

OUTDOOR SPORTSMAN

Outdoor Sportsman Activities and Safety

There is nothing like living in the Adirondacks, with its beautiful scenery, and abundance of nature and wildlife to experience. This web page is meant for those people who enjoy fishing, hunting, and trapping here in Clinton County.

The Clinton County Health Department can provide you with information on these specific activities and how to keep safe, along with additional information from other agencies such as New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

Fishing

One of Clinton County residents, summer residents, and visitors' favorite activities is fishing throughout the county.

Lake Champlain hosts a number of fishing tournaments including nationally known bass tournaments. Upper Chateaugay Lake and Chazy Lake often host a number of ice fishing tournaments.

Clinton County has a number of smaller bodies of water that offer good fishing experiences for cold water species (trout and salmon) and warm water species (bass and pike). These bodies of water include the following:

Taylor Pond, Silver Lake, Fern Lake, AuSable River, Great Chazy River, Little Chazy River, North Branch of the Great Chazy River, Union Falls Pond, Saranac River, English River, Salmon River and numerous other ponds, brooks, and streams.

Health Concerns Involving Fishing

As with any activity, there are a number of safety issues and concerns. This section will address the more common issues involving fishing safety below.

- Fishing safety
- Night fishing safety
- Chemicals in fish
- Boating Safety
- Swimmer's Ear
- Cryptosporidiosis
- Giardiasis
- Ehrlichiosis
- Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever
- Poison Ivy, Poison Oak, or Poison Sumac

Trapping

Clinton County trappers trap fur bearers and nuisance animals. There is a mix of public and private lands available to trappers. Please, make sure to get permission to trapping on private lands and know which public lands allow trapping.

Please, see below for general information on licensing, regulations, education, and possible diseases that trappers may be exposed to.

How Do I Obtain a Trapping License?

To obtain a hunting license, the Clinton County Clerk, the City Clerk, town and village clerks, and a number of stores sell hunting licenses.

Health Concerns Involving Trapping

As with any activity, there are a number of safety issues and concerns.

- Trichinosis
- Chemicals in Game
- Giardiasis
- Tularemia
- Ehrlichiosis
- Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever
- Poison Ivy, Poison Oak, or Poison Sumac

Hunting

Hunting is a favorite pastime for many of Clinton County residents and visitors.

Clinton County has bear, deer, turkey, rabbits, ruffed grouse, geese, ducks, woodcock, raccoon, red and gray foxes, coyotes, bobcats, etc for game animals.

There is a mix of public and private lands available to hunters. Please, make sure to get permission to hunt on private lands and know which public lands allow hunting.

How Do I Obtain a Hunting License?

To obtain a hunting license, the Clinton County Clerk, the City Clerk, town and village clerks, and a number of stores sell hunting licenses.

Health Concerns Involving Hunting

The Clinton County Health Department recommends that you cook game to 165°F. Handling game as all other foods. See our food safety page for more information.

As with any activity, there are a number of safety issues and concerns.

- Hunting Safety
- Hunting Injuries
- Sportsman Educational Classes
- Fitness for Hunters
- Trichinosis
- Chemicals in Game
- Boating Safety
- Boating Safety for Waterfowl Hunters
- Tree Stand Safety
- Turkey Hunting Safety
- Giardiasis
- Psittacosis
- Tularemia
- Ehrlichiosis
- Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever
- Poison Ivy, Poison Oak, or Poison Sumac

Proper Gun Safety

The Clinton County Health Department wants to remind you that with gun ownership comes great responsibility in preventing children and others from access to your guns.

Related Health Information For All Outdoor Sporting Activities

Below you will find other Clinton County Health Department web pages that have relevant information on areas for the outdoor sportsman.

- Lyme's Disease
 - West Nile Virus
 - Rabies
 - Ticks
 - Mosquitoes
 - Food Safety
 - Hand Washing
- Contact Us

To receive more information about outdoor sportsman health concerns and safety, call or visit us at:

Clinton County Health Department
Environmental Unit
135 Margaret Street
Plattsburgh, NY 12901
Tel: (518) 565-4870