



**Gropius House, 1938**  
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**Designed for living**

Walter Gropius, founder of the German design school known as the Bauhaus, was one of the most influential architects of the twentieth century. He designed the Gropius House as his family home in 1938, when he came to Massachusetts to teach architecture at Harvard's Graduate School of Design.

Modest in scale, the house was revolutionary in impact. It combined the traditional elements of New England architecture—wood, brick, and fieldstone—with innovative materials rarely used in domestic settings at that time, including glass block, acoustical plaster, chrome banisters, and the latest technology in fixtures.

In keeping with Bauhaus philosophy, every aspect of the house and its surrounding landscape was planned for maximum efficiency and simplicity of design. The house contains a significant collection of furniture designed by Marcel Breuer and fabricated in the Bauhaus workshops. With their possessions still in place, the Gropius House has a sense of the immediacy and intimacy of a family home.

A special opportunity, *An Evening at the Gropius House*, is also available to groups. Visitors tour the house experiencing Gropius's use of subtle, flattering lighting. Refreshments can be arranged.

#### **SUGGESTED ITINERARIES**

A wide variety of restaurants, shops, historic sites, museums and attractions are a short drive from the Gropius House. Please inquire about area attractions if your group would like more information.

#### **Open June 1 to October 15**

Please contact us at [GropiusHouse@HistoricNewEngland.org](mailto:GropiusHouse@HistoricNewEngland.org) or call **781-259-8098** for more information or to book a group tour. We are happy to help you create a custom group tour experience based on your individual needs and interests.



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## **Gropius House - General Information for Group Tours**

### **Hours of Operation**

- The Gropius House is open from June 1 to October 15, Wednesday through Sunday, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and from October 16 to May 31, Saturday and Sunday, same hours.
- Depending upon staffing availability, group tours may be scheduled on days that the museum is closed to the public.

### **Length of Tour**

- Tours last approximately one hour; please allow one and a half hours for your visit.
- Up to ten visitors can tour the house with each guide; generally we can accommodate up to thirty visitors in the house in one hour. If your group is larger, we have a variety of options; please consult with the site manager.
- Groups that arrive late will receive a tour only for the remaining reserved time.
- Please remember that the Gropius House is open to the public during standard hours of operation, with tours beginning on the hour.

### **Fees**

- The group tour rate for the Gropius House is \$8 per person, however, the price may change if the tour is arranged outside of regular hours of operation. Eligible groups consist of ten or more visitors.
- A non-refundable deposit based on your maximum expected number is due upon booking. Failure to submit a deposit means that your tour may not be accommodated.
- For groups with fewer than twenty persons, a deposit of \$25 is required. Groups of more than 20 persons will pay a deposit of 15% of the total group fee, based on the maximum expected number of persons.
- You must call two weeks in advance with the guaranteed number for your group. It is expected that the balance for that number will be paid prior to the beginning of the tour.

### **Accessibility**

A tour of any Historic New England property requires a considerable amount of standing. Folding chairs can be provided for visitors who would like to use them throughout the house. Additionally, it is necessary to climb a staircase in order to reach the second floor of the house.

Individuals who are unable to climb the staircase may participate in the first-floor tour of the house. It is important to note that once the first-floor portion of the house tour is complete, the visitor will have to exit the building. Please let the museum know in advance to make the special arrangements necessary.

### **Museum Shop**

Historic New England operates a museum shop on the property that offers an assortment of books and gifts. Please allow additional time after your tour for your group to browse and make purchases.

### **We ask respectfully that you remember...**

- food and drink are prohibited in the museum
- cameras or recording devices are prohibited in the museum
- pencils must be used to take notes in the museum
- touching, leaning, or sitting on the objects is prohibited
- cell phones should be turned off prior to your tour
- your group will stay with the tour guide for the entire tour

### **Buses**

Small buses may be able to park at the Gropius House; larger vehicles may need to park nearby. Directions will be provided. Call for more information.