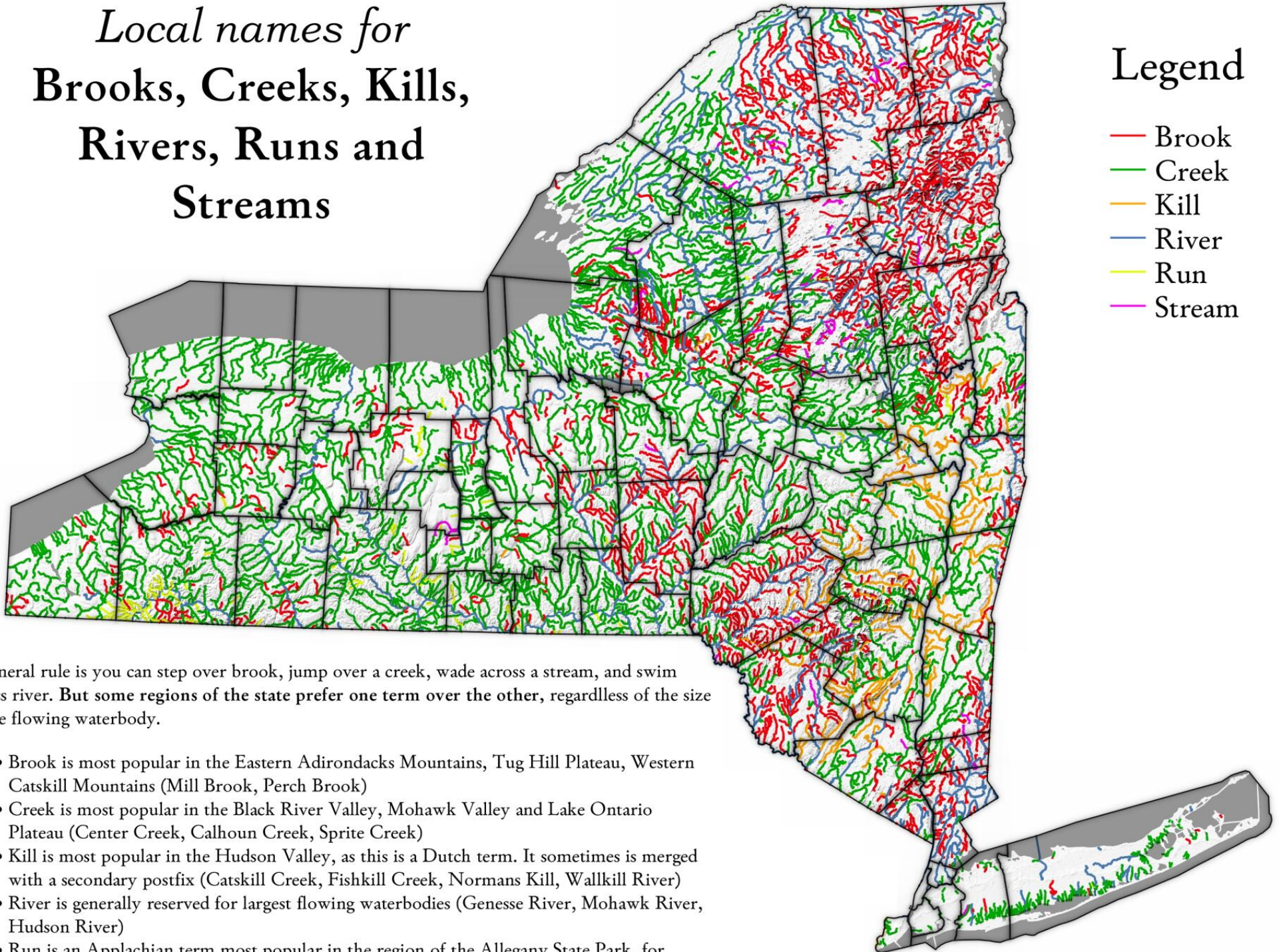


Local names for Brooks, Creeks, Kills, Rivers, Runs and Streams



A general rule is you can step over brook, jump over a creek, wade across a stream, and swim across river. **But** some regions of the state prefer one term over the other, regardless of the size of the flowing waterbody.

- Brook is most popular in the Eastern Adirondacks Mountains, Tug Hill Plateau, Western Catskill Mountains (Mill Brook, Perch Brook)
- Creek is most popular in the Black River Valley, Mohawk Valley and Lake Ontario Plateau (Center Creek, Calhoun Creek, Sprite Creek)
- Kill is most popular in the Hudson Valley, as this is a Dutch term. It sometimes is merged with a secondary postfix (Catskill Creek, Fishkill Creek, Normans Kill, Wallkill River)
- River is generally reserved for largest flowing waterbodies (Genesee River, Mohawk River, Hudson River)
- Run is an Appalachian term most popular in the region of the Allegheny State Park, for water that flows into the Allegheny River (Bucktooth Run, State Line Run).