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A Listing of Outdoor and Virtual Summer Events in NYC

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What's in for Summer 2020 in NYC?

New York City will experience visiting restrictions when entering beaches, museums, and parks due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Many institutions and facilities across NYC remain temporarily closed. However, there are free online events available for those who want to avoid limitations or want to further prevent being vulnerable to the pandemic by staying more at home and having less contact with the public. This guide features a brief overview of what you can expect when you come across website links to view and navigate free virtual tours and events or consider making plans for future outdoor activities and events in NYC.

There are no rules for viewing virtual tours and events except that it is highly recommended that you use higher web browser versions for better image and video quality. The guide also includes links to websites hosting the virtual events and those websites include more information on other online events, tours, and exhibits.

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CENTRAL PARK ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

CENTRAL PARK UPDATES FOR VISITORS AND SUMMER 2020 EVENTS

Central Park in NYC remains open with some restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic. While enjoying some of the park's summer events and activities, visitors will need to adhere to social distancing rules along with wearing face masks, and follow other health and safety guidelines. For more information or general inquiries, visit www.centralparknyc.org, or contact the Central Park Conservancy at **212-310-6600** from Monday through Friday between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm.

PLACES TO SUN BATHE

The Great Lawn

Location: 79 St. and west 85th St. of the park.

Sheep Meadow

Location: West Side of the park from W. 66th to west 69th St.

***Wifi Available**

Strawberry Fields

Location: West side of the park at 72nd St.

North Meadow

Location: North Side of the park between 97th St. and 102nd St.

East Green

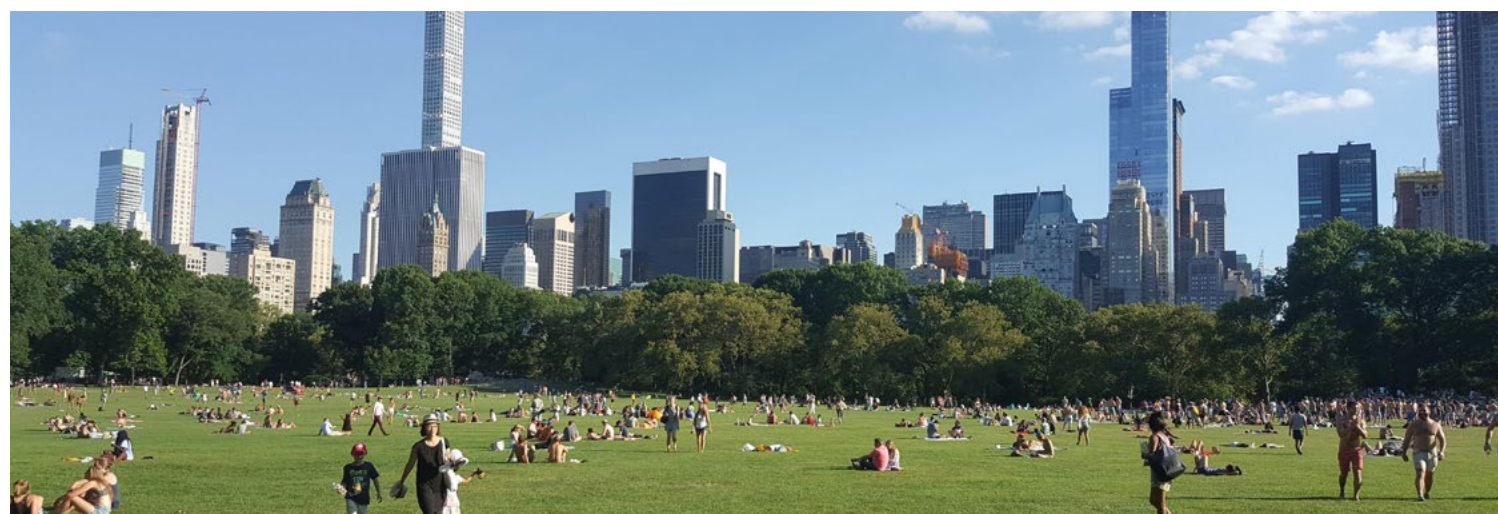
Location: East Side of the park from 67 St. to 76th St.

