

Guidebook: Hudson Valley History

UPPER HUDSON

FASNY Museum of Firefighting

<http://www.fasnyfiremuseum.com/>

117 Harry Howard Ave

Hudson, NY 12534

Hours: open 7 days a week from 9AM till 4:30PM. Closed on major holidays

Notes: Parking and admission free. Tours given upon request. Large groups are welcome but call ahead if possible. Gift shop on site.

Phone: (877) 347-3687

Historical Description:

At the 51st State Firemen's Convention held in Hudson in 1923, a resolution signed by the presidents and secretaries of both the Volunteer Firemen's Association and the Exempt Firemen's Association of the City of New York said that if the State Association of the Firemen's Home would authorize the erection of a suitable building for a museum, equipment for exhibits would be provided. So, amid much anticipation, the Museum was built with a center hall 49 feet long with two adjoining wings 24 feet long, amounting to 2600 square feet of museum space. The Museum was dedicated on Memorial Day in 1926.

The Site:

Among the museums collection of fire apparatus is a 1725 Newsham fire engine. Ordered by New York City in 1731 it is the first successful and oldest authenticated fire engine in New York State. The museum features a collection of memorabilia, including lithographs, banners, paintings, trophies, clocks, shields, patches, models, photos and much more. The museum also contains several pieces of fire gear, including helmets, badges, lanterns, boots and clothing. Finally, the collection of fire equipment offers a glimpse into the history of buckets, torches, axes, extinguishers, trumpets, hooks, ladders and other equipment.

Directions:

From I87, exit 21: Turn left on CR-23B followed by another left on RT 23 East. Bear left onto RT 23B followed by a left onto Warren St.

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Grant Cottage State Historic Site

P.O. Box 2294
Wilton, NY 12831

Hours: 10-4 Wed-Sun from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend, Open Memorial Day and Labor Day. 10-4 Sat-Sun to Columbus Day.

Phone: 518-587-8277

Historical Description:

It was in Joseph W. Drexel's Adirondack cottage that General Ulysses S. Grant died of throat cancer on July 23, 1885. President Grant arrived at the cottage on June 16, 1885, with a large entourage of family, friends, servants, and physicians in order to complete his memoirs. He died just four days after his final proofreading.

The Site:

Today, the cottage and its furnishings resemble those that surrounded Grant in 1885. Guests to the cottage may visit the spacious porch, tour the cottage's four rooms, and view floral arrangements that remain from Grant's funeral.

Directions:

The cottage is located on the summit of Mt. McGregor, within the grounds of the Mt. McGregor Correctional Facility. All visitors must stop at the access point and check in. The driver must present a valid driver's license. Call for further directions.

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Petrified Sea Gardens, Inc

<http://www.petrifiedseagardens.org/main.htm>

P.O. Box 5076

Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Hours: June: Thursday through Monday 11 AM to 5 PM (Closed Tuesday & Wednesday)

July & August: Daily (open 4th of July) 11 AM to 5 PM

September to mid-October (through Oct. 15th): Thursday through Monday (open Labor Day/Columbus Day) 11 AM to 5 PM (Closed Tuesday & Wednesday)

Late October: Saturday and Sunday only (starting after Oct. 15th) 11 AM to 5 PM (11 AM to 4 PM, starting weekend daylight saving time ends)

Notes: info@petrifiedseagardens.org

Phone: 518-691-0150

Historical Description:

On the site of a small farm, the fossil outcropping was discovered in the early 1920s when a cow fell into one of the erosional crevices in the reef. When the cow was being retrieved, the shallow soil gave way to reveal the fossil layer. Robert R. Ritchie, the founder of Petrified Sea Gardens, was an amateur geologist and recognized the importance of the fossils. A close neighbor to the Ritchie property, New York State owned Lester Park is the area where stromatolite fossils were first identified in this country.

Ritchie kept many people busy during the depression; W.P.A and C.C.C. groups carefully removed the soil to uncover the fossil reef and the park became a destination in the early days of automobile tourism.

After Ritchie's death in the early 1960s, his family continued to run the park until 1979, when the property was sold to D. A. Collins Construction Co., owners of the adjacent Pallette Stone Company. The Collins Company ran the park for about 10 years and then decided to close it down. After a short time, Collins very graciously allowed a not-for-profit group, Friends of Petrified Sea Gardens, Inc., to resume operations. Petrified Sea Gardens became a National Natural Landmark in 1967. In 1999, based on the work of Dr. Winifred Goldring, an eminent New York State geologist and the first person to do exhaustive work on these stromatolites, the park also became a National Historic Landmark.

