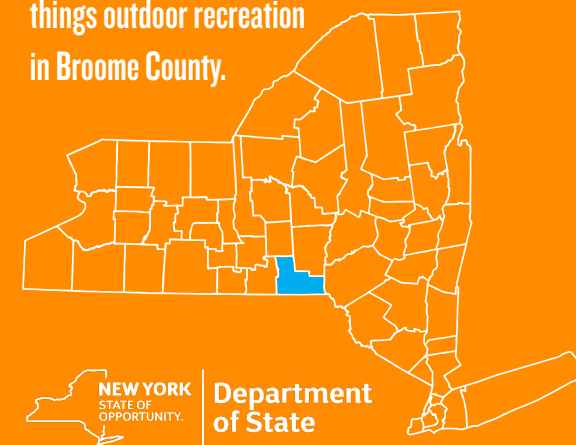


# Come Out & Play in Broome County!

**BROOME COUNTY IS A UNIQUE DESTINATION FOR OUTDOOR ADVENTURE.**

From paddling in the Susquehanna River to running, walking, and biking on the Two Rivers Greenway, to hiking on rustic nature trails to hunting and fishing to team sports and more, all that Broome County has to offer awaits you. Go All Out Broome was created to highlight all of these opportunities. This is your resource for all things outdoor recreation in Broome County.



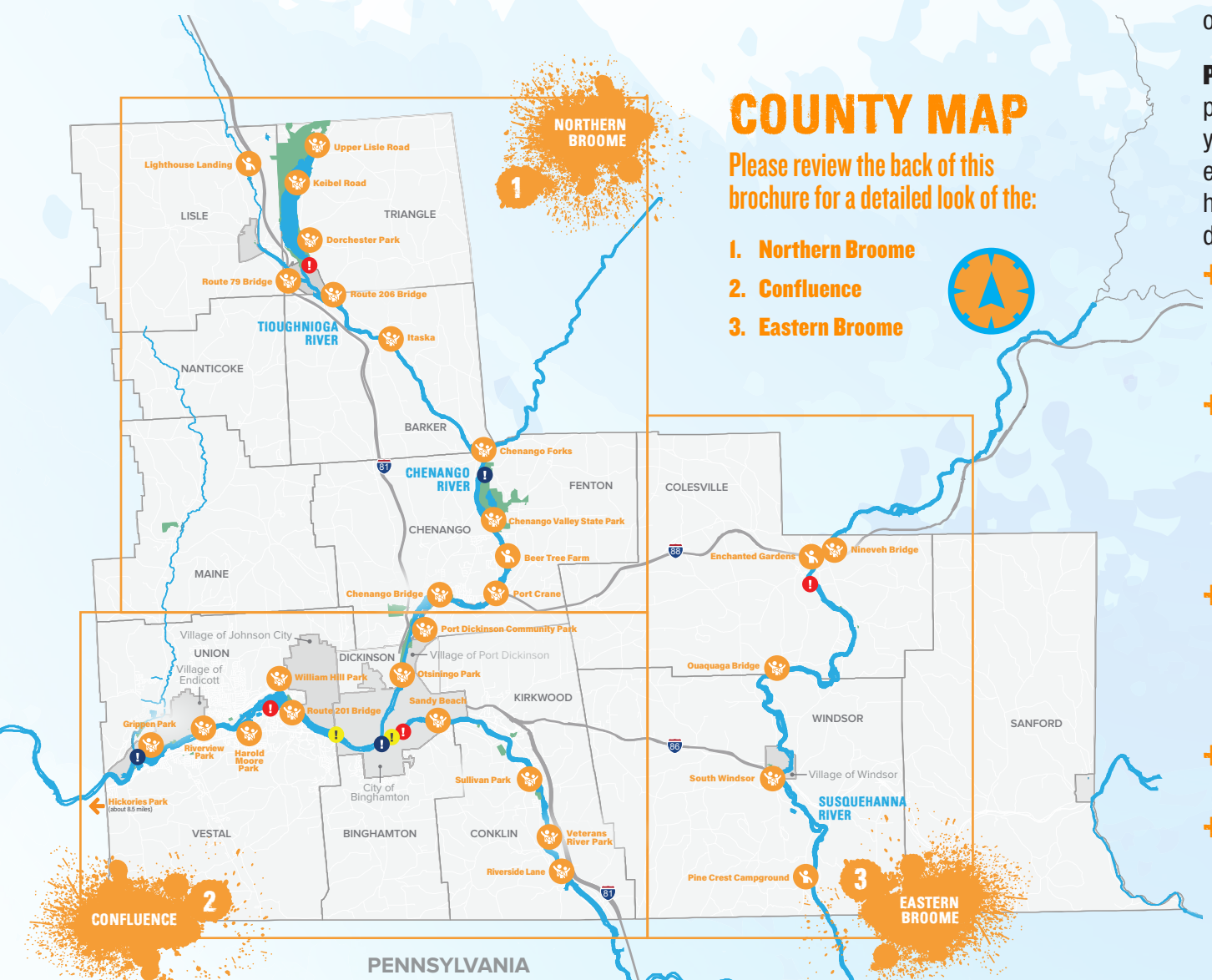
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Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP)

# Go With the Flow!

**WITH NEARLY 30 BOAT LAUNCHES AND 93 RIVER MILES, THERE ARE AMPLE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PADDLING ALL OVER BROOME COUNTY.**

Paddling Broome County's rivers is a truly wonderful experience. The Susquehanna, Chenango, and Tioughnioga Rivers offer a unique view of Broome County floating in a canoe, kayak, or stand-up paddleboard. With several rental options, it is easy to try paddling in Broome County.



