

Working and Living at Sagamore Hill National Historic Site

A Guide for Prospective Employees



"I have heartily enjoyed many things -- the presidency, my success as a soldier, a writer, a big game hunter and explorer. But all of them put together, are not, for one moment, to be weighed in the balance when compared with the joy I have known with your mother and all of you. Home, wife, children – they are what really count in life."

"...at Sagamore Hill we love a great many things such as birds, trees, rifles and books, and all things beautiful... and of course, children, hard work and the joy of life." - Theodore Roosevelt

About the Park

Sagamore Hill National Historic Site, located in Oyster Bay, New York, is the preeminent storyteller of Theodore Roosevelt's home and family life. Operating on a year-round basis, this 83-acre site features two historic homes, multiple historic farm structures and fields, as well as a nature trail with woodlands, a salt marsh, tidal creek, and beach. Administrative, interpretative, *cultural*, and *maintenance* staff collaborate with partners and friends' groups to preserve and interpret the structures, landscape, collections, and other cultural resources associated with Theodore Roosevelt's home and ensure that future generations understand and appreciate the life and legacy of Theodore Roosevelt, his family, and the significant events associated with him at Sagamore Hill.



Sagamore Hill is a popular site with 50,000 – 100,000 visitors per year. Local and international travelers visit to tour the Theodore Roosevelt Home and Old Orchard Museum. The site is also visited by many recreational users who come to walk the trails and enjoy the pristine Cold Spring Harbor shoreline. Throughout the school year, Sagamore Hill works with about 20 local school districts and 2,500 school kids. In addition, Sagamore Hill has a robust volunteer program of about fifty volunteers, SCA and CVA interns, and an established Artist-in-Residence program. Park staff work closely with other park sites including Fire Island National Seashore and the Theodore Roosevelt Birthplace with resource and collections management.

Sagamore Hill manages a collection of about 90,000 objects with 90% of the family's original furnishings on display at the Theodore Roosevelt House. From art, to books, to furniture, the collection contains objects from all over the world and throughout time. Additionally, Sagamore Hill manages a robust archive and has supported many researchers and filmmakers including Edmund Morris, David McCullough, and Ken Burns. Sagamore Hill has also partnered with Google Arts and Culture for a [virtual tour](#) of the house.

Park Housing and the Village of Oyster Bay

Sagamore Hill has five housing units for permanent and seasonal staff with creates an internal park community. Within three miles of Sagamore Hill is downtown Oyster Bay which features additional Roosevelt history including Theodore's office, family church, and local train station. Today, Oyster Bay has multiple restaurants, shops, and parks, many of which share his namesake. Oyster Bay also has its own library, school district, town run beaches, community centers, and three hospitals within eight miles. It is a quick 45-minute train ride to New York City and 45 minute car ride to Long Island's famously known south shore beaches.



Community and Life on Long Island

Long Island offers a high quality of life with a community-based feel. It has a strong economic base and wide variety of recreational activities. Long Island features urban centers, suburbs, and smaller farming-based communities. There are local, state, and nationally run parks, refuges, and beaches and over one hundred museums and historical societies. Long Island is also home to nationally ranked colleges, universities, and research centers including Hofstra University, LIU at Old Brookville, SUNY Stony Brook, Brookhaven National Laboratories, and Cold Spring Harbor Laboratories.

Long Island has a temperate climate with four distinct seasons and no off-season. It is a 2.5 hour drive to Philadelphia and 4-hour drive to Boston. The Long Island Railroad connects to both Amtrak's Penn Station and JFK Airport.



Why Relocate to Long Island?

- A strong economic base with over twelve industries represented including healthcare, tourism, construction, and business.
- Ranks as one of the top places in the country to raise a family
- Quick access to New York City using public transportation and within driving distance of the Hampton Bays
- Home to over 100 museums and historical societies
- Home to over twenty colleges and universities
- Oyster Bay school district is in the top 10% of school districts according to US News
- Home to a multitude of civic groups and robust local governments
- Local, state, and nationally run parks, beaches, and refuges
- Ideal location for all types of water sport
- Hundreds of restaurants and bakeries featuring almost any cuisine (including the best bagels)
- A variety of year-round downtown dining and retail experiences
- Two international and one regional airport
- Home to 25 lighthouses and the Triple Crown's Belmont Stakes

