

Westchester is Funtastic.

Here for a day or a getaway? Westchester has it all. To help map out your adventure, here's a sampling of Westchester favorites.

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Family Fun

Westchester is full of great stuff to do for all ages, so bring the kids and don't miss out on this family fun. Muscoot Farm: 51 Route 100, Katonah. 864-7282. www.muscootfarm.org. A 777-acre interpretive farm with turn-of-the-century feel. Farm animals and equipment, historic buildings, hiking and nature trails. Hay rides from May – October. Education programs and

workshops. Open year-round, 10-4 daily. **Greenburgh Nature Center:** 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 723-3470. www.greenburghnaturecenter.org. A 33-acre woodland preserve with trails, pond gardens, birds of prey aviary and other outdoor animal displays. Manor House Museum has more than 100 animals, greenhouse, natural history exhibits and gift shop. Family programs. Manor House open Mon. – Thurs. 9:30-4:30, weekends 10-4:30. Grounds open dawn to dusk.

Stone Barns Center for Food & Agriculture: 630 Bedford Rd., Pocantico Hills. 366-6200.

www.stonebarnscenter.org. Farm and education center celebrates community-based food production. Programs and activities include farm tours, cooking classes, tastings, how-to workshops, lectures, book discussions and more. Open Wed. — Sun. 10-5.

Cool for Couples

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A Guide to Outdoor Adventure

in Westchester County, NY

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How to Get Around:

Transportation Information

Traveling to Westchester County is easy and enjoyable.

Major interstate highways and thoroughfares including

Public transportation is a good travel choice. It helps our

I-287 (Cross-Westchester Expressway) and I-684.

Public transit options provide easy access and include:

schedules and fares call 800-METRO-INFO or go to

I-87 (New York State Thruway), I-95 (New England Thruway),

environment by reducing air pollution and traffic congestion. It

can also be cost-effective. Transit fares are competitive with the

out-of-pocket costs of driving, especially if you pay for parking.

off-peak trains, although a permit is required. For information,

Amtrak rules about bikes on trains vary, so please contact

nation's best, safest and most reliable transit systems. Our

shuttles, BxM4C Westchester-Manhattan Express and frequent

local buses provide many options. It services the entire county

with many stops at or near trail-ways, however, bicycles are not

Additional bus service is available from surrounding counties

Putnam Area Rapid Transit - Putnam County - (845) 878-RIDE

Westchester County Parks Department 450 Saw Mill River Rd., Ardsley, New York 10502 864-PARK

Let the Tourism Office assist you with your visit by offering other

Westchester County Tourism & Film is the official destination

Tappan Zee Express - Rockland County - (845) 364-3333

directly. Advance bike reservations are recommended.

Call 813-7777 for route and schedule information.

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148 Martine Ave., White Plains, New York 10601

tourism marketing organization for the county.

guides and information to aid you in planning your trip.

(800)-872-7245 www.amtrak.com

I-Bus - CT Transit - (203) 327-7433

(914) 995-8500 or (800) 833-9282

info@visitwestchesterny.com

www.visitwestchesterny.com

parks.westchestergov.com/

permitted on the buses.

www.beelinebus.com

Metro-North Railroad allows bicycles on most

The County's Bee-Line bus system Is one of the

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www.mta.info

Surprise your special someone with a weekend or day trip to Westchester and spend quality time enjoying

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Lyndhurst: 635 South Broadway, Tarrytown. 631-4481. www.lyndhurst.org. Visit Alexander Jackson Davis's 1838 Gothic Revival masterpiece to marvel at the same dramatic views of the Hudson River once enjoyed by railroad baron Jay Gould. Lyndhurst is also renowned for its outstanding collections and beautiful landscape. Call for schedule of special events. Mansion tours available May – December, Fri. – Sun. 10-4. Grounds open daily dawn to dusk.

The Hammond Museum & Japanese Stroll Garden: 28 Deveau Rd., North Salem. 669-5033. www.hammondmuseum.org. Eastern and Western exhibits, a

3.5-acre Japanese garden, gift shop and café. School and group tours April - November, Wed. – Sat. 12-4.

Hudson River Museum: 511 Warburton Ave., Yonkers. 963-4550. www.hrm.org. The galleries and restored period room of Glenview, a vintage Hudson River home, showcase American art, history and science. The Hudson Riverama simulates the river with scenic designs, interactive experiences, multi-media technology, aquariums and a scale model. Explore outer space inside Andrus Planetarium. Open year-round, Wed. - Sun. 12-5.

Leave your biking and hiking gear at home and take a historic stroll, hit the links or simply savor beautiful sights and sounds with world-class music in Westchester.

Kykuit The Rockefeller Estate: Sleepy Hollow, 631-3992. www.hudsonvalley.org. Visit the home to four generations of the Rockefeller family and take in the beautiful terraced gardens, Hudson Valley scenery and Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller's 20th century art collection. Access from Philipsburg Manor only.

