

JOE 2025 Info Packet for We3-Park to Park Tour

Day: Wednesday, August 28, 2019	Start Time: 8:00 AM	End Time: 6:00 PM
Leader:	Co-Leader:	Limit: 15
Transportation: NJ Transit / MTA Subway		Location: NYC
Tour Cost: \$36	Travel Distance: 5 Miles walking	Travel Time:

We3-Park to Park Tour

Join us on a tour of two iconic parks in New York City: the renowned Central Park and the High Line, a park built on an abandoned elevated rail line that serves as a model for other railway-to-park conversions worldwide. Lunch will be at a traditional New York kosher deli. Then we will head downtown to explore the High Line, an excellent spot for photography and people-watching, before concluding our adventure with a Mexican vegan dinner.

Our first stop of the day will be Central Park, an urban oasis in the center of Manhattan, where we will embark on a guided tour of the southern end of the park, showcasing landmarks and great people-watching sites such as Bethesda Terrace, The Mall, The Ramble, and the Alice in Wonderland Statue. The tour concludes near Strawberry Fields, which honors the late Beatle John Lennon, who was tragically killed in front of his apartment building just steps from the park on the Upper West Side. After exiting the park, we will walk a few minutes to Pastrami Queen, a popular kosher deli.

After lunch, we will take the subway south to the High Line, an elevated railway transformed into a public park that offers stunning views of the Hudson River and the New York City skyline. Our guided tour will cover the 1.5-mile-long park, where we will explore its lush horticulture and art installations.

After the tour, we will take a break at Hudson Yards, Manhattan's newest neighborhood, featuring impressive buildings and a high-end shopping mall. Finally, we will enjoy an early dinner at Jajaja Mexicana, a vegan restaurant, before walking to Pier 83, where we will meet up with the rest of the group for a Circle Line Cruise.

- Please bring water, comfortable walking shoes, a hat, sunscreen, an extra layer for when it gets chilly, and a backpack to carry your belongings.
- Cost: \$36 per person (Includes NJ Transit from Elizabeth to NY Penn Station, tips for tour guides for both tours, and Mosaic administrative fees).
- Not included in the base price are the costs of lunch and dinner, as well as subway fees.
- Time: 8:00 am ~ 6:00 pm
- Expect to walk approximately five miles in total, broken up into parts.

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Schedule:

