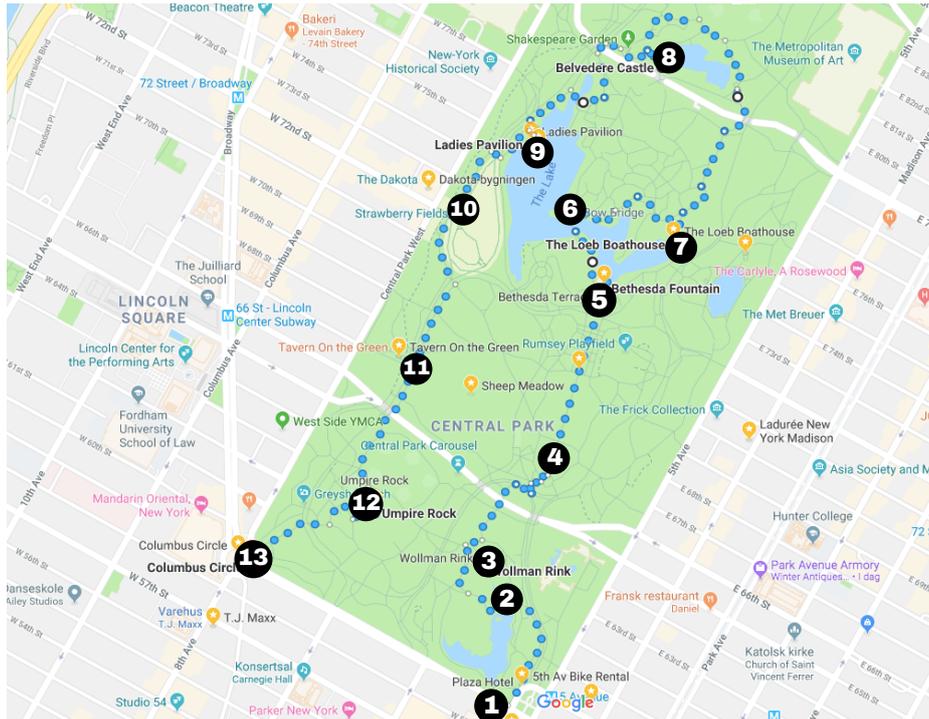


Central Park

A SELF GUIDED WALKING TOUR





1 The Plaza Hotel

The Plaza is a great place to start your Central Park trip. I'm sure you recognize this hotel from movies and tv shows like Home Alone II, The Way We Were and Gossip Girl. Enter the park across the street.

2 The Pond & Gapstow Bridge

Despite it's unoriginal name, The Pond is a lovely spot in the park where concrete jungle meets nature, and while crossing the famous Gapstow Bridge you get one of the greatest views of the NYC skyline.

3 Wollman Rink

Skating rink in fall and winter, amusement park in the summer – the perfect combo. Now's the time to test those skating skills!

4 The Mall

Follow a random path north from the rink and you'll somehow end up strolling The Mall – a beautiful walkway leading to Bethesda Terrace. This place is gorgeous in all seasons and a must-see.

5 Bethesda Terrace & Fountain

The Mall leads you straight to Bethesda Terrace & Fountain, one of the most visited spots in Central Park. The architecture, the view of the lake, the different people.. Simply an amazing place you have to see.

6 Bow Bridge

Leave Bethesda on your left and you'll soon reach the iconic Bow Bridge. This spot has got the perfect backdrop for your Central Park photo and is known for being very romantic.

7 The Loeb Boathouse

Take a right once you cross the Bow Bridge and you're on your way to The Boathouse: The perfect place for lunch or dinner on the weekdays, or a delicious weekend brunch.

8 Belvedere Castle & Turtle Pond

Pick a path from The Boathouse and head north, say hi to a few squirrels on your way, and suddenly you'll arrive at Belvedere Castle & Turtle Pond. The castle has the most amazing view.

9 Hearshead & Ladies Pavilion

Walk southwest from the castle, cross the Oak Bridge and follow the lake until you reach Hearshead – a rock structure that resembles the shape of a heron. Next to it you'll see the picturesque Ladies Pavilion.

10 Strawberry Fields & The Dakota

Head south towards Strawberry Fields, an area dedicated to the late John Lennon. In the center you'll find the «Imagine» mosaic, a lovely memorial fant often decorate with flowers. Adjacent to Strawberry Field is The Dakota building, Lennon's home & the location of his murder.

11 Sheep's Meadow

Walking south from Strawberry Fields you'll soon see Sheep Meadow on your left – a great lawn that is perfect for sunbathing and picnics. In winter, or if you don't want to prep and carry your own food, you could give Tavern on the Green a try if you're hungry.

12 Umpire Rock

This instaworthy spot is the perfect example of where the lush green colors of the park meets the grey skyscrapers, and is definitely worth a visit.

13 Finish: Columbus Circle

Head southwest and exit the park by Columbus Circle.