

Rockefeller State Park Preserve

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whose mission is to help restore and maintain the Preserve's unique system of carriage roads and pastoral landscapes. To donate to the Friends, please visit: friendsrock.org Click on "Donate Now"



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The Preserve is a "Carry In - Carry Out" Facility

Legend

- Barn/Farm
- Bridge
- Stone Bridge
- Comfort Station
- Gate
- Preserve Office
- Parking Lot
- Visitor Center
- OCA Weir Chamber
- OCA Vent Shaft
- Rock Formation
- Old Croton Aqueduct
- North Country Trail
- Active Railroad
- Forest
- Fields & Pastures

Please be considerate of other park users. Please report any accident or incident immediately to park police. All boundaries and trails are shown as approximate. Be aware of changing trail conditions.

Map produced by NYSOPRHP GIS Bureau, September 17, 2020



- AS - Ash Tree Loop (0.77 mi)
- BH - Buttermilk Hill (1.59 mi)
- BP - Brothers' Path (1.11 mi)
- BT - Big Tree Trail (1.18 mi)
- BY - Barnyard Hill (0.30 mi)
- CA - Canter Alley (0.34 mi)
- CB - Carl's Brook Path (0.24 mi)
- CL - County Lane (0.76 mi)
- DH - Douglas Hill Loop (1.05 mi)
- DL - David's Loop (0.93 mi)
- DR - Deer Run (0.40 mi)
- DT - Doc's Trail (0.50 mi)
- EH - Eagle Hill (0.87 mi)
- FL - Ferguson Lake (1.77 mi)
- FM - Farm Meadow (0.77 mi)
- FS - Flying Squirrel (1.04 mi)
- FO - Foundation Loop (0.65 mi)
- GB - Gorey Brook Road Trail (0.34 mi)
- GO - Goat Trail (0.96 mi)
- GR - Greenrock Road (0.79 mi)
- HB - Horseshoe Bend Trail (0.31 mi)
- HI - Hillside Trail (0.63 mi)
- HP - Hudson Pines Road (0.94 mi)
- HW - Headwater Trail (0.24 mi)
- LO - Lower Trail (0.95 mi)
- LL - Lucy's Loop (1.20 mi)
- MI - Middle Trail (0.21 mi)
- ML - Maple Loop (0.63 mi)
- NW - Nature's Way (0.49 mi)
- OC - Old Croton Aqueduct Connector (0.22 mi)
- OCA - Old Croton Aqueduct Trail (2.85 mi)
- OO - Old Orchard Trail (0.28 mi)
- OV - Overlook Trail (0.69 mi)
- PE - Perry Road (1.94 mi)
- PG - Pocantico Gate Trail (0.48 mi)
- PL - Pasture Lane (0.16 mi)
- PP - Peaceful Path (0.39 mi)
- PPP - Peeper Pond Path (0.11 mi)
- PW - Peggy's Way (0.53 mi)
- PR - Pocantico River Trail (1.87 mi)
- RB - Rockwood Hall Brook Trail (0.44 mi)
- RI - Ridge Trail (0.97 mi)
- RL - Reservoir Loop (0.94 mi)
- RR - Old Railroad Bed (0.34 mi)
- RV - Raven's Rock (0.43 mi)
- RW - Rock Wall Loop (0.68 mi)
- SB - Stone Barns Path (0.52 mi)
- ST - Stone Bridge Trail (0.39 mi)
- SH - Old Sleepy Hollow Road Trail (0.64 mi)
- SI - Simmental Trail (0.46 mi)
- SL - Shady Lane (0.25 mi)
- SP - Spring Trail (0.65 mi)
- SR - Spook Rock Trail (0.26 mi)
- TB - 13 Bridges Loop (2.03 mi)
- TR - Turkey Run (0.19 mi)
- UP - Upper Trail (0.49 mi)
- WQ - Winter Quarters (0.18 mi)
- WS - Witch's Spring Trail (0.75 mi)

New Trail Name and Marker Transition
 Formerly unnamed trails now have names. This new map is available before the trail markers have been installed.



