

# watershed recreation program 2022



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# Welcome to our 2022 Watershed Recreation Program!

We are back for another season of outdoor adventure and family activities. We invite members to enjoy fishing at our four reservoirs as well as hiking and bird watching on our trails.

A reminder to display the proper permits or licenses and wear your membership badge when you are visiting any of the properties. Our Watershed Security Officers will patrol all recreation areas to ensure only registered members and their guests are on the grounds.

Please follow signage defining the boundaries for fishing, birding, and walking. These areas are highlighted in bold on each reservoir map in this booklet.

We remind everyone to continue to follow COVID-19 safety protocols. This includes social distancing, wearing masks when needed, avoiding large group gatherings and staying home if you feel unwell.

We operate this program with our continued commitment of drinking water safety for our customers. If there are security or other concerns, we will suspend the program for a period of time and post signs at each location with an explanation for the closing.

We ask you to be respectful and keep our drinking water safe. Please help us keep our water supply and watershed properties clean of debris and litter.

Help us by reporting any suspicious behavior or other concerns to our security personnel at 201.599.6021 or 845.620.3328 or to the local police.

**Thank you for your cooperation and enjoy the season!**

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# Trails

There are service roads and trails throughout the Veolia properties open to watershed recreation participants. Years ago, Veolia developed an extensive system of trails on property in Emerson, NJ, located off Main Street. The trails traversed hardwood and pine forests, wetlands and uplands, mature tree stands and young growth stands. These different ecological areas provide for a diversity of wildlife, especially birds. Some of these trails are in a natural state, therefore hikers need to be cautious due to the inherent danger of uneven terrain and obstacles such as fallen branches and trees.

The trails were developed with the assistance over the years from area naturalists, teachers, students, and environmental and nature center organizations. High school students with New Jersey's Explorer Post assisted in placing the benches along the trails.

With assistance from the New York New Jersey Trail Conference, two new trails along the Oradell Reservoir have been cleared and marked to make hiking more enjoyable. And thanks to several local Eagle Scouts there are several kiosks installed with information about the fish, wildlife and birds you will find in the watershed area.

## **Wheelchair access**

We have two recreation sites that enable persons with disabilities to fish or bird on our property, in Orangetown, New York and in Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey. These areas are wheelchair accessible and have on-site restrooms 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.



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# Program notes

## Fishing license

To fish at our reservoirs, you must have a valid state fishing license for the state where you 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. For more information on Fishing Advisories and Licenses please visit the following links:

**NJ Fish Advisories:** <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/dsr/njmainfish.htm>

**NY Fish Advisories:**

<http://www.health.state.ny.us/environmental/outdoors/fish/fish.htm>

**NJ Fishing License:** <http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/als/websalesintro.htm>

**NY Fishing License:** <http://www.dec.ny.gov/>

## General Fishing Regulations

We ask participants to follow general fishing regulations while fishing in the watershed.

- When fishing from the shoreline, no more than three fishing rods, handlines or combination thereof should be used.
- Only one daily creel of any fish species may be in possession. Additional fish may be caught once the creel is reached if immediately returned to the water unharmed.
- It is unlawful to possess a fishing device with more than nine hooks in total, or more than three treble hooks.
- It is unlawful to use cast nets in freshwater lakes or trout stocked waters.
- Fish of any species which are purposely killed become part of the participant's daily limit and must be removed, then either used or otherwise disposed of properly.

## 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 and Hours

The program opens at all four reservoirs on April 15 and ends November 30. All access areas are open seven days a week from sunrise to sunset.

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## 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 7 through 16. Please make sure to lock the gate upon your entry to the watershed area.

### Parking

Park only in areas designated for the watershed recreation program. You must leave company property and remove your car from the parking area by sunset. Please remember to display your parking permit in your rear window. Parking is by permit only. Parking violations will be enforced and will be subject to towing.

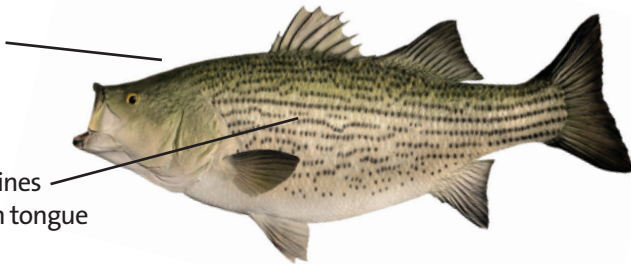
### Fish in our reservoirs

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

Veolia stocked hybrid striped bass in the Oradell Reservoir in July 2018. The purpose of stocking these fish was to control the gizzard shad population which has occasionally had adverse effects on the Haworth Water Treatment Plant intake. Veolia requests that you adhere to the “catch & release” policy with the hybrid striped bass.

### Hybrid striped bass

- Back slightly arched
- Some broken black lines
- Two long patches on tongue



### Birds on our property

Besides some of the six more commonly known bird species such as the American robin, Canada goose, mallard, mourning dove, blue jay and cardinal, other notable birds observed on the reservoirs or adjacent properties include these nine: green blue heron, bald eagle, hooded merganser, wild turkey, pileated woodpecker, American gold finch, red-tailed hawk, wood duck and mute swan.

