

The Parks of Dutchess County!

Enjoy the great outdoors and celebrate the beauty of Dutchess County in one of our terrific park facilities!

Dutchess County Parks Division operates five active facilities: **Bowdoin Park**, a majestic 300+ acre park located in the southwestern part of the county along the Hudson River; **Wilcox Park**, which contains over 600 acres and two small lakes in the north central part of the county; **Quiet Cove Riverfront Park**, a 25+ acre park situated along the river in the northern portion of the Town of Poughkeepsie; the **Harlem Valley Rail Trail**, over ten miles of scenic paved trails located in the eastern part of the county; and **Dutchess Stadium** in southern Dutchess, a family oriented entertainment facility and home of the Hudson Valley Renegades.

We are very excited to begin construction on our newest park, **Dutchess Rail Trail**, which will be a first class multi-use park that will be enjoyed by many generations to come!

Come out and join the fun, whether it is biking, walking, hiking or even celebrating with family and friends at one of Dutchess County's great parks. I look forward to seeing you there!

Bill Steinhaus
William R. Steinhaus
County Executive

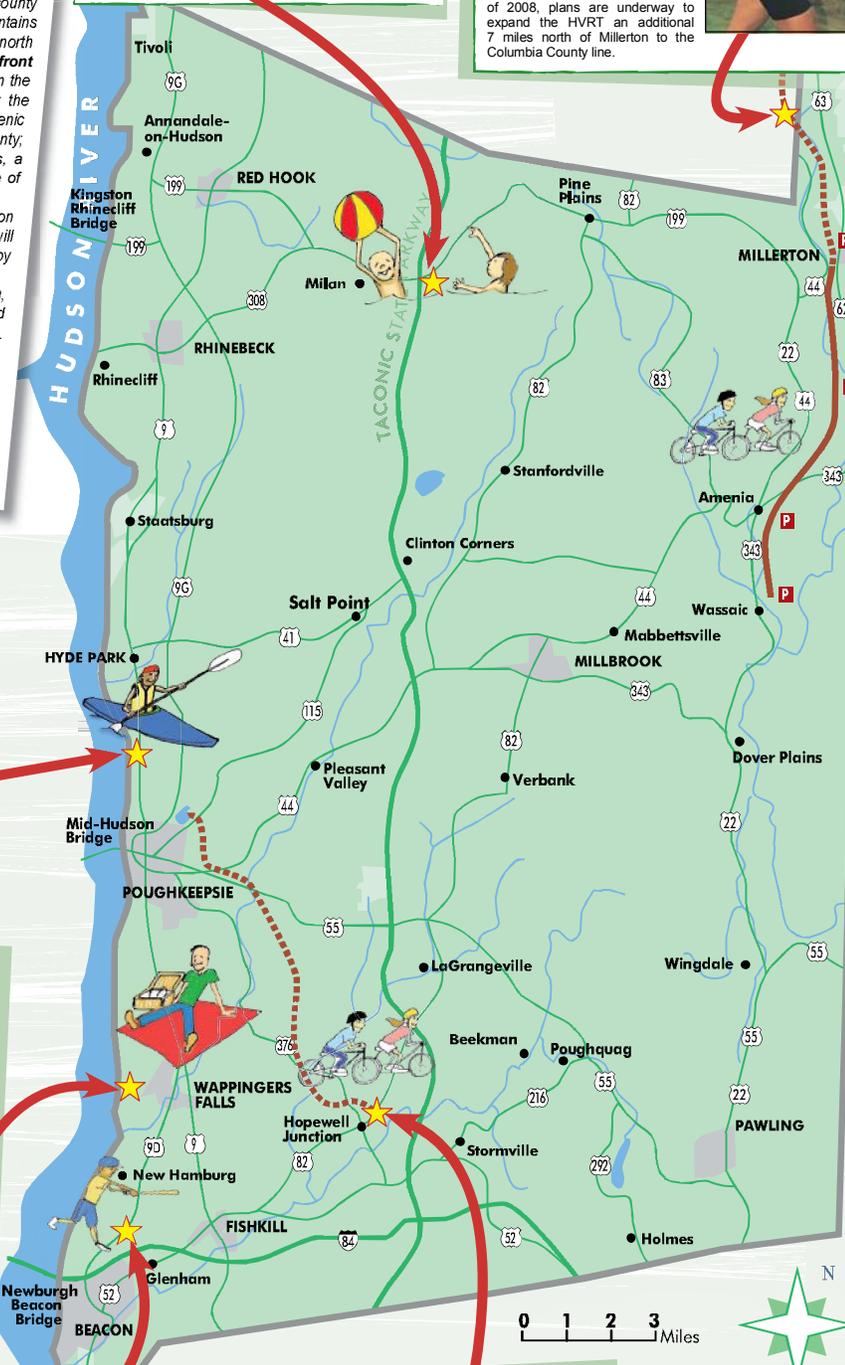


Wilcox Park

Wilcox Park has two lakes offering swimming with sandy beaches, fishing and boat rentals on its 600 plus acres. Also, one can enjoy the playground areas and miniature golf or make use of the family campsites, group campsites and pavilions. Consider renting Pavilion C, our newest pavilion built in 2006, complete with kitchen & restroom facilities, situated on a hill overlooking our scenic lakes.