SWAN LAKE / FARM FIELDS & FORESTS

Swan Lake is the scenic heart of the Preserve and Brothers' Path is the gateway. Brothers' Path, which circles the lake, offers wildflower and sightings of painted turtles sunning on logs, water lilies, herons, wintering waterfowl, and stately red oak trees. Connecting trails lead through hardwood forest into a network of fields with long views and lichen-encrusted rock walls. The rolling pastures of David Rockefeller's Hudson Pine Farm will be bequeathed to New York State. Through a cooperative agreement, Stone Barns Center for Food and Agriculture grazes livestock using movable fences. In the spring, listen for the bubbly, tinkling call of bobolinks and "okalee" call of red-winged blackbirds.

Trail Name	(mi/km)	Trail Name	(mi/km)
Ash Tree Loop	0.77 / 1.23	Nature's Way	0.49 / 0.79
Barnyard Hill	0.30 / 0.48	Old Sleepy Hollow	0.64 / 1.02
Brook Trail	0.87 / 1.40	Road Trail	
Brothers' Path	1.11 / 1.79	Overlook Trail	0.69 / 1.11
Carl's Brook Path	0.24 / 0.39	Old Railroad Bed	0.34 / 0.55
David's Loop	0.93 / 1.50	Peaceful Path	0.39 / 0.63
Deer Run	0.40 / 0.64	Peeper Pond Path	0.11 / 0.18
Equestrian Access Trail	0.50 / 0.80	Pocantico Gate	0.48 / 0.77
Farm Meadow Trail	0.77 / 1.24	Ridge Trail	0.97 / 1.56
Greenrock Road	0.79 / 1.27	Rock Wall Loop	0.68 / 1.09
Headwater	0.24 / 0.39	Simental	0.46 / 0.74
Hillside	0.63 / 1.01	Spring Trail	0.65 / 1.05
Horseshoe Bend	0.31 / 0.50	Stone Barns Path	0.50 / 0.80
Hudson Pines Road	0.94 / 1.51	Turkey Run	0.19 / 0.31
Maple Loop	0.63 / 1.01	Winter Quarters	0.18 / 0.29

- 1 Glacial Erratic 2 Sleepy Hollow Cistern 3 Swan Lake Overlook 4 Curious Creek Crossing 5 Toad Face 6 Fishpond Ruins

BUTTERMILK HILL AREA

In the eastern section of the Preserve, Buttermilk Hill overlooks the Sawmill River Valley. The trails on this forested ridge are more isolated and wild. Buttermilk Hill Trail hugs the steep slope along rock outcroppings becoming narrower and steeper towards Raven's Rock, a deeply fissured and fractured cliff. Look for spring wildflowers and migratory songbirds, especially colorful warblers.

Trail Name	(mi/km)	Trail Name	(mi/km)
Buttermilk Hill	1.59 / 2.56	Old Orchard Trail	0.28 / 0.45
County Lane	0.76 / 1.22	Pasture Lane	0.16 / 0.26
Ferguson's Loop	1.77 / 2.85	Perry Road	1.94 / 3.12
Flying Squirrel Trail	1.04 / 1.67	Raven's Rock	0.43 / 0.69
Goat Trail	0.96 / 1.54	Reservoir Loop	0.94 / 1.51
Lucy's Loop	1.20 / 1.93		

- 7 Northwest Passage 8 USGS Benchmark 9 Reservoir Bridge 10 Fairy Circle 11 Stone Arches 12 Raven's Rock

POCANTICO RIVER / EAGLE HILL / 13 BRIDGES

In the western section of the Preserve, the carriage roads lead through deep forest, sunlit fields, and gurgling streams. Three 100-year-old stone bridges span the scenic Pocantico River. Gory Brook, a slender stream with a mysterious name, is crisscrossed by 13 Bridges Trail. In the autumn and winter, Eagle Hill offers superb fall colors and distant views of the Hudson River and Palisade Cliffs. Bluebirds, swallows, and hawks are seen in and around the rolling fields.

