

1717 FRENCH CHURCH AND BURIAL GROUND,
HISTORIC HUGUENOT STREET



An astonishing array of sites, structures and objects attest to the wealth of Ulster County's cultural heritage. Our legendary landscapes have inspired artists, musicians and writers, while in our Hudson River towns and cities, the Catskills, and Rondout and Wallkill Valleys you'll find historic sites dedicated to this country's Revolutionary, Civil War, industrial, agricultural and political past.

With an abundance of historic sites, museums, theaters, galleries and expansive parkland, we invite you to explore these riches today.

A GUIDE
TO EXPLORING
OUR CULTURAL,
HISTORICAL
&
RECREATIONAL
SITES.



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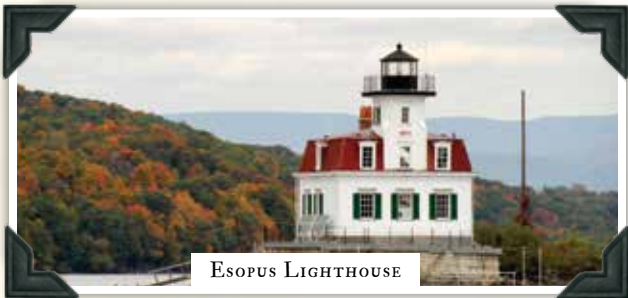


Cultural Heritage Guide



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ESOPUS LIGHTHOUSE

HUDSON RIVER TOWNS AND CITIES

The majestic Hudson River has played an integral role in our nation's history. Its legacy begins with the American Indians that lived along its shore and extends to the Dutch, British and the founders of our country. Along this corridor, visitors will discover how the Hudson River provided opportunities for commerce, routes for exploration, inspiration for the environmental movement and gave birth to an entire school of painters.

~ Southern Ulster County ~

I Gomez Mill House

11 Mill House Rd., Marlboro
845 236-3126; www.gomez.org

Hudson River trading post built by Jewish settler Luis Moses Gomez circa 1714. Open April-Oct, Wed-Sun, for tours at 10:30 a.m., 1:15 p.m. and 2:45 p.m. Events and Sunday programs.

2 Friends of Milton on Hudson Train Station

38 Dock Rd., Milton
845 795-5498; Find us on Facebook at Friends of Milton On Hudson Train Station

Come on down to the 1883 Historic Train Station, once the hub of our agricultural community. Open Sat, May-Sept.

~ Central Ulster County ~

3 John Burroughs Sanctuary (Slabsides)

261 Floyd Ackert Rd., West Park
845 384-6320; www.research.amnh.org/burroughs

Retreat of naturalist John Burroughs. Sanctuary is on 170 acres with Greenway trails and spectacular pond. Guided tours by appointment only. Open year-round dusk till dawn for walking. Slabside Days Open House, third Saturday in May and first Saturday in October, noon-4:30 p.m.

4 Esopus Meadows Lighthouse

River Road, Ulster Park
845 848-3669; www.esopusmeadowslighthouse.org

Built in 1871, this is the last wooden lighthouse on the Hudson River. The tower light is an official U.S. Coast Guard navigational aid and has recently been fully restored. Tours held June-Oct.



HUDSON RIVER MARITIME MUSEUM

5 Klyne Esopus Museum

764 Broadway (Route 9W), Ulster Park
845 338-8109; www.klyneesopusmuseum.us

Housed in a former Dutch country church built in 1827 featuring exhibits about the culture, commerce and history of the Town of Esopus. Annual special exhibits and free Saturday speakers' series. Open June-Oct, Fri-Mon, 1 p.m.-4 p.m.

6 Fred J. Johnston Museum/ Friends of Historic Kingston Gallery

63 Main St. (Corner of Main and Wall Streets), Kingston
845 339-0720; www.fohk.org

The museum is a circa 1812 Federal style house featuring 18th and early 19th century furnishings and decorative arts in eight elegant room settings. The Gallery hosts exhibits relating to local history and heritage and includes a gift shop with regional books and gifts. The museum is open for guided tours (for a fee), May-Oct, Fri-Sat, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. and by appointment. The gallery is open the same hours as the museum and admission is free.

