

PADDLING ITINERARY



NEW YORK
Susquehanna Basin
Water Trail

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This itineraries provide ideas on where to get started the Water Trail. View the online map for the most up to date information on all access points to extend any trip or create your own adventure. Be sure to check river levels and assess weather conditions before you launch, since they may be different than what is described.



APALACHIN TO HICKORIES PARK

Valley View Drive Bridge, Apalachin NYS DEC Boat Ramp to Hickories Park

One of the unique features of this paddle is Hiawatha Island, a large, wooded island with rustic trails where remnants of its history including a hotel and farm remain. Nestled between serene and scenic, tree-covered hills, this area of the Susquehanna River offers paddlers of all ages and experience a fun and relaxing adventure on the water. You can expect to see a lot of birds, including the Great Blue Heron, Egrets and Bald Eagles.

Beginning in Apalachin and going past Hiawatha Island, the itinerary ends at Hickories Park. An alternate take-out is the Marshland Road Boat Launch across from Hiawatha Island.

WATERWAY: Susquehanna River

DIFFICULTY: Easy

MILEAGE: 5.25–6.5 miles

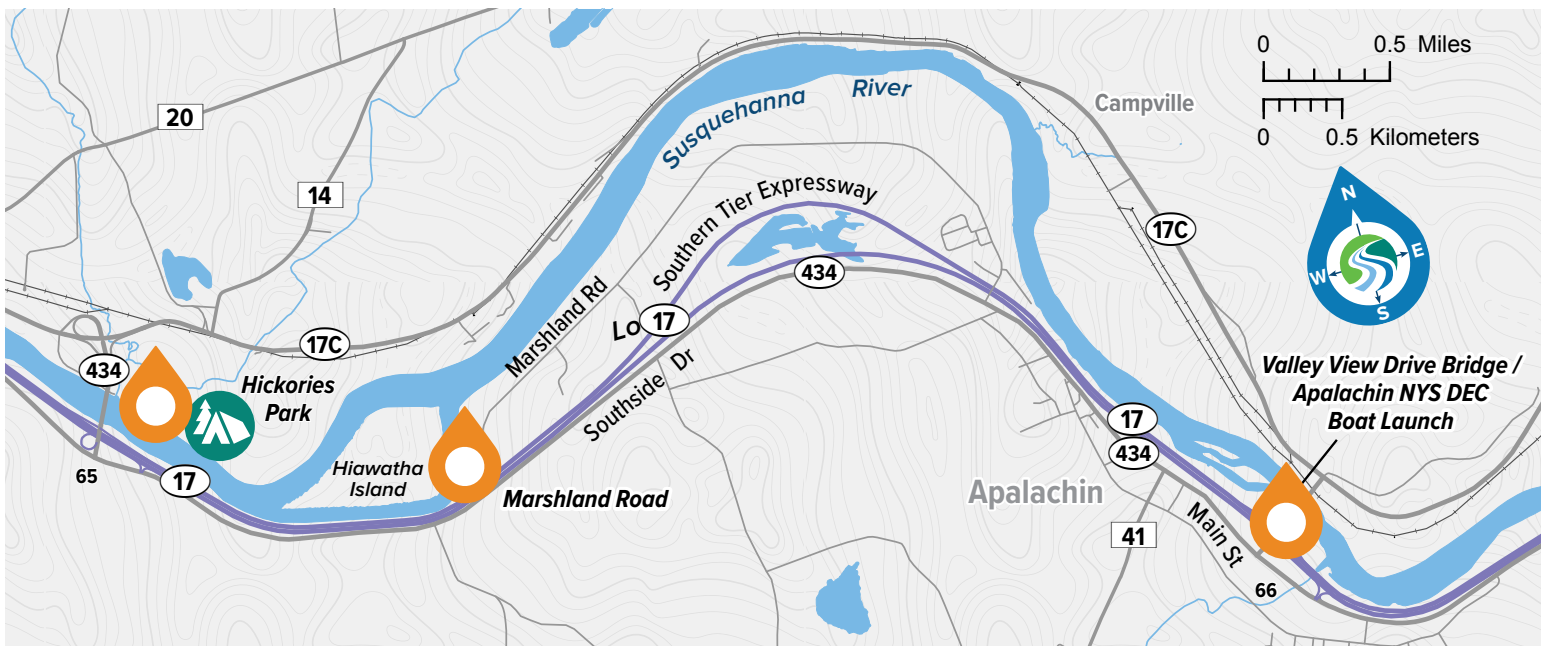
HAZARDS: Bridges

ACCESS POINTS:

