

BSL CLASSROOM LOCATION GUIDE - BRYANT PARK

A BIT OF HISTORY

The first park at the site was opened in 1847 and was called **Reservoir Square**. It was renamed in 1884 for journalist William Cullen Bryant. The reservoir was demolished in 1900 and the New York Public Library was built on the site, opening in 1911.

Now Bryant Park is a beloved New York City destination. Known as Manhattan's Town Square, it is famous for its lush gardens, free activities, and al fresco dining. Located adjacent to the New York Public Library and surrounded by iconic skyscrapers, it is visited by more than 12 million people each year and is one of the busiest public spaces in the world.

THE ESSENTIALS

Morning coffee

- Joe Coffee Company
- Bluestone Lane coffee (Ozzie style)

Lunch options

- Bryant Park Grill & Cafe
- Fever Tree Porch
- Grand Central food market

Ice-cream shops

- Van Leeuwen's (10 mins walk)
- Ben and Jerry's Ice cream (10 mins walk)

Grocery stores & pharmacies

- Wholefoods market (1 min)
- Duane Reade

Nearest subway stations & lines

- 42nd St-Bryant Park (B, D, F, M) - 2 mins walk
- 42nd St-Grand Central (4, 5, 6, 7, S) - 5 mins walk

(public restrooms on-site)



PLACES TO VISIT NEARBY

New York Public Library – Times Square – Chrysler Building – Grand Central train terminal – Rockefeller Center/Top of the Rock – St Patrick's Cathedral – Empire State Building

3 COOL THINGS TO DO AFTER YOUR ENGLISH CLASS

1. Take lunch on the grass in Bryant Park surrounded by the skyscrapers, and then visit the world-famous NY public library next door. Check out the famous Rose Reading room on the 3rd floor (5 minutes' walk from Bryant Park)
2. Walk to Grand Central, take lunch in the GC market, visit the whispering gallery, then walk to St Patrick's Cathedral and the Rockefeller Center. Visit Top of the Rock for sunset views of the city (5-7 minutes' walk from Bryant Park)
3. Head over to Times Square to see the neon lights. Then walk 25 mins to Hudson Yards and walk the "vessel", the newest NYC attraction. Later walk the Highline Urban Park (both these are FREE). End your day with dinner in the meatpacking district (5 minutes' walk from Bryant Park)