

CENTRAL PARK CONSERVANCY SUMMER GUIDE

Summer is here! Enjoy the sunny weather by picnicking on a lush lawn, watching live music, seeing a movie, playing free games, or discovering a new area of the Park. Our Summer Guide has all you need to know about this season's happenings 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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Gapstow Bridge and the Pond

FOUR WALKS TO TAKE THIS SUMMER IN CENTRAL PARK

Take advantage of the warm weather and enjoy these self-guided walks through the Park! Each one features locations recently renovated by the Conservancy. Visit centralparknyc.org/selfguidedtours for our collection of self-guided walking tours, tree walks, and more.

North End

THE POOL TO THE NORTH WOODS



Huddlestone Arch

- The Pool:** With its grassy banks, weeping willows, and rushing waterfall, the Pool is one of the most relaxing spots in the Park and features many species of birds, fish, and amphibians.
- Glen Span Arch:** Glen Span Arch is one of two rustic arches that form the boundaries of the Ravine, the stream valley of the North Woods. Glen Span stands over the stream, called the Loch, at its south end, with Huddlestone Arch at its north end. Both stone structures are sunken into the Park's landscape.
- Huddlestone Arch:** A marvel of engineering and construction, Huddlestone Arch is considered by many to be the most surprising of Central Park's arches. Built entirely of huge, uncut boulders, only gravity and pressure keep them in place. Be sure to admire the Ravine's newly restored paths, landscapes, and rustic features.



Mid-Park

THE LAKE BOAT LANDINGS



Wagner Cove Landing

- Bow Bridge Landing
- Chambers Landing
- Hernshead Landing
- Western Shore Landing
- Wagner Cove Landing

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 – then removed throughout the 20th century due to deterioration. The Loeb Boathouse replaced one of the boat landings in 1953. Last year, the Conservancy rebuilt the five boat landings standing today. The new landings are more faithful recreations of the original 19th-century designs and represent rustic and Victorian styles.



FOUR WALKS TO TAKE THIS SUMMER IN CENTRAL PARK (CONTINUED)

Mid-Park

THE PINETUM TO THE RESERVOIR



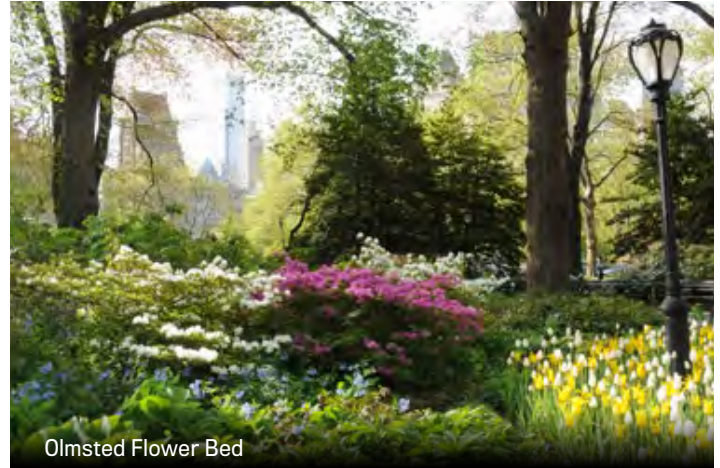
Bridge No. 24

1. **Arthur Ross Pinetum:** One of the earliest features of the Park was a stretch of pines, spruces, and firs along West Drive. When those evergreens needed replacement by the end of the 19th century, deciduous trees took their place. Philanthropist Arthur Ross wanted to bring evergreens back to the Park, so he planted this Pinetum in the 1970s.
2. **Bridge No. 24:** This bridge is one of the oldest examples of cast iron bridges in America. It was originally designed to allow pedestrians to stroll through this area of the Park without having to encounter equestrian traffic on the bridle path below.
3. **Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis Reservoir:** Holding a billion gallons of water, the Reservoir is 40 feet deep and spans almost the entire width of the Park. It's surrounded by the Stephanie and Fred Shuman Running Track, one of the most popular running destinations in the world. The Conservancy completed renovation of the track in 2015.