7 Hudson River Maritime Museum

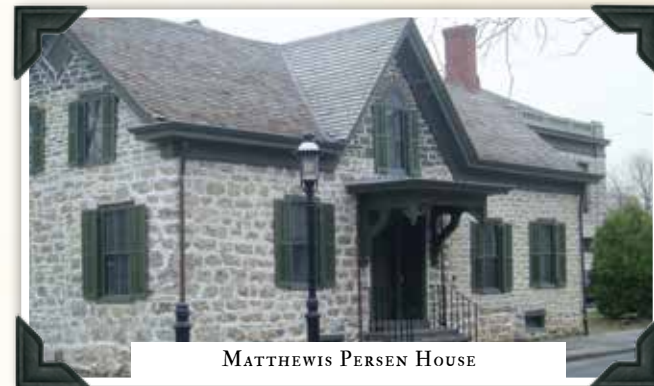
50 Rondout Landing, Kingston
845 338-0071; www.hrmm.org

Located on the Rondout Creek in the historic waterfront district, this museum explores Hudson River history by "following the river through time." Exhibits, permanent collection, educational and visiting vessels programs, events courtyard, lecture series, gift shop and docking. Open May-Oct, daily, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

8 Old Dutch Reformed Church

272 Wall St., Kingston
845 338-6759; www.olddutchchurch.org

Organized as a congregation in 1659, it is Kingston's oldest institution. The churchyard contains numerous, beautifully carved early Dutch gravestones and the grave site of George Clinton, New York State's first governor. For tours, church museum, cemetery, and genealogy, please call in advance. Open for self-guided tours year-round, Mon-Fri, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.



MATTHEWIS PERSEN HOUSE

9 Rondout Lighthouse

Rondout Creek, Kingston
845 334-3955; www.kingston-ny.gov

This restored 1913 lighthouse holds period furnishings and exhibits documenting the history of the Rondout Lighthouse keepers. Accessible by tour boat only. For boat schedule and tours visit: www.hudsonrivercruises.com/hudson-river-water-taxi.htm

IO Senate House State Historic Site

296 Fair St., Kingston
845 338-2786; www.nysparks.com

Guided tours of the furnished historic house where the first New York State Senate met and ratified the New York State Constitution. Museum features art, objects and documents of the 17th-19th centuries. Park-like setting, perfect for a picnic. Open April 15-Oct 31, Wed-Sat, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun, 1 p.m.-5 p.m. Site also open Memorial, Independence and Labor Day holidays.

The Matthewis Persen House

II 74 John St., (corner of John & Crown streets), Kingston
845 340-3040; www.co.ulster.ny.us/archives

Located within Kingston's Stockade National Historic District, this house has a long, colorful past; the house's earliest portions date from 1661. The corner of John and Crown Streets is the only intersection in the U.S. with 18th century stone houses on all four corners. Tours held Memorial Day Weekend-Labor Day, Tues-Sat, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Saturdays until pre-Thanksgiving weekend and by appointment.

Trolley Museum of New York

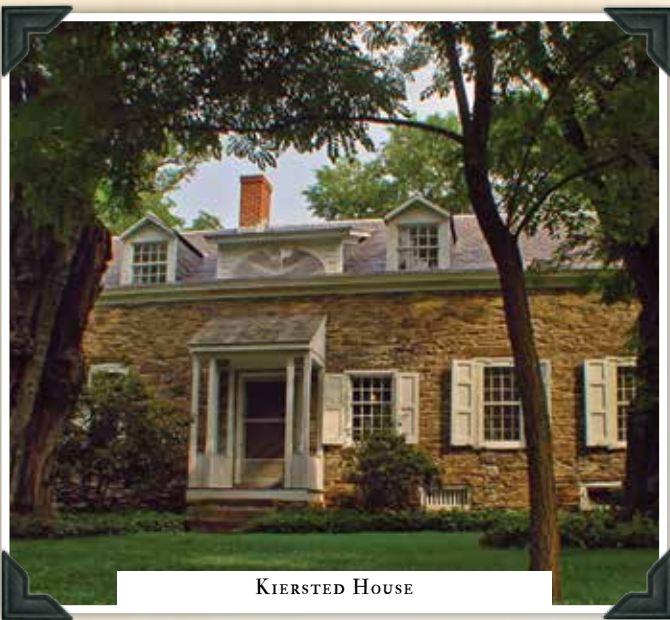
I2 89 East Strand, Kingston
845 331-3399; www.tmnny.org

Trolley rides on original tracks along the historic Kingston waterfront to Kingston Point Park on the Hudson River. Visitors Center and Museum Store. Open Memorial Day-Columbus Day, weekends and holidays, noon-5 p.m. Last ride at 4:15 p.m.