The Site:

The Petrified Sea Gardens is a beautiful outdoor park that is home to almost an acre of exposed Stromatolite fossils approximately 500-million-years old. The huge slab of fossils were once part of an ocean-reef existing when the area that is now Saratoga Springs was in the southern hemisphere at the edge of a warm tropical sea, (the continent straddled the equator) and life was yet to bloom on land. The trail also passes a series of glacial erratics--"standing stones" huge interesting rock formations from the last ice-age.

Other points of interest along the trail are: a labyrinth, a Native-American Medicine Wheel, a sundial garden, fossil rock-gardens, and a huge 300-year-old white pine tree. There is a store on site that specializes in affordable rocks, fossils, and minerals. Picnickers are always welcome

Directions:

Petrified Sea Gardens is located in the City of Saratoga Springs, NY, roughly 30 miles north of Albany. We are about 3 miles west of downtown

From The South:

Take Interstate 87, the "Northway" to exit 13N. This takes you north on Rt. 9. Proceed 3 1/2 miles on Rt. 9

into downtown Saratoga Springs. After passing Congress Park, turn LEFT at the light onto Rt. 29 (by the Rip Van Dam Hotel / Starbuck's Coffee shop). Travel 3 miles on Rt. 29. Turn RIGHT at the traffic light on Petrified Sea Gardens Rd. We're approximately 1/2 mile up the road on the right.

From The North

Take Interstate 87, the "Northway" to exit 15. Follow the sign toward downtown Saratoga Springs. Turn LEFT onto Broadway (by the Sheraton Hotel). Travel several blocks on Broadway. Turn RIGHT at the light onto Rt. 29 (by the Rip Van Dam Hotel / Starbuck's Coffee shop). Travel 3 miles on Rt. 29. Turn RIGHT at the traffic light onto Petrified Sea Gardens Rd. We're approximately 1/2 mile up the road on the right.

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The Children's Museum at Saratoga

<http://www.childrensmuseumatsaratoga.org/>

69 Caroline Street

Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Hours: Summer Hours (July 1 through Labor Day):

Monday through Saturday. . . 9:30a.m. - 4:30p.m. Closed Sunday

Winter Hours (Labor Day through June):

Tuesday through Saturday. . . 9:30a.m. - 4:30p.m. Sunday. . . 12 noon - 4:30p.m.

Closed Monday and most major holidays

Notes: info@cmssny.org

Phone: 518-584-5540

Fax: 518-584-6059

Historical Description:

Founded in 1990 by community parents and educators, the Children's Museum occupied donated space in the Downstreet Marketplace building on Broadway in Saratoga Springs. In the fall of 1994 the Museum moved to 36 Phila Street. In November 2001 the Museum moved from the Phila Street location to 69 Caroline Street. To pay for all the new exhibits and renovations at Caroline Street, the Board launched a multi-year capital campaign, raising more than \$500,000.

The Site:

The Children's Museum at Saratoga hosts various exhibits and programs geared to educate and interest children. For the specific exhibits and programs going on please visit the website.

Directions:

From I-87, Exit 13N

Follow Route 9 north for about four miles. You will pass Congress Park on your right. The third street after the park is Caroline Street. Turn right onto Caroline Street and go down slightly more than two blocks. The Museum is the first brick building on the left, just beyond the Caroline/Henry Street intersection. Parking is in the lot next to the Museum.

From I-87, Exit 15

Follow Rt. 50 south into downtown Saratoga Springs Bear left onto Broadway at the Sheraton Hotel. The third left after the Sheraton Hotel is Caroline Street. Turn left onto Caroline Street and go down slightly more than two blocks. The Museum is the first brick building on the left, just beyond the Caroline/Henry Street intersection. Parking is in the lot next to the Museum.

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The Saratoga Springs History Museum: The Canfield Casino

<http://www.saratogahistory.org/history/index.html>

Congress Park
P.O. Box 216
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Hours: June-September Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
October - May Wednesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday 1 p.m.-4 p.m.
Closed January

Phone: (518) 584-6920

Historical Description:

The Casino was built in 1870 by John Morrissey, a retired prize fighter and politician raised in Troy. Morrissey's Club House (as it was then known) quickly became a popular but exclusive gaming establishment—neither women nor locals were permitted in the gambling rooms. After Morrissey's death in 1878, the building was owned by Charles Reed and Albert Spencer and became known as the Saratoga Club-House. In 1894 it was bought by Richard Canfield, who in 1895 added the Tiffany window in the west wall of the first floor. In 1902 Canfield bought up much of the property to the north and east of the building to create the Italian Gardens, and in 1903 he built on the magnificent dining room that features stained-glass signs of the zodiac in a vaulted ceiling. In 1911, the City opened it up as a place for drinking spring water, playing games (no gambling), smoking, and reading. In the next couple of decades, many large tea parties were held here, and the City currently rents out the Casino for weddings and other big events.

