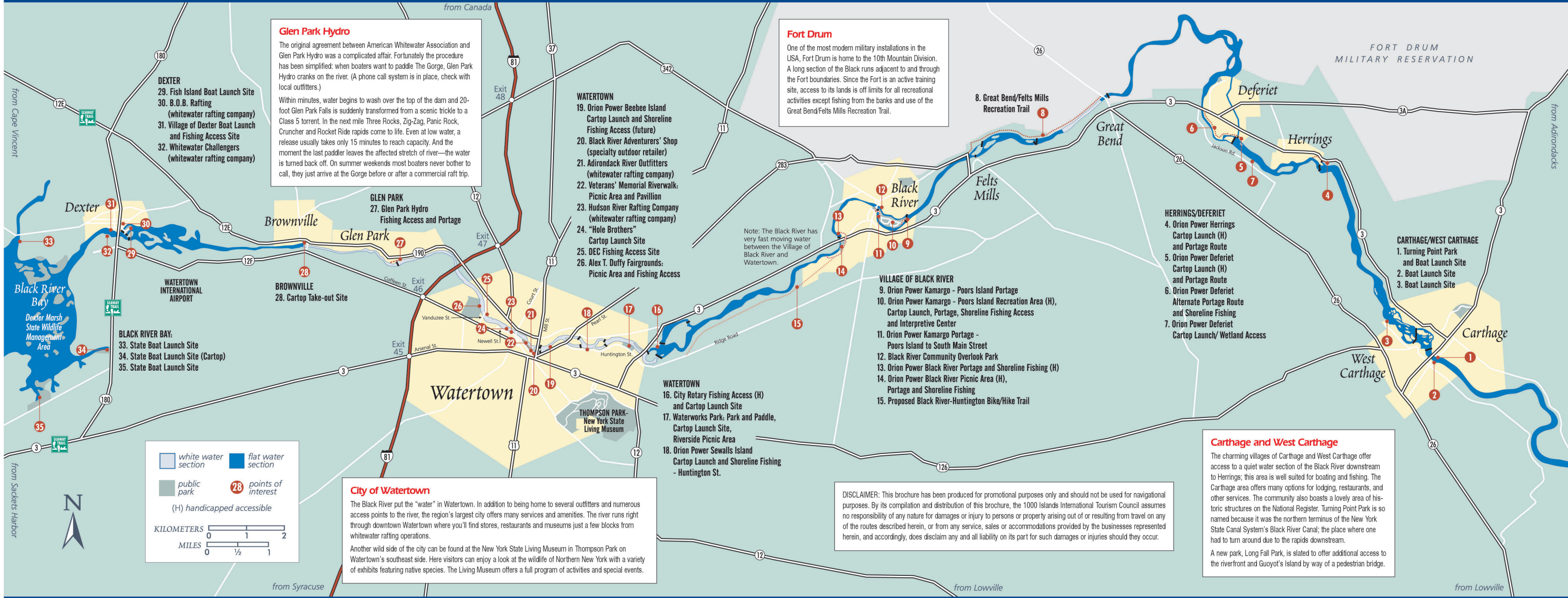


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Glen Park Hydro

The original agreement between American Whitewater Association and Glen Park Hydro was a complicated affair. Fortunately the procedure has been simplified: when boaters want to paddle The Gorge, Glen Park Hydro cranks on the river. (A phone call system is in place, check with local outfitters.)

Within minutes, water begins to wash over the top of the dam and 20-foot Glen Park Falls is suddenly transformed from a scenic trickle to a Class 5 torrent. In the next mile Three Rocks, Zig-Zag, Panic Rock, Cruncher and Rocket Ride rapids come to life. Even at low water, a release usually takes only 15 minutes to reach capacity. And the moment the last paddler leaves the affected stretch of river—the water is turned back off. On summer weekends most boaters never bother to call, they just arrive at the Gorge before or after a commercial raft trip.

