






















Manhattan

The Hudson River tides reach far upriver and vary from the East and Harlem rivers.  Heavy ferry and commercial traffic and strong currents. Be prepared to avoid ship traffic. Stay out of deep channels and clear 150-yards at the Cruiseship Terminal.


- 1 West Harlem Piers - 130 St. & Marginal Street. There is a locked gate at the floating dock, key is available upon request with a launch permit. 
- 2 79th Street Boat Basin W 79th Street. Launch from the floating dock off of public A-Dock. Kayak storage available. (212) 496-2105 
- 3 Riverside Park South W 72 Street. Free walk-up paddling operated by Downtown Boathouse at a dock just off the promenade. downtownboathouse.org 
- 4 Pier 96, Downtown Boathouse W 56 Street. Seasonal weekend walk-up paddling in the protected embayment. downtownboathouse.org 
- 5 Pier 84, Floating the Apple Boathouse W 44 Street. Youth and adult rowing and boatbuilding programs. floatingtheapple.info (212) 564-5412 
- 6 Pier 66, NY River Sports Boathouse W 26 Street. The pier is host to Hudson River Community Sailing, NY Outrigger Canoe, NY Kayak Polo, and the Manhattan Kayak Company. pier66nyc.org 
- 7 Pier 40 W Houston Street. Home to the Downtown Boathouse free paddling programs, Village Community Boathouse rowing and New York Kayak Co. 
- 8 Pier 25 Murray Street. A town dock, mini golf and historic ships. The boathouse at nearby Pier 26 is expected to open spring 2013. 
- 9 Governors Island Landing only during seasonal public access hours to tour historic forts, walk the promenade and enjoy events. govisland.com 
- 10 Peter J. Sharp Boathouse Harlem River Drive & 10th Avenue. Contact the New York Restoration Project to land at this Harlem River boathouse and adjacent park. nyrp.org 212-333-2552 
- 11 Sherman Creek W 202 Street-end. A narrow, short winding path and steps through the sea wall access the swift currents of the Harlem River. 







Bronx

The Bronx Kill is navigable at high tide. The Bronx River flows through natural areas, botanical gardens, forest and the zoo to the industrialized shore at the confluence of the East River.  Portage points at hazardous dams, guided trips are recommended. Consult the Bronx River Blueway Guide (available at bronxriver.org) before embarking.


- 12 Barretto Point Park Foot of Tiffany Street. An asphalt ramp and small beach near the fishing pier provides East River access. 
- 13 Hunts Point Riverside Park Lafayette Avenue. A dock and gravel beach on the west bank offer water access at the mouth of the Bronx River. 
- 14 Concrete Plant Park Westchester Avenue or Bruckner Blvd. A DEP skimmer boom across the river here can obstruct passage. 
- 15 Starlight Park Sheridan Expwy. Boat ramp and floating dock opening 2012. Weir can be safely crossed two hours before or after low tide. 
- 16 Fort Knox Gun Hill Road. A step down on the western side of the river to paddle under the Duncomb Bridge arches. 
- 17 Shoelace Park 219 Street. The small dock, slippery at high water, provides a shallow put-in six miles north of the confluence. 
- 18 Soundview Park Temporary entrance: Metcalf Avenue at Seward Avenue. Make a left onto the main path, walk 4/10 of a mile south to concrete ramp. 
- 19 Clason Point Park End of Soundview Avenue. The concrete ramp off the esplanade provides easy access to Pugsley Creek and the East River. 
- 20 Pelham Bay Park At the Orchard Beach fee parking lot, an asphalt ramp provides access to the sheltered lagoon and islands of Western Long Island Sound. 

Queens North

Sheltered Little Neck Bay provides a great vantage point for viewing Fort Totten and osprey nests at Udall's Cove Preserve. The Brother's Islands are protected bird sanctuaries and Riker's Island is off limits.  Strong currents on the East River, heavy barge and motor boat traffic and dangerous whirlpools at Hells Gate.


