SUMMER NO FEE ACTIVITIES

2025 EDITION





This guide was compiled and made available by:

State Senator Liz Krueger 211 East 43rd Street, Suite 2000 New York, NY 10017 212-490-9535

A link to the online version of the guide is available at: KRUEGER.NYSENATE.GOV

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Cultural and Recreational Activities......3

Movies16

Pools



Bryant Park

<u>Art Cart</u>

Daily 11am-7pm, April through October. The Art Cart is located on the north end of the Upper Terrace, across from the Bryant Park Cafe. Free equipment is provided.

<u>Beekeeping</u>

On July 18, from 12pm-1pm, visit the Reading Room for beekeeping classes. You'll learn about honey bee colonies and the vital role they play in the natural environment. Anyone interested in learning more about bees and beekeeping are welcome.

<u>BINGO</u>

On Wednesdays in June, from 7pm-8:30pm, at the Fountain Terrace at the 6th Avenue & 41st Street park entrance, play bingo with comedian host, Andy Ross, and music by DJ Flip Bundlez. Prizes are awarded for every win. No registration required.

Camp Kids

On summer weekends, from 12-1:30pm on Saturdays and Sundays, bring kids for a fun filled afternoons with music, magic and puppet shows in the Reading Room.

Bryant Park

<u>Chess</u>

Daily 11am-7pm, April through October, chess is located on the north side of the park across from the Reading Room. All ages and levels are welcome. Free equipment is provided.

<u>Games</u>

Daily 11am-7pm, April through October, a variety of games are available in the park at the 40th Street Plaza, across from Le Carrousel.

Garden Explorers

On alternate Wednesdays June 11th through September 17th, kids can learn how to plant, weed, and prune real plants, play and explore in an imagination garden, or plant a seed in a pot to take home. Garden Explorers is located next to Le Carrousel on the south side of the park.

Kids Creative Corner

Daily June through August 10am-5pm and September 11am-5pm, Kids Corner, located at Le Carrousel, is a space for parents and kids to enjoy time together reading, coloring, and creating.

Bryant Park

<u>Knitting</u>

On Wednesdays from June 18th through August 27th from 1:30pm-3:30pm, take part in beginner classes with Knitty City on the gravel across from the Bryant Park Grill. Volunteers are avalible to teach you how to cast, knit, purl, and more. Yarn and needles are provided.

Le Carrousel Extravaganza

On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from June 2nd through September 26th at 10am, kids enjoy a magic show, music event, science experiments, or engage with a puppet show. No tickets or reservations required. Located at Le Carrousel on 40th Street entrance of Bryant Park between Fifth and Sixth Avenues.

Martial Arts

June 12th through September 25th from 6pm-7pm, study a variety of martial arts and self defense in the park with free classes from the best NYC studios. Classes are held on the 5th Avenue Terrace in front of the New York Public Library between 40th and 42nd Streets. To register for classes, click <u>here</u>.

Moves with Limón Dance

On Saturday mornings from June 14th through September 20th from 10am-11am, join dancers from the world-renowned Limón Dance Company, this free modern dance class is open to all levels and ages. Located on the northeast corner of the lawn.

Bryant Park

Park Tours

Every Monday (weather permitting) at 11am, join an enjoyable walking tour of Bryant Park, and discover how Bryant Park Corporation successfully transformed a haven for crime and drugs into Manhattan's Town Square. Guides are loaded with expertise on the park's rich history, award-winning design, distinct amenities, and ongoing maintenance efforts. Tours depart from the Josephine Shaw Lowell Memorial Fountain, near 41st Street and 6th Avenue. <u>Click here to register.</u>

Percussion Playground

May 8th through September 4th on Thursdays from 10am-12pm, Percussion Playground offers interactive music workshops for children, led by experienced teaching artists. Play solo, with your family or friends, or even become part of an impromptu orchestra. Find Percussion Playground at the 40th Street Plaza across from Le Carrousel.

<u>Pétanque</u>

Monday through Friday from 11am-7pm from April through October, enjoy a game of Pétanque at the gravel courts located along 6th Avenue at the 42nd Street corner entrance of Bryant Park. Free lessons are given by La Boule New Yorkaise.

