



VASSAR LANDMARKS

Founded in 1861, Vassar College is renowned for pioneering achievements in education, for its long history of curricular innovation, and for the beauty of its campus. Over the course of its history, the college has expanded from its original two buildings—Main Building and the Maria Mitchell Observatory, both National Historic Landmarks—to over 100 academic and residential buildings designed by some of the most notable architects of their day.

The Vassar Libraries are extraordinary and rank among the very best at liberal arts colleges in the U.S. The Thompson Memorial Library is one of the most exceptional examples of the collegiate gothic style in the country. The massive stained-glass window that dominates its interior space depicts Elena Lucrezia Cornaro Piscopia, the first woman to receive a doctorate (1678).

Main Building, designed by James Renwick Jr., encompassed more interior space than any building in the U.S. at the time of its completion in 1865. Originally intended to accommodate residential, academic, and administrative functions under one roof, Main today houses administrative offices and student residences. The College Center, a modern addition to Main, houses an eatery, art gallery, computer store, and student organizations.

The Vogelstein Center for Drama and Film, designed by Cesar Pelli, replaced Avery Hall, a 19th-century brick building that originally housed a riding school and calisthenium. In acknowledgement of the historical significance of Avery, the arched Italianate façade was retained and incorporated into the new facility.

The Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center, designed by Cesar Pelli, includes Vassar's museum and sculpture garden. Matthew Vassar donated the original collection of 400 works including a significant number of Hudson River School paintings. Today the collection comprises over 20,000 works from ancient Egypt to the present.

The Chapel, completed in 1904, is notable for its Norman-style architecture and its 15 stained-glass windows: six from drawings by John La Farge, four by Robert L. Dodge, and five by Louis Comfort Tiffany.

The Maria Mitchell Observatory, where prominent astronomer Maria Mitchell lived, taught, and conducted research from 1865 to 1888, is now a National Historic Landmark and home to Vassar's Education Department.

The Shakespeare Garden was planted by students and faculty in 1916 using seeds they obtained from Stratford-upon-Avon.

Bridge for Laboratory Sciences, designed by Richard Olcott/Ennead Architects, is a state-of-the-art teaching and research facility that fosters multidisciplinary collaboration among the sciences.

Belle Skinner Hall of Music houses the Mary Anna Fox Martel Recital Hall, one of the best college music libraries in the country, an electronic music studio, practice rooms equipped with Steinway grand pianos, and a collection of rare and antique instruments.

