

An aerial photograph of Oheka Castle, a large, ornate, light-colored stone building with multiple gables and chimneys, situated on a lush green hill. The castle is surrounded by dense green trees and a well-maintained lawn. A winding path or road leads towards the castle. The sky is clear and blue.

Oheka Castle Report

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<https://www.oheka.com/photo-gallery.htm>

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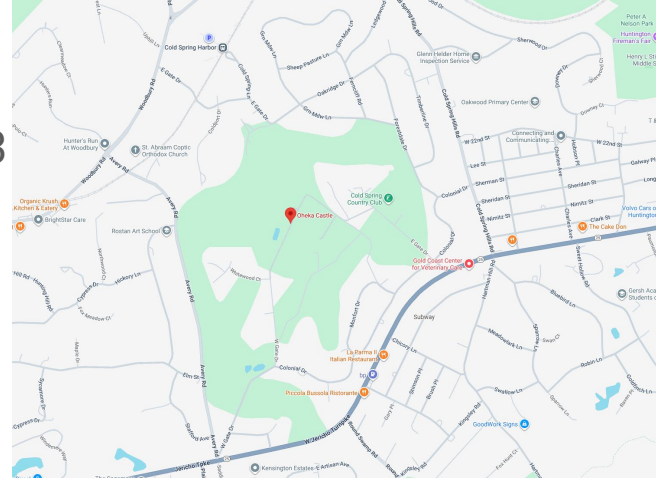
<https://www.untappedcities.com/secrets-of-oheka-castle/>



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Building Information

- Building Style - French Chateau
- Address - 135 West Gate Drive, Huntington, NY 11743
- Architect - Delano & Aldrich
- Date Completed - 1919
- Area of Home - approx. 109,000 sq ft
- Total Cost - \$11 million
- Cost per sq ft. - approx. \$100.92



https://www.google.com/maps/place/Oheka+Castle/@40.8285835,-73.4517001,16z/data=!4m9!3m8!1s0x89e829ced9dd863f0x52d228970708615f!5m2!4m1!1i2!8m2!3d40.8285754!4d-73.4482025!16zL20vMGZ3c3ox?entry=ttu&q_ep=EgoyMDI1MTEyMy4xIKXMDSoASAFQAw%3D%3D

Brief History

The Oheka Castle was built for Otto Hermann Kahn as an elegant French Chateau country estate on Long Island between the years of 1914 to 1919. After the death of Kahn in 1934, the property was used by others for different purposes such as serving as a retreat, a government training school and later the Eastern Military Academy. After the school closed the estate was not being well kept until long Island developer Gary Melius bought the property and restored it to its original potential. Although its location being in Suffolk County, the castle was never formally owned by the county and always had private ownership.



<https://longislandphotography.net/index.php?id=6850>

1. One of Largest Private Homes

At about 109,000 square feet and 127 rooms, it's the second-largest private residences in the country



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/georgiadronepilots/posts/2466113267097237/>

2. Its name comes from the owner's initials.

“OHEKA” is formed from Otto Hermann Kahn – the financier who built it



<http://www.oldlongisland.com/2009/10/oheka-aerial.html>

3. Fireproof Construction

Khan insisted on a steel-and-concrete structure, which later helped the castle survive over 100 attempted arsons when it was abandoned in the 1970s



<https://nypost.com/2025/08/07/real-estate/li-wedding-hotspot-oheka-castle-files-for-bankruptcy-with-63m-bill/>

4. The gardens were designed by the Olmsted Brothers.

This is the same landscape architecture firm behind Central Park and many other iconic landscapes



<https://www.kristenbowenphotography.com/kb-blog/2021/9/6/oheka-wedding>

5. Popular Filming Location.

Oheka has appeared in many different movies ,
TV shows, and music videos.



<https://elysiumproductions.com/oheka-castle-weddings-filmed-by-elysium-productions/>

Reflection

What I found the most interesting about the Oheka Castle were the gardens. The scale and careful design by the Olmsted brothers can easily be shown through the symmetry in the gardens. Virtually walking through the terraces and long pathways allowed me to easily visualize and imagine the grand size of the estate even through a computer screen.



<https://www.tclf.org/oheka-castle>