Bryant Park

<u>Ping Pong</u>

Daily 11am-7pm, April through October, ping pong is located on the north side of the park near 6th Avenue. Paddles and balls are provided free of charge. Sign up with an attendant in the park to reserve a time slot.

Reading Room

On Wednesdays from May 28th through August 27th 12:30pm-1:45pm, admired and bestselling authors offer advice and discuss their latest books. Hosted by Ilana Levine, actress and podcaster, Little Known Facts with Ilana Levine. On Wednesdays July 9th through September 3rd, 7pm-8pm, join for lectures and conversations with historians, authors, and thinkers. With a storied history in the park, the Reading Room provides the free use of books, newspapers, and magazines in the park during warm weather months. You'll also find a robust schedule of literary events, including Books on Broadway, Author, BookClub, Poetry, StoryTime, and more.

<u>Tai Chi</u>

Tuesdays from 7am-8:30am, April 29th through August 26th, practice this traditional system of health and self-defense on the Fountain Terrace. Classes are led by teachers and students who train nearby at CK Chu Tai Chi. Classes meet on the Fountain Terrace, and are rain or shine. All levels are welcomed, and no equipment is necessary.

Bryant Park

Bryant Park Yoga

Classes are held on Tuesdays at 10am on the Upper Terrace and Wednesdays at 6pm on the lawn. Bring your mat and water and enjoy one hour of yoga with New York City's top instructors. <u>Click here for</u> <u>Tuesday morning class registration</u>. <u>Click here for Wednesday evening</u> <u>class registration</u>



Friends of East River Esplanade

All events require RSVP. Email executivedirector@esplanadefriends.org to RSVP and include the title of the event in the subject line and let them know how many guests you'll be RSVPing for.

> EsplanadeFriends X IronStrength Yoga at Aycock July 9th and July 30th 6pm-7:30pm

EsplanadeFriends x NYCBirdAlliance Kids Bird Walk July 20th 10am-11am Andrew Haswell Green Park/East Midtown Greenway

> EsplanadeFriends X CPFPuppetMobile July 27th 11am-12pm

Production of Pippi Longstocking at Andrew Haswell Green Park

Cultural and Recreational Activities Gansevoort Beach

Located in Hudson River Park between Gansevoort Street and Little West 12th Street, and opposite the Whitney Museum of American Art, Gansevoort Peninsula delivers a wide array of spaces for lounging, fitness and fun. It is a white sand beach complete with beach chairs and umbrellas. Built on solid ground (as opposed to a pier), vistors will have direct access to the Hudson River for non-motorized boats and stunning views of the River, the lower Manhattan skyline and Day's End, a monumental, site-specific sculpture by David Hammons donated to the Park by the Whitney Museum of American Art in 2021. Swimming is not permitted.

Lincoln Center's Summer for the City

From June 11–August 9, Lincoln Center is offering hundreds of free and Choose-What-You-Pay performances and cultural activities for all ages. <u>Click here for the full event calendar.</u> Expect global dance parties, experimental opera, kids' storytimes, jazz nights, pop-ups and more. For free events, over half the venue capacity is aways available for General Admission. Just show up; no tickets needed! Entry to most performances and events is available for FREE via General Admission first-come, first-served.

New York Botanic Gardens

On Wednesdays, from 10am-11am, Grounds Admission is free to NYC residents all day and to all other visitors. Grounds Access Pass includes access to outdoor gardens and collections, including the Everett Children's Adventure Garden. The pass does not include admission to the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory, Special Exhibitions, or Tram Tour.

NYC Bird Alliance

NYC Bird Alliance connects New Yorkers of all ages and backgrounds with the world of birds in the City through educational programs, outings, and events across the five boroughs. Most events are free, and great for beginners. NYC Bird Alliance believes birds belong to everyone and we welcome all New Yorkers—from curious newcomers to experienced naturalists—to explore the City's diverse bird life with us.





Cultural and Recreational Activities NYC Culture Pass

Call your library system for New York Public Library: 917-275-6975 Cardholding patrons 13 and older of Queens Public Library, Brooklyn Public Library and The New York Public Library can reserve passes for free admission to participating cultural institutions including many of the museums listed below. Reserve a culture pass through the website by selecting the date and venue you wish to visit. Note that passes are in high demand so they may be limited. You can print or download the pass from there, but once you have done so you cannot cancel it. You will be asked to present ID at the institution when you bring your culture pass. You can only reserve a culture pass for a specific institution once a year, but you can have multiple for different institutions.

