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 www.dec.state.ny.us

*Embrace the Possibilities*

**Oswego County Division of Promotion & Tourism**  
 46 East Bridge Street  
 Oswego, NY 13126  
 315-349-8322  
 www.oswegocounty.com

Hikers can expect to encounter hunters during fall months in areas where hunting is permitted. Wear a brightly-colored jacket or shirt and stay on designated foot paths or trails.

These trails range in difficulty from easy to moderate. To make your trip safe and enjoyable: wear proper clothing; tell someone where you are going and when you will be back; and hike with at least one other person.

**Your Nature Trails Checklist!**  
 How Many Miles Can You Explore?

- Amboy 4-H Environmental Center
- Chateaugay State Forest
- Curtiss-Gale Wildlife Management Area
- Deer Creek Marsh
- Derby Hill Bird Observatory
- Happy Valley Wildlife Management Area
- Independence Trail Park
- Littlejohn State Wildlife Management Area
- Mexico Point State park
- Oswego County Nature Park at Camp Zerbe
- Oswego County Recreation Trail
- Oswego East and West Riverwalks
- Rice Creek Biological Field Station
- Salmon River Falls Unique Area
- Sandy Island Beach State Park
- Three Mile Bay/Big Bay Wildlife Management Area
- Winona State Forest

**Amboy 4H Environmental Education Center:**  
 NYS Rte. 183, Amboy  
 3 miles hiking trails through 150 wooded acres.  
 3.5 miles north of Amboy Center. Cornell Cooperative Extension of Oswego County, 315/963-7286.

**Chateaugay State Forest: Co. Rtes. 2 and 50, Orwell**  
 Network of 7 miles marked trails and 8 miles unplowed roads for hiking and cross-country skiing.  
 7.5 miles east of Putlaski.

**Deer Creek Marsh: Rainbow Shores Road, Richland**  
 1,195 acres of wetland and uplands between Lake Ontario and NYS Rte. 3 in town of Richland. Viewing tower, parking area, handicapped access. Scenic vistas, bird watching, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing.

**Curtiss-Gale Wildlife Management Area:**  
 Co. Rte. 57, Granby  
 45 acres on east side of Oswego River. Birding, hiking, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing. 1 mile south of Fulton.

**Derby Hill Bird Observatory: Sage Creek Road, Mexico**  
 Prime location for viewing migrating birds of prey and waterfowl. More than 40,000 counted annually. Owned by Onondaga Chapter of the NYS Audubon Society. Weather/hawk hotline, early March to late May: 315/963-8291. Off NYS Rte. 104B in Town of Mexico; www.derbyhill.org

**Happy Valley Wildlife Management Area: NYS Rte. 104, Albion, Williamstown: Co. Rte. 26, Parish, Amboy**  
 8,645 acres of uplands, wetlands, ponds. Hiking, birding, canoeing, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing. No off-road motor vehicles allowed.

**Independence Park Trail, Scriba**  
 Short trail just east of Stibe Energies, off Co. Rte. 1. Leads to beautiful view of Lake Ontario. 315/349-3451.

**Littlejohn State Wildlife Management Area: Co. Rte. 17, Boylston and Redfield**  
 8,020 acres of uplands and wetlands, with 18.8 miles of trails. Hiking, birding, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing.

**Mexico Point State Park: Mexico Point Drive, Mexico**  
 Nature trail. Medieval-style cottage open for tours by appointment. Off NYS Rte. 104B. 315/963-8216 or 963-7657.

**Oswego County Nature Park at Camp Zerbe**  
 NYS Rte. 104, Williamstown  
 364 acres, nature trails, interpretive center, pavilion, meeting room. Three small lakes. Hiking, canoeing, birding, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing. 315/349-3451.

**Oswego County Recreation Trail:**  
 26 miles. Maple Avenue, Volney to NYS Rte. 49, Cleveland. Ideal for hiking, biking, horseback riding, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling. Parking access at Co. Rte. 6, Volney; Toad Harbor Road, West Monroe; and North St., Cleveland.

**Oswego East and West Riverwalks:**  
 City of Oswego. Paved walkways stretch along both sides of the Oswego River from the harbor to Lock 7. The paths are connected by a pedestrian bridge that crosses the river near Utica Street.

**Rice Creek Biological Field Station:**  
**Thompson Road, Oswego State University**  
 400 acres field and forestland. Hiking, birding, exhibits, lectures and workshops. 315/312-7961; www.oswego.edu/other\_campus/rcreek/

**Salmon River Falls Unique Area: Falls Road, Orwell**  
 110-foot waterfall provides a breathtaking view any time of the year. Areas of gorge are restricted and visitors should use extreme caution. Footpath to the bottom of the gorge open May 1 to Nov. 15. Owned by NYS DEC. 1.4 miles northeast of Co. Rte. 22. 315/298-7467.











**Sandy Island Beach State Park:**  
**3387 Co. Rte. 15, Sandy Creek**  
 11 acres of sandy beach on Lake Ontario. Part of the unique Eastern Lake Ontario Dune and Wetland System. Swimming, fishing, birding, hiking, canoeing, kayaking. 315/387-2657.