The Harlem Valley Rail Trail

The Rail Trail currently offers over 10 miles of paved bike trails that weave through farms, wetlands, forest hillsides, historic settlements and village centers. Great for bicyclists, walkers, joggers, roller-bladers and even the mobility challenged to enjoy the fresh air and natural beauty up close. Current trailheads exist at the Vassaic Train Station and Mechanic Street in the Town of Amenia; Coleman Station Rd in the Town of Northeast and Main St. in the Village of Millerton. By the end of 2008, plans are underway to expand the HVRT an additional 7 miles north of Millerton to the Columbia County line.



Quiet Cove Riverfront Park

Quiet Cove opened to the public in October of 2005. The preliminary plans for this park include a revamped boat ramp and deep-water bulkhead, picnic and fishing areas, public restrooms, a playground, upland parking and, eventually, a community meeting room. The improvements are slated to be phased in over a three-year period.



Bowdoin Park

Offers scenic views of the Hudson River from its 300 plus acres. The park includes open picnic areas, nature trails, educational programs, playgrounds with water spray features, pavilions and ball fields. Bowdoin Park saw the construction of a band shell in the summer of 2005. This new venue provides a spectacular outdoor setting for concerts and performances. Coming in 2007 will be the park's fifth pavilion as well as an in-line skating/basketball court area.



Dutchess Stadium

Built in 1994, Dutchess Stadium is home to the Hudson Valley Renegades minor league baseball team. The facility also hosts additional events, including concerts, car shows, the collegiate MAAC baseball tournament and other community sporting contests. For further information contact the Renegades at (845) 838-0094.



Dutchess Rail Trail

Introducing the future addition of the Dutchess Rail Trail! With a project goal completion by the end of 2008, this new trail will run through the very heart of Dutchess County. From Morgan Lake in the City of Poughkeepsie to the Town of East Fishkill, this extraordinary undertaking involves the conversion of over 11 miles of the abandoned Maybrook Rail Line to a paved bikeway/walkway with access in the City of Poughkeepsie, Towns of Poughkeepsie, LaGrange, Wappinger, and East Fishkill. Phase 1 construction of the trail is scheduled to begin in 2007.



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Outdoor Education

Introduction

Dutchess County is pleased to offer its residents a wide array of nature, historic, and outdoor education programming through the Department of Public Works-Parks Division. For over 20 years, both Bowdoin Park (located in the Town of Poughkeepsie) and Wilcox Park (located in the Town of Milan) have hosted countless school classes, scout groups, and other community youth organizations for nature programs of the finest quality!

If you are a **teacher** looking for a program to supplement your curriculum and don't see it in our listed offerings, give us a call and we may be able to develop a unique program for your needs.

For **scout leaders**, if you need your members to attain a certain badge or patch, let us know the requirements and we will do our best to develop a program for your troop!

Community organizations that are seeking a specific program to provide a hands on learning experience for members, call us and we will do our best to accommodate your group's needs. Programs can be arranged during the weekdays, after school hours, and on some limited weekends. Fees are very reasonable.

School/Community Group Programs

Maple Sugaring, Signs Of Spring, Archaeology, Pond Study, Basic Survival, Guided Nature Hike, Apple Cider Making, Tracking, Prehistoric Native American Culture.

Youth Summer Programs

SUMMER DAY PROGRAM provides a mixture of survival, prehistoric Native American and environmental studies. Ages 9-11.

THE "INTENSIVE" PROGRAM covers advanced survival skills and how to increase awareness of the surrounding environment. Ages 12-14.

THE "NATURALIST" PROGRAM involves more in-depth environmental studies. Ages 12-14.

There are six, one-week sessions offered in July and August. Registration begins in early March with limited openings.

Special Events and Day Programs

The Parks Division offers a variety of special event programs for residents of all ages. From family hikes and nature observations to camouflage and snowshoeing! Give us a call at 298-4602.

Nature and Cultural Center

Bowdoin Park offer exhibits of the earliest Native American residents of the area, an impressive native wildlife display, and indoor class/meeting space.



