



The Hyde Park Trails Committee has worked since 1988 to develop and promote trails connecting parks and preserves. More than 34 miles of trails are open to the public for free, year-round, from sunrise to sunset, weather permitting.

GET INVOLVED

Visit hydeparktrails.com for detailed trail maps, and to learn more about our committee, events, work parties, trail monitoring and maintenance, or adopting a trail.

HIKE SAFELY

Wear clothing & footwear appropriate for season & terrain.

Some trails run along/cross public roads. Stay off railroad tracks.

Ticks are common and carry diseases, stay on trails and wear insect repellent.

Poison ivy is common on these trails, know how to identify and avoid it.

Drinking water is not available on these trails, bring your own.

TRAIL RULES

Stay on marked trails and respect private lands.

Park only in designated parking lots.

Trails are open sunrise to sunset or as posted.

Cars parked at national historic sites may get locked in after hours.

Carry out what you carry in. No littering.

No fires.

Do not remove plants, wildlife, or artifacts.

No motorized vehicles.

HYDE PARK TRAIL MAPS

- a HOPELAND TRAILS**
1.6 miles round trip (red, blue)
FEATURES
Easy to moderate walking on woodland foot paths with some hills.
PARKING
Hopeland parking lot on Old Post Road

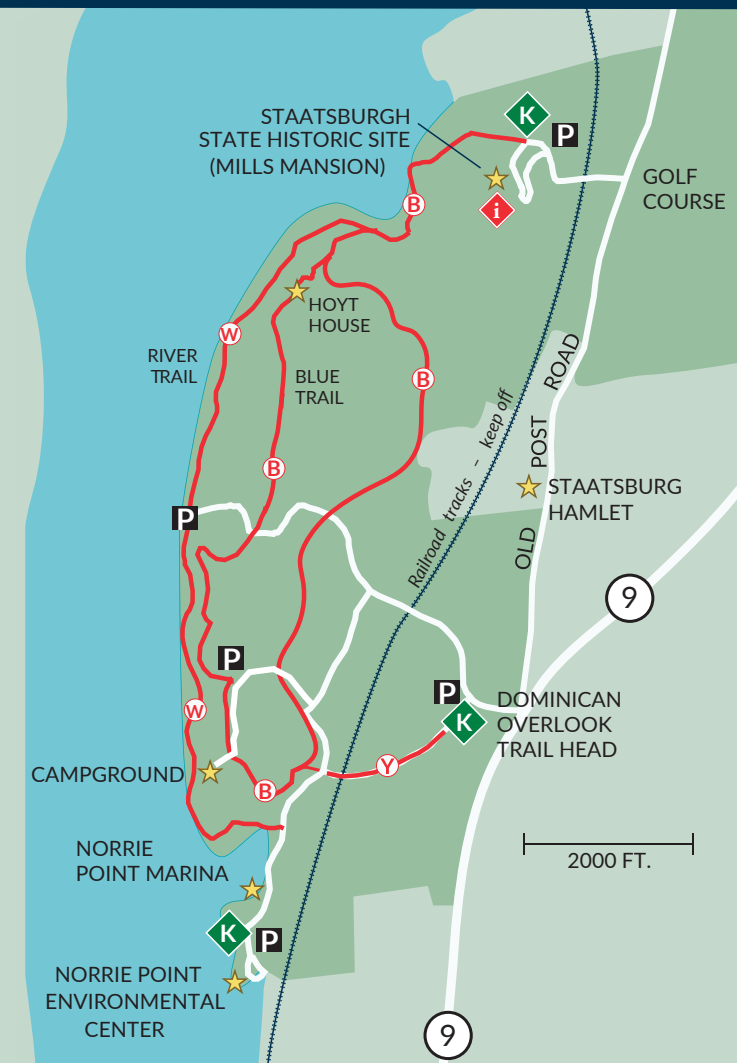


- b MILLS-NORRIE RIVER TRAIL**
2.3 miles one way (white)
FEATURES
Moderate walking with rolling hills on woodland foot path with river views.