Trail Name	(mi/km)	Trail Name	(mi/km)
13 Bridges Loop	2.03 / 3.27	OCA Connector	0.22 / 0.35
Big Tree Trail	1.18 / 1.90	Peggy's Way	0.53 / 0.85
Canter Alley	0.34 / 0.55	Pocantico River Trail	1.87 / 3.01
Douglas Hill Loop	1.05 / 1.69	Shady Lane	0.25 / 0.40
Eagle Hill Trail	0.87 / 1.40	Spook Rock Trail	0.26 / 0.42
Gory Brook Road Trail	0.34 / 0.55	Stone Bridge Trail	0.39 / 0.63
Old Croton Aqueduct	2.85 / 4.59	Witch's Spring Trail	0.75 / 1.21

- 13 Pocantico Falls 14 Sleepy Hollow "Hollow" 15 Eagle Hill Lookout 16 Triple Arch Bridge 17 Hulda's Hut 18 Spook Rock

ROCKWOOD HALL / HUDSON RIVER

Rockwood Hall, William Rockefeller's gentleman's farm estate from 1886-1922, was landscaped by Frederick Law Olmsted, co-designer of Central Park. While the mansion is gone, Rockwood Hall offers grand vistas of the Hudson River and Palisades Cliffs, spacious grassy fields, magnificent specimen trees, and massive rock walls and terraces. It's a good vantage point to sight butterflies in the fall and bald eagles in the winter.

Trail Name	(mi/km)	Trail Name	(mi/km)
Foundation Loop	0.65 / 1.05	Upper Trail	0.49 / 0.79
Rockwood Hall Brook Trail	0.44 / 0.71	Middle Trail	0.21 / 0.38
		Lower Trail	0.95 / 1.53

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This Park Preserve has been made possible through the farsighted and generous gift of the Rockefeller Family. Since 1983, over 1700 acres of their Pocantico Hills and Rockwood Hall estates have been deeded to the New York State to safeguard the it's natural beauty and wildlife for present and future generations.

Placed on the National Register of Historic Places by the United States Department of the Interior, the Preserve is operated by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation and encompasses forested hills and valleys interspersed with a pastoral landscape of fields and pastures in the Pocantico River watershed. A distinguishing feature of the Preserve is the 45 miles of carriage paths, primarily designed by John D. Rockefeller Jr., that lead visitors around the 22- acre Swan Lake and down shady river lanes and intimate wooded paths to panoramic vistas.

The Visitor Center features gardens with native flowers and 425 tree peonies donated by the people of Yatsuka Town in the Shimane Prefecture of Japan which bloom in early May and an art gallery with changing exhibits of contemporary art and natural and local history.

Open sunrise to sunset, the Preserve is ideal for walking, jogging, and cross-country skiing, as well as nature study, birding, hiking, and photography. Permits are available for horseback riding, carriage driving, and running teams.

DESTINATION AREAS

Numbered on the map are featured areas to find & explore. Descriptions of each area can be found online at:
 •parks.ny.gov/parks/Rockefeller •friendsrock.org
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Rules & Trail Etiquette

STAY ON THE CARRAIGE PATHS. Please stay out of the fields except when at the Rockwood Hall Area

Share the carriage paths. They are multi-use.

Dogs must always be leashed and under control.

Carry out litter and dog waste. There are no garbage bins.

Fishing requires a NYSDEC license.

Running (Organized groups, 7 or more require a permit):

- Run in groups of 4 or less with 200 ft. between groups
- Run two abreast, pass on left or where safe
- Communicate with others before passing them.
- Yield to carriages and equestrians, as horses have blind spots and may behave unpredictably

PROHIBITED ALL AREAS:

- Smoking
- Fires/Grills
- Camping
- Bikes/Scooters
- Mechanized Vehicles
- Amplified Music
- Alcohol
- Hunting
- Trapping
- Drones
- Skateboards
- Ball Playing

PROHIBITED

- except at Rockwood Hall*
- Picnicking
- Ball Playing
- Kite Flying
- Frisbees
- Sledding



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Destinations Guide

Welcome to the Rockefeller State Park Preserve. We have created this Destinations Guide to give you some ideas for places to go and things to see while enjoying your visit to the Preserve. We always welcome your feedback.

