



NO-WAKE PADDLING AT THE SOUTHERNMOST END OF LAKE HOPATCONG

Landing Channel is the southernmost cove on Lake Hopatcong. It is a manmade channel created through a wetland in 1890 to allow steamboats to transport passengers from the Lake Hopatcong Station to their lake destinations. Today, this quiet channel has little boat traffic and speed restrictions, making it well suited for less experienced paddlers and for viewing wildlife. An optional shortcut is provided if the northern section of the route becomes difficult due to winds or heavy boat traffic.



PUBLIC LAUNCH SITE

Hopatcong State Park – Lakeside Blvd, Landing, NJ. Launch fees and seasonal entrance fees may apply. Amenities for visitors launching from the park include on-site parking, restrooms, a swimming beach, fishing, picnic tables with grills, volleyball and basketball courts, and playground equipment. The Lake Hopatcong Historical Museum is also located on park grounds. Leashed dogs are welcome. The facilities at Hopatcong State Park are partially accessible for persons with disabilities. 973-398-7010

KAYAK RENTALS

Lake's End Marina – Full-service marina renting single and double kayaks located at 91 Mt. Arlington Blvd in Landing, NJ. lakesendmarina.net | 973-398-5707

POINTS OF INTEREST

1. King's Isles - This quiet cove is home to remnants of a 1908 log cabin and early boathouse built by the King family, once major landowners in the area.

2. Lover's Lane - A peaceful channel immortalized in photographer W.J. Harris's early 1900s postcard featuring a couple embracing on a small bridge over a rowboat.

3. Historical Mooring Cleats - Remains of the large concrete mooring cleats used over a 100 years ago by the Hopatcong Steamboat Company, or White Line.

4. Floating Wetland Islands - These manmade, plant-covered rafts improve water quality by removing excess nutrients and provide habitat for fish and birds.

5. Floating Island - First mapped in 1882, this unique landmass once rose and fell with the lake's water levels. Though much smaller today, it remains an important

habitat for fish, turtles, and birds. *Note: Swans and geese can be aggressive during nesting season—keep a respectful distance.*

6. Shore Hills Beach - Once a summer bungalow community developed in 1947 on the former American Forcite Powder Company property, Shore Hills is now a year-round neighborhood with a private beach.

7. Historical Ice House Grounds - Homes now stand where massive ice houses once stored winter-harvested ice for cities like New York before modern refrigeration.

8. Lake Hopatcong Dam - *CAUTION: Stay clear of the dam—dangerous currents and undertows may be present.* The current Lake Hopatcong Dam was built in 1922 by the State of New Jersey to regulate lake levels and manage outflow into the Musconetcong River.

Protect Our Waters, CLEAN DRAIN DRY - Recreational activities on our waterways can unintentionally spread aquatic invasive species, non-native plants and animals that harm our waters. These invaders can limit recreational activities, diminish fishing opportunities, and degrade water quality. Protect waterways by cleaning, draining, and drying your kayak, boat, and gear after each use, in every waterbody, every time.

Paddling Safety and Regulations - Paddlers are considered boaters under New Jersey law and must follow state boating regulations, including carrying or wearing a life jacket and obeying navigation rules. Simple steps like wearing your life jacket, staying visible, checking the weather, and filing a float plan can help ensure a safe experience on the water.

Respect Private Property - Much of Lake Hopatcong's shoreline is developed with residential homes, which is private property. Homeowner association beaches can look as though they are public beaches, but no public launching or landing is allowed. Please be respectful of residential privacy, and land only at the public sites shown on this map.