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Parks Resource Guide

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Bronx Community Board No. 8 (CB8) compiled the information contained in this Parks Resource Guide from a variety of sources as a convenient way for our residents to learn about our parks, outdoor recreation and groups that support these resources. While we strive to make the information accurate, we cannot guarantee the accuracy or completeness of the content. Keep in mind that providers, services, hours of operation, regulations, phone numbers and other details will change over time. Listings in this Guide do not signify endorsements.

Help us keep the Guide accurate and up to date by letting the Board Office know of any needed corrections, updates, or local groups that may be of interest. We plan to update the Parks Resource Guide on an occasional basis, and the most up-to-date version will be available to view, download and print from our website.

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Dear Neighbor:

We are pleased to bring you this Parks Resource Guide for residents of Fieldston, Kingsbridge, Kingsbridge Heights, Marble Hill, Riverdale, Spuyten Duyvil, and Van Cortlandt Village, the neighborhoods that are within the district of Bronx Community Board No. 8.

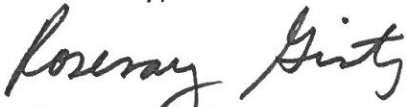
Bronx Community Board No. 8 serves to improve the quality of life in our community district. The Community Board is a vital liaison and advocate for the community in dealing with New York City government, elected officials, municipal service delivery, land use and zoning issues, community and business development, the City budget and many other matters relating to the community's health, safety and welfare. The Board and its committees meet regularly.

Bronx Community Board No. 8 (CB8) is home to many parks, user groups, and organizations. The CB8 Parks Resource Guide brings together information and resources that will help residents of Community Board 8 enjoy and support their local parks.

The Parks and Recreation Committee reviews capital projects in our community parks, as well as other parks matters that affect community residents. We advocate on behalf of our parks with respect to budget requests. We represent the community's interests with regard to parks issues and act as a liaison between parks users and the Parks & Recreation Department. The Parks and Recreation Committee prepared this Guide, with special thanks for the work of Robert Fanuzzi and Christina Taylor.

We believe that our neighborhood is a great place to live and we hope that this Guide assists our neighbors in locating and appreciating nearby green space and outdoor activities.

Sincerely,



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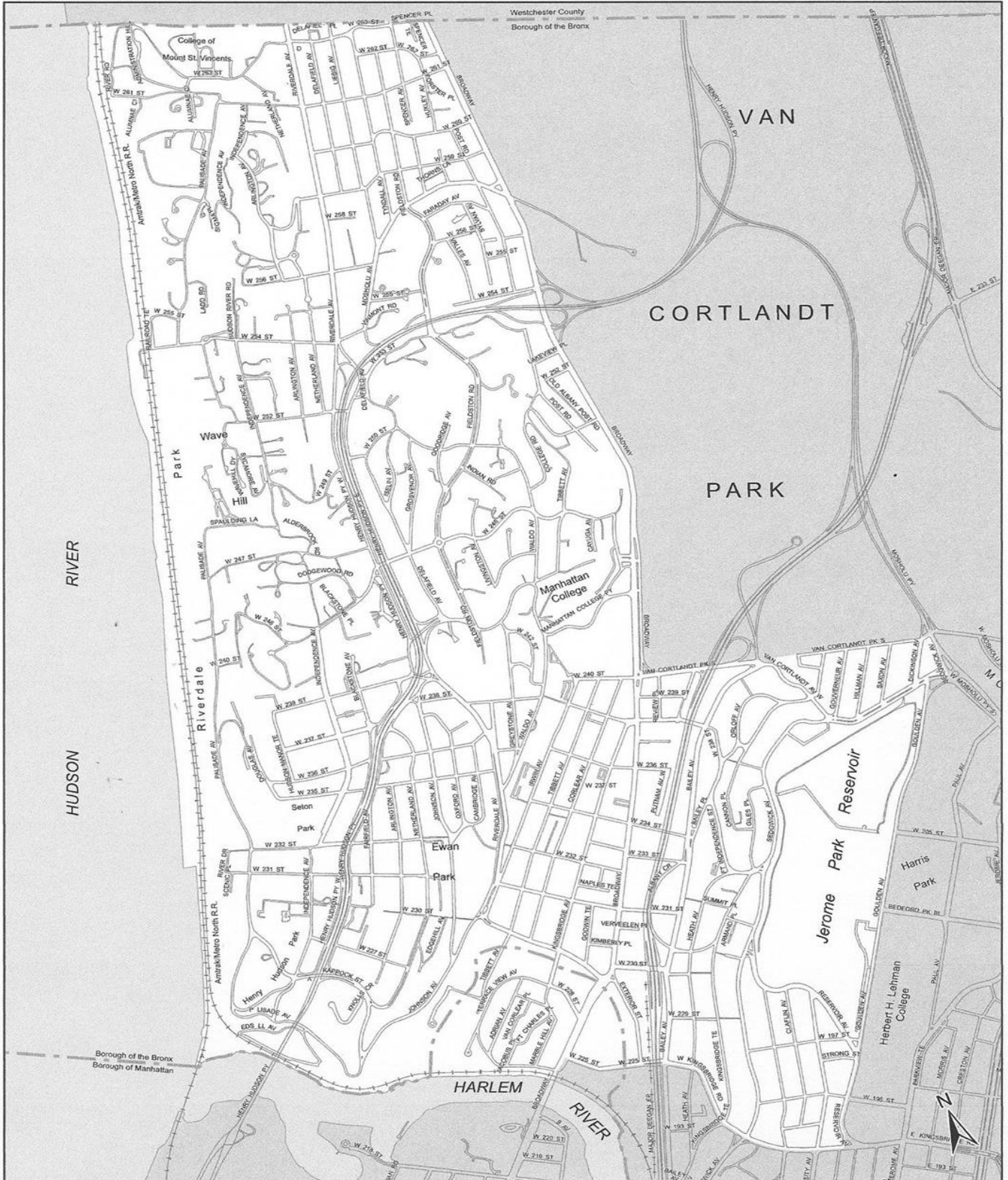
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CB8 PARKS INFORMATION

