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Sunday - Revel in morning yoga with Sara Trapani or a guided hike with Del Orloske, and a community sing with Mike + Ruthy, family, and friends.

DIY BATH BOMB MAKING WITH PHOENICIA SOAP CO.
SATURDAY JANUARY 14, 3-4:30PM
$62 per person
Learn how to create bath bombs with botanicals and oils that soften and add nutrients to your skin! Participants will enjoy a glass of wine with cheese and take home three bath bombs!

*FEBRUARY SPA SPECIALS**
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The only thing better than a spa day is a spa day with your special someone. Spa together with these February specials:

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Reflexology Workshop – learn how to share Reflexology with your partner at home
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Saturday, Feb. 11 and 18, 5:30 to 7pm or 7:30 to 9pm

MAPLE SYRUP SEASON IS COMING SOON

Learn about the process of turning sap into syrup. From the management of the woods and getting lines and equipment prepped to the tapping of trees and collecting maple sap. There's much to be done before the maple sap flows and can get boiled into pure maple syrup - the part of the process we look forward to sharing with you every sugaring season - but without the prep, we wouldn't have any sweetness to share. Follow along with NYS Maple and our sugar makers as they prepare for the season ahead and Maple Weekend 2023!

Here are the maple farms preparing to welcome you in March.

GALLERY EXHIBITS

THE LIBERAL ARTS GALLERY
PHIL'S GHOST
EXHIBIT: DECEMBER 17 – MARCH 4

LIBERAL ARTS ROXBURY is pleased to announce Phil's Ghost, an exhibition of album art honoring the late Phillip Lenihan, owner of the gallery under its previous entities, Orphic Gallery and the 8-Track Museum.

Phil's Ghost is curated this year by Film Director and Producer Roger Ross Williams. Please join us on December 17th at 5pm for food, drink, music and dance to celebrate the opening of the show. LPs Courtesy of Joe from Chicago Archives.

THE LIVBERAL ARTS GALLERY IS LOCATED AT 53525 STATE HIGHWAY 30, ROXBURY, NY 12474. info@liberalartsroxbury.com.

AT THE ROXBURY ARTS CENTER - TUESDAY - SATURDAY, 10AM - 3PM

Combining our two most anticipated exhibits at the Roxbury Arts Group, 'All Things Great and Small' partner our annual 'Small Works' and the 'Large Works' exhibits that overtake our Walt Meade Gallery and Performance Hall.

Participating Large Works artists are Natalie Boburka, Toni Brogan, Tabitha Gilmore-Barnes, Annie Hayes, Helene Manzo, Kate Masters, Gary Mayer, Stephanie Stein, Kate Taverna, William Waggoner, and Scott Woolsey.

Artists exhibiting in the Small Works show are Rebecca Andre, Margaret Bazura, Ivory Biruk, Esther de Jong, Deborah Fox, Maria Garcia, Sara Idleman, Deborah Freedman, Tabitha Gilmore Barnes, Elaine Grandy, Mortimer Guggenheim, Ron Macklin, Joe Miller, Stephen Niccolls, Laura Nickel, Rhiannon Radu, Sara Stone, Carol Struve, Sharon Suess, Pamela Wallace, William Waggoner, Dan Williams, Ellen Wong, and scrap wrenn.

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THE?CATSKILL WATERSHED?CORPORATION, LOCATED IN ARKVILLE, is?now accepting applications for WATERSHED EDUCATION GRANT PROPOSALS. If you’re interested in starting a Trout in the Classroom program in your school, this is a great funding opportunity to help you get started!

If you would like more?information about the Catskill Watershed Corporation and?upcoming education grant opportunities, contact Samantha Costa at scosta@cwconline.org. Visit?watersheducators.org?for information on?field trips, classroom programs, streamside and digital learning opportunities.

Applications are due by February 3 by 4:00 PM.

WATER RESOURCES ART AND POETRY CONTEST
Save the Date! DEP's 37th annual Water Resources Art and Poetry Contest has begun. Second through twelfth-grade students in New York City and the East and West of Hudson Watersheds are invited to create original art and compose poetry that reflects an appreciation for our shared water resources. The five central themes of the contest, incorporating STEM and humanities disciplines, include Water, a Precious Resource; NYC Drinking Water; NYC Wastewater Treatment; Harbor Water Quality and Healthy Marine Ecosystems; and Water Stewardship and Climate Change. ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED ONLINE FROM TUESDAY, JANUARY 10 – FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2023. To learn more, Water Resources Art & Poetry Contest. For questions, contact artandpoetry@dep.nyc.gov.