Museums

American Museum of Natural History Pay what you wish for New York State residents (with ID). Timed entry tickets are required.

Asia Society and Museum

Free admission is offered on Fridays. Reservations for timed entry admission are recommended, but walk-ins are welcome.

Center for Jewish History

Entrance is free, but visitors are encouraged to reserve tickets on their website in advance. 12

Museums

El Museo del Barrio Pay what you wish. Reservations for timed entry admission are strongly recommended, but walk-ins will be admitted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Frick Collection

On Wednesdays from 2pm-6pm, pay-what-you-wish admission is offered.

Metropolitan Museum of Art Suggested donation for admission for New York State residents, but you must pay something.

Morgan Library and Museum On Fridays from 5pm-7pm, with reservation, admission is free. Reservations for timed entry admission are strongly suggested.

Museum of Art & Design

On the first Thursdays of July, September, and August, from 5pm-8pm, free admission is offered. You must book your tickets in advance.

Jewish Museum

Entry is free on Saturdays. Reservations for timed entry admission are strongly recommended.

Museums

Museum of the City of New York Free for everyone on Wednesdays. Pay what you can for New York residents.

Museum of Modern Art

On Friday evenings from 5:30pm-8:30pm, free admission is offered to New York State residents. Tickets must be reserved in advance.

Neue Galerie

On select Fridays, from 5pm-8pm, free admission is offered on a firstcome, first-served basis.

> New York Historical Society On Fridays, 5pm–8pm, admission is pay-as-you-wish.

Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum On Mondays and Saturdays, from 4pm-5:30pm, you can pay what you wish for admission.

Whitney Museum

On Friday evenings, from 5pm–10pm, admission is free. Admission is also free all day on the second Sunday of every month. Advance tickets are recommended. All visitors 25 and under receive free admission every day. The gallery on Floor 1 is always free.

Pickleball in the (Union) Square

August 21st from 9am-6pm

Collaborating with CityPickle, it features two professional courts with nine hours of pickleball programming. Throughout the day, you can witness top pickleball professionals play, participate in free clinics, and visit tents featuring racquet, health, and wellness brands.

Social Dance at Lincoln Center

NYC's largest outdoor dance floor returns. <u>Click here for the weekly</u> <u>schedule of FREE Social Dance nights</u> backed by live bands—each beginning with a DJ set and dance tutorial—comes in a wide array of musical styles and dances from around the world, including the Lindy Hop, tango, bachata, salsa, country line-dancing, a disco dance revival, and more. Everyone is welcome regardless of your age or dancing experience.

The Big Screen Schedule at Backyard at Hudson Yards

Games, series, and tournaments will be played on the 30-foot Big Screen. Screenings are free for all visitors and seating is open to the public on a first-come, first-serve basis. <u>Click here to view the</u> <u>schedule.</u>

Movies Movies in the (Union) Square

Showings are located at the North Plaza in Union Square Park. The North Plaza opens at 6:30pm for seating and the movie will begin at dusk.

> July 24th: The Muppets Take Manhattan

> > July 31st: Men in Black

August 7th: The Taking of Pelham One Two Three

August 14th: 13 Going on 30





Movies Movies Under the Stars

This only includes the Movies Under the Stars screenings located in Manhattan, but the complete list can be found <u>here.</u>

July 2nd – Mae Grant Playground – 8:30pm Captain America: Brave New World

July 3rd — Dyckman Marina (in Inwood Hill Park) — 8:30pm The Little Mermaid

July 10th — Playground 103 CIII — 8:30pm Piece by Piece

July 11th — Pool Deck (in Highbridge Park) — 8:00pm Inside Out 2

July 17th — St. Gregory's Playground — 8:00pm IF

July 19th – Bella Abzug Park – 8:30pm Toy Story

July 23rd — White Playground — 8:30pm A Minecraft Movie

Movies Paramount+ Sun Movie Nights at Bryant Park Sout

Summer movies under the stars at the Lawn. The Lawn opens at 5pm and the film begins at 8pm.