## COUNTY MAP

Please review the back of this brochure for a detailed look of the:

1. Northern Broome
2. Confluence
3. Eastern Broome



## PLANNING A TRIP

So you're ready to give paddling a try? While planning your first trip you should keep these things in mind:

**EXPERIENCE.** Is there an experienced paddler who is familiar with the river conditions? Would any group members benefit from an instructional course? Consider renting a vessel and paddling a lake or pond at one of our County Parks to get a feel for the activity.


**WATER LEVELS.** Water levels of 3 to 5 feet are the minimum recommended depth for paddling. Spring and fall are optimal times for river paddling as water levels are at their peak. However, be cautious of high river levels due to rainfall, leading to dangerous conditions for beginners. If unsure, consult a local paddling organization or outfitter for advice.


**PLANNING YOUR ROUTE.** A fun part of paddling is coasting along or propelling yourself with a bit of effort. You can expect to cover about two miles per hour, going faster or slower with different water levels and effort.


- + This guide has recommended start and finish points, but you can choose from many great boat launches on the map.
- + Do your research about your planned route ahead of time to assess river conditions, plan transportation, and assess hazards. Changing conditions may lead to unexpected hazards like downed trees — pay attention.
- + Several locations in the urban area have dams or pipe crossings that create a hazard for paddlers. Paddlers should plan a route to avoid these areas.
- + Familiarize yourself with conditions and routes with online maps.
- + Plan for transportation between put-in and take-out points. Prepare to shuttle, arrange a ride, or use multiple vehicles to meet your travel needs.


## WHAT TO BRING


Make sure you are prepared by having these items on hand:

**LIFEJACKET.** It is required by law to have a personal flotation device for each person in a vessel, with additional requirements for children. Find a link to more info at the Go All Out Broome website on the Water page. 

**FIRST AID.** Any outdoor activity comes with the risk of an accident. One person in your group should have a first aid kit on hand in the event of an incident. Sunscreen is also a must, as rays reflecting off the water can enhance the risk of sun damage. 

**CLOTHING.** Make sure you wear appropriate clothing to minimize sun/rain exposure. Waterproof shoes with gripping soles are ideal. It is wise to bring extra clothes in case a change is necessary. 

**HYDRATION.** Drinking water from the river is not advised, so bring your own water source to remain hydrated. Food is advised on longer trips, or plan to visit a local restaurant near one of the many boat launches along the way. 

**PHONE.** Ideally, your group should have at least one phone on hand for emergencies or another type of radio and signaling device. There are many waterproof carriers on the market. 

## EMERGENCIES

In an emergency, always call 911.

Always paddle with a partner. It is wise to have a "ditch kit" with survival tools if stuck in a rural location.

## ON THE WATER

As you head out, follow these guidelines:

**CONTACT.** Notify someone about where you are going and when you will be back. Check in periodically if possible.

**LOAD.** Overloading your vessel can be dangerous. Secure your gear to avoid loss.

**CONDITIONS.** Expect riffles/low points in some areas, which may change with the river level.

**HAZARDS.** The map notes known hazards like dams/pipe crossings. Never attempt to run a hazard. Go around if conditions are questionable and always portage to assess the situation.

**CONTROL.** Follow these guidelines to retain control of your vessel and keep safe:

- + Watch for v-shaped patterns that indicate a submerged object.
- + Avoid getting broadsided in swift current.
- + Always wear a life jacket.
- + Do not switch positions in the boat while on the water. Go ashore.
- + In a canoe, have a spare paddle.
- + Only go ashore at designated boat launches (unless there is an emergency).
- + Carry all of your litter out with you.
- + Check your vessel for aquatic invasive species.

## VISIT US AT

GoAllOutBroome.com



## RENTALS



There are several places to rent equipment and give paddling a try. Contact the individual entity for more information.

### BUSINESSES

**DICK'S HOUSE OF SPORT**  
629 Harry L Dr, Johnson City, NY 13790  
Boat Retailer  
dickssportinggoods.com

**ENCHANTED GARDENS**  
2975 NY RT. 7, Harpursville, NY 13787  
Canoe, Kayak, Shuttle, Guided Tours  
canoerental.net

**LIGHTHOUSE LANDING**  
3780 US-11, Marathon, NY 13803  
Canoe, Kayak, Tubing, Shuttle  
lighthouselandings.org

**OCEAN STATE JOB LOT**  
416 Harry L Dr, Johnson City, NY 13790  
Boat Retailer  
oceanstatejoblot.com

**OWEGO ROW 'N RIDE**  
690 NY-17C, Suite 2, Owego, NY 13827  
Kayak, Canoe, Tube, Shuttle, and Bike Rentals  
owego-row-n-ride.odoo.com

