

Taughannock Falls STATE PARK



Trumansburg, New York



Finger Lakes Region
2021

Facilities

While the park is open year-round, some facilities and activities are only available on a seasonal basis. Please check with the park office or **visit our Web site www.nysparks.com** before arriving at the park.
CAMPING: Reservations through Reserve America.
Campgrounds: 19 electric and 55 non-electric sites. No permanent water hookups available.
Cabins: 16 cabins.
 Comfort Stations: Flush toilets and hot showers.
 Trailer/RV Dumping Station

MARINA: Seasonal or transient slips available. Marina season is April 1st to the end of October.
 Comfort Station: Flush toilets
 Marine Pumpout Station: Fee charged

DAY USE: Day use areas of the park are open from dawn to dusk. There is a vehicle-use fee in effect at the park. Permitted activities are posted in the park office.

Boat Launch: Short-term mooring slips available.
 Swimming: Cayuga Lake. Only in the lifeguarded area. Swimming available weather and conditions permitting. Call ahead to the park office for availability.
 Bathhouse
 Picnic Areas: Tables and grills
 Picnic Pavilions: Can be reserved 11 months in advance.
 Concession Stand
 Canoe and Kayak Rentals
 Play Fields
 Playground
 Comfort Stations
 Nature Activities
 Summer Concert Series
 Trails: Gorge, Rim and Woodland
 Cell Phone Tour



Accessible parking spaces and restrooms are available. Contact the park office for specific information.

NEARBY STATE PARKS

Allan H. Treman: N.Y.S. Rte. 89, north of Ithaca
 Buttermilk Falls: N.Y.S. Rte. 13, south of Ithaca
 Robert H. Treman: N.Y.S. Rte. 327, 4 miles south of Ithaca
 Sampson: N.Y.S. Rte. 96A, 11 miles south of Geneva

apparently escaped detection, although its inhabitants fled before the soldiers arrived.

As payment for his service in the Revolutionary War, Samuel Wayburn was given the land of Taughannock Point. Shortly after building himself a log cabin, a distillery, grist mill and successful general store were built. This community became the most frequent stop for steamboats on Cayuga Lake and flourished until the late 1830's. There was another industrial center at the park's west end. Over time, a stone quarry, planing mill, hydroelectric plant, gun factory, oil mill, flax mill and tobacco house were located there.

Starting in 1873, the railroad ran through Taughannock, sparking the tourism era. Summer vacationers disembarked at the station located at the west end of the gorge to stay at one of two resort hotels. The Taughannock House was located where the Falls Overlook parking lot is today. Directly across the gorge from there was the Cataract House. By 1905, the two hotels declined in use. The Taughannock House burned in 1922, and three years later the property was purchased for use as a public park. Most of the structures in the park today were built during the 1930's when park staff had help from the Civilian Conservation Corps.

To learn more about park geology, ecology and history, see exhibits at the Falls Overlook and along the nearly-level trail through the gorge to the falls. You can access additional interpretive information about the gorge and park by either calling in to an OnCell number for an audio tour or scanning a QR code to access a mobile web site.

MARINA SLIP RENTALS

Seasonal Boat Slips: Seasonal slips are assigned annually by lottery. Returnees are guaranteed a slip for 5 years. Applications hand delivered or postmarked January 1 through 15 qualify for the lottery, returnees included. Applications postmarked prior to January 1 will not be considered. Applications not chosen in the lottery or received after January 15 will be assigned slips subject to availability. For applications and more details contact the park office.

Overnight Transient Slips: Reservations for overnight dockage can be made by calling the park office.

TAUGHANNOCK FALLS STATE PARK

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William Hughes, Park Manager

IN AN EMERGENCY

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Camping Reservations

Camping and cabin reservations in NYS parks may be made up to nine months in advance. Call 1-800-456-CAMP (2267), or on line at www.ReserveAmerica.com.

Special Passes

Access Passes: Available to NY residents with qualifying disabilities.

