

# Stony Point

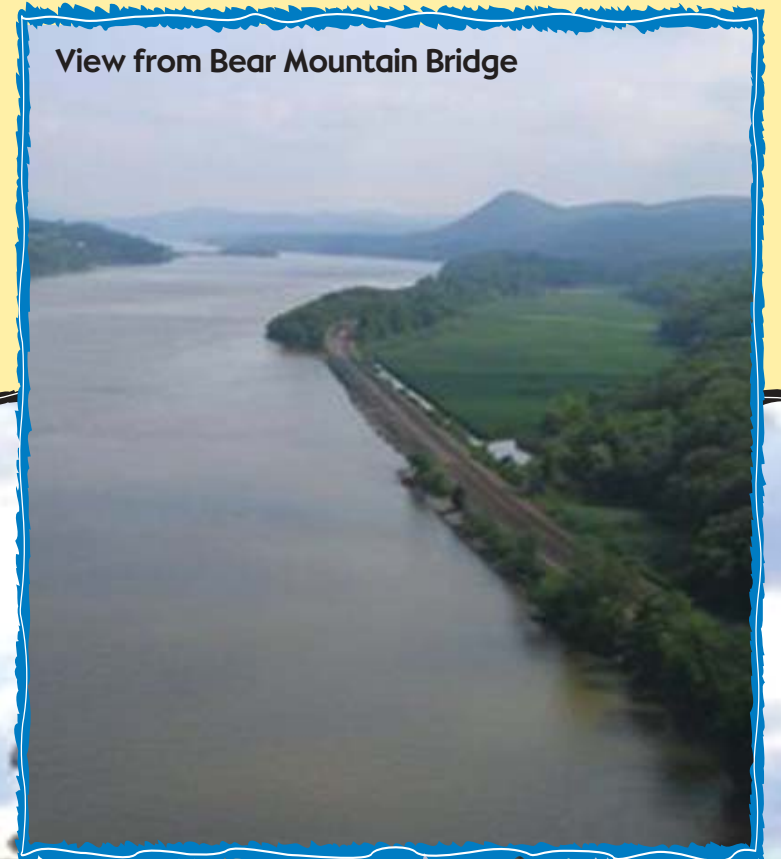
The lower half of the 315 mile long Hudson River is an Estuary, where freshwater run off from land mixes with salty sea water pushed upriver by ocean tides.

The Stony Point peninsula marks the beginning of the river's narrowing through the Hudson River Highlands. Ice age glaciers carved the Hudson River's course through the area, the result being the magnificent steep slopes you'll see boating through the highlands and plummeting river depths, the deepest point in the entire river is over 200 feet near West Point.

The highlands were key strategic points during the American Revolutionary War. The British sought to control the Hudson, a valuable trade route linking the colonies. The topography provided ideal strategic points for the continental army to defend against the British invasion.

Stony Point is home to the Stony Point Battlefield State Historic Site where General Anthony Wayne fought the British in one of the last major battles of the north in 1779. The State Historic Site is also home to the Stony Point Lighthouse, one of 8 historic lighthouses remaining on the river. The battlefield and lighthouse are open to the public.

View from Bear Mountain Bridge



Built in 1846, the Stony Point Lighthouse is the oldest lighthouse on the Hudson River. Located high on the site, the lighthouse offers extraordinary views of the Hudson.