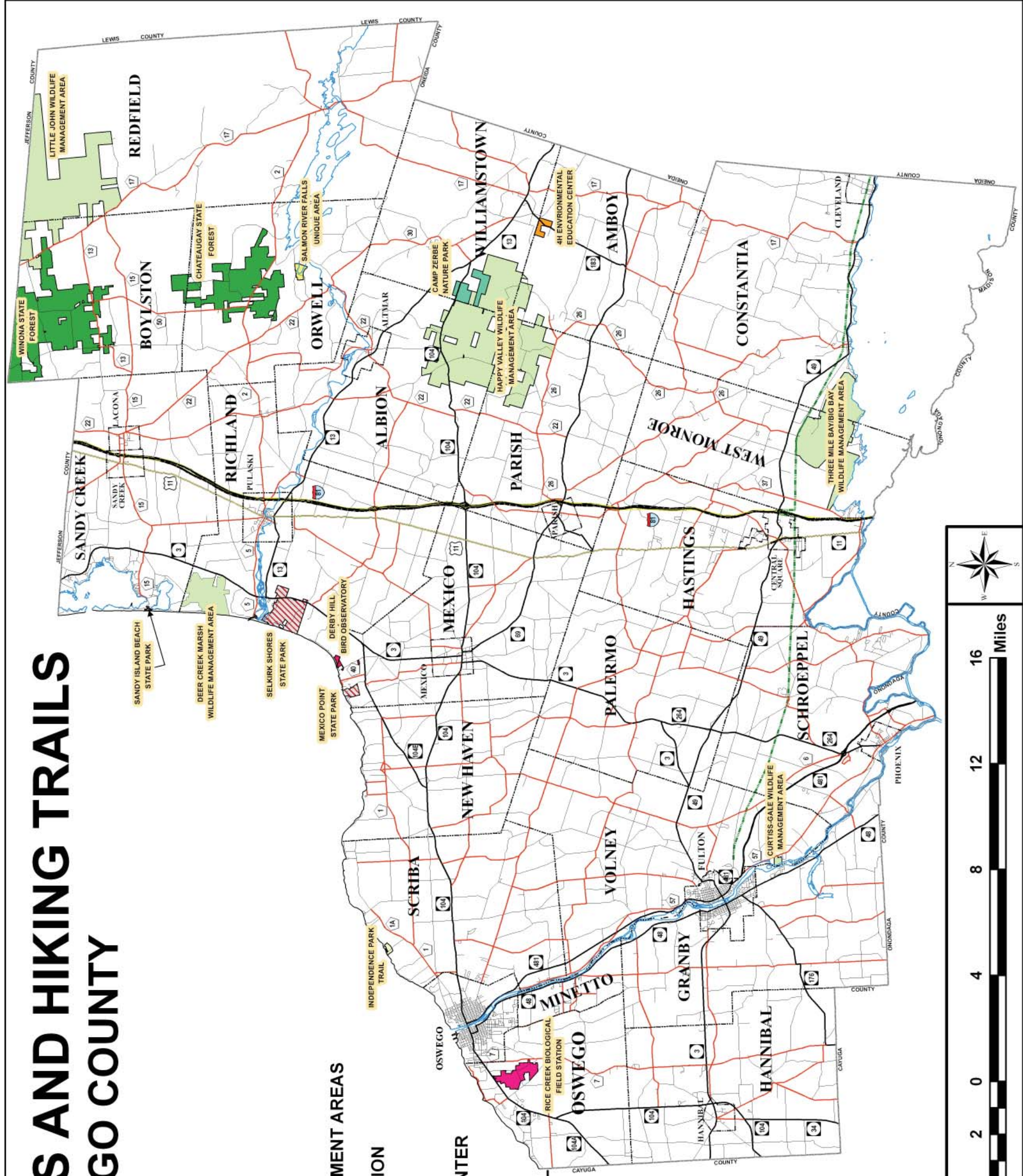
**Selkirk Shores State Park: 7101 NYS Rte. 3, Putlaski**  
 980-acre multiple-use park overlooking Lake Ontario. Swimming beach, camping, fishing, hiking, biking, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling. Includes day-use picnic area, pavilions, nearby Pine Grove boat launch, and woodland trail. 315/298-5737.

**Three Mile Bay/Big Bay State Wildlife Management Area:**  
 Off NYS Rte. 49, West Monroe and Constantia  
 3,500-acre wetlands area. Hiking, boat access, birding, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, hunting, fishing, trapping. 6 miles east of Central Square. Access from NYS Rte. 49 via Toad Harbor Road or Lower Road to Wheeler Road and West Road.

**Winona State Forest Recreation Area: Center Road, Boylston**  
 9,233-acre state forest area on western edge of Tug Hill Plateau. Contains 31 miles of trails through unplowed roads and state and county forests. Skiing, snowmobiling, hiking, mountain biking, hunting, fishing, trapping, dog sledding, birding, horseback riding. Parking on north side of Center Road at Wart Road intersection and Barty Road intersection, in Boylston. 315/376-3521; www.tughillskiclub.com

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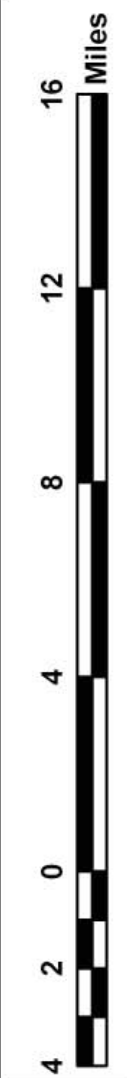
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-  DERBY HILL
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