

A WALK AROUND THE LAKE

Visit the Lake's newly rebuilt boat landings—recreated with their original 19th-century designs in mind.



Funded primarily by individual donations, the nonprofit Central Park Conservancy cares for the entire Park, tending to the largest and smallest details of its maintenance and restoration.

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1 [Loeb Boathouse](#)

Start your journey at the Loeb Boathouse, where visitors can rent rowboats, hire an authentic Venetian gondola, or dine while enjoying views of the Lake. In 1874, Park co-designer Calvert Vaux designed a rustic building on the eastern shoreline where the boats are stored today. That boathouse fell into disrepair and was torn down, and the Loeb Boathouse that visitors know today opened in 1954.



2 [The Ramble](#)

This 36-acre woodland landscape is designed to evoke the adventurous spirit of the Adirondacks, and its winding paths are meant to encourage exploration. The Ramble is the center of birding activity in the Park—over 230 species have been spotted during migration season, and over 40 other species remain in the Park all year long. The Conservancy recently restored this area of the Ramble to include new plantings, paths, and irrigation.



3 [Bow Bridge Landing](#)



4 [Chambers Landing](#)



5 [Hernshead Landing](#)



6 [Western Shore Landing](#)



7 [Wagner Cove Landing](#)

[Lake Boat Landings](#)

In the 1860s, six boat landings were constructed along the shoreline of the Lake. Designed to complement the surrounding scenery, the small structures served as scenic lookouts and docks for recreational boaters. A passenger boat made a circuit around the Lake transporting visitors between all six landings and Bethesda Terrace.

The landings were periodically reconstructed in the 19th century—though much of the original detailing was lost over time—and removed throughout the 20th century due to deterioration. In 2016, the Conservancy rebuilt the five boat landings standing today. The new landings are more faithful re-creations of the original 19th-century designs and represent rustic and Victorian styles.

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