

John V. Lindsay East River Park

The East River Park was established in 1930, and built along with the Franklin Delano Roosevelt (FDR) highway and 12th St.

East River Views



This park offers more than 56 acres of waterfront access, with breathtaking views of Brooklyn and the Williamsburg Bridge. This open space area offers bike paths, walking and running lanes, tennis courts, soccer fields, eateries, playgrounds and more. This park has something for everyone in the family. And for those who are morning people, this is a good place to catch a beautiful sunrise.

Hamilton Fish Park

Hamilton Fish Park is located in E Houston St. & Pitt St. The Park is known for its Olympic sized pool. The pool itself used to be one of the eleventh public outdoors pools in NYC. Hamilton Fish Pool was so highly regarded that the U.S. Olympic Team used it for practice sessions on their way to the 1952 Helsinki Games. The gymnasium is an icon of the park for its beautiful architecture, was designed in 1898 by Carrere and Hastings, who were the architects of the New York public library. In 1982, the gymnasium was declared a NYC historic landmark. Three years after its opening, the park was redesigned to accommodate more active outdoor recreation such as track and tennis. This interesting park offers after school programs, fitness and computer lessons for adults. In addition, this park has basketball courts, a gym, public bathrooms, handball courts, recreational centers, showers, and playgrounds all around.



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East Village & Lower East Side City Parks Guide



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New York City is composed of five boroughs: Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens, the Bronx, and Staten Island with a population of about 8.4 million. Today, you will explore two of the most vibrant and exciting neighborhoods in Manhattan: the East Village and the Lower East Side. These two neighborhoods are known for its night life, restaurants, and shops and of course some important parks and recreation centers. There are approximately 46 parks, including playgrounds and recreational centers in the East Village and Lower East Side. This guide provides you with a walking tour to four of the most relevant parks in this area.



Tompkins Square Park

This park honors Daniel D. Tompkins (1774–1825), who served as Governor of New York from 1807 to 1817 and as Vice President of the United States under James Monroe. This popular park in the middle of the East Village it is called the perfect centerpiece for the neighborhood. The park has annual performances such as the Festival Wigstock, the Howl Festival commemorating Allen Ginsberg, and the Charlie Parker Jazz Festival. The park is equipped with two playgrounds, a handball court, chess tables, and a basketball court. In addition it has an outdoor pools, Playgrounds, Spray Showers, and Wi-Fi Hot Spots. This facility welcomes everyone. Tompkins Square Park also has several Monuments which as Permanent Art. Some of them are: East Side Post 868 American Legion Flagstaff, the Milan R. Stefanik bronze plaque on granite base, Samuel Sullivan Cox it's a Standing figure, the temperance Fountain Square kiosk with four supporting columns over a drinking fountain, and more. This park has been featured on the news its outstanding events that take place here.



Alfred Emanuel Smith Recreation Center

It is named after Alfred Emanuel Smith who as a New York legislature and with senator Robert F. Wagner made New York laws to raise safety standards and limit work hours. Smith was nominated to run for president for the Democrat party but then lost to Herbert Hoover. After he lost to Hoover he returned to New York and completely supported the housing in the Lower East Side as well as park land because the city was over populated and to provide greenery to the neighborhood.



Today, the Alfred Emanuel Smith Recreation Center serves a computer resource center and its facilities include:

- Play ground
- Fitness room
- Gymnasium
- Outdoor and indoor basketball court
- Volleyball court
- Artificial turf field
- Table tennis
- Outdoor handball court
- Computer resource room