



Henry A. Wallace Visitor and Education Center



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In November 2003 the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum, in cooperation with the National Park Service and the private non-profit Roosevelt Institute, opened the Henry A. Wallace Visitor and Education Center – the first new facility to be added to the Roosevelt estate since the Library was constructed in 1941.

Named in honor of the man who served as Secretary of Agriculture (1933-1940) and Vice-President during Franklin Roosevelt's third term, the Wallace Center offers visitors an array of new and expanded services designed to enhance their experiences in Hyde Park.

Highlights

The Seymour & Vivian Milstein Auditorium

The 140-seat theater features the high-definition film “Rendezvous with History,” with interviews with two of the Roosevelt grandchildren, Curtis Roosevelt and Anna Eleanor Roosevelt, as well as historic footage.

Kerr Garden and Sculpture

Through the glass enclosed lobby visitors can view the beautiful courtyard garden which leads out towards the Library and Home. Visitors are greeted by a life-size sculpture of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt based on a 1933 photograph of the couple taken in Hyde Park.

The New Deal Museum Store

Located adjacent to the lobby, the New Deal Store sells a wide variety of campaign, political and patriotic items, reproductions, sculptures, medals and coins, china, posters, specialty items, recordings, toys and games, glassware, and apparel. It also features a large selection of books on Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt.

Uncle Sam's Canteen

Uncle Sam's Canteen offers visitors a convenient place to grab a coffee and pastry, or enjoy a delicious lunch between tours. Adorned with patriotic decor Uncle Sam's offers a diverse menu in a beautiful setting. An outdoor eating area is located just outside the canteen. It is open seasonally; April 1 through October 31, from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Mosaic Map

The centerpiece of the Wallace Center lobby is a pictorial floormap in mosaic tile that depicts Hyde Park as FDR knew it and loved it. Adapted from a book by Hudson Valley and WPA artist Olin Dows for his 1949 book, *Franklin Roosevelt at Hyde Park*, it shows all the places that compelled FDR to return to his beloved Hudson Valley.



Henry Wallace and FDR during a radio broadcast at the White House in 1942.

Facilities

In addition to visitor amenities, the education and conference center offers exceptional meeting and conference space. Audio-visual equipment is available upon request.



Custom set-ups are available in the multipurpose rooms.

Multipurpose Rooms

Whether hosting a small school group or a large non-profit function, this area of the visitor center can handle the task. The Multipurpose Room (90' by 35') can be partitioned into three smaller sections. At its maximum, the Multipurpose Room can hold 200 people for a seminar (with attendees seated at 60" round tables) or 300 people with auditorium style seating.

The Anne E. Dyson Conference Center

In our formal conference room, 24 leather chairs surround a rectangular shaped conference table providing a comfortable atmosphere for meetings and seminars.

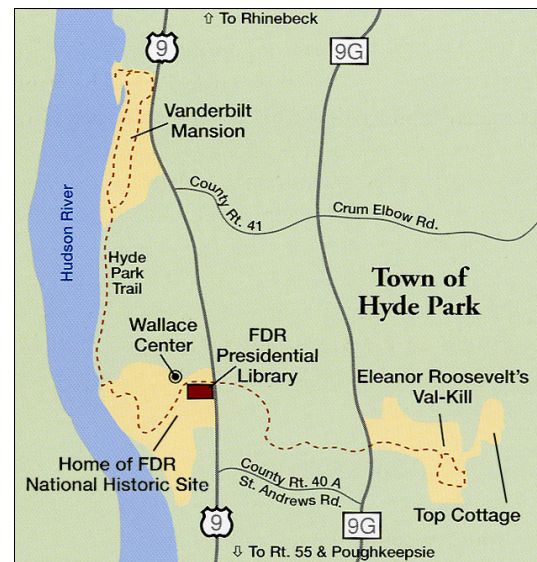
Use of the Wallace Center

The Wallace Center is available for non-profit and corporate use. A rental fee is required. Special rates are available for non-profits and educational groups. Please contact us for a copy of the Wallace Center Fees and Guidelines. Use of the Wallace Center includes admission to the Presidential Library and Museum.

Contact Information

The Wallace Center is located at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum and Home of FDR National Historic Site, 4079 Albany Post Road, Hyde Park, NY 12538.

For more information, or if you are interested in non-profit or corporate use of the Wallace Center, please contact Cliff Laube at (845) 486-7745 or clifford.laube@nara.gov.



For general information about the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum, please call 1 (800) FDR-VISIT or visit our website at www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu.