Caramoor Center For Music and the Arts: Girdle Ridge Rd., Katonah. 232-1252 (box office), 232-5035 (tours). www.caramoor.org. Enjoy one of the nation's top five outdoor festivals. For seven weeks each summer, two outdoor theaters resonate with the music of the world's finest classical, opera and jazz artists. During the fall and spring, the entertainment moves indoors to the Music Room. The Rosen House, a Mediterraneanstyle mansion surrounded by a beautiful garden, has a collection of Renaissance and Eastern decorative and fine art.

Bike & Skate Sundays

In addition to our County trails, cyclists, skaters, walkers and joggers rule the scenic Bronx River Parkway during Bicycle Sundays. During May, June and September a seven-mile stretch from Yonkers to White Plains closes to motor vehicles. Join your friends and family on the open road from 10-2. For dates and other information, call 864-PARK, or visit www.westchestergov.com

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••••• Playland Amusement Park

Playland Parkway, Rye. 813-7010. www.ryeplayland.org. Make a

visit to Playland, America's first planned amusement park, a priority on your vacation to-do list. With historic amusement rides, a beach, boardwalk, pier, swimming pool, lake boating, picnic area, fireworks, minigolf and indoor ice skating, there's something for everyone at one of Westchester's greatest attractions. **Boating:** Pedal boats and a lake cruise are located on Playland Lake from May - Labor Day.

Self-launching access available to Long Island Sound for car-top carried boats and kayaks only. Open May -September, 8-dusk, 7 days a week. Parking fees apply. •••••

Hotels &

Accommodations

Whether you seek the charms of a historic castle or the chic ambiance of an ultra-modern hotel, Westchester can accommodate you. Bed and breakfasts, luxury lodging and budget hotels provide just the right place to stay and play. For complete hotels/accommodations information visit www.visitwestchesterny.com

••••• **Events**

Hudson River EagleFest: Did you know that over 150 bald eagles spend the winter along Hudson Valley waterways? Get a chance to see them up-close and learn about these amazing creatures of the sky at Teatown's Hudson River EagleFest held annually in February. Croton Point Park, 1A Croton Point Ave., Croton-on-Hudson. 762-2912. www.teatown.org

The American Gold Cup: See one of the most prestigious equestrian events in the world of International Show Jumping at the stunning Old Salem Farm. The American Gold Cup features 600 horses, 300 riders and serves as a qualifier for the Olympics. Held annually in September. Old Salem Farm, 190 June Rd., North Salem. 669-5610 www.oldsalemfarm.net

Yonkers Marathon: Be athletic and be part of history by running the second oldest marathon in the world. Held annually in September, www.thevonkersmarathon.com

Toughman Triathlon: Are you tough enough? Swim, bike and run to the finish line in the challenging triathlon held annually in September. Kids event too. Croton Point Park, Croton-on-Hudson.

Westchester Triathlon: For 29 years, the Westchester Triathlon has been one of the premier multisport events in the New York tri-state area. Held annually in September. www.westchestertriathlon.org **Westchester Medical Center Running Festival:** A fantastic course along the guiet closed Bronx River Parkway that is a great race for experienced and first-timers

Suburbia Roller Derby: Whether you're new to roller derby, a longtime fan, or possible future roller girl, this is a "can't miss." Season runs spring through fall. www.suburbiarollerderby.com

alike! Held annually in October. www.feemania.com

(Sailing, Rowing, Kayaking): Westchester is the ideal destination for water sports and recreation, so join us for boating, kayaking and more. Set sail on Westchester's lakes, the Long Island Sound or Hudson River.

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Kayaking

Atlantic Kayak Tours: Route 6, Cortlandt Manor. 739-2588. www.atlantickayaktours.com. Canoe and kayak rentals and instruction, April through November. Housed in the Annsville Creek Paddlesport Center, the only on-water, full-service canoe and kayak center on the Hudson River. A seasonal schedule

of guided tours is also offered. **Hudson River Recreation:** Kingsland Point Park,

Sleepy Hollow. 682-5135. www.kayakhudson.com. Guided tours of the Hudson River and the Long Island Sound. Equipment is available on site. No experience necessary.

New York Sailing School: Municipal Marina, 22 Pelham Rd., New Rochelle. 235-6052. www.nyss.com. Sailing lessons, charters and rentals on the Long Island Sound. Rentals available Mon. – Fri., 10-5, weekends and holidays 9:30-5:30. Free parking, restaurant, picnic area and marina on-site.

Boat Launching

Croton Point Park, Croton-on-Hudson. 862-5291. Hudson River. Canoes and car top-carried boats can be launched here seven days a week from 8-dusk. Open April – October.

George's Island Park, Montrose. 737-7530. Hudson River. Open daily April – October, 8-dusk. Accommodates boats up to 21 feet in length.

> Peekskill, 734-7275 Municipal launch. **Yonkers Municipal Boat Ramp**, Kennedy Marina

Peekskill Riverfront Green Park, Railroad Ave.,

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Wampus Pond, Route 128, Armonk. 273-3230. Rowboats are available weekends and holidays from 8-5, Memorial Day – Labor Day.

