

STATEN ISLAND

GrowNYC Markets

Our markets are as diverse as the city itself! No matter where you are in NYC, you can find a bustling space filled with neighbors, families, office workers and chefs all shopping side-by-side for the freshest of products. Regardless of their size, each market is an anchor to its community providing not only fresh, locally-grown food, but a gathering place where neighbors can come together, share recipes, watch a cooking demonstration, take a tour with a chef and learn about local agriculture. For more specific location information, call 311.

Now Open in Staten Island:

Saint George - Saturday

Staten Island Mall - Saturday

Alice Austen House Museum & Garden-www.aliceausten.org

Two Hylan Boulevard, (718) 816-4506, S51 bus from the Ferry

Tue - Sun, 11:00 am-5:00 pm. Park open daily, dawn to dusk

The Alice Austen House Museum on Staten Island recalls the world of an exceptional woman, photographer Alice Austen. Austen's quaint, Victorian cottage-style home, with a magnificent view of New York Harbor, displays prints from the large glass negative collection of her work that depict turn-of-the-century American life. The City bought the Austen house in 1975 and restored it and the grounds in 1984-85. The Victorian garden was replanted according to Austen photographs with shrubs such as weeping mulberry and flowering quince. The Staten Island Historical Society owns Austen's collection of negatives and helps the Friends of Alice Austen House—which operates the museum—present photographic exhibitions at “Clear Comfort.” Together with the restored cottage and gardens, the exhibitions perpetuate Austen's life, her times and her art. Adults \$2, children under 12 free.

Conference House Park

7455 Hylan Boulevard - S78 Bus from the Ferry, 718.984.6046, www.conference-house.org

Open for guided tours of the house April - December, Fri-Sun, 1:00 pm-4:00 pm. Group tours available by appointment. Grounds are open from Dawn to Dusk.

Conference House Park is a great destination for both nature and history buffs. This 267-acre site features four historic buildings from Staten Island's history. The Conference House, the Billopp House, the Ward House and Rutan-Beckett House all tell of New York's, and America's, past. History surrounds you as you stroll along beautifully kept pathways to the waterfront pavilion. Nearby is the Conference House, name for an unsuccessful Revolutionary War peace attempt. Held between a British delegation and John Adams, Edward Rutledge, and Benjamin Franklin on September 11, 1776, no agreement was reached and the war continued for another seven years. In addition to historic landmarks and breathtaking views, the park also boasts a newly refurbished playground, a Visitors Center, 2.5 miles of beach, paths for hiking and biking, and a “South Pole,” which marks New York's southernmost point.

Fort Wadsworth Visitor Center

Bus S51 from Staten Island Ferry Terminal to the park entrance on Bay Street, Bay Street Exit off the Verrazano Bridge. 718-354-4500

10:00 am - 5:00 pm Wednesdays - Sundays, July and August, Grounds: Dawn to Dusk
www.nps.gov/gate

Discover Fort Tompkins

Only accessible with a ranger-guide, you'll explore little known areas of this historic structure. Learn about coastal fortifications and get a glimpse of fort life in the late 1800's. Wear sturdy footwear.

Freshkills Park

Staten Island

Tours run through November, and are free of charge.

Take a tour of Freshkills Park

At 2,200 acres, Freshkills Park will be almost three times the size of Central Park and the largest park developed in New York City in over 100 years. Sign up on the Parks Department web site to take a tour of this future park with the Urban Park Rangers. Space is limited and reservations are required.

Garibaldi-Meucci Museum-www.garibaldimeuccimuseum.org

420 Tompkins Avenue, S78 or S52 bus from the Ferry. (718) 442-1608, www.garibaldimeuccimuseum.org

Tuesday - Sunday: 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Last Tour is at 4:30 p.m.