### PARKS (onsite only)

**CHENANGO VALLEY STATE PARK**  
153 State Park Road, Chenango Forks, NY 13746  
Rowboats, Kayaks  
parks.ny.gov/parks/41

**DORCHESTER PARK**  
5469 NY Rt. 26, Whitney Point, NY 13862  
Kayaks, Sailboats, Rowboats, Canoes, Stand-up Paddleboards  
gobroomecounty.com/parks

**GREENWOOD PARK**  
153 Greenwood Road, Lisle, NY 13797  
Rowboats, Canoes, Kayaks, Paddle Boats  
gobroomecounty.com/parks

**NATHANIEL COLE PARK**  
1674 Colesville Road, Harpursville, NY 13787  
Rowboats/Canoes, Kayaks, Paddle Boats  
gobroomecounty.com/parks

## CLUBS & GROUPS



**AHWAGA CANOE AND KAYAK CLUB**  
A club comprised of paddlers from the southern tier of New York and northern PA.  
acknony.org  
facebook.com/ahwagapaddlers

**444 CLUB**  
A club for those that have paddled the entire length of the Susquehanna River  
facebook.com/SusquehannaRiver444



# Go All Out BROOME COUNTY

# RIVER GUIDE





**NORTHERN BROOME**

**CONFLUENCE**

**PENNSYLVANIA**

**EASTERN BROOME**





# Go All Out

BROOME COUNTY



## START/END:

William Hill Park/  
Grippen Park

**LENGTH:** 6 miles

## ALTERNATE START/END:

Harold Moore Park (2 miles)  
Riverview Park (3.5 miles)

# WESTERN BROOME RIVER TRAIL

**SUSQUEHANNA RIVER: JOHNSON CITY - ENDICOTT**

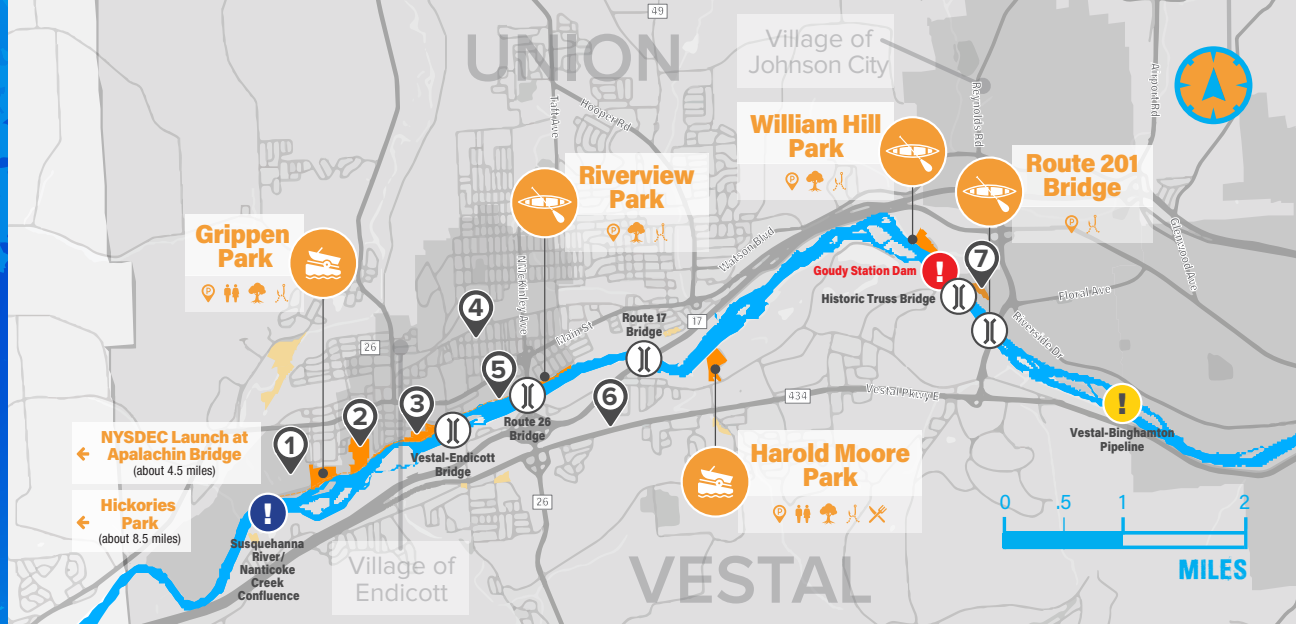
## THE WORKING WATERWAY

An interesting section of river that highlights the history of the area. The water's edge along this segment consists of a mix of suburban uses including residential neighborhoods, as well as commercial and industrial activities, making this section most attractive to those who want to take in scenery with a bit more activity and variety. Some of the sights you might see along this route include the historic Vestal-Endicott Bridge, runners and bikers along the Chugnut Trail, and Murphy's Island, the only home located on a river island in the county (private property, do not stop). As you travel through the latter part of this stretch you will see the prominent Roundtop Hill on the right before heading to your final stop at Grippen Park. This stretch of river is well-known for its distinct Native American history on both sides of the waterway. Now Endicott and Vestal, this area was once home to the Chugnut settlement, a group comprised of individuals from many local tribes under the Iroquois nation. Be prepared to carry your vessel a short distance from the parking area at the starting point, but exiting at Grippen there is a convenient pull-up for direct loading.

