

Chemung Basin River Trail

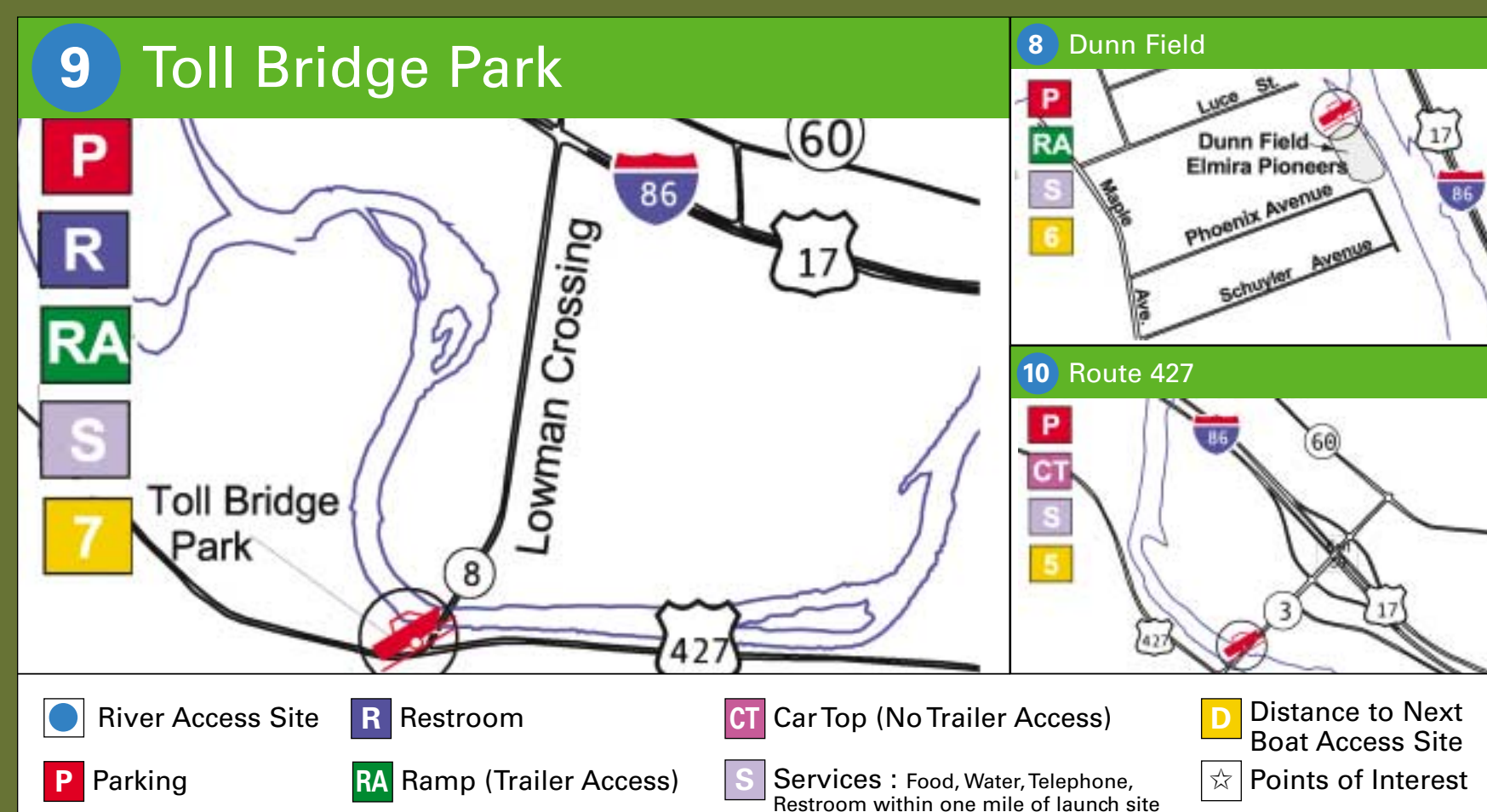


The Chemung Basin River Trail encompasses the Chemung, Tioga, Cohocton and Canisteo rivers. It provides a gateway to the Chesapeake Bay.

That means you can paddle all the way to the Atlantic Ocean from here! If you did, you'd be exploring the Chesapeake Bay Watershed, a 64,000-square-mile

ecosystem that's home to more than 15 million people, and has supported human life for 13,000 years.

