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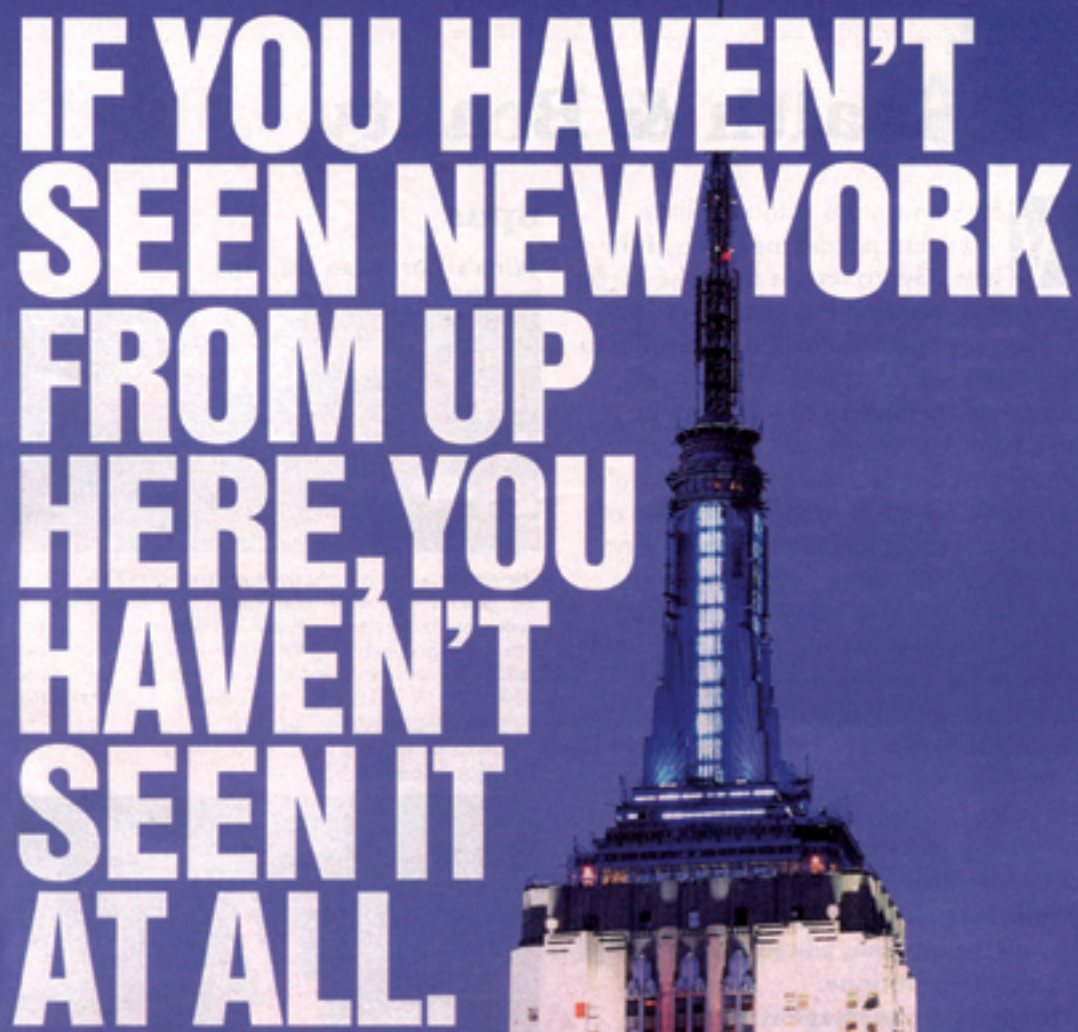
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Bronx Zoo

Education and Fun Today; Conserving Tomorrow

A Brief History

Over a hundred years old, the Bronx Zoo first opened its gates to the public in November 8, 1899. Of the original 22 exhibits and 843 animals, only the outer structure of the World of Reptiles remains. But what has not changed throughout its history is the Bronx Zoo's commitment to zoology, the wildlife protection and educating the public about the wonderful biospheres around the globe.

Originally established by the New York Zoological Society (NYZS) in 1895, this organization is now known as the Wildlife Conservation Society—and conserve they have. One of the first examples is the work by then Bronx Zoo director William T. Hornaday. Hornaday had a deep love for the wild American bison, which by 1905 had dwindled down to only 1,000 left in the great American West. In October of 1899, Hornaday began a breeding program, founding the American Bison Society and housing his small herd at the Bronx Zoo's Lion House.

By 1907, Hornaday and his group had secured national protection for the last of the wild bison and established rangelands for new herds. This went into practice when later that year 15 of the Bronx Zoo bison were re-introduced to Oklahoma's Wichita Mountain Preserve. The Bronx Zoo herd also supplied bison for refuges in Montana, South Dakota and Nebraska. Many of today's wild bison in the western United States are descendents of Hornaday's program, without which our great bison herds would have never recovered.

Another example of the Bronx Zoo's preservation work are the snow leopards. These stunning large cats first arrived at the Bronx Zoo in 1903, becoming the first place in the western hemisphere to exhibit them. They quickly became a crowd favorite. The Bronx Zoo leads a very successful snow leopard breeding program, with 82 cubs born between 1966 and 1999.

These two animals are just one of many species under the care of the American Zoo and Aquarium Association's Species Survival Plan (SSP). The SSPs help breeding programs in different zoos coordinate so they can sustain the captive populations of many endangered and threatened animals. Along with the snow leopard, the Bronx Zoo is also helping restore the population of lowland gorillas, Chinese alligators, Mauritius pink pigeons and over 40 other species.

Along with species preservation, the Bronx Zoo is a leader in creating new and interesting habitats for its animals. Starting with the African Plains exhibit in 1941, the Bronx Zoo was one of the first U.S. zoos to move away from the old-fashioned caged exhibits and move towards a more natural habitat. The African Plains was also the first predator-prey exhibit in North America, where lions (the predators) had a view of nyalas (the prey), which were safely placed behind moats.

But African Plains was just the first of many such exhibits that the Bronx Zoo developed through their Exhibition and Graphic Arts Department (EGAD)—the first of its kind in an American zoo. Here, artists, designers and other experts combined efforts to create realistic-looking rocks, trees, vines, termite mounds and other elements that help recreate the look of a natural ecosystem. They also combined plants and trees from the animals' homelands to complete the effect. Through their efforts, the Bronx Zoo's EGAD department has brought the public such delights as the Aquatic Bird House (1964), World of Darkness (1969), World of Birds (1972), Wild Asia (1977) and JungleWorld (1985). But they saved the best for last. One of the most innovative projects in the

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One of the bison from Mr. Hornaday's herd.



The old sea lion pool.



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The Bronx Zoo is open 365 days a year

western hemisphere, the Congo Gorilla Forest is an amazing 6.5 acres of African rain forest habitat, in New York City! Home to 400 animals from 55 species, the centerpiece is the troop of 23 lowland gorillas, the largest and most important breeding group in North America. These majestic animals are worth the trip alone.

With all its quality work and exhibits, the Bronx Zoo is a jewel of conservation in New York City and a must-see for any visiting tourist. It is a great place for families to see animals and their natural habitats and learn more about biospheres from around the globe. And most tourist should know that by visiting the zoo they are supporting the Wildlife Conservation Society's main mission: to advance the study of zoology, protect wildlife and educate the public.

And we all get to have a fun time doing it, and the animals, too!

Quick Facts:

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Bronx, New York (Founded 1899)

Fordham Road and the

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Phone: 718-367-1010

Website: www.wcs.org

Located on the Pelham Parkway stop of the #2 Metro Subway train.

