

CENTRAL PARK CONSERVANCY FALL GUIDE

What's not to love about fall in Central Park? There's the crisp, cool air; the stunning fall foliage; and an abundance of fun, outdoor events. Our Fall Guide has all you need to know about spending this season in Central Park.

The mission of the Central Park Conservancy is to restore, manage, and enhance Central Park in partnership with the public. The Central Park Conservancy raises 75% of the Park's annual budget from private sources and is responsible for all of the essential work that keeps Central Park beautiful.

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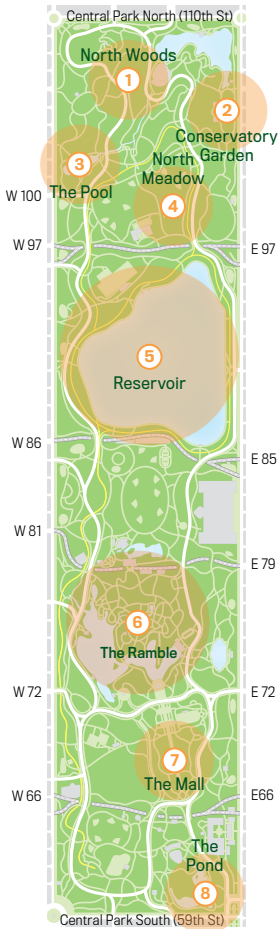
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ADMIRE FALL FOLIAGE IN CENTRAL PARK

It's the season for many of Central Park's trees to take on golden shades of red, orange, and yellow. Here are the best spots for dazzling fall foliage, according to our tree crew.






1 NORTH WOODS

West Side to Mid-Park from 101st to 110th Street

-  Black Cherry (yellow, red)
-  Pin Oak (russet, bronze, red)
-  Red Oak (yellow, brown, red)
-  Scarlet Oak (scarlet)
-  Red Maple (red)
-  American Elm (yellow)






2 CONSERVATORY GARDEN

East Side from 104th to 106th Street

-  Crabapple (reddish-orange)
-  Stewartia (orange, red, purple)
-  Star Magnolia (yellow, bronze)




3 THE POOL

West Side from 100th to 103rd Street

-  Red Maple (red)
-  Hickory (yellow)
-  Tupelo (orange, scarlet)
-  Bald Cypress (bronze, brown)
-  Sugar Maple (orange, yellow, red)



4 NORTH MEADOW

Mid-Park from 97th to 102nd Street

-  Hickory (yellow)
-  Sugar Maple (orange, yellow, red)
-  Flowering Dogwood (maroon, purple)







5 THE RESERVOIR

85th Street to 96th Street

-  Kwanzan Cherry (bronze, red)
-  Yoshino Cherry (yellow)


6 THE RAMBLE

Mid-Park from 73rd to 79th Street

-  Red Oak (yellow, brown, red)
-  Sweet Gum (yellow, purple, red)
-  Pin Oak (russet, bronze, red)
-  Red Maple (red)
-  Black Cherry (yellow, red)
-  Tupelo (orange, scarlet)





7 THE MALL

Mid-Park from 66th to 72nd Street

-  American Elm (yellow)

8 THE POND

Central Park South between Fifth and Sixth Avenues

-  Black Cherry (yellow, red)
-  Sawtooth Oak (yellow, golden brown)
-  Gray Birch (yellow)
-  Tupelo (orange, scarlet)

GET TO KNOW CENTRAL PARK'S TREES

Central Park is home to over 150 species of trees — look for these three on your next visit.

American Elm

The Mall features one of the largest and last remaining stands of American elms in North America. Look for twisting, upper branches on American elms to distinguish them from their European cousins. In the fall, American elms display bright yellow foliage.



Red Maple

Appropriately named, the red maple features a bit of red in every season. In fall, their brilliant red and yellow leaves put on a fiery spectacle throughout Central Park. Look for red maples in the North Woods, by the Pool, and in the Ramble.



Scarlet Oak

The scarlet oak provides stunning foliage. It begins as red in the spring, rich green through the summer, and returns to red in the autumn. Find scarlet oaks near the statue of Balto.



Visit centralparknyc.org/treeguide to learn more about some of your favorite Central Park trees.

FAMILY PROGRAMS

DISCOVERY WALKS FOR FAMILIES

Bring your family for a free guided walk and learn about the architecture, landscapes, and ecosystems of Central Park through hands-on exploration. Visit centralparknyc.org/discoverywalks for more information and to register.



PARKitecture

Help us decode the sculpted secrets of Bethesda Terrace, and discover how nature inspires Central Park's art and design.

November 4, 11

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Dairy Visitor Center & Gift Shop (Mid-Park between 64th and 65th Street)



Beginning Birders

Why do birds flock to Central Park every spring and fall? We'll find out as we explore Central Park's woodlands and learn the basics of bird identification along the way!

November 4, 11, 18, 26

10:00 am – 11:30 am

Chess & Checkers House
(Mid-Park at 64th Street)

November 12, 19, 25

10:00 am – 11:30 am

Charles A. Dana Discovery Center
(Inside the Park at 110th Street
between Fifth and Lenox Avenues)



Hallett Nature Sanctuary

Surrounded by the Pond at the southeast corner of Central Park, the four-acre Hallett Nature Sanctuary is a peaceful haven just feet away from some of Central Park's busiest paths.