The Site:

The building holds the Beatrice S. Sweeny Manuscript Archive, which is a major repository in Saratoga Springs for business and personal papers and ephemera relating to the grand hotels, spas, casinos and lake houses, and businesses. It holds the papers of Reuben Hyde Walworth, last Chancellor of the State of New York; Ellen Hardin Walworth, one of the founders of the Daughters of the American Revolution; Frank Sullivan, humorist who for years wrote for The New Yorker; the records of many local businesses, including ledger books from the Delaware & Hudson Canal Company Railroad and the Labrake Tombstone Company; and many letters written by Saratogians serving in the Civil War. The building also contains the Bolster Photographic Archive. For further information please call or visit the website.

Directions:

From the New York State Thruway (I-87)

• On I-87 get off at exit #15 towards Gansevoort/Saratoga Springs • Turn Left on Rt-50 • Turn Right on Rock St. • Turn Right onto N. Broadway.

The Historical Society of Saratoga Springs is located in Congress Park off Broadway (Rt. 9) in downtown Saratoga Springs. For further directions call or go to website

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The National Museum of Dance & Hall of Fame

<http://www.dancemuseum.org/>

99 South Broadway
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Hours: Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Notes: E-mail: info@dancemuseum.org

Phone: :(518) 584-2225

Fax: :(518) 584-4515

Historical Description: The National Museum of Dance & Hall of Fame was established in 1986 and is the only museum in the nation dedicated to American professional dance. It is located in the former Washington Bath House -- a spacious, airy 1918 Arts and Crafts-style building --in the Saratoga Spa State Park

The Site: The Museum houses a growing collection of photographs, videos, artifacts, costumes, biographies and archives comprising a contemporary and retrospective examination of seminal contributions to dance. The Museum's only permanent exhibition is the Hall of Fame. In 1987, the Museum recognized Fred Astaire, George Balanchine, Katherine Dunham, Martha Graham, Doris Humphrey, Lincoln Kirstein and Bill 'Bojangles' Robinson, among others, as founders and innovators of American professional dance. To date more than 30 dancers, choreographers, teachers, designers, critics and patrons have been recognized for their influence on our dance heritage

Directions: From Metropolitan New York, New Jersey and Westchester:

Take NY Thruway to Exit 24 at Albany, and then the I-87 Northway to exit 13N. Follow Rte 9 North about 4 miles. The Museum is located just past the Saratoga Spa State Park & Lincoln Bath House on the left.

From Western New York:

• From the NY Thruway (I-87) • Take I-87 to exit 28 at Fultonville, • Johnstown • Rte. 29 to Saratoga Springs; • Or I-87 to exit 27 at Amsterdam • Rte. 67 East to Ballston Spa to • Rte. 50 North to • Saratoga Springs.

For further directions please visit the website or call

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The Nellie Tyrrell Museum

<http://www.edinburg-hist-soc.org/index.html>

Edinburg Historical Society

PO Box 801

Edinburg, NY 12134



The Nellie Tyrrell Museum

Hours: Call for current hours of operation

Phone: Edinburg Town Hall (518) 863-2034

Historical Description:

The Nellie Tyrrell Museum was originally the Beecher Hollow School. This one-room school was built in 1860 on property once part of the Walter Vaughn Farm. It replaced an earlier log school that was located just above the present Copeland Bridge. The building served as a school until 1930 when it became the Town Hall. In 1975 it opened as the Edinburgh Town Museum and was renamed the Nellie Tyrrell Museum in 1979.

The Site:

The 1200 square foot Nellie Tyrrell Museum holds archival documents, such as photographs, maps, drawings, books, articles, pictures, paintings, and public and personal records. In addition, exhibits include "An Early Schoolroom," "Life in Batchellerville," "Women's Work," "Military Contributions," and "Leather & Tanning."

Directions:

Take Rt.30 to Northville, turn over bridge onto Bridge Street and at intersection with Main Street, turn right, cross spillway, travel up hill to intersection, take a right (Cty. Rd.113) and follow for ~3 mi. to Edinburg 4 Corners. Turn left at Fuller's Corner Store onto Cty Rt. 4. The Nellie Tyrrell Museum is 100 yards farther on the right

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The Parks-Bentley Place

<http://www.sgfalssd.org/CONTENT/museum/>

P.O. Box 1187

South Glens Falls, NY 12803



The Parks-Bentley Place

Hours: Open to public on Thursdays from 1PM to 4PM and by appointment

Phone: (518)-745-7741

Historical Description:

Daniel Parks, Jr.