July 7th: Good Will Hunting

July 14th: Interstellar

July 21st: Ghost

July 28th: Pulp Fiction

August 4th: Blades of Glory

August 11th: The Godfather

Summer Movie Series Southpoint Park at Roosevelt Island

The event starts at 7pm and the movie starts at sunset. July 11th: Inside Out 2

July 18th: Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3

July 25th: The Wild Robot

August 1st: Wicked

Rain dates: August 8th and 15th

Performances Carnegie Hall Citywide

All performances are FREE. This is not the complete list of all Carnegie Hall Citywide performances, only those in Manhattan.

July 9th — Madison Square Park — 6pm Toomai String Quartet

July 11th — Bryant Park — 7pm The Knights with Julien Labro

July 16th — Madison Square Park — 6pm Ziggy and Miles

July 18th – Bryant Park – 7pm La Excelencia

July 23rd — Madison Square Park — 6pm Catalyst Quartet July 25th — Bryant Park — 7pm Cécile McLorin Salvant

August 1st – Bryant Park – 7pm Orrin Evans and the Captain Black Big Band

August 3rd – Bryant Park – 5pm Bizet's Carmen on Screen

August 8th – Bryant Park – 7pm Dez Duron

Performances Lunchtime Jazz in the (Union) Square

All performances are FREE and located at the Center Lawn of Union Square. Performances are on Thursdays from July 10th-August 14th from 12pm-2pm. All performances are by students at The New School for Jazz and Contemporary Music. Bistro tables and seating are provided, but not lunch.

Midtown Music

All performances are FREE and located at the Upper Terrace of Bryant Park. Performances are 3:30pm-5pm.

Sedi Donka July 9th and August 13th Triad Brass July 2nd, August 6th and September 3rd

Terry Waldo's Gotham City Band July 16th and September 17th

Trio Arrebol July 30th and August 27th



Performances Naumburg Orchestral Concerts

All performances are FREE and located at the Naumburg Bandshell in Central Park. They begin at 7:30pm.

> July 8th Orchestra of St. Luke's

> July 22nd Nosky's Baroque Band

August 5th ECCO: East Coast Chamber Orchestra



Performances Piano at Bryant Park

All performances are FREE and located at the Upper Terrace near the William Cullen Bryant Statue. They take place everyday from 12:30pm-2:30pm. From July 9th- August 7^{th,} there will be sing-a-longs on Thursdays from 2pm-3:30pm.

June 30th - July 4th: Brennen Ernst

July 7th - 11th: Jon Weber

July 14th - 18th: Danny Mixon

July 21st - 25th: Dan Manjovi

July 28th - August 1st: Russ Kassoff

August 4th - 8th: Daryl Sherman

August 11th - 15th: Pete Malinverni

August 18th - 22nd: Joel Forrester

August 25th - 29th: Larry Ham

September 1st - 5th: Kuni Mikami

Performances Picnic Performances

All listed performances are FREE and located on the Lawn at Bryant Park. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis, so arrive early and bring your blanket to sit on. You're also welcome to bring your own food and nonalcoholic drinks.

July 3rd – 7pm-9:30pm New York Guitar Festival: Pedro Cortes Flamenco, Big Lazy, Marel Hidalgo

July 4th — 7pm-9:30pm New York Guitar Festival: Louis Cato, Jackie Venson, Jontavious Willis

August 15th — 7pm-9pm World Music Institute: Sunny Jain's Wild Wild East + Gamelan Dharma Swara

August 16th — 7pm-9:30pm New York City Circus Festival: Sxip Shirey Sound Action Ensemble, Bindlestiff Family Cirkus, ABCirque, Hybrid Movement Co., Dzul Dance, Company 29 and Minty Fresh Circus August 22nd – 7pm-8:30pm Belongó: Arturo O'Farrill and the Afro Latin Jazz Orchestra

August 29th — 7pm-10pm Accordions Around the World: featuring Livia Mattos from Brazil, among others

August 30th – 7pm-8:30pm The Town Hall: New York Loves Sly! Feat. Steven Bernstein

Performances River and Blues

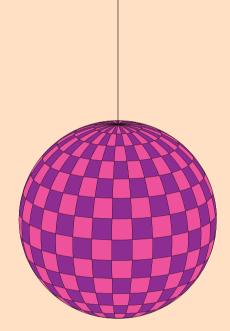
All listed performances are FREE. All are located at Rockefeller Park, part of Battery Park City. Doors open at 7pm, the DJ set begins at 7:15pm and the main performance begins at 8pm.