PARKING
Norrie Point Environmental Center or hiking trails parking lot on Campground Rd.

- c MILLS-NORRIE BLUE TRAIL**
4.2 mile loop
FEATURES
Moderate walking with rolling hills on woods roads and foot paths.

PARKING
Mills Mansion (gates close at sunset) or Norrie Point Environmental Center and also on Campground Rd.



- e VANDERBILT LOOP**
2.5 mile loop (leaf blaze)
FEATURES
Moderate walking on park roads and woods roads. Some steep hills.
PARKING
Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site, Riverfront Park/ Train Station Museum.



- f PINEWOODS NATURE LOOP**
0.7 mile loop (orange)
FEATURES
Moderate walk on woodland footpaths. Follow orange blazes.

PARKING
Pinewoods Park, next to playground.

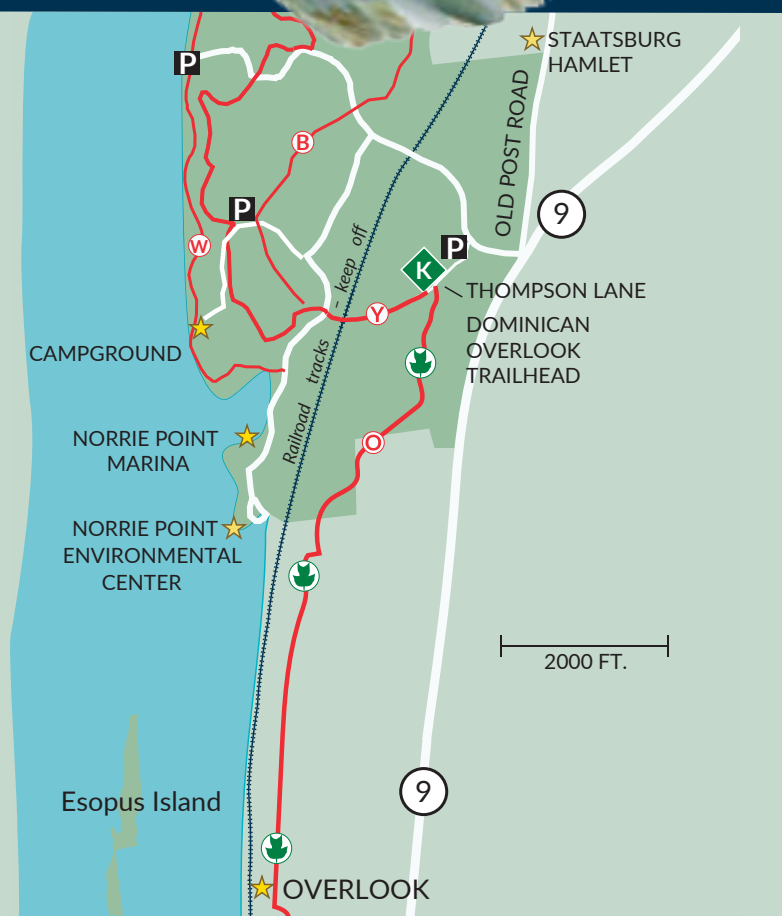
- g HACKETT HILL PARK**
1.1 mile loop (green, red)
FEATURES
Easy walking on woodland footpaths. Park office info & seasonal restrooms.

PARKING
Hackett Hill Parking lot on East Market St.



- d DOMINICAN OVERLOOK TRAIL**
1.85 miles one way (orange, leaf blaze)
FEATURES
Moderate walk on a woodland foot path to the overlook with view of the Hudson River and Esopus Island.

PARKING
Thompson Lane at Mills-Norrie State Park.



- h WINNAKEE NATURE PRESERVE TRAILS**
1.3 miles round trip (red & yellow)
FEATURES
Easy to moderate walking on woodland foot paths with rolling hills.

PARKING
Behind Hyde Park Florist on Rt. 9 and end of Terwilliger Rd. Ext.