The contest winners will have their work displayed in an exhibit at the Catskill Water Discovery Center this coming summer. www.waterdiscoverycenter.org

CREATIVE ADVENTURES IN ART AND PLAY

ARTISTS specially trained as facilitators will guide children through creative play as they make their own art using our recyclables and natural materials. The only theme is play and to have fun creating whatever pleases them with the materials provided.

WHAT: The Catskill Water Discovery Center offers a fun and engaging experience for children, ages 4 to 9. Select from the following dates (multiple visits are allowed): Jan 28, Feb. 11 and 26, and March 11 and 25 from 2 – 4 pm, held at Center's Exhibit Hall, 669 Hwy 28, Suite 3, Arkville, NY 12406.
HOW: Register your child for up to five art/play sessions by contacting Don L Myers at 845-399-3913. You can also reach out via email to our specially created email: caapwdc@gmail.com

DETAILS: Parents or caregivers are to remain in the building, either observing or gathering with other adults in the nearby auditorium

Opportunities will be available to learn more about the Water Discovery Center
Masks are encouraged but not required
There is no fee for the program
In case of inclement weather that requires postponement; Facilitators and children's families will be notified directly by email and/or telephone. Sessions will be rescheduled with dates to be announced

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GIVE US YOUR FEEDBACK AND WIN A GIFT CARD TO A SPORTING GOODS STORE!
DEC would like your opinion on our informational kiosks. Kiosks are small, open wooden structures that provide cover for educational/informational signs. These kiosks are located at various state properties such as state forests, wilderness areas, conservation easements, wildlife management areas (WMAs), boat launches, and more.
Take our survey to let us know what you think and be entered to win a $50 sporting goods store gift card and a free subscription to the Conservationist magazine!
Winners will be announced each month from January 2023 through January 2024. A grand prize winner will be announced in January 2024 and will receive a $200 sporting goods store gift card and a free magazine subscription. By providing input, you can help us improve your outdoor experience!
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THIS POPULAR FAMILY-OWNED SKI AND BIKING RESORT is located north west of the Catskill Park in the Town of Roxbury. It features a 1,100 vertical drop with 38 trails of varying degrees of difficulty.
Plattekill offers outstanding terrain for winter skiing, snowboarding and snow tubing, from Friday through Sunday and special weeklong holidays. Learn more about its year-round activities – www.plattekill.com or call 607-326-3500.

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Belleayre is a 4-season resort located in the heart of the Catskill Mountains and home to the Catskill Thunder Gondola! Visit belleayre.com for more information.

Belleayre Mountain is located along the Catskill Mountains Scenic Byway off of State Route 28 in Highmount, NY, just hours from New York City. It was declared "Forever Wild" by the New York State Forest Preserve in 1885. Early on, skiers would side-step or hike their way more than 3,000 feet to be the first to make tracks down un-named and woody trails.

Belleayre now stands as a model in the ski industry. Its continued improvements include the only Catskills Cat-access skiing and snowboarding, the Area 51 terrain park, two progression parks, mogul trails ranging from intermediate to expert bumps and extensive glade skiing. Skier and snowboarder visits have grown from 70,000 in 1995 to more than 175,000 skiers and snowboarders from all over the world. With 55 trails, parks and glades, 8 lifts, including our new High Speed Quad, Belleayre Mountain has certainly evolved from humble, yet promising beginnings into an efficient and growing organization - perfection in progress.

Visit: www.belleayre.com for updates, conditions and special events.

INFORMATION TO HELP YOU ENJOY YOUR VISIT TO THE CATSKILLS

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CRISP 2023 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS to fund priority invasive species projects in the Catskills region! We will offer funding for those projects that best meet the following CRISP priorities that were identified in the CRISP Strategic Planning that we conducted earlier this year:

Early Detection/Rapid Response for Tier 1 or Tier 2 Species
Raise public awareness of Tier 1 and/or Tier 2 Species
Improve the scientific understanding of the extent, ecological impact and effective controls of invasive species in the CRISP region.

Selected projects will be funded up to $10,000 and must be completed in 2022. The deadline for applications is February 3rd. Additional information is available here: https://www.catskillinvasives.com/funding

We gratefully acknowledge that this funding is provided through the Environmental Protection Fund as administered by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). This funding leverages the work that CRISP Partners are doing and incentivizes local organizations to help execute CRISP goals to manage invasive species in our region. The RFP is not a grant program and all project proposals are subject to NYSDEC Invasive Species Coordinate Section for approval prior to being awarded a final sub-contract.