# WESTERN BROOME RIVER TRAIL

SUSQUEHANNA RIVER: JOHNSON CITY - ENDICOTT

More guidance can be found at the Go All Out Broome website.



## LEGEND

**! CONFLUENCE ZONES**  
Potential for rapids

**! HAZARD: GOUDY STATION DAM**  
Enter Susquehanna River west of Goudy Station Dam to avoid hazard; Landforms/islands present along length of trail. To portage around Goudy Station Dam, exit river left before the Historic Truss Bridge, follow footpath downstream, and relaunch below the dam.

**! PIPELINE CROSSINGS**  
Requires portage  
To portage around the Vestal-Binghamton Pipeline, exit river left before the pipeline, follow footpath downstream, and relaunch below the pipeline.

- ! POINTS OF INTEREST**
1. En-Joie Golf Club
  2. Roundtop Park And Scenic Overlook
  3. Mesereau Park
  4. Historic District
  5. Chugnut Trail
  6. Vestal Rail Trail / Two Rivers Greenway
  7. Boland Park

- ! BRIDGE**
- Fishing
  - Food
  - Park
  - Parking
  - Hand Launch
  - Hard Surface
  - Restrooms



# Go All Out

BROOME COUNTY

**START/END:**  
Rt 206 Bridge/  
Chenango Forks

**LENGTH:** 9.5 miles

**ALTERNATE START/END:**  
Itaska (5.5 miles)

## TIOUGHNIOGA RIVER TRAIL

### WHITNEY POINT - CHENANGO FORKS

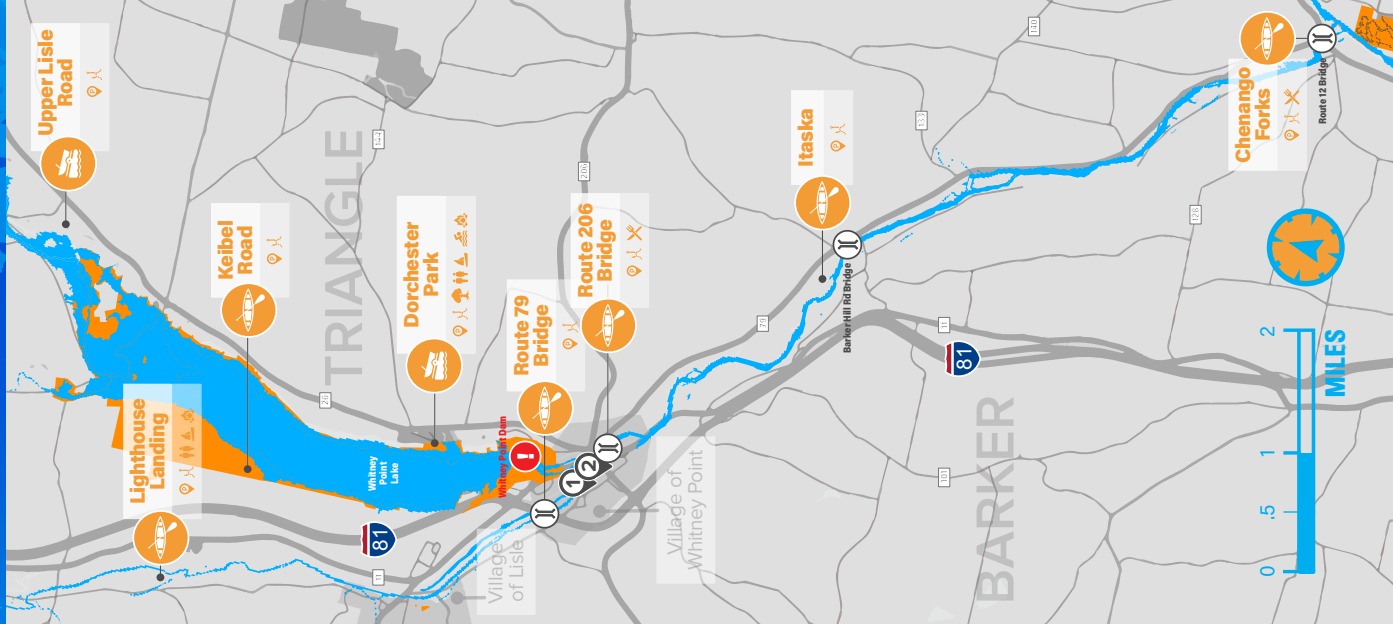
#### VALLEY VIEWS

This segment consists of the southernmost portion of the Tioughnioga River, starting in the Village of Whitney Point and ending just before its confluence with the Chenango River. This section of river winds through the northernmost portion of Broome County characterized by valley lands of varying width. This creates a scene with a backdrop of rolling hills surrounding agricultural lowlands along the route. Being one of the county's longer river trails, this trip is great for those planning a full day of paddling. Paddlers should be prepared that there are little opportunities for stopping off with only one official pull-off at Itaska (5.5 miles from start). Conveniently, the starting point at Whitney Point offers a lot of opportunities to stock up on supplies with grocery, convenience and hardware stores, as well as various restaurants. Due to the natural, rural setting this segment is enjoyed by those looking for a peaceful, quiet paddle or wildlife viewing. This section also provides a great opportunity for fishing with species like smallmouth bass and walleye.

