



Heritage Tour

The heritage of the Rocks Estate is intimately twined with the history of Bethlehem as a tourist destination. Join Forest Society staff to explore the history of the property through a DVD and interpretive tour. See buildings that are on the national register of historic places while learning about the

colorful past of the people who made the Estate what it is today.

Rich in history, this tour will take you back in time. Original owner, John J. Glessner, who was part owner of International Harvester Corporation in Chicago, Ill., built The Rocks Estate as an exceptional summer home and retreat for his family in 1882. At that time, an operating farm, the estate was eventually expanded to 2000 acres and included several farmsteads.



Now, 1400 acres of this property are owned and protected by the Society for the Protection of NH Forests. Mr. Glessner was one of the original members of this non-profit organization which has protected over 1,000,000 acres of NH land.



Famous landscape architect of the time, Frederick Law Olmstead, a family friend and frequent visitor to the Glessner's, designed the stone walls and gardens of The Rocks Estate. Mr. Olmstead was the designer of Central Park in New York City.



*Cost: \$5 per person**
Tour lasts: 1 1/4—1 1/2 hours
Afternoon tea of coffee/tea and cookies included

- ◆ Open 7 days a week
- ◆ Handicap accessible
- ◆ Motor coach parking
- ◆ Gift shop on property
- ◆ Can handle up to three coaches at a time
- ◆ Minimum of 20 people
- ◆ Free admission for bus driver and one escort

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The Rocks Estate has been described as a present day "Norman Rockwell" experience. Set amidst the majestic White Mountains, the farm offers gorgeous views, beautiful trees, picturesque old buildings, and stonewalls.

**2011 Price*

Horse drawn wagon rides are optional for every tour.

- *Additional \$350 group rate**
- *Deposit required*