

History of Carnwath Farms HSP

In 1850, William Henry Willis constructed an Italianate three story mansion overlooking the majestic Hudson River, the Manor and the 100+acre estate was named Carnwath. Willis was a retired hardware merchant from New York City. He sold the manor after the Civil War and then built Obercreek. General George Barclay was the second resident of the estate, and used it as his summer/country home. In 1870, Francis Robert Rives who married the daughter of General Barclay purchased Carnwath Farms. The formal Italianate appearance was changed to a less formal look which was preferred by late 19th century architects. Rives built the finest stable of harness and saddle horses in the county. In 1873, the Carriage House was built modeled after French architecture to hold Mr. Rives' horse carriages, as mentioned earlier. His son Reginald, later inherited the estate and was elected supervisor of the town. Around 1910 the property was purchased by a New York attorney named Isaac Untermeyer who was famous for defending William Boss Tweed. In 1925 the Order of the Brothers of Hermits purchased the property and built the Chapel in 1950 and the Reese Cultural Center in 1958. The Town of Wappinger purchased the property in 1999. Carnwath is also on State and National Register of Historic Places and within Wheeler Hill Historic District.



Carnwath Farms Historic Site & Park

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Located at:

**81 Carnwath Farms Lane, off
of Wheeler Hill Road,
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*Wheeler Hill Historic District,
Wappingers Falls, New York*



Welcome to Carnwath Farms Historic Site & Park

A hidden gem located in the Wheeler Hill Historic District of the Town of Wappinger, New York. The estate was purchased by the town in 1999 to preserve green space and the rich history of our town. The grounds are open to the public daily for hiking and recreational activities. Carnwath Farms Historic Site & Park is home to its 1850 pre-restoration mansion, Carnwath Manor; 1873 Carriage House, a 1927 cottage (Future home of the Town of Wappinger Museum & Visitor Center), Frances Reese Cultural Center (Home of Sports Museum of Dutchess County), Chapel, and trails.

Sports Museum of Dutchess County



Located on the first floor level of the Frances Reese Cultural Center, is the Sports Museum of Dutchess County. Opened in 2005 and dedicated by former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, the museum just this year, 2016, has undergone a major renovation and modernizing the facility and exhibits to the 21st century. The new permanent exhibit “Legends of Dutchess” highlights over a dozen of athletes who have made it to the professional level from Dutchess County as well as over 20 different displays on sports and their artifacts. Museum hours are Saturdays 11:00 – 4:00 and Sundays 1:00 – 4:00

The Friends of Carnwath Farms Historic Site & Park Inc. is an official NYS Not-For-Profit Organization with the mission to restore and rehabilitate the historic buildings and park like grounds of the gem of the Hudson River Valley. We're always looking for new volunteers / members!



View of the Hudson, Joey Cavaccini



Carnwath Manor, Tony Musso

Discover the Hudson Valley like never before!

Carnwath Farms HSP is home to the Wappinger Greenway Trail which takes you on a journey through nature and throughout the estate. From any point along the walk you can find magnificent views of the Hudson River and her valley. At the farthest vantage, the Shwanagunk and Catskill Mountains

Gift Shoppe at Carnwath Farms HSP

Located on the Sports Museum level of the Reese Cultural Center is our newly opened gift shop. Items include T-shirts, postcards, framed historical pictures, sports related items, waters/sodas, and so much more!

Hall of Fame Snack Bar

No trip to Carnwath is complete without getting a bit to eat at the Hall of Fame Snack Bar! Also located on the Sports Museum level of the Reese Cultural Center the snack bar has tasty treats and refreshing drinks!

