

Hudson River & Hudson Valley Resources

Museums

Hudson River Maritime Museum

Kingston, NY; it focuses on the maritime history of the Hudson River

New York State Museum

Albany, NY; it offers exhibits on the natural and cultural history of the Hudson Valley

The American Museum of Natural History

New York, NY; exhibits on the natural history and environmental aspects of the Hudson Valley, which provide context for understanding the landscapes depicted by Hudson River School artists

Hudson River Museum

Yonkers, NY; cultural institution with a collection including prominent works from the Hudson River School of painting, to pieces of contemporary art in addition to a period room, planetarium, and environmental teaching gallery

Historic Sites

[Olana State Historic Site](#) - The home of artist Frederic Edwin Church, showcasing his art and the unique Persian-inspired architecture of his estate.

Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site - A grand estate built by Frederick William Vanderbilt, reflecting the opulence of the Gilded Age and offering tours of the mansion and gardens.

Hyde Park Historic Sites - Includes the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum, the Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site, and the Vanderbilt Mansion.

Kykuit, the Rockefeller Estate - The former estate of the Rockefeller family, featuring impressive gardens, art collections, and historic buildings.

Washington's Headquarters State Historic Site - The site where George Washington established his headquarters during the American Revolution, located in Newburgh.

[Sleepy Hollow Cemetery](#) - Famous for its association with Washington Irving's "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" and as the final resting place of notable figures such as Andrew Carnegie and Elizabeth Arden.

The Staatsburgh State Historic Site (Mills Mansion) - A grand estate of the Gilded Age, offering a glimpse into the lives of the wealthy families of the era.

[The Hudson-Athens Lighthouse](#) - A historic lighthouse located in the Hudson River, which has been guiding ships since the 19th century.

[The Thomas Cole National Historic Site](#) - The home and studio of artist Thomas Cole, founder of the Hudson River School of landscape painting.

[Montgomery Place](#) - A historic estate with beautifully preserved architecture and gardens, offering insight into 19th-century life and landscape design.

[Boscobel House and Gardens](#) - An 1804 Federal-style mansion with gardens overlooking the Hudson River, offering tours and cultural events.

[The Reformed Church of New Paltz](#) - A historic church associated with the Huguenot settlers, featuring a rich history and early American architecture.

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Podcasts

- Nature Calls: Conversations from the Hudson Valley
- The Bowery Boys: New York City History

Films & Documentaries

[“Hudson River Stories”](#)

"Hudson River Journeys" - A documentary exploring the natural and cultural history of the Hudson River.

"Hudson River: Journey into the Wild"

"Hudson River School: Artistic Pioneers" - A documentary on the Hudson River School of Art and its artists

Environmental Organizations

[Billion Oyster Project](#) - A New York City-based initiative aimed at restoring oyster reefs in New York Harbor, contributing to cleaner water and a healthier ecosystem.

[Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies](#) - A leading research organization dedicated to understanding ecosystems, focusing on the Hudson River and other critical environments.

[Hudson River Sloop Clearwater](#) - Founded by Pete Seeger, this organization focuses on environmental advocacy and education related to the Hudson River.

[Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area](#) - Promotes the region's heritage, including its historical and cultural resources.

NYC Wetlab - A public aquarium and marine biology lab located on the Hudson River, offering educational programs about local marine life and habitats.

[Riverkeeper](#) - Works to protect the environmental, recreational, and commercial integrity of the Hudson River and its tributaries.

[Scenic Hudson](#) - An organization dedicated to protecting and restoring the Hudson River and its surrounding landscapes.

Arts Organizations

[ArtPort Kingston](#) - A nonprofit organization that provides a platform for local and regional artists, offering exhibitions and arts programming in Kingston, NY.

[Arts Mid Hudson](#) - A regional arts organization dedicated to supporting and promoting the arts through grants, advocacy, and community engagement in the Mid-Hudson Valley.

[Forge Project](#) - A contemporary arts organization focused on fostering interdisciplinary art practices and community engagement in the Hudson Valley.

Hudson River School in Collections nation- and worldwide:

United States

1. **The Metropolitan Museum of Art** (New York, NY)
 - Extensive collection of Hudson River School paintings, including works by Thomas Cole, Frederic Edwin Church, and Albert Bierstadt.
2. **The Smithsonian American Art Museum** (Washington, D.C.)
 - Features significant works by Hudson River School artists.
3. **The National Gallery of Art** (Washington, D.C.)
 - Holds a number of important paintings by Hudson River School painters.
4. **The Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art** (Hartford, CT)
 - One of the oldest public art museums in the U.S., with a strong collection of Hudson River School works.
5. **The New-York Historical Society** (New York, NY)
 - Houses a comprehensive collection of Hudson River School paintings.
6. **The Brooklyn Museum** (Brooklyn, NY)
 - Features several pieces by prominent Hudson River School artists.
7. **The Olana State Historic Site** (Hudson, NY)
 - Home and studio of Frederic Edwin Church, featuring his works and those of his contemporaries.
8. **The Albany Institute of History & Art** (Albany, NY)
 - Includes a number of Hudson River School paintings in its collection.
9. **The Detroit Institute of Arts** (Detroit, MI)
 - Possesses works by Hudson River School painters.
10. **The Cleveland Museum of Art** (Cleveland, OH)
 - Holds several significant pieces by Hudson River School artists.
11. **The Art Institute of Chicago** (Chicago, IL)
 - Features works by Albert Bierstadt and other Hudson River School painters.
12. **The Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco** (San Francisco, CA)
 - Includes paintings by Hudson River School artists in its collection.
13. **The Philadelphia Museum of Art** (Philadelphia, PA)

- Houses works by Thomas Cole and other Hudson River School artists.

Worldwide

1. **The National Gallery** (London, UK)
 - Features some works by American landscape painters, including those of the Hudson River School.
2. **The Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum** (Madrid, Spain)
 - Includes a collection of American 19th-century landscapes, including Hudson River School paintings.
3. **The Louvre Museum** (Paris, France)
 - Although primarily focused on European art, the Louvre occasionally features American 19th-century landscapes in exhibitions.
4. **The Rijksmuseum** (Amsterdam, Netherlands)
 - Includes American landscape paintings in its diverse collection, sometimes featuring Hudson River School artists.
5. **The Montreal Museum of Fine Arts** (Montreal, Canada)
 - Holds a collection of American art, including works by the Hudson River School.