African Burial Ground

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African Burial Ground
National Monument
New York, New York

Join us for National Park Week!

Each spring, the National Park Service and the National Park Foundation, invite everyone to celebrate National Park Week. This year, National Park Week is celebrated from April 20 – April 28, you are invited to get to know your national parks. Join the African Burial Ground National Monument for a week of activities.

9AM - 5PM - Public Flower Laying: Honoring the Ancestors Members of the public are invited to lay flowers on the burial mounds at the memorial throughout National Park Week from April 20-28, 2013.

Saturday, April 20 - National Junior Ranger Day
10AM - 4PM - Youths between the ages of 6-12 can earn a Junior Ranger badge and certificate by completing exciting and meaningful activities.
11AM - The National Parks of New York Harbor. Explore ten national park sites in and around Manhattan which have defended and shaped our nation through this film.
1PM – Treasuring Your Family's Keepsakes – Save your family's pictures, memorabilia, and heirlooms in a specially crafted and designed memory box. Or, use the box to keep your Junior Ranger badges, patches, pencils, and other awards.

Tuesday, April 23 - 11AM - "American Dreams" - Enjoy the sounds of Rap as the Youth Ambassador Program (YAP) from New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park teach the story of the African Burial Ground through this musical video.

Wednesday, April 24 - 12 Noon - Freedom's Sisters (Courtesy of the Ford Motor Company Fund and Community Services) - Cherish the stories of 20 extraordinary women like Harriet Tubman, Shirley Chisholm, and Coretta Scott King who helped to pave the way for civil rights in America.

Thursday, April 25 - Take Our Daughters & Sons to Work Day
12 Noon - African Memory Boxes - Design a box with African cloth, shells, Adinkra symbols, and beads to keep family photographs, jewelry, valuables, and more.
1:30 PM - Reflections of Honor and Glory – Join a park ranger for a breathtaking tour of artwork that depicts and celebrates the lives of Africans and African descendants buried in the African Burial Ground.

Friday, April 26 - 2:30 PM - Female Leadership: Triumphs of African Women Throughout History – Women have contributed significantly to the growth of this country and to the advancement of humanity throughout the world. Learn about some of their stories!

Saturday, April 27 - 1PM - Roots of Inspiration: A Tribute to Female Pioneers in Music - Move to the African beats as visitors learn about how African traditions and techniques have become part of African American musical tradition.

Sunday, April 28 - 9AM - 5PM - Public Libations - The public is cordially invited to pay tribute to the ancestors by respectfully and voluntarily pouring libations at the burial mounds of the outdoor memorial.

Plan Your Visit

African Burial Ground National Monument Visitor Center is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 am to 4 pm. The memorial is open seven days a week, 9 am to 5 pm and closed Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.

Our celebration of National Park Week will take place at the African Burial Ground National Monument, located on the first floor of the Ted Weiss Federal Building at 290 Broadway in Lower Manhattan, close to Foley Square and just north of City Hall. Upon entering the building, members of the public will have to go through security screening.

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