



The Hudson Valley

The Valley consists of a very beautiful and fertile area along the Hudson River, surrounded by the Catskill Mountains to the West and the Berkshire Mountains to the East. Although the area has become a much more upscale suburban destination in the last 10 years, it is proud it has still maintained its agricultural heritage, which includes not only vegetable, cattle, swine and sheep farms, many of which are now organic, but also numerous apple farms and wineries.

It is also an area rich in American history. The city of Kingston was the first Capital of the State of New York, and the stockade area of Kingston is well worth a visit for its 17th century stone buildings and their important place in our state's history.

Those of you who have enjoyed Edith Wharton as an author may know that the grand mansions of Dutchess County on the Hudson River are the settings for many chapters of her novels. Mills Mansion, Wilderstein, and The Vanderbilt Mansion are all very worthy of a visit and a tour of not only the mansions but their beautiful grounds, to learn about a very different time and place in our country's history.

And the most popular historic sites in the area are located in Hyde Park, where the life and times of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt can be experienced through his home, his museum and library, and her country cottage, Val-Kill.

I would be remiss if I failed to invite you to enjoy some of the greatest dining you could ask for anywhere, so I include a list of some of the many great restaurants in the Hudson Valley. Because of the Culinary Institute of America, and our proximity to NYC, we have a wealth of fine chefs offering a very diverse assortment of restaurants. I hope you will find time to visit a few!

Safe travels to our "Neck of the Woods" for the Cocker Nationals, we wish you each the very best of luck, and I hope you will enjoy your stay in our "Cocker Club" country!

All the Best,
The Cocker Spaniel Field Trial Club of America,
Sponsor of the first Cocker Trial in America,
Verbank, NY 1924
And host club for the National Cocker Championship 2009



Local Farms

Hudson Valley Fresh <http://www.hudsonvalleyfresh.com/> This site will provide information for many local farms and their operating hours.

Morehouse Farms, 141 Milan Hill Road, Red Hook, NY 845 758-3710.

www.morehousefarm.com Fine Merino Wools

Breezy Hill Orchards, 828 Centre Road, Clinton Corners, NY 845 266-3979

www.hudsonvalleycider.com Apples, cider, baked goods and more.

Local Wineries

Clinton Vineyards, 450 Schultsville Road, Clinton Corners, NY 845 266-5372

www.clintonvineyards.com

Millbrook Wineries, 26 Wing Road, Millbrook, NY 1800 662-9463 or www.millbrookwine.com

Cascade Mountain Wineries, 835 Cascade Mountain Road, Amenia, NY 845 373-9021 or

www.cascademt.com

Historic Area Information

Kingston www.hps.gov/history/nr/travel/Kingston/kl.htm

Mills Mansion, Old Post Road, Staatsburgh, NY 845 889-8851 www.staatsburgh.gov

FDR Homestead and Library, Albany Post Road, Hyde Park, NY 1 800 FDR-VISIT or

www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu

Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site, 4097 Albany Post Road, Hyde Park, NY

1 800 FDR-VISIT or www.nps.gov/vama

Wilderstein Historic Site, 330 Morton Road, Rhinebeck, NY 845 876-4818

www.wilderstein.org

Restaurants-East Side of the Hudson River

Calico, 6384 Mill St (Route 9), Rhinebeck, NY 845 876-2749 <http://Calicorhinebeck.com/>

Le Petit Bistro, 8 East Market Street, Rhinebeck, NY 845 876-7400 www.lepetitbistro.com

The Beekman Arms, 6387 Mill street (Route 9) Rhinebeck, NY 845 876-7077. Oldest operating Inn in America. Some dog friendly rooms. www.beekmandelamaterinn.com

The Belvedere, 10 Olde Route 9, Staatsburgh, NY 845 889-8000 www.belvederemansion.com

Folks without dogs can also stay here.

The Rhinecliff, 4 Grinnel Street, Rhinecliff, NY 845 876-0500 Overlooks the Hudson River, can also stay here, without dogs. info@THERHINECLIFF.COM

Terapin, 6426 Montgomery Street (Route 9), Rhinebeck, NY 845 876-3330.

www.terrapinrestaurant.com

Osaka, 22 Garden Street, Rhinebeck, NY 845 876-7338 www.osakasushi.net

Max's BBQ, Route 9, Red Hook, NY 845 758-6297 www.maxsbbq.net

Restaurants- West Side of the Hudson River

Hoffman House and Tavern, 94 North Front Street, Kingston, NY 845 338-2626

www.hoffmanhousetavern.com

Savonna's Trattoria, 11 Broadway, Kingston, NY 845 339-6800 www.savonas.com

Mariner's Harbor, 1 Broadway, Kingston, NY 845 340-8051 www.marinersharbor.com