Please remember, Rockefeller is a Park Preserve. That means you may very well catch sight or sound of the 202 different bird species that call Rockefeller home as well as coyotes, wolves, bears, racoons, squirrels, chipmunks, mink, turtles, deer, frogs, insects, skunk, hedgehogs, groundhogs, snakes, fish, and many other residents of the Preserve.

It also means that:

- 1) dogs must be leashed at all times
- 2) Bicycles, mechanized vehicles, drones, metal detectors, snowmobiling, camping, and open fires are strictly prohibited.
- 3) See more info at: <https://parks.ny.gov/PARKS/59>

Thank you for your cooperation and we hope you enjoy your visit.

SECTORS

Buttermilk Hill Area

Swan Lake / Farm Fields & Forests

Pocantico River / Eagle Hill / 13 Bridges

Rockwood Hall / Hudson River



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Buttermilk Hill Area





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#7 Northwest Passage Tunnel

SECTOR Buttermilk

TRAIL Buttermilk Hill (BH)

GPS 41.09393 -73.84955

DESCRIPTION Wander under this stone structure to cross to the “other side” of the Preserve. Buttermilk is idyllic part of the part often missed by visitors. Like much of the area it has a history.



#8 USGS Benchmark and Plaque - Oldest Triangulation Station in America

SECTOR Buttermilk Hill Area

TRAIL Raven’s Rock (RR)

GPS 41 06 36.37123 073 48 37.47542

DESCRIPTION This 1833 plaque (on the tunnel) commemorates the bicentennial of the Buttermilk Hill triangulation station by the US Geologic Survey as the oldest triangulation station in America. The actual Benchmark is some .5 miles west of this plaque. (see GPS Coordinates above)



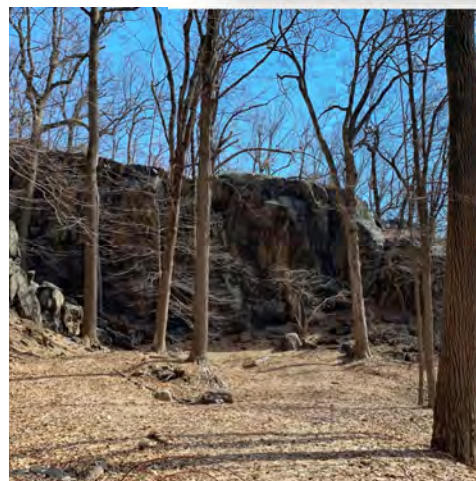
#12 Ravens Rock

SECTOR Buttermilk

TRAIL Raven’s Rock (RR)

GPS 41.0964 73.8164

DESCRIPTION This destination is guaranteed to amaze you when you reach it, even if you DO NOT see the legendary resident ghost as mentioned in “The Legend of Sleepy Hollow”.



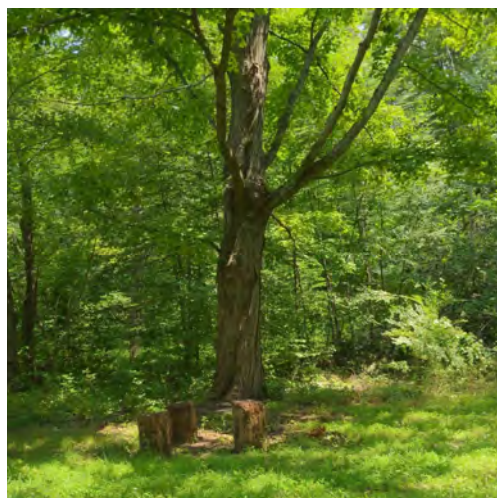


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#11 **Stone Arch Creek Tunnels**
SECTOR Buttermilk
TRAIL Ferguson Lake (FL)
GPS 41.098 73.82506
DESCRIPTION These interesting 3 stone arches are simply a means to channel water, but are a nice example of the detail taken by the Rockefellers to have everything done to be consistent and unobtrusive. A single cement pipe could have been used but would overwhelm the space . Since John D. Jr was involved in most of the construction decisions, he obviously influenced the final design.