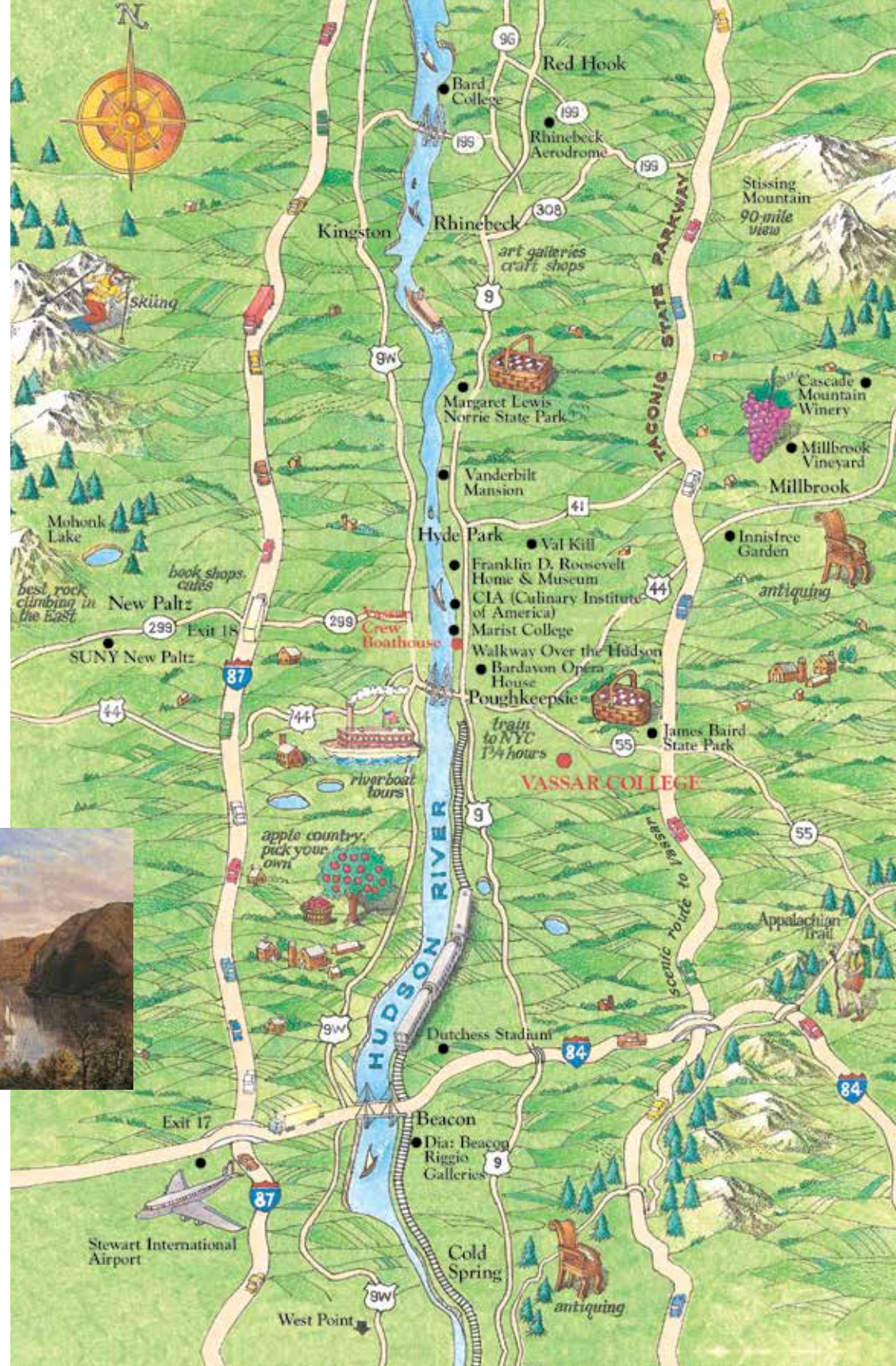
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Designated a National Heritage Area by Congress, the Hudson Valley has more major historic sites per square mile than any other area in the United States. Fabulous mansions of the Gilded Age, quaint river towns, unparalleled hiking and climbing sites in the Catskills and the Shawangunks, world-class art museums – the valley is a national treasure. Poughkeepsie, Vassar's hometown, is half way between Albany, the state capitol, and New York City. The Vassar campus comprises over 100 buildings in architectural styles ranging from modernist to collegiate gothic and 1,000 picturesque acres ranging from the sweeping lawns of the main campus to the meadows and woodlands of the Vassar Farm. Main Building, designed by James Renwick Jr., and the Maria Mitchell Observatory are both National Historic Landmarks.



Charles Herbert Moore, *Down the Hudson to West Point, 1861*, Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center, Vassar College



Where to Eat & Stay

Billy Bob's BBQ
35 Fairmont Avenue
Poughkeepsie, NY 12603
845.471.7870
billybobsbbq.biz

BurgerFi
60 Raymond Avenue
Poughkeepsie, NY 12603
845.473.7200
burgerfi.com

The Crafted Kup
44 Raymond Avenue
Poughkeepsie, NY 12603
845.483.7070
thecraftekup.com

Culinary Institute of America
Route 9
Hyde Park, NY 12538
845.452.9600
ciachef.edu

Mill House Brewing Company
289 Mill Street
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
845.485.2739
millhousebrewing.com

Pizzeria Bacio Ristorante
7 Collegeview Avenue
Poughkeepsie, NY 12603
845.486.8080
pizzeriabacio.com

Sushi Village
8 Raymond Avenue,
Poughkeepsie, NY 12603
845.471.5245
sushivillagepoughkeepsie.com

The Tomato Café
15 Collegeview Avenue
Poughkeepsie, NY 12603
845.473.7779
tomatocafeny.com

Twisted Soul
47 Raymond Avenue
Poughkeepsie, NY 12603
845.454.2770
twistedoulconcepts.com

River Station Restaurant
1 North Water Street
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
845.452.9207
riverstationrest.com

