

GUIDELINES TO USE

* Trail System: There are about 7 miles of hiking and cross-country ski trails, ranging from the short, easy trail (red markers) from the parking area to the picnic area next to the river, to the lengthy white trail which traverses the length of the Preserve through the farm fields to the north. The trails are marked with colored trail markers and are self-explanatory.

This is a natural, wild area so there are tripping hazards on the trails that you should watch out for. Also, it is advised that you tuck your pants into your socks and lightly spray this area with a repellent (least toxic) to guard against ticks.

Poison Ivy also thrives in the Preserve, and you should refrain from coming in contact with the vegetation.

Also, please inspect all exposed areas of skin for ticks after emerging from the Preserve. The Preserve is home to many animals which serve as hosts to ticks, and you can't be too careful in checking for these parasites.

PRESERVE RULES:

- Pets Must be Kept on Lease
- No Motorized Vehicles
- No Camping or fires
- No loud noise or disturbance
- No Hunting or Firearms
- No Littering or Removal of Plants or Animals
- No Alcoholic Beverages

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About the Preserve . . .

The Papscanee Island Nature Preserve is a 156-acre natural area that was bought by the Open Space Institute (OSI) between 1993-95. Funding for land acquisition and visitor access improvements was provided to OSI by the Wallace Fund, set up by the founders of the Reader's Digest in 1997, management of the Preserve was taken over by the Rensselaer County Legislature through the county's Environmental Management Council (RC EMC). For thousands of years, this area was occupied and farmed by the Mohican (Mahikan) Indians. Over 30 acres of the Preserve are still farmed today by the Webb family, giving these lands the distinction of being under active agriculture (corn) longer than any other lands in the United States.

Through conservation easements and deed restrictions, this land will remain forever wild and available to the public for your recreational pleasure.

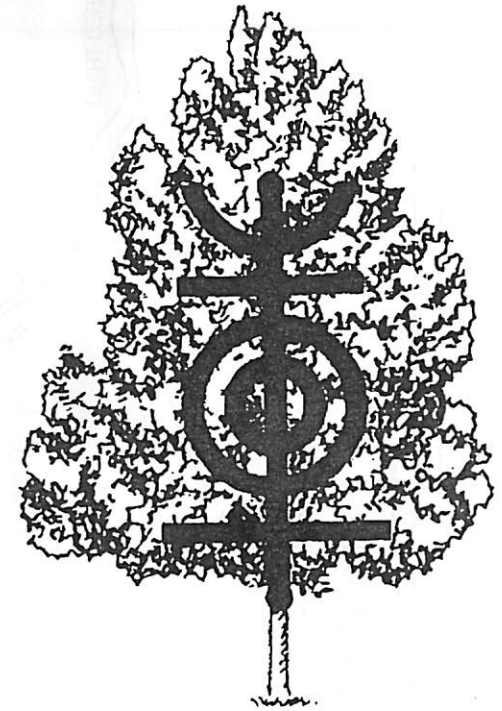
The Preserve is made possible by a great number of volunteers and businesses who donate time and resource to make this a first class natural recreational area. Contributors include Gardenway, Inc., Schodack Curtis Lumber, Walmart, Fleet Bank, Community Action Network and many other local community organizations including school and scout volunteers.

Interpretive signs are placed throughout the Preserve to help you learn about the various plants, trees, and shrubs that grow on these lands. Additional informational signs educate the hiker on the Mohican significance, the Hudson River estuary, the value of wetlands and the overall preservation of open space.

PLEASE ENJOY and BE SAFE!