#10 **Fairy Circle**
SECTOR Buttermilk
TRAIL Ferguson Lake (FL)
GPS 41.09855 73.82663
DESCRIPTION Nobody knows who built this little gathering circle, but it has been there as long as we can remember. Could it be fairies gather here?



#9 **Reservoir Bridge**
SECTOR Buttermilk
TRAIL Ferguson Lake (FL)
GPS 41.09988 73.82705
DESCRIPTION This lovely reservoir is often missed by visitors to the Preserve. If you trek Buttermilk, don't be one of them. Its lovely in all seasons.





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Pocantico River / Eagle Hill / 13 Bridges





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#16 **Triple Arch Bridge**
SECTOR Pocantico
TRAIL Big Tree Trail (BT)
GPS 41.09991 73.85619
DESCRIPTION This magnificent structure was the first triple arch bridge built in the United States. It spans the Pocantico and provides a fantastic view of the massive Old Aqueduct Trail embankment.



#18 **Spook Rock**
SECTOR Pocantico
TRAIL Spook Rock Trail (SR)
GPS 41.10787 73.85315
DESCRIPTION More Sleepy Hollow legends can be found at Spook Rock. Can you see the legendary maidens dancing around their basket atop the ancient Native American council rock?



#17 **Hulda's Hut**
SECTOR Pocantico
TRAIL Witch's Spring Trail (WS)
GPS 41.10672 -73.85236
DESCRIPTION "Hulda the Witch" (more likely a misunderstood healer, but certainly a real person) is said to have lived on this spot. What you see is a recreation the Preserve created to tell her story which is intriguing part of the our history.



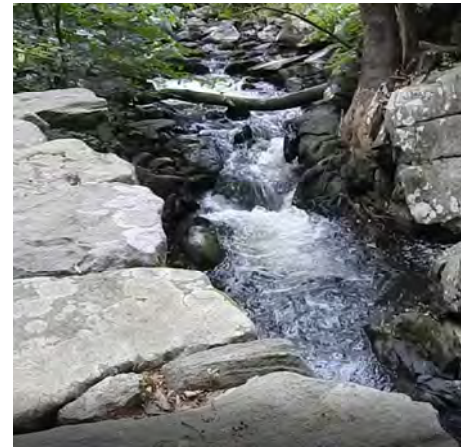


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#15 **Eagle Hill Lookout Point**
SECTOR Pocantico
TRAIL Eagle Hill (EH)
GPS 41.613 -73.512
DESCRIPTION One of the most spectacular views in the entire Preserve is this bench overlooking the Hudson River and the Mario Cuomo bridge. If you are lucky you might even see a bald eagle while you are up on Eagle hill. Listen, as you may hear them before you see them.



#13 **Pocantico Falls**
SECTOR Pocantico
TRAIL Pocantico River Trail (PR)
GPS 41.1044 73.84631
DESCRIPTION The largest waterfall in the Preserve, this falls can go from mighty to meager depending on the season. It's also quite striking in mid-winter with its many ice formations.



#14 **Sleepy Hollow Hollow**
SECTOR Pocantico
TRAIL Pocantico River Trail (PR)
GPS
DESCRIPTION This amazing tree lives yet invites you to come stand inside and feel its energy. Is it a yoga tree?





