DISCOVER THE VANDERBILT

Spend a fascinating day at the spectacular Eagle’s Nest estate of William K. Vanderbilt II. Drive through the elegant iron gates and view the same stunning panorama of Northport Bay and Long Island Sound that delighted Mr. Vanderbilt when he arrived every summer. The museum, set on 43 rolling acres, will take you back to the celebrated era of the Gold Coast and The Great Gatsby. See the centuries-old paintings and antiques collected during extensive world travels. Enjoy an intriguing tour of the family’s living quarters and hear tales of the Vanderbilt family and its world-famous summer guests. Marvel at the collections in the natural-history, ethnographic-artifact and animal-habitat galleries. Stroll the gardens, tour the Marine Museum, and visit the 60-foot domed Planetarium.

For more information, please call 631.854.5579 or visit www.vanderbiltmuseum.org
HISTORIC MANSION
The elegant Vanderbilt Mansion—listed on the National Register of Historic Places—is a time machine that takes
visitors back to the privileged Gold Coast life of the 1920s through 1940s. Mr. Vanderbilt’s natural-history and artifact
collections galleries are located in the spectacular 24-room, Spanish-Revival house. The Turntable Gallery exhibits his
1928 Lincoln touring car, a rare 1909 Reo Gentleman’s Roadster, and a history of the legendary Vanderbilt Cup Races.

MEMORIAL WING
On his circumnavigations of the globe in the 1920s and 1930s, Mr. Vanderbilt collected thousands of fish, birds and
invertebrates for his expanding museum. At that time, many of the marine specimens were new scientific discoveries.
The museum’s natural-history galleries also feature hundreds of ethnographic artifacts from the world’s cultures.

HABITAT AND STOLL WINGS
In the 1920’s, before Mr. Vanderbilt, with scientists and artists from the American Museum of Natural History, created
the Habitat and its nine remarkable dioramas that depict animal life. The centerpiece is a suspended 32-foot whale
shark, the world’s largest taxidermied fish. The adjacent Stoll Wing, with eight wild-animal dioramas, was added in 1970.
Together, these newly restored galleries present wild creatures of the seven continents, including the Galápagos Islands,
Canada and the Polar regions.

PLANETARIUM / OBSERVATORY
Visitors can experience the visual wonders of the Universe in the newly renovated, state-of-the-art Charles and Helen
Reichert Planetarium and the William and Mollie Rogers Theater. The Planetarium, with its Konica Minolta Gemini-
Star III projection system, full-dome video and surround-sound, is one of the finest and most advanced planetariums in
the country. The Planetarium has just added an advanced Skylase laser light-show entertainment system, and visitors
can now see laser rock shows.

Shows include live lectures and new programs produced by renowned planetariums in Britain, China and the United
States. In addition to the Observatory’s 16-inch Meade telescope, the Vanderbilt now has a Lunt Solar Systems
telescope for viewing the sun.

MARINE MUSEUM / “HALL OF FISHES”
Mr. Vanderbilt was passionate about the sea and its creatures, traveled the oceans and brought back thousands of exotic
fish—the largest private collection of marine specimens from the pre-atomic era. By 1922, he opened his marine museum
to the public. Thanks to a generous grant, curators are now performing crucial conservation measures on more than
1,000 "wet" (preserved in fluid) marine specimens.

CARRIAGE HOUSE THEATER / EDUCATION CENTER
Mr. Vanderbilt, an early race-car driver who brought automobile racing to the U.S., kept his cars in a stylish, four-bay
garage. Today, the building is the Education Center and Carriage House Theater, where the Arena Players Repertory
Theater and Children’s Theater perform regularly.

For information on programs and special events, please visit vanderbiltmuseum.org
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