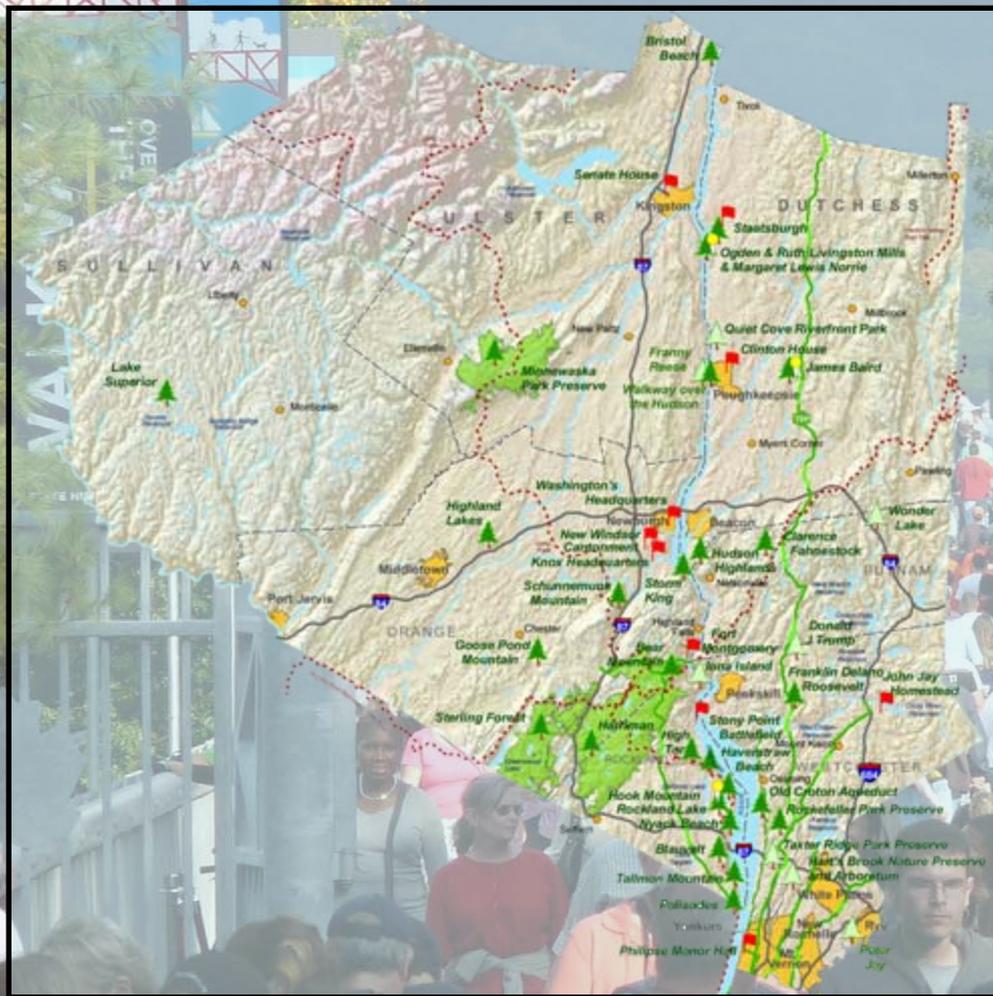


Mid-Hudson State Parks and Historic Sites



The Mid-Hudson includes 44 state parks and historic sites within the Taconic and Palisades Regions with a combined annual attendance of over 7 million

Highlights

- Walkway Over the Hudson is the world's longest elevated pedestrian bridge
- Bear Mountain has nearly 2 million visitors annually
- Franklin Delano Roosevelt's enormous pool can accommodate over 2000 swimmers
- Hudson Highland's 5.5 mile Breakneck Ridge trail was rated by Newsweek as one of the top 10 day hikes in America.
- Region-wide, eight historic sites make early American history come alive for thousands of visitors



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Mid-Hudson Flagship State Parks and Historic Sites Annual Attendance

Palisades Region

(Ulster, Sullivan, Orange, Rockland counties)

Bear Mountain	1,829,429
Rockland Lake	529,415
Lake Welch	398,659
Minnewaska	216,905
Harriman	284,474

Taconic

(Dutchess, Putnam, Westchester counties)

Franklin Delano Roosevelt	434,981
Walkway over the Hudson	750,000
Rockefeller Preserve	282,958
Clarence Fahnestock	234,116
Hudson Highlands	172,572

**Total attendance at the region's 44 parks and sites
7 million**

Economic Impact

An economic impact study* estimates that in 2008-09, over 2000 jobs were created and nearly \$200 million in local economic activity was generated by State Parks in the Mid-Hudson area (OPRHP Palisades and Taconic regions)

Quality of Life

The recreational and natural resources created by the area's parks and historic sites benefit this region by:

- Maintaining the state's ecosystem and biodiversity
- Providing opportunities for recreation
- Reducing the negative effects from pollution
- Improving health outcomes
- Preserving areas of historic importance
- Influencing business location decisions by making the community a better place to live

*Source, *The NYS Park System: An Economic Asset to the Empire State*: Political Economy Research Institute, Univ. of Mass, Amherst, March, 2009

*State Parks Palisades and Taconic regions include Ulster, Orange, Rockland, Dutchess, Putnam and Westchester counties

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Regional Capital Needs

The backlog of capital projects in the Mid-Hudson is estimated to exceed
\$187 million

High Impact Projects Include

<u>Park/Project</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Bear Mountain <i>Replace drinking water distribution system</i>	\$4,450,000
Harriman <i>Rehabilitation of Group Camps</i>	\$4,000,000
Minnewaska <i>Carriage Road Improvements</i>	\$1,500,000
Franklin Delano Roosevelt <i>Rehabilitate and bring to code 3 heavily used comfort stations</i>	\$1,800,000
Walkway Over the Hudson <i>Park Development</i>	\$2,000,000

