



New York State Parks is providing temporary seasonal dock permits for up to 50 docks on a first come first served basis in 2019 while we examine options for future public access given the anticipate increased usage of the West River Shoreline Trail.

All docks along the West River Trail must be permitted by New York State Parks.

**The permit rules for 2019 are as follows:**

- You must apply for your temporary seasonal dock permit in person at the Beaver Island Park office using the enclosed application form beginning on April 13, 2019 and by no later than May 1, 2019. Be sure to bring ID with you. Permits will be issued seven days a week from 8:30 am until 4:00 pm until all 50 permits are issued but no later than May 1.
- Upon submission of your application and proof of identification, you will be granted a conditional permit. A final permit will be issued pending receipt by State Parks of the following items:
  - Proof of insurance: Documentation issued by permittee's insurance provider indicating the permittee has obtained (1) \$500,000 or more in personal liability coverage covering the dock; and (2) such proof of insurance describes the location on the Niagara River of the dock and access thereto with sufficient specificity and references the State Parks-issued dock permit number. Such documentation may include a certificate of insurance, declarations page, specific endorsement and/or the entire insurance policy. If you do not have sufficient proof of insurance as described above at the time of application, you will be issued a contingent permit that will become effective upon submission of sufficient proof of insurance. Such proof of insurance shall be submitted to State Parks by May 27, 2019.
  - A permit for erection of such a dock from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. If you do not have this permit at the time of application, you will be issued a contingent permit that will become effective upon presentation of the Army Corps permit to State Parks. The permit must be presented at the Beaver Island State Parks Office by May 27, 2019.
- The temporary seasonal dock permit will require the permittee to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the State of New York and the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation and their officers, employees and agents.

- Upon issuance of the final permit, State Parks will conduct inspections to ensure that docks meet standard dock specifications as determined by State Parks. Those dock specifications will be provided with your permit as well as here on the website. Permit holders will have one month from date of inspection to bring any non-compliant docks into compliance. Failure to do so will result in loss of the permit.
- The docks must include some mechanism to limit access by the public, such as a gate or other barrier, but access must be provided for inspection by State Parks. No signage barring the public is permitted.
- No permanent structures may be erected on docks.
- Only one dock permit will be allowed per household.
- There is no vehicle access to docks.
- Docks and access (stairs) to docks must be removed from park property by the permittee at the end of the season (November 1, 2019). If docks and access are not fully removed from state park property by November 1, 2019, they will be considered abandoned, and will be subject to removal and disposal by State Parks.

Also, a reminder that State Parks has never granted permits for upland structures, including but not limited to decks, patios, bars, firepits or storage sheds, and such structures are not allowed on state parkland and will be subject to removal and disposal by State Parks after May 27, 2019.

Unpermitted docks are not allowed and are subject to removal and disposal by State Parks. If you do not obtain a permit for an existing dock under the permit rules above, it will be subject to removal and disposal by State Parks after May 27, 2019.