

Guidebook: Landscape Architecture

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OPUS 40

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

50 Fite Road

Saugerties, NY 12477



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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.