Park, Yonkers. 377-6450 Municipal launch.

Franklin D. Roosevelt State Park, 2957 Crompond Rd., Yorktown Heights. 245-4434. www.nysparks.com. Seasonal rowboat rentals on lake and pond.

Croton Sailing School, 7 Elliot Rd., Croton-on-Hudson. 800-859-7245. www.crotonsailing.com. Private, captained Hudson River charters for 1-6 people aboard 20-foot to 35-foot vessels. Sailing lessons, sailing club and youth program.

Fishing enthusiasts are hooked on Westchester with fishing permitted in all streams and lakes under the control of the Westchester County Parks Department (except in the nature preserves and where "No Fishing" signs are displayed). Fly-fishing is permissible at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation in Cross River. In winter, ice fishing is allowed on several lakes, conditions permitting, except in areas specifically designated for ice-skating. A New York State fishing license is required and can be obtained through the Westchester County Clerk's office at

Bronx River Reservation

Croton Point Park

George's Island Park Dutch St., Montrose, 737-7530.

Ward Pound Ridge Reservation Routes 35 & 121, Cross River 864-7317. Fly-fishing is available

TRAVELER

Croton-on-Hudson, 862-5290.

Kensico Dam Plaza Bronx River Parkway, Valhalla, 328-1542 **Rockefeller State Park Preserve**

Woodlands Lake Saw Mill River Parkway, Irvington (Access from northbound lanes only.)

Blue Mountain Reservation Welcher Ave., Peekskill, 862-5275. Valhalla to Yonkers, 864-PARK

Croton Gorge Route 129, Cortlandt, 827-9568.

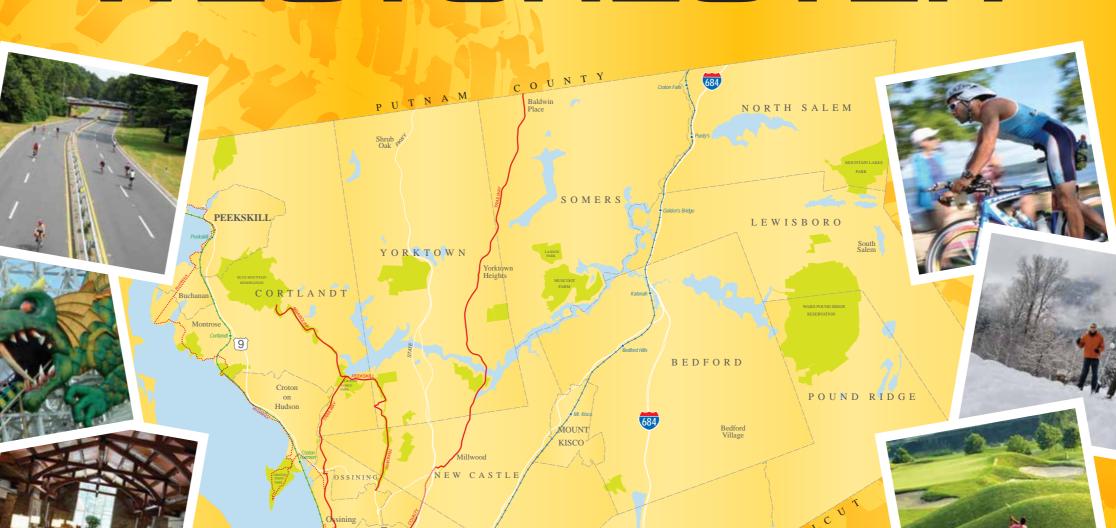
Route 117, Tarrytown, 631-1470

on the river that flows through the reservation.

946-8133.

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Trails and Bike Paths

Trail on Road or Sidewalk

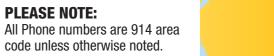
Planned RiverWalk Route Hudson Line Railroad / Stations

→ → Harlem Line Railroad / Stations

New Haven Line Railroad / Stations

---- Planned Trail

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Bird Watching

Birders flock to Westchester's natural surroundings to spot the more than 300 species of birds that have been identified in Westchester County. Many rare birds and hawks have been

spotted at the different parks and reservations listed. **Blue Mountain Reservation:** Welcher Ave., Peekskill 862-5275. The Spitzenberg and Blue Mountains are located on this property. 1,583 acres of wooded, hilly terrain excellent for

attract plenty of waterfowl. Park admission fee. **Cranberry Lake Preserve:** Old Orchard St., North White Plains 428-1005. A 165-acre preserve of unspoiled forest and

bird watching, picnicking or walking. Three lakes located on site

wetlands including a five-acre lake, trails and boardwalks. Open year-round, 9-4, Tues. - Sat.

Croton Point Nature Center: Croton Point Park, Croton-on-Hudson 862-5297, A 504-acre park and nature center containing exhibits about the Hudson River, local history, and flora and fauna. The center is also home to the Material Archives and Laboratory for Archaeology (MALFA) and feature exhibits on the archaeological features of the park.

Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary: Exit 19 off I-95 – adjacent to Playland Amusement Park, Rye 967-8720. Many rare birds, including Snow Bunting, Snowy Owl, Barrows Goldeneye and Red-necked Grebe have been seen here on Playland Lake and the Long Island Sound. Open Tues. - Sat. 9-4, trails are open daily from dawn to dusk. Free admission. Parking fee May – October.

Lenoir Preserve: Dudley Street, Yonkers 968-5851. 35+ acres overlooking the Hudson River and Palisades. In the fall, expect to see hawks circling overhead from the Lenoir Hawk Watch. The preserve has a large bird feeding station and is home to Blackbirds, Blue Jays, the American Robin and Red-breasted Nuthatches, to name a few. The Nature Center has a bird observa-

tion window for easy viewing. Trails open daily from dawn to dusk. Center open 9-4 on Wed. - Sat. September – June and Mon. – Fri. July – August.

Marshlands Conservancy: Boston Post Rd., Rye 835-4466. The best place to see rare birds. There is a species checklist available in the Visitor's Center. Open year-round Wed. – Sun., 9-5. Trails open daily from dawn to dusk. Free admission.

Rockefeller State Park Preserve/

Pocantico Hills: Route 117, Tarrytown 631-1470. www.friendsrock.org. Explore miles of trails on this splendid property located near Route 9 and the Taconic State Parkway. The trails are carriage/bridal trails that allow horseback riding. Wetlands, woodlands, meadows, fields and Swan Lake, a great place to see waterfowl, are all located on the grounds. Visitor's Center open year-round 9-4:30. Preserve open year-round 8-dusk. Parking fee.

Rye Nature Center: 873 Boston Post Rd., Rye 967-5150. www.ryenaturecenter.org. 47 acres of forests, fields, ponds and streams with 14 stations on a self-guided trail as well as a paved trail for seniors and disabled. Spend the day bird watching and picnic near a pond or stream. Butterfly House open 9-5,

Mon. - Fri. Free admission. **Teatown Lake Reservation:** 1600 Spring Valley

Rd., Ossining 762-2912 ext. 110. www.teatown.org. 875 acres, 15 miles and 10 trails that spread throughout the preserve and are home to many different birds. Species checklist and trail map are available. For a small fee, there is a guided tour of the two-acre Wildflower Island. The Visitor's Center is open daily from dawn to dusk. Free parking and admission. Ward Pound Ridge Reservation: Routes 35 & 121,

Cross River 864-7317, 4.315 acres makes this the County's largest park. Many hawks and swallows fly overhead and there are 60 Bluebird boxes where you can glimpse Bluebird nests. One of the NY metropolitan area's best places to see butterflies! Species lists and trail maps are available inside the Trailside Nature Museum and the entrance booth. Open yearround daily from 8-dusk. Parking fee, free admission.

Sleep under the stars in one of Westchester County's pristine camping sites. Spectacular natural settings and a wide variety of sites at affordable prices distinguish the camping facilities administered by Westchester County Parks.

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Croton Point Park: Croton Point Ave., Croton-on-Hudson 862-5290. Vacation cabins and tents are available; cabins service 4-6 people. Trailer and recreational vehicles welcome. Call for rates and seasonal dates. Facility includes a pool, beach, car-top boat launch, fishing, recreation hall, play fields, hiking trails and a nature center.

Ward Pound Ridge Reservation: Routes 35 & 121. Cross River 864-7317. Open-faced lean-tos, each accommodating up to 8 people, as well as tent sites are available throughout the year. 4,315 acres include a nature preserve, 35 miles of trails, a Trailside Nature Museum, picnic areas, Gilmore Pond and a stream that runs throughout.

•••••• **Cross Country Skiing** Whether you prefer a challenging trail through wooded areas or

acres of open space to traverse, Westchester County parks and golf courses offer an ideal setting for cross-country skiing. Permissible dawn to dusk daily, conditions allowing. **Blue Mountain Reservation** Welcher Ave., Peekskill 862-5275. **Croton Gorge**

Route 129, Cortlandt, 827-9568. **Croton Point Park** Croton Point Ave., Croton-on-Hudson, 862-5290. **Dunwoodie Golf Course** Wasylenko Ln., Yonkers, 231-3490 **Lenoir Preserve**

Dudley St. off North Broadway, Yonkers, 968-5851.

Maple Moor Golf Course North St., White Plains, 995-9200. **Marshlands Conservancy** Route 1, Rye, 835-4466. **Mohansic Golf Course** Baldwin Rd., Yorktown Heights, 862-5283.

