

New York State Outdoor Guides Association Education and Standards Committee
Suggested Outline for NYS Guide Examinations General Exam – Required of All
Applicants

1. DEC Rules and Regulations
2. Trip Planning and Preparations
3. Camp sanitation and health
4. Land Navigation
5. Weather Knowledge
6. Survival
7. Safety
8. Winter Activities and Special Considerations

Suggested Outline for Small Craft Section of NYS Guide Exams

1. Personal Flotation Devices (life jackets)
2. Terms relating to small craft and their use
3. Entering and leaving craft
4. Capsize Procedure
5. Rescue of Others
6. Weather Precautions, Considerations, and Reactions
7. Motorboat Use (only small boats are considered here)
8. Cleanliness and Sanitation around small craft
9. Invasive species such as Zebra Mussels, Eurasian Milfoil, Etc.

Suggested Outline for Camping Section of NYS Guide Exams

Note: You will need this if you will be out with clients overnight, even if on a guided trip in another specialty.

1. DEC Rules and Regulations regarding overnight camping on State Land
2. Campcraft
3. Sanitary Concerns
4. Winter Considerations

Suggested Outline for Fishing Section of NYS Guide Exams

Note: The NYS Fishing Syllabus may be referred to during this exam. It is recommended that those taking it familiarize themselves with how to reference it to get specific answers to specific questions.

- 1. Rules and Regulations**
- 2. Fish Identification**
- 3. Fishing Tackle and Techniques**
- 4. Fish Behavior**
- 5. Fish and Trophy Care**
- 6. Fishing Safety**
- 7. Zebra Mussels and other invasive species**

Suggested Outline for Hiking Section of the NYS Guide Exams

Note: This certification is required for outings on foot, snowshoes, etc. However, it is **not** required if the activity falls under another guiding specialty such as camping, fishing, or hunting.

- 1. Planning**
- 2. Gear, Clothing, and Footwear**
- 3. Hiking Techniques and Procedures**
- 4. Weather Considerations**
- 5. DEC Rules and Regulations**
- 6. Horse Trail Regulations**
- 7. Winter Considerations, including Snowshoe Use**
- 8. Safety**

Suggested Outline for Hunting Section of NYS Guide Exams

Note: The use of the Small Game and Large Game syllabus of the New York State hunting regulations may be referred to during this exam. It is recommended that those taking it familiarize themselves with how to reference them to get answers to specific questions.

- 1. Rules and Regulations for Big and Small Game**
- 2. Firearms**
- 3. Hunting Safety**
- 4. Game Identification**
- 5. Meat and Trophy Care**

Suggested Information Sources

Licensed Guide Program: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/30969.html>

https://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/legal_protection_pdf/guidesregs.pdf

Environmental Regulations: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/regulations/regulations.html>

Lands and Forest Regulations: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/regs/2493.html>

Leave No Trace: <https://lnt.org/>

BSA (Boy Scouts of America) Field Book

Adirondack Mountain Club: <https://adk.org/>

NYS DEC Hunting Syllabus: https://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/wildlife_pdf/huntguide.pdf

NYS DEC Fishing Syllabus: https://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/fish_marine_pdf/fishguide.pdf

NYS DEC Camping Guide: https://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/permits_ej_operations_pdf/2021guidefull.pdf

NYS Boating Guide: https://www.nxtbook.com/nxtbooks/nysparks/ny_boatersguide_21/