SPRING SKIING, PLANNING FOR WARM WEATHER EVENTS

The Chamber is collecting details of our warm weather events. Calls come in by visitors to know when the special events are happening. So get me your info. Word docs and jpeg images are the way to go. When you send us a formatted doc we have to reformat it to use it.

SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 1 PM
We'll walk the rails again . . .
Heads up all you folks who prefer their history en plein air: HSM will reprise last year's tramp along former Ulster & Delaware Railroad tracks from Highmount to Pine Hill on Sunday, April 23 at 1 p.m. John Duda and Diane Galusha will share information on the glory days of Highmount, the engineering of the famed Double Horseshoe Curve that we'll walk along, and the Crystal Spring Water Company whose ruins we will visit. There is a $10 fee, and reservations are required. Space is limited. Call 845-586-4973 or email history@catskill.net to save a spot on this tour.

HELP WANTED – 4-H CAMP SHANKITUNK, DELHI. SUMMER POSITIONS ARE AVAILABLE FOR DAY CAMP DIRECTOR, AQUATICS DIRECTOR, FOOD SERVICE DIRECTOR, KITCHEN ASSISTANTS, DAY AND OVERNIGHT CAMP COUNSELORS and other positions from June 25 – August 4, 2023. For an application or more information contact Cornell Cooperative Extension Delaware County, 34570 State Hwy 10, STE 2, Hamden, NY 13782 by calling 607-865-6531, emailing crb222@cornell.edu, or visiting our website at campshankitunk.org.

Cornell Cooperative Extension is an employer and educator recognized for valuing AA/EEO, Protected Veterans, and Individuals with Disabilities. Individuals who bring a diverse perspective and are supportive of diversity are strongly encouraged to apply.

THE CATSKILL WATERSHED CORPORATION (CWC) PROVIDES SUPPLIES TO GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO CLEAN LITTER AND OTHER DEBRIS FROM STREAMBANKS IN THE CATSKILL-DELAWARE WATERSHED AND DISPOSE OF IT PROPERLY.

Heavy-duty trash bags, gloves, and tokens of appreciation are available to individuals, youth and school groups, church organizations, civic and business associations, neighborhood groups, and teams of friends who volunteer to scour streambanks and riversides for trash.

Please call Samantha Costa at 845-586-1400, scosta@cwconline.org, to schedule a date and time to pick up the supplies.

The CWC is a non-profit, Local Development Corporation responsible for several environmental protection, economic development and education programs in the New York City Watershed West of the Hudson River. www.cwconline.org

FRIDAY, MAY 12, 9 AM – 3 PM 5TH ANNUAL SUMMIT – CATSKILLS PATHWAYS TO RECOVERY
(Formerly named Catskills Addiction Coalition.)

SUPPORTING PREGNANCY, PARENTING & COMMUNITIES THROUGH HARM

REDUCTION
Breakfast & Lunch will be provided.
IN PERSON & VIA ZOOM

The Summit will be held at the Pine Hill Community Center, 287 Main St., Pine Hill, Ny 12465
Registration is Required. www.catskillspathwaystoRecovery.org

DASHA SHISHKIN – 'CHIK CHIRIK'
March 18-May 6, 2023. CLOSING PARTY, SATURDAY MAY 6, 4-6PM

LIBERAL ARTS ROXBURY is pleased to present a solo exhibition of multi-media works by Moscow-born, Brooklyn/upstate-based artist Dasha Shishkin. chik chirik, featuring drawings and prints on various supports, opens Saturday March 18, 2023, with a reception at the gallery from 4-6pm. A closing event during finer weather on May 6 is also planned.

Dasha Shishkin's highly intuitive works follow the course of a line, diagramming the broad universe of human activity as both elegant and vulgar, gentle and cruel.
Her elaborate drawings, often executed on blemished sheets of paper and wrinkled mylar, acknowledge socially perspicacious artists of the past, such as Edvard Munch and Egon Schiele, while presenting contemporary life as an ongoing carnival of desire, vanity, and social decadence, with moments for pause and reflection.