(See poage 11 for map,
Closing hour changes seasonally)

Current Hours:

10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Open 365 days a year.



Tiger Mountain

Are you ready to go face to face with a tiger! Luckily glass protects all visitors at this 3-acre recreation of the beautiful Amur Valley on the border of Russia and China. Tiger Mountain has two main tiger viewing areas, Tiger Valley and Tiger Ridge.

From Tiger Ridge visitors can watch the tigers frolic in their own private Tiger Pool. Unlike house cats, tigers love water, and play, swim, drink and lounge at their water hole. Tiger Ridge also has headphones that allow you to listen

to "tiger talk." Learn what chuffing, growling and roaring mean as tigers talk to each other and to their keepers.

Tiger Valley is an open viewing shelter set deep in the exhibit, allowing you to get up close and personal to these wonderful animals. This is a great place to watch the Enrichment Sessions (see daily schedule) and even try out some of the tigers' toys yourself!

The best time to visit Tiger Mountain in later in the afternoon, since like all cats, they spend most of the day napping.



Daily Schedule

Year Round: 11:30 a.m., 1:30 & 3:30 p.m. daily

During the summer season (April–October), an additional weekend session takes place at 4:30 p.m.

Animal Feeding Times

Primate Training (Monkey House)

Watch animal keepers as they conduct their daily training sessions with the zoo's New World monkeys. This indoor activity is great to see any time of year!

WINTER SEASON (November–March):

2:30 p.m. daily

SUMMER SEASON (April–October):

3:30 p.m. daily

Penguin Feeding (Sea Bird Colony)

Bird keepers put on their waders to feed Magellanic penguins (as well as Inca terns, grey gulls and cormorants) in this naturalistic habitat reminiscent of the Patagonian coastline.

YEAR-ROUND: 3:30 p.m. daily

The Crocodiles also put on a good show at feeding time (2 p.m., Thursday).



One of the most exciting places in all of New York City, the Bronx Zoo Congo Gorilla Forest is 6.5 acres of African rain forest and fun. With more than 300 animals, it is the most spectacular exhibit ever created at the Bronx Zoo by the Wildlife Conservation Society. The remarkable collection of animals includes two troops of lowland gorillas, led by silverbacks Timmy and Dan.

With over 1,600 feet of walkway through the exhibit, you can wind and weave your way through an authentic rain forest full of over 15,000 plants of nearly 400 species, many of which have never before been grown in the New York area.

As you and your family explore this precious ecosystem, keep your eyes peeled for the group of black and white colobus monkeys, the elusive okapi (the "rain forest giraffe"), a rambunctious family of Red River warthogs and many other animals and species that slither, hop and crawl along the forest floor.

And most of all, you will learn about the threats to the African rain forests and what you can do to save these precious ecosystems.

At the Congo Rain Forest exhibit, you get to choose if your donation helps Elephant, Mandrill, Gorilla or Okapi Conservation efforts.

Ticket prices vary for this exhibit depending on weather.

Animals You Can See:

The Colobus Monkey
Grey-Cheeked Hornbill
Red River Hog
Wolf's Monkey
White Spot Assassin Bug
African Rock Python
Mandrill
Okapi
Ornate Nile Monitor
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and the
Sea Lion Pool
have both
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African Plains

Hope you are ready for a safari, because there's a Serengeti in the Bronx! Complete with lions, giraffes, cheetahs and African wild dogs, this is as close to the African plains most people will ever come.

The first predator-prey exhibit in North America, lions perch on their island and survey fleet-footed ibex, gazelles and a herd of zebras. The newest animals to settle on the African Plains are a pack of African wild dogs. Much like your pup back home, these wild dogs love to dig and swim in their new exhibit.



JungleWorld

Once you step into the doors of JungleWorld, the smells and warmth of the Asian rain forest meet your senses. This incredible 37,000 square foot recreation is a must-see at the zoo. Considered one of the most ambitious indoor zoological exhibitions ever created, the Bronx Zoo's JungleWorld is home to 780 animals representing over 99 species.

Animals that you and your family will see in the forest include shy silvered leaf monkeys, noisy white-cheeked gibbons, sleek black leopards, ever-amusing Malayan tapirs, green peafowl and too many birds to count!

One of the best parts about JungleWorld is that the rain forest is always in bloom, with many living trees, vines and Asian plants adding a natural and sweet smell to the air. Since it is indoors, this is the perfect exhibit to see if a rain storm just happens to pop up.

The most striking part of this exhibit is the "jungle countdown" sign on your way out. It's a digital counter marking the number of jungle acres left in the world. Along with the even more impressive "population count-up," you will leave JungleWorld with a distinct idea of what these animals face in their ever-disappearing natural habitats.



Children's Zoo

The Bronx Zoo Children's Zoo is for children of all ages. This is the perfect place to introduce even toddlers to the animal kingdom. And not only can they pet the animals, they can find out what it is like to be an animal!

The Children's Zoo has a child-sized bird's nest they can sit in, or kids can climb a giant spider's web! They can also explore a prairie dog tunnel, or even try out being a turtle by wearing a shell. And what better way to burn off some energy than to slide down a huge hollow tree, just like woodland creatures!

And for close up encounters, even the smallest children will enjoy their experience at the petting zoo. Children can pet and feed a variety of domestic animals, including sheep, goats, cows and even a donkey.

And for a great keepsake, children can have their photos taken with an animal! Photo souvenirs are \$5 and there's a \$.50 charge for food pellets, both help support the care and feeding of the animals in the Children's Zoo.

The Children's Zoo is open April through October, weather permitting.



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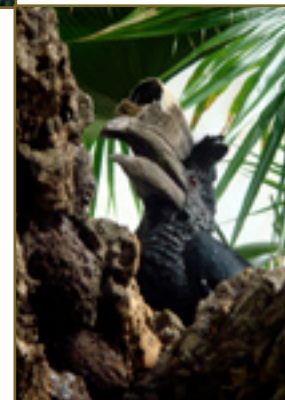
Are all the animals hiding? No worries as you glide by elephants, rhinos and Indo-Chinese tigers, not to mention breathtaking forests and paddies.

Skyfari

Get an eagle's eye view of all the animals, and an amazing view of Manhattan! This is the best places to take pictures of the New York City skyline.

Zoo Shuttle

Are your feet, or children, tired after a long day at the zoo? Then take this trolley, which travels between Wild Asia and the Zoo Center.



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Bronx, New York
 Fordham Road and the
 Bronx River Parkway
 Phone: 718-367-1010

General Admissions:

Thursday–Tuesday
 Adults \$14
 Children (2-12)* \$10
 Seniors (65+)\$12
 Admission on Wednesdays is
 by donation.

*Children under 2 years are always free.