- 21 Bayside Marina Cross Island Pkwy. & 28 Avenue. Access to Little Neck Bay. Parking is for marina use only; use the lot across the 28th Avenue footbridge. 
- 22 Little Bay Park Totten Avenue. Adjacent to the parking lot at the entrance to historic Fort Totten a little beach offers access to the bay. 
- 23 Frances Lewis Park 3 Avenue. A gated gravel beach tucked under the Whitestone Bridge provides entry to the fast moving East River currents. 
- 24 MacNeil Park Poppenhusen Avenue at College Place. Path to gravel beach on cove where Coastal Preservation Network offers free paddle days. 
- 25 World's Fair Marina Northern Blvd. & Grand Central Pkwy. Water access to Flushing Bay from the concrete boat ramp. (718) 478-0480 
- 26 Hallets Cove - Vernon Blvd. & 31 Avenue. Steps lead to a small beach where Long Island City Community Boathouse offers paddling programs. 






Brooklyn

The East River offers terrific cityscape views and a good access point for touring Brooklyn's old industrial coast.  Strong currents, barge and tug traffic need a wide berth. Newtown Creek and Gowanus Canal are designated EPA Superfund waters due to the presence of hazardous substances, avoid contact with the water and sediment. Wash hands and clothing if contact occurs. No swimming.


- 27 Newtown Creek Provost Street & Paige Avenue. LANDING ONLY at DEP Wastewater Treatment Plant. Steps lead to a nature walk and sitting area. 
- 28 Manhattan Avenue Street-end Launch to Newtown Creek, gate access upon request with a launch permit. Good parking. 
- 29 Main Street, Brooklyn Bridge Park Plymouth Street. A small cove with a gravel beach located between the Manhattan and Brooklyn bridges. 
- 30 Pier 1, Brooklyn Bridge Park Furman Street, south of Old Fulton Street entrance. Brooklyn Bridge Park Community Boathouse free paddling in the basin off the asphalt ramp. (718) 802-0603 
- 31 Valentino Park & Pier Coffey Street. Gravel beach near the popular fishing pier. Free walkup paddling programs offered by Red Hook Boaters. 
- 32 Gowanus Canal Foot of 2nd Street. Floating dock on the industrial canal. Free canoe events offered by the Gowanus Dredgers Canoe Club. 
- 33 Plumb Beach - Eastbound Belt Pkwy. Exit 9. Easy parking, sand dunes, nature trails and strong breezes at this popular wind surf and kite board beach. 
- 34 Salt Marsh Nature Center Avenue U & 33 Street. Access at the head of Gerritsen Inlet, calm waters and a quiet spot for viewing marsh birds. 
- 35 Floyd Bennett Field Sea Plane Ramp Good parking and easy access to cement ramp into popular kayak fishing waters of eastern Jamaica Bay. 
- 36 Mill Basin Outlet Floyd Bennett Field. Carry-in access is through 100-yards of high grass and sand dunes. 
- 37 Mill Basin Marina Avenue Y & E 69 Street. Launch into Mill Basin at the marina's floating dock. Storage available. (718) 241-5011 
- 39 Paerdegat Basin 1400 Paerdegat Avenue. Sebago Canoe Club offers free community paddling events. Contact club to land. sebagocanoecub.com 
- 39 Canarsie Pier Belt Pkwy. Exit 13, Rockaway Pkwy. The put-in to Jamaica Bay is the narrow beach on the eastside of the pier. Plenty of parking. 








Queens South

The sheltered waters and protected habitat of Jamaica Bay offers boaters plenty of bird and wildlife viewing.  Heavy motorboat traffic and 100 yard security zone at JFK Airport. Landing on grass islands and Elders Islands wetlands restoration is prohibited.

- 40 Rockaway Point E Market Street. A 200 foot carry across sandy dunes just west of the Rockaway Beach Yacht Club. 
- 41 Riis Landing Rockaway Point Blvd. A beach landing west of the ferry dock at this former U.S. Coast Guard Station has kayak racks and paddle instruction available on summer weekends. 
- 42 Bayswater Park Bay 32 & Dwight Avenue. The Far Rockaway beach launches into Norton Basin at the east end of Jamaica Bay. 
- 43 Idlewild Preserve Craft Avenue & Huxley Street. Street park for access to quiet freshwater wetlands east of JFK Airport. 
- 44 North Channel Cross Bay Blvd., Broad Channel. Access is at the south-end of Addabbo Bridge, there are beach launches on either side of road. 

Staten Island

The south shore offers good access to the Lower Bay and Hoffman and Swinburne Islands winter seal colony and heron rookery.  Open to the ocean, strong currents, high surf, and heavy boat traffic. No landing on islands or boating in swimming areas.