Destinations Guide

Swan Lake / Farm Fields & Forests





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#1 **Glacial Erratic**
SECTOR Swan Lake
TRAIL Nature's Way (NW)
GPS 41.10852 73.84265
DESCRIPTION This glacial erratic likely hitched a ride on a glacier in the Arctic Circle before being cast off here in the Preserve maybe 10,000 years ago. It is 20 feet high and 65 feet around and is one of the largest in the Hudson River Valley.



#2 **Sleepy Hollow Cistern**
SECTOR Swan Lake
TRAIL Overlook Trail (OV)
GPS 41.1081 73.83655
DESCRIPTION



#3 **Swan Lake Overlook**
SECTOR Overlook Trail (OV)
TRAIL Brothers Path (BP)
GPS 41.1083 73.83651
DESCRIPTION



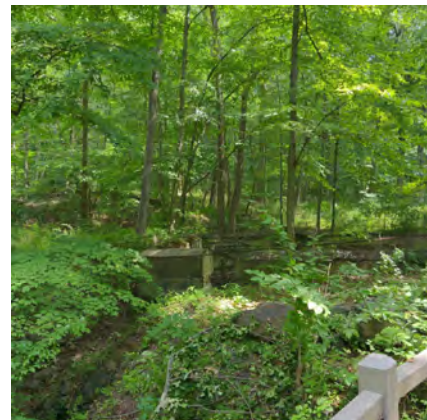


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#5 Toad Face Tree
 SECTOR Pocantico
 TRAIL Brook Trail (BR)
 GPS 41.11236 73.82532
 DESCRIPTION Travel along Brook Trail and look closely at the trees, many have their own characters and some tell stories. What do you see?



#6 Fishpond Ruins
 SECTOR Swan Lake
 TRAIL Brook Trail (BR)
 GPS 41.1107 73.82456
 DESCRIPTION In the 1900's, fish were farm raised in this fishpond. Now abandoned, you can probably imagine local kids might have snuck in to swim here on a hot summer day. Weirs along this trail were said to have been put in by the Rockefellers so the King of England could fish when he visited.



#4 Curious Creek Crossing
 SECTOR Swan Lake
 TRAIL Winter Quarters (WQ)
 GPS 41.10465 73.83640
 DESCRIPTION In these broad pastures to the left and right of the trail once roamed a mighty herd of David Rockefeller's breeding cattle. This natural spring-fed stream was their water source. You wont need a boat to cross but you might get your feet wet.





Destinations Guide

Rockwood Hall / Hudson River





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#19 **Foundation Ruins**
SECTOR Rockwood
TRAIL Foundation Loop
GPS 41.11275 73.86583
DESCRIPTION Rockwood Hall was former home of William Rockefeller, brother of John D. Rockefeller, both co-founders of the Standard Oil Company. The mansion at its height had 204 rooms, making it the second-largest private house in the U.S. at the time



#22 **Sugar Shack**
SECTOR Rockwood
TRAIL Upper Trail
GPS 41.11656 73.86491
DESCRIPTION We are not certain, but we believe sugar from the surrounding sugar maples was processed here when the area was a working farm.



#21 **Bridge View Benches**
SECTOR Rockwood
TRAIL Lower Trail
GPS 41.11113 73.86787
DESCRIPTION One of the best views of the Hudson and the Bridge can be seen from this bench. You may not want to leave!





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#23 **Rockwood Creek and Bridges**

SECTOR Rockwood

TRAIL Rockwood Hall Brook Trail

GPS 41.11113 73.86787

DESCRIPTION This lovely hidden walk is missed by many visitors who only see the Foundation. Don't miss this. It is a cool place in the summer with lovely shaded trees and the sound of the creek flowing past. Can you see where this creek joins with the Hudson?



#20 **The White Tree of Rockwood**

SECTOR Rockwood

TRAIL Foundation Loop

GPS 41.11103 73.86617

DESCRIPTION One of the most spectacular trees on the property, this Sycamore stands proudly at the foundation like a sentinel. It is best viewed at a distance, however, as you climb up the Lower Trail to return to the entrance.

