

CENTRAL PARK CONSERVANCY FALL GUIDE

After this hot and humid summer, the crisp, cool fall air has never been so enjoyable. What better way to experience the changing of the seasons than by spending time in Central Park? As the leaves start to transform into golden shades of yellow, orange, and red, use this Fall Guide to take advantage of all that Central Park has to offer.

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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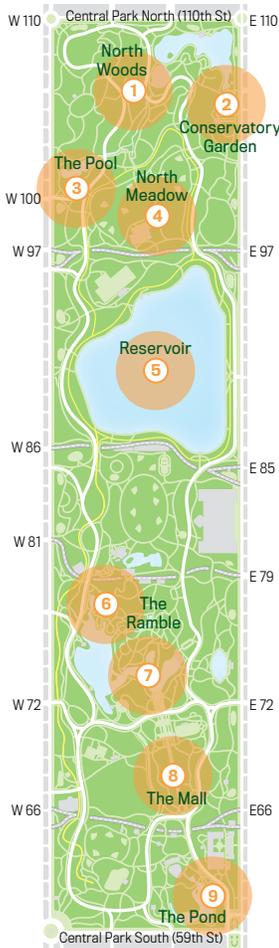
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EXPERIENCE FALL FOLIAGE IN CENTRAL PARK

We asked some of our most experienced staff members for their favorite spots to view fall foliage. Check out their suggestions in the Fall Foliage Map below!



1 North Woods

Mid-Park at 102nd Street. Viewed from the 102nd Street Cross Drive

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

2 Conservatory Garden

Inside the Park at East 106th Street. Viewed against the autumn mums in the north garden

-  Crabapple (reddish-orange)
-  Stewartia (orange, red, purple)
-  Star Magnolia (yellow, bronze)
-  Mums (flowers: purple, white, bronze, yellow, pink and lavender)

3 The Pool

West Side from 100th to 103rd Streets

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

4 North Meadow

Mid-Park at 102nd Street. Viewed from the northeast corner

-  Hickory (yellow)
-  Sugar Maples (orange, yellow, red)
-  Flowering Dogwoods (maroon, purple)

5 The Reservoir

85th Street to 96th Street

-  Kwanzan Cherry (bronze, red) – west side
-  Yoshino Cherry (yellow, sharply contrasting dark bark) – east side

6 The Ramble, North Side

Inside the Park between 77th and 78th Streets. Viewed from Bank Rock Bay

-  Red Oak (yellow, brown, red)
-  Sweet Gum (yellow, purple, reds)
-  Pin Oak (russet, bronze, red)

7 The Ramble, South Side

Mid-Park at 74th Street. Viewed from Bow Bridge

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

8 The Mall, American Elm Canopy

Mid-Park from 66th to 72nd Streets

-  American Elm (yellow)

9 The Pond

Central Park South between 5th and 6th Avenues. Viewed towards the Hallett Nature Sanctuary

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



YOU CAN HELP KEEP CENTRAL PARK CLEAN THIS FALL

Each fall, many of Central Park's 20,000 trees display their vibrant colors and shed their leaves in preparation for winter. One of Central Park Conservancy's biggest jobs is clearing the 10,000 cubic yards of fallen leaves. In certain areas, we mulch-mow, enabling the finely shredded leaves to enrich the soil. In other locations, the Conservancy employs an army of staff and volunteers to accomplish the enormous task of raking leaves.

Once raked, those leaves don't go to waste. Our staff hauls them to the Mount, the site of the Conservancy's composting operation, where they are mounded and turned several times in a season and eventually become organic matter.

Each spring we then use the compost to amend the soil of lawns, gardens, and trees – including some trees whose leaves will eventually turn color and fall to the ground, beginning the cycle again. Interested in helping clean up Central Park's leaves this fall? Visit centralparknyc.org/volunteer to view Volunteer Opportunities.