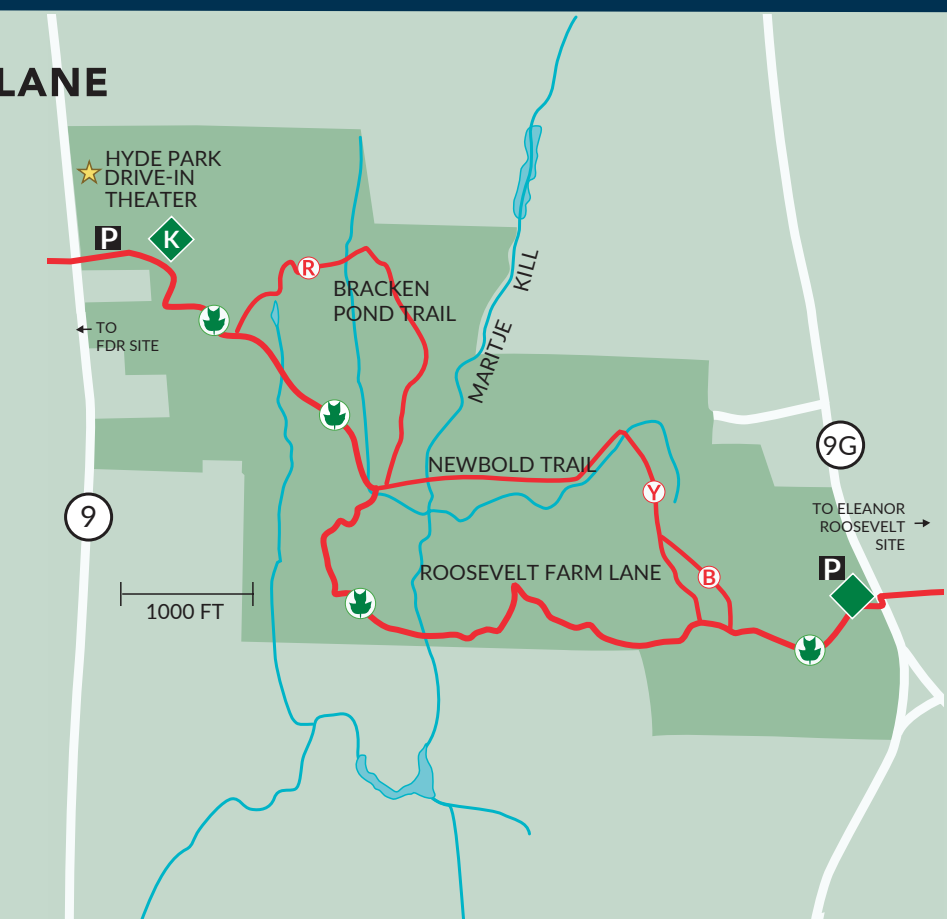


- i ROOSEVELT WOODS TRAIL**
3.3 miles round trip (green)
FEATURES
Moderate walking on natural surfaced woods roads with some steep hills. Tulip tree markers and green blazes.
PARKING
FDR National Historic Site.