Bailey Playground

Size: 3.533 acres

Bailey Ave., W. 234th St. to W. 238th Street

Facilities: Basketball Courts, Bathrooms, Handball Courts, Playground with Spray Shower
Cooney Grauer baseball field is across W. 234th Street. It is leased to Kingsbridge Little League. Bailey Playground is wheelchair accessible

Brust Park - Upper & Lower Sections

Size: 1.79 acres

Upper: Greystone Avenue and Manhattan College Parkway

Lower: Manhattan College Parkway and Waldo Avenue

Facilities: Tot Lot Playground

Today, Brust Park is often used by Manhattan College students seeking refuge from their studies in the shade of the more than 15 types of trees found in the park

Crescent Park

Size: .44 acres

Albany Crescent, West 233rd Street, overlooks Major Deegan Expressway

Ewen Park

Size: 7.84 acres

Johnson Ave., W. 232nd Street, Riverdale Avenue

Facilities: Basketball Court, Tot Lot, Dog Run and Large Wooded Area

Ewen Park is a hillside with two staircases that are often used to walk between Johnson Avenue and Riverdale Avenue. It is used for sledding in the winter. The basketball court and tot lot were newly renovated or installed in 2016

Fort Four Park/Washington's Walk/Strong Street Playground

Size: 4.64 acres

Reservoir Avenue from Sedgwick Avenue to Strong Street

Facilities: Fort Four Park – basketball courts, spray shower, playground, benches

Washington's Walk – benches, trees; Strong Street Playground – tot lot; Fort Four Park and Strong Street Playground are wheelchair accessible

Fort Independence Park

Size: 3.02 acres

Sedgwick Ave, Stevenson Place

Facilities: Basketball Courts, Bathrooms, Handball Courts, Playground with Spray Shower, Dog Runs

The park was recently renovated. It is adjacent to Jerome Park Reservoir. The playground is wheelchair accessible

Hackett Park

Size: 1 acre

W. 254th Street, Riverdale Avenue, Henry Hudson Parkway

Facilities: Dog Run

This hilly park features winding, lighted paths that traverse lush vegetation. The park's trees species include honey locust, sweet gum, red maple, oak, and hickory. The center of the park features both a dog run and plaque in honor of the property's namesake

Henry Hudson Park- Upper and Lower Sections

Size: 8.972 acres

Entrance for both sections is at Kappock Street and Independence Avenue

Facilities: Baseball fields, Basketball Courts, Bathrooms, Dog Friendly Areas, Handball Courts and Playground with Spray Shower