November 7, 18, 26

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Chess & Checkers House (Mid-Park at 64th Street)



Towering Trees

Take a hike through the North Woods and learn how to tell a maple from an oak! Discover how trees — from seeds and leaves to logs — contribute to the health of an urban park woodland community.

November 12, 19, 25

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Charles A. Dana Discovery Center (Inside the Park at 110th Street between Fifth and Lenox Avenues)



NEW! Statues and Monuments

Discover the secrets and mysteries of Central Park's most beloved children's sculptures, including Alice in Wonderland, Hans Christian Andersen, and Balto.

December 2, 9, 16

10:00 am – 11:30 am

East 72nd Street Kiosk at Fifth Avenue

FAMILY PROGRAMS (CONTINUED)



VISITOR CENTERS

Central Park contains five visitor centers — find the one nearest you.

BELVEDERE CASTLE

Mid-Park at 79th Street

Note: Belvedere Castle will close for renovations beginning Fall 2017.

CHARLES A. DANA DISCOVERY CENTER

Inside Central Park at 110th Street
between Fifth and Lenox Avenues

CHESS & CHECKERS HOUSE

Mid-Park at 64th Street

COLUMBUS CIRCLE INFORMATION KIOSK

59th Street at Central Park West

DAIRY VISITOR CENTER & GIFT SHOP

Mid-Park between 64th and 65th Streets

Please note: visitor centers are closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day.



KEEPING IT GREEN FOR FAMILIES

There aren't many places in New York City for a child to experience one of autumn's most memorable activities — raking leaves. Here in Central Park, we have more than enough leaves to go around!

Volunteer to help keep Central Park green while spending quality time with your family. This activity is for families only, maximum of three children per parent/guardian; no groups. Ages 4+. Visit centralparknyc.org/keepingitgreen to register. Location is provided after registering.

Sundays, November 5 - December 10

10:00 am - 11:30 am

Vanderbilt Gate (Inside the Park at 105th Street and Fifth Avenue)



PITCH IN, PICK UP

Volunteering to Pitch In, Pick Up is a great way to help keep Central Park clean and beautiful. After a brief orientation, you will be given a trash grabber, gloves, and a garbage bag for litter. Individuals and families of five or fewer may participate on a drop-in basis at the Charles A. Dana Discovery Center, Chess & Checkers House, and North Meadow Recreation Center. Visit centralparknyc.org/pitchinpickup for more information.



DISCOVERY KITS

Borrow a Discovery Kit for a Central Park adventure! Discovery Kit backpacks are filled with kid-friendly binoculars, field guides, a hand lens, colored pencils, and sketch paper. Best for ages 6-10. Discovery Kits are available at the Charles A. Dana Discovery Center and the Chess & Checkers House. Visit centralparknyc.org/discoverykits for more information.



DISCOVERY JOURNALS

Discovery Journals allow kids to investigate the connections between the design, plants, wildlife, and people in Central Park. Journals are available for the North Woods, the Ramble, the Harlem Meer, Turtle Pond, the Pond, Shakespeare Garden, and Conservatory Garden. Best for ages 6-10. Download your own at centralparknyc.org/discoveryjournals, or get them at any visitor center.

NEW! The Mall and Bethesda Terrace Discovery Journal. Explore trees, wildlife, and more in the heart of Central Park.

PUBLIC PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

CENTRAL PARK HOLIDAY LIGHTING



Celebrate the season at our Holiday Lighting in Central Park. Meet Santa and friends, watch live ice carving demonstrations, sing carols on the Plaza, and warm up with hot cocoa and cookies. The event concludes with the lighting of a flotilla of trees on the Harlem Meer. Visit centralparknyc.org/holidaylighting for more details closer to the event.

Thursday, November 30 FREE
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm
Charles A. Dana Discovery Center
(Inside the Park at 110th Street
between Fifth and Lenox Avenues)

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OFFICIAL CENTRAL PARK TOURS



Sign up for an Official Central Park Tour to learn more about the history, design, and ecology of Central Park. Visit centralparknyc.org/tours to purchase tickets or to see a full list of tours and schedule.

The Art of the Park Tour

Central Park has long been revered as a masterpiece of living art. Admire vistas as if walking through a landscape painting, all while learning about the Park's intricate design features.

The Ramble Tour

Coined the "wild garden" by Park co-designer Frederick Law Olmsted, the Ramble offers visitors a tranquil spot to meander along winding paths and discover hidden forest gardens. It's truly a place for the urban explorer to escape the city and get lost in nature.

Stroll to Strawberry Fields

From a planned military parade ground to the site commemorating musician and famous activist for peace, John Lennon, one of the most-visited areas of the park has some secrets to share with even the most seasoned Park-goer.

Don't forget! Members receive discounted tickets
on all Official Central Park Tours.

