

ADMIRING THE OPEN LANDSCAPES

Find serenity in the north end of the Park as you pass by wide, bucolic meadows.



1 Albert Bertel Thorvaldsen

The only statue of an artist to be displayed in a New York City park, the *Albert Bertel Thorvaldsen* statue is a copy of Danish-born Thorvaldsen's 1839 original piece located in Copenhagen. The work is a sculpture of a sculptor leaning on his sculpture. Say that three times fast!



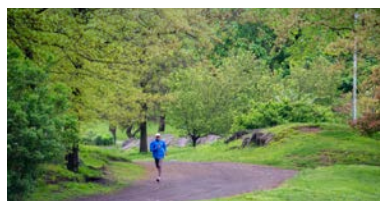
2 East Meadow

Frederick Law Olmsted and Calvert Vaux envisioned this land as an arboretum of trees native to North America. Although the grounds never became an official arboretum, the East Meadow boasts some of the finest trees in the Park. The American elm on the southern end of the meadow was designated an official "Great Tree of New York City" by the City of New York and is believed to date back to the late 1800s.



3 North Meadow

The North Meadow, the largest pastoral area in the Park, was the first landscape to be completed at the north end of Central Park. The seemingly endless meadow is home to around 700 trees, including hickory, sugar maples, and flowering dogwoods, which circle the lawn and display their fall foliage each year.



4 Bridle Path (Map Key —)

Originally designed to accommodate equestrian traffic around the Reservoir, an extension of the Park's bridle path now loops the North Meadow landscape. This path of finely crushed bluestone, in the middle of New York's concrete streets, is still used by horses, and has also become a haven for the City's running and walking community. The path receives more foot traffic than usual in the fall, as many runners are training for the upcoming TCS New York City Marathon.



5 The Mount

Central Park's composting site, the Mount, is one of the most essential locations in the Park's 843 acres. The Mount is where many of the Park's fallen leaves head each autumn to be turned into compost. Come springtime, the rich organic matter is recycled and returned to the Park's landscapes.



6 Andrew Haswell Green Bench

Our tour ends at the Andrew Haswell Green bench, where we encourage you to sit and reflect. Considered the "Father of New York City," he supported the Greensward plan and helped create the Central Park we know today. Five maple trees, representing the City's five boroughs, surround the bench and honor the man responsible for unifying the City through the Park we love so much.

The mission of the Central Park Conservancy is to preserve and celebrate Central Park as a sanctuary from the pace and pressures of city life, enhancing the enjoyment and wellbeing of all.