Named for explorer and navigator Henry Hudson, the park's prominent monument pays tribute to the man who dropped anchor in New York Harbor in 1609. Other remaining relics of the past consist of trees that predate the park's acquisition, namely a copper beech and large hackberry trees. Dozens of additional, slightly younger, tree varieties are dispersed throughout the park, including sweetgum, red oak, white pine, and maples. Henry Hudson Park Upper Section is wheelchair accessible

MacLaughlin Playground

Size: 0.304 acre

Greystone Avenue, W. 238th Street

Facilities: Playground with Spray Shower**Marble Hill Playground**

Size: 1.646 acres

Marble Hill Avenue between W. 228th and W. 230th Streets

Facilities: Basketball Courts, Bathroom, and Playground with Spray Showers. Marble Hill Playground is wheelchair accessible**Phyllis Post Goodman Park**

Size: .5 acre

Kappock Street and Henry Hudson Parkway East

Facilities: benches, shade trees**Raoul Wallenberg Forest**

Size: 4.73 acres

Palisade Avenue, Douglas Ave., W. 235th and W. 236th Street

Facilities: Dog-friendly area and home of one of NYC's Great Trees

Riverdale Park

Size: 114.29 acres

Hudson River, W. 254th Street, Palisade Avenue, W. 232nd Street

Facilities: Dog Friendly Areas

Riverdale Park is known as a haven for birds. Twenty-seven species, including the screech owl (Otus asio), have been confirmed as breeding in the park. Riverdale contains about 50 forested acres, including mature oak-hickory forest, a forest that occurs on well-drained sites, often on ridge tops, upper slopes, or south and west facing slopes. The soils are usually loams (mixtures of clay, sand, silt and organic matter). The rest of Riverdale is successional forest. The park includes an annex along the Hudson River waterfront that can be accessed from the southbound platform of the Riverdale Metro-North station. The annex contains benches for viewing the river and the Palisades in New Jersey

Riverdale Playground

Size: 2.58 acres

W. 236th and 237th Streets, Independence Avenue & Hudson Manor Terrace

Facilities: Baseball Fields, Basketball Courts, Handball Courts and Playground**Seton Park**

Size: 11.689 acres

W. 232nd Street, Independence Avenue, W. 235th Street, Palisade Avenue

Facilities: Baseball and Softball Fields, Basketball Courts, Bathrooms, Dog Run, Playground, Soccer Fields and Tennis Courts**Sheridan Triangle**

Size: 0.06 acres

Mosholu Avenue, Broadway

Spuyten Duyvil Playground

Size: 1.51 acres

W 236th Street and Douglas Avenue

Facilities: Basketball Courts, Playground with Spray Showers. Spuyten Duyvil Playground is wheelchair accessible**Spuyten Duyvil Shorefront Park**

Size: 6.6 acres

Palisade Avenue, Johnson Avenue, Edsall Avenue

The landscaping is attractive to local wildlife that now frequents the park. Many varieties of birds either breed by the pond or in the surrounding woods, or stop here on their regular migration paths. Snowy and Yellow Egrets, Green and Black-crowned Night-Herons, Ring-necked Pheasants, Mallards, Spotted and Solitary Sandpipers, and Mallards all have been spotted in and around the Park

Tibbetts Tail

Size: 0.088 acres

Bailey Avenue, Major Deegan Expressway, South of W. 238th Street

At present, access is possible only through Bailey Playground

Van Cortlandt Park

Size: 1,146 acres

NYC - Westchester County Line, Van Cortlandt Park S. between Broadway & Jerome Avenue

Facilities: Baseball/Softball Fields: 18, Basketball Courts: 7, Bocci Courts: 2, Cricket Pitches: 13, Cross Country Course (3K or 5K), Football/Soccer Fields: 7, Gaelic Football Field: 1, Golf Courses: 2- Van Cortlandt Golf Course (18 hole) and Mosholu Golf Course (9 hole with Driving Range), Handball/Paddleball Courts: 17, Playgrounds: 4- Southwest Corner, Classic, Sachkerah and Woodlawn Playgrounds, Riverdale Equestrian Center, Running Tracks: 440 yard track at Stadium. Circumference of Parade Ground is 1.5 miles, Tennis Courts: 18, Van Cortlandt House Museum and Van Cortlandt Nature Center

