



Travel along the North Shore Heritage Trail (25A) and Discover the Secrets Hidden in its Backroads and Byways!

Great Neck, Sands Point, and Port Washington

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“Long time residents of Sands Point and Port Washington tell tales of rum runners who landed their cargos on the shores of deserted beaches on moonless nights, but there is little in the local press or police reports to support this romantic notion, with the exception of one Ernie Simon, who wrote in a 1970s column: ‘Long Island Sound was full of rum runners in those days.’”(Joan Kent, [Sands Point; It's History, It's People, It's Places](#)). Several of them landed at Isaac Guggenheim's shore on Hempstead Harbor.

The **Isaac Guggenheim Estate** (located in Sands Point) had its party crashed one unfortunate Friday night in April 1924. Federal operations done by police uncovered 814 cases of liquor- the cargo being brought in as it usually was for the rich into the harbors where it would be unloaded and hidden in the woods or brought into a barn and covered with hay. Only this time, the police met the rumrunners at **Hempstead Harbor**. The quantity of alcohol brought in was so large that it was dubbed a “wonderful haul” by officials and was proudly displayed in front of their headquarters the following morning making an appearance of a “shipping department of wholesale liquor before the prohibition.”



The Hempstead House at Sands Point Preserve - In its heyday in the 1920s this home of Daniel and Florence Guggenheim, revealed a taste for extravagance. You can visit this waterfront location that was an ideal set for HBO directors shooting their Prohibition-era series “Boardwalk Empire.”

Stroll through **Great Neck**, one of Long Island’s premiere downtown shopping districts. With over 250 fine shops and restaurants, including some of the region’s most unique and exciting boutiques, Great Neck has something for everyone at every price range. So, stop in and say hello to shopkeepers, and stay for a leisurely mouthwatering lunch or dinner at any of their white tablecloth or casual dining establishments.



Falaise - built by Harry F. Guggenheim for his wife Caroline Morton in 1923, during the Gold Coast period.

Visit **Sands Point Preserve (95 Middle Neck Road, Sands Point, NY 11050; 516 571-7900)** and see how the rich and famous lived. One of the early 1900s castles on **The Guggenheim Estate, Falaise** was home to Harry F. Guggenheim. Take a tour of **Falaise**, a Norman-architecture inspired Gold Coast Period mansion where Charles Lindberg and his wife Anne first heard about the kidnapping of their son - and have a rare opportunity to experience the opulence of the period expressed through the mansion’s full display of its original furnishings, antiques, sculptures and painting.

According to the NY Times in 1928, the vicinity of Manhasset Bay was ablaze with the sound of machine guns, and bullet marks were found on small yachts. Although police said they knew nothing of the matter, rumors abounded of the rum-runners “target practice” all along the north shore.

You may be interested to know that the following films and TV shows were shot in the Great Neck, Sands Point and Port Washington areas:

Win Win (2011)
After Life (2009)
Kings (TV) (2009)
Gossip Girl Episode 2.1 (TV) (2008)
Harold (2008)
Capturing the Friedmans (2003)
Great Expectations (1998)
Malcolm X (1992)
Scent of a Woman (1992)
New Jack City (1991)
Dressed to Kill (1980)
The Greek Tycoon (1978)
The Godfather (1972)
Husbands (1970)
Miracle on 34th Street (1947)