Daniel Moved his family to a log cabin (where the Parks-Bentley Place is currently) in 1773. A French and Indian War veteran, Daniel was a member of the earliest settling family in the Town of Moreau. His father Lt. Daniel Parke, Sr. settled at Wings Falls on the south side of the Hudson River in 1766. The Village of South Glens Falls was first known as Parks Mills until after the Revolution. By establishing a ferry, sawmill, gristmill, and brickyard, the Parks family contributed a great deal to the early history of South Glens Falls.

Cornelius Bentley

Known as a man of considerable means, Cornelius and his family occupied this site from the late 1800's through the early 1900's. He was especially proud of his fish ponds. Harriet A. Bentley, Cornelius's daughter, a noted military historian and an artist, published the Military Road from Fort Edward to Lake George. She also lived in South Glens Falls until her death in 1930. A son, John A. Bentley, became a famous lawyer and made Commissioner of Pensions in Washington, D.C. He served as Commissioner during the presidencies of Ulysses S. Grant and Rutherford B. Hayes.

The Site:

The Parks-Bentley Place features a Keeping Room, recently refurbished with a bee hive fireplace, an assumed Underground Railroad hiding place for escaping slaves, a unique library and a photo room that contains local school memorabilia.

Directions:

From NYS Thruway (I-87):

• Exit I-87 at exit #17/ US-9 North • Take US-9 towards Saratoga Ave • 46 Saratoga Ave. will be on the left

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The Rural Museum

<http://www.edinburg-hist-soc.org/museums.html>

Edinburg Historical Society

PO Box 8

Edinburg, NY 12134



The Rural Museum

Hours: Call for current hours of operation

Phone: Edinburg Town Hall (518)

Historical Description:

The Rural Museum, a 3500 square foot rustic barn-type structure, is located just up the hill from the Nellie Tyrrell Museum. The building had been the former Town highway barn until 1975. The Town leased the building to the Society in 1992, and it was renamed the Rural Museum

The Site:

The Rural Museum, has been housing permanent exhibits ever since. Over the years the exhibits included "Early Logging", and "Maple Sugaring"; in the spring of 2001, the "Victorian Parlor", "Country Kitchen", and "Woodworking" exhibits were updated and improved and a working "Up and Down Sawmill" exhibit was installed. The "Threads, Fiber and Fabric" exhibit centers around a working loom for visitors and students to work on.

Directions:

Take Rt.30 to Northville, turn over bridge onto Bridge Street and at intersection with Main Street, turn right, cross spillway, travel up hill to intersection, take a right (Cty. Rd.113) and follow for ~3 mi. to Edinburg 4 Corners. Turn left at Fuller's Corner Store onto Cty Rt. 4. The Rural Museum is just past the Fire House on the left

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Albany Heritage Area Visitors Center

<http://www.albany.org/pages/visitorscenter/visitorscenter.asp?hd=Albany%20Heritage%20Area%20Visitors%20Center>

25 Quackenbush Square

Albany, NY 12207



Visitor Center

Hours: Call for hours.

Phone: (518) 434-1217 or 1-800-258-3582

Fax: (518) 434-0887

Historical Description:

Henry Hudson discovered Albany while attempting to find a shorter route to the East in 1609. Following his discovery, Dutch merchants settled in Albany to acquire and export goods that were found in the region, including furs and timber. The area grew until it became the central gateway to the Northeast Passage. Coincidentally the area, in which Hudson found the navigable rivers end and the point where the Erie Canal begins, is the same area where the most industrialization of the region happened. The area has preserved much of the architecture from the 19th and early 20th century.

The Site:

The visitors center provides detailed information about the historical significance of the area and impact that it has made on the Hudson Valley. The present-day Albany Heritage Area Visitors Center is in historic Quackenbush Square. This center is designed to be the starting point of any tour of discovery around historic Albany. The Quackenbush House is located directly next to the Visitors Center. It was built in 1736, and remains the oldest Dutch building in the city today. The most impressive example of the city's architecture can be seen at the state Capitol, which resides atop one of the seven hills that define the city. The Capitol, with its grand staircases, legislative chambers and breathtaking exterior, is the historic centerpiece of New York State.

Directions:

From East: I-90 westbound (via Massachusetts Turnpike and NYS Thruway Extension)

From North: I-87 southbound (via Adirondack Northway)

From West: I-90 eastbound (via NYS Thruway Exit 24 or 23)

From South: I-87 northbound (via NYS Thruway Exit 23 or 24)

NOTE: I-87 travels north and south; I-90 travels east and west.

