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# WATERSHED RECREATION PROGRAM

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## Welcome back!

We're very glad to reopen our Watershed Recreation Program again this year and provide you with the opportunity to fish, bird or simply walk around the reservoir property.

Our Watershed Security Officers will patrol all recreation areas to ensure that people are wearing their badges and paying attention to the signs delineating the boundaries where you can fish, bird or walk. These areas are also shown in bold highlight on the reservoir maps in this booklet.

We must run the program according to the rules and regulations of the National Homeland Security Threat Level. The program will be open for a "YELLOW" level threat status while an "ORANGE" level threat condition will force the program to close. We will post signs at each gate indicating the national security threat level.

As always, everyone shares the responsibility for keeping our drinking water safe and pure. So be aware of how your actions and those of others may affect the environment, and help keep our water supply and watershed buffer lands clean of debris and litter.

This year you can also help out by reporting anything you see that may be out of the ordinary or suspicious behavior to our security personnel at 201.599.6021 or 845.620.3328 or to the local police. We thank you in advance for your cooperation. Please enjoy our recreation program and have fun!



## Nature trail

As an extension of our Watershed Recreation Program, United Water developed a nature trail. The area is designed to be a prime tract for schools, scouting groups and individual explorers interested in hiking, bird watching and learning about the rich vegetation and wildlife native to the Bergen County landscape.

The development of the trail was a cooperative effort that involved different facets of the community, including environmentalists, students and local businesses. United Water New Jersey's Explorer Post, a coed group of high school students from various schools within Bergen County, helped build the benches that sit along the trail. An intern from Rutgers University's Cook College assisted in the planning and development of the area. The Closter Nature Center and the Emerson Environmental Council also provided consultation.

The five-mile trail covers over 90 acres of land surrounding the Oradell Reservoir. The entrance to the trail is located off of Main Street in Emerson.



## Program notes

### Wheelchair access

We have two recreation sites that enable persons with disabilities to fish or bird on our property. We have one site in Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey, and one in Orangetown, New York. These areas are wheelchair accessible and have on-site comfort stations and parking facilities. The special docks for wheelchair access are open to all participants, but please remember that first priority should be for people with disabilities.

Parking in Woodcliff Lake is reserved for customers with disabilities.

### Fishing license

**Fishing program participants must have a valid state fishing license for the state where they plan to fish. Both New Jersey and New York require a valid fishing license for anglers age 16 and older. State wildlife officials do check, so make sure you have the right license.**

### Guest policy

Guests must be accompanied by an adult permit holder. Your guest must obey the rules in this booklet. If your guest violates the rules, we'll revoke your permit. And remember, if your guest is fishing, he or she must have appropriate state licenses. If your guest is a minor, he or she must have written consent from his or her parents or guardians to be on our property.

### Season

The program opens at all four reservoirs on April 1 and ends November 30. All access areas are open seven days a week from sunrise to sunset.

## Program notes *(continued)*

### **Access to our property**

Entry to company property must be through designated access areas only. You are permitted to use our property in the areas outlined on the maps. The access gates are shown on the maps on pages 6 through 9.

### **Parking**

Our parking areas have cable barriers in place that are opened at sunrise and closed at sunset. You must leave company property and remove your car from the parking area because the cable barriers will be locked after sunset. Please remember to display your parking permit in your rear window.

### **Types of fish in our reservoirs**

The following fish have been caught in the reservoirs: large mouth bass, small mouth bass, carp, yellow perch, white perch, sunfish and catfish.

### **Types of birds on our property**

The following birds have been seen on our property: bald eagle, black-throated blue warbler, common loon, eastern kingbird, great blue heron, greater scaup, mallard duck, mute swan, osprey, pied-billed grebe, red-tailed hawk, ring-billed gull, snowy egret and tufted titmouse.



## Rules and regulations

### Permits

A watershed permit is for use by the person to whom it is issued. Every permit holder must wear the permit badge so that it is plainly visible at all times when on company property. Our Watershed Security Officers will be checking permit badges as an added security measure. Please show them respect and courtesy.

### Access area gates

All access area gates must be locked immediately after entering or leaving the access area.

### Children 17 years of age or younger

Children 17 years of age or younger may participate in the Watershed Program only when supervised by an adult.

### No photography

No photography is allowed on our property under any circumstances.

### Food and drink

You're allowed to bring food and refreshments onto our property, but alcoholic beverages are strictly prohibited. We expect that you "carry out" what you "carry in." There are trash barrels located throughout each access area.