Volunteer Firemen's Hall and Museum

I3 265 Fair St., Kingston
845 331-0866

A "Little Gem of a Museum" housed in the 1857 Wiltwyck Fire House, displaying many fireman artifacts, equipment and memorabilia. Open May, Sept-Oct, Fri-Sat, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; June-Aug, Wed-Fri, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; Sat, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Annual Antique Fire Engine Muster takes place each August from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Call for date.



KIERSTED HOUSE



D & H CANAL MUSEUM



TERWILLIGER HOUSE

RONDOUT VALLEY REGION

Nestled between the Catskill and Shawangunk mountains, the Rondout Valley remains a showcase for the county's agrarian past. The sites along this farm dotted landscape tell the story of the area's early settlement period, its transition to an agricultural center, its commercial expansion during the D & H Canal era and its ultimate evolution during the railroad era as a prime tourism destination.

18 Hurley Heritage Society Museum

52 Main St., Hurley
845 338-1661; www.hurleyheritagesociety.org

Permanent collections, annual exhibits and events. Free brochures for walking the historical district (private homes dating from 1670s to late 1800s). Museum shop on premises. Open May-Oct, Sat, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sun, 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Groups and school tours by appointment.

19 Bevier House Museum/Ulster County Historical Society

2682 Rt. 209, Marletown
845 338-5614; www.ulstercountyhs.org

Built in the 1680s as a one-room dwelling, the museum reflects the history of the Hudson Valley and its inhabitants. First floor only is handicapped accessible. Open weekends May-Oct, Thurs-Sun, noon-5 p.m. Call for times and additional dates of operation.

D & H Canal Museum

20 23 Mohonk Rd., High Falls
845 687-9311; www.canalmuseum.org

National Historic Site. Working lock model. Original canal locks #16-20 of the D&H Canal. Open May-Oct, Sat-Sun, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. School and other group tours by appointment.

21 Kripplebush Schoolhouse Museum

200 Kripplebush Rd., Kripplebush
845 687-9229; Groups call: 845 687-7528
www.ulster-web.com/schoolhouse

One-room furnished schoolhouse, established in 1857. Adjacent museum housing a large array of local artifacts. Located off Route 209, one mile onto Route 2. Groups welcome by appointment. June-Aug, Sun, 2 p.m.-4 p.m.

22 Friends of Historic Rochester Museum

12 Main St., Accord
845 626-7104, 845 256-5587; www.fhraccord.org

Weekly guided genealogical research, Wednesdays, noon-3 p.m. Museum open year-round by appointment. Annual Fall Heritage Day and Pumpkin Festival held on the first Saturday in October, with local history, heritage crafts, food, contests, book sales, more.

O & W Napanoch Train Station/ Museum

23 Institution Road, Napanoch
845 647-7400 ext. 4326; www.nyow.org (click on Napanoch Depot)

Restored 1902 depot with displays, artifacts and memorabilia that tell the history of the station and its relationship to the D&H Canal, Eastern New York Correctional Facility and surrounding communities. Open first and second Sunday of each month, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and 11 a.m.-3 p.m., respectively, or by appointment. Call to schedule group visits. Closed Jan-Feb.

24 Ellenville Public Library & Terwilliger House Museum

40 Center St., Ellenville
845 647-5530; www.eplm.org

Terwilliger House Museum displays local history artifacts with extensive research files, photographs and obituaries. Open year-round, Wed, Fri-Sat, noon-3 p.m. and by appointment.

~ Northern Ulster County ~

14 Opus 40

50 Fite Rd., Saugerties
845 246-3400; www.opus40.org

Six-acre environmental bluestone sculpture built from an abandoned quarry by one man, Harvey Fite. Open Memorial Day weekend-Columbus Day weekend, Fri-Sun and holiday Mondays, noon-5 p.m. Some Saturdays and Sundays reserved for special events. Please visit website.