Valley View Drive Bridge /
Apalachin NYS DEC Boat Ramp

Marshland Road

Hickories Park



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Hickories Park

Paddle-by-paddle itinerary

- As you launch from the Apalachin Boat Ramp, there is a large braid immediately after getting on the water. Paddle to the right to follow the main channel.
- When you approach the next island, the main channel is to the left. There is a wide turn in the river after the golf course, which will also be on your left starting at the end of the island.
- You will then pass a gravel bar and the river will have another wide bend, after which you will paddle a straight stretch until you see Hiawatha Island ahead of you.
- The left channel around Hiawatha Island will lead to the access site at Marshland Road, which is river left. If you plan to exit the water at here, paddle to the left toward the concrete ramp.
- The main channel to the right of the island is slightly wider, although you may take either channel to paddle through to Hickories Park.
- Note that a pair of bald eagles have often been spotted high in the pine trees of the island. Be sure to have your binoculars handy!
- After passing the end of Hiawatha Island, the concrete ramp at the next access point at Hickories Park will be river right, before the NY-434 Connector Bridge. The inlet from Little Nanticoke Creek is at the west edge of the park, and if you reach it you have passed the access point for Hickories Park.

NOTE: After periods of heavy rain/high water, the ramps may be muddy and slippery.

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ACCESS POINT 1:

Valley View Drive Bridge, Apalachin NYS DEC Boat Ramp



WATER TRAIL MILE: 137.89

WATERWAY: Susquehanna River, left

ADDRESS: Valley View Drive Bridge,
Apalachin, NY 13732

This access site is located just past the Valley View Drive/Route 962J Bridge. It has a wide concrete ramp with ample parking for at least 20 vehicles including trailers. From the Road, there is a NYS DEC sign marking the entrance to the large gravel parking lot.



NOTE: After periods of heavy rain/high water, the ramp may be muddy and slippery.



ACCESS POINT 2:

Marshland Road Boat Launch



WATER TRAIL MILE: 143.14

WATERWAY: Susquehanna River, left

ADDRESS: Marshland Road
Apalachin, NY 13732

This access point is also a good launch for a short trip around Hiawatha Island. The gentle current in this area makes it easy to paddle up river if you want to explore the area from here.



There is a paved ramp, and the parking lot can accommodate 12 vehicles, including trailers. From the road, there is a brown sign for the Town of Owego Boat Launch.

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ACCESS POINT 3:

Hickories Park



WATER TRAIL MILE: 144.3



WATERWAY: Susquehanna River, right



ADDRESS: 359 Hickories Park Road
Owego, NY 13827



This is a great place to end your trip. Since the current in this area is gentle it is also a good choice for a short upriver paddle around Hiawatha Island or the nearby area. This is a large camping area with space and hook ups for RVs and also has primitive tent camping as well. You'll find

running water, showers, playgrounds, and walking paths.

There is a concrete ramp with room for trucks and trailers, and it is located on the part of the river where the depth is suitable for recreational motor boats and jet skis.

Food and lodging are also available on Route 17C, just off Hickories Park Road.

From the road, Hickories Park Road is off 17C between McDonald's and Best Western. You'll drive through a residential area, passing under the NY-434 connector, then turn left past the first entrance, to the park's main entrance. At the flagpole, turn right to get to the boat launch.



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POINTS OF INTEREST:



Hiawatha Island

Located across from the Marshland Road Boat Launch, at 112 acres Hiawatha Island is the largest island in the Susquehanna River in New York State. It was once a recreational destination where guests arrived by steamboat to picnic or stay at the Hiawatha Hotel. At one point it was also a farm, and there are currently rustic trails and historic remnants of that former life. Now owned by Waterman Conservation Education Center, it is home to a pair of Bald Eagles, Herons, and other wildlife. For information on in Hiawatha Island, including a trail map, or any of the other preserves managed by Waterman, visit www.watermancenter.org/



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