# TIOUGHNIOGA RIVER TRAIL

## WHITNEY POINT - CHENANGO FORKS

More guidance can be found at the Go All Out Broome website.



## LEGEND

**HAZARD:** WHITNEY POINT DAM  
Enter Tioughnioga River to the south of Whitney Point Dam; Landforms/islands present along length of trail.

**BRIDGE**

**POINTS OF INTEREST**

1. Grace Episcopal Church (HISTORIC PLACE)
2. Lourdes Primary Care Whitney Point

**NOTE:** Lighthouse Landing is a privately owned launch site. Fees and restrictions may apply.

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| Fishing      | Food        | Park |
| Parking      | Hand Launch |      |
| Hard Surface | Restrooms   |      |

# Go All Out

BROOME COUNTY

## **START/END:**

Chenango Forks/  
Chenango Bridge

**LENGTH:** 8 miles

## **ALTERNATE START/END:**

NYSDEC Launch at  
Port Crane DOT  
Park & Ride (5 miles);  
Port Dickinson  
Community Park (10 miles)

# CHENANGO RIVER TRAIL

## CHENANGO FORKS - CHENANGO BRIDGE

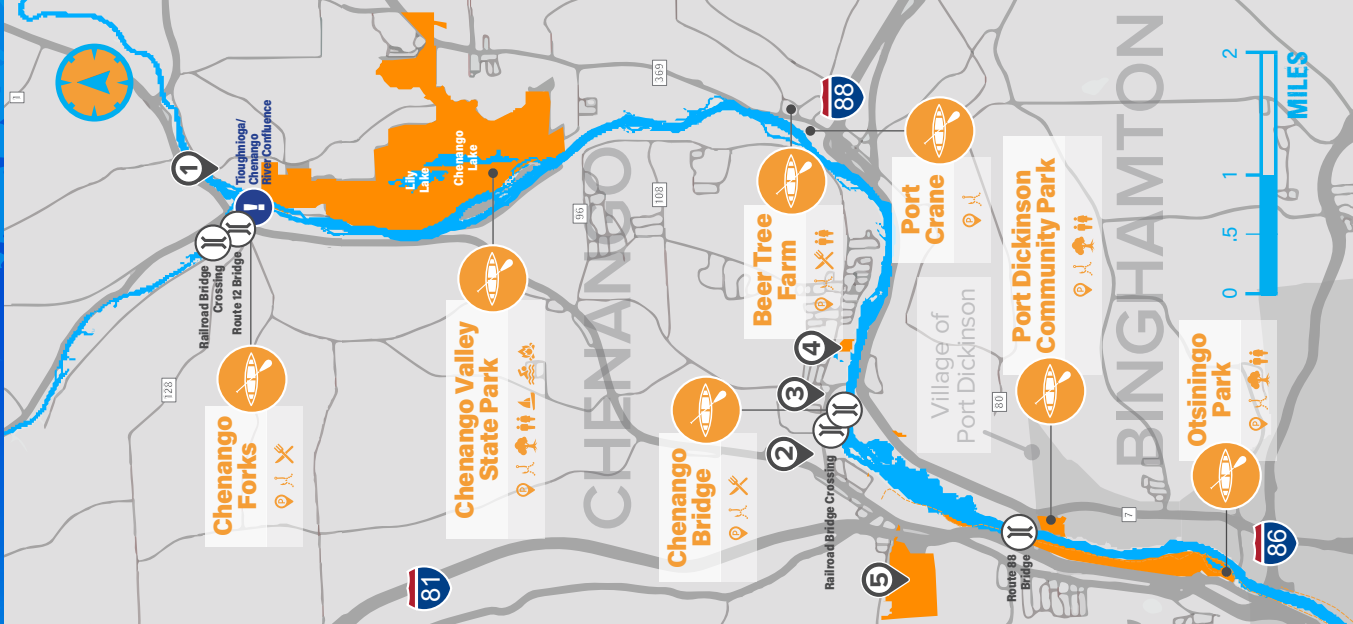
### **LEISURELY FLOAT**

With relatively shallow and slow flows at normal river levels, this segment of the river is great for casual paddlers looking to get out on the water to enjoy the sunshine and splash around. This section of river is familiar to a lot of locals as it is easily seen when driving along Route 88 and runs along the eastern edge of one of the County's most popular recreational attractions, Chenango Valley State Park. CV State Park also provides a great campground if you want to make a weekend of your trip. You don't have to be a wildlife expert to take in views of the frequently sighted bald eagles in this stretch. Unique to this segment is the opportunity to pull off for lunch at Beer Tree Farm with river access just over 5 miles from the start giving paddlers a chance to take a break and stretch your legs. Be especially alert just after you launch from your starting point. After a short distance you will meet the confluence of the Tioughnioga and Chenango Rivers where changing water patterns might cause instability if you are not attentive.

# CHENANGO RIVER TRAIL

## CHENANGO FORKS - CHENANGO BRIDGE

More guidance can be found at the Go All Out Broome website.



