

11/5/18-NEW YORK IS LOSING THE BATTLE AGAINST THE EMERALD ASH BORER, BUT WE'RE GOING TO FIGHT UNTIL THE BITTER END. THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION IS HOLDING FORUMS ACROSS THE STATE TO HELP PROPERTY OWNERS MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR CUTTING DOWN THEIR ASH TREES. REMOVING TREES THAT ARE ALREADY INFESTED OR CLOSE TO OUTBREAKS CAN HELP SLOW DOWN THE SPREAD OF THE INSECT. OFFICIALS SAY ANYONE WITH AN ASH TREE ON THEIR LAND SHOULD CONTACT THEIR LOCAL D-E-C OFFICE.

11/8/18-ENJOY THE GREAT OUTDOORS, BUT BE PREPARED. THAT'S THE MESSAGE FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION AFTER FOREST RANGERS HAD TO RESCUE MULTIPLE PEOPLE IN THE PAST WEEK. THAT INCLUDED ONE HUNTER LOST IN NEAR BLIZZARD CONDITIONS IN THE ADIRONDACKS. OFFICIALS SAY HIKERS AND HUNTERS SHOULD HAVE PROPER COLD WEATHER CLOTHING WHEN THEY HEAD INTO THE WOODS THIS TIME OF YEAR AND ALWAYS NOTIFY SOMEONE WHERE THEY'LL BE AND WHEN THEY'LL RETURN.

11/9/18-WHAT BETTER WAY TO SPEND A CRISP NOVEMBER DAY THAN DOING A LITTLE FISHING? THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION HAS ANNOUNCED THAT VETERAN'S DAY WILL BE A FREE FISHING DAY ACROSS THE STATE. THAT MEANS ANYONE CAN TAKE TO NEW YORK'S WATERWAYS IN SEARCH OF THE BIG ONE WITHOUT A FISHING LICENSE. A FULL LISTING OF WHAT SPECIES ARE IN SEASON AND MAPS OF CREEKS AND STREAMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE D-E-C-DOT-N-Y-DOT-GOV WEBSITE.

11/15/18-DEER HUNTING SEASON IN NEW YORK'S SOUTHERN ZONE GETS UNDERWAY THIS WEEKEND, AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION IS ASKING FOR HELP FROM HUNTERS. THEY'RE TRYING TO TRACK ANY LINGERING CASES OF CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE, AN AFFLICTION THAT ATTACKS THE BRAINS AND NERVOUS SYSTEMS OF DEER. AFTER A MAJOR OUTBREAK NEARLY A DECADE AGO IT APPEARS THE DISEASE HAS VANISHED, BUT D-E-C IS ASKING HUNTERS TO REPORT ANY DEER ACTING STRANGELY OR BEHAVING ABNORMALLY TO GAME WARDENS.

11/19/18-HINCKLEY RESERVOIR COULD SOON BE A MAJOR RECREATIONAL SITE. AS PART OF THE STATE'S INVESTMENT IN PARKS THE D-E-C IS CONSIDERING A PLAN THAT WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY EXPAND THE DAY USE AREA AT HINCKLEY. THAT WOULD INCLUDE ADDING OVERNIGHT CAMPSITES, BIKE TRAILS, A PLAYGROUND, AND A BOAT LAUNCH. TO GET FEEDBACK ON THE PROPOSAL OFFICIALS WILL BE HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING NOVEMBER

29TH IN BARNEVELD. MORE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AT D-E-C DOT N-Y DOT GOV.