

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:

Lake Taghkanic State Park Phone: (518) 851-3631
1528 State Route 82 Fax: (518) 851-3633
Ancram, NY 12502 Online: www.nysparks.com

Reservations:

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

State Park Police: (845) 889-8866



Lake Taghkanic State Park



Ancram, New York —Taconic Region

General Park Information Guide

State of New York
Andrew Cuomo, Governor

Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation
Rose Harvey, Commissioner

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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, two bathing beaches, secluded picnic areas, boat rentals, playground areas, a ball field and hiking trails. There is also a 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 skating.



Park Hours

For general use the park is open daily, year round from sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset. Campers must stay within the campgrounds and cottage area outside 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 ALLOWED IN PARK EXCEPT:
-Parking Lots -Along Roadways -Marked Trails

Recreation & Activities

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

Swimming: There is one swimming beach when lifeguards are on duty from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day (weather & resources permitting). Swimming is open Sat and Sun only from 10:00am until 7:00pm until June 24. From June 24 to Labor Day swimming is open 10:00am until 6:00pm Mon.-Fri and 10:00am until 7:00pm Sat and Sun. East Beach is CLOSED for the season.

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 office. Seasonal boat storage is available for \$10.

Fishing: Is allowed during park hours. Everyone over the age of 16 must possess a NYS fresh water fishing license.

Hunting: Bow hunting only. Deer and turkey may be taken in designated areas during season.

Boat Rentals: Rowboats, kayaks, and paddleboats are available for rent from Memorial Day weekend through late October.

Rowboats—\$25 deposit; \$7 per hour ; \$25 per day

Paddleboats/Kayaks— \$40 deposit; \$10 per hour
\$40 per day

Pavillion & Rec. Hall Rentals

Our 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 \$35 for the day, applications available at the office.

Our Rec Hall which is located in the campgrounds 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 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.

Cabin & Cottage Information

Each cabin & cottage has the following amenities: an electric stove, at least 10 cubic ft. refrigerator, 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: Are located in woods at the east end of the park, beyond the camping area. Each unit has cold water, a fireplace, and 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 hot & cold water, some have electric heat, or a fireplace. These units have a drywall interior, 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

