



NEARBY ATTRACTIONS

(see map at left)

Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site

Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site

Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum

HUDSON RIVER

Vanderbilt Mansion

Visitor Center

Pavilion

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Parking

Ginkgo Tree

Tool House

Gardener's Cottage

Site of Greenhouses

FORMAL GARDENS

A LEGACY OF LANDSCAPE DESIGN

The estate's landscape was first developed by Dr. Samuel Bard, who died here in 1821. In the European picturesque style, he planted exotic plants and probably the ginkgo tree, one of the continent's oldest, dating to 1799. Bard's son William sold the estate to his father's medical partner Dr. David Hosack, who built the first formal gardens and greenhouses. After his death the estate was broken up. Later Walter Langdon, Jr. reunited the estate, laid out formal gardens, and hired Boston architects to design a gardener's

cottage, tool house, and garden walls. These structures, the only ones to pre-date Vanderbilt ownership, still exist. Vanderbilt redesigned the formal gardens and planted hundreds of trees and shrubs. On weekends Frederick and Louise liked to walk through the gardens twice a day. Today the landscape, restored to its 1930s appearance, encompasses five acres of tiered gardens, gravel paths, shady arbors, ornate statues, and bubbling fountains.

MAP ART BY POWER ENGINEERS

White Bridge

CRUM ELBOW CREEK

ENTRANCE

Power House

Main Gate House

ALBANY POST ROAD

To Coach House and Lower Gate House

WELCOME TO HYDE PARK, one of the area's oldest Hudson River country estates and a superb example of 200 years of landscape design. The National Park Service preserves over 200 acres of the original property. Explore the manicured landscapes, woodlands, and formal gardens. Take a guided tour of the Vanderbilt country home (fee). Glimpse the world of the American elite, their staff, and their relationship to the Hyde Park community.

For **INFORMATION** on visiting hours, fees, and tour times, call or visit our website.

ACCESSIBILITY

We strive to make our facilities, services, and programs accessible to all. For information go to the visitor center, ask a ranger, call, or check our website.

SAFETY

Caution, stay on trails in woods to avoid poison ivy and ticks.

MORE INFORMATION

Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site
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