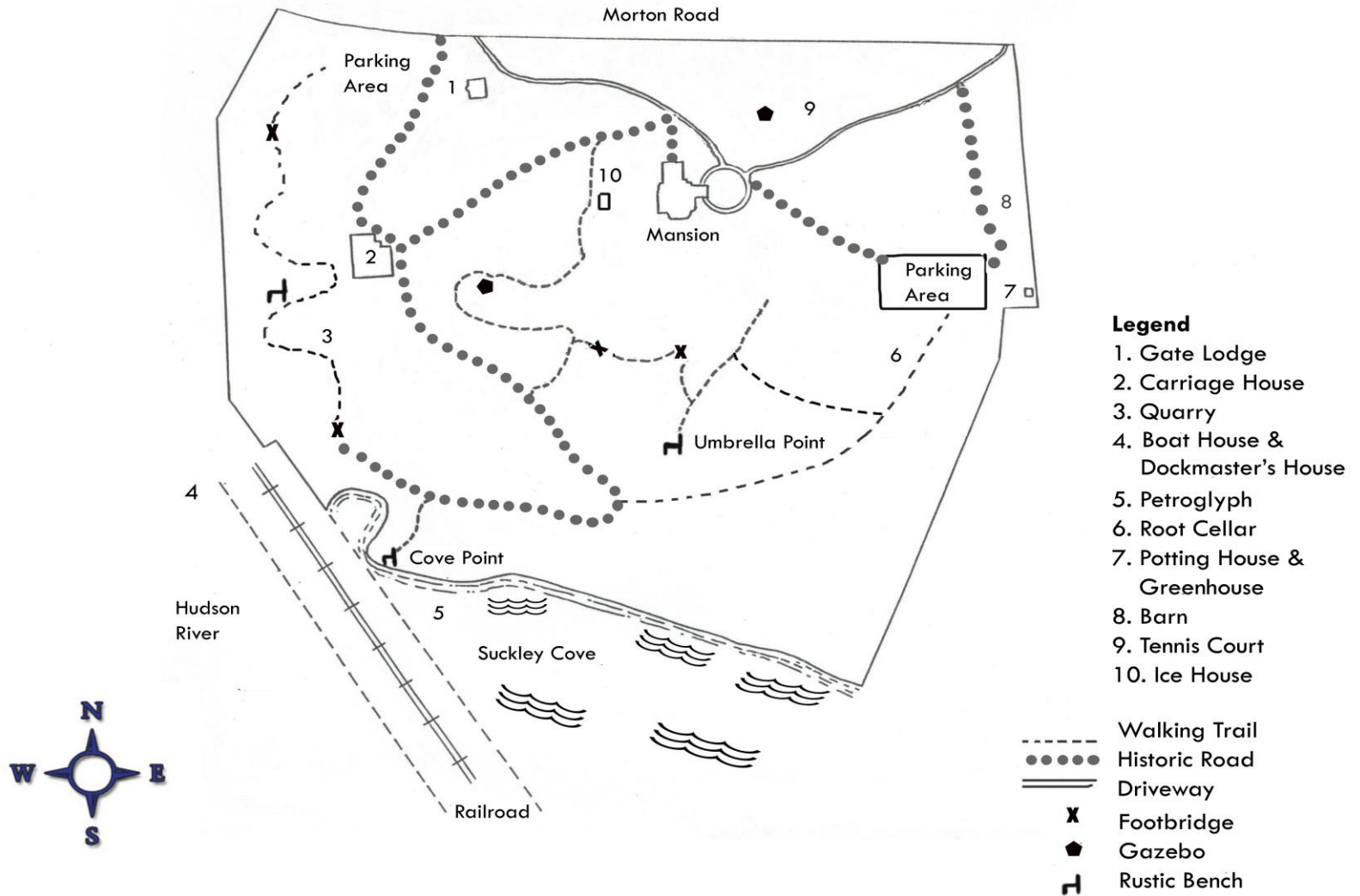


# Wilderstein Trail Map



### **1. Gate Lodge**

The Gate Lodge was designed by Downing Vaux in 1890. Its original occupants were the estate supervisor and his family. This building was sold in the 1950s to a close friend of Margaret Suckley who made many modifications. The Gate Lodge was repurchased by Wilderstein Historic Site in 1986 and now serves as Wilderstein's administrative office.

