

Situated on a bend in the majestic Hudson River sits Kykuit. The sweeping views from this 250 acre estate define it's name, which in Dutch means lookout. Imagined by John D Rockefeller the philanthropist and founder of Standard Oil and built with his son John D Rockefeller Jr. Construction spanned 1906 through 1913 creating the iconic Beaux Arts gem we see today. The estate was left to the National Trust for Historical Preservation by Nelson Rockefeller, Governor of New York and 41st Vice President, for "the enjoyment of the people".

The home boasts 40 rooms yet exudes a lived-in coziness of understated elegance. While touring the home, garden views will beckon at every turn out the large, perfectly placed windows. The family's extensive museum quality art collection is on view throughout the home in a very naturalistic way. Each generation added to the collection guided by their passions. From Ming dynasty ceramics, a Picasso in the stairwell and a Miro in the music room all looked over by John Singer Sargent portraits. A favorite detour is to the basement where Nelson Rockefeller installed his personal collection of 20th century masterpieces.

The expansive grounds, dotted by 120 impressive sculptures and fountains, are laid out with distinct gardens planned to evoke strong feelings of admiration for both classical traditions and modern sculpture. Visitors exploring the formal Inner Walled Garden will enjoy lovely fountains, sculptures, tea house and temple to Venus. The Rose Garden, Italian Garden and Brook Garden areas feel more intimate with planting displays for all seasons. The vistas created of the Hudson River across to the Palisades are truly stunning. A visit to this fabled estate affords a peek inside the lives and home of an American dynasty at the nexus of Business, Politics and Art from the Gilded Age through the 1980s.