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Zadock Pratt Museum

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Hours: Normal operational days and hours are Thursday through Sunday, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM, starting on Memorial Day weekend and ending on Columbus Day weekend.

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Historical Description:

"The Zadock Pratt Museum is dedicated to exhibiting the history and culture of the Northern Catskill Region during the mid-nineteenth century, the heyday of the hemlock-based tanning industry in the area. This area is best illustrated by reference to the life of Zadock Pratt, founder of Prattsville and the region's most prominent tanner."

The Site:

"The Museum strives not only to preserve the Pratt Homestead and its collections, but also to interpret this period of history and to attract to the Museum, through diversified programs, all age and interest levels, using the Historic House Landmark as a backdrop to many education and cultural events and exhibits."

Directions:

From the South, from New York City, Long Island and points south:

Take New York State Thruway (Interstate 87) North to Kingston (Exit 19). Follow Route 28 West for 28 miles to Shandaken, then take Rte 42 North, 11 miles to Lexington. Take a right and follow Route 23A West for 7 miles to Prattsville.

There is a second alternative, with a steep winding road to the mountaintop and a nice view of Kaaterskill Falls along the way:

Exit NY State Thruway at Saugerties (Exit 20). Follow Rte 32 North to Palenville. Then take Rte 23 West though Haines Falls, Tannersville, Hunter, to Prattsville.

From the North, Albany, Boston, Canada:

Take New York State Thruway (Interstate 87) South to Catskill (Exit 21). Follow Route 23 West through Cairo, Windham, Ashland, to Prattsville. From the West Take Interstate 80 from Binghamton to Oneonta. Follow Rte 23 East through Harpersfield, Stamford, Grand Gorge to Prattsville.