South End

THE ARSENAL TO THE HALLETT



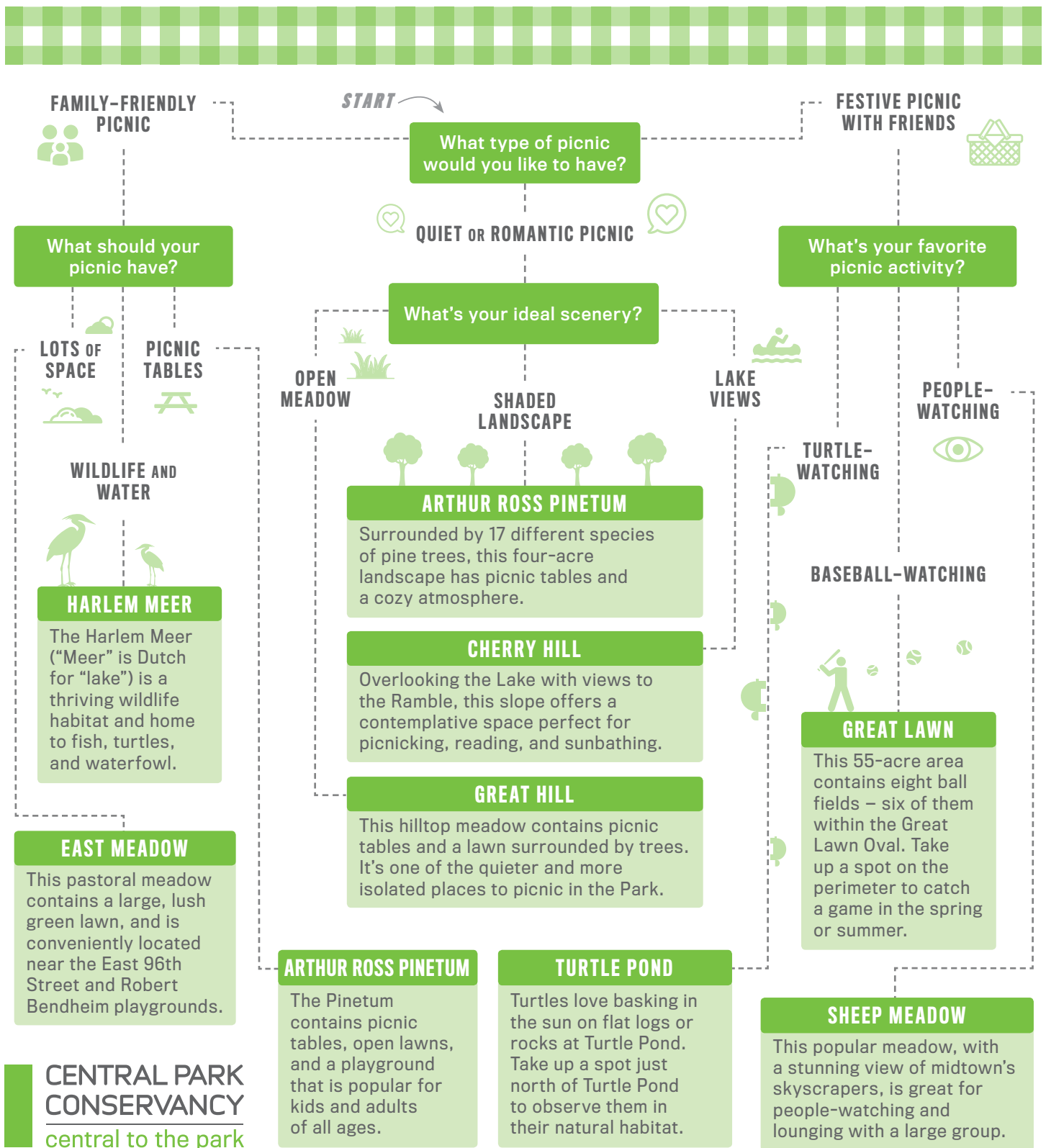
Olmsted Flower Bed

1. **The Arsenal:** Built between 1847 and 1851, the Arsenal originally served as a weapons supply depot for New York State's National Guard. Today, it's home to the headquarters of NYC Parks and the Central Park Zoo. The Arsenal Gallery on the third floor features fine arts and photography exhibitions open to the public.
2. **Olmsted Flower Bed:** The flowerbed at the southern end of the Mall was created in 1972 to commemorate the 150th birthday of Frederick Law Olmsted, co-designer of Central Park. It features beautiful year-round blooms such as pansies, phlox, and azaleas.
3. **Hallett Nature Sanctuary:** The Hallett Nature Sanctuary is the smallest of the Park's three woodland landscapes (which also include the Ramble and North Woods) and features sweeping views of the southern end of the Park. Featuring new rustic trails and benches, the Hallett is now open daily to the public for the first time since the 1930s.



PLAN YOUR PERFECT CENTRAL PARK PICNIC

What are the ingredients for a fantastic New York City afternoon? A picnic basket, a blanket, and Central Park, of course! The Park is home to lawns, benches, gazebos, and picnic tables across its 843 acres, providing a variety of great picnic spots. Use our chart below to find the perfect location to place your blanket and enjoy some time outside this summer.



PUBLIC PROGRAMS AND EVENTS



CENTRAL PARK CONSERVANCY FILM FESTIVAL

The Central Park Conservancy Film Festival is a beloved summer tradition that showcases great films in a great urban park. Bring a picnic blanket and enjoy the magic of the movies under the stars. For the second year, we're sharing this tradition with our neighbors at Marcus Garvey Park in Harlem.

Visit centralparknyc.org/filmfest for more details and a movie lineup. The Festival's Saturday evening movie selection will be geared toward families.