Van Cortlandt Park, more than a thousand acres atop the ridges and valleys of the northwest Bronx, is New York City's third largest park. Playing fields and playgrounds are scattered about the park's edges, surrounding a richly forested heartland fed by Tibbets Brook. The park is home to the country's first public golf course, the oldest house in the Bronx, and the borough's largest freshwater lake. From the quiet green shade of its oak forests to the crisp white mantle of cricket players atop the Parade Ground, the park boasts a past rich in culture, well-versed in history, and blessed with the intrinsic beauty of nature

Concessions within Van Cortlandt Park

Mosholu Golf Course
www.mosholugolfcourse.com

Riverdale Stables
www.riverdalestables.com

Van Cortlandt House Museum
www.vchm.org

Van Cortlandt Golf Course
www.golfnyc.com/vancortlandt_home

Van Cortlandt's Tail

Size: 0.35 acres

Broadway & Van Cortlandt Park South

Vinmont Veteran Playground

Size: 3.5 acres

Riverdale and Mosholu Avenues

Facilities: Baseball Fields, Bathrooms and Playground with Spray Shower

Vinmont Veteran Park serves as a memorial to honor local veterans who served their country in past wars. Vinmont Veteran Playground is wheelchair accessible

Wave Hill

Size: 28 acres

W. 248th Street, Independence Avenue, W. 252nd Street, Palisade Avenue

Wave Hill is a public garden and cultural center in the Bronx overlooking the Hudson River and Palisades. Its mission is to celebrate the artistry and legacy of its gardens and landscapes, to preserve its magnificent views, and to explore human connections to the natural world through programs in horticulture, education and the arts. Check website, www.wavehill.org, for admission fee, fee-free times, hours and event schedule. Wave Hill is currently closed on Mondays

NYC DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION INFORMATION

Bronx Headquarters:

Ranaqua, 1 Bronx River Parkway, Bronx, NY 10462
718-430-1800

NYC Parks Website

The NYC Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) website offers a full menu of activities, information. www.nycgovparks.org

Permit Information

Special Events Permits

To hold an event with 20 or more people in a NYC park, you must file a Special Event Permit. Special Events Permit Info: <https://nyceventpermits.nyc.gov/Parks/>

Tennis Court Permits

A permit is needed to use an outdoor tennis court from the first Saturday of April to the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Permit Info: www.nycgovparks.org/things-to-do/tennis

Athletic Field Permits

In order to reserve a NYC Parks athletic field or court, organized leagues or individuals must request a permit. Field or Court Permit Info: www.nycgovparks.org/permits/field-and-court/request

Special Department of Parks and Recreation Programs

Urban Park Rangers

The Urban Park Rangers connect New Yorkers to the natural world through environmental education, outdoor recreation, wildlife management and active conservation

Website: www.nycgovparks.org/programs/rangers

The Rangers operate the Van Cortlandt Nature Center- Phone: 718-548-0912

Partnerships for Parks

Partnerships for Parks is the public-private program that supports and champions a growing network of leaders caring and advocating for neighborhood parks and green spaces. They equip people, organizations and government with the skills and tools they need to transform these spaces into dynamic community assets.

Website: www.cityparksfoundation.org/partnerships-for-parks/

CB 8 Outreach Coordinator: Linda (Leenda) Bonilla, Phone: 718-430-1861

Email: linda.bonilla@parks.nyc.gov



City Parks Foundation

City Parks Foundation (CPF) is the only independent, nonprofit organization whose mission is to offer programs in public parks throughout the five boroughs of New York City. CPF is dedicated to invigorating and transforming parks into dynamic, vibrant centers of urban life through sports, arts, community development, and education programs for all New Yorkers.

Website: www.cityparksfoundation.org

CityParks Tennis for Kids: www.cityparksfoundation.org/sports/tennis

Senior Fitness Program: www.cityparksfoundation.org/sports/seniors-fitness

Green Thumb

GreenThumb provides programming and material support to over 500 community gardens in New York City. Workshops, which are the access point for supplies, are held every month of the year, covering gardening basics to more advanced farming and community organizing topics.