LONGYEAR GALLERY OPENING RECEPTION; SATURDAY, March 24; 3-5PM

FARMS, FARMERS & FARMING: A TRIBUTE TO LOCAL AGRICULTURE
OPENS AT LONGYEAR GALLERY

Longyear Gallery of Margaretville is pleased to announce the opening of a special exhibit, "Farms, Farmers & Farming: A Tribute to Local Agriculture," a new group show featuring the art of 23 Longyear Gallery members, accompanied by a group show of the art of the other 11 members. Opening on Friday, March 24th, this special exhibit will run through Sunday, April 23rd with the Artists Reception on Saturday, March 25th from 3-6 p.m.

As Diane Galusha of the Historical Society of the Town of Middletown explains, "There was a time not so long ago when most people lived on farms. Rain and snow; dirt and seed; birth, death and unceasing labor; the joy and struggle of making a living off the land. These things defined-–still define--those who farm, those who keep the rest of us alive. When Delaware County was newly settled, sheep ruled the hillsides and mills were built to process the fleece. Then dairy cattle populated the barns, and creameries handled the milk from the Jerseys and Holsteins that thrived on green pastures. Then, in the 20th century, it was cauliflower that proved an unlikely antidote to fluctuating milk prices."

The artists participating in "Farms, Farmers & Farming: A Tribute to Local Agriculture," have incorporated into their work the "time and change written on this landscape, seen in the derelict barns and the meadows turned to brush," as Diane Galusha notes. "Yet," she continues, "change can also be seen in the busy farm stands and markets where a new generation of farmers proudly sell products their Delaware County predecessors never imagined as they toiled in the fields, turning over 'two rocks for every dirt,' and this exhibit," she adds, "celebrates this honorable profession and acknowledges the legacy of farms and farmers, past and present."

Longyear Gallery's "Farms, Farmers & Farming: A Tribute to Local Agriculture" will be

on view Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and Holiday Mondays each weekend from 11 p.m.-4 p.m. Special attention will be paid to keep safe all visitors to the gallery as well as members. In view of health precautions at this time, it is suggested that visitors wear masks.
Longyear Gallery is located Downstairs in The Commons, 785 Main Street, Margaretville. For information, please see Longyear Gallery's website, www.longyeargallery.org, or call 845.586.3270 during gallery hours.

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Upcoming Belleayre Calendar:
MARCH 25, WYLD BLU BAND
S'MORES & STORIES
SCAVENGER HUNT

LOCAL COMMUNITY DAYS
MARCH 28
KIDS HIT THE SLOPES

SUMMER JOBS AT BELLEAYRE:

Looking for the perfect summer job? Belleayre Beach is now hiring lifeguards for the 2023 summer. If you are not certified or if your certification is about to expire, not a problem! Delaware Country Residents under 21 can get certified for free. OR If you take a certification class and work for us the entire summer, we will reimburse your certification fees. View our employment page for additional information.

NY/NJ TRAIL CONFERENCE NEWS

Did you know that the Long Path begins at the 175th Street Subway Station in Upper Manhattan?

If you haven't already heard, we are celebrating BIG NEWS: the opening of the North Walk, a newly renovated accessible path on the north side of the George Washington Bridge. Why is this celebration-worthy? The North Walk now offers pedestrians and bicyclists direct — and improved — access to the Long Path, a 358-mile trail that is maintained by hundreds of Trail Conference volunteers and travels from New York City, through parts of NJ, to Albany.

With the opening of the North Walk, it's never been easier for New Yorkers to experience the Long Path and the benefits of a walk in the woods, whether you're planning a day excursion or a thru-hike!

Learn More + Plan Your Hike

BEARS! NEWEST PODCAST FROM BRETT BARRY AT KAATSCAST.COM

During last summer's drought conditions, Catskills black bears made more frequent appearances down to the valleys, and Catskills humans took note.

Social media was abuzz with bear tales and concern for small cubs that some assumed were famished. Black bears are capable parents and experts at foraging and providing for their young. So, worry not. And of course, do not FEED the bears, even unintentionally, because as you've likely heard, “a fed bear is a dead bear.”

This week's podcast comes just as experts advise removal of bird feeders for the season. Bird seed is a “fabulous” and easy source of sustenance, but it acclimates wildlife to human-provided food, and that leads to problems.

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Listen now!