### Litter policy

We need your help to ensure that our property surrounding the reservoirs remains clean. That's why we're encouraging a "carry in, carry out" philosophy.

### Other activities

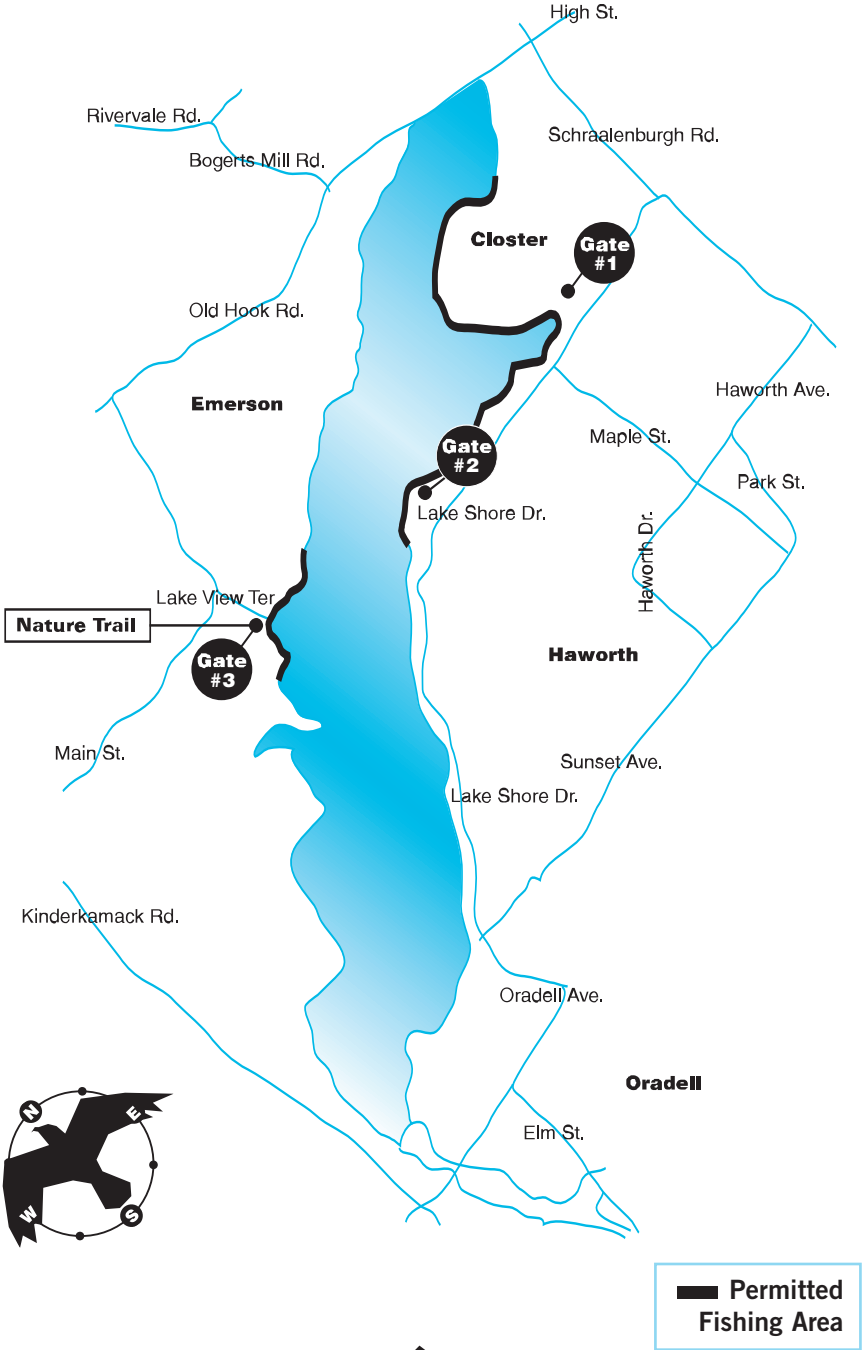
No swimming, wading or boating is allowed inside our property. We also do not permit pets, barbecue grills, campfires, hunting, biking or littering.

### Compliance

Permit holders must obey the rules in this book. If you violate the rules, we'll revoke your watershed permit for the season.