East Meadow

Location: East Side of the park from 97th St. to 100th St.

Cedar Hill

Location: East Side of the park from 76th St. to 79th St.



Sheep Meadow in Central Park, NY, centralparknyc.org



Cherry Hill in Central Park, NY, centralparknyc.org

PICNICS AND EVENTS

Romantic Picnic for Two (2 hour picnic)

Location: Cherry Hill on 72nd St. in Central Park.

Price: \$250.00

Items Include:

- Romantic picnic basket w/ servingware and linens
- Spread of fine meats and cheeses, olives, nuts, and bread
- Fresh fruit and chocolate
- Bottle of water
- Complimentary bottle of bubbly
- Romantic picnic blanket & pillow setup
- Parasol umbrella for shade or light rain
- Small floral piece

Available Requests:

- Mini-chalkboard with personalized message
- Bluetooth speaker
- USB phone charger

To book event, please visit <https://www.centralpark.com/private-events/romantic-picnic-for-two/>



Carousel in Central Park, NY, centralparknyc.org

Carousel Picnic Party-Ballo (2 hour event)

Location: Middle section of Central Park at 65th St.

Price: \$85.00 per adult and child

Package Includes:

- Catering (*guests choose from full-service gourmet sandwiches and brick-oven pizza*)
- Event-day staffing
- Vendor coordination
- Pick-ups and deliveries
- Tables with umbrellas
- Balloon decorations
- Cake plates
- 75 Carousel tickets valid for 1 year
- Magic Show

For Picnic To Go, Picnic Delivery, and Carousel Picnic Party reservations, please visit <https://www.centralpark.com/contact>

Picnic To Go & Picnic Delivery

Location: Bike Shop at 208 West 80th St.

Price: \$35.00 per person

Items Include:

- Picnic bag lunch with gourmet sandwich
- Bag of chips
- Cookies
- Fruits
- Bottle of water
- Picnic blankets
- Bike rentals

Delivery Locations:

Strawberry Fields, Sheep Meadow, or near the American Museum of Natural History. Additional charges apply for custom locations.

Price: \$49.00 per person. (2 person min)

BEACHES & BOARDWALKS

NYC Park and Beach Visitor Information & Restrictions

Beaches are open in NYC for the summer of 2020. Beginning July 1, 2020, the beaches will be open for swimmers while lifeguards are on duty. Due to COVID-19, gatherings, barbecuing, grilling, and organized sports are prohibited. In addition, drinking fountains are closed. Boardwalks will be opened to the public during park hours. Other activities include walking, exercising, and running. There are also service changes for visitors which include: *limited length of hours inside the park; social distancing; wearing face masks; food-to-go, and ordering food online.* According to nycparks.org, there will also be space parking distance rules for patrons in municipal parking lots. Restrooms in playgrounds are also closed, but restrooms in city parks remain open during park hours.



Rockaway Boardwalk in Queens, NY

For more information, visit www.nycparks.org/facilities/beaches or the service announcements page at www.nycgovparks.org/about/health-and-safety-guide/coronavirus. If you wish to contact NYC parks, you can visit and enter any requests on their contact page at www.nycgovparks.org/contact-parks. You can also contact NYC Parks by mail at: The Arsenal, Central Park, 830 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10065.