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Hear from three authorities on bears:
Wildlife Rehabilitator Kristine Flones
NYS Forest Ranger Patti Rudge
DEC Natural Resource Supervisor Bill Rudge

Hear about:

the best time to wrap up your wild bird food (and why)
the importance of taking out the trash (at the crack of dawn)
equipping your Catskills home with a ... marine signal horn?
resisting the urge to run from a bear!
identifying a mom with cubs
creating "space" on the trails

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NEWS FROM NYSDOT TO BYWAY COMMUNITIES

The Federal Highway Administration will be holding two informational webinars to share information about the recently released Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program (CFI Program). Created by President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, the CFI Program is a new competitive grant program that provides funding for publicly accessible electric vehicle charging and alternative fueling infrastructure in the places people live and work – urban and rural areas alike – in addition to along designated Alternative Fuel Corridors. CFI Program investments will make modern and sustainable infrastructure accessible to all drivers of electric, hydrogen, propane, and natural gas vehicles.
The webinars will be held on the following dates. Webinars are open to the public and registration is required.
· Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program
3/21/23 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. ET
· Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program
3/22/23 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. ET
For more information, please contact Neelam Patel in the Office of Natural Environment at (248) 602-7454.

SUPPORT OUR HEALTH CARE CENTER'S – MARGARETVILLE HOSPITAL AND MOUNTAINSIDE

LIVE ART Auction, May 20, 2023

The Board of the Margaretville Hospital is pleased to welcome you to the online presence for our auction in May.

Kindly view the artwork and registration details for this event.

https://live.classy.org/auction/catch23/15997aee-c719-4b60-a086-00e91e647c80/item/01becb62-1bc0-4c8d-bc4a-b68b4dcfc249

Additional work will be available for viewing as it becomes available; the intent is to refresh our site weekly, so please check back regularly.

THANK YOU TO LIBERAL ARTS ROXBURY FOR HOSTING THE EVENT. CORNER OF ROUTE 30 AND BRIDGE STREET, Roxbury. www.liberalartsroxbury.com

NEW EXHIBITION AT ROBURY ARTS CENTER

SECRETS, CONFESSIONS & REVELATIONS – Open THROUGH APRIL 29 AT THE ROXBURY ARTS CENTER

Artists participating in this exhibit were selected from a juried open call and include Christein Aromando , Ivory Biruk, Beth Caspar, Kevin Dalton, Richard Driessen, Cindy Dunne, Caroline Lewis, Patrice Lorenz, Jillian Lyke, Samantha Nick, Alan Powell, Ellen Stewart, and John Virga.

Learn More

REMEMBER TIME TO PLAN FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

If you have an annual event you want to promote on our e-blasts please contact the Chamber at chamber.admin@centralcatskills.com

FLEISCHMANNS STREET FAIR SUNDAY, MAY 25, 2023 WELCOMES VENDORS

If you are potentially a vendor, please get in touch with Yvonne Reuter at reuteryvonne28@gmail.com for further information or to register.

If you know someone else interested, please pass Yvonne's contact information on to them. This event gets better and features more variety every year, and we want that trend to continue!

The Annual Fleischmanns First Memorial Weekend Street Fair will be held Sunday, May 25.

AT THE CATSKILLS VISITOR CENTER

FRIDAY JUNE 9TH – THE GATHERING
SATURDAY, JUNE 10TH – ANNUAL OUTDOOR EXPO

Register online
here https://catskillcenter.org/membershipsponsorship/great-catskills-outdoor-expo-exhibitor-application.

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19 ANNUAL MARGARETVILLE CAULIFLOWER FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, SEPT. 23, 2023 – VILLAGE PARK AND PAVILION

Tractor Parade, Pure Catskills Tent, Vendors, Food, History, Kids Fun, 1903 Auto Rally, and of course Cauliflower for Sale.

Contact: carol@centralcatskills.com for vendor information or to Volunteer.
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DEC is Hiring Staff for the 2023 Summer Camps Program
We are actively recruiting Directors, Assistant Directors, Waterfront Directors, Cooks, Nurses, EMTs, Counselors, and Camp Aides for the 2023 Summer Camps Program. All positions offer competitive salaries, plus room and board for the summer.
Locations of DEC Summer Camps:
Camp Colby in Saranac Lake;
Camp Pack Forest in Warrensburg;
Camp Rushford in Caneadea; and
Camp DeBruce, near Livingston Manor.