Fort Drum

One of the most modern military installations in the USA, Fort Drum is home to the 10th Mountain Division. A long section of the Black runs adjacent to and through the Fort boundaries. Since the Fort is an active training site, access to its lands is off limits for all recreational activities except fishing from the banks and use of the Great Bend/Felts Mills Recreation Trail.

DEXTER

- 29. Fish Island Boat Launch Site
- 30. B.O.B. Rafting (whitewater rafting company)
- 31. Village of Dexter Boat Launch and Fishing Access Site
- 32. Whitewater Challengers (whitewater rafting company)

BLACK RIVER BAY:

- 33. State Boat Launch Site
- 34. State Boat Launch Site (Cartop)
- 35. State Boat Launch Site

white water section
 flat water section

public park
 28 points of interest

(H) handicapped accessible

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2

MILES
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City of Watertown

The Black River put the "water" in Watertown. In addition to being home to several outfitters and numerous access points to the river, the region's largest city offers many services and amenities. The river runs right through downtown Watertown where you'll find stores, restaurants and museums just a few blocks from whitewater rafting operations.

Another wild side of the city can be found at the New York State Living Museum in Thompson Park on Watertown's southeast side. Here visitors can enjoy a look at the wildlife of Northern New York with a variety of exhibits featuring native species. The Living Museum offers a full program of activities and special events.

WATERTOWN

- 19. Orion Power Beebee Island Cartop Launch and Shoreline Fishing Access (future)
- 20. Black River Adventurers' Shop (specialty outdoor retailer)
- 21. Adirondack River Outfitters (whitewater rafting company)
- 22. Veterans' Memorial Riverwalk: Picnic Area and Pavilion
- 23. Hudson River Rafting Company (whitewater rafting company)
- 24. "Hole Brothers" Cartop Launch Site
- 25. DEC Fishing Access Site
- 26. Alex T. Duffy Fairgrounds: Picnic Area and Fishing Access

WATERTOWN

- 16. City Rotary Fishing Access (H) and Cartop Launch Site
- 17. Waterworks Park: Park and Paddle, Cartop Launch Site, Riverside Picnic Area
- 18. Orion Power Sewalls Island Cartop Launch and Shoreline Fishing - Huntington St.

VILLAGE OF BLACK RIVER

- 9. Orion Power Kamargo - Poors Island Portage
- 10. Orion Power Kamargo - Poors Island Recreation Area (H), Cartop Launch, Portage, Shoreline Fishing Access and Interpretive Center
- 11. Orion Power Kamargo Portage - Poors Island to South Main Street
- 12. Black River Community Overlook Park
- 13. Orion Power Black River Portage and Shoreline Fishing (H)
- 14. Orion Power Black River Picnic Area (H), Portage and Shoreline Fishing
- 15. Proposed Black River-Huntington Bike/Hike Trail

HERRINGS/DEFERIET

- 4. Orion Power Herrings Cartop Launch (H) and Portage Route
- 5. Orion Power Deferiet Cartop Launch (H) and Portage Route
- 6. Orion Power Deferiet Alternate Portage Route and Shoreline Fishing
- 7. Orion Power Deferiet Cartop Launch/ Wetland Access

CARTHAGE/WEST CARTHAGE

- 1. Turning Point Park and Boat Launch Site
- 2. Boat Launch Site
- 3. Boat Launch Site

Carthage and West Carthage

The charming villages of Carthage and West Carthage offer access to a quiet water section of the Black River downstream to Herrings; this area is well suited for boating and fishing. The Carthage area offers many options for lodging, restaurants, and other services. The community also boasts a lovely area of historic structures on the National Register. Turning Point Park is so named because it was the northern terminus of the New York State Canal System's Black River Canal; the place where one had to turn around due to the rapids downstream.

A new park, Long Fall Park, is slated to offer additional access to the riverfront and Guoyot's Island by way of a pedestrian bridge.

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