

African Burial Ground

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A Broader View: Exploring the African Presence in Early New York

The African Burial Ground National Monument invites the public to learn about the African presence in early New York. The 90-minute “A Broader View: Exploring the African Presence in Early New York” walking tours highlight how free and enslaved Africans played an important role in the development of New York City. Social, political, cultural, and economic aspects of African and African American life are explored and discussed.

Discover the stories about Fort Amsterdam; the Slave Market on Wall Street; the slave revolts; the Underground Railroad; the African Free Schools; City Hall Park and more.

When: Walking tours start at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays. Reservations are required for 2 p.m. walking tours. The walking tours can be scheduled on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

After September 30, all tours are by reservation only.

Where: Ranger-guided walking tours begin on the steps of Federal Hall National Memorial located at 26 Wall Street and end at the African Burial Ground National Monument located on the corner of Duane Street and African Burial Ground Way.

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Length of Tour: 90 minutes

Cost: Free

Attire for Tour: Wear comfortable shoes and bring plenty of water.

Tours are limited to 16 people. Make reservations by dialing 212-637-2019. Groups of 10 or more are required to make reservations 2 weeks in advance.

For more information about the “A Broader View: Exploring the African Presence in Early New York” walking tour please visit www.nps.gov/afbg or call 212-637-2019 .



Plan Your Visit

African Burial Ground National Monument Visitor Center is open Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and closed all Federal Holidays. The memorial is open 7 days a week 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and closed on New Year's, Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.

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The African Burial Ground National Monument is located on the 1st Floor of the Ted Weiss Federal Building, 290 Broadway in Lower Manhattan, close to Foley Square and just north of City Hall.

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African Burial Ground National Monument

The memorial at this 0.34 acre site, honors the memories of the estimated 15,000 free and enslaved Africans buried on the original 6.6 acre site between the 17th and 18th centuries. The memorial opens daily at 9:00 a.m. and closes at 5:00 p.m. except for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.

Castle Clinton National Monument

Located in Battery Park, Castle Clinton was built to keep out a British invasion in 1812. The Castle has transformed over the years to welcome theatergoers, immigrants and sightseers. The site is open daily (except Dec. 25) from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. In the event of inclement weather, the site may close. (212) 344-7220. www.nps.gov/cacl

Federal Hall National Memorial

26 Wall Street was the site of New York City's 18th-century City Hall. After the American Revolution, the Continental Congress commissioned Pierre L'Enfant to remodel the building for the new federal government. The First Congress met on the site and George Washington was inaugurated here as President in 1789. In 1812, Federal Hall was demolished. The current structure on the site was built as the Customs House, opening in 1842. Federal Hall is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 212-825-6888. www.nps.gov/feha

Gateway National Recreation Area

Gateway provides abundant recreational and learning opportunities, from swimming, boating and fishing to team sports, bicycling and nature study. Comprised of three units stretching from Sandy Hook, N.J., to Staten Island, to Brooklyn and Queens, the park contains the nation's oldest operating lighthouse, forts, sites that trace aviation's early history, a wildlife refuge, holly forest, ocean dunes and coastal uplands. www.nps.gov/gate

General Grant National Memorial

The largest mausoleum in North America, Grant's Tomb (as it is commonly called) is not only the final resting place of the General, but a memorial to his life and accomplishments. The site, located at 122nd Street and Riverside Drive in Upper Manhattan, is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. (212) 666-1640. www.nps.gov/gegr

Governors Island National Monument

Governors Island lies just off the southern tip of Manhattan. The island's fortifications – Fort Jay and Castle Williams – served as an early outpost to protect New York City from enemy naval attack. The island is open from May 31 through Sept. 2, Wednesday through Sunday and hours vary by day. The Governors Island Ferry is located in the Battery Maritime Building, Slip # 7. (212) 825-3045. www.nps.gov/gois

Hamilton Grange National Monument

The Grange is scheduled to re-open in Fall 2009 following restoration at its new site in St. Nicholas Park in Upper Manhattan. The Grange, the only home Hamilton ever owned, is the only memorial in the United States dedicated to Alexander Hamilton, a co-author of the Federalist Papers and the first Secretary of the Treasury (1789-1795). www.nps.gov/hagr

St. Paul's Church National Historic Site

This 18th-century church, located at 897 South Columbus Avenue in Mount Vernon, is one of New York's oldest parishes (1665-1980). It was used as a hospital following the Battle at Pell's Point in 1776, and was the scene of various military developments for the next six years. The adjoining cemetery contains burials dating from 1704. The church and museum are open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., the grounds from dawn until dusk. (914) 667-4116. www.nps.gov/sapa

Statue of Liberty National Monument and Ellis Island

The Statue of Liberty National Monument is one park that is comprised of Liberty Island (where the Statue is located) and Ellis Island, the historical federal immigration processing center. Liberty and Ellis islands are open daily (except Dec. 25). Hours vary seasonally. (212) 363-3200, www.nps.gov/stli and www.nps.gov/elis. While there is no entrance fee to either site, they are accessible only by ferry. Ferry tickets are \$12 for ages 13 and older, \$10 for ages 6-12 and \$5 for ages 4 to 12. Tickets may be purchased at Castle Clinton National Monument, online at www.statuecruises.com or by calling 877-LADY TIX.

Theodore Roosevelt Birthplace National Historic Site

Theodore Roosevelt, the 26th President of the United States, lived at this site from his birth on Oct. 27, 1858 until he was 14 years old. The reconstructed house at 28 East 20th Street, Manhattan, contains five period rooms and two museum galleries. The site is open Tuesday through Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. There is an admission fee of \$3 per person. (212) 260-1616. www.nps.gov/thrb