600-square mile New York City Watershed. Six major reservoirs in the region provide 90% of New York City’s water supply. It is the largest unfiltered water supply in the U.S., providing 1.2 billion gallons of clean water each day to more than nine million people, nearly half the population of New York State.

Four of those reservoirs – Cannonsville, Neversink, Pepacton and Schoharie – are open to non-motorized recreational boating. A quiet paddle here offers scenic views, great birdwatching opportunities and wildlife sightings.

Fishing, biking, and hiking are other popular activities in this region, known as America’s First Wilderness. To make the most of your time in the Catskills, consult the following websites for information on accommodations, events and attractions.

Emergency Contact Numbers
To report dangerous or suspicious activity, water quality threats or to report fish kills on City-owned reservoirs and lands call the DEP Police at 888-H20-SHED (1-888-426-7433).

For immediate DEP Access Permit issuance, application forms, rules and regulations and other information, go to Recreation on DEP’s website at: www.nyc.gov/dep. For permit inquiries email: recreation@dep.nyc.gov or call 1-800-575-LAND (5263).

The Recreational Boating Program is a cooperative effort among the following:
Catskill Watershed Corporation
Coalition of Watershed Towns
Delaware, Greene, Schoharie and Sullivan Counties
NYC Department of Environmental Protection
NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
NYS Department of Health
USEPA

Proclaim to the world your amazing boating experience!
Earn the Catskill Reservoir Paddler patch!
To learn how to get yours, visit www.thecatskillregion.com.

For more information on local businesses & activities: go to the following websites:
- Town of Andes: andesnewyork.com
- Town of Hephzibah: hephzibah.org
- Catskill Chamber of Commerce: catskillchamber.com
- Delaware County Chamber of Commerce: delawarecountychamber.com
- Catskill Region Lodging & Tourism Assn: catskillalpaca.com
- Catskill Area: thecatskills.com
- Hospitality Green: greenhospitallity.com/gxp

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