Saugerties Historical Society/Kiersted House

15 119 Main St., Saugerties
845 246-9529; www.saugertieshistoricalsociety.com

Built in 1727, home to the Saugerties Historical Society. Historical reenactments in May, History Day in October, free seasonal concerts and historical displays on the front lawn. May-Oct, Sat, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; Sun, 1 p.m.-4 p.m.

Saugerties Lighthouse Conservancy

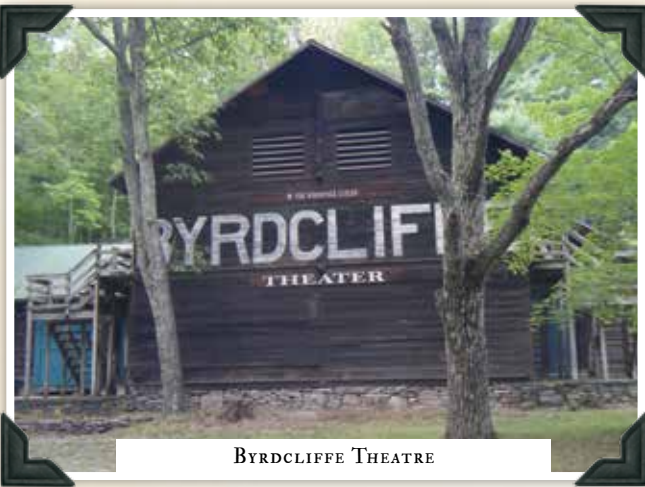
16 Lighthouse Drive, Saugerties
845 247-0656; www.saugertieslighthouse.com

Artifacts of the lighthouse and the commercial heyday of the Saugerties waterfront. Nature trail to lighthouse (check tides). Open Memorial Day-Labor Day. Tours given Sundays, noon-3 p.m.

Woodstock Museum

17 13 Charles Bach Rd., Saugerties
845 246-0600; www.woodstockmuseum.com

Movies on Woodstock and Woodstock Festivals. Artifacts of Woodstock and its official sister city, Nimbin, Australia. Tour buses welcome by appointment. Open May-mid-Oct, Sat-Sun, noon-4 p.m.; weekdays by appointment. Call for details.



BYRDCLIFFE THEATRE

CATSKILL REGION

In Ulster County, the Catskill Park stretches from near the Hudson River just west of the city of Kingston in the east and continues north to Saugerties, and to the west through Woodstock and on to Highmount. The Catskills' wild forests, waterfalls and mountains have inspired generations of painters, poets and storytellers, and attract generations of people all over the world. Come explore their history at these stops.

25 Greenfield Park Schoolhouse/Museum

Route 52 West, Greenfield Park
845 647-6560

Six miles west of Ellenville on Route 52, left onto Oakridge Road. Across from the Museum is the old Quaker Meeting House. Open Thurs-Sun, July-Sept. By appointment only, must call ahead.

26 Town of Shandaken Historical Museum

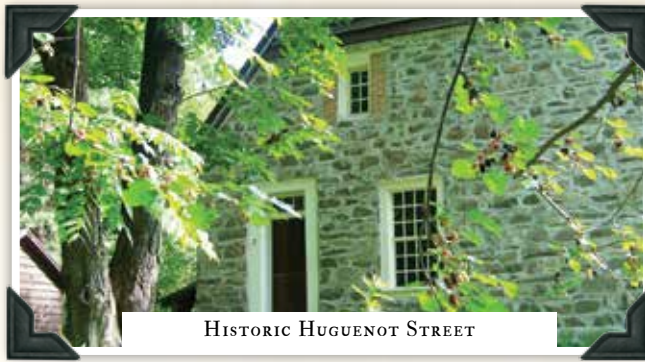
26 Academy St., Pine Hill
845 254-4460; www.shandaken.us

A 1920's schoolhouse in historic Pine Hill with many and varied displays of historical tools and artifacts from the 1800s on including a 1900's schoolroom and kitchen, displays on the people and history of the 12 hamlets of Shandaken, a library of books on the Catskills, genealogy files and wireless internet. By appointment only, call 845 254-9977.

27 Byrdcliffe Art Colony

Upper Byrdcliffe Road, Woodstock,
845 679-2079; www.byrdcliffe.org

America's oldest continuing Arts and Crafts colony on 300 wooded acres with 30 unique, picturesque buildings. Listed on National Register of Historic Places. Home to Byrdcliffe's Artist in Residence Program. Classes in ceramics, jewelry making and woodworking instruction available. Free walking tours. Open May-Oct.