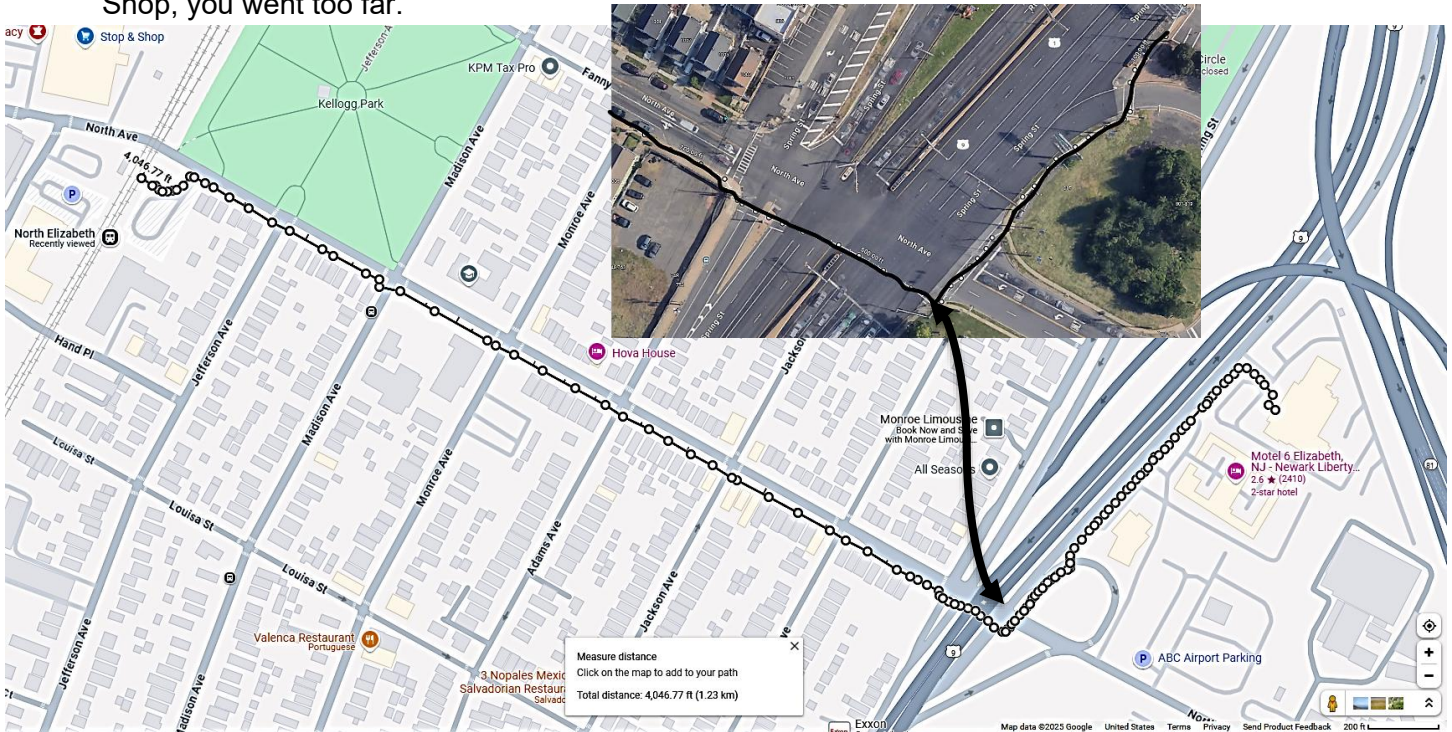
6:00 am – 8:00 am Breakfast in the Breakfast Room next to the lobby

8:00 am. Meet in the lobby. Take your train and cruise tickets! It is your responsibility to safeguard your tickets. These tickets were distributed to you at Tuesday's Meet the Leader meeting.

8:05 am Depart Crowne Plaza Hotel - Newark Airport to walk to North Elizabeth train station.

Walking Directions from Hotel to Train Station (allow 30 minutes)

1. Walk out of Crowne Plaza Newark Airport beyond the gate and turn left. Stay off the road in the Motel 6 parking lot.
2. Use the sidewalks and crosswalks to cross over North Ave.
3. At the far corner of North Ave. and Spring Ave., turn right to cross over Spring Ave. (Rts. 1/9) to stay on North Ave. USE CROSSWALKS for safety.
4. Follow North Ave ½ mile / 6 ½ blocks to the NJ Transit North Elizabeth Train Station. Follow the driveway into the parking lot and up to the tracks. Do not cross under the tracks. If you find Stop & Shop, you went too far.



8:38 a.m. Take the next NJ Transit Train (2 or 4 stops, depending on whether it is local or express) to New York Penn Station. DO NOT BOARD an Amtrak train, or you will pay more \$\$\$ to get to the same place.

	North Elizabeth Station	Newark Penn Station	New York Penn Station	Time between Elizabeth and Newark	Time between Newark and NY	Difference in time (h:mm) between previous train
Northeast Corridor	6:47 AM	6:56 AM	7:16 AM	0:09	0:29	
Northeast Corridor	7:17 AM	7:26 AM	7:50 AM	0:11	0:33	0:30
New Jersey Coast	8:15 AM	8:23 AM	8:43 AM	0:08	0:26	0:34
New Jersey Coast	8:36 AM	8:46 AM	9:08 AM	0:10	0:30	0:23
Northeast Corridor	8:49 AM	8:59 AM	9:19 AM	0:10	0:30	0:11
New Jersey Coast	9:07 AM	9:17 AM	9:37 AM	0:10	0:30	0:18
New Jersey Coast	9:48 AM	9:58 AM	10:18 AM	0:10	0:30	0:41
New Jersey Coast	10:24 AM	10:34 AM	10:54 AM	0:10	0:30	0:36
Northeast Corridor	11:14 AM	11:24 AM	11:44 AM	0:10	0:30	0:50
New Jersey Coast	12:03 PM	12:14 PM	12:34 PM	0:11	0:31	0:49

