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# New York City DEP Will Offer Interpretive Hike on Water Supply Lands

Date:	Saturday, September 4, 2004
Location:	South Rondout Recreation Unit, Town of Wawarsing, Ulster County

#### General Information:

Commissioner Christopher O. Ward of the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) announced that DEP will offer an interpretive hike on it's 704-acre South Rondout Recreation Unit on Saturday, September 4. This is the last of five planned hiking activities over the summer months.

The South Rondout Recreation area is open for hiking, fishing and deer hunting for persons with DEP Access Permits, and features mixed hardwood forest with evergreen stands, old wood roads and some fields returning to woodlands. Hikers who have valid Access Permits are invited to participate. For further information and to sign up for the September 4 hike, call DEP's Grahamsville Land Management Office at 845-985-0386.

In addition, upstate residents, sportsmen, boaters, hikers and fishermen who are interested in further information about managing upstate watershed lands or other recreational opportunities, or wish to apply for DEP Access Permits, should visit the DEP web site at www.nyc.gov/watershedrecreation. A Watershed Recreation Newsletter, published seasonally by DEP, is also available on the site. A link is provided at this site to the DEP Watershed web site, which contains information on various watershed programs, projects and activities. The DEP Permit Office at (800) 575-LAND can also provide help in obtaining Access Permits. For additional information about downstate and upstate watershed and water supply activities visit DEP's home page, nyc.gov/dep.

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