Rockefeller State Park Preserve

Route 117, Tarrytown, 631-1470. Saxon Woods Golf Course Mamaroneck Rd., Scarsdale, 231-3461 Saxon Woods Park Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains 995-4480. **Sprain Lake Golf Course**

> Grassy Sprain Rd., Yonkers 231-3481 **Ward Pound Ridge Reservation** Routes 35 & 121, Cross River 864-7317 •••••

Play golf on one of six County courses. For reservations, call 995-GOLF

egolf.westchestergov.com **Dunwoodie** in Yonkers, 231-3490 **Hudson Hills** in Ossining, 864-3000 Maple Moor in White Plains, 995-9200 **Mohansic** in Yorktown Heights, 862-5283 **Saxon Woods** in Scarsdale, 231-3461



Sprain Lake in Yonkers, 231-3481

Westchester

North-South County Trailway

Begin this enjoyable trail in Eastview in the Town of Greenburgh and head north to Baldwin Place in Somers. This paved, multi-use trail spans 22.1 miles in Westchester County. At Baldwin Place, it becomes the Putnam Trailway, continuing seven miles to Carmel. The North County Trailway is situated on what was part of the former Putnam Division of the New York Central Railroad. The "Old Put," as it was fondly referred to by commuters, provided freight and passenger service from 1881 to 1958 between the Bronx and Putnam County. See map for points of access along this trail.

Parking & Major Points of Access:

Park-and-Ride lot at Eastview - north side of Neperan Rd. immediately west of Saw Mill River Parkway Eastview exit at Route 100C. Additional spaces are also available on south side of Neperan Rd. near parkway entrance/exit ramp.

Route 117, Town of Mount Pleasant - south side of Route 117, immediately west of interchange with Route 9A and Taconic Parkway.

Briarcliff Public Library, Village of Briarcliff Manor - library parking lot, Pleasantville Rd.

Route 100, Millwood at Taconic State Parkway, Town of New Castle - east side of Route 100 between North State Rd. and Echo Lake.

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NYS Department of Transportation Yard, Millwood - just north of Taconic State Parkway's "Route 100/133" exit, on south side of Station Rd. (Route 133).

Croton Heights, Route 118, Town of Yorktown - north side of Route 118, less than one mile west of Route 100.

Town Hall, Underhill Ave., Town of Yorktown - south side of Underhill Ave., downtown Yorktown Heights.

Railroad Park, Yorktown Heights - Commerce St. off Underhill Avenue, approximately 1.5 miles east of Taconic Parkway.

Mahopac Ave., Town of Somers - weekend parking available at Jilco Corp., just west of trailway's intersection with Mahopac Avenue.

Baldwin Place, Town of Somers - lot on west side of trailway at shopping center between Route 6 and Route 118.

Sites of Interest Along the North County Trailway

Kitchawan Preserve, Route 134, Yorktown. 864-PARK. parks.westchestergov.com. Hiking and walking trails, nature study. Open daily, dawn to dusk.

Muscoot Farm, Route 100, Somers. 864-7282. parks.westchestergov.com. This 777-acre interpretive farm looks at turn of the century life with a variety of farm animals and displays of vintage equipment, historic buildings, hiking and nature trails; hayrides offered from May – October. Open daily, 10-4, year-round.

Stone Barns Center for Food & Agriculture, 630 Bedford Rd., Pocantico Hills. 366-6200. www.stonebarnscenter.org. A unique, dining and educational center promoting sustainable, community-based food production located on Rockefeller property. A restored Norman-style barn houses Blue Hill Restaurant. The grounds include a greenhouse, gardens and walking trails. Ongoing special events and weekly guided tours.

Graham Hills Park, Route 117, Town of Mount Pleasant. 864-PARK. parks.westchestergov.com. A wooded, 431-acre park featuring five-miles of single-track mountain biking trails for experienced riders. Trail maps are available at the park, or by calling 864-PARK.

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Visitors and locals alike enjoy the picturesque scenery and unspoiled parks, picnic spots, historic sites and nature preserves unfettered by crowds. Enjoy an active day or getaway, whether you choose hiking, running, biking, or just a leisurely stroll among nature's beauty. In winter, cross-country skiers revel in Westchester's snow-covered trails. Trail details include distances, access points, historical notes, sites of interest and parking locations, if available, near the trails' main access points. Before setting out, please remember: Choose routes and trip lengths suitable to your individual abilities. Motorized vehicles are not permitted on any trail. Be alert to motor traffic at crossings. Walkers, runners and hikers should keep to the right and allow bicyclists to pass on the left. All trails close at dusk. Regulations for pets/leashed dogs vary by location.

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Bronx River Pathway

The 807-acre Bronx River Reservation is a picturesque backdrop along this paved trail located immediately adjacent to the Bronx River Parkway. The trek spans central Westchester in three sections, totaling nine miles from Valhalla to Yonkers.

Parking & Major Points of Access listed from south to north:

The Bronx River Pathway can be accessed easily from the following stops along Metro-North Commuter Railroad's Harlem line, listed south to north: Bronxville, Tuckahoe, Crestwood, Hartsdale, White Plains, North White Plains, Valhalla.

Bronxville Metro-North railroad station, Depot Plaza (northbound) - take Palmer or Pondfield Rd. west from station. **Tuckahoe Metro-North railroad station**,
Elm St.