Toll Bridge Park Access Site

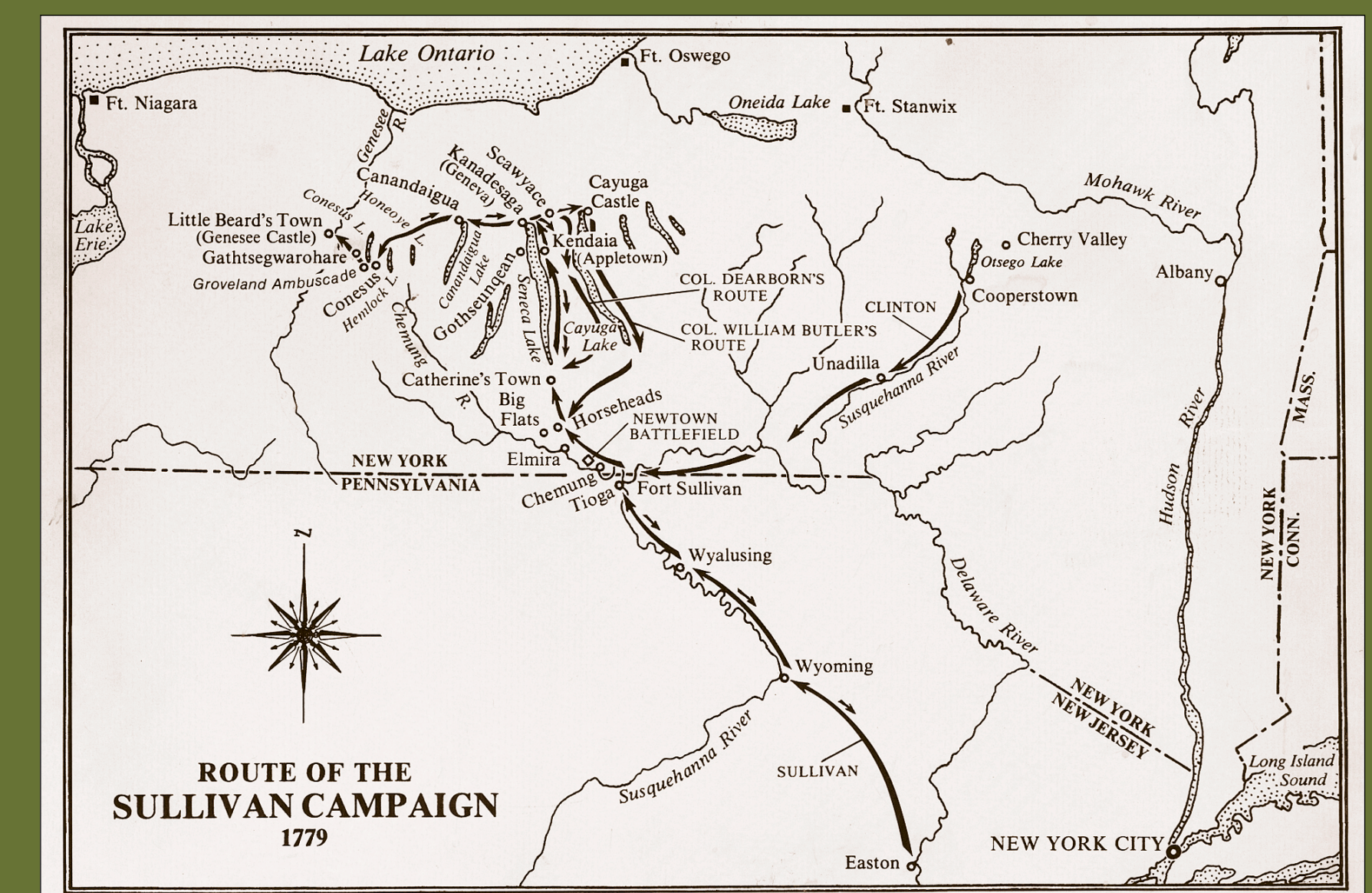


Riverways Supply Settlers

The Chemung and Susquehanna rivers provided access to supplies for Native American and colonial settlements in the mid-1700s.

In the spring of 1778, during the Revolutionary War, allied British and Native American forces heavily raided the thriving settlements. In an effort to destroy the food supply lines aiding British troops, General George Washington ordered Major General John Sullivan to "lay waste to all the [Native American] settlements around."

Sullivan's army of 3,500 men, coming from Easton, Pennsylvania, joined Brigadier General James Clinton's 1,600 men to wage the only battle of the campaign on August 29, 1779. The Sullivan-Clinton armies and the



Map showing the route of the Sullivan Campaign against the Iroquois in 1779. Published by the Chemung County Historical Society, 1979. Used with permission.

Native American and British forces clashed at Newtown.

After the battle, Sullivan's army continued northward around Seneca Lake, destroying 40 Native American villages and 160,000 acres of crops. Sullivan's Monument, just north of here on I-86, overlooks the Newtown battle site in the river valley below.

Boating Regulations

- One Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD) required per person.
- A device capable of making a sound that's audible for a half-mile (such as an athletic whistle) required per boat.
- Operating watercraft under the influence of alcohol or drugs is illegal.

Enjoy the River, Leave No Trace

- Use only official river access sites to enter the river.
- Few river access sites have restrooms; plan ahead to use nearby facilities. Do not dispose of human waste on site.
- Leave rocks, plants, trees and artifacts as you find them.
- Be courteous and respect the privacy of others.



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GATEWAYS NETWORK



Help keep our river clean. Use the bags located on this kiosk to carry out all of your waste.