Beach & Boardwalk Locations in NYC



BROOKLYN

BRIGHTON BEACH

Location: Atlantic Ocean, from Ocean Parkway to Corbin Place, Brooklyn, NY

Contact: 718-946-1350

CONEY ISLAND & CONEY ISLAND BOARDWALK

Location: Atlantic Ocean from West 37th St. to East 10th St., Brooklyn, NY

Contact: 718-946-1350

MANHATTAN BEACH

Location: Atlantic Ocean, Oriental BLVD from Ocean Avenue to McKenzie St. Brooklyn, NY

Contact: 718-946-1373



BRONX

ORCHARD BRACH AND PROMENADE (The Riviera of New York)

Location: Long Island Sound in Pelham Bay, Park, Bronx, NY

Contact: 718-885-2275

QUEENS

ROCKAWAY BEACH & BOARDWALK

Location: Atlantic Ocean, from Beach 9th Street, Far Rockaway to Beach 149th St., Neponsit, Queens, NY

Contact: 718-318-4000

STATEN ISLAND

CEDAR GROVE BEACH

Location: Ebbetts St. and Cedar Grove Ave., Staten Island, NY

Contact: 718-987-2060

MIDLAND BEACH & FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT BOARDWALK

Location: Lower New York Bay, from Fort Woodsworth to Miller Field Beach., Staten Island, NY

Contact: 718-987-0709

WOLFE'S POND BEACH

Location: Raritan Bay and Prince's Bay, Holton to Cornelia Avenues, Staten Island, NY

Contact: 718-984-8266



Coney Island Beach in Brooklyn, NY, tripsavvy.com

The Lawn at BRYANT PARK



The Lawn , Bryant Park, NY, changesin-longitude.com

Bryant Park Visiting Information for The Lawn

Visiting Rules, Activities, and Limitations

The Lawn's visiting services include outdoor dining and sunbathing. Due to COVID-19, Visitors must adhere to social distancing rules, which includes staying six feet apart from other park visitors in addition to wearing face masks. Visitors are advised to use the hand washing stations around the park, and are encouraged to stay home if feeling sick.

Hours of Operation

For the month of June 2020, Bryant Park is open daily from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. For the months of July 2020 through September 2020, the park is open Monday through Friday from 7:00 am to 12:00 am, and Saturday and Sunday from 7:00 am to 11:00 pm.

The Lawn at Bryant Park is open daily from Sunday through Monday from

12:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

Park Location

Bryant Park is located in NYC between Fifth Avenue and Avenue of the Americas and between 40th and 42nd St. in mid-Manhattan.

Contact Information

For more information on The Lawn at Bryant Park, please visit www.bryant-park.org/the-park#the-grounds or contact the Bryant Park Corporation at **212-719-3449**.

Bryant Park's Virtual Events

@bryantpark.org

Limon Live Online

Limon Live Online is a free online 45 minute dance class sponsored by The Limon Dance Company.

Online Schedule: Sunday through Monday from 3:00 pm. to 3:45 pm.

Website to Video Link: <https://www.instagram.com/limondance/>

Photo By: Angelito Jusay



Yoga with Madeline Hickman

Madeline Hickman is a yoga trainer determined to teach and strengthen yoga throughout NYC communities.

Online Schedule: Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Website to Video Link: <https://www.instagram.com/bryantparknyc/>

Photo By: Angelito Jusay



Online Video Jazz Deli Mini-Set

Russ Kassoff, the jazz pianist, music composer, and music director delivers free piano online performances.

Online Schedule: Sunday through Monday from 12:45 pm to 1:45 pm.

Website to Video Link: <https://www.facebook.com/russkassoff/>

Photo By: Angelito Jusay



The Village Alliance

Virtual Events

About Village Alliance Mission, Virtual Events, & Updates

For over twenty years, The Village Alliance has shaped and reinvented the livelihood of the Village community in New York City. The Village Alliance collaborates with cultural and academic institutions, businesses, and Village residents to create awareness of historic wordly events, create a safe and healthy environment, help the community adapt through changing times within the economy and education, and embrace the evolving representation of their culture that involves art, music, and literature. Effective June 29, 2020, there is outdoor dining available in some village locations. The list of virtual events in this section is taken from the online catalog of The Village Alliance Virtual Events. For more information on future activities in the Village and other online events, visit greenwichvillage.nyc.

