

## Guidebook: Great Houses

### MID HUDSON

#### **Springwood**

<http://www.nps.gov/hofr/>

519 Albany Post Road  
Hyde Park, NY 12538



Hours: Open from 8:00-dusk, advanced reservations are required and by guided tour only. Admission is \$14.00 for adults and children under 16 are free. Just walking the grounds is free.

Notes: Call ahead for group tours and special events.

Phone: (845) 229-9115

#### ***Historical Description:***

James Roosevelt, Franklin's father, bought Springwood in 1867. He was seventh in a line of Roosevelts who were prominent members of New York City society. The Roosevelts had ties to the Hudson River Valley dating back to the seventeenth-century, but it was not until 1818 that they moved to the Hyde Park area. James Roosevelt disapproved of showiness, and Springwood was modest compared to many of the estates in the Hudson River Valley. When Franklin married Eleanor Roosevelt in 1905, the young couple moved in with his mother at Springwood. Franklin's work and political career required that the family live elsewhere for long periods, but they returned to Springwood whenever possible. Franklin donated his home and 33 acres to the American people in 1943, on the condition that his family be allowed to use it after his death. It was transferred to the Department of the Interior on November 21, 1945, after the family relinquished their lifetime rights. The Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site and Library, which contains 290 acres, is administered by the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior.

#### ***The Site:***

Visitors to Springwood may enjoy a guided tour of FDR's home; take a self-guided tour of the Museum, or the grounds, gardens, and trails of this 300-acre site. The home may be visited by guided tour only. The furnished Home of FDR ("Springwood"), Rose Garden and Gravesite, Ice House, and Stables, are maintained and operated by the National Park Service. The FDR Presidential Museum and Library are maintained and operated by the National Archives and Records Administration. Programs vary, and include themes dealing with FDR's Presidency, policies, conservation, home life, and his personal and political challenges.

#### ***Directions:***

Take the New York State Thruway N/I-87 N exit number 9W toward Albany. Merge onto NY-299 E via exit number 18 toward Poughkeepsie. Turn right onto US-9W. Take the US-44/RT-55 ramp toward the Mid-Hudson Bridge. Merge onto NY-55 E. Merge onto US-9 S toward Wappingers Falls/Hyde Park. Merge onto US-9 N via the exit- on the left- toward US 44/RT 55/Church street/ Hyde Park.