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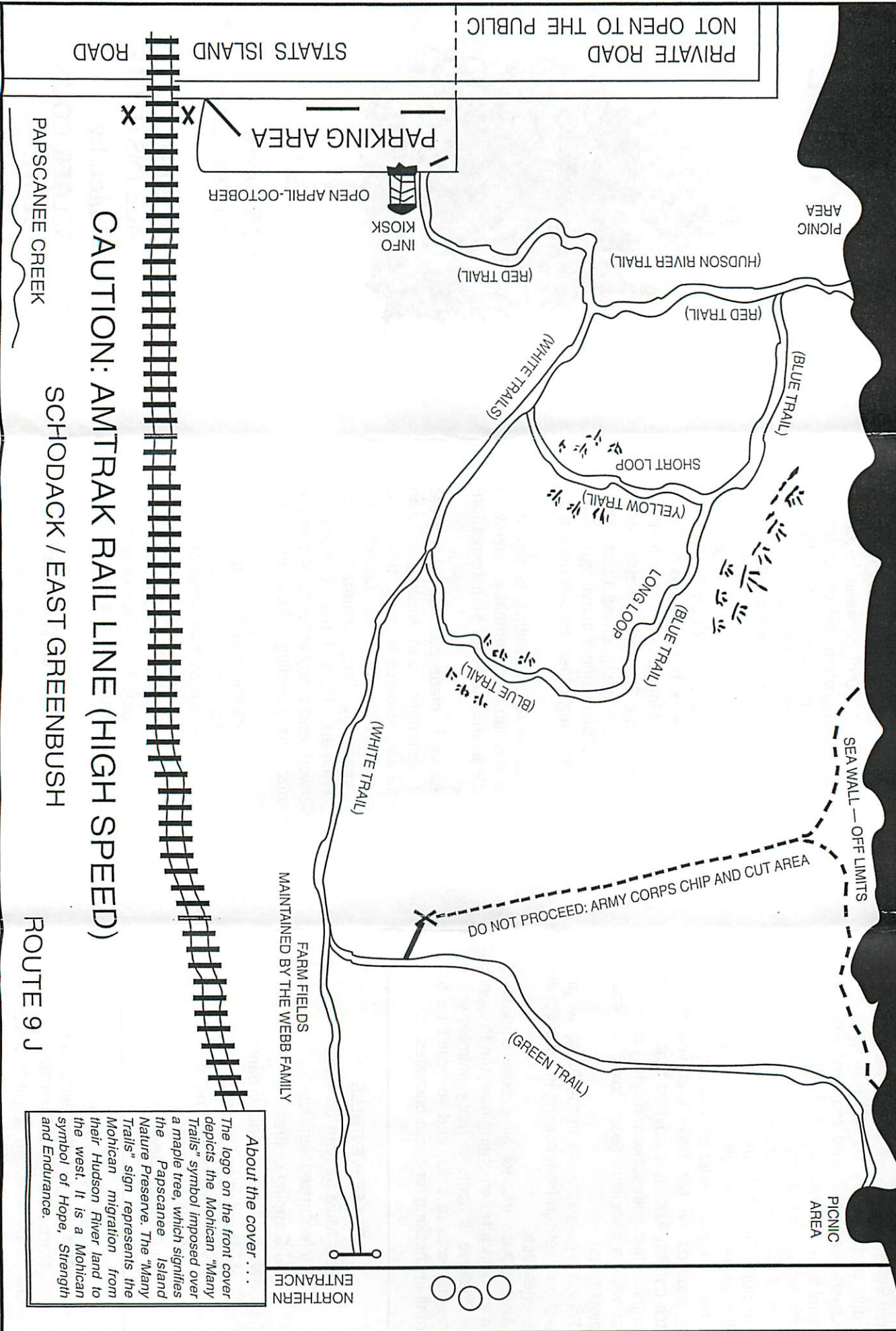
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ESTUARY TO TROY DAM
FISHING LICENSE REQUIRED

HUDSON RIVER



CAUTION: AMTRAK RAIL LINE (HIGH SPEED)

PAPSCAÑEE CREEK

SCHODACK / EAST GREENBUSH

ROUTE 9 J

About the cover . . .
The logo on the front cover depicts the Mohican "Many Trails" symbol imposed over a maple tree, which signifies the Papscañee Island Nature Preserve. The "Many Trails" sign represents the Mohican migration from their Hudson River land to the west. It is a Mohican symbol of Hope, Strength and Endurance.

NORTHERN ENTRANCE

FARM FIELDS MAINTAINED BY THE WEBB FAMILY

DO NOT PROCEED: ARMY CORPS CHIP AND CUT AREA

SEA WALL - OFF LIMITS

PICNIC AREA

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OPEN APRIL-OCTOBER

PARKING AREA

PRIVATE ROAD NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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