Join Today




Belvedere Ball

AN EVENING OF DINNER AND DANCING
Honoring Douglas Blonsky

This year, the Conservancy will celebrate the enchantment of Central Park in winter at the Belvedere Ball, a new fete taking place mid-Park at 72nd Street. This magical evening will feature cocktails, dinner, and dancing to music by DJ Kiss. For more details and to purchase tickets, visit centralparknyc.org/belvedereball.

Wednesday, December 6
7:00 pm Cocktails · 8:00 pm Dinner
9:00 pm Young Associates join for Dessert & Dancing

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MEMBER PROGRAMS

Members provide critical support for the Conservancy's ongoing work to restore, manage, and enhance Central Park. They also get the inside scoop on Park happenings, receive access to behind-the-scenes tours and programs, and get discounts on Central Park experiences. Show your support for Central Park by becoming a member today!



HOUND HIKE: THE ART OF THE PARK

Take one of our signature tours with your favorite furry family member and let our Conservancy guide give you an insider's look at some of the most iconic features of the world's greatest urban park. Enjoy a great variety of the scenic, sculptural, and architectural elements the Park has to offer.

Sunday, November 12

11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Meet at the Dairy Visitor Center & Gift Shop
(Mid-Park between 64th and 65th Streets)

FREE for members



DRAWING CLASS WITH JESSICA DARYL WINER

Members will learn how to capture the beauty of the Park on paper in this drawing class, led by *Centennial Trees of Central Park* artist, Jessica Daryl Winer. Attendees should bring a large sketchpad and pencil. No drawing experience is necessary.

Saturday, November 18

10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Drawing Location: Harlem Meer
Meet at Charles A. Dana Discovery Center
(Inside the Park at 110th Street between
Lenox and Fifth Avenues)
FREE for members

Visit centralparknyc.org/mp
to register and view our full
schedule of member programs.

Not a member?

Join Today

MEMBER BENEFITS

Are you taking advantage of your Central Park Conservancy membership benefits? Visit centralparknyc.org/mp to get more information about reduced ticket prices, discounts at participating in-Park vendors, and exclusive members-only events!

FOOD AND DRINK

Le Pain Quotidien

Sheep Meadow at 69th Street
10% discount, excludes alcohol

Le Pain Quotidien

Conservatory Water at 74th Street
15% discount

IN-PARK AMUSEMENT

Swedish Cottage Marionette Theatre

West 79th Street
10% discount in gift shop

TOURS

Members receive discounted tickets on all Official Central Park Tours.

Visit centralparknyc.org/tours to purchase tickets or to see a full list of tours and schedule.

OFFICIAL CENTRAL PARK GEAR 10% Discount

Belvedere Castle

Mid-Park at 79th Street

Charles A. Dana Discovery Center

Inside the Park at 110th Street between
Fifth and Lenox Avenues

Columbus Circle Information Kiosk

West 59th Street at Central Park West

Dairy Visitor Center and Gift Shop

Mid-Park between 64th and 65th Streets

Central Park Conservancy Online Store

Shop now at centralparknyc.org/shop



Central Park Map

Hours

Central Park opens at 6:00 am and closes at 1:00 am, 365 days a year.

Visitor Centers and Facilities

i Start your trip at a visitor center. Look for this icon on the map.

Belvedere Castle

Mid-Park at 79th Street

Charles A. Dana Discovery Center

110th Street between Fifth & Lenox Avenues

Chess & Checkers House

Mid-Park at 64th Street

Columbus Circle Information Kiosk

Central Park West at 59th Street

Dairy Visitor Center

Mid-Park at 65th Street

Points of Interest

- | W | WEST | E | EAST |
|--------------|--|--------------|--|
| W 59 | Maine Monument | E 59 | Grand Army Plaza |
| W 65 | Carousel | E 62 | Central Park Zoo |
| W 66 | Tavern on the Green | E 62 | Gapstow Bridge |
| W 69 | Mineral Springs | E 63 | Wollman Rink |
| W 73 | Bow Bridge | E 64 | Arsenal |
| W 75 | Ladies Pavilion | E 65 | Tisch Children's Zoo |
| W 79 | Shakespeare Garden /
Marionette Theatre
at the Swedish Cottage | E 67 | Balto |
| W 81 | Delacorte Theater | E 70 | Naumburg Bandshell |
| W 95 | Tennis Courts | E 72 | Bethesda Terrace & Fountain /
Minton Tile Ceiling |
| W 109 | Blockhouse | E 74 | Loeb Boathouse |
| | | E 75 | Alice in Wonderland |
| | | E 81 | Obelisk |
| | | E 105 | Conservatory Garden |
| | | E 107 | Lasker Rink & Pool |

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Map Key

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|-------------------------------------|--|
| i Visitor Centers | Park Drive (shared by pedestrians, bicyclists, and vehicles) |
| Playgrounds | Transverse Roads (for vehicles only) |
| Information Kiosk (open seasonally) | Pedestrian Paths (for pedestrians only) |
| Food / Closed Winter | Bridle Paths (no bicyclists) |
| Restrooms / Closed Winter | Emergency Call Boxes or Dial 911 |
| Wheelchair Accessible | |