Crestwood Metro-North railroad station, 1 Columbus Ave.

Hartsdale, Greenacres Ave., behind Hitchcock Presbyterian Church

White Plains Metro-North railroad station, Hamilton Ave. TransCenter

White Plains, Westchester County Center (use east parking lot), Central Ave. at Bronx River Parkway

North White Plains Metro-North railroad station,

Valhalla, Kensico Dam Plaza

Fisher Ln. exit east of Bronx River Parkway

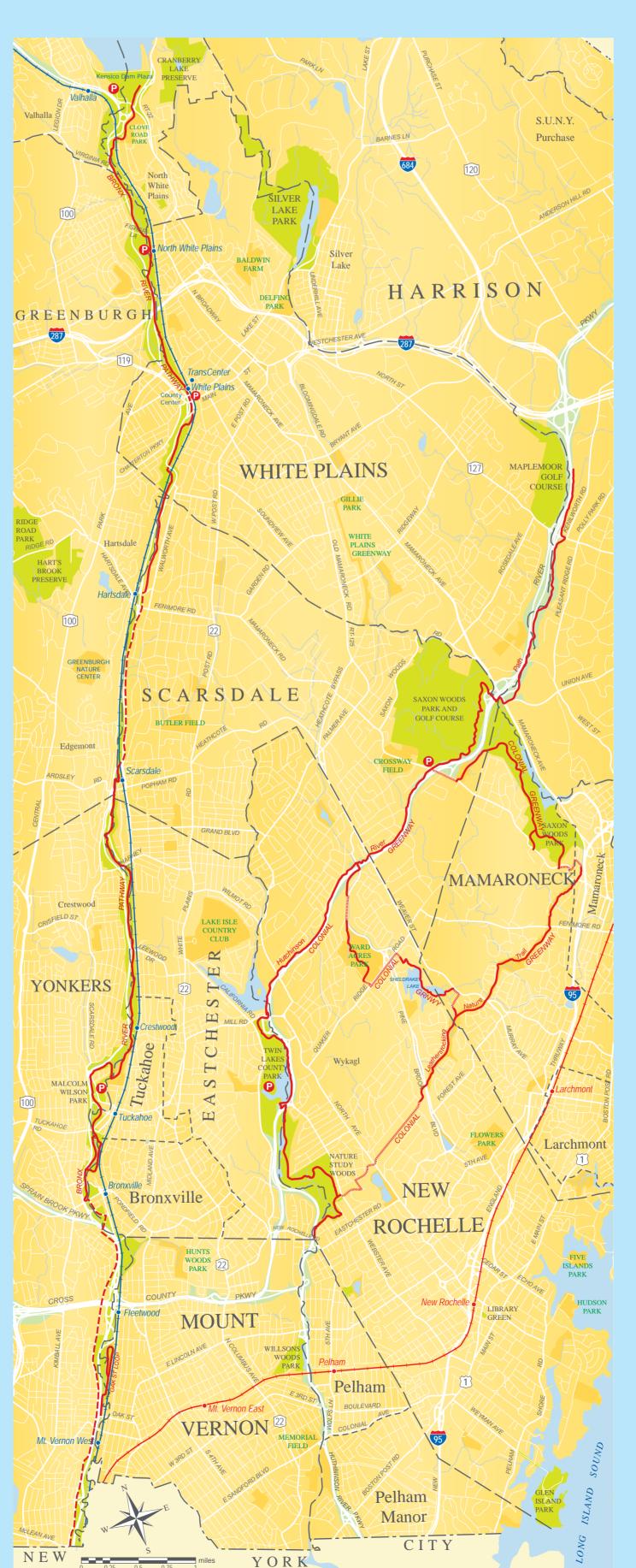
Sites of Interest Along the Bronx River Pathway

Westchester County Center, 198 Central Ave., White Plains. 995-4050. Westchester's oldest and largest public assembly facility and a stunning Art Deco landmark. Hosts hundreds of concerts, sporting events, trade shows and community events each year. Hours vary with show times.

Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla. 328-1542. A scenic 98-acre park at the base of the massive, 300' high and 1,830' long stone dam. Two paved loops are popular for bicycling, in-line skating, walking and jogging. Open dawn to dusk, year-round.

Ann's Way, 864-PARK. A scenic rest spot along the Bronx River Reservation, featuring a beautiful stone spillway, grass area and benches. Named for Ann Helen Jacobs, the wife of Raymond A. Jacobs, a great supporter of Westchester County Parks.

Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 723-3470. www.greenburghnaturecenter.org. A 33-acre woodland preserve with trails, ponds, orchards, gardens and petting zoo. Manor House containing a museum, botanical and natural history exhibits and greenhouse. Grounds open daily, 10-dusk. Open Mon. – Thurs. 9:30-4:30, Sat. and Sun. 10-4:30.