### **2. Carriage House**

Designed in the queen anne style by Poughkeepsie architect Arnout Cannon, the first story of the Carriage House is constructed of brick ornamented with bands of rusticated brownstone. A large onion-shaped dome, the fanciful capping of one of the ventilators, dominates the massive roof. The first floor was for horses with stables, a tack room, and carriage wash. On the second floor was a hayloft and space to store sleighs in the summer and carriages in the winter. After the invention of the automobile, the Suckley family used the Carriage House primarily as a garage for their many motorized vehicles.

### **3. Quarry**

Stones taken from the Quarry were utilized for the carriage drives and to construct some of the building foundations on the estate. These stones were set on edge to create roads and are evident along the trails. Robert Suckley also crushed stones from the Quarry for the walkways on the property.

### **4. Boat House & Dockmaster's House**

In 1888, Arnout Cannon designed a boat house for Robert Suckley's fleet. It was located west of the railroad tracks, just south of the dock for the Ellerslie Estate. Although the Boat House burned in 1937, the deep water port and pier pilings remain. The adjacent Ellerslie Estate was owned by NYS Governor and US Vice President Levi Morton. The foundation of the Dockmaster's House for the Ellerslie Dock and evidence of the old stone road that once connected Morton Road to this dock can still be seen.

### **5. Petroglyph**

The name Wilderstein means "wild man's stone" and refers to the Petroglyph found on a rock outcropping in Suckley Cove. This carving is of a figure holding a peace pipe in the right hand. It is believed there was once a tomahawk in the left hand, but it has since eroded away. Archaeologists have suggested the area around the Petroglyph may have been a sacred Native American site.

### **6. Root Cellar**

The Root Cellar was a cool dry place used to store fruits and vegetables that were grown at Wilderstein. In the woods near it, you may notice locust posts. This is what remains of the barrier used to keep grazing animals off the lawn and away from the gardens.

### **7. Potting House & Greenhouse**

An important element in the design for Wilderstein's landscape was the Potting House and adjoining Greenhouse manufactured by the Lord and Burnham Company. These buildings were constructed in 1890 and placed on the southern edge of the estate, where there were extensive gardens for both flowers and vegetables. The Potting House served as the entrance to the 82 foot long Greenhouse, which survives today as only a brick foundation.

### **8. Barn**

This ruin of a Barn was the workshop used by William Wright who managed the estate while the Suckley family was in Europe from 1897 until 1907. It is believed that workhorses were kept here.

### **9. Tennis Court**

In 1912, a clay Tennis Court was built at Wilderstein by Robert Suckley at the suggestion of his eldest son Henry. Judging from the number of photos of it in the Wilderstein archives, the Tennis Court provided a great source of recreation and enjoyment for many years. The metal fence posts outlining the court can still be seen.

### **10. Ice House**

During the winter, blocks of ice were cut from the Hudson River and Morton's Pond. The ice was stored both above and underground in the Ice House. The underground ice was in reserve for the summer. This was the first building constructed on the property and was filled with ice for the first time in January of 1853.

### **For your enjoyment:**

- > Please stay on marked trails.
- > Do not trespass on the train tracks. Trains approach quietly and at a very high speed.
- > Dogs must be leashed at all times.
- > Beware of poison ivy and deer ticks.
- > Exercise caution around electric goat fence.
- > Keep the trails beautiful for everyone by carrying out whatever you carry in.
- > No alcoholic beverages.
- > No motorized vehicles.
- > No fishing, trapping or hunting.
- > No overnight camping or fires.