HISTORIC HUGUENOT STREET

WALLKILL VALLEY REGION

Filled with farms, orchards and wineries and ringed by the Shawangunk Mountains, this Valley welcomed religious refugees and was once the center of the natural cement industry that helped create some of the most iconic structures in the world.

28 Historic Huguenot Street: Where family is the story

88 Huguenot St., New Paltz
845 255-1660, 845 255-1889 (Dubois Fort); www.huguenotstreet.org
National Historic Landmark District includes visitors center, seven original 18th century stone houses, reconstructed 1717 French church, burial ground, special exhibits and galleries research library, archives and ten landscaped acres that tell the story of French-speaking Protestants seeking refuge. Tours and special programs offered. Open beginning the third weekend in May, Sat-Sun, 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., and Memorial Day; June-Oct, 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Closed Tues-Wed; Nov-April the site is closed for regular tours but please see our calendar of events for special programs.

29 Locust Lawn

400 Rt. 32 South, New Paltz
845 454-4500 x 211; www.lgny.org

Locust Lawn includes the Josiah Hasbrouck House, an elegant Federal-style mansion, and the Evert Terwilliger House, a 1738 Dutch-style stone house. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Both houses are preserved as museums. Tours available by appointment only.

30 Perrine's Bridge

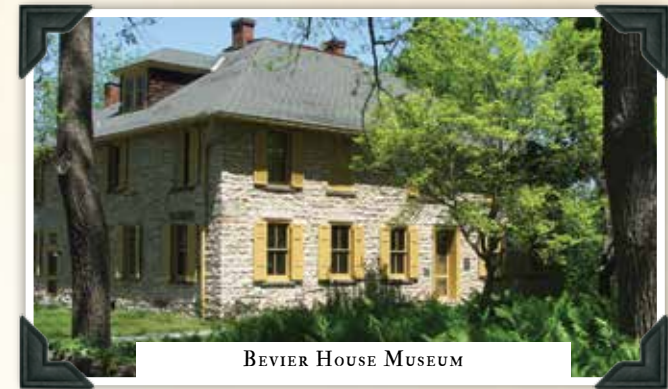
Junction of Route 32 and Route 213, Rifton
845 338-8109

Covered bridge built around 1844 by Benjamin Wood. The last surviving example of the "Burr arch truss" design in New York State. Spans the Wallkill River between the Town of Esopus and the Town of Rosendale. Listed on National Register of Historic Places.

31 The A.J. Snyder Estate/Century House Historical Society

668 Rt. 213, Rosendale
845 658-9900; www.centuryhouse.org

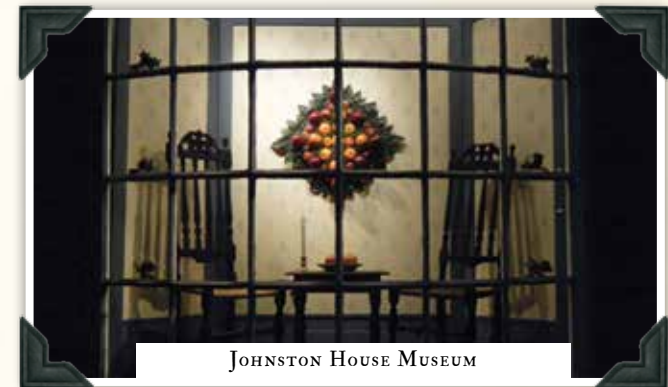
Rosendale Natural Cement Historic District, listed on the State and National Register of Historic Places. Tour Widow Jane Mine, cement kilns, D&H Canal, Snyder Canal Slip, exhibition hall and the Snyder Carriage and Sleigh collection. Picnic area. Special events. Open May-Sept, Sun, 1 p.m.-4 p.m. or by appointment.



BEVIER HOUSE MUSEUM



VOLUNTEER FIREMAN'S MUSEUM



JOHNSTON HOUSE MUSEUM

This guide and map have been broken down by geographic region to help make exploring Ulster County easier. In addition to all of our historic sites and museums, the map identifies select recreational and cultural attractions. For more information or help planning a visit please call: 1-800-342-5826