Briarcliff-Peekskill Trailway

No passport required to marvel at the second-largest hand-hewn stone structure in the world, second only to the Giza Pyramids in Egypt—just hike this trailway to enjoy the magnificent Croton Dam spillway and its cascading waterfall at Croton Gorge Park. Or delight in panoramic views, complete with a birds-eye view of the Hudson River, from the perch of the 560-foot high Spitzenberg Mountain at the Blue Mountain Reservation in Peekskill. In the mood for a more leisurely stroll? Then amble along the unpaved pathways of the 12-mile linear park, built on lands that were originally intended to become a parkway. No bicycles on this trail.

Parking & Major Points of Access:

Teatown Lake Reservation Spring Valley Rd., Ossining/Yorktown

Croton Gorge Park Route 129, Cortlandt

Charles Cook Park
Colabaugh Pond Rd., Cortlandt

Sportsman Center
Watch Hill Rd., Cortlandt

Blue Mountain Reservation Washington St., Peekskill

Sites of Interest Along the Briarcliff- Peekskill Trailway

Sportsman Center, Watch Hill Rd., Cortlandt. 862-5280. The only outdoor recreation facility in Westchester offering target areas for trap and skeet, rifle, pistol and archery. Open early January — mid-December, Sat. 10-4:30 and Sun. 11-4:30, plus holiday Mondays 10-4:30.

John E. Hand Memorial Park at Bald Mountain, Blinn Rd., Yorktown. 864-PARK. A 112-acre park consisting of native wooddlands offers excellent hiking opportunities and a spectacular view from the top. Park closes at dusk.

Croton Dam, (Part of the Old Croton Aqueduct State Historic Trail) Croton Gorge Park, Route 129, Cortlandt. 827-9568. parks.westchestergov.com. Standing over 200 feet high, the "new" Croton Dam was built to supply New York City with water and was completed in 1907.

Teatown Lake Reservation, Spring Valley Rd., Ossining. 762-2912. www.teatown.org. Environmental education and nature preserve offering birds-ofprey and animal displays. Open Tues. — Sat. 9-5, Sun. 1-5. Extensive trails, open daily, dawn to dusk.

Old Croton Aqueduct State Historic Trail

Escape the 21st century and bring your family on a historic journey through Westchester County! For more than 150 years, the trail atop the Old Croton Aqueduct has linked communities along the lower Hudson River. This tree-lined 26.2 mile portion of the 41-mile trailway, popular with runners and walkers, offers glimpses of historic and architectural treasures along the way. The 22 miles between Quaker Bridge Road in Cortlandt and Lamartine Avenue in Yonkers have been designated as part of the Hudson River Valley Greenway Trail. For more information, contact the Old Croton Aqueduct State Historic Park headquarters at 693-5259, 15 Walnut St., Dobbs Ferry.

Sites of Interest Along the Old Croton Aqueduct State Historic Park

Hudson River Museum, 511 Warburton Ave., Yonkers. 963-4550. www.hrm.org. Museum complex comprised of art galleries, art and science exhibitions, restored Glenview Mansion, Andrus Planetarium, Café and Gift Shop. Open Wed. — Sun. 12-5, Fri. 12-8.

Untermyer Park and Gardens, 945 North Broadway, Yonkers. 377-6450. Grecian gardens landscaped in the Beaux Arts style. Temple overlooking a mosaic pool, a Greek amphitheater and sculptures. Views of the Hudson River and the Palisades. Open daily, dawn to dusk.

Washington Irving's Sunnyside, 3W Sunnyside Lane, Tarrytown. 591-8763.
www.hudsonvalley.org. Charming historic home of Washington Irving, author of "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow." Costumed guides lead tours of the house, which contains original furnishings. Open July — mid-November, Wed. — Sun., plus some holiday Mondays.

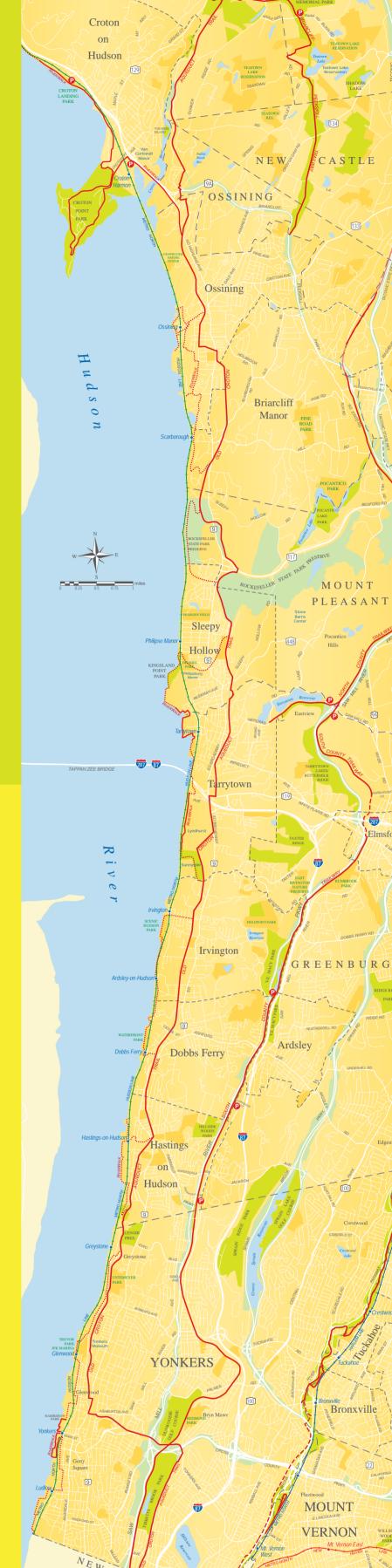
Lyndhurst, 635 South Broadway, Tarrytown. 631-4481. www.lyndhurst.org. This 1838 Gothic Revival mansion designed by Alexander Jackson Davis overlooks the Hudson River. Once owned by railroad magnate Jay Gould, the mansion is furnished with 19th and 20th century decorative arts. Extensive gardens. Open April – October, Tues. – Sun. 10-5; Open November – March, Sat. and Sun. 10-3.

