

Guidebook: Landscape Architecture

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OPUS 40

<http://www.opus40.org/>

50 Fite Road

Saugerties, NY 12477



OPUS 40

Hours: Memorial Day Weekend through Columbus Day Weekend
12 noon - 5 p.m.; Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, holiday Mondays
(May be closed for weddings, call ahead to make sure)

Admission: \$10 per adult, \$7 students and seniors, \$3 school age children, Children under 6 free with an adult.

Phone: (845)246-3400

Historical Description:

“Harvey Fite was a sculptor of wood and stone. In May of 1938 he found the perfect place to work: an abandoned bluestone quarry in the middle of the woods in the tiny hamlet of High Woods, N.Y He bought this twelve-acre paradise of natural materials from the widow of the last quarrymaster, and built his house and studio on the eastern lip of the quarry.” He spent the next 37 years of his life creating one, large, beautiful piece of art on this land which became known as Opus 40.

The Site:

"The work is an immense composition of finely fitted stone, rising in ramps and swirling terraces around pools and trees and fountains out of the rock bed of an abandoned bluestone quarry. It spreads out over more than six acres. Today, Opus 40 is maintained by a not-for-profit corporation, which is responsible for its maintenance, for opening to the public, and for presenting arts programs."

Directions:

From the NYS Thruway at Saugerties exit 20 get on Route 212 west towards Woodstock. From the light at the Hess gas station, go 1.6 miles to a fork in the road. Turn LEFT onto Fishcreek Road. Go 2.4 miles to a stop sign. Turn RIGHT onto Highwoods Road. Go 0.5 miles. Turn RIGHT onto Fite Road. Go 0.2 miles to the entrance of OPUS 40.

From Woodstock drive on Route 212 east towards Saugerties. At the intersection of Route 212 and Glasco Turnpike you will see an OPUS 40 sign. Turn RIGHT onto Glasco Turnpike. Go 2.1 miles to the fork in the road. Turn LEFT onto Highwoods Road. Go 0.1 mile. Turn LEFT onto Fite Road. Go 0.2 miles to the entrance of OPUS 40.

From Kingston - 9W North near Adam's Go approximately 4.5 miles on 9W north to a LEFT turn onto Glasco Turnpike also known as County Route 32. You will see a sign on 9W for OPUS 40 and a sign for Mt. Marion marking this turn onto Glasco Turnpike. Go 1 mile to the stop light. Go STRAIGHT. Go 2.7 miles to the fork in the road. Turn RIGHT onto Highwoods Road. Go 0.1 mile. Turn LEFT onto Fite Road. Go 0.2 miles to the entrance of OPUS 40.

LOWER HUDSON

Hammond Museum

<http://www.hammondmuseum.org/index2.html>

P.O. Box 326
28 Deveau Road
North Salem, NY 10560

Hours: The museum is open for the seasons (Spring, Summer and Autumn) Wednesday through Saturday from 12-4pm

Phone: (914) 669-5033



Hammond Museum

Historical Description:

Natalie Hays Hammond is the daughter of John Hays Hammond, the discoverer of the long-lost King Solomon Mines in South Africa. Natalie Hays Hammond designed gardens based on Japanese and Chinese stroll gardens. She used both popular and rare Japanese and Chinese plants as the New York environment would permit. The museum is a dedicated cross-cultural center that sponsors and hosts events, exhibits, music, and art of the New York metropolitan area.

The Site:

The Hammond Museum's stroll gardens contain a variety of Japanese and Chinese plants and fauna. Additionally, a variety of exhibits are featured throughout the year. The Museum also has a café that is open daily during the week.

Directions:

FROM NEW YORK CITY East River Drive North to Major Deegan Expressway North. Cross County Parkway East to Hutchinson River Parkway North (Hutchinson splits above White Plains, bear left and follow sign "Brewster-684") into Route 684 North. Follow directions for 684 OR Henry Hudson Parkway North to Saw Mill River Parkway North into Route 684 North (to enter Route 684, bear left, follow sign "Brewster"). Follow directions for 684

FROM QUEENS, LONG ISLAND, BROOKLYN AND POINTS SOUTH Bronx Whitestone Bridge or Throgs Neck Bridge to Hutchinson River Parkway North. Hutchinson Parkway into Route 684 (Hutchinson splits above White Plains, bear left and follow sign "Brewster-684"). Follow directions for 684

FROM NEW JERSEY Garden State Parkway, Tappan Zee Bridge, Cross-Westchester Expressway to Exit "Brewster-684". Follow directions for 684

FROM UPPER NEW YORK STATE New York State Thruway, Newburgh-Beacon Bridge to Route 84 East. Exit Route 84 to Route 684 South "White Plains". Follow directions for 684

FROM MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT AND WESTERN NEW YORK STATE From Route 35, take Route 121 going North. Continue on Route 121 until you arrive at a fork inroad at Grants Corners. Bear left at the fork onto June Road towards Salem Center. After passing through Salem Center, make a right turn at Deveau Road and following it to the end.

FROM 684 Exit 8 "Hardscrabble Road" Right turn off exit onto Hardscrabble Road going East Stay on Hardscrabble Road for 3 miles until the end of the road, and turn right (South) on June Road (Route 124). Stay on this road for about 1-1/4 miles until you reach Deveau Road Turn left and follow Deveau Road to the end, where you will find the Hammond Museum.

LOWER HUDSON

Manitoga: Russel Wright Estate

<http://www.russelwrightcenter.org/rwmanitoga.html>

584 Route 9D
PO Box 249
Garrison, NY 10524

Hours: Monday - Friday at 11am; Saturday and Sunday at 11am and 1:30pm

Advance reservations required for weekend tours due to limited space. Group Tours are available by appointment only. Please contact the office during regular business hours to reserve space.



Manitoga

Phone: 845-424-3812

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Historical Description:

"In the 1930's, 40's and 50's Wright was one of the best known designers in the U.S. At the apex of his career, Wright left New York City and moved his base of operations to Garrison. It was here that he created a unique home and designed landscape. He named it Manitoga, meaning Place of the Great Spirit in Algonquin. Wright shared the Native Americans' respect for the earth."

The Site:

"Wright purchased Manitoga in 1942 and once it became his permanent residence he came to know the plants, rocks, soils, water, climate, and creatures comprising the site, and the successional process that would ensue. It was these that he manipulated, perhaps edited. Some species, exotic and invasive, he removed; others he managed for light and shade. Certain species he introduced, notably wildflowers; others, ferns and mosses, he cultivated.

In this process, RW identified certain locations that offered dramatic experiences or views. They in turn were linked by the pathway system, which did much to demonstrate the richness and natural history of the site."

Directions:

The public entrance to Manitoga is located in the heart of New York's Hudson Highlands, 50 miles north of Manhattan in Garrison, NY. Manitoga is on Route 9D, 2.5 miles north of the Bear Mountain Bridge and 2 miles south of Route 403. Accessible from Taconic Parkway, Palisades Parkway, NY State Thruway/I-87 and I-84.

From the North:

From Cold Spring on Route 9D, drive south approximately 4 miles. Manitoga is 2 miles south of the intersection of Route 403 and Route 9D, on the left.

From the South:

The most direct route is the Palisades Parkway to the Bear Mountain Bridge. After crossing the bridge take a left (north) onto Route 9D. The entrance to Manitoga is 2.5 miles from the bridge, on the right.