The Garibaldi-Meucci Museum is owned by the National Order Sons of Italy Foundation and administered by the New York Grand Lodge Order Sons of Italy in America. This National Landmark is preserved as a memorial to the lives of Antonio Meucci the true inventor of the telephone and Giuseppe Garibaldi, a legendary hero who championed the unification of the Italy. Today the museum offers historical tours, Italian language programs for all levels, school programs for K-12, permanent and temporary exhibitions, lectures and concerts. Additionally, the museum serves as a repository for Italian American Heritage and Culture. Admission \$5 (members are free).

Historic Richmond Town

441 Clarke Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10306, S74 Bus from the Ferry 718-351-1611 www.historicrichmondtown.org

July and August, Wednesday - Saturday: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm, Sun 1:00 pm-5:00 pm.

Open village & outdoor demonstrations; self-guided tour. Historic Richmond Town is New York City's living history village and museum complex. Visitors can explore the diversity of the American experience, through the lives of ordinary people, who struggled, survived and thrived from the colonial period to the present. When you visit you'll discover that Historic Richmond Town rests on over 100 acres and encompasses four sites, include NYC's oldest continuously operating farm. The main village is located in the heart of Richmond County and occupies almost 50 acres featuring over 30 original historic structures, including homes and commercial and civic buildings, as well as a historical museum. We stress "original" because unlike many other museums R-Town is not reconstructed or rebuilt. It's the real thing. Three additional sites include one of the oldest homes in the country, still standing on its original location for almost 350 years, and our 11 acre organic farm. Admission \$8. Adults, \$6 Seniors, \$5:00 Children ages 5-17, Members and Children under 5 are free.

Jacques Marchais Museum of Tibetan Art

338 Lighthouse Avenue - S74 bus from the Ferry, 718.987.3500, www.tibetanmuseum.org
April -November: Open Wednesday through Sunday, 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Founded in 1945, the Jacques Marchais Museum of Tibetan Art was the result of one woman's passion for the ancient art and culture of Tibet. Built into the hillside, the Museum resembles a Himalayan mountain monastery and houses the vast collection of Tibetan artifacts that Jacques Marchais (1887-1948) amassed in her lifetime. When the Tibetan Museum opened, it was the first of its kind in the United States and remains a unique attraction in New York City. Today, the Tibetan Museum features exhibits, a library, workshops, and peaceful gardens that provide visitors with the opportunity to learn, reflect, and relax.

The Noble Maritime Collection

1000 Richmond Terrace (on the Grounds of Snug Harbor), S40 Bus from the Ferry, 718-447-6490, www.noblemaritime.org

Open Thursday - Sunday, 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

The Noble Maritime Collection is a museum and archive located on the grounds of Snug Harbor Cultural Center. The museum celebrates the site's history as a retirement home for sailors

with period rooms, including a typical mariners' dormitory room from 1900. The museum is also dedicated to celebrating the life and work of John A. Noble (1913-83), one of the country's premier maritime artists. His houseboat studio, which he docked in the waters off Staten Island, is a permanent installation. From this floating studio he created hundreds of paintings, lithographs, and drawings, now on display at the museum. The Noble Maritime Collection preserves and celebrates contemporary maritime life and its history. In addition to exhibitions, it has a maritime library, print-making studios, and offers program for adults and school children.

Sandy Ground Historical Society Historical Museum

1538 Woodrow Road - S 74 bus from the Ferry, 718-317-5796

Open Tuesday - Sunday, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

As the oldest continuously inhabited free Black settlement in the United States, Sandy Ground is a place of great historical significance. Founded in the early 19th Century, the community arose from a settlement of free Blacks from New York, Maryland, and Delaware. By harvesting oysters and farming, this fledgling community was able to thrive and became a safe haven on the Underground Railroad. Today, Sandy Ground is home to ten families that are descendents of original settlers. The museum educates and inspires the public with exhibitions, photographs, and art documenting the history of Sandy Ground and African Americans. A visit to Sandy Ground guarantees a lesson in our Nation's history.