CELEBRATE HALLOWEEN IN THE PARK



Bring the whole family to celebrate Halloween in Central Park at Central Park Conservancy's annual **Halloween Parade and Pumpkin Flotilla**. Enjoy live music, spooky stories, pumpkin carving, a costume parade, the pumpkin flotilla, and more! This year's event will include a live bat demonstration by the Organization for Bat Conservation. This event is free and open to all ages. Visit centralparknyc.org/halloween for more information.

Sunday, October 30

3:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Charles A. Dana Discovery Center

FOR DOG LOVERS



Come, sit, stay, and celebrate Central Park and its dog community at our 14th annual **My Dog Loves Central Park Fair**. You and your pooch will enjoy a free afternoon of contests, training tips, games, and more. This event is hosted by Central Park Paws, a program of the Central Park Conservancy. Visit centralparknyc.org/dogfair to learn more.

Saturday, October 1

11:00 am – 3:00 pm

Naumburg Bandshell

Interested in learning more about Central Park's dog community? Sign up [here](#) to receive the Central Park Paws e-newsletter, and don't forget to download the [Dog Owner's Guide to Central Park](#).

BIRDING BASICS FOR FAMILIES



Bring your family on a free guided walk led by the Central Park Conservancy and NYC Audubon Society. Learn how to spot the Park's feathered residents before they head south for the winter! Maximum of 3 children per parent/guardian; no groups. Ages 5 and up. Space is limited and advance registration is recommended. Visit centralparknyc.org/birdingbasics to register.

The Ramble

Saturdays,

September 3 – October 1

10:00 am – 11:00 am

Belvedere Castle

The North Woods

Sundays,

September 4 – October 2

10:00 am – 11:00 am

Charles A. Dana Discovery Center

GET YOUR KIDS ACTIVE



Take your kids outside to enjoy the Park and to learn and enhance their athletic skills through small group instruction and competitive games in these high-energy clinics. Whether it's learning how to dribble or becoming a better shooter, these interactive skill clinics help kids to improve their game and appreciation for Central Park. Open to players of all abilities. Visit centralparknyc.org/recreation to learn more.

Youth Basketball Clinics

Saturdays through October 29

Ages 5-8 (Co-ed): 10:00 am – 11:00 am

Ages 9-14 (Girls Only): 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Ages 9-17 (Co-ed): 12:00 – 2:00 pm

North Meadow Recreation Center



Autumn in Central Park

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2016

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NORTHERN TRUST

When golden hues brighten the branches of the Mall's American elms and the sugar maples turn fiery red, you know that autumn has arrived in Central Park. You're invited to celebrate this majestic season in New York at the annual **Autumn in Central Park** gala on Thursday, October 27. Join us for an evening under the stars at the Naumburg Bandshell for cocktails, dinner, and dancing to raise funds for the Central Park Conservancy. Young Associate Dessert & Dancing tickets are also available. For more information, visit centralparknyc.org/autumn or call 212.446.2242.



DISCOVERY WALKS FOR FAMILIES

Bring your family for a free guided walk and discover why Central Park is a sanctuary for plants, animals, and humans alike. Learn about the architecture, landscapes, and ecosystems of the Park through hands-on exploration using binoculars, field guides, and hand lenses. Maximum of 3 children per parent/guardian; no groups. Ages 5 and up. Space is limited and advance registration is required. Visit centralparknyc.org/discovery to register.

Monday, October 10

10:00 am – PARK-itecture
1:00 pm – PARK-itecture
East 72nd Street Kiosk

Saturday, October 15

10:00 am – Living Laboratory
1:00 pm – Balto's Tree Walk
Chess & Checkers House

Saturday, October 22

10:00 am – Woodland Wonderland
1:00 pm – Belvedere's Kingdom
Belvedere Castle

Saturday, October 29

10:00 am – Towering Trees
1:00 pm – Time Travelers
Charles A. Dana Discovery Center

Discovery Programs are brought to you by the Central Park Conservancy Institute for Urban Parks and are generously supported by The Dr. Mortimer and Theresa Sackler Foundation.



KEEPING IT GREEN

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! Join Central Park Conservancy environmental educators as they lead stewardship projects for children throughout the fall season. Give your kids the opportunity to give back to their community and help keep Central Park green.