Other Attraction Prices:

Camel Rides: \$5
 Butterfly Garden: \$3*
 Children's Zoo: \$3*
 Skyfari: \$3*
 Wild Asia Monorail: \$3*
 Zoo Shuttle: \$3*

*Note: A Pay-One-Price ticket, available from
 May to October, provides you access to all
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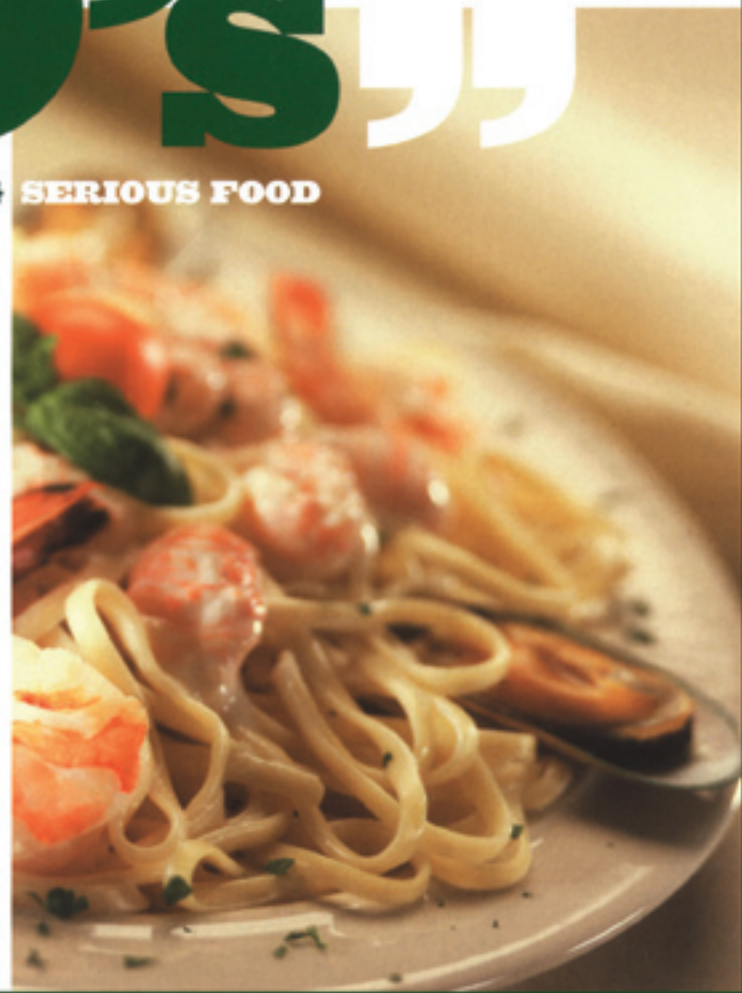
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"We are rebuilding New York, not dispersing and abandoning it."

-Robert Moses

The Museum of the City of New York



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The Museum of the City of New York is a must visit for anyone interested in the past, present and future of this great city. Celebrating New York's cultural diversity, this museum has rich collections, lively exhibits and very informative programs for adults and children alike. The character of all five boroughs is brought to life, showing how all parts of New York help build its singular character as one of the world's largest and most important cities.

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Adults: \$9
Seniors: students; \$5
Families: \$20 (max. 2 adults)
Children 12 and under: free
Members: free

Robert Moses and the Modern City: Remaking the Metropolis

February 1 through May 28, 2007

From 1934 to 1968, Robert Moses had a profound affect on the modern shape of New York City. Believing that "the city must be saved," Moses began to transform not only the roads and bridges, but how New Yorkers lived their lives. Moses built a new transportation network to bring people into the city, including the Triborough Bridge, the Henry Hudson Parkway and the Cross Bronx Expressway.

Moses also helped make New York City a cultural capital of the world, by initiating the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts and building the United Nations. And for the everyday New Yorker, he lead an aggressive program to revitalized city parks, including Central Park. But all this development came at a cost.

The exhibition explores some of Moses's more controversial visions of the city that disrupted traditional neighborhoods and increased the city's dependence on the automobile.

Robert Moses finally faced public protests over some of his most ambitious projects. The straw that broke the camel's back was his idea to take Fifth Avenue through the city's beloved Washington Square Park, and his more outrageous idea to put an elevated highway through Lower Manhattan. But out of the ashes of his defeat, a new era of urbanism based on neighborhood values and community control emerged setting the stage for modern day development.

But without Robert Moses's guiding hand, the Big Apple would definitely not shine so bright and owes it modern image to this controversial visionary.



Included in this exhibit are:

- ⊖ Andrew Moore photographs of Riverside Park and the Cross Bronx Expressway, among others.
- ⊖ A large-scale model (269" x 86") designed by the I. M. Pei-based firm of Webb & Knapp, not seen since the 1950s, showing Moses's proposal for the entire Midtown Expressway.
- ⊖ Proposals for the Lower Manhattan Expressway and Fifth Avenue extension through Washington Square Park, which drew intense public outcry.

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Timescapes: A Multimedia Portrait of New York

This exhibit is ongoing, runs every half hour from 10:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

This 25-minute multimedia experience traces the growth of New York City from a settlement of a few Europeans, Africans and Native Americans to the present day metropolis. Created by Jake Barton of Local Projects and James Sanders, co-

writer of the PBS series *New York: A Documentary History*, and narrated by actor Stanley Tucci, the film features animated maps and archival photographs as well as prints and paintings from the Museum's collections.



New York Interiors

This is an ongoing exhibit.

Ever wonder what life was like in New Amsterdam? Now you can find out in this exhibit of domestic environments dating from the early Dutch colony to the early 20th century. Realistic furniture and clothing from different periods will transport you and your family to households through-out New York City's fascinating history.



Photographs by Helga Photo Studio

New York Toy Stories

This is an ongoing exhibit.

Explore New York childhood through toys, games, cast-iron vehicles and the Stettheimer doll house—all owned or made by New Yorkers.



Protect

This is an ongoing exhibit.

Located on the lower lever of the Museum of the City of New York, the fascinating Fire Gallery is home to the Protect exhibit. Dedicated to the city's fire protection programs and corresponding water supply system, you can see first-hand the trials and tribulation faced by the brave fire fighters of New York City. Photographs and pictures document the journey for public safety from the 17th century to present day. One of the more interesting pieces is a wooden water pipe made out of a pine log. At its height around 1800, New York City had over 25 miles of wooden pipes carrying water from the Collect Pond (between Pearl and White Streets) to over 2,000 households and businesses south of Bleeker Street. Also on display are authentic leather buckets of the famous "bucket brigades," as well as exhibits showing how major fires helped shaped the city we see today. This is a must see exhibit for anyone interested in the great history of the New York City Fire Department.



New York Transit Museum



New York Transit Museum

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Brooklyn, NY 11201

Phone: 718-694-1600

Web: www.mta.info

Tuesday – Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday Noon to 5 p.m.
Closed Mondays and major holidays

Admission: Adults: \$5
Children 3–17 years of age: \$3
Senior Citizens (62+): \$3
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Admission is free



exhibitions, tours and workshops. On constant display are the popular exhibits, “Steel, Stone and Backbone” which shows in detail the building of New York City’s 100+ year-old subway system and the highly interactive exhibit “On the Streets,” which is an in-depth look at New York City’s trolleys and buses. The New York Transit Museum operates a gallery annex in Grand Central Terminal that presents changing exhibitions. The gallery annex is located just off the Main Concourse in the Shuttle Passage, next to the Station Master’s office.

This year the New York Transit Museum is presenting a two-part exhibition entitled “Architects of the NYC Subway.” This extensive history of the transit system begins with “Part I: Heins & LaFarge and the Tradition of Great Public Works.” This exhibit will be on display until July 8, 2007, followed by “Part II: Squire Vickers and the Subway’s Modern Age” which will be on display from July 30 to October 28, 2007.

Heins & LaFarge And The Tradition of Great Public Works

From 1901 to 1908, John L. Heins and Christopher G. LaFarge not only designed the first subway stations; they also created the plans for control houses, power substations and ornamental information kiosks. Crafted in the popular Beaux-Arts style, they drew on classical architecture using elements of ceramics, metal and wood. Their primary goal was to bring beauty to the stark utilitarian spaces being built by the engineers. They adorned each station with their own unique style of identification plaques and interiors. The crown jewel was the old City Hall Station where arched tiled ceilings, skylights and brass chandeliers created a grand cathedral feel, and is still one of the New York City subway’s most spectacular spaces.



