

Improvements made at Kenneth Wilson Campground in Woodstock

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Woodstock, NY According to Governor Andrew Cuomo, improvements have been made to the Kenneth Wilson Campground, under the State's Adventure NY initiative to connect more New Yorkers with nature. The improvements, supported by a nearly \$400,000 state investment, include handicapped accessible facilities, a nature trail, fishing pier, floating canoe and kayak launch and new comfort station.

"New York is home to unparalleled natural beauty and unmatched environmental gems, and these campground improvements will make the facilities more accessible to connect more New Yorkers and visitors to the great outdoors," governor Cuomo said. "Across the state, we are investing in our parks and natural resources to attract more visitors to see everything New York has to offer and support local economies."

DEC commissioner Basil Seggos said, "DEC campgrounds offer a unique, affordable opportunity for New Yorkers and visitors alike to enjoy some of the most beautiful natural resources in the state. The improvements announced today will significantly enhance that enjoyment and help introduce more people to everything our state has to offer."

As an eastern gateway to the Catskill Park, surrounded by mountains with panoramic views, Kenneth Wilson Campground is one of the state Department of Environmental Conservation's most popular campgrounds.

Several ADA-accessible facilities were added to the campground, including:

- Nature trail with a wildlife viewing platform;
- Fishing pier;
- Floating canoe/kayak launch; and
- New comfort stations.

The improvements will provide an enhanced outdoor experience and make the campground more accessible to all visitors.

Under governor Cuomo's new Adventure NY initiative, DEC is making strategic investments to expand access to healthy, active outdoor recreation, connect more New Yorkers and visitors to nature and the outdoors, protect natural resources, and boost local economies. This initiative will support the completion of more than 75 projects over the next three years, ranging from improvements to youth camps and environmental education centers to new boat launches, duck blinds, and hiking trails. Adventure NY builds on existing State efforts and includes \$50 million in funding from the historic \$300 million Environmental Protection Fund and NY Works capital funding. Read more about the Adventure NY initiative.

Future campground improvements include an accessible dog park, accessible features at the day-use picnic area and the pavilion cooking area, and the installation of two accessible horseshoe pits.

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