

Atlantic Kayak Tours

Stockport Flats

Tour Description

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- Arrival Time:** 10:30 AM for an 11:00 start
- Meeting Place:** Stockport Creek at Stockport New York (see map other side).
- Distance:** 16-18 miles
- Skill Level:** This trip is designed for experienced paddlers with good endurance. Calm to moderate sea conditions expected, but if windy the river can be very choppy.
- Equipment:** Always dress for the water temperature, not the air temperature. Bring extra clothing. If you bring your own kayak it must be a minimum of 14 feet long and have bulkheads.
- Lunch:** Bring a lunch and plenty to drink for our rest stops.
- Note:** There are no restrooms at the put-in, so make a stop on the way. Fast food restaurants are located on Route 9, a few miles before the put-in.
- Directions:** From the western side of the Hudson River the New York Thruway to Catskill exit 21. The total distance from the Thruway to the meeting place is 16 miles and approximately 25 minutes. At the end of the exit ramp make a left. Go a half mile and make a left onto Route 23 east following the signs for the Rip Van Winkle Bridge. After crossing the bridge continue 2.7 miles and turn left onto Route 23B/9G north. Go 9 miles following signs for Route 9G north winding your way through the town of Hudson. You will come to a traffic light and will make a left turn onto Route 9 north (Route 23B continues straight). Follow the directions below.
- From the eastern side of the Hudson River: Take the Taconic Parkway to the Claverack/Hinsdale/Route 23 exit. Turn west onto Route 23 and follow signs to the town of Claverack (approximately 5 miles). In the town of Claverack follow signs for Route 23B and the town of Hudson. Follow the directions below.
- Continue on Route 9 north for approximately 5.5 miles at which you will cross a small bridge over the Stockport Creek (sign will say Columbiaville). Immediately after crossing turn left. Follow the creek for one mile down to the gravel lot at the end of the road.
- lat/lon:** N42.3092/W73.7718

Program Description

We launch from Stockport Creek, just north of the former whaling town of Hudson. This is our northernmost tour on the Hudson River. We have the opportunity to stop on many of the islands (Middle Ground Flats, Stockport Middle Ground, Cocksackie Island, Rattle Snake Island) that make this area unique. The extensive marshlands and undeveloped shoreline makes this area a kayaker's dream. The northern end of our trip takes us up Mill Creek into a marsh area managed by the Audubon Society. On our return trip, we can paddle other creeks that contribute to the beauty of this area.

