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Photo: Richard Pitzgall.



Washington Irving's historic *Saratoga* is nestled along the east bank of the Hudson River in the heart of Sleepy Hollow Country.
Photo: Steve Turbowitch/Photo.

Cover photo: Picnickers enjoy the landscape at Saratoga.
Photo: Mick Hales, Bookman's Review, Christine Black/Godfray.



MONTGOMERY PLACE, Annandale-On- Hudson, NY

This breathtaking 19th century estate is set on hundreds of acres overlooking the Hudson River and Catskill Mountains.

Walk through the gardens and restored greenhouse. Stroll the nature trails or spread out a picnic on the lawns. Enjoy a tour of the mansion. You can even pick your own fresh fruit at the Montgomery Place Orchards.



Montgomery Place photo: Mick Hales.



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SLEEPY HOLLOW COUNTRY AND THE ROCKEFELLER LEGACY

High above the Hudson River, on a hilltop overlooking the countryside that inspired Washington Irving's famous tale, *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*, rests a six-story stone house surrounded by terraced gardens, magnificent fountains, and stunning works of sculpture.

The estate is called Kykuit and was built by John D. Rockefeller, the great American philanthropist and founder of the Standard Oil Company, and his son John D. Rockefeller, Jr.



Washington Irving's historic Sunnyside is nestled along the east bank of the Hudson River in the heart of Sleepy Hollow Country.
Photo: Steve Tarnethier/Photo.



The Oceanus Fountain at Kykuit.
Photo: Mick Hales.

Cover photo: Picnickers enjoy the landscaped Sunnyside.
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The east facade of Kykuit.
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Visitors can tour the house, art gallery, gardens, and other parts of the estate at Kykuit, which is now a property of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Guided tours of the house and gardens make very special outings, best appreciated in combination with visits to other nearby Sleepy Hollow landmarks.

Tours of Kykuit begin at historic Philipsburg Manor, an 18th century farm and gristmill restored and furnished by John D. Rockefeller, Jr.,

an ardent conservationist and preservationist. Just a few miles down the road is Washington Irving's romantic riverside home, Sunnyside, and nearby is lovely Van Cortlandt Manor, both restored through Rockefeller family generosity.

Explore several sites in Sleepy Hollow Country during a day or weekend visit. Each site is linked to the others in telling the story of America's growth along the Hudson from the 17th to the 20th century. Located along Route 9, in New York's Westchester County, these historic properties can be reached by train, boat, or car. All sites offer free parking, and most include cafe service and museum shops.

Reservations are recommended for visits to Kykuit.

Learn more about Kykuit, and the other historic landmarks of Sleepy Hollow Country, inside this brochure.



Photo: Ron Brier.



Enjoy the Sleepy Hollow Excursion by train, from Metro-North. Photo: Tom O'Connell.

Philipsburg Manor. Photo: Mick Hales.



Sunnyside with Picnickers.
John Henry Hill, 1878.



Van Cortlandt Manor.
Photo: Richard Pilgrge.



NY Waterway offers the Sleepy Hollow Cruise.



SUNNYSIDE

Less than five generations of the Rockefeller family, Kykuit (pronounced Kye-koit) commands a breathtaking view of the Hudson River and a landscape of exquisite stone terraces, formal gardens, and glorious fountains.



Candlelight stave during the holiday season at a special tradition at Sunnyside. Photo: Ed Spiegel

The Courtyard Cafe is available seasonally. Sunnyside and its museum shop are open March through December.

PHILIPSBURG MANOR

North Tarrytown, NY

Step across the millpond to the heart of a thriving 18th century trading center once owned by a Dutch merchant and operated by a community of enslaved Africans. Evergreen is fascinated by the water-powered millstone in action and the live demonstrations of traditional colonial activities. Children especially enjoy the oxen, cows, and sheep on the farm. The Green House Cafe is available seasonally. Philipsburg Manor and its museum shop are open March through December.



Former slave Kestel guides "Big" and "Dad," the oxen team at Philipsburg Manor during daily demonstrations. Photo: Ed Spiegel

VAN CORTLANDT MANOR

Croton-on-Hudson, NY



Blacksmith Lee Hart demonstrates his craft throughout the year at Van Cortlandt Manor. Photo: Don O'Connell

With an 18th century tavern, a tavern, a farmer's house, and the master house itself filled with an exceptional collection of original furnishings. Demonstrations of open hearth cooking, blacksmithing, and brickmaking bring the past Revolutionary War era to life. Van Cortlandt Manor and its museum shop are open April through December.

Visit an 18th century tavern at Van Cortlandt Manor. Photo: Mike Hilde



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Portrait of John D. Rockefeller by John Singer Sargent, 1917. Photo: Ben Blum

The gardens include Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller's extraordinary collection of 20th century sculpture, including work by Henry Moore, Alexander Calder, Louise Nevelson, Constantin Brancusi, Pablo Picasso, and many others.

The house is furnished with antiques, fine ceramics and paintings. The Coach Barn houses vintage automobiles and carriages.



North Tarrytown A Rockefeller carefully placed north of 20th century sculpture in the landscape. Photo: Ben Blum

Visits to Kykuit begin at Historic Philipsburg Manor, on Route 9 in North Tarrytown, New York. An introductory film, cafe, gift and book shops, and live parking are available. Reservations are strongly recommended, and may be obtained by calling Historic Hudson Valley's reservation desk at (914) 631-9491. Kykuit is open from mid-April through October.



Photo: Ben Blum



The Sunnyside estate in among the high hills of one of the gardens at Kykuit. Photo: Mick Hilde

Kykuit is a property of the National Trust for Historic Preservation and is administered by the Rockefeller Brothers Fund as a center for the fund's philanthropic programs. The visitation program is operated by Historic Hudson Valley.

THE UNION CHURCH OF THE POCAANTICO HILLS

Stained glass windows by Marc Chagall and Janet Marlow, commissioned by members of the Rockefeller family, create dramatic combinations of light and color at this small country church. Tours of the church windows are offered April - December.



"Jael" window by Marc Chagall. Photo: Ed Spiegel

Historic Hudson Valley, a non-profit educational organization that interprets the history, culture, and landscape of the Hudson River Valley, was founded by John D. Rockefeller Jr. as Sleepy Hollow Restoration in 1951. A leader in the field of historic preservation, HHV offers lively special events, school programs, and daily presentations that reach hundreds of thousands of visitors.

To obtain a calendar of events, or for information on school and group tours and accessibility, write to: Historic Hudson Valley, 150 White Plains Road, Tarrytown, NY 10591.

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