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The Finger Lakes Story

Sparkling lakes, breathtaking waterfalls and rolling pastoral land dominate the landscape of the Finger Lakes Region. Over thousands of years, gigantic glaciers and coursing streams carved this landscape shared by generations of people. On Cayuga Lake's western shore, Taughannock Falls State Park is one of 29 facilities of the Finger Lakes State Parks Region where you can enjoy these treasured landscapes and discover the lives of people of the past.

This park features a 215-foot vertical waterfall (65 m) at the end of a wide and wooded 3/4-mile (1.2 km) gorge, scenic woodland and a large span of shoreline along Cayuga Lake. You can experience the park's rich scenery along hiking trails, at the swimming beach, at scenic picnic areas and on the play fields.

The Nature of Taughannock Falls

Water has shaped the natural landscape of the park. During the past million years, water in the form of giant mounds of ice, or glaciers, covered New York State several times, dramatically transforming the land in its path. In this region, the most recent glacier moved through shallow river valleys leaving in its place deep, steep-sided troughs. When the glacier receded north about 10,000 years ago, water filled these new troughs, creating the 11 Finger Lakes, which include Cayuga Lake. Since then, water in the form of Taughannock Creek has poured down Cayuga Lake's glacially-steepened hillside, cutting away its soft sedimentary rock. This on-going process has formed Taughannock's 3/4-mile gorge and spectacular waterfall.

People and Taughannock Falls

The park's scenic landscape, proximity to Cayuga Lake and access to water power have attracted people for over 300 years. The first known people to experience Taughannock were the Cayuga Indians, one of the Six Nations of the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) in New York. The name they gave the falls, Taughannock (tuh-gan-uck) is believed to mean "great falls in the woods." Records note the Cayugas grew corn, beans, apples and peaches in a village on Taughannock Point, the day-use area of the park today. In the late 1770's, American Revolutionary War soldiers marched through the area on a campaign to destroy villages of the Cayugas, allies to the British. The settlement on Taughannock Point

TO OUR OVERNIGHT GUESTS

Quiet Hours and Generator Hours: Quiet hours in camping areas and marinas are from 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. and are STRICTLY enforced. Your cooperation is appreciated by park staff and your fellow campers. Generators may be operated from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and must be attended.

Camping Equipment and Vehicles: Two sleeping tents or one camping unit (trailer, RV) and one tent are permitted per camp site. No more than two vehicles may be parked on a camp or cabin site. Additional parking for guests is available in nearby parking lots. No sleeping tents are allowed in the cabin area.

Check In/Check Out: Check-in time is 3:00 p.m. Campers must occupy the site by 9:00 p.m. on the scheduled day of arrival or call the park office. Check-out time is 11:00 a.m. All equipment must be off the site at that time.

Pets: Only 2 pets are allowed per site. Family pets must be leashed and attended at all times. Proof of rabies vaccination must be by **Veterinarian's certificate**-the collar tag will not be accepted as proof.

TO ALL OUR GUESTS

Trails: The park provides a variety of trail opportunities. Please stay on the designated trails. Proper footwear for hiking in a variety of conditions will make your trail visit safer. **Bicycles are not allowed on the trails.** Bicycles are allowed on the Black Diamond Trail that begins at the Jacksonville Road parking area. Due to varying weather conditions, park trails can close at any time throughout the year. Do not go on trails designated as CLOSED.

Blading, Boarding and Bicycling Safety: Safety helmets are required by New York State Law. Check at the park office for times and locations where these activities are allowed.

Swimming Areas: Supervised swimming is available at this facility. Swimming is not a guaranteed activity. The supervised swimming area may be closed due to weather conditions or availability of lifeguards. Pets, alcoholic beverages and glass containers of any kind are not permitted in the supervised swimming area.

Pets: Pets are allowed in the park and on trails but **must remain on leash, no longer than six feet, at all times.**

Respecting Wildlife: Please do not feed or harass any wildlife while visiting the park. If you see any wildlife that appears ill, leave it alone and contact park personnel immediately. If you come in physical contact with an animal, report it to a park employee right away.