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The schedule is subject to change. Check live updates at:

<https://www.njtransit.com/dv-to/Elizabeth%20Station>

Or an updated schedule at

[NJ Transit Train](#)

9:08 am Arrive at Penn Station, New York, and transfer to either the A or C train on the 8th Avenue side of the station—you can transfer within Penn Station without going outside via the main concourse.

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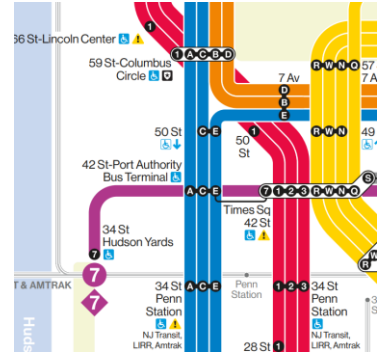
9:16 am – 9:22 am Travel on any uptown A (Express) or C (local) train to 59 St-Columbus Circle. The train costs \$3 one way, and the fare can be paid by tapping a contactless credit or debit card, or a smartphone with a mobile wallet enabled.

9:21 am – 9:25 am Walk from the Columbus Circle Subway Station to the Maine Monument on the southwest side of Central Park. The guide will be in front of the Monument with a purple umbrella.

Exit station via Central Park West & 60th St at NE corner
Head southwest on Central Park W
Turn left

10:00 am – 12:30 pm Take a Tour of Central Park via Terradventours (terraventours.com) 646-918-8238. We have two reservations, for up to 8 people in each group:
Booking reference #1, under the name Ellen Flax: 44485-20250316215338-283
Booking reference #2, under the name Brian Horowitz:
The tour ends near W 72nd Street and Central Park West.
For more information about Central Park: www.centralparknyc.org

Please do not forget to tip the guide. Suggested amount: \$18—25 per person.



12:30 pm Tour Ends Near 72nd Street and Central Park West entrance to the park.

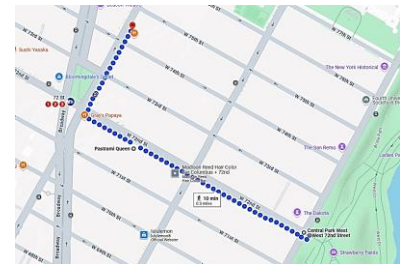
12:30 pm - 12:45 pm Walk to Lunch
[Pastrami Queen](#), 138 W 72nd St A, New York, NY 10023 (1.5 Blocks down W 72nd Street)

12:45 pm – 1:45 pm Lunch. Then, walk to the Subway station at 72nd Street and between Amsterdam and Broadway.