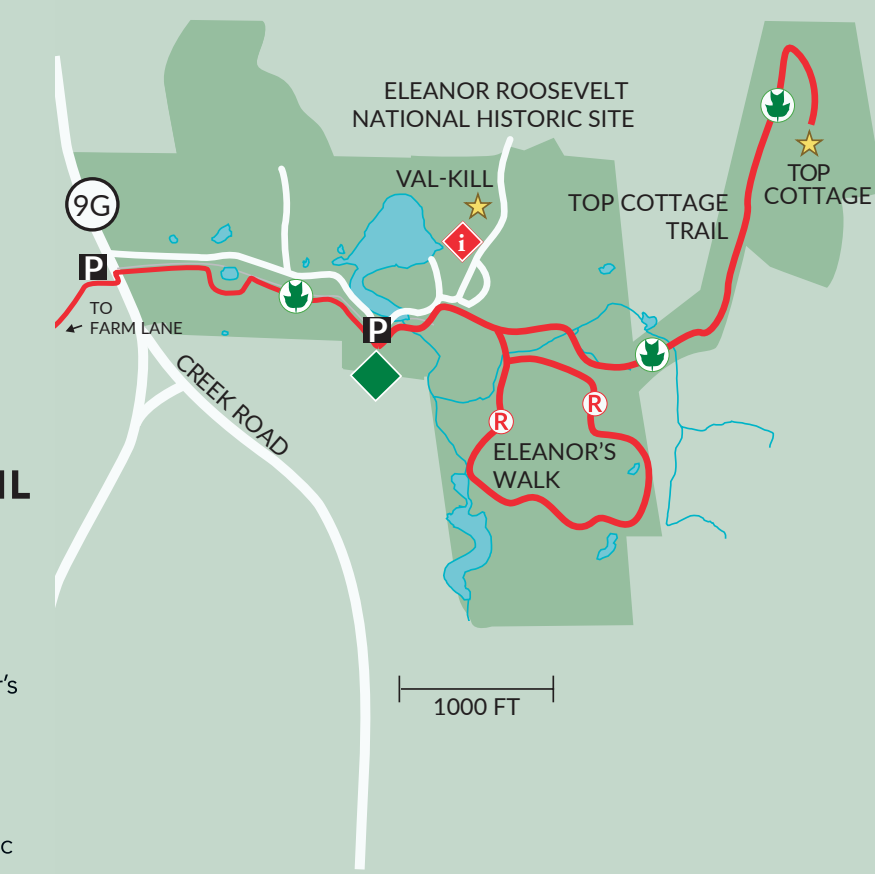
- j ROOSEVELT FARM LANE**
3.6 miles round trip (leaf blaze)
FEATURES
Easy walking on gravel surface woods path with gently rolling hills. Additional footpath loops Bicycling permitted March-November.

PARKING
FDR National Historic Site Rt. 9 trailhead at Hyde Park Drive-In. Rt. 9G across from Val-Kill entrance.



- k ELEANOR'S WALK**
1 mile loop (red)
FEATURES
Moderate walking on woodland foot paths with some steep hills. Visitor's Center info desk and restrooms available seasonally. Gate closes at sunset.

