

GREAT NORTHERN CATSKILLS OF GREENE COUNTY

MOST POPULAR HIKES



Rip Van Winkle Skywalk – Crossing over the Hudson River with views of the mountains and the Hudson River Valley



Rip Van Winkle Monument – Larger than life Blue stone carving at the top of Hunter Mountain



Kaaterskill Falls – Highest cascading waterfall in NYS

Acra Point and Batavia Kill Loop

(Moderate to Difficult: 5.3-mile circuit)

Affords breathtaking views of the Black Dome Range. Enjoy scenery of the Hudson Valley from the summit before descending along the Batavia Kill. Trailhead located on Big Hollow Road (County Route 56) in Maplecrest.

Devil's Path

(Difficult: 24.15 miles)

Described as the toughest and most dangerous hiking trail in the Eastern United States, the Devil's Path is one of the most popular in the Catskill Park. Offering hikers a chance to reach the summits of 5 of the 35 Catskill High Peaks (two more are reachable by detours). Trailhead located off County Route 16 (Platte Clove Road) at the corner of Prediger Road in Hunter.

Diamond Notch

(Moderate: 4 miles, round trip)

The trail is primarily used for hiking from May thru October with a beautiful 15-foot waterfall at approximately 1,000 foot elevation. Trailhead located at the end of Spruceton Road along County Route 6 (off State Route 42 North) in Westkill.

Escarpment Trail at North-South Lake

(Moderate to Difficult: 10.3-mile circuit)

The perfect trail for active hikers who want a longer hiking experience that offers expansive views. This trail passes by Boulder Rock and the former site of the Catskill Mountain House. Trailhead located at Schutt Road in Haines Falls.

Escarpment Trail, Windham Trailhead

(Moderate to Difficult: 23-mile circuit)

The trail offers challenging terrain over ever changing scenery with mixed hardwood forests, dark hemlock groves along swift-flowing creeks and a spruce-fir cap on the higher peaks. Trailhead located on Route 23 in East Windham.

Hunter Mountain Fire Tower

(Moderate to Difficult: 8 miles, round trip)

One of the Catskills' iconic hikes located on the summit of Hunter Mountain. The fire tower offers panoramic views of the mountains and adjacent Hudson Valley region. Trailhead located on Spruceton Road (County Route 6) in Westkill. Also accessible via Hunter Mountain Sky Ride, when in operation, and is a moderate 4-mile, round-trip hike.

Indian Head Mountain

(Difficult: 7.8 mile circuit)

Great trail for avid backcountry hikers, offering a strenuous climb that crosses the Plattekill Creek, part of the Long Path, and winds through a steep crevice. Trailhead located on Prediger Road, Hunter.

Kaaterskill Falls

(Easy to Moderate: 1.4 miles, round trip)

At 260 feet, this two-tiered fall is the highest cascading waterfall in New York State. The spectacular waterfall attracted tourists, painters and poets when it was first publicized in the early 1800s. Scenic marked hiking trails with views of the Kaaterskill Clove. Trailhead for the bottom located on Route 23A in Haines Falls (west of Horse Shoe Bend). The top of the waterfall, which is handicapped accessible, is located at the end of Laurel House Lane off County Route 16 in Haines Falls.

Plateau Mountain (via Warner Creek Trail)

(Difficult: 8-mile circuit)

Perfect for avid climbers and hikers, both scenic and rugged. The trail intersects with the Devil's Path and offers views of Kaaterskill High Peak and Hunter Mountain. Trailhead located on Notch Inn Road (off Route 214) in Hunter.

Pratt Rock

(Difficult: 3.1 miles, round trip)

The climb to the rock is steep, and may be unfit for young children, but the path is clear and ascents a series of gently graded inclines to the white relief carvings on cliff wall 500 feet above the road. Trailhead located off County Route 23 in Prattsville.

Windham High Peak (via Burnt Knob)

(Moderate: 7.3 miles)

Great hike for panoramic views of the Catskill Mountains and Hudson Valley region. Dogs are allowed off leash. Trailhead located on Big Hollow Road (County Route 56) in Windham.



Catskill Mountain House Site – former site of America's most fashionable resort

Hike Safe, Follow the Trail, Find Adventure

North-South Lake State Park

A popular destination for hikers since the 19th century. Whether you are a beginner or an experienced hiker, you can find a variety of terrain and marked trails.

Easy Hikes

Catskill Mountain House Site

.5 miles, round trip

Mary's Glen and Ashley Falls

.6 miles, round trip

Moderate Hikes

Kaaterskill Falls Trail

1.4 miles, round trip

Lookout and Sunset Rock

3.6 miles, round trip

Difficult Hikes

North Point via Mary's Glen Trail

6.4 miles, round trip

Inspiration Point and Hotel Kaaterskill Site

4.35-mile circuit

Local Parks, Nature Centers, Walking Paths

Angelo Canna Town Park

Mountain Avenue, Cairo
Dog park located in back of the park



Cairo Nature Center

Route 23, Acra



C.D. Lane Park

281 County Route 56, Maplecrest



Cohotate Preserve

450 Route 385, Athens
Nature preserve with self guided tours on nature trails along the Hudson River.



Cornell Park

Mill Street, New Baltimore
On the Hudson River



Coxsackie Riverside Park

Betke Boulevard, Coxsackie
On the Hudson River



Dolan's Lake

7955 Main Street, Hunter
Lifeguard on duty in summer months



Dutchman's Landing Park

Lower Main Street, Catskill
On the Hudson River



Four-Mile Point Preserve

Four Mile Point Road, Coxsackie
7.6 acre riverfront preserve



George V. Vanderbilt Town Park

Town Park Drive, Greenville



Historic Catskill Point

1 Main Street, Catskill
On the Hudson River and Catskill Creek



McQuade Park

Lafayette Avenue, Coxsackie



Mountain Top Arboretum

Route 23C and Maude Adams Road, Tannersville
179 contiguous acres of gardens, forest and marsh. Woodland walk, rain garden and boardwalk through a wetland meadow.



RamsHorn- Livingston Sanctuary

Dubois Road, Catskill
480 acres of the Hudson's largest tidal swamp forest. More than 3 miles of trails. Following a half-mile walk, then canoe from the tidal marsh out to the Hudson River.



Scenic Hudson's Long View Park

1886 River Road, New Baltimore
Cross-country skiing and snowshoeing, weather permitted.



Siuslaw Model Forest

6055 Route 23, Acra



The Huckleberry Trail

Lake Road, Tannersville
2.3 mile path made from historical railroad tracks. Bikes welcome. Cross-country ski or snowshoe, weather permitting.



The Windham Path

Route 23, Windham
1.5 mile loop featuring views, streams, beaver dams and foot bridges. Bikes welcome. Cross-country ski or snowshoe, weather permitted.



Parks, Nature Centers and Walking Paths Amenities



Mountain Top Arboretum

CAUTION: Outdoor recreation activities are by their very nature potentially hazardous and contain risks. All participants in such activities must assume the responsibility for their own actions and safety. The outdoors are forever changing. The Greene County Tourism Office cannot be held responsible for inaccuracies, errors or omissions, or for changes in the details in this publication or for the consequences of any reliance on the information contained herein for the safety of people in the outdoors.



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