### LEGEND

**! CONFLUENCE ZONES: TROUGHNIOGA/CHENANGO RIVER CONFLUENCE**  
Potential for rapids  
Landforms/islands present along length of trail.

**BRIDGE**

**POINTS OF INTEREST**

1. Historic Chenango Canal
2. Lourdes Walk-In Chenango Bridge
3. Chenango Commons Golf Course
4. Chenango Bridge Park
5. Wolfe Park

**NOTE:** Beer Tree Farm is a privately-owned launch site. Fees and restrictions may apply.

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| Fishing      | Food        | Park |
| Parking      | Hand Launch |      |
| Hard Surface | Restrooms   |      |



# Go All Out

BROOME COUNTY



**START/END:**

Veteran's River Park/  
Sandy Beach Park

**LENGTH:** 7 miles

**ALTERNATE START/END:**

Sullivan Park (4 miles)

## KIRKWOOD-CONKLIN RIVER TRAIL

### KIRKWOOD - BINGHAMTON

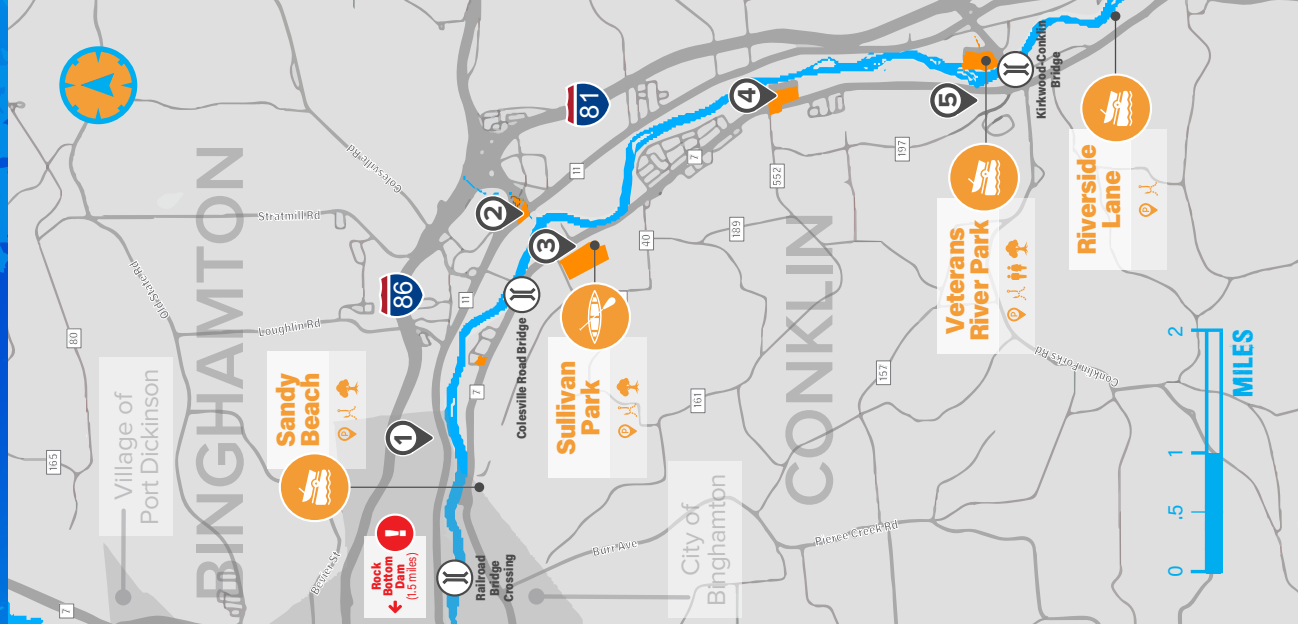
#### URBAN ADVENTURE

This is a great segment for those looking for a short, convenient kayak trip close to the City, providing a great way to get active and enjoy the outdoors, while seeing our area in a unique way. The starting point at Veterans River Park in Kirkwood is a convenient drive from the main urban area down I-81, Route 7 or Route 11, with other starting points along the way for even shorter trips. The ending point drops you right across the City of Binghamton border at Sandy Beach Park, convenient for urban residents and for visitors looking for places to go and things to do later in the day. You should make sure to exit the river at Sandy Beach as directed to avoid encountering the Rockbottom Dam two miles downstream which can be dangerous and is not passable.

# KIRKWOOD-CONKLIN RIVER TRAIL

## KIRKWOOD - BINGHAMTON

More guidance can be found at the Go All Out Broome website.



## LEGEND

**! HAZARD: ROCK BOTTOM DAM**  
It is strongly recommended that paddlers exit the Susquehanna River at Sandy Beach Park to avoid the Rock Bottom Dam Hazard. Be alert of warning signs posted on the Tompkins Street Bridge. To portage around Rock Bottom Dam, exit river right at least 600 feet above the dam, follow foot path around the dam, and relaunch at least 20 feet below the dam. Landforms/islands present along length of trail.

