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How to Use This Guidebook

This guidebook provides information about the Heritage Sites of the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area. Each Heritage Site is featured on its own page which includes a site description as well as information for visiting the site (address, website, and phone number). Additionally, specific sites are identified as being family friendly, accessible by public transportation, or part of the regional Greenway Trail System. Sites participating in the National Park Service Passport Stamp Program are also identified. Areas of Interest and category information are also included on the page for those who prefer to explore the region by topic or significance.

Heritage Sites in this guidebook are organized by proximity to one another to help you identify where nearby sites may be located. To make it easier to find a specific region, the guidebook is divided into three geographical areas from south to north as shown at left.

Travel Tips:

- The hours of operation for each site are current as of the publication date of this guidebook. Contact Heritage Sites directly to confirm hours of operation prior to your visit.
- Few Heritage Sites are accessible by public transportation; however, there are numerous options for car rentals throughout the region with some service available at certain train stations.
- Visit **hudsonrivervalley.com** for directions or enter listed addresses in your GPS or mobile device mapping app.
- The Hudson River Valley has a wealth of dining and lodging opportunities. Ask for recommendations at Heritage Sites or explore **travelhudsonvalley.com** for recommendations.
- Visit the National Heritage Area website **hudsonrivervalley.com** for up-to-date information about special events at individual Heritage Sites.

Areas of Interest:

The Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area's designated Heritage Sites fall into one or more of seven interest areas. These interest areas represent important elements of the Hudson River Valley's cultural tapestry and provide a good starting point to explore the region's story.

Architecture:

Buildings with architectural or historic significance.

Art, Artists and The Hudson River School:

Studios, residences, and galleries.

Corridor of Commerce:

Sites with an important role in specific industries and the industrial revolution.

Environment:

Significant parklands and the role of the Hudson River Valley in the modern environmental movement.

Freedom and Dignity:

Great Americans and social issues.

Landscapes & Gardens:

Formal gardens and designed landscapes.

Revolutionary War:

Battlefields, headquarters, and related sites of the Revolutionary War.

Categories:

In addition to Areas of Interest, the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area has identified three categories based on significance, visitation, interpretation, and site amenities:

- Absolutely Must See: 16 sites noted with a "Must See!" banner
- Highly Recommended: 17 sites noted with a "Best Bet!" banner
- Special Interest: 67 sites

Site Amenities:

The following icons indicate the amenities available at each site:



ACCESSIBLE



PUBLIC RESTROOMS



NATIONAL PARK SERVICE PASSPORT STAMP LOCATION



FAMILY FRIENDLY



PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

National Park Service Passport Program:



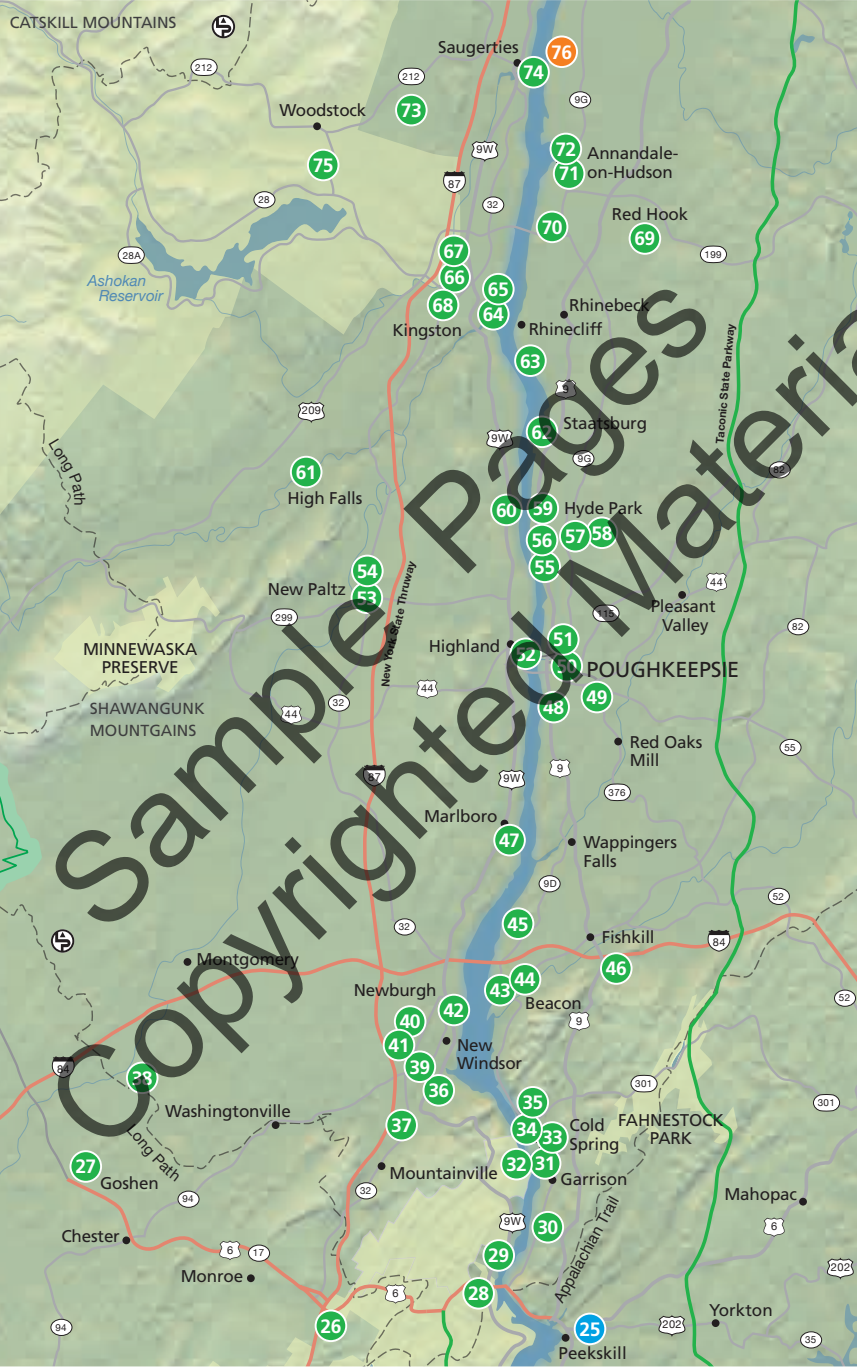
Dozens of Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area sites participate in the National Park Service Passport Program. Collecting these unique cancellation stamps from sites you visit is a fun and memorable way to document your travels and experiences within the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area. Cancellation stamps are available at sites listed with  and can be recorded on pages in the back of this book.

For more information about the National Park Service Passport program or to order official cancellation stamp booklets, visit eparks.com.

Middle Hudson Region

The Middle Hudson Valley encompasses the counties of Putnam, Orange, Dutchess, and Ulster. With its rolling hills and magnificent estates as well as the Shawangunk and Catskill Mountains ranges, this region is known for its scenic and historic treasures. As the river narrows, the banks on either side of the Hudson are dominated by the majestic Hudson Highlands. Events that unfolded here during the Revolutionary War earned the Highlands a prominent spot in our national consciousness.

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Olana State Historic Site

OLANA.ORG

In 1860, at the height of his career as one of America's most renowned landscape painters, Frederic Edwin Church began purchasing farmland overlooking the Hudson River. After a trip to the Middle East in the late 1860s, Church worked with architect Calvert Vaux to design a home on the estate's highest point that incorporated exotic architectural elements he saw on his travels. A series of towers, balconies, recessed porches, and stenciling adorned the home, which featured a central Court Hall surrounded by living spaces for the family that were filled with an eclectic mix of furnishings and objects. Church used the surrounding land as a three-dimensional canvas, planting thousands of trees, creating a lake and building over five miles of carriage drives. Olana is considered a landmark of Picturesque landscape gardening, with the house at its summit and embracing unrivaled panoramic views of the Hudson Valley.

AREAS OF INTEREST:

Architecture; Art, Artists, and the Hudson River School; Landscape and Gardens

5720 ROUTE 9G
HUDSON, NY 12534
518-828-0135

HOURS:

MAY–NOV:

HOUSE TOURS: Tue–Sun,
10am–4pm

GROUNDS: Daily, 8am–sunset,
\$5 parking, weekend & holidays

NOV–MAY:

HOUSE TOURS: Fri–Sun,
11am–3pm. Closed

Thanksgiving, Christmas Day,
New Year's Day and Easter.

GROUNDS: Daily, 8am–sunset

ADMISSION FEE: YES (HOUSE)

GREENWAY TRAIL ACCESS

ALLOW 1.5 HOURS, MINIMUM



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