The New York School Alumni Exhibition

Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 to July 31, 2020

The New York Studio School Alumni Exhibition sponsors the 2020 Alumni Exhibition hosted on Artsy. This exhibition features art work aesthetics from the 216 alumni from each of the New York Studio's school decade from 1930 to 1993.

Website: <https://greenwichvillage.nyc/events/new-york-studio-school-2020-alumni-exhibition/>



New York Studio School Alumni,
greenwichvillage.nyc

Link to Register: <https://www.artsy.net/show/new-york-studio-school-2020-alumni-exhibition>

Literary Pub Crawl: Jack Kerouac

Date: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 at 6:00 pm

The Literary Pub Crawl explores the livelihood of writer and poet Jack Kerouac

during the 1950s and how his life, writings, and knowledge brought a trend to the lifestyle of the village in New York City.

Website: <https://greenwichvillage.nyc/events/literary-pub-crawl-jack-kerouac/>

Link to Register: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_X5s7pBFGS-464GRaGWCjenQ

Peril & Promise: Exploring the Next Chapter of New York City with Village History

Date: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 from 7:00pm to 9:00 pm

Jason Haber highlights how the current pandemic and anti-racial movements have changed the course of history in New York City and how these events will impact the future of society.

Website: <https://greenwichvillage.nyc/events/peril-promise-exploring-next-chapter-new-york-city-village-history/>

Link to Register: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_8_pCJmPz-Tri8rwszXpnXmA

Literary Pub Crawl: Edgar Allan Poe

Date: Sunday, July 19, 2020 at 2:00 pm.

An online event that explores into the life and writings of poet Edgar Allan Poe, and how his inspiration turned Greenwich Village in NYC into a very well-known infamous neighborhood.

Website: <https://greenwichvillage.nyc/events/literary-pub-crawl-edgar-allen-poe/>

Link to Register: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_qlpA70npR-tOHQjUeO85wEg



Washington Square Park, greenwichvillage.nyc

"A Road to Peace and Freedom": The International Workers Order and its Civil Rights and Social Justice Work

Date: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 from 7:00pm to 9:00 pm

Founded in 1930, the International Worker's Order (IWO), was an American association that strived to insure working class members from diverse cultures with labor rights and protection. Dr. Robert M. Zecker, history professor at Saint Francis Xavier University explains the rights, social justice, and legacy of the IWO.

Website: <https://greenwichvillage.nyc/events/road-peace-and-freedom-international-workers-order-and-its-civil-rights-and-social-justice-work/>

Link to Register: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_p7XXcfqET-lao005zcciRPQ

Shaping Washington Square Park Past & Present

Date: Wednesday, July 29, 2020 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Community Director of Washington Square Park Conservancy, Sheryl Woodruff explores how the design of Washington Square Park landscape evolved from a potters field to a renovated park for the 21st century, including people and institutions had an impact on the conservancy of the park.

Website: <https://greenwichvillage.nyc/events/new-york-studio-school-2020-alumni-exhibition/>

Link to Register: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_CBUEGdI-9R8u3nDLk0_TFcA

NYC Virtual Sightseeing Tours

NYC Skyline, i.pinimg.com



Hall of Biodiversity, amnh.org

Website: <https://www.amnh.org/plan-your-visit/self-guided-tours/highlights>

Founded in 1869, The American Museum of Natural History (AMNH) is located at 200 Central Park West in New York City. The museum features diverse historic exhibitions that play a key role in exploring how life on planet Earth evolved through changes in cultural and scientific nature. AMNH is offering free virtual self-guided tours, such as **Night at the Museum**, **Foreign Language Tours**, and **Earth and Space Tour**. In addition, it is offering free virtual exhibition tours such as **The Giant Sequoia Tree**, **Dinosaur Mummy**, and **The Glen Rose Trackway**.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art has three locations in New York City: The Met Fifth Avenue at 1000 Fifth Avenue; The Met Breuer at 95 Madison Avenue; and The Met Cloisters at 99 Margaret Corbin Drive at Fort Tryon Park. For the 2020 summer season, The Met is now offering free virtual events for viewers in a wide range of topics relating to art history, educational workshops for all ages, and virtual tours that showcase the museum's historic architectural designs and landscapes. Virtual Events you can expect to see are: **Met Live Arts**, **Artists on Artwork**, **Met Memory Cade**, **Virtual Camp on YouTube**, **Thapaleo Masita at The Met Cloisters**, and **The Met 360 Project**.



