
Other Recreational Opportunities

Several other recreational opportunities are available in the event that the reservoirs are closed to recreational boating either temporarily or indefinitely due to an increase in the threat levels.

Hiking Trails – Several miles of light-to-moderate hiking trails between Lansing Manor and Minekill State Park, including a section of the Long Path Hiking Trail.

Bluebird Trail – Bird watchers can enjoy over two miles of trails with feeding boxes at the Lansing Manor complex. The trail is monitored by the State University of New York at Cobleskill's Fish & Wildlife Program.

Wetlands – Some 1.9 acres of wetlands on the southwest portion of the Lansing Manor complex contain a stone-dust trail, bridges and various forms of pond life. Educational support materials are available for a walking tour.

Shoreline Fishing – The lower and upper reservoirs are open to shoreline fishing, with access to each through designated entrances.

Bow Hunting – Deer and turkey hunting with compound, recurve or longbows will be permitted during the regular open seasons for bow hunters with a Blenheim-Gilboa archery permit.

Minekill State Park – Facilities include swimming pools, soccer fields, hiking trails, volleyball courts and horseshoes.

Recreational Boating

— At the New York Power Authority's —

BLenheim-GILBOA
P O W E R P R O J E C T

Welcome to the New York Power Authority's Blenheim-Gilboa Power Project.

Listed below are some facts you should know before entering the reservoirs. PLEASE NOTE: The reservoirs may be closed at any time due to an increase in threat level or a determination from the Power Authority Corporate Security & Inspector General's Office.

Hours of Operation: (Upper Reservoir) 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM daily, April 1 - September 30. Closed October 1 - March 31 (or when ice melts off reservoir)
(Lower Reservoir) SHORELINE FISHING ONLY 7:30 AM - park closing daily, April 1-September 30. Closed October 1 - March 31 (or when the ice melts off the reservoir). Power Authority-posted signs identify the lower and upper reservoirs and rules and regulations for use.

Parking – Cars and trailers must be parked in designated parking areas, either in parking lots or along the roadside. Travel portions of all roadways and access ramps must be kept clear.

Entrances – All personnel and boats must enter through designated area. Violators will be subject to permit revocation.

Permits – All boaters will be issued permits that must be displayed on their boats at all times. Failure to display these permits on boats will result in revocation of the permits.

Do not litter. Carry in, carry out.

Report suspicious behavior to NYPA Security at 518-287-6000.

Process for Boaters to Gain Access to the Reservoirs

All permit holders will be required to call the toll-free number, 1-800-FOR-NYPA, ext. 6364, or 518-287-6000, ext. 6364, on the day before they intend to use the reservoirs. Permit holders will be subject to a property check when they enter the reservoirs.

Inspection Process for Upper Reservoir

For access to the upper reservoir, boaters will be required to stop at the south gate on Valenti Road on the day they intend to use the upper reservoir to notify Security. Security will open the boat launch access gate at 6:45 AM and close it at 5:15 PM daily. All boats must be off the reservoir promptly at 5:00 PM. Daily inspections of the reservoir will be performed by NYPA Security. Patrols will check boats for permits throughout the day.

Inspection Process for Lower Reservoir

For access to the lower reservoir, boaters will be required to stop at the Minekill State Park Toll Booth or the Park Office (if the toll booth is not staffed) on the day they intend to use the lower reservoir. The park boat launch will be open during park operating hours. All boats must be off the reservoir promptly at least 15 min-

utes prior to the park's closing for the day. Daily inspection of reservoir use will be performed by NYPA B-G Security. Patrols will check boats and tow vehicles for permits throughout the day.

Craft Permitted in Upper Reservoir

Recreational craft, including rowboats or canoes, with or without electric-trolling motors that are clearly marked with NYS registration numbers and a NYPA permit may be used on the upper reservoir. No boat will be allowed on the reservoir if it is equipped with a gas-powered engine. Water sports, including swimming, waterskiing, windsurfing and tubing, are not allowed in the upper reservoir.

Craft Permitted in Lower Reservoir

Recreational craft, including rowboats or canoes, with or without-electric trolling motors and boats with gas-powered engines that are clearly marked with NYS registration numbers and a NYPA permit may be used in the lower reservoir. Water sports, including fishing, waterskiing, windsurfing and tubing, are allowed in the lower reservoir.

WARNING: All boats and water skiers keep back 50 feet from shallow water marked buoys on the east side of the lower reservoir between the switchyard and the power line crossing.

