

The Rocks Scrap Book Memory Trail



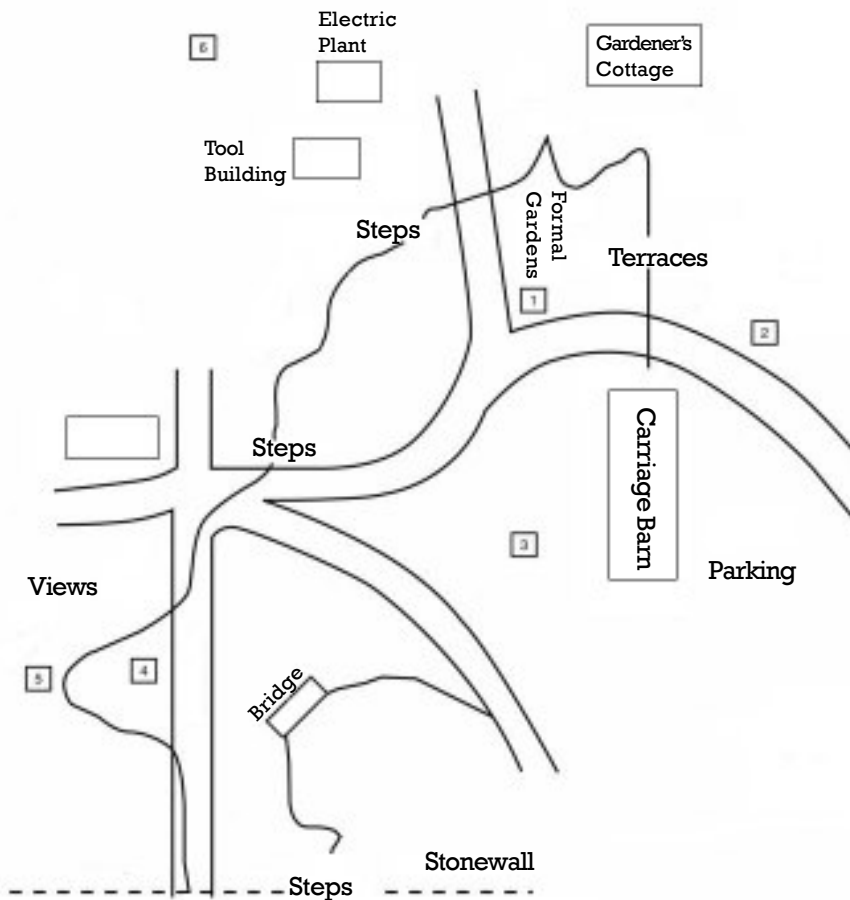
Enjoy the sights of the historic Rocks Estate while capturing lasting memories of you and your family



The Rocks was purchased in 1882 by Chicago businessman John J. Glessner, one of the founding fathers of International Harvester. He and his family visited the Bethlehem area for several years in hopes of finding relief for his son suffering from hay fever. Glessner bought The Rocks because of its majestic views of the White Mountains. He was one of the first members of the Forest Society. Each time Glessner heard of a surrounding tract of land being logged, he bought the parcel. The farm grew from its original 100 acres to 2,000 acres on which forest management practices were started on some and agriculture on other parts.

Everything Glessner did was said to have been state of the art - from his dairy operation to the diesel-powered generator supplying electricity to the farm long before many towns had power, as well as two reservoirs which piped in water from Garnet Mountain. A hay barn with a suspended bridge through the middle made hay unloading easier. Glessner was the first person to bring a tractor from out west to work on the uneven terrain.

The estate was one of the most prestigious properties in its day with some of the buildings designed by famous architects such as Isaac Scott and Herman Van Holst. The Stone walls were built by local and Italian masons, and the formal gardens were designed by Fredrick Law Olmstead.





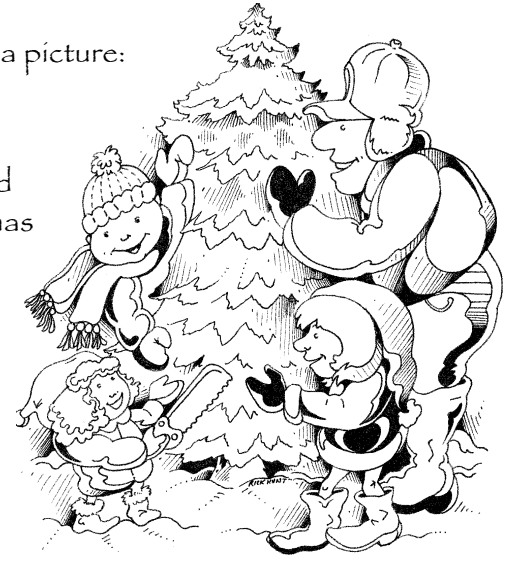
1. Tool Building – Built in 1902, the Tool Building houses the Blacksmith Shop, farm equipment, and the once operating Carpentry Shop.



3. Carriage Barn – The Carriage/Horse Barn was designed by Isaac Elwood Scott in 1884, and later remodeled by Hermann Von Holst in 1906.

Don't forget to take a picture:

While choosing and cutting your Christmas tree...



Formal Gardens – Now blanketed with snow, these terraces designed by the Olmstead Firm are lush with green grass and blooming flowers during the summer months.



4. Stumpy Village – With the creative hands of local artisans, Jerry & Nancy Landry, dead trees take on a new look.



On a wagon ride...



Tea House – This is the location where Mrs. Glessner would serve high tea.



5. Tree and Mountain Overlook – Here lie the first fields in the East to have tractors on steep slopes.



6. Marshmallow Pit – The most delicious part of your Rocks memories!

And while you see how much you have grown!

2. Fanny's House – Built in 1886, this was once the playhouse of Fanny Glessner, the founder of the Nutshell Studies of Unexplained Deaths. The Forest Society moved this building to its current location in 2000.