- 45 Alice Austen Park Hylan Blvd & Edgewater Street. Access the Upper Bay from a pretty little beach at the historic house museum of the renowned photographer. 
- 46 South Beach corner of Ocean & Drury Avenues, Parking Lot #1. Enjoy free community paddling by Kayak SI and great views of the Verrazano Bridge. 
- 47 Midland Beach Park Fr. Capodanno Blvd. At the south end of the 2.5 mile FDR Boardwalk, public paddling is off the beach at the foot of Iona Street. 
- 48 Cedar Grove Beach foot of New Dorp Lane. A beach launch at the street-end abutting the old summer bungalow colony and Miller Field. 
- 49 Great Kills Park Hylan Blvd. Access the sheltered waters of Great Kills Harbor from the motor boat ramp or beaches at Crooke's Point. 
- 50 Lemon Creek Seguine or Sharotts Avenues, Prince's Bay. Easy carry to two street-end beach launches popular with kayak fishers. Seasonal boat storage is available at nearby marina. princessbay.org 
- 51 Conference House Park Hylan Blvd., Raritan Bay. Beach launch at the historic house of a revolutionary war peace conference and Lenape indian burial ground atop clay bluffs at the southernmost point of New York State. 

 Caution symbol



This project has been funded in part by a grant from the New York State Environmental Protection Fund through the Hudson River Estuary Program of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. Additional support is provided by the New York City Department of Environmental Protection and a grant from ESRI. For more information about where to access the water and what to do on the New York City coast, visit www.goingcoastal.org.

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RESOURCES FOR KAYAKERS, PADDLERS, ROWERS AND SMALL WATERCRAFT


- American Canoe Association: aca.org
- Bronx River Alliance: bronxriver.org
- Brooklyn Bridge Park: brooklynbridgeparknyc.org
- Going Coastal, Inc.: goingcoastal.org
- Hudson River Park: hudsonriverpark.org
- NYC Department of Environmental Protection: nyc.gov/dep
- NYC Department of Parks & Recreation: nycgovparks.org
- NY Harbor Parks: nyharborparks.org/Opdfs/tour_kayak.pdf
- NY Watertrail Association: nycwatertrail.org
- US Power Squadron Paddle Smart Course: usps.org


EMERGENCY CONTACTS

- Local Emergency: 911
- NYPD Harbor Unit: (718) 765-4100 or VHF CH 17
- US Coast Guard Homeport NY: homeport.uscg.mil/newyork
- USCG Traffic Monitor (24.7): VHF CH 11, 13 and 16

PERMITS & POLICIES

 Gateway National Recreation Area: The Hand-launch Vessel permit is required for parking at the Floyd Bennett Field Mill Basin, Riis Landing and Rockaway Point Yacht Club launches at all times, and is obtainable at the Ranger Station on Floyd Bennett Field. The permit is \$50 and is good for as many boats as you can fit on your car, for the calendar year. No permit is required for launching during daylight hours at Plumb Beach, Canarsie Pier, North Channel Bridge, and the Seaplane Ramp on Floyd Bennett Field. nps.gov/gate (718) 338-5094.

 Hudson River Park: Launching and landing is permitted only in designated areas during operator's open hours. Check with boathouse operators for permission. hudsonriverpark.org

 NYC Dept. of Parks & Recreation: A permit is required to operate a kayak or canoe in Parks waterways. Seasonal permits are available for \$15 at park offices in all five boroughs. Season runs April 1 to Dec. 1, dawn to dusk. nycgovparks.org (212) 360-8133