As such, I-87 is the NYS Thruway south of Albany and becomes the Adirondack Northway north of Exit 24. The NYS Thruway is I-90 west of Exit 24.

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New York State Museum

<http://www.nysm.nysed.gov/>

New York State Museum, Rm 3023

Cultural Education Center

Albany, NY 12230

Hours: Open daily from 9:30am to 5:00 pm

Carousel Hours

Open Daily: 10am-4:30 pm

Admission:

The NYS Museum is free. Donations are accepted at the door. The

Carousel is free. Donations are accepted

Phone: 518-474-5877

Historical Description:

The New York State Museum was established in 1836 as the State Geological and Natural History Survey. Over the years, the museum developed into a prominent research and educational institution that both preserves New York's history and educates the public about New York's legacy. The collection focuses on geology, biology, anthropology, and history.

The Site:

The New York State Museum is a major research and educational institution. The Museum offers approximately 12 new exhibitions each year on a wide range of subjects. These subjects include Preserving Family History: The Heritage of an Albany County Family and Miracles: New York's Greatest Sports Moments. There are also 14 long term exhibitions that include topics such as The World Trade Center: Rescue Recovery Response and The Governor's Collection of Contemporary Native American Crafts. The Museum offers a variety of subjects to provide the public with a wealth of information.

Directions:

From Thruway Exit 24, take I-90 toward Albany and exit onto I-787 South.

Take I-787 to the Empire State Plaza exit.

From Thruway Exit 23, take I-787 north to the Empire State Plaza exit.

For more Detailed Directions: http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/locpar_ce.htm

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Pruyn House

<http://www.colonie.com/pruyn/>
Town of Colonie Cultural Center
207 Old Niskayuna Road, P.O. Box 212
Newtonville, NY 12128

Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Weekend Hours: Special events and tours by appointment

Notes: E-Mail: pruynhouse@colonie.org

Phone: 518-783-1435

Fax: 518-783-1437

Historical Description: Casparus Francis Pruyn had a house built in 1830 as a country estate for his rapidly expanding family. Pruyn was a sixth generation of the family to reside in America. Ann Hewson, Casparus Francis Pruyn's wife had several children. One of their sons, Robert Hewson Pruyn, was educated at Albany Academy, Rutgers College, and studies Law. Robert later founded Albany Law School with a group of investors and close colleagues. In the mid 1800's, Robert was chosen to serve as an envoy to Japan, appointed by President Lincoln.

Robert Dunbar, Casparus's uncle, was an employee of the VanRensselaer Manor and probably gave Casparus the property as no deed is apparent until it was sold in 1848, two years after his death. In 1848 the property of 114 acres sold for \$3,800 to Alfred Mayell. Subsequently the property was resold many times thereafter.

In 1893, the property was purchased from an Albany County land auction by John H. Henkes, Jr. and wife, Carrie who had lived on an adjoining farm. Their son, William, their two daughters Catherine and Mary, and later their husbands, Henry S. Bailey and Lloyd Haswell, used the then forty acre parcel as a working farm.

The Site: The property has preserved much of the historical elements that once made it a robust working farm. The family's maintained a truck garden and raised prize horses and cattle. The outbuildings consisted of barns, a carriage house, stables, smokehouse, well-house, a combined storage and outhouse, a potting shed and a greenhouse where they started the summer crops. The Stables and barn were destroyed by fire damage in the early part of the century and the summer kitchen was removed to make way for a circular driveway. Few other structural changes have been made to the property. The original brick work, roof, plumbing, heating, windows, floors, some woodwork, and a kitchenette have been refurnished to preserve the main elements of the house.

Directions: Northway I87 Exit #5

From the North, left on Rt. 155

From the South, right on Rt. 155

Turn onto Old Niskayuna Road

Pruyn House Cultural Center is 1/2 mile on the left

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Watervliet Arsenal
<http://www.wva.army.mil/>
SMC WV-1N-M BLDG 38
Watervliet Arsenal
Watervliet, NY 12189

Hours: Sunday - Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Friday & Saturday Closed

Phone: (518) 266-5805

Historical Description:

Watervliet Arsenal is the nation's oldest manufacturing arsenal. It was founded in 1813 to support the military efforts of the war of 1812. During the late 1880s the arsenal became America's cannon factory and remains America's sole manufacturing facility for large volumes of caliber cannon. The Arsenal now houses a museum as well as a manufacturing plant. The museum itself tells the story of the Watervliet Arsenal as well as explores the history of big guns and America.

