

Guidebook: Great Houses

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Kykuit, The Rockefeller Estate

<http://www.hudsonvalley.org/kykuit/index.htm>

Pocantico Hills

Tarrytown, NY 10591



Hours: House and Garden open from May through November
(Closed Tuesdays) 10:00-3:00, weekends 10:00-4:00.
Garden and Sculpture tours depart 11:15 AM Wed, Sat, & Sun.

Notes: Groups tours available by reservation.

Phone: (914) 631-9491

Historical Description:

Completed in 1913 for John D. Rockefeller by architects William Adams Delano and Chester Holmes Aldrich, Kykuit has been home to four generations of Rockefeller family members. Visitors will see interiors designed by Ogden Codman, collections of Chinese and European ceramics, fine furnishings and galleries of twentieth-century art. Landscape architect William Welles Bosworth designed terraces and gardens with fountains, pavilions and classical sculpture; more than 70 works of modern sculpture were added during the 1960s and 70s. In the coach barn are horse drawn vehicles and classic automobiles.

The Site:

All tours of Kykuit begin at the Philipsburg Manor/Kykuit Visitor Center on Route 9 in Sleepy Hollow, New York. Tickets are sold on a first-come, first-served basis. While every effort is made to accommodate individuals in a timely manner, there may be waiting time for a tour. Please note that weekends are the busiest days, and tours may sell out by midday. The guided tour takes approximately 2 hours and is wheelchair accessible. Strollers and backpack carriers are not permitted. Parents are required to supply a car seat for the shuttle bus ride to Kykuit for children age 4 and under. You may also purchase gift certificates using a credit card by calling Historic Hudson Valley at (914) 631-9491. Call 1-800-53-FERRY for information about boat trips to Kykuit from Manhattan and New Jersey.

Directions:

One hour north of New York City. To reach the Kykuit Visitor Center at Philipsburg Manor from the New York Thruway, take Exit 9 and go two miles north on Route 9; via I-95, the Hutchinson River of the Merritt Parkways, take I-287 West to 87 North, to Exit 9 (last exit before bridge) and go two miles north on Route 9. The Visitor Center is also accessible via Metro North Railroad (Tarrytown Station) from Grand Central Station.