Website: www.greenthumbnyc.org

Swim Programs

During the summer, NYC Parks offers a variety of free swim programs, ranging from learn to swim lessons to recreational swimming to training for swim team competitions. Free swim programs are held at Outdoor pools including Van Cortlandt Park's pool within CB8.

Website: www.nycgovparks.org/programs/aquatics

Capital Projects Tracker

This website provides information on the status of capital projects in New York City parks.

www.nycgovparks.org/planning-and-building/capital-project-tracker

Street Tree Map

This website provides information about street trees, including tree pruning schedules.

<https://tree-map.nycgovparks.org>



USER GROUPS

Arts Students League of NY

Website: www.theartstudentsleague.org

Fort Independence Park Neighborhood Association

Contact: Margaret Groarke

Website: www.fipna.org

Jerome Park Friends and Neighbors

Contact: Debra Travis

Email: JeromeParkFans@gmail.com

Friends of Ewen Park

Contacts: Keri Crayne, Adam Thornbrough

Emails: Ewenpark@yahoo.com, adam.thornbrough@parks.nyc.gov

Friends of Tibbetts Tail

Contact: Alicia Grullon

Email: friendsoftibbettstail@gmail.com

Friends of Washington's Walk

Contact: Elizabeth Thompson, Kingsbridge Heights Neighborhood Improvement Association

Email: khnia@aol.com Phone: 718-618-7550

Friends of Van Cortlandt Park

Contact: Christina Taylor, Executive Director

Website: www.vancortlandt.org Email: info@vancortlandt.org Phone: (718) 601-1460

Memorial Grove Restoration Group (Van Cortlandt Park)

Contact: Herb Barrett

Facebook: www.facebook.com/MemorialGrove

Nature Group of Van Cortlandt Park

Contact: Catherine Minty

Email: thenaturegroupvcp@gmail.com

Stewards of Henry Hudson Park

Contacts: Dan Reynolds/ Mark Mason

Facebook: www.facebook.com/henryhudsonparkstewards Email: dp.reynolds@verizon.net

Van Cortlandt Park Conservancy

Contact: Margot Perron, President

Website: www.vcpark.org

Email: info@vcpark.org Phone: 718-430-1890

Van Cortlandt Track Club

Contact: Rick Bloomer

Website: <http://vctc.org/>

Email: vctconline@gmail.com



Want to get involved?

Watch the video of Bronx Community Board No. 8 Parks and Recreation Committee Forum on [How to Start and Sustain a "Friends of" Parks Group](#) as recorded by BronxNet on November 29, 2017:

www.bronxnet.org/watch/videos/4423

BRONX PARKS ADVOCACY

Bike NY

Contact: Rich Conroy, Director of Education

Website: www.bike.nyc Phone: 212-870-2080

Bronx Council for Environmental Quality (BCEQ)

Website: www.bceq.org

NYC Audubon

Website: www.nycaudubon.org Email: info@nycaudubon.org Phone: (212) 691-7483

New Yorkers for Parks

Website: www.ny4p.org Email: ny4p@ny4p.org Phone: 212-838-9410

Save the Putnam Trail (Van Cortlandt Park)

Contact: Suzanne Corber Facebook: www.facebook.com/saveputnamtrailnow

Share the Putnam Trail (Van Cortlandt Park)

Facebook: www.facebook.com/PutnamTrail

Transportation Alternatives

Website: www.transalt.org Email: info@transalt.org Phone: 212-629-8080

LEAGUES

A list of some of the leagues that play in CB8 parks:

Bronx Stars Softball www.bronxstars.com

Chabad of Riverdale www.chabadbronx.org

Commonwealth Cricket www.newyorkcricket.com

Gotham Tennis Academy www.gothamtennis.com

Hebrew Institute of Riverdale www.thebayit.org

Kids in the Game www.kidsinthegame.com

Kingsbridge Little League www.kingsbridgelittleleague.org

Mosholu Montefiore Community Center www.mmcc.org

North Riverdale Little League www.northriverdalelittleleague.com

Public Schools Athletic League (PSAL) www.psal.org

Riverdale Jewish Center www.rjconline.org

Riverdale Soccer Club www.riverdalesoccerclub.org

South Riverdale Little League www.eteamz.com/southernriverdale

Titans Baseball Club www.facebook.com/titansbc



Notes