The Site:

The Museum itself houses many one-of-a-kind guns collected over the past 400 years. In addition there are many new artillery weapons on display. The museum contains everything from 16th and 17th century cannons to the massive 16-inch guns of World War II battleship fame. The facility also houses a thorough library and research center containing thousand of historical publications, photographs, and other military history sources.

Directions:

From I87

- I-87 (Northway) to Exit 7 towards Troy (Rt. 7).
- Route 7 to I-787 South towards Albany.
- I-787 South to first exit which is marked 23rd Street exit (Watervliet).
- At exit ramp turn right, then immediately enter the left turn lane. At stop light turn left (Broadway).
- The main gate for the arsenal is approximately 1¼ miles on the right, after the light on Broadway.
- Please Note: You will go right past the Main Gate. This is closed due to security conditions.

One more right turn and you are at the South Gate (the only gate now open). Stop and register with the guards.

For more directions please see their website

<http://www.wva.army.mil/DIRECT.HTM>

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The Snyder Estate

<http://www.centuryhouse.org/index.html>

The Century House Historical Society

668 Route 213, P.O. Box 150

Rosendale, NY 12472-0150



The Snyder Estate

Hours: May through October on Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday, from 1pm - 4pm (or by appointment).

Notes: E-mail: mail@centuryhouse.org

Phone: 845-658-9900

Historical Description:

The Snyder Estate began in the early 1800s as a family farm. The Century House, former residence of Andrew J. Snyder, still remains on the estate. With the local discovery of natural cement, the site experienced substantial industrial growth until the 1970s. In 1992 the Snyder Estate Natural Cement Historic District was added to the National Register of Historic Places. The estate also features the Widow Jane Mine. This large limestone mine is within the 32-square-mile seam of limestone between High Falls and Kingston, New York where it was often said that just as much went on underground as above ground. Also located on the estate is the Cement Industry Museum, which highlights the use of Rosendale Natural Cement in the building of the most enduring landmarks of the nation. The Brooklyn Bridge, the pedestal of the Statue of Liberty, the wings of the U.S. Capitol, the Washington Monument, Grand Central Terminal, the Croton Aqueduct and dams, the Pennsylvania Railroad tunnels, the New York State Thruway, and thousands of public works projects all got their start underground in the cement mines of Rosendale.

The Site:

The Widow Jane Mine after closing has been used for mushroom cultivation, trout farming, water supply, corporate fallout shelters, and vital records storage. Today the Widow Jane Mine provides an exciting venue for historic interpretation and special events. Many musicians have performed and recorded there, taking advantage of its unique acoustics. The Cement Industry Museum exhibits and the Snyder Carriage and Sleigh Collection offer visitors an opportunity to learn about the vivid history of the Cement Region and the times and personalities of this great industry.

Directions:

Less than two hours from New York City, Rosendale is midway between New Paltz and Kingston, Exits 18 and 19 of the NYS Thruway (I-87). From Exit 18 take NY 32 north to Rosendale. From Exit 19 take NY 209 south to Stone Ridge, then NY 213 east to Rosendale. The Snyder Estate is on the north side of Route 213, a mile west of the village. Route 213 is a winding road as it follows the Rondout Creek. Please use caution when entering and exiting the site.

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Sports Museum of Dutchess County

<http://www.SportsMuseumDCNY.org>

Carnwath Farms

Wheeler Hill Road

Wappingers Falls, NY 12590



Hours: Saturday 11AM-4PM Weather Permitting April

Phone: (845) 473-0903

Historical Description:

The Sports Museum was the idea of the late Mr. Charles R. Howroyd. He wanted to create a museum dedicated to sports and recognize individuals who have contributed to the sports world. The Sports Museum initiated a Hall of Fame in 1977 in order to honor individuals active in sports for their contributions to sports rather than for their accomplishments.

The Site:

The Museum contains exhibits displaying sports memorabilia, including the evolution of the baseball glove. There is also a display on Baseball Hall of Fame members Eddie Collins and Dan Brouthers, both of whom played on Dutchess County teams. Besides baseball, the museum exhibits sports ranging from tennis to speed skating. The Museum also has its own Hall of Fame, which includes 200 inductees to date.

Directions:

Traveling on Route 9, north from Fishkill, NY or south from Poughkeepsie or Wappingers Falls, NY: At the intersection of Route 9 and Route 28*(Old Hopewell Road) turn west towards Hughsonville and New Hamburg. Past Hughsonville Fire Department, and Route 9D intersection. Look for the Carnwath Farms sign in the middle of the fork in the road. Use caution here and go straight onto Wheeler Hill Rd. When you come to the stop sign, go towards the left and continue on Wheeler Hill. Carnwath will be on the right side (pretty much straight in front of you, since the road curves there to the left.) Follow signs to the Sports Museum.