Heins & LaFarge also used mosaics, sconces, iron railings and circular air vent covers to give the subway system a graceful and light feel. Examples of their charming brass ticket booth grilles and metal exit signs are included in this exhibition. Also on display are design drawings of Manhattan’s control houses on 72nd and 103rd Streets and Brooklyn’s own Atlantic Avenue, which shows their interesting use of glass and decorative arches.

In 1907, Heins died of meningitis, and LaFarge would only work on the subway until 1908. But before they handed the controls over to Squire Vickers, they would make a lasting imprint on the aesthetics of the New York City subway system. So if you like vintage ceramics, do not miss the works of the noted firms of The Guastavino Fireproof Construction Company, Grueby Faience Company of Boston, Atlantic Terra Cotta of Staten Island and Rookwood Pottery Company of Cincinnati. This might be your only chance to view these turn-of-the-century tiles. Pieces in the exhibit include ceramics for numerous subway stations, the original Lion House at the Bronx Zoo, mosaic examples from the 33rd, 110th and 116th street stations and magnificent glass pieces of the grand City Hall subway station and the Belmont Chapel of the Cathedral of Saint John the Divine.

The New York Transit Museum is the largest museum in the country devoted to urban public transportation history. As one of the premier institutions of its kind in the world, the museum explores the development of the greater New York Metropolitan region with excellent informational



Toot, Toot!! Beep, Beep!!: Toys That Move
October 3, 2006 through September 2007

Children, and most adults, love a good toy. This exhibition at the New York Transit Museum brings over 70 transportation themed toys representing over a century of technology and innovation in toy making. From hand-made wooden toys to mass-produced cast iron delights, there is something here for everybody.



The history of transportation can be traced through the evolution of these toys, but it is easy to forget this is educational because they are so much fun! Be sure to check out some of the ingenious wind-up and spring driven toys, some dating back as far as 1880. It might be hard to believe, but this exhibit also includes some toy trains that were actually steam driven.

The toys featured in Toot, Toot!! Beep, Beep!!: Toys That Move, are just a small sample of transportation-themed toys that have been made. They are snapshots in time that reflect values, occupations, interests and styles from many different time periods in America's, and especially New York City's history. As personal treasures, they represent an innocent and simpler time, linking our not-so-distant childhood with today.

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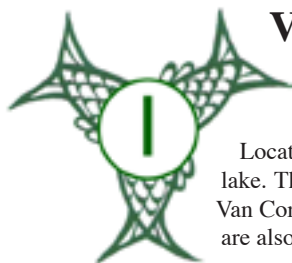
GONE FISHING IN NEW YORK CITY!

I know what you are thinking, fishing in New York City? Few people realize that the waters in and around the Big Apple are terrific for fishing! From the Hudson River to many spots for catch-and-release freshwater fishing, the five boroughs are a fisherman's delight.

The rivers, lakes and ponds of New York City are home to quite a large and diverse fish population. Along the bulkheads on the Hudson River you can angle for striped bass and Prospect Park contains the largest concentration of largemouth bass in the state! So get your rods and reels ready and let's Fish New York!



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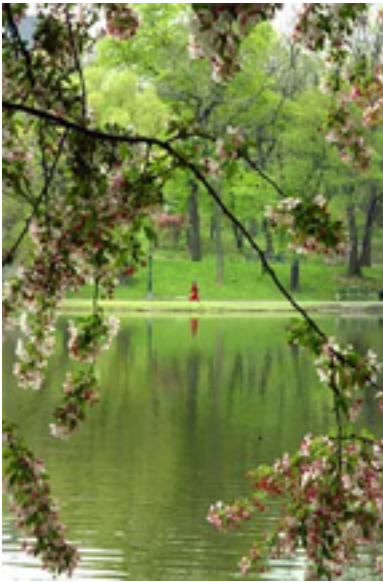
Van Cortland Lake Riverdale, Bronx

Located in the southeast corner of Van Cortland Park is the Bronx's largest freshwater lake. This beautiful man-made fishing hole was formed in the 1690s when Jacobus Van Cortlandt dammed Tibbets Brook to power to mills. Besides great fishing, there are also scores of ducks, a few swans and other waterfowl.

Van Cortland Park also has large playing fields and playgrounds, and a nice trail through the forest along Tibbets Brook. There are also riding stables and a golf course, in case some member of the family do not want to fish. The 1 and 4 trains both go to this park, and for more information please call 718-430-1890.

Species of Fish: Carp and Bullhead Catfish





Harlem Meer Central Park, Manhattan

The world famous Central Park is also home to some unique fishing opportunities.



Believe it or not, the Harlem Meer, located at the north end of the park, is home to over 50,000 different fish from varied species. Surrounding the 11-acre Meer are some of the Park's most impressive trees: oak, bald

cypress, beech and ginkgo. While you fish, gaze at the beautiful scenery, with roses, hydrangeas, pickerel weed and irises spilling down to the water's edge.

If you are in town visiting, they offer free bamboo poles and corn kernels or dough balls in exchange for your valid ID. But come early, as only 90 poles are distributed each day. Located near 112th street, the Harlem Meer is also home to the Dana Discovery Center. This family fun center offers educational and community programs and also provides an instructional booklet for fishing the Meer.

Species of Fish: Carp, Chain Pickerel, Golden Shiner, Largemouth Bass, Pumpkinseed Sunfish, Bluegill and Redbreasted Sunfish

Catch-and-Release Fishing at Central Park

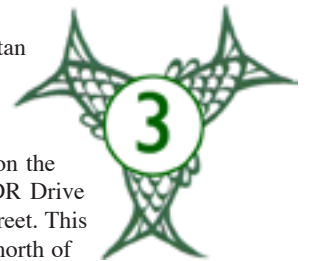
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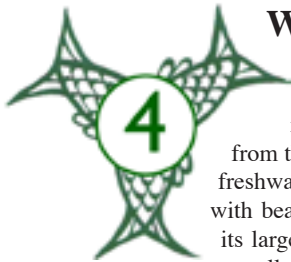
90th Street & 107th Street Pier East River, Manhattan

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Species of Fish: Stripped Bass, Bluegills, Blues, Porgy, Snappers and Flounders



Wolfe's Pond, Staten Island

Located near the southern tip of State Island is this beautiful pond just a stone's throw away from the Atlantic Ocean. Just off Hylan Boulevard, this freshwater spot is located in a stunning 170-acre park, with beaches for swimming right next door! Known for its large bass population. Wolfe's Pond Park also offers excellent hiking, biking and even a model yacht pond. For more information, please call 718-984-8266.

Species of Fish: Largemouth Bass, Bluegill and Bullhead Catfish



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If you saltwater fish, you do not need a license. For freshwater fishing, anyone 16 years of age or older is required to have a New York State Freshwater Fishing License and must follow the fishing regulations of NYS.

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Prospect Park Lake, Prospect Park, Brooklyn



It might be hard to believe, but Prospect Park Lake is the whole state's leading bass fishing lake. With the largest concentration of stocked bass, there is no reason to leave the city to catch a water hog. Located in Brooklyn's "Urban Forest," this 60-acre man-made lake offers the some of best freshwater fishing in New York City. While you can rent a paddle boat or take a ride on a large electrical one, private boats and fishing from paddle boats is strictly prohibited.

A popular spot known as "The Peninsula" has recently been renovated, offering beautiful vantage points to cast off from. Though a lot of old timers occupy the benches lining the shore, you can still find a spot to fish the afternoon away and catch huge largemouth bass. All fishing is catch-and-release and centered around the Prospect Park Audubon Center at the Boathouse. Countless buses and trains go to Prospect Park, including the 2, 3, B, F, Q and S trains. For more information, call the Audubon Center at 718-287-3400.