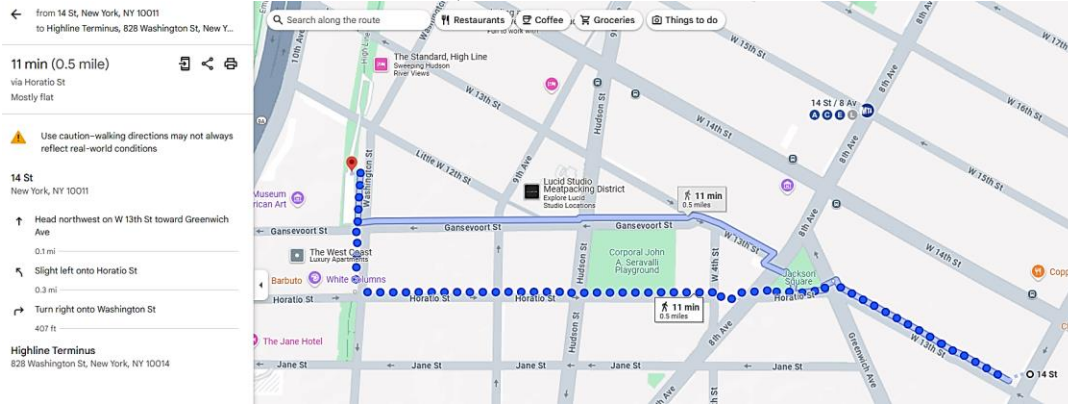
1:45 pm Meet at the 72nd Subway station

1:45 pm – 1:55 pm Take the first of any #2 or #3 Express trains (3 stops), or a #1 Local Train (takes about five minutes longer) heading towards Downtown/Brooklyn, to the 14th Street station. Cost \$3.00

1:55 pm – 2:10 pm Walk from 14th St. Subway Station to High Line Terminus, 828 Washington St, New York, NY 10014



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2:15 pm – 2:30 pm Public bathrooms are available at the High Line Southern Terminus

2:30 pm Meet your High Line Docent at the High Line Southern Terminus

More information about the High Line: www.thehighline.org

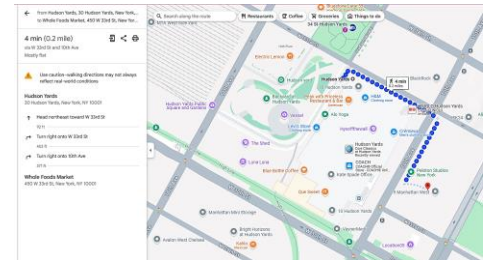
2:30 pm – 4:00 pm Tour the High Line (Ask docent if we can start at the southern end and end up by Hudson Yards)

4:00 pm – 4:30 pm Free time exploring Hudson Yards. Everyone is to meet up at dinner.