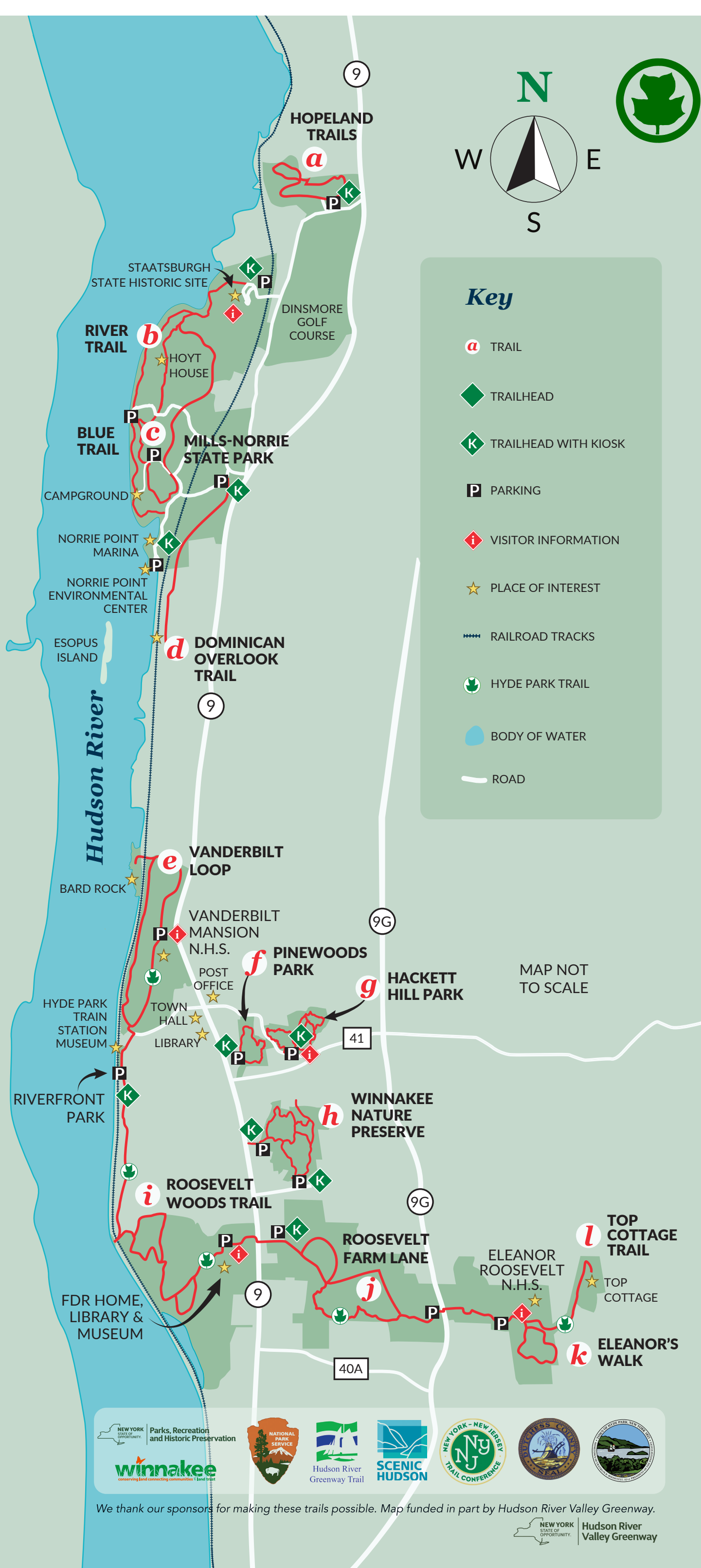
PARKING
Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site parking lot.



- l TOP COTTAGE TRAIL**
2 miles round trip (leaf blaze)
FEATURES
Moderate walking on woodland paths with some steep hills. Visitor's Center info desk and restrooms available seasonally.

PARKING
Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site parking lot.





HYDE PARK TRAILS SELECT HIGHLIGHTS

The Hyde Park Trail System offers an abundance of plants, wild animals, vistas, and historic sites for you to enjoy. This is a small list of highlights. Observe and enjoy, but please do not remove or disturb plants or animals!

Val-Kill

The only national historic site dedicated to a First Lady, this was Eleanor Roosevelt's primary residence after the death of FDR.

HISTORIC SITES

Home of FDR

Estate of the 32nd President and home to the FDR Presidential Library & Museum.

Roosevelt Farm & Forest

FDR planted nearly 500,000 trees on this property that became a model for the Civilian Conservation Corps during the Depression.

Top Cottage

FDR's hilltop retreat, it was one of the first buildings in the country designed to be wheelchair accessible.

Winnakee Nature Preserve

Once a part of the Archibald Rogers estate. Rogers mentored a younger FDR on forestry on this estate and some trees date from the 19th Century.

Bard Rock

Once the site of the Vanderbilt boathouse, a beautifully scenic spot on the banks of the Hudson.

Vanderbilt Mansion

A 54-room Beaux-Arts structure built in the late 19th Century and owned by a member of the prominent railroad family.



Hyde Park Train Station Museum

The original structure was built around 1851 as a stop on the line from New York to Albany. The current building was built in 1914.

CCC Camp at Mills-Norrie

Depression-era camp of workers who developed Mills-Norrie State Park, essentially in the backyard of FDR.

New Guinea Community Site

Site of a 19th Century community of free and enslaved African Americans.

Staatsburgh State Historic Site

The Beaux-Arts mansion of 79 rooms and surrounding landscape are an elegant example of a great estate built by America's financial and industrial leaders during the Gilded Age.