The Met Cloisters, metmuseum.org

Website: <https://www.metmuseum.org/>



Street Art Murals

The Graffiti Hall of Fame

Website: <https://www.artsandculture.google.com>

You can virtually explore the nine street murals throughout New York and New Jersey by artists that embody the history and culture that impacts the lifestyle of New Yorkers. The artwork consists of wall art paintings in several locations. Art murals you can expect to see are: **Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera**, by Kobra; **Fight for Street Art**, by Kobra; **Ziggy Stardust**, by Kobra; **Hammer Boy**, by Banksy; **Crack is Wack**, by Keith Haring; **The Graffiti Hall of Fame**; **Big Pun Memorial Mural**, by Tats Cru; **Houston Bowery Wall Mural**; and **Freeman Alley**. Visit [artsandculture.google.com](https://www.artsandculture.google.com) for free viewing of street art murals.



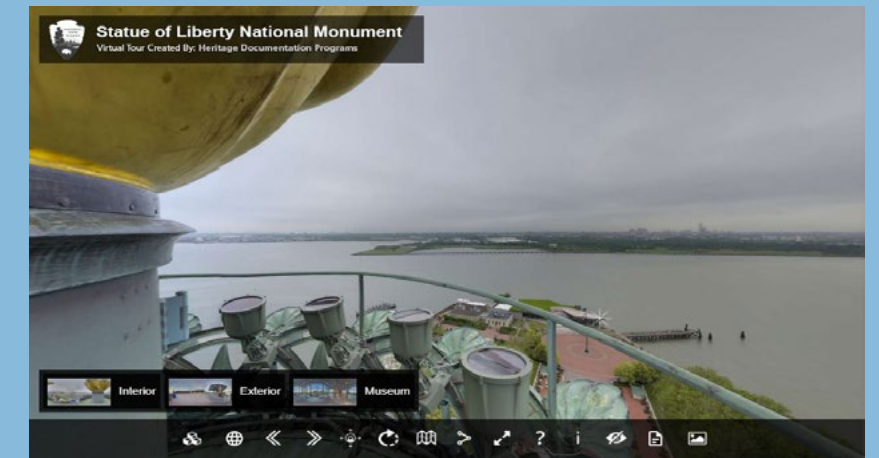
Statue of Liberty, worldkings.org

Statue of Liberty National Monument

About The Statue of Liberty National Monument Virtual Tour

The Statue of Liberty National Monument Virtual Tour was created and designed by the staff at Heritage Documentation Program, which is part of the National Park Service Division. It was created using 360 degrees panoramic photographs.

Viewers can navigate the tour at https://www.nps.gov/hdp/exhibits/stli/stli_tour.html. It is an interactive three part self-guided tour. Viewers get to view the monument which is divided into three sections: Interior, Exterior, and The Statue of Liberty National Monument Museum.



View from Torch, Statue of Liberty Monument

There are different areas in each section that the viewer can navigate through. For example, the Exterior includes **The Observation Deck**, **The Main Mall**, **The Flagpole Plaza**, and more. The Interior includes **View from Torch**, **Upper Platform**, **Lower Platform**, **Double Helix Stairway**, **Torch Interior**, **Torch Access Ladder**, and more.

Viewers can also engage in interactively sharing content on social media using the virtual navigation control bar located at the bottom of the viewed area. It is also highly recommended that a viewer launches the tour using an advanced web browser for better image quality.