Savona's

1 Collegeview Avenue
Arlington, NY 12603
845.867.4505
savonas.com

Shadows on the Hudson
176 Rinaldi Boulevard
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
845.486.9500
shadowsonthehudson.com

Alumnae House at Vassar College
161 Raymond Avenue
Poughkeepsie, NY 12604
845.437.7100

Courtyard by Marriott
2641 South Road
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
845.485.6336

Hampton Inn & Suites
2361 South Road
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
845.463.7500

Holiday Inn Express
2750 South Road
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
845.473.1151

Homewood Suites by Hilton
900 Thomas Watson Rd,
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

Hyatt Place Poughkeepsie
2165 South Rd,
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
845.632.3100

Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel
40 Civic Center Plaza
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
845.485.5300

Residence Inn by Marriott
2525 South Road
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
845.463.4343

Things to Do & See

Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center
124 Raymond Avenue
Poughkeepsie, NY
Vassar's collection of over 20,000 works spanning the history of art from ancient Egypt to present-day America, including an extensive collection of works from the Hudson River School.
flac.vassar.edu
845-437-5632

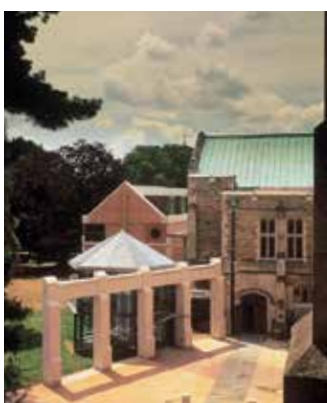
Franklin D. Roosevelt Home, Presidential Library, and Museum
114 Estates Lane
Hyde Park, NY
National Historic Site: Springwood, FDR's lifelong home, and the presidential library and museum (operated by the National Archives)
nps.gov/hofr/
1-800-FDR-VISIT

Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site (Val-Kill)
54 Valkill Park Road
Hyde Park, NY
National Historic Site: Stone Cottage at Val-Kill, the home of First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt
nps.gov/elro/index.htm
845-229-9422

Vanderbilt Mansion
119 Vanderbilt Park Road
Hyde Park, NY
National Historic Site: 54-room mansion of Frederick and Louise Vanderbilt, built between 1896 and 1898
nps.gov/vama/index.htm
845-299-7770

Locust Grove, the Samuel Morse Historic Site
2683 South Road
Poughkeepsie, NY
The home of inventor Samuel F.B. Morse, designed by Andrew Jackson Davis, with an extensive collection of art and period furnishings
lgnry.org
845-454-5000

Innisfree Garden
362 Tyrrel Road,
Millbrook, NY
150 acres of gardens, streams, waterfalls, terraces, walls, rocks, and plants that merges the essence of Modernist ideas with traditional Chinese and Japanese garden design principles.
innisfreegarden.org
845-677-8000



The Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center contains one of the finest college collections in America.

Dia: Beacon
3 Beekman Street
Beacon, NY
Dia's collection of art from the 1960s to the present, with major works by artists such as Andy Warhol, Richard Serra, and Dan Flavin
diabeacon.org
845-440-0100

Olana State Historic Site
5720 State Route 9G
Hudson, NY
Home of Frederic Edwin Church, one of the major artists of the Hudson River School of landscape painting
olana.org
518-828-0135

Storm King Art Center
1 Museum Road
New Windsor, NY
Open-air museum with the largest collection of contemporary outdoor sculptures in the U.S.
stormking.org
845-534-3115

Hudson Valley Renegades
1500 Route 9D
Wappingers Falls, NY
Minor league baseball
hvrenegades.com
845-838-0094

Appalachian Trail
30 miles of the trail cross the southeast corner of Dutchess County.
nps.gov/appa/index.htm

Dutchess County Rail Trail
13-mile trail from the Walkway Over the Hudson in Poughkeepsie to Hopewell Junction
dutchessny.gov/Departments/Parks/Parks.htm
845-298-4600

Mohonk Preserve
3197 US-44
Gardiner, NY
8,000 acres of cliffs, forests, fields, ponds, and streams in the Shawangunk Mountains
mohonkpreserve.org
845-255-0919

Walkway Over the Hudson
61 Parker Avenue
Poughkeepsie, NY
The longest elevated pedestrian bridge in the world (212 feet tall, 1.28 miles long)
walkway.org
845-454-9649