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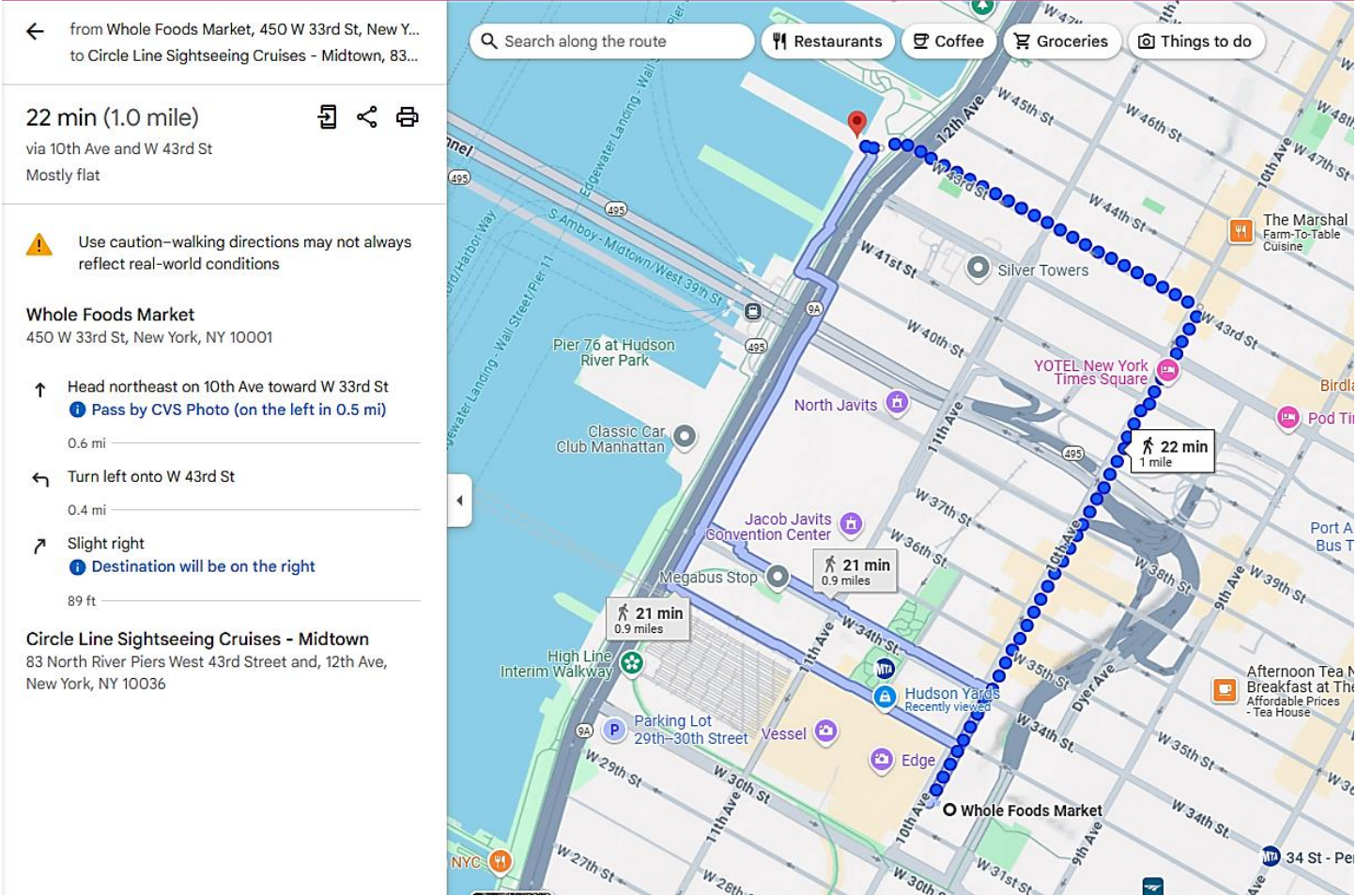
More information about Hudson Yards: www.hudsonyardsnewyork.com

4:30 pm – 5:30 pm Dinner at [Jajaja Mexicana \(917\) 810-7624](http://JajajaMexicana.com) within Whole Foods Market, 450 W 33rd St, New York, NY 10001



5:30 pm – 6:00 pm Walk from Whole Foods to Circle Line Sightseeing Cruises - Midtown, 83 North River Piers, West 43rd Street and 12th Ave, New York, NY 10036. **MUST ARRIVE BY 6:00!!!** Or miss the boat

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Hi Brian,

You're booking on FREETOURL.com is now confirmed. The details are listed below.

Central Park Free Walking Tour & Landscaping

Tour provider: Terradventours

Start time: 10:00 AM, August 27, 2025

Duration: 2h 30min

Language: English

Adults: 8 people

Booking Reference Number: #44485-20250316231137-896

Provided by: [Terradventours](#)

This activity includes:

- Strawberry Fields
- Central Park
- Maine Monument
- Imagine Mosaic
- Bow Bridge
- The Lake
- The Ramble
- Central Park Zoo
- Alice in Wonderland
- Bethesda Terrace
- Balto Statue
- The Mall and Literary Walk
- Bethesda Fountain
- Professional Tour Guide
- pay what you wish
- Central Park Highlights

Things to note

Please bring comfortable clothes, sunscreen, water, and a hat.

Free Cancellation

You are free to cancel your booking at any time. We kindly remind you to cancel any bookings for which you cannot arrive. Being reported as absent decreases your customer level points and the benefits you can enjoy.

On Arrival

Find us with the purple umbrella in front of the USA Maine Monument in front of the Christopher Columbus statue in the Columbus Circle entrance of Central Park.

Tour Guidelines

✿ Pay What You Feel: There's no fixed fee for this tour; please tip according to the value and your budget. 🕒 Arrive Early: Please arrive at the meeting spot 10 minutes before the scheduled start time.

The FREETOURL.com Crew