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First opened on December 10, 1896, the New York Aquarium has had a long and successful history of bringing exotic sea life to tourists and local New Yorkers alike. Originally located in lower Manhattan in Battery Park, the Aquarium is now found at popular Coney Island in south Brooklyn. As the oldest continually operated aquarium in the United States, the New York Aquarium is yet another jewel in the Wildlife Conservation Society's crown.

Situated on 14 acres by the beach, this aquarium is home to over 350 species of aquatic wildlife and over 8,000 specimens. The Aquarium also has special exhibits and public events to help bring the sea creatures and their ocean habitat into the lives of everyday people.

What to see:

Alien Stingers

This home of exciting and odd sea jellies holds many mysterious creatures of the deep seas. Like animals from another world, their diverse beauty looks like something straight out of science fiction. This is a rare chance to see these specimens, as the New York Aquarium is the only place in North America to permanently feature jellyfish.

Sea Cliffs habitat

Always a favorite at the Aquarium, this exhibit features blubber busters from the far north seas. Come see surprisingly intelligent California sea otters, majestic northern fur seals and the masters of the beach, Pacific walruses. The Aquarium's Glover's Reef features jawfish, more eels, rays and more than 35 other sea creatures living in a stunning coral reef ecosystem.

Daily Feeding

Don't miss the feeding of the sharks, sure to thrill and chill any visitor! There are also special feeding sessions of the penguins, sea otters and walruses. All feeding times are posted at the main entrance and plaza area of the Aquarium.

Animal Enrichments

These unique activities help the animals with the same variety of physical and psychological challenges and activities they would encounter in the wild. Some examples of these at the New York Aquarium are:

- Sea otters having fun with barrels and balls
- Sea lions and walruses learning new tricks
- Hiding food in containers for the octopus, who love the challenge

All Animal Enrichment times are posted at the main entrance and plaza area of the Aquarium.

Aquatheater Informal Training Demonstrations

This is one of the more popular events at the Aquarium, come see the incredible California sea lions entertain the whole family! Daily informal training session times are posted at the Aquatheater entrance.



Meet the Animals



Ayvek the Walrus

Hailing from Lawrence Island in the Bering Strait between Alaska and Siberia, Ayvek arrived to New York in 1994. When he arrived, Ayvek was only 150 pounds and could hang out in a small dog kennel. Today, he is an impressive 1,200 pounds! When he was just a baby though, he arrived with two other walruses, Uupa and Kuluisq, to join Nuka, a female that has been at the Aquarium for over 16 years.



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Closing time varies throughout the year, so call first!

Admissions

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*Children under 2 are free!

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Visit them online at www.nyaquarium.com

Special Events!

Earth Day — Seas the Day!

April 21–22

Join us to honor our Earth Day marine animal ambassadors, learn what you can do to protect our planet's ocean inhabitants and participate in special activities.

Mother's Day Weekend

May 12–13

Bring your mom to meet ocean moms! Learn about the different ways marine mothers care for their young, from sharks, whose pups are independent from their first moments in the water, to sea otters, which carry their young on the furry beds of their stomachs.

Aquatic Asia

May 19–20

Learn about different types of sea jellies found off the coasts of Asia. Discover dragon fish, sea turtles, sharks, archerfish and several varieties of seahorses. Enjoy Asian cultural arts performances, arts and crafts, and more.

The Aquarium Strikes Gold Celebrating 50 Years in Coney Island

June 9–10

Help us kick off a summer of fun! Stay tuned for details on this special weekend event.

Mermaids of the Deep

June 23–24

A fantastical weekend showcasing myths and legends of the high seas, featuring mermaids and giant octopuses, plus Nemo, Poseidon and Aquaman!

Sea Life Sock Hop/Grandparent's Day

September 8–9

The annual 50s-style sock hop features doo-wop music, arts and crafts, and storytelling. Make a gift for your grandparents to mark this special day.

Halloween at the A-scarium

October 20–21, 27–28 & 31

Dress up the family and join us for this safe, fun and educational Halloween tradition. Learn all about the monsters of the deep while you enjoy face arts and crafts, painting, games and prizes. Experience the thrill of our new "Haunted Pavilion" and our special 3D Halloween ride. Watch for details about after-hours festivities for adults.

Animals!

Though Aveye will get bigger, right now he is still way behind the full-grown Nuka who weighs in over 1,600 lbs!

All four of the walruses can be seen at the Sea Cliffs Exhibit. A great time to visit them is during their feeding, when they loudly call for more food, or during their Enrichment sessions, where they love to play games.

Willie the Sea Otter

Willie the sea otter has a unique story that represents some of the best work of the Wildlife Conservation Society and other protective programs.

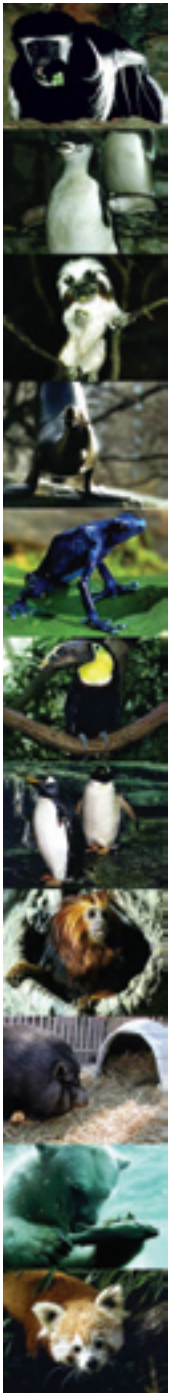
He is a California sea otter, which were thought to be extinct in the 1900's. But in 1915, a small population, numbering only 32, was discovered at Point Sur. Today, there are almost 2,000 in the entire world.

Willie was almost lost, being found as a baby among sand kelp on the beach of Spanish Bay, near Pebble Beach in California. Willie was saved a team at the Monterey Bay Aquarium, but he struggled day-to-day to survive outside of the wild. But through diligent care, Willie pulled through and in 1994 he packed his bags and came to join the other animals at the Sea Cliffs Exhibit here in New York. Sea otters are very intelligent and Willie is no different, so make sure to drop by and see him. This is probably your only chance to ever actually see a California sea otter, which makes Willie even that more special.



The Zoos of New York

Though the Bronx Zoo is world famous, it's not the only zoo in New York City. There are also exceptional zoos full of diverse animals in Brooklyn, Queens and even Manhattan! If you are looking for a fun family time, then the zoos are the place for you!



Central Park Zoo

The Central Park Zoo is a favorite here at Empire State Magazine, being only a quick subway or cab ride away. Though the new zoo in Manhattan was opened in 1988, it dates back to the 1860s. Its history truly shows the work of the Wildlife Conservation Society's goal of moving animals from cages and menagerie-style exhibits to natural habitats that educate, involve and connect people to the natural world.

Since back in the 1800s, animals were kept in Central Park on 64th Street and Fifth Avenue, home of the zoo today. At first, the collection only consisted of 72 white swans and a single black bear, all donated. Then in 1864, the State Legislature authorized the first zoo in New York, the Central Park Menagerie. This style of zoo, which pre-dates the zoological garden efforts of our modern era, lasted until 1934 when then-Commissioner of Parks Robert Moses remodeled the menagerie into the Central Park Zoo. Though it set the standard in animal exhibits for its time, by the 1980s it had become a woefully inadequate facility for its inhabitants.

In April of 1980, the wonderful people of the WCS came on board with the City of New York to renovate and operate the zoo for the Department of Parks and Recreation. They demolished most of the buildings and created the "newest/oldest" zoo in the city that attracts nearly 1 million visitors a year.

