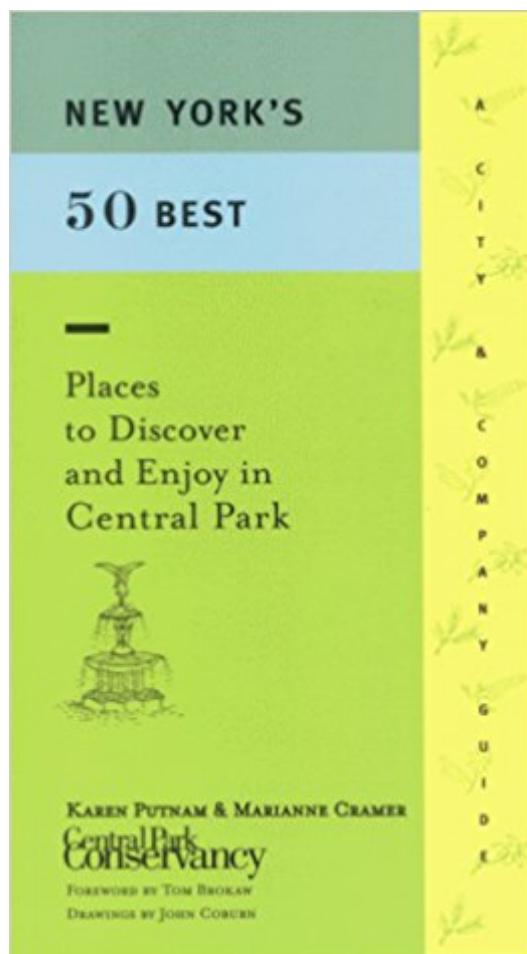


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New York's 50 Best Places To Discover And Enjoy In Central Park



Synopsis

From the president of the Central Park Conservancy, Karen Putnam, and former Central Park Planner and landscape architect, Marianne Cramer, comes the ultimate guidebook to New York's Central Park. Native New Yorkers and visitors alike are invited to explore the most interesting places among the Park's 843 acres of rolling lawns, woodlands and water bodies. With this book in hand, Central Park becomes more welcoming and accessible than ever before. Lively, entertaining information on 50 of the Park's most alluring sites, including well known spots such as Sheep Meadow and Bethesda Fountain, as well as lesser known locales, such as the Ravine and Harlem Meer, will entice readers and encourage many repeat visits. Each entry includes a range of information, from horticultural details and historical facts, to anecdotes and architectural distinctions. An illustrated map featuring all sites is included for easy navigation while exploring. The map and drawings were provided by artist John Coburn, who explored every acre of the Park, sketchbook and bottle of ink in hand, to capture its natural beauty and charm. A portion of the proceeds from sales of the book will support the Central Park Conservancy in its effort to keep Central Park beautiful for all.

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Karen Putnam, president of Central Park Conservancy, and Marianne Cramer, former Central Park planner and landscape architect, invite you to explore the Park's rolling lawns, woodlands, waterbodies, and much more. Join them, and enjoy. The Central Park Conservancy is a private, not-for-profit organization founded in 1980 that manages Central Park under a contract with the City

of New York/Department of Parks & Recreation. Through private donations from individuals, foundations, and corporations, the Conservancy provides more than 80 percent of the Parks annual operating budget, funds major capital improvements, provides horticultural care and management, and offers programs for volunteers and visitors. The Conservancy invites all Central Park visitors to become partners in taking care of the Park to ensure that it remains a beautiful place for leisure, recreation, and the appreciation of nature.

Excellent guide for people to explore Central Park which has so much to see and do. I brought this book along on a recent trip to NYC and used it to plan out my top ten places in Central Park I wanted to see on that trip. I enjoyed the brief history of all the places and shared the stories with my sister who I was exploring the park with that day. It was also compact enough to slip in my purse so I could take it with me. The only downside for this book is it hasn't been updated in a while but the information is still relevant.

I am a volunteer guide for the Central Park Conservancy, the wonderful non-profit that maintains the park. I have been experientially learning the park for a long time and know a lot from the architecture, horticulture, history, the 26,000 trees, the "wild" animals, the resident and migratory birds, where the woodpeckers peck, and most important, where is the nearest restroom. Only a few are open year round. A To the point: The book in question should be part of every visitor's planning. The park is almost a thousand acres and needs much more time than most visitors have to really see it, but people who prep with this book will simply enjoy better than those who miss me and/or the book. Visitors can find me mondays at the information booth on West 72nd, but ordering the guide from makes a lot more sense.

I live just a few blocks from Central Park, but reading through this book, I realize how many things there are that I've never seen or appreciated! It's a great introduction to the history of the park and the things beyond the grass and trees that there are to explore. It joins my Zagat guide in my purse as things I don't leave home without on the weekends.

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