

West Harlem Piers

West Harlem Piers is a hot spot to visit when you are in Harlem. This area has stunning views of the Hudson river and tranquil green space. This is the place to visit to get away from the hustle and bustle of the busy New York City streets. The pier is conveniently located by the one train on 125 st. The pier went under a major construction and has been open since 2009.

This beautiful space has plenty of greenery and history attached. West Harlem Piers was not even Harlem over a hundred years ago. The area was formally known as Manhattanville. The pier was very important for trading and many transportation lines. This was very beneficial to the areas economy.

* Fun fact: on August 25, 1885, the first electric cable-car was tested and this resulted in the first cross-town line from Harlem to Manhattanville. *

In the 1900s the pier was a popular recreational area. During the summer the pier offered weekly summer music concerts. In 1965 the pier was demolished and considered to be a “a glass strewn, prostitute-bearing parking lot.” Time has changed this pier but the views of the captivating river will stay the same. Since the reopening there are plenty of actives in the summer like Pilate's, Salsa and Bachata lessons, tai chi and more. This is a great place to spend time with you and your family or just to stop by and explore. West Harlem Piers has your calming senses at ease.



Jackie Robinson Park



Providing ten blocks of resources, Jackie Robinson Park is a Harlem jewel. One of four spaces designated Historic Harlem Parks, the park is noted for its strong connection with the community.

Originally built as a neighborhood playground to encourage organized play for city children, and one of the ten original parks to receive a City pool, Jackie Robinson Park's history is steeped with efforts to bring the neighborhood together in recreational fun. Along with its pool opening in 1936, a recreation center was created the same year. Equipped with traditional cardiovascular equipment, weight room, and gymnasium, the recreation center also boasts a library, Computer Resource Center, and an arts & crafts room, among other features.

Outside, the park's amenities abound. Two baseball diamonds, basketball courts, volleyball courts, and two playgrounds, one with a water play area, provide residents with spots to compete and play. Continuing in the park's theme of "play," a bandshell within its boundaries hosts bushels of concerts throughout the warm season, keeping Harlem's tradition of fostering local music alive and well.

Visit this gem of a park and join the fun!

Morningside Park

Morningside Park is located only a few blocks from Columbia University and the tip of Central Park. Morningside Park's grounds make an ideal starting point for wanderings, bike rides, and walking tours.

In 1981, Tom Kiel a Columbia University undergraduate saw the deteriorating condition of the historical park. He began organizing meetings and park cleanups. Along with several other Columbia students, Tom formed the Friends of Morningside Park. His work continues today thanks to the help of his family, members of the original board, and volunteers.

Morningside Park promotes the enjoyment and responsible use of the park through an extensive set of programs which over the years have included arts and cultural festivals, a farmers market, film screenings, public art displays, musical and theatrical performances, sports tournaments, community picnics, park cleanups and plantings, tree lightings and holiday events. Morningside Park offers an activity for everyone to enjoy.



Harlem Art Park



Harlem Art Park is a kind of pleasure garden where people can sit and enjoy. It's located at the corner of East 120th Street and Sylvan Place, a small road between Lexington and 3rd Avenue. The park got its name because of the 15-foot-high red sculpture located in the center of the park. It also has lots of beautiful flowers of unknown variety peep out of the green waves of grasses. The flower plants hold the flowers of uncommon beauty. Some trees are famous for their evergreen foliage. Many kinds of beautiful foreign herbs are planted in the park. Harlem Art Park is necessary for the health and happiness of the people that lives around the neighborhood.