The Staten Island Botanical Gardens

1000 Richmond Terrace, Staten Island, NY, S40 Bus from the Ferry 718-448-2500,
<http://www.snug-harbor.org/>

The gardens are open from dawn to dusk daily; please visit the website for specific timings for various gardens.

The Staten Island Botanical Gardens is a real treat for nature lovers. A short ferry ride away from Manhattan, the lush gardens display a splendid variety of flora and fauna. It has numerous gardens which are a mix of Victorian as well as contemporary styles. The Botanical Gardens include the scenic and imposing Chinese Scholars garden, Connie Gretz's Secret Garden, Pond Garden, Butterfly Garden and many more. Educational and guided tours are encouraged.

Staten Island Ferry

The Staten Island Ferry Terminal, Lower Manhattan

Free Rides

More than a means of transportation, the Staten Island Ferry is an attraction unto itself. For no charge, visitors can take a 25-minute voyage by water from Lower Manhattan to Staten Island and take in the Statue of Liberty and the stunning vistas of New York Harbor and the Manhattan skyline. For more info, visit siferry.com.

Snug Harbor Cultural Center-www.snug-harbor.org

1000 Richmond Terrace, 718-448-2500

10:00 am - 5:00 pm, Tuesday - Sunday

Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical Garden, a distinguished Smithsonian Affiliate, is Staten Island's premier destination for culture and entertainment. Set within a stunning 83-acre park-like setting, Snug Harbor presents a unique blend of gardens, museums, theaters, educational opportunities, and seasonal festivals. Snug Harbor's historic grounds and Greek Revival buildings house arts organizations with the area's most vibrant and intriguing activities, providing numerous ways for visitors of all ages and backgrounds to explore. The richness of this captivating environment truly makes Snug Harbor the heart of Staten Island's social life and a must-see destination in the

region. Admission: Adults \$3, Students/Seniors \$2, Children under 12 free.

The Staten Island Children's Museum

1000 Richmond Terrace, Staten Island, NY 10301, 718-273-2060, S40 bus from the Ferry. On the grounds of Snug Harbor Cultural Center, www.StatenIslandKids.org
Tuesday through Sunday 10:00 a.m. - until 5:00 p.m.

The Staten Island Children's Museum appeals to the intrepid explorer in every child. Interactive exhibitions and creative workshops offer plenty of opportunities for hands-on, first hand experiences that nurture children's natural curiosity and creativity. Visits to the museum launch children on a voyage of discovery - about themselves and the world around them. Admission:\$6 for people one year of age and older. Members are admitted free. Grandparents are free on Wednesdays!

The Staten Island Children's Museum

1000 Richmond Terrace, Staten Island, NY 10301, 718-273-2060, On the grounds of Snug Harbor Cultural Center

7:00 pm, every Wednesday from July 6 through August 24

Con-Edison Presents Boogie Woogie Wednesday

Boogie Woogie Wednesdays are back! Come boogie away the night with friends, neighbors and family. Each week, children of all ages get on their feet and dance to the beat of music from around the globe. Come and learn about Salsa, African-American Step, Jive, native dances of India and Irish Step. Every Boogie Woogie Wednesday includes an extra hour to visit the Museum, from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm and a free pizza snack for all before the boogying starts. What a fun way to slip family time into your busy weekday schedule!

Staten Island GoKarts

215 Schmidts lane between LaGuardia Avenue and Manor Road, 718-982-5576, sigokarts.com

Monday - Thursday noon - 10:00 pm; Friday noon - 11:00 pm, Saturday 11:00 am - 11:00 pm; Sunday 11:00 am - 10:00 pm

GoKart Park

This Staten Island establishment claims to be the only gokart spot where you can play a round of putt-putt among the bridges, shrubs, pools and sand traps - then give cruising a whirl. Single cart \$6. double cart \$9. Get coupons online.

Staten Island Museum

75 Stuyvesant Place (a five minute walk from the Ferry), 718-727-1135, www.statenislandmuseum.org

Open Sunday – Friday, 12:00 noon – 5:00 pm. Saturday, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm.

