

## Central Park Tour

### Strawberry Fields

This is where the John Lennon memorial is, the "Imagine" mosaic. It's at the top of a small hill, and you'll hear Beatles music constantly playing. If you exit the Park here on 72nd St (or even just look outside the park), the building right across the avenue is The Dakota - where Lennon lived and in front of which he was shot. Yoko still lives here.



### Hernshead

Hernshead, a promontory that juts out into The Lake, is named after what must have once been the shape of a "hern" or heron's head, and a bird often sighted in Central Park. Hernshead is planted with seasonal flowers and aquatic plantings and was restored by the Central Park Conservancy in 1988.

### Bow Bridge

It is named so because it resembles an archer's bow. It is quite famous and arguably the most beautiful bridge in the Park, so it's a must see.



### Bethesda Fountain and the terrace

The Bethesda Fountain (which you might recognize as the *Friends'* fountain) and the terrace. The fountain was modeled after the Trevi Fountain in Rome.

### Literary Walk

Alongside this path are statues of famous poets and writers - many of whom we no longer know. This is the *only* straight path in the Park, while everything else is curved - making it quite special, a place where New Yorkers congregated on Sundays in their best clothes, to see and be seen.

### Sheeps Meadow

It is called Sheep Meadow because there used to be sheep on the lawn, which was a cheap and efficient way to keep the grass short and clean. However, they aren't there anymore - because in the 1930's, when it was the Great Depression, the park was afraid that people would steal the sheep and eat them, so the sheep were moved away and never returned.

### Wollman Rink

The ice-skating rink that is here in the winter time, called "Wollman Rink" - it has appeared in countless movies, with skyscrapers in the background. Central Park is 778 acres, and it used to be inhabited by people until the 1850's. The first part of the park (up to Wollman Rink) was opened to the public in 1858, and subsequent areas were opened later.



### **Gapstow Bridge**

The beautiful, schist bridge found at 62nd street in Central Park, offering one of the best views of the New York City skyline, is known as the Gapstow Bridge. Situated at the northeast end of the Pond, this bridge was initially built in 1874 and designed by Jacob Wrey Mould. Mould's design would prove itself unable to stand against the elements, however, and his lovely but delicate wooden bridge with cast iron railings was soon replaced due to wear.

### **The Pond**

This is "the pond- the first body of water in the Park, and where people used to ice-skate in the winter here until the built Wollman rink in the 1950's.

### **Scholar's Gate**

Central Park has 19 entrances in total, each named after a profession, such as scholar, merchant, mariner, etc. This was designed to represent the variety of work that occupied most New Yorkers in the mid-19th century. Across from the entrance is Grand Army Plaza, featuring a statue of General Sherman, the general of the North during the Civil War.



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