

# Mohonk Preserve ranked among top charities for donors

The Mohonk Preserve has received accolades for its responsible fundraising practices and outstanding value for donors. Ranked seventh in the “Environment and Parks” category of the November/December issue of *Contribute 200*, a guide to the most investor-worthy charities in the New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut region, the Preserve was recognized for the high level of donations devoted to program services (75 percent), strong institutional sustainability over the long term, and stable reserve funds. Of the 200 charities rated, the Preserve was among the highest ranking organizations in the Mid-Hudson region.

“The Preserve is a lean and efficient organization, which *Contribute* magazine recognizes,” says Glenn Hoagland, Executive Director. “We are a model of natural area management involving people in our mission and providing the public with outstanding recreational opportunities, quality education programs, and cutting-edge scientific research—all while protecting the land and natural resources on which quality of life in the region depends.”

The ranking in *Contribute* underscores

the availability of opportunities for individuals to help carry out many of the Mohonk Preserve’s initiatives. These include the acquisition of land that provides scenic views and habitat for wildlife; nature field studies and camps for school-aged children; repair and maintenance of historic carriage roads used by hikers, bikers, and climbers; and facilities and equipment that ensure safe and enjoyable experiences for visitors.

“Our members and supporters care deeply for this place, and their generous donations make up 80 percent of our operating budget,” says Meme Hanley, Director of Development. “This ranking by *Contribute* comes at a time when they are making their year-end gifts—they can be assured that their donations always fund the things they care about most.”

Located in five Ulster County towns, the Mohonk Preserve is the largest member- and visitor-supported nature preserve in New York State. Managing over 6,500 acres of the Shawangunk Ridge, the Preserve works to protect the ridge and to inspire people to care for, enjoy, and explore the natural world. Visitors are welcome on Preserve lands and at the Visitor Center, which has exhibits, trails, and a gift shop. Preserve lands are open sunrise to sunset every day, and a current membership or day entry pass is required to access the lands. Admission to the Visitor Center is always free. For more information or to make a donation, visit [www.mohonkpreserve.org](http://www.mohonkpreserve.org) or call (845) 255-0919.



View of the Clove Valley, Mohonk Preserve