- POINTS OF INTEREST**
- 1. New York State Inebriate Asylum (HISTORIC PLACE)
  - 2. Valley Park
  - 3. Conklin Community Center/Dog Park
  - 4. Schnubush Park
  - 5. Conklin Town Hall (HISTORIC PLACE)
- BRIDGE**

- Fishing
- Food
- Park
- Parking
- Hand Launch
- Hard Surface
- Restrooms

# Go All Out

## BROOME COUNTY

**START/END:**  
NYSDEC Launch  
at Nineveh Bridge/  
NYSDEC Launch  
at Route 79 Windsor

**LENGTH:** 14.5 miles

**ALTERNATE START/END:**  
NYSDEC Launch at  
Ouaquaga Bridge  
(9 miles)

## NINEVEH RIVER TRAIL

COLESVILLE - SOUTH WINDSOR

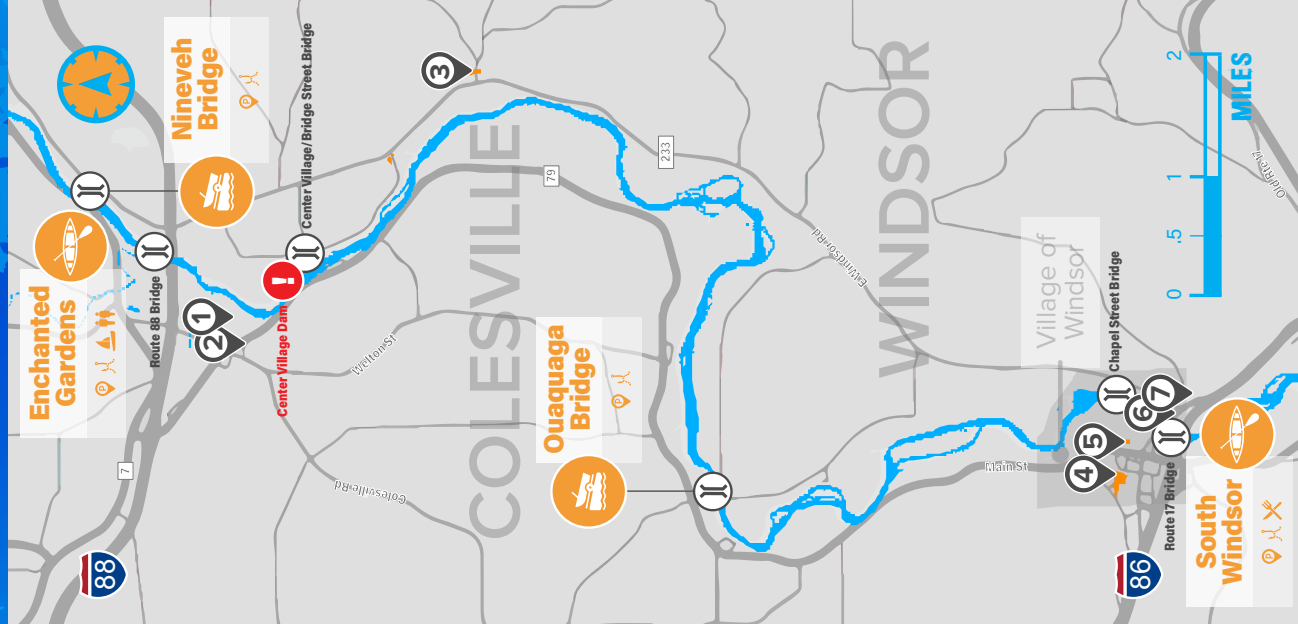
### RUSTIC COUNTRY EXCURSION

This segment takes you through one of the more rural and rustic parts of the County. At the longest recommended segment, paddlers should be prepared to spend a full day on this section. However, there are alternative starting points along the route (Ouaguaga Bridge) if you prefer a shorter trip instead. In this eastern part of the County you see higher elevations as you get closer to the Catskills with farmland lining the comparatively narrow band along the water's edge, setting the scene for a unique landscape mosaic. The stretch is great for fishing and wildlife viewing with chances to see white-tail deer, wild turkey, and even the rare sighting of a black bear. Home to a wide variety of bird species, keep a special eye out for golden and bald eagles whose migration routes fall along this section of the county. The Village of Windsor at the end of this stretch dates back to the Revolutionary War. Its historic character provides a small town feel, along with community events like local fairs and festivals, a farmers market, community concerts and more. You can plan your trip to coincide with some of these other happenings in the area.

# NINEVEH RIVER TRAIL

## COLESVILLE - SOUTH WINDSOR

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## LEGEND

**!** **HAZARD: CENTER VILLAGE DAM**  
Stay to the right side of river approaching Center Village Dam; Landforms/islands present along length of trail.