NATURE SIGHTINGS

Bald Eagle

Eagles are increasingly common along the Hudson River, following the banning of the pesticide DDT, which caused nesting failure by thinning their eggshells.

Barred Owl (pictured left)

Mottled brown and white, large and stocky with no ear tufts. Call is "Who cooks for you."

Great Blue Heron

These tall, slate-gray wading birds can be seen in wetlands, and along the Hudson River.

Pileated Woodpecker

This crow-sized woodpecker sports a flaming red crest and black and white wings that flash in flight. Look for its large, rectangular feeding holes in tree trunks.

Red Columbine

Look for these red and yellow bell-like flowers on rocky outcrops, April through June.

Dutchman's Breeches

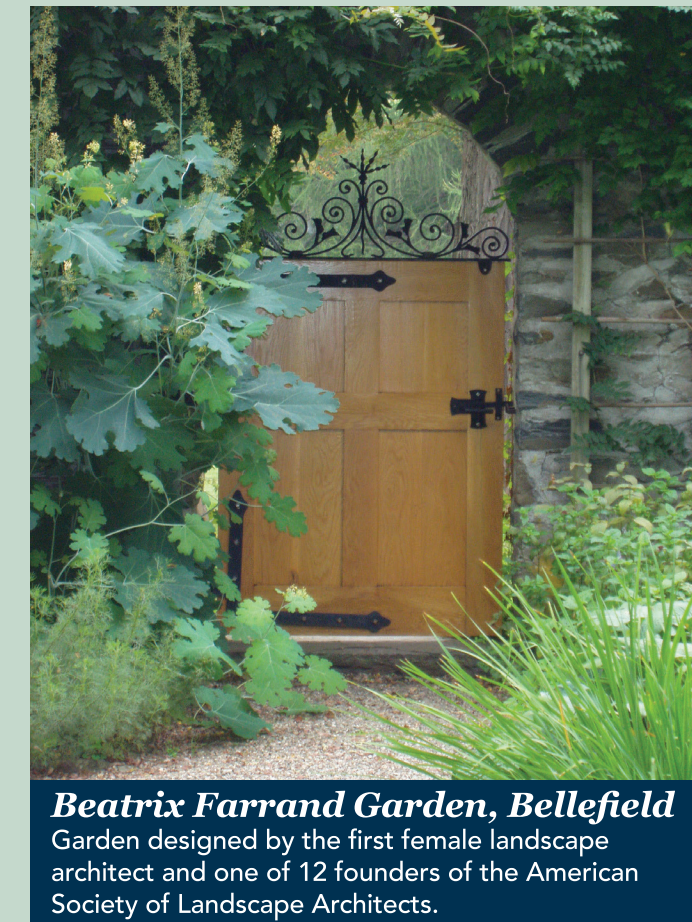
Named for their resemblance to pantaloons, these small white wildflowers are found in sunny woodlands before the trees leaf out.

Long-Spurred Violet

Violets are common in moist woods, April-June. This one is notable for a long, thin nectar spur that extends backward from its lilac-purple petals.

Solomon's Seal

Pairs of tiny bell-like flowers hang along the long, arching stems. Common in rich woods, March through June.



Beatrice Farrand Garden, Bellefield
Garden designed by the first female landscape architect and one of 12 founders of the American Society of Landscape Architects.

Tulip-Poplar

An avid forester, FDR planted nearly 500,000 trees at his Hyde Park estate. His favorite was the Tulip-Poplar, the tallest native hardwood tree species in all of temperate North America.

Red Trillium (illustration below)

This beautiful woodland flower was once far more common, blooming March through June. But it grows and reproduces very slowly, so it has suffered from deer browse, thoughtless picking and general disturbance. Please let it be!



HYDE PARK TRAILS

hike through history



More than 34 miles of trails weave through parks, preserves and historic sites in the town of Hyde Park, NY. Our growing network of trails is maintained through a partnership between dedicated volunteers and trail owners, for the benefit of residents and visitors alike.