

Guidebook: Great Houses

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Cedar Grove: The Thomas Cole National Historic Site

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

218 Spring Street
PO Box 426
Catskill,, NY 12414

Hours: The Main House and Studio are open by guided tour. From the first Saturday in May through the last Sunday in October, tours are offered Friday, Saturday & Sunday 10 am-4 pm. In addition, the house is open Memorial Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day and Independence Day, 1-4 pm. Tours are offered at other times by appointment. Tours of the Main House begin approximately every hour on a first-come-first-served basis. Tours last about 40 minutes, and each tour is limited to approximately 12 people.



Notes: Group tours are welcome 7 days a week by advance appointment by calling 518-943-7465 or email grouptours@thomascole.org. Admission: \$7 and \$5 for seniors and students

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Historical Description:

"From the first, Cedar Grove and the Catskill Mountain region nurtured Thomas Cole's artistry. In his "Essay on American Scenery" (1835), Cole said the local landscape had "varied, undulating, and exceedingly beautiful outlines – [the Catskills] heave from the valley of the Hudson like the subsiding billows of the ocean after a storm." In this setting, in his "painting room" at Cedar Grove, Thomas Cole created many of the Hudson River School masterpieces that assured his fame."

The Site:

"In the late 1980s, the National Park Service recognized the significance of Thomas Cole and his life at Catskill, status formalized in 1999 when Cedar Grove was declared a National Historic Site. But in the 1980s and 90s funds to acquire the site were not forthcoming until the Greene County Historical Society purchased the property in 1998. Restoration of the main house followed and in 2001, Thomas Cole's 200th birthday, Cedar Grove opened to the public."

Directions:

From NYC & Points South: Take NYS Thruway (I-87) to exit 21 (Catskill). Make a left at the stop sign, then proceed 1,000 feet and make a left onto Route 23 East. Proceed 2 miles and make a right at the light onto Spring Street (Route 385). Cedar Grove is on the left, (use the shared driveway with Temple Israel). From Albany & Points North: Take NYS Thruway (I-87) to exit 21 (Catskill). Make a left at the stop sign, then proceed 1,000 feet and make a left onto Route 23 East. Proceed 2 miles and make a right at the light onto Spring Street (Route 385). Cedar Grove is on the left, (use the shared driveway with Temple Israel). For further directions please visit the website