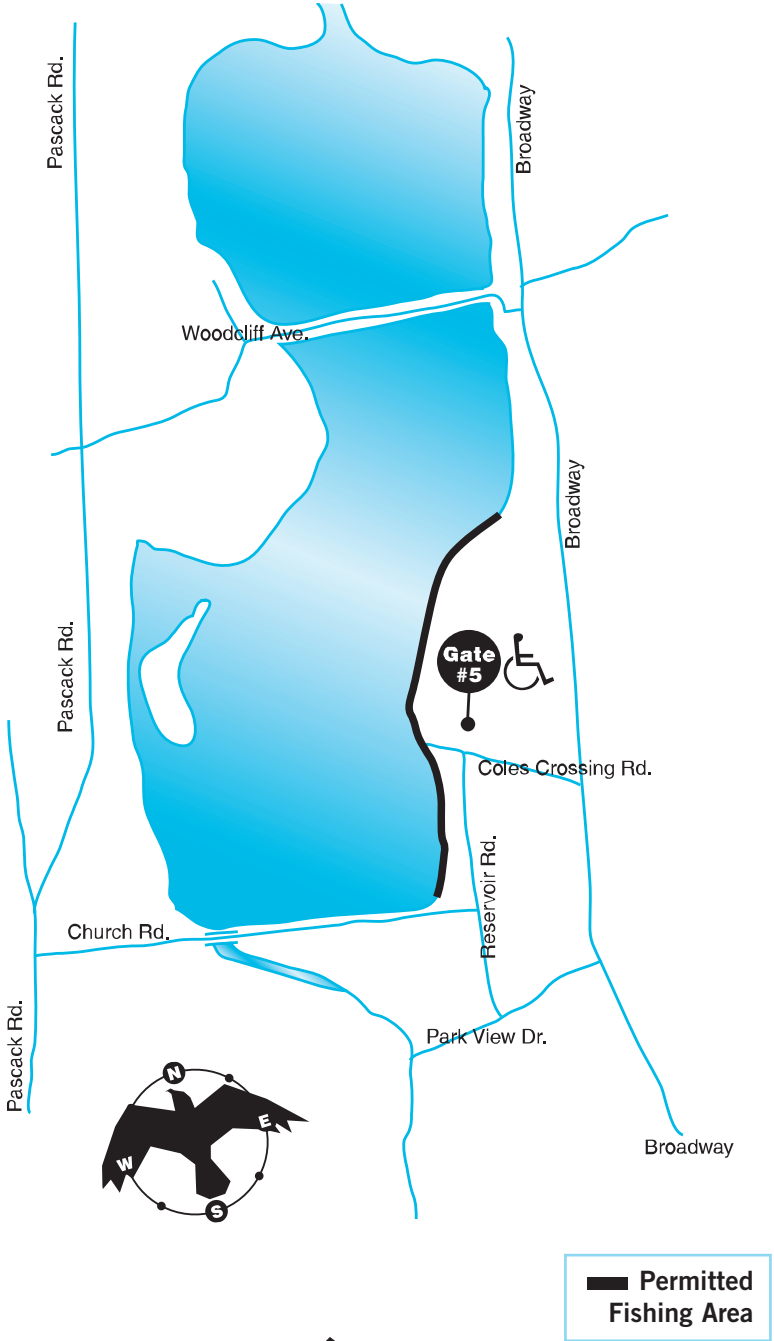
# Oradell Reservoir

Comfort stations are located at Gates.



