

Mohawk Valley State Parks and Historic Sites



The Mohawk Valley includes 12 parks and historic sites with a combined annual attendance of 931,000

Highlights

--Glimmerglass, located just outside Cooperstown, overlooks Otsego Lake, the "Glimmerglass" of James Fenimore Cooper's *Leatherstocking Tales*

--Hyde Hall, Otsego County's only National Historic Landmark, was possibly the largest domestic structure built in the United States between the Revolutionary and Civil Wars.

--Mine Kill contains a modern aquatics facility featuring an Olympic sized swimming pool with separate wading and diving pools

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Mohawk Valley State Parks and Historic Sites Annual Attendance

Central Region

(Oneida, Otsego, and Herkimer Counties)

Verona Beach	275,314
Delta Lake	194,583
Glimmerglass	105,520
Gilbert Lake	89,999
Bowman Lake	41,537
Herkimer Home	27,854
Betty and Wilbur Davis	24,490
Canandarago Marine Park	19,745

Saratoga-Capital District Region

(Fulton, Montgomery and Schoharie counties)

Schoharie Crossing	52,615
Johnson Hall	47,812
Mine Kill	47,602
Max V. Shaul	3,877

Total attendance at the region's 12 parks
931,000

Economic Impact

An economic impact study* estimates that in 2008-09, over 1600 jobs were created and more than \$134 million in local economic activity was generated by State Parks in the Mohawk Valley (OPRHP portions of Central Region)*

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 Central Region includes Oneida, Otsego, Herkimer, Madison, Onondaga, Cortland and Oswego counties

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Regional Capital Needs

The backlog of capital projects in the Mohawk Valley is estimated to exceed \$ 21 million

High Impact Projects Include

<u>Park/Project</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Glimmerglass Resurface park roads and parking areas	\$1,000,000
Verona Beach Rehabilitate the swimming beach bathhouse to meet code	\$1,000,000
Schoharie Crossing Erie Canal Preservation	\$1,000,000