**📍** **POINTS OF INTEREST**      **🌉** **BRIDGE**

1. Colesville/Windsor Museum at St. Lukes's Church
2. Harpursville United Methodist Church  
(**HISTORIC PLACE**)
3. Harmony Park
4. Village Green & Windsor Community House  
(site of seasonal Farmer's Market, community concerts and other events)
5. Windsor Village Historic District  
(**HISTORIC PLACE**)
6. Historic Windsor Railroad Station
7. Jedediah Hotchkiss House  
(**HISTORIC PLACE**)

**NOTE:** Enchanted Gardens is a privately-owned launch site. Fees and restrictions may apply.

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| Fishing     | Food         | Park      | Parking |
| Hand Launch | Hard Surface | Restrooms |         |



# Go All Out

BROOME COUNTY

**START/END:**  
Grippen Park/  
Hickories Park

**LENGTH:** 11 miles

**ALTERNATE START/END:**  
NYSDEC Launch at  
Apalachin Bridge  
(4.5 miles)

## BROOME-TIOGA RIVER TRAIL

**GRIPPEN PARK - HICKORIES PARK**

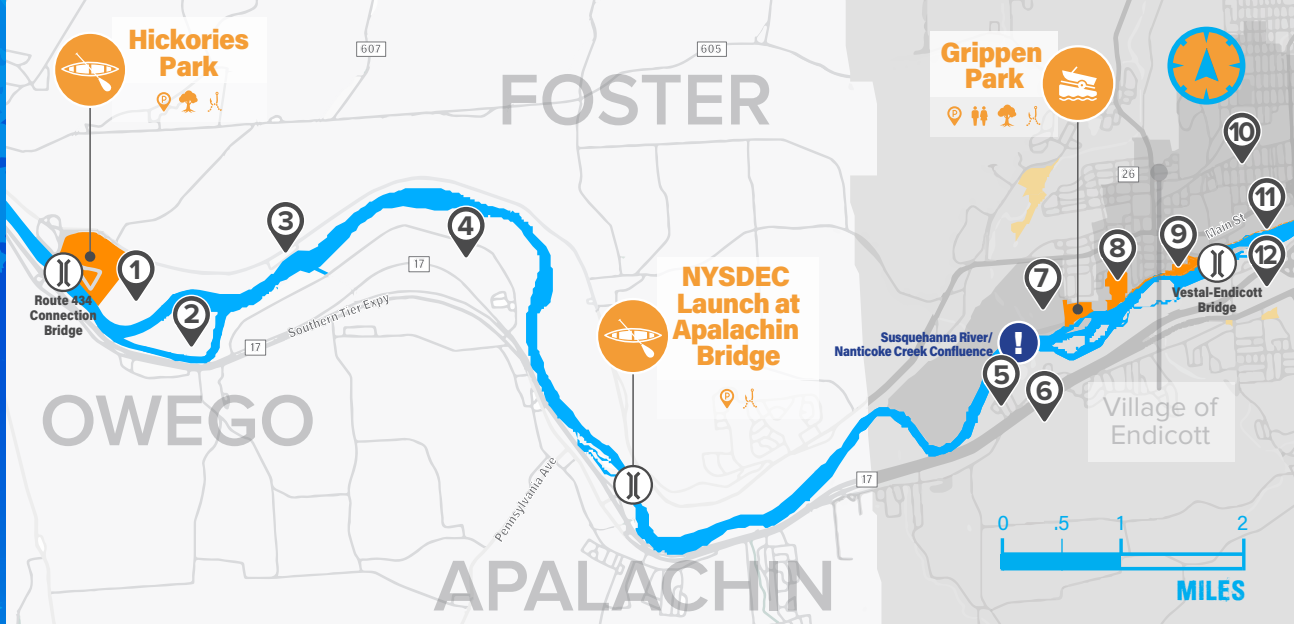
### CONSERVATION CONNECTION

This trip begins in Broome County where paddlers can use the convenient boat launch at Grippen Park for a peaceful paddle to Hickories Park in neighboring Tioga County. On your way out of Broome look up and you might be lucky to see small planes flying overhead as they take off from the Tri-Cities Airport. Heading into Tioga County don't be surprised if you see catfish jumping due to the deeper water levels here that they prefer. This section has been home to a celebrated (almost) annual Catfish Derby for many years. However, environment and adventure lovers might look most forward to visiting Hiawatha Island. The 112 acre island is the largest in the New York State portion of the Susquehanna and is a nature preserve owned and maintained by the Waterman Conservation Education Center. The island is home to hundreds of flora and fauna, including a nesting pair of bald eagles. As you explore the island on foot you can see the remnants of what was once a popular recreation site including a hotel and farm dating back to the late 1800's. This is a long trip at 11 miles, but those looking for a shorter stretch can exit just over the County border at the NYSDEC boat launch in Apalachin.

# BROOME-TIOGA RIVER TRAIL

## GRIPPEN PARK - HICKORIES PARK

More guidance can be found at the Go All Out Broome website.



## LEGEND

**! CONFLUENCE ZONES: SUSQUEHANNA RIVER/NANTICOKE CREEK CONFLUENCE**  
Potential for rapids

Trail leaves Broome County and enters Tioga County at 2-mile mark; Landforms/islands present along length of trail.

**● POINTS OF INTEREST**

**⌋ BRIDGE**

1. R&M Paintball & Airsoft
2. Hiawatha Island
3. Hiawatha Island Boat Club
4. Links at Hiawatha Landing
5. Castle Gardens Park
6. CK'Sters Fun Park
7. En-Joie Golf Club
8. Roundtop Park & Scenic Overlook
9. Mesereau Park
10. Historic District
11. Chugnut Trail
12. Vestal Rail Trail / Two Rivers Greenway

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