Learn more about the employment opportunities at DEC's Environmental Education Camps.
This is a unique opportunity to work at a rustic and beautiful summer camp in the Catskills, Adirondacks, or Western NY. Our week-long residential programs draw 11–17-year-old youths from across NYS for life-changing experiences in the outdoors. NYSDEC Summer Camps combine environmental education, hunter education, and outdoor recreation to create an adventurous experience for youth. Camp staff engage campers in ecological principles such as field, forest, aquatic, wildlife, and human impact and outdoor skills including backpacking, camping, and canoeing.

How to apply
Please submit a resume, cover letter, and unofficial college transcript to campemploy@dec.ny.gov.
Email is preferred, but you may mail your application to:
DEC Camps Employment
C/O Camps Administrator
625 Broadway; 3rd Floor
Albany, NY 12233-5256
Attend a DEC Summer Camp Program

Are you a parent or guardian hoping to send your child to one of DEC's Environmental

Education Camps this summer? Registration for 2023 begins on Sunday, April 2 at 1 p.m. Please prepare for registration by following the instructions on the How to Register for Camps webpage. We highly recommend that families fill out all the required camper forms and waivers before registration opens. Completing all forms and waivers ahead of time will significantly speed up your registration process.

DEC'S ANNUAL SPRING SEEDLING SALE NOW OPEN
The DEC Colonel William F. Fox Memorial Saratoga Tree Nursery's annual seedling sale is happening now through May 12th! Dozens of tree and shrub species are available for purchase for conservation plantings across New York State. Browse this year's selection on our website, and get your order in early because many favorites go quickly. We recommend placing your order by phone for the most up-to-date species availability information. Seedlings will be shipped mid-April through May.
Pictured: tree seedlings at DEC's tree nursery.

ANNUAL SCHOOL SEEDLING PROGRAM FOR EDUCATORS BEGINS
Looking to involve your students in hands-on learning about the role of trees in ecosystems as well as participate in conservation? DEC's School Seedling Program provides seedlings from the Colonel William F. Fox Memorial Saratoga Tree Nursery to youth organizations and schools in New York. Apply online by March 31 for your chance to receive 30-50 free tree or shrub seedlings to plant with your students. Each school or organization may receive one order per year.

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Coming Soon

DEC Information for Birding and Fishing in Spring Time
No specific date needed
NYS DEC NEWS

IT'S TROUT TIME!
While catch and release opportunities for inland trout are now widely available year-round in New York, April 1st will always be a meaningful day for trout anglers and DEC is stocking 1.9 million trout in waters across the state.
Check out the helpful resources below to plan your fishing trip:

2023 Spring Trout Stocking Summaries
HuntFishNY app now features the "Tackle Box" where trout stream access, regulations, and stocking information are now available within a map-based interface from the convenience of your smartphone.
Management Categories for Specific Inland Trout Streams (PDF)
Current Freshwater Fishing Regulations
I FISH NY Brochures

I FISH NY Guide to Brook Trout Fishing in Adirondack Ponds (PDF)
I FISH NY Guide to Trout Fishing in Streams (PDF)
I FISH NY Guide to Trout Fishing with Synthetic Bait (PDF)

And in case you missed it, check out #TroutWeek on DEC's Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram that covered all things trout including species information, stocking, places to fish, and more!
If you are looking for a way to learn to fish, attend a free I FISH NY clinic! DEC, the City of Rochester's Department of Recreation and Human Services are hosting an inclusive, family-friendly fishing event on April 16 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Cobbs Hill Park in Rochester, Monroe County. People of all ages, abilities, and experiences are welcome to attend. Adaptive equipment will be available for use.

BE BIRD-FRIENDLY THIS SPRING
Looking for an easy way to take care of your bird friends this migration season? Did you know each year during spring migration, many birds that are navigating the night sky become disoriented from artificial building lighting? Not only does city lighting deter the navigational abilities of migrating birds, but it also leads to an increase in fatal building collisions, killing an estimated 1 billion birds annually.
Play a part in helping to help birds survive and thrive this season by taking these simple steps

Make your windows safer by installing screens and breaking up reflections.
Dim or turn off nonessential lights. Exterior security lighting is more bird friendly when directed downward rather than into the sky.
Enjoy birds while helping science and conservation! Your observations will provide valuable information to show where birds are thriving or declining. Take part in the Third Breeding Bird Atlas.

New York State is also committed to helping a variety of bird species during the busy migration season to reduce bird collisions. To do our part, state-owned and operated buildings will turn off all non-essential lighting from 11:00 PM to dawn during peak bird migrations in the spring and fall. Learn more about the Lights Out initiative and more ways to support migrating birds by visiting DEC's website.
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