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Bannerman Island

www.bannermancastle.org

The Bannerman Castle Trust, Inc.

P.O. Box 843

Glenham, NY 12527-0843

Hours: May thru October

Two and one-half hour Hard Hat walking tours are given: Saturdays and Sundays at 12:00 noon, departing from Torches Restaurant's dock at the Newburgh waterfront on board the 46 passenger vessel, The Pollepell. Tickets can be purchased at 26 Front St. \$40. per person – Reservations Required

Tours are also available from the dock on the Beacon waterfront Saturdays and Sundays, departing at 1:30. \$40. per person – Discounts available thru Metro-North if traveling from NYC. Reservations Required Call: 845-220-2120 or 845-831-1001

Two hour Bannerman Island Lecture Tours on board the 139 passenger vessel The Pride of the Hudson departs from The Torches Dock in Newburgh at 1:00p.m. Call: 845-220-2120

Phone: 845-831-6346



Bannerman Island

Historical Description: Pollepel Island, now known as Bannerman's Island was suspected of being haunted by the local Indians and became a refuge for early Dutch settlers. It also marked the end of the difficult navigational passage through the Hudson Highlands. Francis Bannerman, an ammunition and government surplus dealer bought the island, from the Taft Family, in 1900, while looking for safe storage after being forced to leave Manhattan. Built as a Scottish Castle at the height of the Gilded Age, the island was a storage site for equipment of every description as well as ammunition. In addition, the Bannerman Family used the island for their summer residence. In 1967, the island was sold to the Taconic Park Commission.

The Site: Bannerman Castle was built on Pollepel Island which sits like a sentinel in the gap between Breakneck Ridge and Storm King Mountain and can only be reached by a boat with a shallow draft due to the depth of the water surrounding the island even at high tide. The tour includes a new film featuring renowned stage and screen actress, Jane Alexander, who narrates the early history of the Bannerman Island. The Bannerman Island – Hudson Highlands State Park walking tour requires walking up and down 68 steps, steep inclines and sometimes rough trails. Strollers are not encouraged on the island. The island currently is not handicapped accessible; however, a film is supplied for people who cannot tour the island.

Directions: From NYC:

Take I-87 north or I-87 south from Albany to Exit 17 and merge onto NY-300/ Union Ave via Exit 17 toward I-84.

Merge onto I-84 E toward Beacon. Take the US-9W/ RT-32 exit – Exit 10 towards Newburgh. Turn right onto US-9W/NY-32. After 0.8 miles, turn Left onto South St .Next turn Right onto Water St. Turn Left onto 4th St. End at Torches on the Hudson.

Beacon Launch site:

Continue on I-84 across Newburgh-Beacon Bridge taking first exit Rt-9D; Exit-11- toward Beacon/Wappinger Falls. Turn right onto 9D for 0.6 miles, and then turn onto Beekman St for 0.5miles. Turn Right onto Red Flynn Dr. End at Riverfront Park.

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<http://www.ecostudies.org/index.html>

181 Sharon Turnpike (Route 44A)
Millbrook, NY 12545

Hours: Open April 1 - October 31; Monday - Saturday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Greenhouse: every day year round 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Administrative Offices: Plant Science Building: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays

Gifford House: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays

Phone: 845-677-5343

Historical Description:

“Mary Flagler, beneficiary of part of the Standard Oil fortune, and her husband Melbert Cary sought respite from New York City at their Millbrook country home. What began as a single estate grew into over 778 hectares (1,924 acres) as the couple purchased 14 farms and properties surrounding the Cannoo Hills west of the village. Following her death in 1967, Mary Flagler Cary left her Millbrook estate to a trust. The Mary Flagler Cary Charitable Trust was formed to ensure the maintenance and preservation of her property and to foster ‘...scientific, ...educational purposes,’ by a charitable organization “...engaged in the conservation, maintenance, and preservation of natural resources...” In 1993, the Institute became a fully independent not-for-profit organization. Over the course of a decade the Institute had gained international recognition as a leader in ecological studies, boasting state-of-the-art laboratories, a scientific staff of more than 20 Ph.D. scientists, and a strong education program. This places it among the largest centers of ecological research in the world.”

The Site:

“The Institute of Ecosystem Studies is dedicated to the creation, dissemination and application of knowledge about ecosystems. Toward this end, many of the Institute's 778 hectares (1,924 acres) have been set aside for scientific research. Specific trails and roads have been designated for visitors, and IES grounds provide visitors with a unique opportunity to connect with nature and view local wildlife. Attractions include: hiking trails, the Gifford Garden, the Fern Glen, the Greenhouse, and public programs for all ages and levels of interest.”