The Tisch Children's Zoo, added in 1997, lets you and your family meet gentle creatures up close and personal. There are also a wide range of biospheres represented, included tropic, temperate and polar regions. From a steamy rain forest to an Antarctic penguin habitat, here is a lot to see! Don't miss the polar bears, who are a crowd favorite. There are also year-round education classes and public programs, including the zoo's "Wildlife Theater."

As always, the WTC works with the American Zoo and Aquarium Association's Species Survival Program, and at the Central Park Zoo there are endangered species like rare tamarin monkeys, Wyoming toads, thick-billed parrots and even red pandas! So if you are visiting New York and can't make it to the Bronx Zoo, take the whole family to Central Park, where the zoo is just the beginning of your adventures there.

Central Park Zoo

Located in **Central Park at 65th Street and Fifth Avenue**

The Central Park Zoo is open 365 days a year!

Open 10 a.m. - 4:30 to 7 p.m.

Closing time varies, so call before hand!

Tel: 212-439-6500

Web: www.centralparkzoo.com

Admissions:

Adults: \$8; Children (3-12): \$3;

Seniors (65+): \$4

Children under 3 years are always free!

Last ticket sold 30 minutes prior to closing.

By Subway

N or R train to Fifth Avenue stop, walk north 4 blocks to 64th Street. Lexington Avenue #6 train to 68th Street/Hunter College Station, walk west 3 blocks to Fifth Avenue, then 4 blocks south.

Special events!

Migration Sensation

May 5-6

Come learn about our fine-feathered friends and the amazing journeys that migratory birds make each year to reach their spring nesting grounds.

Chill Out!

August 4-5

Chill out with the city's coolest residents—polar bears, penguins and puffins. Special activities include music, games and crafts to help visitors beat the heat.



Prospect Park Zoo

Opened on October 5, 1993, Prospect Park Zoo became the fifth facility in the Wildlife Conservation Society's astounding network of parks in New York City. As with the original Central Park Zoo, the Brooklyn Zoo has a long history and also started off as a menagerie in the late 1800s. These animals became the foundation for the collection of animals in the Prospect Park Zoo that reopened to the public at Flatbush Avenue on July 3, 1935. Parts of a Works Progress Administration project in the Great depression, then-Commissioner Robert Moses also lead the charge to update its image.

But as the times changed, so did the zoo when the WCS agreed to step in the 1980s. Though some of the architectural aspects of the old zoo were kept, the habitats for the animals went through a drastic overhaul and were transformed into more naturalistic settings. There are three major exhibit areas at the Prospect Park Zoo: The World of Animals, Animal Lifestyles and Animals in Our Lives. Each are designed specifically to engage children in the wonder of our world's great wild areas.

In the World of Animals, children can meet prairie dogs nose-to-nose and walk among the wallabies. A crowd-favorite is the Animal Lifestyles building, which houses a rambunctious troop of hamadryas baboons. And to get the kids really involved, Animals in Our Lives exhibits encourage children to draw wildlife and interact with friendly, mother-approved species in a fun barnyard. As with all of WTC parks, there are year-round classes and programs to get you and your family closer to our fellow animals.

Prospect Park Zoo

Located on **450 Flatbush Avenue in Brooklyn, New York 11225**

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Open 10 a.m. - 4:30 to 7 p.m.

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Admissions:

Adults: \$6; Children (3-12): \$2; Seniors (65+): \$2.25

Children under 3 years are always free!

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By Subway

Q train or Q express train to Prospect Park Station; take Flatbush Ave./Ocean Ave. exit; walk north on Flatbush Ave. to Zoo.

Special event!

Fleece Festival

April 28-29

Visit for a day full of fleece, fur and fun! Watch our sheep and alpacas get their annual haircuts and meet local artists who will be demonstrating weaving, knitting and spinning techniques.

Queens Zoo

The least known of the zoos in New York City, the Queens Zoo is a tribute to American animals. Originally opened as Flushing Meadows Zoo, it opened on the grounds of the 1964 World's Fair in 1968. But as with the Central Park and Prospect Park Zoos, the WTCs came in to radically update the zoo and facilities for the modern era. Reopened to the public on June 25, 1992, this quiet zoo has the feel of a natural park.

The entire zoo perimeter is a pathway that leads visitors to pockets of wild habitats, from the Great Plains to the rocky California coast to the woods of the Northeast. Some of America's great animals call this home: American bison, mountain lions, California sea lions, American bald eagles and Roosevelt elk. There are also spectacled bears, an endangered species from the Andes Mountains in South America.

One of the special aspects of the zoo is its aviary. It is a geodesic dome originally designed by Buckminster Fuller for the 1964 World's Fair in Queens. And the zoo is also home to the famous "Otis," a coyote rescued from Manhattan's Central Park in 1999. So don't miss out on all the animals and structures at this lesser-known zoo.

Queens Zoo

Located at **53-51 111th St. in Flushing Meadows Corona Park, Queens, New York**

The Queens Zoo is open 365 days a year!

Open 10 a.m. - 4:30 to 7 p.m.

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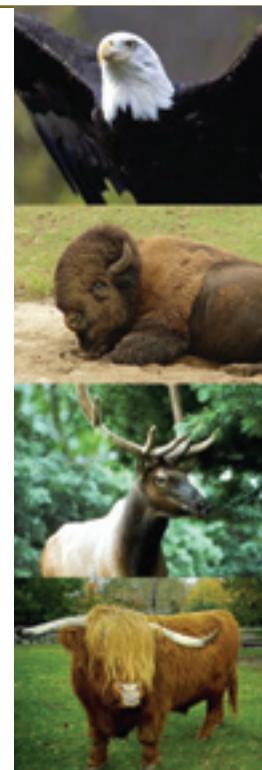
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When visiting New York City, recreation is a must! Luckily for visitors and residents alike, the New York City Department of Parks & Recreation offers a wide variety of options to get outdoors and get some exercise. If you plan on visiting New York, please check their website at www.nycgovparks.org for the most up to date information and events.

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Theater in New York City

Coming to New York and not seeing a Broadway show is like going to Miami and not seeing the beach. Since shows and times are subject to change, Empire State Magazine has decided to list various theaters we enjoy seeing performances at. If you are looking for the complete Broadway Experience, then we highly suggest:

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Business Travelers' Guide to New York City

As a business traveler, you work hard so you should play hard as well. Coming to New York City to make the big deal can make or break a career, so after you get the dotted line signed, check out these finer locales in the Big Apple. From fine dining to a posh hotel, Empire State has you covered.

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Web: www.plaza-athenee.com

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Make sure to dine at Arabelle, a beautiful restaurant serving Chef Arvin Dhansew's modern French cuisine. Located in a stunning dining room, Arabelle has been voted a 25 score for food, 26 score for décor and 27 score for service by Zagat Restaurant Guide in 2006. And for a drink after closing that big deal, Bar Seine combines the feeling of an upscale lounge with the intimacy of a private home.



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If you are looking for a unique dining experience, look no further than Hakubai Restaurant located in Kitano Hotel. Hakubai serves traditional Japanese favorites at lunch, but during dinner hours serves the distinctive Kaiseki cuisine noted for exquisite presentation as well as its delicate taste.

An authentic Kaiseki dinner starts with an appetizer of minced young fish and vegetables, followed by a light soup. Next up is a lacquer box

containing superb sashimi, or when in season, the rare treat of fugu (blowfish), considered one of Japan's greatest delicacies. This is followed by the chef's choice of either a boiled or simmered dish, usually vegetables and the freshest fish. A fried dish will come next, with Hakubai's astounding Teriyaki steak or pork or fresh fish. If you can believe it, two more courses are coming: a vinegar dish of clams dressed in miso followed by a course of rice and pickles. Fruit or a light dessert finally arrives to complete this memorable meal.



