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Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site http://www.nps.gov/elro/home.htm

Val-Kill, Route 9G 4097 Albany Post Road Hyde Park, NY 12538

Hours: May-October Daily 9AM-5PM the last guided tour begins at 4:30PM November-April Thursday-Monday 9AM-5PM. Last guided tour begins at 4:30PM.

The grounds are open year-round until sunset. Closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day

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Historical Description:

The home of Eleanor Roosevelt was originally built as a factory for Val-Kill Industries. Eleanor made this building a home in 1937, retiring to the modest home at Val-Kill, close to the Hudson River, after the death of her husband, President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

The Site:

The grounds of Val-Kill boast flower gardens, fields, trails and a pond. The site offers a guided tour of the fully furnished cottage. Some tours have a special themes, for example, one may focus on Eleanor's political activities domestically and abroad while another highlights aspects of her personal life. Visitors also have the option to participate in bird watching, nature walks and hiking.

Directions:

From the New York State Thruway (I-87): Exit 18 (New Paltz) to Rt. 299 east to Rt. 9W South. Take Rt. 9W South to Mid-Hudson Bridge. Cross Bridge and exit Rt. 9 North (Hyde Park). Val-Kill is located on Rt. 9G in Hyde Park.

From the Taconic State Parkway Northbound: Exit at Rt. 55 West (Poughkeepsie) to Rt. 9 North (Hyde Park). Val-Kill is located on Rt. 9G in Hyde Park.

From the Taconic State Parkway Southbound: Exit at Rt. 199 West (Red Hook) to Rt. 308 West (Rhinebeck). Take Rt. 308 West to Rt. 9 South (Hyde Park). Val-Kill is located on Rt. 9G in Hyde Park.

From New York City: Take the Henry Hudson Parkway (Rt. 9A) North to Sawmill River Parkway. From Sawmill River Parkway North, exit to the Taconic State Parkway North. From the Taconic, exit at Rt. 55 West (Poughkeepsie) to Rt. 9 North (Hyde Park). Val-Kill is located on Rt. 9G in Hyde Park.