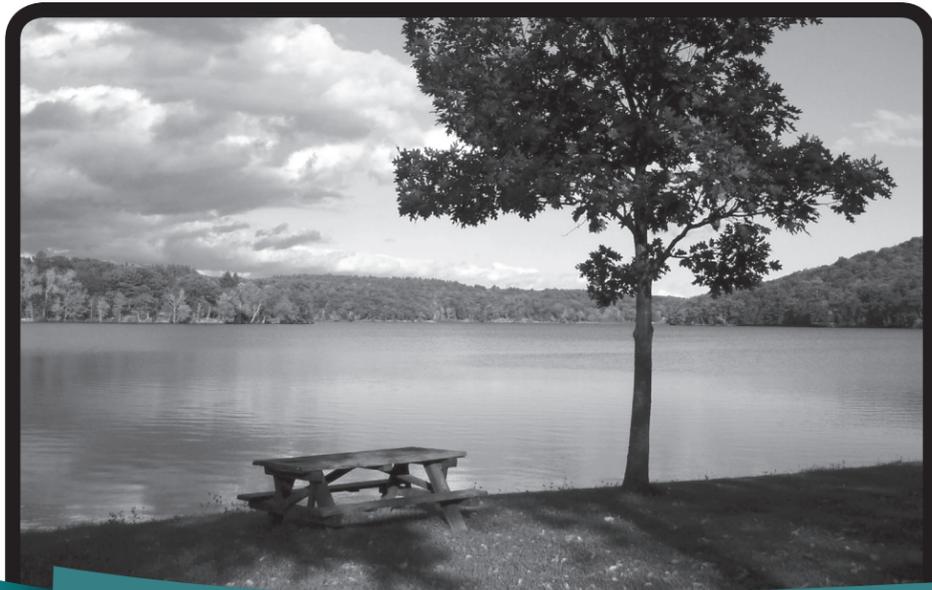


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invites you to



Rediscover the Mid-Hudson Valley this summer!

Rediscover all the Mid-Hudson Valley has to offer this summer!



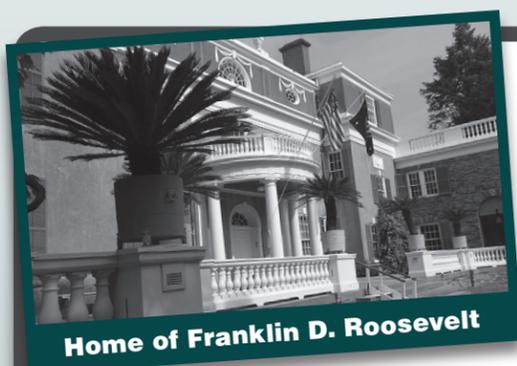
Dear Friends,

I would like to invite you and your family to enjoy a “staycation” in the Mid-Hudson Valley this summer. Our region is full of great attractions that everyone can enjoy during the warm months, and a staycation is an inexpensive alternative to traveling.

Whether you want to visit historic sites like the homes of Martin Van Buren and Franklin D. Roosevelt, enjoy natural wonders in state parks on Lake Taghkanic and the Taconic Mountains or attend one of the wonderful festivals and county fairs in our area, a Mid-Hudson Valley staycation is an outing all ages can enjoy. I hope you and your family join me this summer in reconnecting with all our region has to offer.

Sincerely,

Didi Barrett
Didi Barrett, Member of Assembly



Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt

Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site

Also known as “Springwood,” the Franklin D. Roosevelt Home National Historic Site in Hyde Park was the home of FDR. The site is open year-round, seven days a week, from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and includes the country’s first presidential library, grave sites, a rose garden and hiking trails. Visit www.nps.gov/hofr for more information.

Historic Sites

Clermont State Historic Site

The Clermont State Historic Site is the former estate of the Livingston family, a prominent New York State family for several generations. Overlooking the Hudson River, the site offers tours, as well as picnicking and nature trails. Visit www.nysparks.com/historic-sites/16/details.aspx for more information.

Olana State Historic Site

The Olana State Historic Site outside of Hudson was the home of artist Frederic Edwin Church from 1860 to 1900. Situated on a 250-acre site, the grounds and gardens are open year-round, offering guided tours of the house, as well as access to the beautiful landscape. Visit www.olana.org for more information.

Martin Van Buren National Historic Site

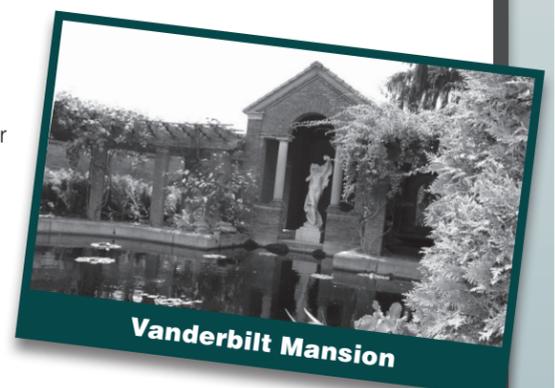
The Martin Van Buren National Historic Site near Kinderhook was the home of the eighth president of the United States, our nation’s first president from New York. Tours of the 36-room mansion are offered from mid-May to the end of October. Visit www.nps.gov/mava for more information.

Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site

Also known as “Val-Kill,” the Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site is the only National Historic Site dedicated to a First Lady and was home to Mrs. Roosevelt. Tours of the Hyde Park site are offered May to October and visitors can access the gardens, grounds and trails. Visit www.nps.gov/elro for more information.

Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site

The Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site in Hyde Park is one of the oldest and best examples of Gilded Age architecture in the country. Visitors may take a guided tour of the 211-acre grounds. Visit www.nps.gov/vama for more information.



Vanderbilt Mansion

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Lake Taghkanic

State Parks

Lake Taghkanic

Lake Taghkanic State Park, along Lake Taghkanic in Columbia County, offers tent and trailer campsites, as well as cabin and cottage camping facilities. The lake is also open for swimming and non-motor boat activities. For more information on the various recreational opportunities available, call 518-851-3631 or visit www.nysparks.com/parks/38/resources-links.aspx.

Mills Norrie State Park

Together, the Ogden Mills and Ruth Livingston Mills Memorial State Park and the Margaret Lewis Norrie State Park comprise more than 1,000 acres of the Mid-Hudson Valley. The parks offer various trails, camping and a marina with river access for boating. For more information call 845-889-4646.

Walkway Over the Hudson

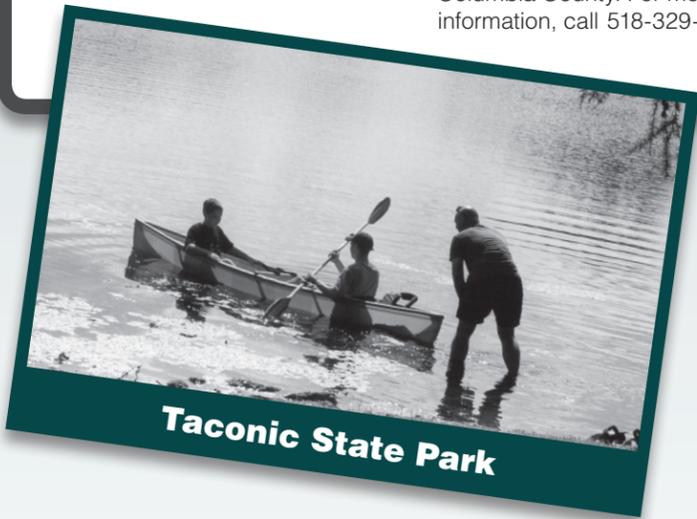
Opened in 2009, the Walkway Over the Hudson is the longest and highest elevated pedestrian bridge in the world. The Walkway Over the Hudson State Park provides wonderful views of the Hudson River for walkers, hikers, runners and bicyclists. For more information, call 845-454-9649.

James Baird State Park

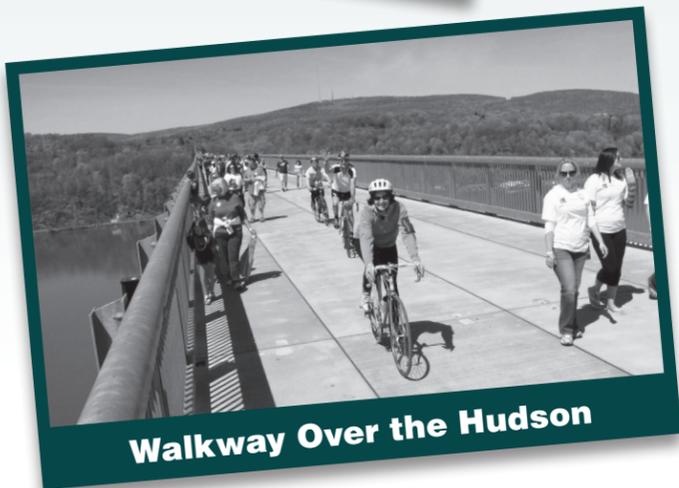
James Baird State Park, located near Pleasant Valley, is home to the James Baird State Park Golf Course, picnic areas, a sports complex, playground and nature center. For more information, call 845-452-1489.

Taconic State Park

Taconic State Park features two developed areas for camping and hiking in the Taconic Mountain Range near Copake Falls in Columbia County. For more information, call 518-329-3993.



Taconic State Park



Walkway Over the Hudson

County Fairs

Dutchess County Fair Aug. 21 – 26

Located in Rhinebeck, the Dutchess County Fair is the second largest county fair in New York State. Attractions include live entertainment, agricultural exhibits, horticultural displays, specialty foods, arts and crafts, vendors and concessions. Visit www.dutchessfair.com for more information.

Columbia County Fair Aug. 29 – Sept. 3

A tradition dating to 1841, the Columbia County Fair is held annually during Labor Day weekend in the village of Chatham. The fair includes a demolition derby, painted pony rodeo, monster tractor pull, vendors and concessions. Visit www.columbiafair.com for more information.



Dutchess County Fair



Hudson Valley Wine & Food Fest

Events and Festivals

Falcon Ridge Folk Festival July 27 – 29

Dodds Farm, Hillsdale
www.falconridgefolk.com

Blueberry Festival July 29, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Old Austerlitz Village, Austerlitz
www.oldausterlitz.org/events/2012_blueberry_festival/

Wassaic Project Summer Festival Aug. 3 – 5

The Maxon Mills, Wassaic
www.wassaicproject.org

Hudson Music Fest Aug. 10 – 12

Venues throughout the city of Hudson
www.hudsonmusicfest.com

Hudson Valley Wine & Food Festival Sept. 8 – 9

Dutchess County Fairgrounds, Rhinebeck
www.hudsonvalleywinefest.com

For more information, visit

Dutchess County Tourism <http://www.dutchesstourism.com/> Columbia County Tourism <http://www.columbiacountytourism.org/>

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