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# 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. An applicable fishing license is required in each state depending on the age of the individual.

## Access area gates

All access area gates must be locked immediately after entering or leaving the access area. Failure to comply could result in the suspension of permit.

## Children

Children 17 years of age or younger may participate in the Watershed Program only when supervised by an adult. This year our Reservoir Rangers program is available for kids 5 to 12 to learn about fish, wildlife and plants in the four reservoirs.

## Food and drink

You're allowed to bring food and refreshments onto our property, but alcoholic beverages are strictly prohibited.

## 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. We expect that you "carry out" what you "carry in." There are trash barrels located near each gate. There are also fishing line recycling containers at each gate. We encourage participants to put broken fishing lines in these receptacles.

## Other activities

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

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# Rules and regulations (continued)

## Compliance

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

## Photography

We encourage our members and guests to take photographs of nature settings, birds, fish and other wildlife. Please refrain from photography of marked private or sensitive areas that would compromise water safety.

Win a membership by taking photos and tagging us on Facebook at **Veolia Water North Jersey** and **Veolia Water South Jersey** or Twitter **@VeoliaWaterNJ** and your membership could be free next year. Winners will be chosen in three categories:

- **Going Fishing** – There are seven types of fish in our reservoirs. Post your best catch.
- **Bird Watching** – Share your best pics of birds you spot inside our gates.
- **Enjoying Nature** – We want to see sunsets along the reservoirs, animals you encounter during hikes, your family exploring our trails, and more. Be creative!



# Oradell Reservoir

Restrooms are located at gates.



## ➤ Fishing Gates 1 and 2

- **Gate 1**  
Latitude 40.9687 Longitude -73.99154
- **Gate 2**  
Latitude 40.969 Longitude -74.00246 (about 1/2 mile west of gate 1)
- **Parking**  
403 Lake Shore Drive, Haworth, NJ  
Latitude 40.9687 Longitude -73.99154

## Oradell Reservoir

Restrooms are located at gates.



### ➔ Fishing Gate 3

Latitude 40.97256 Longitude -74.01148

- **Parking**

Enter through chained entrance at 29 Lakeview Terrace in Emerson, NJ and proceed down the access road to the parking area.

Please do not park on Lakeview Terrace.

Latitude 40.97284 Longitude -74.0113

# Oradell Reservoir

Restrooms are located at gates.



- **Fishing Gate 4**  
59 Closter Dock Road, Closter NJ  
Latitude 40.97835 Longitude -73.96675
- **Parking**  
10 Closter Dock Road, Closter, NJ  
Latitude 40.97845 Longitude -73.9679

## Oradell Reservoir

Restrooms are located at gates.



- **Fishing Gate 5**  
On West Street, 100 feet west of the intersection of West Street and Blanch Avenue in Closter, NJ.  
Latitude 40.98319 Longitude -73.96011
- **Parking**  
There is no designated parking at this gate.

## Woodcliff Lake Reservoir

Restrooms are located at gates.



### ➔ Fishing Gate 6

Latitude 41.01465 Longitude -74.04377

### • Parking

Enter from Reservoir Road at the intersection of Coles Crossing and Reservoir Roads in Woodcliff Lake, NJ.

Latitude 41.01454 Longitude -74.04371

## Lake Tappan Reservoir, New Jersey

Restrooms are located at gates.



### ➔ Fishing Gate 7

Entrance to access area located opposite 1083 Washington Road in Old Tappan, NJ.

Latitude 41.01408 Longitude -73.99245

- **Parking**

Latitude 41.01381 Longitude -73.99257

# Lake Tappan Reservoir, New York

Restrooms are located at gates.



## ➔ Fishing Gate 8

Latitude 41.0551 Longitude -73.98675

- **Parking**

On Convent Road 350 feet east of the intersection of Convent, Blue Hill and Sickletown roads in Pearl River, NY. Approximate address is 670 Convent Road.

# Lake Tappan Reservoir, New York

Restrooms are located at gates.



## ➤ Fishing Gate 9

Latitude 41.06979 Longitude -73.97514

- **Parking**

71 5th Avenue, Blauvelt, NY

Latitude 41.06978 Longitude -73.97501



## Lake DeForest Reservoir, New York

Restrooms are located at gates.



### ➔ Fishing Gate 10

Latitude 41.11992 Longitude -73.96172

- **Parking**

201 Old Mill Road, West Nyack, NY

Latitude 41.12004 Longitude -73.96172

## Lake DeForest Reservoir, New York

Restrooms are located at gates.



### ➤ Fishing Gate 11 and 12

- Gate 11  
Latitude 41.15723 Longitude -73.9648
- Parking  
On the south side of Congers Road, 500 feet east of the intersection of Congers, Strawtown and Ridge Roads in New City, NY.  
Latitude 41.15723 Longitude -73.96495
- Gate 12  
Latitude 41.15755 Longitude -73.9649
- Parking  
On the north side of Congers Road, 500 feet east of the intersection of Congers, Strawtown, and Ridge Roads in New City, NY.  
Latitude 41.15759 Longitude -73.96503



### **Contact Us**

For questions about the Watershed Recreation Program  
please call Veolia at 201-767-9300 Ext 3208

Thank You