Prices for a full Kaiseki dinner can range from \$85 to \$150 per person. A la Carte menu is also available. So if you are looking for a once-in-a-lifetime dining experience, definitely check out this critical acclaimed restaurant.

Dylan Prime

62 Laight Street 10013
New York, NY
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Web: www.dylanprime.com
Email: info@dylanprime.com



Located in Tribeca, this steakhouse is located near the heart of the New York finical district. Know most for its cheese fondue, which is made with select farmhouse cheeses. Their signature drinks are also worth a visit, and the key lime martini is highly suggested. Their filet mignon and New York Strip steaks are top-notch, and their Porterhouse cut comes in at nice 32 ounces. Another favorite from the Chef's Compositions menu is the Carpetbagger Steak, which is filet mignon stuffed with Blue Point Oysters.

They also have a very extensive wine list, with a selections of reds to satisfy even the most picky connoisseur. Complete with a savvy lounge you would expect in Tribeca, Dylan Prime is definitely a New York steakhouse not to be overlooked.



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Pride Day Parades and Festivals in New York City!

One of the things that makes the Big Apple great is the diverse cultures that come together to call themselves New Yorkers. Here is a list of some of the parades and festivals that happen through out the year.

January

Three Kings Day Parade

When: January 6th
Where: 3rd Avenue from 106th to 116th Streets
More info: 212-831-7272

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

When: Third Monday in January
Where: Fifth Avenue from 61st to 86th St.

Chinese New Year Parade

When: First full moon after January 21 and before February 19
Where: Around Mott Street in Chinatown.
More info: 212-431-9740 or 212-941-0920

Lunar Year Parade

When: Like the Chinese New Year, this parade falls on the first full moon after January 21 and before February 19
Where: Main Street and 37th Avenue to Roosevelt Avenue

February

Presidents Day Parade

When: Third Monday in February
Where: 5th Avenue from 35th to 50th Streets

March

St Patrick's Day Parade

When: Tuesday, March 17, 11am
Where: Up 5th Avenue from 44th to 86th Streets

Phagwah (Indo-Caribbean) Parade

When: Mid or late March
Where: Liberty Avenue in Queens

The Greek Independence Day Parade

When: April 15th
Where: 5th Avenue to 59th to 79th Street
More Info: 718-204-6500

Easter Promenade

When: Easter Sunday at 11am
Where: 5th Avenue from 44th to 57th Streets

April

April Fool's Parade

When: April 1st
Where: Fifth Avenue from 59th Street to Washington Square Park

Scottish Bagpipers & Drummers Parade

When: First Weekend of April
Where: 6th Avenue north from 44th to 58th Streets

Sikh Cultural Society Parade & Festival

When: Late April
Where: Broadway from 41st Street to 27th Street | 27th Street from Broadway to Madison Avenue | Madison Avenue from 27th Street to 23rd Street

May

Memorial Day Parades:

When: last Monday of May

John F. Prince Post 6478 Veteran's Memorial Day Parade

When: Memorial Day, 9:45 a.m.
Where: Queens at 90th Avenue and Cross Island Parkway-North to Winchester Boulevard - South to 93 Avenue - West to Springfield Boulevard - South to Jamaica Avenue to Vets Plaza

Whitestone Veterans' Memorial Day Parade

When: Memorial Day at Noon
Where: Queens at 149th Street and 15th Drive

US Veterans' Organization Memorial Day Parade

When: Memorial Day at 11:30 a.m.
Where: Staten Island at Forest Avenue & Hart Boulevard to Forest Avenue

Bronx Latinos Unidos Parade

When: First Saturday in May
Where: Grand Concourse from Mt Eden to 161st Street in the Bronx

Turkish-American Parade

When: Usually Saturday closest to middle of May
Where: 56th Street from Madison to 2nd Avenue | 2nd Avenue to 47th Street

Haitian Flag Day Parade

When: Sunday, mid-May
Where: Eastern Parkway from Utica Avenue to Grand Army Plaza

Norwegian-American 17th of May Parade

When: Sunday closest to May 17th
Where: Brooklyn at 90th Street and 5th Avenue, north on 5th Avenue to 67th Street and 7th Avenue

Martin Luther King/ 369th Regiment Parade

When: Third Sunday in May, noon
Where: 5th Avenue from 61st to 86th Streets

Salute to Israel Parade

When: Sunday, Late May
Where: 5th Avenue from 61st to 79th Street

Haitian-American Day Parade

When: Last weekend of May
Where: Nostrand Avenue from Empire Boulevard to Foster Avenue

Greater NY Good Neighbor Parade

When: End of May
Where: Madison Avenue from 41st to 27th Street

June

Philippine Independence Day Parade & Festival

When: 1st Sunday in June
Where: Madison Avenue from 39th to 26th Street

Queens Pride Parade

When: 1st Sunday in June
Where: 37th Avenue from 89th to 75th Street

Brooklyn Pride Parade and Festival

When: Second weekend of June
Where: 15th Street from Bartel-Pritchard Circle to 7th Avenue | 7th Avenue from 15th Street to Lincoln Place
More info: 718-928-3320

Hare Krishna (Hindu) Parade

When: Usually 2nd Saturday in June
Where: 5th Avenue from 57th Street to Washington Square Park

The Puerto Rican Day Parade

When: 2nd Sunday in June
Where: 5th Avenue from 44th Street to 86th Street



June

Children's Evangelical Parade

When: June 19th
Where: 3rd Avenue from 96th Street to 116th Street

Bronx Week Parade

When: Last Saturday in June
Where: Moshulu Parkway

Mermaid Parade

When: June 23th
Where: Coney Island Boardwalk in Brooklyn
More info: 718-372-5159
Web: www.coneyisland.com

Heritage of Pride Parade

(formerly Gay Pride Parade)
When: Last Sunday in June
Where: 5th Avenue from 52nd Street to 8th Street | 8th Street to Christopher Street | Christopher Street to 7th Avenue South

July

4th of July Parade

Travis Fourth of July Parade
Where: Staten Island: Victory Blvd to Glen Street-Cannon Avenue, Victory Boulevard
More Info: 212-494-4495

Great 4th of July Festival

Where: Water Street between Fulton & Broad Streets

Chinatown Independence Day Festival

When: July 3rd
Where: Columbus Park and all through Chinatown (Canal, Mott, Bayard and Pell Streets, plus the Bowery).

Festival de Gran Parada Dominicana del Bronx

When: Runs one week in mid-July
Where: Clay Avenue between 173rd Street & Claremont Parkway.



August

Dragon Boat Festival

When: 1st Weekend of August
Where: Meadow Lake, Flushing Meadows-Corona Park
More Info: 718-767-1776
Web: hkdbf-nyc.org

Bronx & Brooklyn Puerto Rican Day Parade

When: Bronx: First Weekend of August
Brooklyn: Third Weekend of August
Where: Bronx: Grand Concourse from East Tremont Avenue to Bedford Park
Brooklyn: Graham Avenue from Broadway to Grand Street & Lindsay Park
More Info: 718-401-0404

India Independence Day Parade

When: Third Weekend of August
Where: 40th and 41st Street between Fifth and Park Avenue | South on Madison Avenue to 27th Street

Dominican Day Parade

When: Sunday, August 12th
Where: 6th Avenue between 39th and 58th Streets
More Info: 212-243-1177

Pakistan Independence Day Parade & Fair

When: August 16th
Where: Madison Avenue from 41st to 26th Streets



September

Labor Day Parade

When: Labor Day on September 3, 11 a.m.
Where: 5th Avenue from 44th to 72nd Street

West Indian American Day Carnival Parade (Brooklyn Carnival)