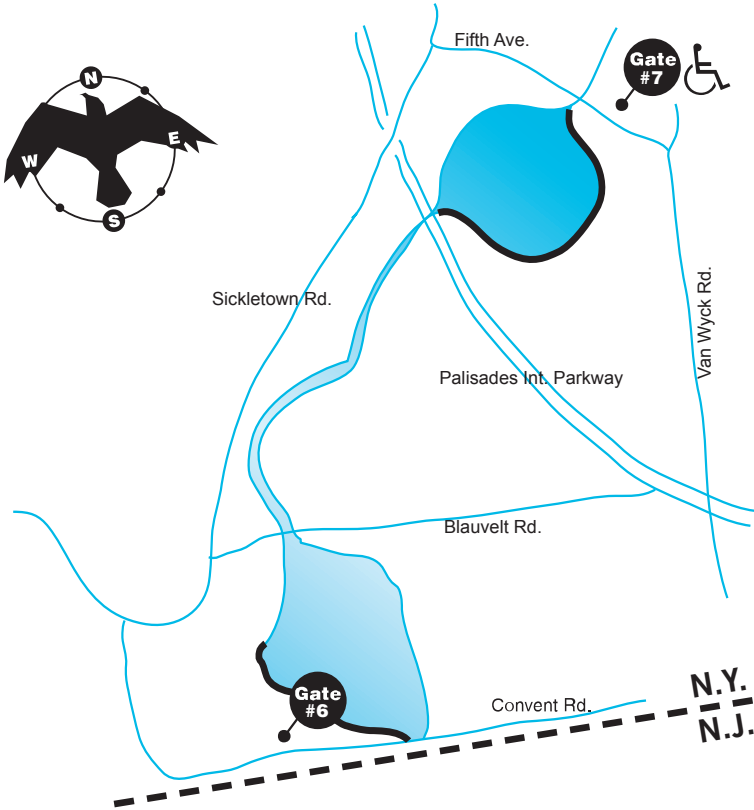
# Woodcliff Lake Reservoir

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# Lake Tappan Reservoir, New York

Comfort stations are located at Gates.



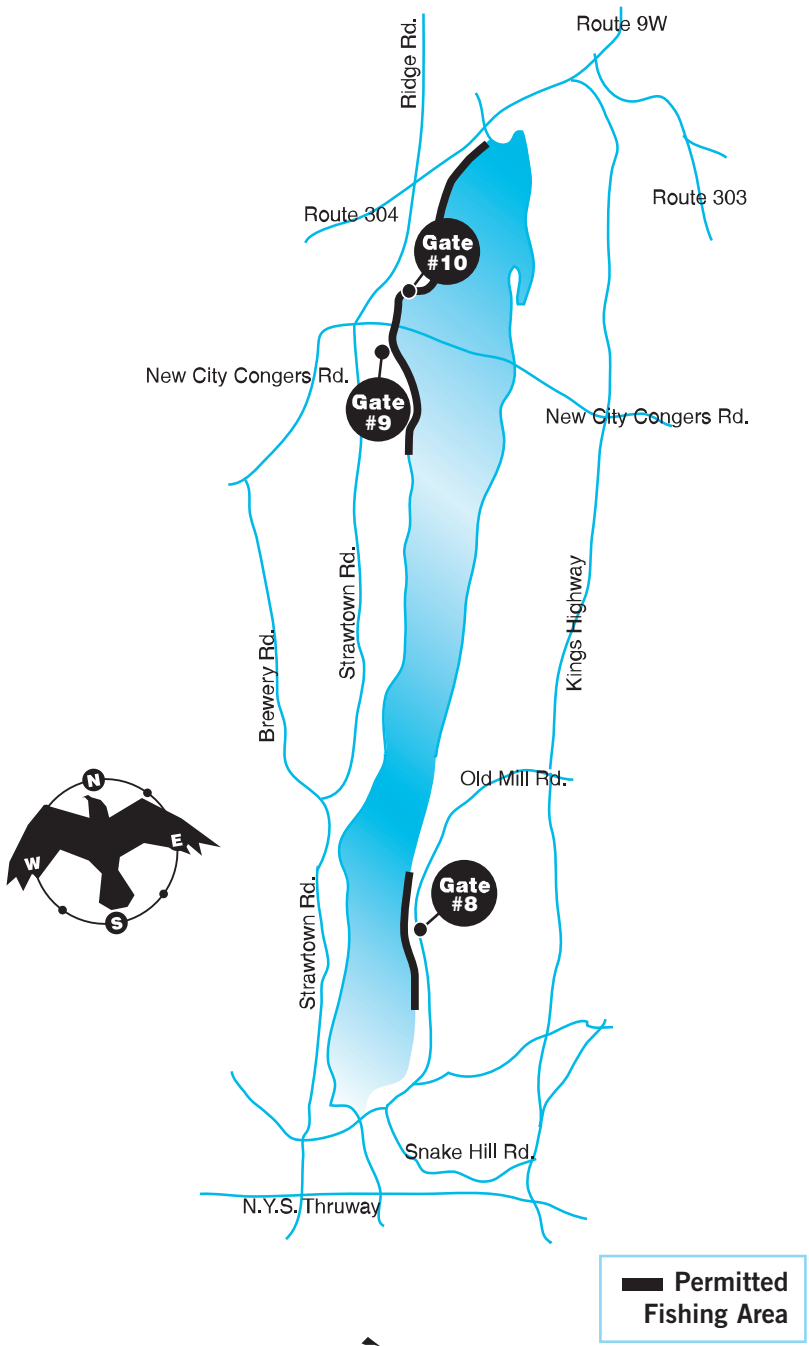
# Lake Tappan Reservoir, New Jersey

Comfort station is located at Gate.



# Lake DeForest Reservoir

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