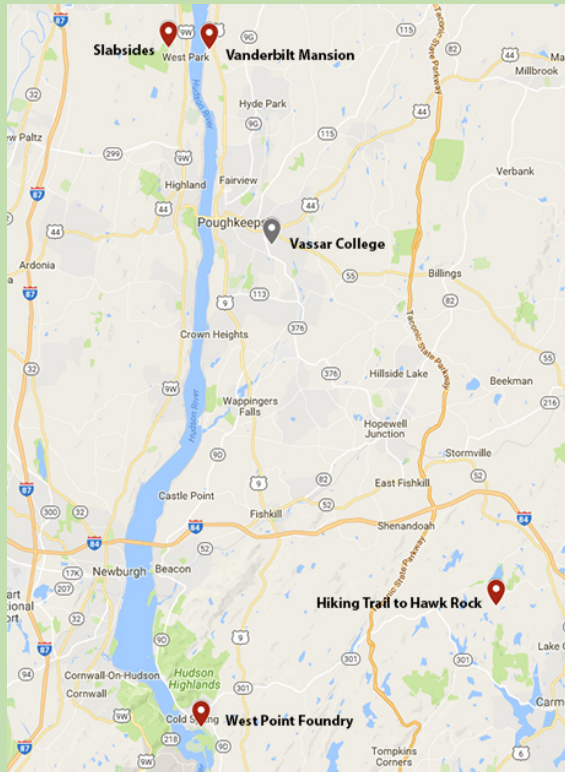


RAD SITES IN THE HUDSON VALLEY

VISIT THESE PLACES BEFORE YOU DIE ...



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Vassar College Field Experiences in the Hudson Valley, ENST 291

This class visited sites to learn about how environment and historical preservation are linked. We chose these 4 sites to best illustrate this relationship and provide a guide to some interesting locations in the mid-Hudson valley.

For more information on these sites and a list of other amazing ones you can visit in the Hudson Valley, visit our blog: <https://pages.vassar.edu/historicenvironments/>

HUDSON VALLEY ROAD TRIP GUIDE

A guide to illustrate the relationship between environmental protection and historic preservation. By visiting these sites, you can explore how local histories can help or hinder environmental interests.



"I go to nature to be soothed and healed, and to have my senses put in tune once more." - John Burroughs, 1912



Top photo: West Point Foundry– class and Scenic Hudson representatives

Bottom photo: Class at Slabsides–(Left to Right) Clara Pomper, Dr. April M. Beisaw, Max Henderson, Dushyant Naresh, Julia Roellke, Zoë Bracken, Morrigan Turner, Thomas Schindelman, Fiona Lunt, Colby Evans

JOHN BURROUGH'S SLABSIDES



The cabin of the famous nature essayist John Burroughs is a lovely spot to visit for any Burroughs fan or Hudson valley nature enthusiast. This National Historic Landmark located within the 200 acre Nature Sanctuary is full of beautiful trails all of which are free and open to the

public. The John Burroughs Association hosts panel discussions, guided walks, and film screenings which can be found on their website. The cabin is only open to the public two days per year, but is still beautiful from the outside.

Burroughs Drive, West Park, NY 12493 (24 minutes by car)*

WEST POINT FOUNDRY

This super FUN ex-Superfund site is located in the town of Cold Spring, right on the Hudson River. The foundry is famous for making cannons used in the Civil War as well as early steam engines and iron clad ships. In 1996 the cleanup of toxic waste in the area was completed. Today, the site welcomes community members to explore the 87 acres of an outdoor museum on the 2.7 miles of walking/hiking trail. With scenic views of the Hudson, visitors can also learn about the history of the area through a self guided audio tour. The park is open year round from dawn-dusk.

80 Kemble Ave, Cold Spring, NY 10516 (45 minutes by car)*



VANDERBILT MANSION

Vanderbilt Mansion provides a glimpse into the extravagant lifestyle of Gilded Age elites, and boasts 211 acres of truly remarkable viewshed. All of the furniture and art inside the mansion is original to the Vanderbilt family. Guided tours are offered throughout the day, in addition to free Hyde Park cellphone tours. The Italian Garden on the premises, along with the trails extending to the Hudson River and the nearby home of FDR, provide ample outdoor activities for you to enjoy. Looking out across the front lawn, or over the Hudson Valley, it is easy to become captivated with the same views that inspired Hudson River School painters. The park is open Monday through Friday, from 9am-5pm.

119 Vanderbilt Park Rd, Hyde Park, NY 12538 (28 minutes by car)*



HIKING TRAIL TO HAWK ROCK



There are many places to hike in the Hudson Valley, but not all of them come with ruins! The trail from Mead Farm to Hawk Rock takes you through reclaimed farmland, and remnants of the past can be seen all around. On this 1.7 mile hike through Kent, NY, you'll come across ruins of old farm buildings/walls, mysterious stone chambers, and huge glacial erratics like Balanced Rock and Hawk Rock. The trail is maintained by users, and open year round. This hike is not too difficult, and is all around very enjoyable!

Just past 159 Whangtown Road, Kent/Carmel, NY 14477/10512 (35 minutes by car)*

*All times listed are from Vassar College