Bronx - ARLIS Local Guide

Many people do not realize that the Bronx may be the greenest borough of the five boroughs due to its several large parks. It has been named among the best cities with urban forests. There is Pelham Bay Park, more than three times the size of Central Park, Van Cortlandt Park, Bronx Park (containing the Botanical Garden and Zoo), Woodlawn Cemetery, and Wave Hill.

Official NYC Bronx tourism site
Bronx Tourism Council
Bronx Council on the Arts cultural calendar

Attractions

[Note: Bronx Zoo is not open in February and March]

Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum
http://www.bartowpellmansionmuseum.org/
895 Shore Rd, Bronx, NY 10464
An early 19th-century house and country estate open as a museum since 1946, the house and gardens are worth a visit. The present house is a Greek Revival structure, the last of over a dozen large homes like it that overlooked Long Island Sound. The house has been overseen and maintained by the City of New York since the late 1800s. Accessible via the 6 train (Pelham Bay Park station), then the Westchester Bee-line no. 45 bus.

Bronx County Historical Society
http://bronxhistoricalsociety.org/
3309 Bainbridge Ave, Bronx, NY 10467
The former home of poet Edgar Allan Poe, built c.1797, which was opened as a museum in 1975.

**Bronx Trolley**  
Hop on the trolley to visit arts and culture stops across the South Bronx. Leaves from Longwood Art Gallery at Hostos Community College, 450 Grand Concourse. FREE and wheelchair accessible.

**Bronx Documentary Center**  
614 Courtlandt Ave, Bronx, NY 10451  
A photography, film, and new media space featuring events, classes, and gallery shows.

**HusH (“Us in Hip Hop”) Tours**  
[https://www.hushtours.com/](https://www.hushtours.com/)  
Street Art Tours – Walking and bus tours of street art and graffiti in the Bronx. There are also Hip Hop tours (the birthplace of the genre). Tours are canceled only in the case of severe weather.

**Little Italy**  
Per a 2013 statistic, the Bronx has the largest number of residents of Italian descent in one county in the U.S. NYC’s other “Little Italy” is located at Arthur Avenue and E. 187th St. Arthur Avenue has been listed among the U.S.’s Great Streets.

**New York Botanical Garden**  
[https://www.nybg.org/](https://www.nybg.org/)  
2900 Southern Blvd, Bronx, NY 10458  
New York’s primary botanical garden, which spreads over 250 acres and features over one million plants. The Conservatory is open year round.

**Wave Hill**  
[https://www.wavehill.org/](https://www.wavehill.org/)  
649 W 249th St, Bronx, NY 10471  
A 28-acre public garden and cultural center on the Hudson River and in view of the cliffs of the New Jersey Palisades. Programs are open to the public, and the cafe serves afternoon tea. Accessible via free shuttle van at the W. 242 St. subway station (#1 train).

**Woodlawn Cemetery**  
E 233rd St & Webster Avenue, Bronx, NY 10470
An immense cemetery which opened in 1863 and where Herman Melville, Joseph Pulitzer, Irving Berlin, Miles Davis, Duke Ellington, Thomas Nast, and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, among others, are buried.

Yankee Stadium
https://www.mlb.com/yankees/ballpark
1 E 161st St, Bronx, NY 10451
Home of the legendary Yankees baseball team, and a NY-based Major League Soccer team. The current stadium replaced the original one in 2009, and is one block from the original site. (The original stadium stood from 1923-2008.) Some of the current design mimics the original. Year-round tours.

Libraries & Archives

Bronx County Historical Society (BCHS) Library
http://bronxhistoricalsociety.org/library-archives/
3309 Bainbridge Ave, Bronx, NY 10467
Includes the Bronx County Archives, and is located across from the Valentine-Varian House (see below). A focus on Bronx history, along with Manhattan and Westchester County. Includes large collections of photographs, prints and postcards and material on Edgar Allan Poe.

New York Botanical Garden - Library Resources & Collections
https://www.nybg.org/plant-research-and-conservation/collections-resources/
2900 Southern Blvd, Bronx, NY 10458

New York Public Library
https://www.nypl.org/
92 locations across Manhattan, The Bronx and Staten Island.

Museums

The Bronx Museum of the Arts
http://www.bronxmuseum.org/
1040 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10456
City Island Nautical Museum
http://www.cityislandmuseum.org/
190 Fordham St, Bronx, NY 10464
A nautical museum celebrating the shipbuilding and Revolutionary War history of City Island in the Bronx.

Derfner Judaica Museum
https://www.riverspringhealth.org/derfner-judaica-museum/
5901 Palisade Ave, Bronx, NY 10471
A museum of Jewish art and historical objects.

Museum of Bronx History
http://bronxhistoricalsociety.org/museum-of-bronx-history/
3309 Bainbridge Ave, Bronx, NY 10467
Open since 1968, the 1758 farmhouse, Valentine-Varian House, is the site of this historical museum. Includes three galleries and a shop. The second oldest house in the Bronx.

Van Cortlandt House Museum
http://www.vchm.org/
6036 Broadway, Van Cortlandt Park, Bronx, NY 10471
A museum housed in the oldest building in the Bronx, built in 1748, which was used by George Washington and General Lafayette during the Revolutionary War. Open year-round for self-guided tours.

Food & Drinks

Bronx Dining 101 (2015)
Edible Bronx (eats, shopping, etc.)

Post Offices & Business Centers

Many Staples stores have business centers. There are 50 post office locations in the Bronx, including drug stores and the like that only sell stamps.

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