

MINNEWASKA STATE PARK PRESERVE is characterized by unique and sensitive environments, valuable for their many rare geological and ecological features. The park preserve is situated on the dramatic Shawangunk Mountain ridge which rises more than 2,000 feet above sea level. The ridge dominates the park preserve and its immediate environs, as well as the rolling agricultural landscape of the surrounding towns and hamlets below. The Shawangunks and the nearby Catskill Mountains have been attracting tourists and artists for over a century, spurred by the completion of railroads linking the area to the Hudson River and distant population centers such as New York City.

Hours and Fees

The park preserve opens daily at 9 a.m. User fees and closing hours are posted at the park preserve entrance and are adjusted seasonally. Information is available at the park preserve office regarding Empire Passports for frequent park users, senior citizens discount, and Access Passes for persons with permanent physical disabilities.

Activities

In order to enjoy your visit at Minnewaska State Park Preserve, please remember that:

Bicyclists must wear helmets, remain on carriageways, and yield to and warn pedestrians and horses. Bicycling is not permitted on hiking paths. A *Shawangunk Bicycle Routes* brochure is available.

Private cartop boats are permitted at Lake Minnewaska subject to the issuance of a permit.

Raised portable grills are permitted in designated picnic areas. In order to protect our woodlands, ground fires are not permitted.

Hiking is permitted on clearly marked paths and carriageways. Volunteer members of the NY/NJ Trail Conference maintain the hiking paths in Minnewaska State Park Preserve.

Horseback riding and the use of horse drawn carriages are permitted on carriageways subject to the issuance of a permit. Keep carriageways and parking lots clean.

Deer hunting only is permitted, subject to restrictions. A hunting brochure is available.

Pets are permitted on carriageways and paths. Pets must remain on a leash at all times. Pets are not permitted on any beaches.

Picnicking is permitted in designated picnic areas.

Scuba diving by certified divers is permitted in Lake Minnewaska. Divers must report to the park preserve office prior to entering the water.

Cross country skiing is permitted on all carriageways. A cross country skiing brochure is available.

Swimming is permitted at Lake Awosting and Lake Minnewaska in designated areas when lifeguards are on duty.

Regulations

To insure that others enjoy their visit at Minnewaska State Park Preserve, please remember that:

- All plants and animals are protected. Please do not harass wildlife.
- Minnewaska is a "Carry In - Carry Out" park. Trash receptacles are not provided; you must take your trash out with you.
- Glass containers are not permitted.
- Alcoholic beverages are not permitted.
- Only radios used with earphones are permitted.
- Designated parking areas are provided for your safety. Parking in other areas is not permitted.
- Camping/camp fires are not permitted.
- For your safety, remain on clearly marked paths and carriageways.

WARNING—DANGER

Carriageways, trails and overlooks throughout this park are adjacent to steep descents and cliffs. Exercise extreme caution in all areas. Keep away from cliff edges.

Caution: Private landowner has vehicular access. Park staff uses motorized vehicles.

Directions to Minnewaska



PETER'S KILL AREA MAP



Minnewaska State Park Preserve is a "Carry In - Carry Out" Park



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Hiking Map and Information



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