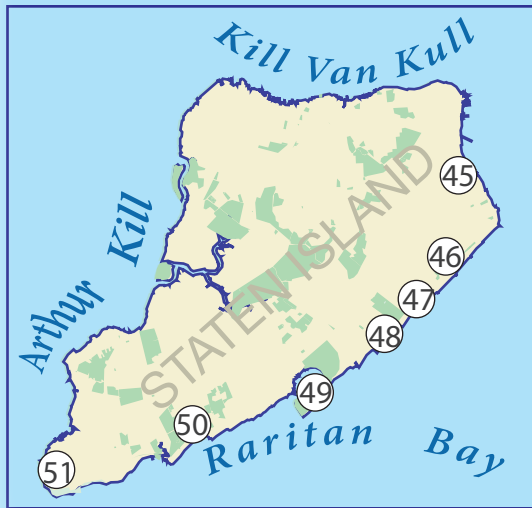
EXPLORE THE NYC WATER TRAIL BY JOINING A BOATING PROGRAM OR COMMUNITY BOATHOUSE

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| Appalachian Mt. Club
amc-ny.org | New York Outrigger
nyoutrigger.org |
| Bronx River Alliance
bronxriver.org | North Brooklyn Boat Club
northbrooklynboatclub.org |
| Brooklyn Bridge Boathouse
bbpboathouse.org | Red Hook Boaters
redhookboaters.org |
| Coastal Preservation Network
coastalpreservation.org | Rockaway Waterfront Alliance
rwalliance.org |
| Downtown Boathouse
downtownboathouse.org | Rocking the Boat
rockingtheboat.org |
| East River Crew
eastrivercrew.org | ROW New York
rownewyork.org |
| Floating the Apple
floatingtheapple.org | Sebago Canoe Club
sebagocanoecub.org |
| Gateway Bike & Boathouse
gatewayboathouse.org | Touring Kayak Club
touringkayakclubny.org |
| Gowanus Dredgers
gowanuscanal.org | Urban Park Rangers
nycgovparks.org |
| Harlem River Community Rowing
harlemrivercr.org | Village Community Boathouse
villagecommunityboathouse.org |
| Hudson River Watertrail Assn.
hrwa.org | OUTFITTERS |
| Inwood Canoe Club
inwoodcanoecub.org | Manhattan Kayak Co.
manhattankayak.com |
| Kayak Staten Island
kayakstateniland.org | NY Kayak Co.
nykayak.com |
| LIC Community Boathouse
licboathouse.org | Sunset Marina (kayak rentals)
sunsetmarinabc.com |
| New York Kayak Polo
nykayakpolo.org | |

NEW YORK CITY WATERTRAIL

1. West Harlem Piers
2. 79th Street Boat Basin
3. Riverside Park South
4. Pier 96
5. Pier 84
6. Pier 66
7. Pier 40
8. Pier 25
9. Governors Island
10. Sherman Creek
11. P.J. Sharpe Boathouse
12. Barretto Point Park
13. Hunts Point Riverside Park
14. Concrete Plant Park
15. Starlight Park
16. Fort Knox
17. Shoelace Park
18. Soundview Park
19. Clason Point Park
20. Pelham Bay Park
21. Bayside Marina
22. Little Bay Park
23. Francis Lewis Park
24. MacNeil Park
25. World's Fair Marina
26. Halletts Cove
27. Newtown Creek
28. Manhattan Avenue
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48. Cedar Grove Beach
49. Great Kills Harbor
50. Lemon Creek
51. Conference House Park

Please do not litter.
Help keep streets and waterways
free of floating debris.



PADDLE SAFETY GUIDELINES

Those who boat New York City waters need to be well prepared.

- ✓ Wear a USCG-approved life jacket at all times.
- ✓ Know how to swim and be prepared to get wet.
- ✓ Travel with experienced guides and in groups.
- ✓ Take a US Power Squadron paddle safety course.
- ✓ Plan your route and file a float plan.
- ✓ Carry sound & visual distress device - whistle, air horn, flares, lights.
- ✓ Carry a VHF marine radio & cell phone.
- ✓ Dress for the water temperature, not air temperature.
- ✓ Wear a wet or dry suit if temps are below 70° F.
- ✓ Wear sunblock, hat, sunglasses and protective footwear.
- ✓ Bring plenty of drinking water and food.
- ✓ Know and obey navigation rules of the road.
- ✓ Be aware of security zones: stay 25 yards away from all bridge abutments and tunnel ventilators; do not go within 100 yards of navy vessels, barges, petrol ships, cruiseships, airports; clear 150 yards of the cruiseship terminal, Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. Find more information, plus the Local Notice to Mariners online at homeport.uscg.mil
- ✓ Consult tides and currents: tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov
- ✓ Check the weather report: weather.gov or nws.noaa.gov
- ✓ Leave no trace. Do not disturb wildlife, plants or artifacts.

DO NOT USE FOR NAVIGATION

Water Quality Standards

- SA
- SB
- SC
- I
- SD



Waterbodies in New York City are classified by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation according to their best uses. Classifications indicate whether water quality is suitable for swimming, boating, fishing and shellfishing. The best uses of Class SA, SB, SC, and I include boating. During or following rainfall, waterbodies may experience short-term spikes in bacteria levels due to combined sewer overflow (CSO). Boaters can check the DEP website (nyc.gov/dep) for a map of CSO outfalls along the waterfront and to obtain general advice about whether CSOs are likely.

Coastal Commons



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