



THE PEOPLE'S PARK

Central Park's natural topography—intended to provide New Yorkers with a reprieve from the pressures of city life and the opportunity to connect with nature—can also present accessibility challenges.

As the Conservancy continues to restore and maintain the Park, we're constantly working to improve accessibility. While we address the challenges in the environment, this map and guide are intended to help all visitors navigate the space, particularly if the Park's topography presents obstacles.









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CENTRAL PARK



Bethesda Fountain, circa 1901. Credit: Library of Congress

- First major urban public park in the United States.
- Designed by Frederick Law Olmsted (1822-1903) and Calvert Vaux (1824-1895), who won the competition to design the Park on April 28, 1858.
- Constructed from 1858 to 1873, this **843-acre Park** is entirely human-made.
- Designated a National Historic Landmark in 1963 and a New York City Scenic Landmark in 1974.
- Recognized as the premier public urban park in the world as well as one of the greatest works of American art of the 19th century.

CENTRAL PARK CONSERVANCY

OUR MISSION

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.

KEEP THE PARK BEAUTIFUL

Central Park Conservancy experts work year-round to keep the Park healthy, clean, and ready to welcome 42 million annual visitors. But everything we do from maintaining sustainable landscapes and addressing complex restoration projects to collecting (literal) tons of trash and engaging with the communities

that use this space—relies on a powerful collaboration between our staff, supporters, volunteers, and visitors.

Scan the QR code below to learn how you can do your part to take care of the Park:



WHILE IN THE PARK (OPEN DAILY 6:00 AM-1:00 AM)

RESTROOM GUIDE

Accessible Restroom

Seasonal Accessible Restroom

Public restrooms are located throughout Central Park. Visit **centralparknyc.org/restrooms** or scan the QR code below to access a map with each bathroom's opening times, wheelchair accessibility, the availability of all-gender bathroom options, and other useful information.



ACCESSIBLE TRAILS

Area with

Accessible Trail

As we restore Central Park's natural areas, including its woodlands and native meadows, the Conservancy adds rustic trails to expand opportunities for visitors to experience the scenery. Wherever feasible, trails are designed to meet the accessible trail guidelines of the US Access Board, which include specific requirements for stable surfaces, trail width, passing spaces, maximum slopes, and resting intervals.

Established to guide the development of accessible trails on federal lands (like the national parks), they take into account the more challenging terrain of natural outdoor areas and increase access to the more naturalistic regions of the Park. The Accessible Trail symbol indicates an area that includes trails designed to these standards. We are continually adding more.

PLAYGROUND ACCESSIBILITY INFORMATION

PLAYGROUND		AGE GROUP	FACILITIES
East Side	Billy Johnson (East 67)	Pre-school, School-age	▶ ! ! !
	East 72nd Street (East 72)	School-age	▶ 1 0
	Levin (East 77)	Pre-school, School-age	
	Smadbeck-Heckscher East (East 79)	Toddler, Pre-school	
	Ancient (East 85)	Pre-school, School-age	
	Margaret L. Kempner (East 96)	Pre-school, School-age	
	Bendheim (East 100)	Pre-school, School-age	→
	Bernard Family (East 108)	Toddler, Pre-school	
	East 110th Street (East 110)	School-age	
West Side	West 110th Street (West 110)	Toddler, Pre-school, School-age	<u> </u>
	Tarr Family (West 100)	Pre-school, School-age	
	Rudin Family (West 96)	Pre-school, School-age	
	Tarr-Coyne Wild West (West 93)	Pre-school, School-age	→ □ ○ ○
	Safari (West 91)	Toddler, Pre-school	
	Spector (West 85)	Pre-school, School-age	
	Pinetum (West 85)	Pre-school, School-age, Teens & Adults	
	Toll Family (West 84)	Toddler, Pre-school	
	Diana Ross (West 81)	Pre-school, School-age	
	Tarr-Coyne Tots (West 68)	Toddler	→ ! () (
	Adventure (West 67)	School-age	◆ ♦
	Heckscher (West-Center 63)	Pre-school, School-age	▲ ! • ∩

Accessible Restroom

Accessible

Surface

Seasonal

Accessible Restroom

Accessible **Water Spray Feature**

Ramped Play Structure

Accessible **Transfer to** Sand Area

Adaptive **Swings**



Sand Table

FINDING YOUR WAY

Identification plates on many Park lampposts serve as orientation tools.

FIRST 2 **NUMBERS**

cross street

Indicates the nearest

LAST 2 **NUMBERS**

Even numbers: The area is closer to the east side (Fifth Avenue) **Odd numbers:**

The area is closer to the west side (Central Park West)

CONSERVANCY-OPERATED FACILITIES

Belvedere Castle	332.213.3947
Chess & Checkers House	332.255.3128
Dairy Visitor Center & Gift Shop	332 245.302
Charles A. Dana Discovery Center	332.240.3256
Columbus Circle Kiosk 3	32.240.3609
Information Kiosks: East 72nd Street, West and Sixth Avenue	72nd Street,

OTHER FACILITIES

Arsenal (NYC Parks Headquarters)	212.360.8111
Bike Rent NYC	212.541.8759
Carousel	212.452.0707
Delacorte Theater (Shakespeare in the Park)	212.967.7555
Kerbs Boathouse Cafe (Le Pain Quotidien) Model Boat Rental	
Loeb Boathouse Restaurant & Rowboat Rental	212.517.2233
Metropolitan Museum of Art	212.535.7710

Mineral Springs Cafe	C 4 C 0 = = = = = = = = = = = = = = = = = =
(Le Pain Quotidien)	646.233.3/68
SummerStage (City Parks Foundation)	. 212.360.1399
Swedish Cottage Marionette Theatre	
(City Parks Foundation)	212.988.9093
Tavern on the Green	. 212.877.8684
Central Park Tennis Center	212.316.0800
Wollman Rink	833.615.3500
Central Park Zoo	
(Wildlife Conservation Society)	212.439.6500

CENTRAL PARK

Visit the restored Dairy Visitor Center & Gift Shop or one of our other three in-Park locations to browse our souvenirs and support the Park.





OFFICIAL CENTRAL PARK TOURS



Our expert tour guides have a wealth of knowledge to share about the Park. Scan the QR code to browse our complete list of tours. For more information, please get in touch with



IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, DIAL 911

CENTRAL PARK POLICE PRECINCT

The Police Precinct, located mid-Park on the 86th Street Transverse Road, provides a direct connection to 911 operators. In an emergency, dial 911 or use the emergency call boxes located on light poles along the Drives and near many playgrounds throughout the Park.

Central Park Police Precinct 212.570.4820

NYC PARKS

PEP (Parks Enforcement Patrol) and UPR (Urban Park Rangers) are uniformed personnel of NYC Parks. They patrol and enforce Park rules, provide first aid, respond to injured wildlife, and assist visitors.

CHANGING PATH CONDITIONS

This map and guide is based on 2017 survey data and represents our best effort to capture conditions at a point in time. Please note that path conditions are subject to the effects of weather and wear. Central Park is constantly undergoing restoration and maintenance, and work to improve accessibility is an ongoing part of our stewardship of the Park. For updates on major disruptions and scheduled

closures, visit centralparknyc.org/alerts.

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