Monday, August 21 –
Tuesday, August 22 FREE

Gates open at 6:30 pm
Movies start at dusk
(approximately 8:00 pm)

Marcus Garvey Park*
(Enter at Fifth Avenue and 124th Street)

Wednesday, August 23 –
Saturday, August 26 FREE

Gates open at 6:30 pm
Movies start at dusk
(approximately 8:00 pm)

Landscape between Sheep Meadow
and 72nd Street Cross Drive

*In Partnership with Historic Harlem Parks



The Central Park Conservancy Film Festival is presented by

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Join us for these free, outdoor concerts happening throughout the season – and don't forget your dancing shoes!

HARLEM MEER PERFORMANCE FESTIVAL



This annual festival brings the best local talent in music and dance to Central Park! Enjoy jazz, Latin, world, and gospel music while admiring the lakeside views. All ages are welcome.

Visit centralparknyc.org/hmpf for more details.

Sundays, June 18 – September 3 | 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

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

Harlem Meer Performance Festival is sponsored by **Time Warner**

GREAT JAZZ ON THE GREAT HILL



Bring a blanket, picnic food, and dancing shoes for the 10th rendition of this fun event! Co-presented with Jazzmobile, Great Jazz on the Great Hill features live music and swing dancing in a beautiful setting. Visit centralparknyc.org/greatjazz for more details closer to the event.

Saturday, August 5 | 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Great Hill (Enter at West 106th Street)
FREE

**CENTRAL PARK
CONSERVANCY**
central to the park

YOUTH PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

CHESS LECTURE AND SIMUL SERIES



Learn techniques from some of the best names in chess, then put your new skills to the test against a grandmaster while they challenge 30 participants – simultaneously! Ages 6 and up. Prior experience required. Registration begins at 10:00 am. Attendees must be present for the entire program to play. Visit centralparknyc.org/chesssimul for more details.

Saturday, July 22 and Saturday, August 26
 11:00 am – 3:00 pm
 Chess & Checkers House
 (Mid-Park at 64th Street)
 FREE

YOUTH BASKETBALL CLINICS



Young athletes can enhance their basketball skills through small group instruction and competitive games in this high-energy, interactive clinic. This program is designed to help players of all levels develop their skills both on the court and off, by focusing on team play and sportsmanship. Ages 5 – 16; open to players of all abilities. Visit centralparknyc.org/basketballclinic to register.

Saturdays, April 1 – October 28
 Ages 5-8: 10:00 am – 11:00 am
 Ages 9-17: 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
 North Meadow Recreation Center
 (Mid Park at 97th Street)
 FREE

ROOTS



The ROOTS (Restoration of the Outdoors Organized by Teen Students) program gives high school students the opportunity to complete a semester-long ecological restoration and management project in the woodlands, and then use those skills to contribute to a restoration project outside Central Park. Projects include maintaining rustic trails, removing invasive plants, and cultivating new plantings.

Acceptance is through a competitive application process. Grades 9 to 12. Visit programapps.centralparknyc.org to apply.

Saturdays, October – November
 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
 Application Deadline: September 15

YOU CAN HELP KEEP CENTRAL PARK BEAUTIFUL

Summer is the busiest season in Central Park. Keeping it clean and beautiful takes a lot of work. If you enjoy all that the Park has to offer, you can pitch in by making a gift to the Central Park Conservancy.

All contributions, up to \$200,000, received before June 30 will be matched dollar-for-dollar by a generous group of donors – doubling your gift's impact on Central Park. Thank you for your support!



FREE GAMES AND ACTIVITIES

Take advantage of beautiful weather with free outdoor games and activities throughout the Park.

ENTERTAINING GAMES



Chess & Checkers House, a visitor center run by the Conservancy, features outdoor chess and checkers tables. Visitors are welcome to borrow game pieces from Conservancy staff, or bring their own. Dominos and backgammon are also available. Chess & Checkers House (Mid-Park at 64th Street)

OUTDOOR SPORTS



Borrow a field day kit filled with balls, bats, Frisbees, and jump ropes. The Recreation Center also features basketball and handball courts; as well as baseball, softball, and soccer fields. Permits are required for organized baseball, softball, and soccer games.

North Meadow Recreation Center (Mid-Park at 97th Street)

CATCH-AND-RELEASE FISHING



Borrow fishing poles and bait just north of the Harlem Meer for catch-and-release fishing. Groups of 5 or more require reservations. Available April 1 to November 30.

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

MEMBER PROGRAMS

Show your support for Central Park with a Conservancy membership. Our members help keep Central Park beautiful throughout the summer season. Benefits include reduced ticket prices, discounts in Central Park, and access to exclusive members-only events and programs.

DRAWING CLASS WITH JESSICA DARYL WINER: THE MALL



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, July 22 | 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

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

Free for members

HOUND HIKES: ICONIC VIEWS



Take one of our signature tours with your favorite furry family member and let our Central Park 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, September 17 | 11:00 am – 12:30 pm

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

Free for members

Visit centralparknyc.org/mp to register or view our full schedule of programs. **Not a member?**

Join Today



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

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| 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

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