Philipsburg Manor, 381 N Broadway, Sleepy Hollow, 631-3992. www.hudsonvalley.org. The historic Philipse estate, comprised of a manor house, grist mill, 18th-century barn, slave garden and tenant farmhouse. Costumed interpreters lead tours. Open July – mid-November, Wed. – Sun., plus some holiday Mondays.

Croton Point Park, Croton Point Ave., Croton-on-Hudson. 862-5290. This 508-acre park is situated on a peninsula on the east shore of the Hudson River. Year-round events and activities with facilities for camping, hiking and swimming. The park, rich in natural and human history is also the site of historic wine cellars that are thought to be the oldest in New York and the Croton Point Nature Center that offers a year-round schedule of interpretive programs.

Van Cortlandt Manor, 5255 S. Riverside Ave., Croton-on-Hudson. 271-8981. www.hudsonvalley.org. Former home of New York's prominent Van Cortlandt family, now a historic site furnished with period artifacts. Grounds include tenant farmer's house, tavern and gardens. Open July – August, Sat. and Sun. only.

Westchester Riverwalk: The Westchester RiverWalk will be a multi-faceted pathway paralleling Westchester County's entire Hudson River shoreline from Yonkers to Peekskill. Its 51.5-mile route is currently under development and utilizes a variety of public, semi-public, and private lands, as well as local roads and sections of existing trails, such as the Old Croton Aqueduct, to maximize access to and along the County's Hudson River waterfront. Over 32 miles of River-Walk's route is publically accessible, utilizing newly constructed sections as well as existing sidewalks, paths and trails, such as the Old Croton Aqueduct, and paths within existing parks and facilities.



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Message from County Executive Robert P. Astorino:

Looking for the perfect day or getaway or family staycation? Look no further than Westchester County, New York. First stop in the Hudson Valley and bordering New York City, Westchester is a bucolic destination that enchants visitors and locals with its beauty, history and warm and welcoming communities. Hike, bike, explore and discover the many outdoor adventures available in Westchester. Whether you want family fun, challenging athletic events, serene spots to enjoy nature's charms or just a gorgeous change of scenery, Westchester has so much to offer. So grab your gear and meet me in Westchester!







Natural beauty and rich history come together on this 15-mile unpaved trail loop system that links numerous open spaces and spans five municipalities, utilizing the Hutchinson River Pathway and the Leatherstocking Trail, as well as existing trail systems within the County and local parks and nature preserves. It winds through woods and wetlands that are home to an abundance of wildlife, and through neighborhoods touched by the lives of Thomas Paine, Anne Hutchinson, James Fenimore Cooper and other great figures of American history. Open to hikers, walkers and runners, portions of the trail are also appropriate for equestrians. See map for points of access along this trail.

Parking & Major Points of Access: Saxon Woods Park & Pool, Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains

Maple Moor Golf Course, North St., White Plains River Ridge Equestrian Center, California Rd., Eastchester

Sites of Interest Along the Colonial Greenway

Thomas Paine Cottage, 20 Sicard Ave., New Rochelle. 633-1776. www.thomaspainecottage.org. Former home of Thomas Paine, Father of the American Revolution and creator of the human rights movement. Rooms furnished with original 18th and 19th century artifacts. Open Thursday, Sat. and Sun. 10-5, and Fri. 2-5.

Thomas Paine Memorial Museum, 983 North Ave., New Rochelle. 813-2225. www.thomaspaine.org. Collection of original artifacts and works of Thomas Paine, Father of the American Revolution and creator of the human rights movement. Open Sat. and Sun.

Saxon Woods Miniature Golf Course, 1800 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains. 995-4480. Open late May – Labor Day, hours vary.

River Ridge Equestrian Center, 960A California Rd., Eastchester. 633-0303. (Western) Ride the trails with a guide for an hourly fee, includes horse and helmet.