> July 10th DJ Blessed Maggie Rose

July 17th DJ Reaganomics Amythyst Kiah

July 24th DJ Reaganomics Afro Latin Jazz Alliance

> July 31st DJ Blessed Lady Blackbird



Performances Shakespeare in the Park

This year, Shakespeare in the Park presents Twelfth Night at the revitalized Delacorte Theater featuring Peter Dinklage, Jesse Tyler Ferguson, Lupita Nyong'o and Sandra Oh. Performances run from August 7th-September 14th, every night at 8pm except Mondays. All performances are FREE, but you must have a ticket to attend. There are five ways you can obtain a ticket, listed below:

 In-person distribution at Central Park: Tickets will be distributed at the Delacorte Theater on performance days at 12pm. There are separate lines for individuals 65+ and those with disabilities. A Public Theater Patron ID is necessary to obtain a ticket. Click <u>here</u> to make an account.

In-person lottery: There is a lottery drawn at the Public Theater at
425 Lafayette Street on performance days at 12pm. You need a Public
Theater Patron ID to participate.

- 3. In-person distribution in the boroughs: Tickets will be distributed at 12pm on select dates and at select locations throughout NYC. Click <u>here</u> to determine the dates. A Public Theater Patron ID is required.
- 4. Digital lottery: The TodayTix mobile application runs a digital lottery on most public performance dates.

5. In-person standby line at Central Park: After the final ticket is distributed, people can wait in line at the Delacorte to see if they can be admitted after 6pm.

Performances Summer Concert Series

All listed performances are FREE and are located at the Wells Fargo Stage in Hudson Yards from 5pm-8pm. Doors open an hour before each performance, admissions is first come first serve.

> July 2nd The Knocks

July 9th Cian Ducrot

July 16th Paul Russell

July 23rd Alex Sampson

July 30th Brittney Spencer

> August 6th mxmtoon

August 13th Grace Vanderwaal

Performances SummerStage - Central Park

All listed performances are FREE and in Central Park. All are located at Rumsey Playfield (71st and East Drive). Doors open an hour before each performance, admissions is first come first serve.

July 2nd — 6pm-10pm The Weather Station/Katie Tupper

July 9th — 7pm-10pm Morat / Planta Industrial / Yami Safdie

July 12th — 6pm-10pm Camilo / Ela Tubert / Guitarricadelafuente

July 13th — 5pm-10pm Bastille Day: Bob Sinclar / Big Flo & Oli / Patrick Bruel / ESTL July 23rd — 6pm-10pm Cymande / Asha Puthli / Zacchae'us Paul / K.TEA

July 24th — 6pm-10pm Jessica Pratt / Cameron Winter / Daryl Johns

July 27th — 6pm-10pm Femi Kuti & The Positive Force with dead prez / Rich Medina / Maryam Bukar Hassan

August 3rd – 6pm-10pm Taiwanese Waves: Enno Cheng / ABAO + Nanguaq Girls / Bulareyaung Dance Company

Performances SummerStage - Central Park

All listed performances are FREE and in Central Park. All are located at Rumsey Playfield (71st and East Drive). Doors open an hour before each performance, admissions is first come first serve.

August 7th — 8pm-10pm Ballet Hispanico

August 9th - 7pm-10pm Celia Cruz Celebration: Isaac Delgado / Aymee Nuviola / Brenda Navarrete & Guests

August 10th — 5pm-10pm The Originals w/ Rich Medina / Stretch Armstrong / Tony Touch

August 16th — 4pm-10pm Blacktronika Festival: Phuture / Waajeed / Rimarkable / Joe Claussell / Charlie Dark / King Britt August 17th — 7pm-10pm Funk Flex R&B Birthday Picnic

August 27th — 8pm-10pm Morgan Freeman's Symphonic Blues Experience

August 31st — 6pm-10pm Iza / Ilê Aiyê / Evandro Fióti -In association with 29th Inffinito Brazilian Film Festival

Performances The Glade - Little Island

All listed performances are FREE. Seating open 30 minutes before showtime on the grass or benches.