For more details about any of our park facilities or programs, contact us at:

Bowdoin Park
Parks Division Main Office
85 Sheafe Road
Wappingers Falls, NY 12590
(845) 298-4600

Wilcox Park
Route 199
Stanfordville, NY 12581
(845) 758-6100

Programs
(845) 298-4602

Or visit our websites

www.dutchessny.gov
www.dutchesscountytrails.com

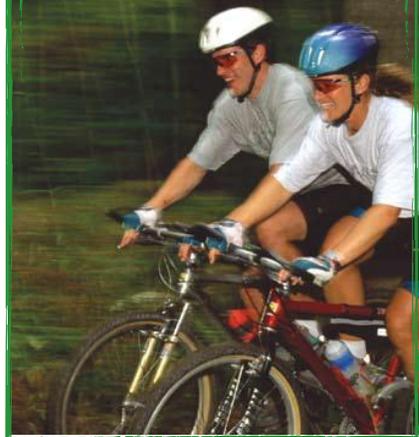
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27 Campsites are available for rent. 10 of the sites have full water and electric hook-ups available and are suitable for RVs and other camper type vehicles. There are 17 tent sites available with full restroom/shower facilities provided.



Pavilion D is closest to the main parking lot and beach/swim/boating area. Picnic tables, electric, and a charcoal grill are provided. Bathrooms are a short distance away.



Pavilion C was built in 2006 and is the largest of all pavilions within DC Parks. Complete with kitchen and restroom facilities and situated overlooking our two lakes, consider this site for your next big event!



Pavilion B (Fran Mark Pavilion) is adjacent to the ball field and playground areas. Picnic tables, electric and a charcoal grill are provided. Restrooms are detached but adjacent.



Pavilion A offers the most scenic of the 4 pavilions. It is the furthest away from the beach/swim/boating area. Picnic tables, electric, a charcoal grill and horseshoe pits are provided. Restrooms are a short distance away.



Athletic Fields - Bowdoin Park has three soccer fields and two softball fields available for all residents including leagues, tournaments, schools, community organizations, and businesses.



Pavilion 4 is the largest and most private pavilion. A playground and playing field area are adjacent. Picnic tables, water, electric, and a charcoal grill are provided with attached restrooms.



Pavilion 3 is adjacent to the main playground area and overlooks the Hudson River. Picnic tables, water, electric, and a charcoal grill are provided with attached restrooms.



Pavilion 2 is adjacent to the lower pond and across from the lower field area. Picnic tables, water, electric, and a charcoal grill are provided with attached restrooms.



Pavilion 1 is adjacent to the lower field area. Picnic tables, water, electric, and a charcoal grill are provided. Restrooms are adjacent. This pavilion is NOT handicapped accessible.



Community Center Auditorium has over 3,000 square feet of space, including a stage area and deck with views of the Hudson River. Accommodates groups up to 160. 10 banquet tables and 80 chairs are available.



Eliassch Chapel, originally built in 1840, renovated in 1997. A beautiful facility for weddings, gatherings, and meetings. Accommodates up to 65.



Mapleknoll Lodge is a newly renovated facility that provides a large meeting place, full kitchen, and a deck with views of the Hudson River. The lodge has 4 bedrooms that sleep up to 25. Full bathroom and shower facilities. Adjacent to the lodge are 5 cabins.



Rental Fee Schedule:

Facility	Daily	\$75/\$65
Pavilions	Daily	\$125/\$100
Ballfields	Daily	\$25/\$20
Community Center	Daily	\$25/\$15
Chapel	Daily	\$50
Alcohol Permit	Daily	(No Alcohol allowed)
Band Shell	Daily	\$100/\$75
A refundable \$100.00 Security and Cleaning Deposit		
Mapleknoll Lodge	Daily	\$150/\$125
Mapleknoll Cabins	Night	\$200/\$175
	Weekend	\$325/\$300
	Weekly	\$550/\$500
	Night	Add \$25/cabin
A refundable \$150.00 Security and Cleaning Deposit Required for Mapleknoll & Cabins combined.		
Campsites	County Resident	\$12 per night
	(Tent)	\$17 per week
	(Trailer)	\$102 per week
Non-County Resident	(Tent)	\$20 per night
	(Trailer)	\$25 per night
	(Trailer)	\$150 per week

Introduction
The Dutchess County Department of Public Works Parks Division has a wide array of facilities that can be used for a variety of events (family gatherings and reunions, company outings and meetings, weddings and receptions, birthday parties, athletic contests, etc.). **Bowdoin Park**, located in the southern part of the Town of Poughkeepsie, has many indoor and outdoor facilities that are available throughout the year. **Wilcox Park** in the northern Town of Milan, has overnight campsites (full hook-up and tent sites) as well as four pavilions for rent. It provides visitors with swimming, boating, fishing, and miniature golf opportunities. Come take advantage of the county's first-rate facilities at very reasonable fees!

Dutchess County Parks - Facility Rental Opportunities

Wilcox Park

Bowdoin Park