Powerhouse Theater
124 Raymond Avenue
Poughkeepsie, NY
New plays, musical workshops, and readings of works-in-progress on the Vassar campus each summer. A collaboration between Vassar College and New York Stage and Film
powerhouse.vassar.edu
845-437-5907

Bardavon 1869 Opera House
35 Market Street
Poughkeepsie, NY
The oldest continuously operating theater in the state, the Bardavon is home to the Hudson Valley Philharmonic and the primary venue for touring artists and musicians.
bardavon.org
845-473-2072

Upstate Films
6415 Montgomery Street
Rhinebeck, NY
Foreign, independent, documentary, and animated films as well as lectures by guest filmmakers, scholars, and critics
upstatefilms.org
845-876-2515

Mid-Hudson Children's Museum
75 N. Water Street
Poughkeepsie, NY
A destination for families with young children with exhibits that focus on early literacy, art, and early STEM education
mhcm.org
845-471-0589

Trevor Zoo
131 Millbrook School Road
Millbrook, NY
At the Millbrook School, the zoo was founded by Frank Trevor, the school's first biology teacher, and today houses 80 different species including nine endangered species.
trevorzoo.org
845-677-3704

Poughkeepsie Galleria
2001 South Road (Route 9)
Poughkeepsie, NY
Premier shopping destination with department stores, specialty shops, restaurants, and a multiplex theater
poughkeepsiegalleriamall.com
845-297-7600

TOURISM LINKS

Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area:
hudsonrivervalley.com

Dutchess County Tourism:
dutchesstourism.com

I Love New York:
iloveny.com

How to Get Here

Automobile
From the Taconic State Parkway
Exit at Route 55 westbound. Proceed six miles west to a left turn onto Route 376 Extension/Van Wagner Road (which becomes Raymond Avenue), and proceed less than 1 mile to Vassar. A gothic stone archway, the main entrance, is on the left.

From the New York State Thruway Northbound
Use Exit 17 (Newburgh) and take I-84 eastbound across the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge to Exit 13 (Route 9 north). Drive 9.5 miles north from the intersection of I-84 and Route 9 to the exit for Spackenkill Road (Route 113). Proceed about 0.5 miles on Spackenkill Road. Turn left at the second traffic light onto Wilbur Boulevard. Turn right when Wilbur ends at Hooker Avenue. Turn left at first traffic light onto Raymond Avenue. Enter the college through the stone archway on the right.

From the New York State Thruway Southbound
Use Exit 18 (New Paltz) and proceed east on Route 299. Turn right onto Route 9W south. Exit onto Route 44/55 east. Cross the Mid-Hudson Bridge and continue on Route 44/55 east for approximately 2 miles. Turn right onto Raymond Avenue. Enter the college through the stone archway on the left.

From Route 9 Northbound
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Train
Metro-North Commuter Railroad connects New York City's Grand Central Terminal with Poughkeepsie. For timetables, call 800-METRO-INFO or visit their website. Poughkeepsie is also served by Amtrak. For schedules, call 800.872.7245 or visit their website, amtrak.com. Taxi service is available from the Poughkeepsie train station to campus.

Bus
Service is available from the Port Authority Bus Terminal in New York City via Short Line Bus. 800-631-8405
ShortLineBus.com

Air
Scheduled passenger service is available from Stewart International Airport (SWF) in Newburgh, New York, 35 minutes from Vassar.
panynj.gov/airports/stewart.html

Other nearby airports include:
Westchester County Airport in White Plains, Albany International Airport in Albany, or the three major airports in the New York City metro area (LaGuardia, JFK, Newark Liberty).

For travelers flying into a New York City airport, the easiest way to get to Vassar is by Metro-North Train to Poughkeepsie from Grand Central Station. To get to Grand Central Station from the metro area airports, take the NYC Airporth (LaGuardia and JFK) or the Newark Airport Express (Newark).



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- Athletic offices (Athletics and Fitness Center M-6) and (Walker Field House M-7)
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- Counseling Service (Metcalf House J-5)
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- Financial Aid Office (Main Building I-6)
- Geology museum (Ely Hall I-4)
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 - South Lot (I-10)
 - Kautz Admission House (I-6)
 - WVQR radio station (College Center I-6)



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