

Guidebook: Great Houses

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Sunnyside

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West Sunnyside Lane
Tarrytown, NY 10591



Hours: April-October, 10:00-5:00; November-December, 10:00-4:00; March weekends only 10:00-4:00. Closed on Tuesdays.
Admission is \$9 for adults, \$8 for seniors, and \$5 for children 5-17.
Grounds fee is \$4.

Notes: Call ahead for group tours and special events.

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Historical Description:

Sunnyside, a National Historic Landmark, is the carefully restored and picturesque home of renowned author and diplomat Washington Irving. In 1835, Irving purchased a simple eighteenth-century cottage and enlarged and remodeled it to its present appearance. The wisteria-covered, stepped-gable entrance, and the Spanish-style tower are instantly recognizable images of America's literary and architectural history.

The Site:

Presented by guides dressed in the costume of the mid-Victorian period, visitors may see the advanced features: a bathtub with running water and a hot water receptacle in the kitchen feeding from the pond via pipes, and the impressive library. The house is nestled in grounds, which Irving personally plotted. Picnic grounds are available, and picnickers are encouraged to select a spot among plantings and walkways laid out by Irving himself. There is a Visitor Center, museum shop, and seasonal café. Sunnyside is available for special events.

Directions:

From the NYS Thruway (I-87) North to Thruway Exit 9, last exit before Tappan Zee Bridge, Route 9, Tarrytown. At light turn left onto Route 119 West. Go one block to traffic light; turn left onto Route 9 South. Continue approximately 1 mile to traffic light at Route 9 and West Sunnyside Lane; turn right onto West Sunnyside Lane. Continue to end of West Sunnyside Lane.