When: First Monday on September 3rd
Where: Eastern Parkway in Brooklyn
More info: 718-467-1797 or call the Caribbean American Center of New York: 718-625-1515

Brazil Independence Day Festival

When: September 7th
Where: Avenue of the Americas from 42nd to 56th Streets

Feast of San Gennaro

When: September 13-23
Where: Mulberry Street between Canal & Houston Streets.
More info: 212-226-6427
Web: www.sangennaro.org

The Steuben (German-American) Day Parade

When: September 15, Noon
Where: On 5th Street from 63rd to 86th Streets
Web: www.germanparadenyc.org

Mexican Day Parade

When: September 17, Noon
Where: Madison Avenue between 41st & 23rd Streets

African-American Day Parade

When: Late September
Where: Adam Clayton Powell Blvd between 111th to 142nd Street & Fifth Avenue

Nigeria's Independence Day Parade

When: September 30th
Where: 54th Street/Second Avenue and terminates at the Nigeria House, 44th Street/2nd Avenue

October

Columbus Day Parade and Festival

When: October 8th
Where: Fifth Avenue from 44th to 79th Streets
More Info: 212-249-9923

Pulaski (Polish) Day Parade

When: First Sunday in October at 11 a.m.
Where: 5th Avenue between 26th Street north to 52nd Street
More Info: (877) 4-PULASKI.

Korean Harvest Day Parade

When: First Saturday in October at 2-4 p.m.
Where: South on Broadway between 41st Street and 23rd Street
More info: 212-255-6969

The Village Halloween Parade

When: October 31. Usually begins around 6-7pm.
Where: The parade begins 6th avenue and Houston street and proceeds north to 14th or 23rd Street.

November

Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade

When: Thanksgiving Day at 9 a.m. to Noon
Where: The parade 2.5 mile route begins on Central Park West at 77th street and travels downtown to 59th street at Columbus Circle then down Broadway to Macy's.
More Info: 212-494-4495

Veteran's Day Parade

When: November 11th
Where: Fifth Avenue from 23rd Street to 54th Street
More Info: 212-693-1476

Toys R Us Holiday Parade

When: Second Weekend in November
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I Fish NY programs are open to all schools and community groups in the five boroughs, as well as in Western Suffolk and Nassau Counties on Long Island. Any interested parents should contact their schools to get this informative classroom experience for their kids where students receive instruction on Fish biology and aquatic ecology. From Fish anatomy to Fisheries management, they will gain a better understanding of the lives Fish around New York City. And classroom visits are accompanied by a Fishing trip a later date! That's right! I Fish NY will take the students to the closest body of water, with Fish of course, to the school. I Fish NY provides the rod, tackle and even the bait.

But their education programs are not limited to schools; any organized group, such as after school groups, summer camps and adult community groups, can contact I Fish NY for Fishing clinics and more.

And best part is, this is all free!

If you want to check out I Fish NY, then their public events are a great place to start. These events are open to the public, and everyone is invited. Here are some of the exciting things they have planned this summer:

3rd Annual Fish Parade/Hunts Point Riverside Park Saturday, June 2nd

Fishing: Noon-2 p.m., Parade: 3-5 p.m.

This parade celebrates the Fulton Fish Market's move to Hunts Point. The fish living in the surrounding rivers have been around even longer, and you can try catching one with I Fish NY.

Free Fishing Weekend with Bayside Anglers at Kissena Park

Saturday, June 23rd

11 a.m.-1 p.m.

This weekend, fishing license requirements (normally required for freshwater fishing for anglers 16 and older) are being waived.

T.G.I.T. After Work Fishing/Gantry Plaza Thursday, July 12th

6 p.m.-8 p.m.

Enjoy the long summer nights and the breeze off the East River while connecting to your inner child and your real children. Grab a pole and see why fishing isn't just for kids, but is even better with your kids!



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Saturday, August 11th

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Charles A. Dana Discovery Center at Central Park

Located in the family friendly Central Park, the Charles A. Dana Discovery Center provides education and activities for children of all ages. Located on the northern shore of the Harlem Meer (see page 20 for more information on Fishing here), the Dana Center is Central Park's newest building. Opened to the public in 1993, it offers a wide range of the Central Park Conservancy's free education and community programs, seasonal exhibits and holiday celebrations.

Be sure to check out the Great Hall, where diverse exhibits and musical performances change with the seasons. One event is on Earth Day, Sunday, April 22, where you and your family can craft paper beads into your own pieces of recycled jewelry! The Dana Center is also the upper Central Park's visitor center, so if you plan to explore the rest of the world-famous attraction this is a great place to start.



One of the favorite family and community activities is the catch-and-release Fishing at the Harlem Meer. The Dana Center will provide you with poles, safer unbarbed hooks and even educational instruction booklets. A perfect day to take the family out on this fun time is Labor Day, when there is a Fishing jamboree!

The Catch-and-Release Fishing is open April 15 till October 15, Tuesday through Sunday. Their hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Come early as the poles and fishing equipment are first come first serve. Last poles are handed out at 3 p.m., except Sundays, when last poles are handed out at 2 p.m.

For more information, visit their website at: www.centralparknyc.org/virtualpark/northend/danacenter.

The Charles A. Dana Discovery Center is inside the Park at Central Park North (110th Street) between Fifth Avenue and Malcolm X Boulevard (Lenox Avenue).

60th Annual Macy's Fishing Contest July 18-22, 2007, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Audubon Center, Prospect Park

Since 1947 families in New York City have been coming to the annual R.H. Macy's Fishing contest. A rite of passage for Brooklyn kids over the generations, this is a perfect way to introduce your children to fishing. The contest runs for a week every July and is held on Prospect Lake at the Prospect Park Audubon Center at the Boathouse.

The R.H. Macy's Fishing contest is open to all kids 15 years and under. Fishing equipment is provided free to the public, but you can bring your own. All fishing during the contest is catch-and-release, which ensures the festival will last till your children's children.

The event kicks off with a "Kiss the Fish" Ceremony, where an extra-large fish is named R.H. Macy, then tagged and released. The lucky kid who catches this fish wins a prize! Prizes are also awarded daily for the most fish and longest fish caught.



Also during this contest, kids can participate in free, fun and educational workshops including: Meet the Fish (learning about the different types of Fish in New York City); Life in the Lake (a exciting study of local aquatic ecology); and Let's Go Fishing (an educational workshop on how to Fish).

Directions:

The Audubon Center and Visitor Center at the Boathouse is located just inside the Lincoln Road/Ocean Ave. entrance to the Park.

By Subway:

Q, S or B trains to Prospect Park station. Exit at Lincoln Road and follow Lincoln Road to park entrance on Ocean Avenue. Walk along the roadway, cross the Drive and continue following the path downhill through the Cleft Ridge Span Bridge.

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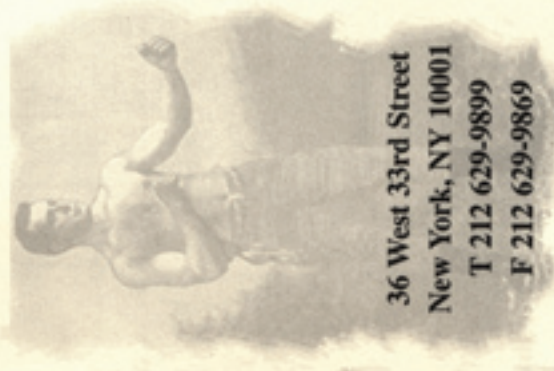
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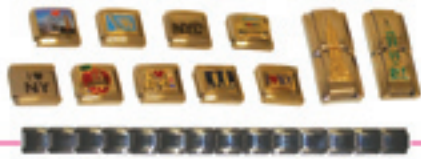
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