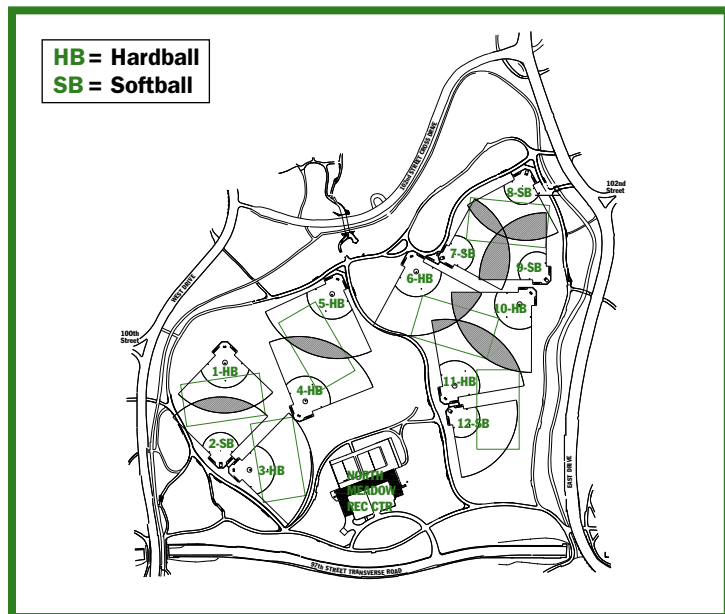


A guide to the North Meadow in Central Park

Welcome to Central Park's North Meadow. Help keep the North Meadow clean, green and beautiful. Baseball, softball, soccer and touch football are played in designated areas by permit. Visit the North Meadow Recreation Center for information on basketball clinics, sports and fitness workshops, adventure programs and open recreation. The long-term health of the North Meadow depends on your cooperation and support.

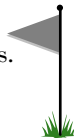
History

The 20-acre North Meadow is the largest of Central Park's open meadow spaces. During the late 1800s, parts of the North Meadow had been flattened to accommodate the game of lawn tennis. The meadow's rolling topography was leveled and filled to make way for permanent recreational facilities constructed in 1935 when eight baseball fields were introduced. In 1954, the meadow was reconfigured yet again to accommodate a total of twelve ballfields. Continuous use, compaction and poor drainage resulted in deterioration of the North Meadow. In the summer of 1997, the City of New York/Parks & Recreation and Central Park Conservancy, embarked on the restoration of the North Meadow. The two-year, \$4.6 million project followed the restoration of the North Meadow Recreation Center in 1998.



Preserving Central Park's North Meadow will require routine maintenance from Central Park zone gardeners, field personnel and volunteers. When you visit the North Meadow please follow these simple rules:

- In order to keep fields clean at all times, please do not litter. Deposit trash in waste containers.
- Permits are required for special events, commercial activity and amplified sound devices.
- Open cooking is not permitted in Central Park.
- New York City parks officially close at 1:00 a.m.
- Fields may be closed for maintenance or when wet to protect the turf.
- To ensure fields remain in quality condition, ballfields are designated for baseball and softball, mid-April through mid-September and for soccer, mid-September through mid-November **by permit only**.
- To prevent long-term damage to the grass, cleats are not permitted on the ballfields.
- Motor vehicles are not permitted on the North Meadow.
- Dogs are not permitted on the ballfields. Leashed dogs are welcome on the pathways.
- Pay attention to the red flags that indicate to keep off the grass.



North Meadow Recreation Center

Programs for teens, elementary school children and families at the North Meadow Recreation Center range from physical training to outdoor adventure programming to summer camp. The programs provide youths opportunities for play and competition while cultivating their appreciation of values such as health, fitness, leadership, and teamwork.

The Center also provides fitness education programs combining Park-based sports and recreation with information about exercise and nutrition – a great resource for all Park users, including community youth groups, schools and teams.

Sports equipment is also available daily for a variety of indoor and outdoor activities for youths ages 10-18 during after-school and weekend hours (no registration required).

To receive a detailed program brochure or for program registration please call the Center at 212-348-4867.

North Meadow Recreation Center Seasonal Schedule Hours

Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
March 29 - May 21	May 24 - Sept. 10	Sept. 13 - Oct. 15	Oct. 19 - March 26
Weekdays	Weekdays	Weekdays	Weekdays
10 am - 7 pm	10 am - 8 pm	10 am - 7 pm	10 am - 6 pm
Weekends	Weekends	Weekends	Weekends
10 am - 6 pm	10 am - 6 pm	10 am - 6 pm	10 am - 4:30 pm

Baseball and Softball Season: mid-April through mid-September
Soccer Season: mid-September through mid-November