Keeping It Green for Families

Register online [here](#).

Keeping It Green for Schools

Register online [here](#).



MAKE CENTRAL PARK YOUR GYM

Did the heat and humidity keep you inside with the air conditioner all summer? Get outside and stretch your legs this fall with these free fitness and recreation programs in Central Park, curated by Central Park Conservancy and renowned sports medicine physician Dr. Jordan Metz. Ages 18+. Visit centralparknyc.org/fitness for more information.

**Pre-Marathon Yoga
with Pure Yoga**

Saturday, October 29
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm
East Meadow

**Cardio Kickboxing +
Ironstrength**

Saturday, November 19
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm
Naumburg Bandshell

**Health and Race
Walking**

Every Saturday
9:30 am – 11:00 am
North Meadow Recreation Center

MEMBERS CORNER

Visitors flock to the Park during the fall to view the foliage – and that makes the critical support of our Central Park Conservancy members even more essential. **We can't do it alone!** Become a member today to help us keep the Park clean and beautiful throughout the cooler months of autumn. Plus, members receive insider access to member-only programs in Central Park, year-round discounts on retail and Official Central Park Tours, and invitations to unique events in Central Park. Join at centralparknyc.org/members

Leaf-Peeping in the Park: A Tour of Central Park's Fall Foliage



Members \$250+ Please join us for a breakfast and tour led by Conservancy horticulture experts. Coffee and pastries will be served in advance of the tour. Learn more at centralparknyc.org/mp

Tuesday, November 1
8:00 am – 9:15 am



Members \$1,000+ Please join us for a tour led by Conservancy horticulture experts followed by a cocktail reception. Learn more at centralparknyc.org/mp

Thursday, November 3
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Hound Hike: Art of the Park



Bring your hound and get the inside scoop on some of the artistically-designed landscapes in Central Park. Learn more and sign up at centralparknyc.org/mp

November 20
11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Not a member?

[Become a Member](#)

OFFICIAL CENTRAL PARK TOURS



Sign up for an Official Central Park Tour and get an insider's look at the world's greatest urban park. Plus, Official Central Park Tours are the only tours that help support the care of Central Park!

Architecture and Ornament in the Heart of Central Park



This fall, the Central Park Conservancy is partnering with Archtober to highlight the history and design genius behind Central Park's architectural and ornamental splendor. Learn more at centralparknyc.org/tours

October 4, 20, and 25
11:00 am – 12:30 pm
Tour starts inside the Park at 72nd Street and Central Park West.

Presented in association with Archtober, Architecture and Design Month New York City, October 2016.

Boat Landings in Central Park



Take a look back in time and celebrate the present with Sara Cedar Miller, best-selling author and Central Park Conservancy Historian. Learn about the Conservancy's expertise on this exclusive two hour tour of the Lake, Ramble, and the newly-reconstructed Boat Landings. Sign up at centralparknyc.org/tours

October 13
11:00 am – 1:00 pm
Tour starts at the Loeb Boathouse

Visit centralparknyc.org/tours to view all available Official Central Park Tours or to schedule a custom group tour.



Don't forget! **Members** receive **10% off** all Official Central Park Tours.



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

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 & Gift Shop

Mid-Park at 65th Street

North Meadow Recreation Center

Mid-Park at 97th Street

Points of Interest

W WEST

- W 59 Maine Monument
- W 65 Carousel
- W 66 Tavern on the Green
- W 69 Mineral Springs
- W 73 Bow Bridge
- W 75 Ladies Pavilion
- W 79 Shakespeare Garden / Marionette Theatre at the Swedish Cottage
- W 81 Delacorte Theater
- W 95 Tennis Courts
- W 109 Blockhouse

E EAST

- E 59 Grand Army Plaza
- E 62 Central Park Zoo
- E 63 Wollman Rink
- E 64 Arsenal
- E 65 Tisch Children's Zoo
- E 67 Balto
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- E 72 Bethesda Terrace & Fountain / Minton Tile Ceiling
- E 74 Loeb Boathouse
- E 75 Alice in Wonderland
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Map Key

- 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