10pm Curated by Standing on the Corner: July 11th: 2nd Annual East Coast Bomba Players Convention July 12th: Puerto Rican Rumble Rock Radio Offensive

10pm

Curated by Cécile McLorin Salvant: July 17th: Vanisha Gould July 18th: Brandon Patrick George July 19th: Samora Pinderhughes July 20th: Emi Ferguson, Harpist Ashley Jackson and Multi-Instrumentalist Mikael Darmanie July 25th: The Emmanuel Michael Group July 26th: Melanie Charles

> July 23rd-24th — 10pm SLP & The Joyful Noise

July 27th — 10pm Ladies of Jazz

July 30th-31st – 10pm Eugene Onegin

Papi Juice August $1^{st} - 10pm$ August $8^{th} - 8:30pm$ August $14^{th} - 10pm$ August $15^{th} - 10pm$ August $16^{th} - 10pm$ August $29^{th} - 8:30pm$ August $30^{th} - 8:30pm$ September $12^{th} - 10pm$

August 2nd-3rd – 10pm The Lights

August 6th-7th – 10am and 5pm Radiolab Presents: Terrestrials

Performances The Glade - Little Island

All listed performances are FREE. Seating open 30 minutes before showtime on the grass or benches.

August 21st-24th and August 27th-28th – 10pm Jeremy Denk and Conor Hanick

> August 31st – 6pm Shape Note Singing



Performances Times Square Live

All listed performances offered are FREE. Performances occur every day of the week listed until September 26th. You can see the list of performers <u>here.</u>

Tuesdays — Broadway Pedestrian Plaza between 45th and 46th Sts. — 5pm Live DJ Sets

Wednesdays – Broadway Pedestrian Plaza between 43rd and 44th Sts. – 5pm MTA Music Under New York: Live music encompassing different genres

Thursdays – Broadway Pedestrian Plaza between 45th and 46th Sts. – 5pm Live Music including Jazz at Lincoln Center in August

(Most) Fridays — Broadway Pedestrian Plaza between 45th and 46th Sts. — 6pm Summer Friday Concerts

Pools

This is the list of FREE outdoor public pools in Manhattan. No recreation center membership is required to use the outdoor pools. The pools are open daily from 11am-7pm with a break for cleaning between 3pm-4pm. No colored shirts are allowed, only plain white. You must wear a bathing suit. There are also a number of indoor pools throughout Manhattan, but you are required to have a paid recreation center membership to access them.

Abe Lincoln Pool 5th Avenue and E. 135th St.

Asser Levy Pool Asser Levy Place and 23rd St.

Dry Dock Pool E. 10th St. between Aves. C and D

Frederick Douglass Pool Amsterdam Ave. between 100th and 102nd Sts.

Gottesman Pool at the Davis Center (Central Park) 110th St. and Lenox Ave.

Hamilton Fish Pool Pitt St. and Houston St. Highbridge Pool, Amsterdam Ave/ and W. 173rd St.

Jackie Robinson Pool, Bradhurst Ave. and W. 146th St.

John Jay Pool East of York Ave. and 77th St.

Marcus Garvey Pool 124th St. and 5th Ave.

Sheltering Arms Pool W. 129th St. and Amsterdam Ave.

Thomas Jefferson Pool. E. 112th St. and 1st Ave. 32

Pools

This is the list of FREE outdoor public pools in Manhattan. No recreation center membership is required to use the outdoor pools. The pools are open daily from 11am-7pm with a break for cleaning between 3pm-4pm. No colored shirts are allowed, only plain white. You must wear a bathing suit. There are also a number of indoor pools throughout Manhattan, but you are required to have a paid recreation center membership to access them.

> Tompkins Square Pool Ave. A between E. 7th and E. 10th Sts.

Vesuvio Pool Thompson St. between Spring and Prince Sts.

Wagner Pool E. 124th St. between 1st and 2nd Aves.



This guide was compiled and made available by:

State Senator Liz Krueger 211 East 43rd Street, Suite 2000 New York, NY 10017 212-490-9535

A link to the online version of the guide is available at: KRUEGER.NYSENATE.GOV