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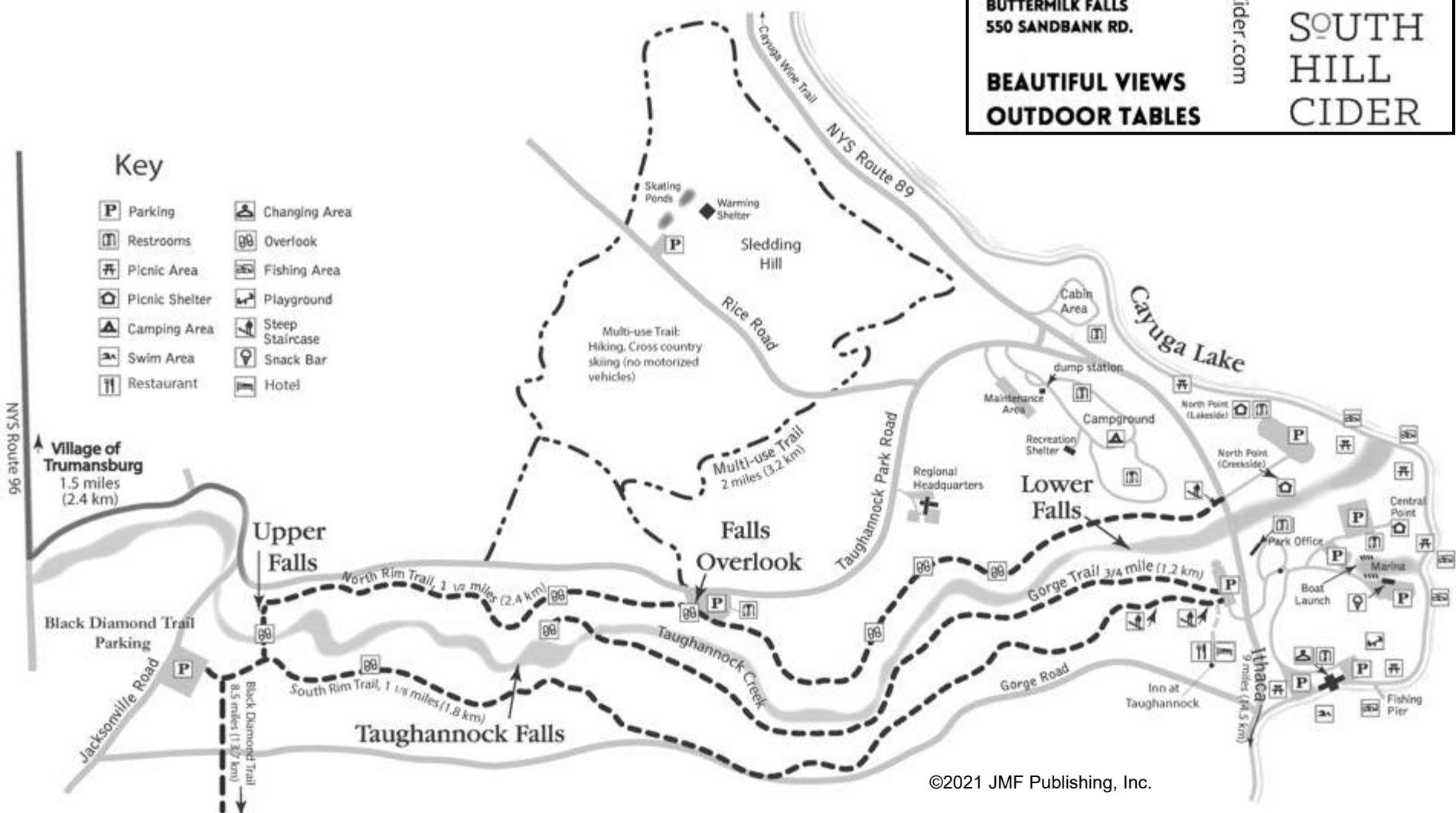
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