Directions:

Approaching from the New York City or Albany areas:

Pick up the Taconic Parkway and get off at the Poughkeepsie/Millbrook/Route 44 exit (the Taconic doesn't have exit numbers). Travel east on Route 44 for 2 miles and turn left on Sharon Turnpike (Route 44A). Follow Sharon Turnpike (Route 44A) for one mile to the Gifford House, which is the second drive on the left.

Approaching from Poughkeepsie, N.Y. or parts west:

Follow Route 44 east. When you pass under the Taconic Parkway, check your mileage. Continue for 2 more miles and turn left on Sharon Turnpike (Route 44A). Follow Sharon Turnpike (Route 44A) for one



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mile to the Gifford House Visitor, which is the second drive on the left.

Approaching from Route 22 north:

Traveling south on Route 22, pick up Route 44 at the traffic light in Millerton, N.Y., where Route 22 and Route 44 merge. Follow Route 22/44 until the traffic light in Amenia, then turn right onto Route 44. Drive in a southwesterly direction on Route 44 until the road makes a 90-degree turn to the left, toward the Village of Millbrook. At that point (Gilbyrne Garden Shop and Nursery is on the left and a castle-like structure is on the right), continue straight onto Sharon Turnpike (Route 44A) and follow it for 2.1 miles. The Gifford House is on the right. If you reach Route 44 again, you've gone too far.

For more directions please visit the website.

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Museum Village

<http://www.museumvillage.org/index.htm>

1010 Route 17M
Monroe, NY 10950

Hours: The museum is open May through November with hours changing each month. Go to

<http://www.museumvillage.org/plan.htm> for more details. There are also weekdays open during the school year for field trips.

Admission: Adults \$10, ages 4-15 and seniors \$8 and children under 4 free.

Phone: 845-782-8247/8248

Fax: 845-782-6432



The Drug Store

Historical Description:

“Museum Village was the vision of Roscoe William Smith, an electrical engineer, entrepreneur, philanthropist and collector who contributed to his native Orange County in many ways during his 99 years. Roscoe made his fortune as founder of the Orange and Rockland electric company in 1905. The wealth he generated from his successful company and investments allowed him to give back to the community in many ways. Probably Mr. Smith's most cherished gift to the local community was Museum Village of Old Smith's Clove.”

The Site:

The village has hands on exhibits and demonstrations of almost every aspect of 19th century living. Visitors can shop in the general store and drug store, watch how cloth was made, and even make their own hand dipped candles. They can also see what a blacksmith did and how printing was done before today's modern conveniences were developed. Museum village offers an educational experience that truly allows visitors to understand and make connections with the past.

Directions:

Museum Village is located on Route 17M in Monroe, New York at the intersection of two major highways - Route 17 (soon to be interstate 86) and Interstate 87 (the New York thruway).

Approximate Travel Times From (by car):

New York City: 45 minutes

Boston: 4 hours

Philadelphia: 3 hours

From New York City:

Museum Village is located only 50 miles north of the George Washington Bridge and 4 miles west of the NYS Thruway at Exit 16 (Harriman), directly off NY route 17 West, at Exit 129 (Museum Village Road)

From Connecticut: Take I-84 West to Exit 4, Route 17 East. Take Exit 129 off Route 17 East and follow signs for the Museum.

From New Jersey:

Take I-287 North to NYS Thruway (87) North to Exit 16, to Route 17 West. Take Exit 129 off Route 17

West and follow signs for the Museum. Or take the NJ Garden State Parkway to the NYS Thruway (87) and follow as above.

From Pennsylvania:

Take I-84 east to route 17 east Take exit 129 off route 17 and follow signs for the Museum.

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Museum of the Hudson Highlands

<http://www.museumhudsonhighlands.org/>

Kenridge Farm Route 9W
Cornwall, NY 12518

Notes: E-mail: info@museumhudsonhighlands.org

Phone: 845-534-5506



Kenridge Farm Location

Historical Description:

“Chartered by the State University of New York Board of Regents, the Museum is a private non-profit institution dedicated to the natural and the cultural history of the Hudson Highlands. About an hour north of New York City, the Highlands area is where the Hudson River cuts through the Appalachian plateau. The Highlands offers dramatic natural beauty, geographic diversity, and historical interest.”

The Site:

"The Museum operates two facilities, 1.5 miles apart, and also offers programs at schools and other locations throughout the region. The Museum serves over 40,000 people a year, has a staff of about 15 and many volunteers."

Directions:

The website contains directions from a number of locations to both sites of the Museum of the Hudson Highlands. <http://www.museumhudsonhighlands.org/map.ivnu>

