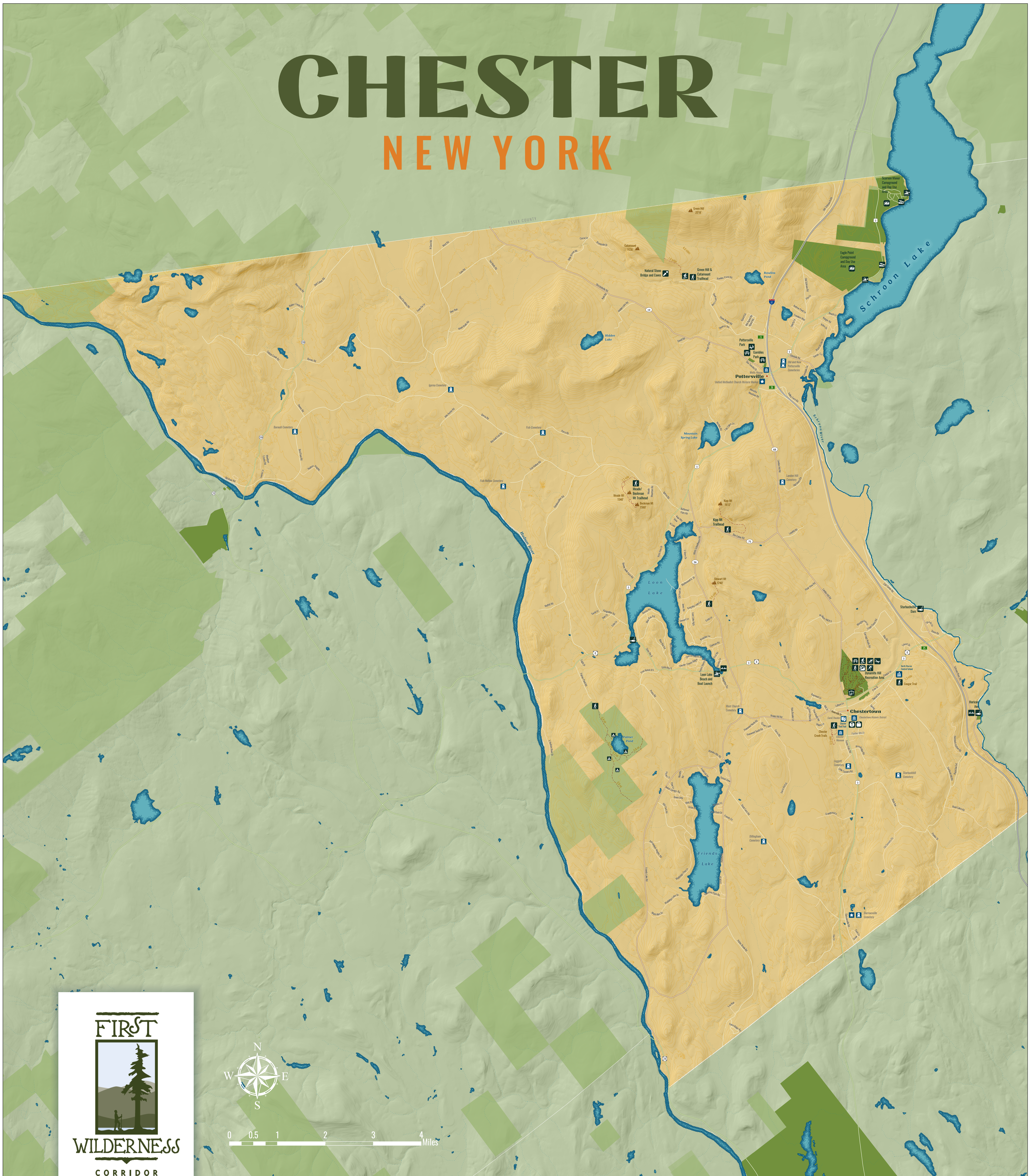


CHESTER

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LEGEND

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| arts & theater | canoe/kayak launch | summit |
| cemetery | shopping/dining | hamlet |
| historic marker | fishing | trail |
| museum | golf | river or stream |
| National Register site | hiking | lake or pond |
| school | park/picnic area | park |
| amusement | downhill skiing | State land |
| beach | visitors center | town boundary |
| bike | xc-skiing | Adirondack Northway |
| mountain bike | skating | state or federal highway |
| boat launch | sledding | county highway |
| campground | playground | local road |
| primitive campsite | snowshoe | |

In March 1799, the Town of Chester was set off from the Town of Thurman. When the area was open for settlement, many land grants were given to the soldiers who fought in the American Revolution. By the 1830s several hamlets were established, including, Cheertown, Pottersville, Darrowsville, Starbuckville, Landon Hill, Igerna, and Riverside. The early economy focused on farming, logging, and tanning. From the late 1700s, Natural Stone Bridge and Caves was a focal point in Pottersville and continues a tourist attraction today. Tourism was important early in the town's history and prompted many resorts, tourist homes, hotels, and boarding houses, and it remains viable in today's economy.

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