Science, Art, and History – Just Two Blocks from the Ferry. Fossils, paintings and curiosities in jars: These are just some of the marvels that can be found at the Staten Island Museum. Founded in 1881, the Museum is home to more than two million artifacts and specimens from ancient to contemporary periods. This “mini-Smithsonian” is rich with arts, natural sciences and local history. The Museum's extensive art collection has pieces ranging from Ancient Egyptian to Modern works and its extensive Natural Science Collection includes minerals, a “Cabinet of Curiosities,” and examples of native animals. Visitors can also experience the life of the Lenape, the first Staten Islanders. With artifacts dating back 12,000 years, this is the most comprehensive exhibit about the region's Native Americans in New York City. Just two blocks from the Ferry Terminal, artifacts from the iconic Ferry's first 100 years of municipal service are on permanent display. Changing art and history exhibits ensure the Museum is always alive with wall-to-wall excitement.

The Staten Island Zoo

S48 Bus – Ramp C from the Ferry, 718-442-3100, www.StatenIslandZoo.com

The Staten Island Zoo offers a delightful peek into the world of wildlife. Home to endangered Amur Leopards and frolicking fossas, the Zoo provides a safe habitat for some of your favorite

animals. The Children's Zoo recreates a barnyard setting and the new Kids' Korral invites you to pet the animals. The Staten Island Zoo is also home to a headline making weatherman – Chuck the groundhog. With 85% accurate predictions, Chuck is the pride and joy of the Zoo.

The Fear Zone at the Staten Island Zoo - Enter the Snake's Den... If you dare!

Surround yourself in the world of snakes and other reptiles at the Staten Island Zoo's Fear Zone. One of the most modern reptile exhibits in the nation, the 16,000 square foot facility houses 120 species of amphibians, lizards, turtles, alligators and snakes and is home to one of the largest collections of rattlesnakes in the United States. The Fear Zone helps to dispel myths about reptiles, which are important to our environment, through educational and fun exhibits. Admission is \$8.00 for adults (15 and over), \$6.00 for Seniors (60 and over), \$5.00 for children (3-14) and free for children under 3 years of age and for all members. Free admission on Wednesday after 2:00 pm, donations welcome. Parking is free every day.

South Beach

Father Capadanno Blvd. & Sand Lane • 718-816-6804

South Beach is one of Staten Island's most popular attractions. Thousands of people flock to the beach and its boardwalk for events such as free concerts and fireworks sponsored by Borough President Molinaro or simply to enjoy the view. The 1.7 mile boardwalk has been restored, attracting families back to the beach for a pleasant stroll or a weekend festival. Since 1995, \$20 million has been allotted for Boardwalk improvements. At the north end of the Boardwalk, the spectacular Dolphin Fountain is an iconic image for Staten Islanders. The Ocean Breeze Fishing Pier, at 835 feet long, is one of the largest in the city. Opened in 2002, it has become a place where visitors can enjoy fishing and outdoor views. Located at the south end is Freedom Circle, which pays special tribute to the women and men who have fought to defend our freedom over the years. It displays American flags from six important moments in our history as well as educational graphics about each period. A Senior Park features such as checkerboard tables, benches, and bocce courts. Easily accessible to the Boardwalk, the Senior Park at South Beach is a popular destination for enjoying the outdoors.

Midland Beach

Father Capadanno Blvd., • 718-987-0709

Located near South Beach, this beach is the perfect spot for sunbathing and swimming. Children love the Sea Turtle Fountain, a fountain with sprinklers that kids are encouraged to play in and around. A variety of amenities are available including a playground, handball and shuffleboard courts, seasonal concession stands and much more. Midland Beach is also the site of the Back to the Beach Celebrations, which offer fun, food and games for the whole family. Sand castle building, boardwalk vendors, live music and a fireworks show are also featured.

Silver Lake Park

915 Victory Blvd., West Brighton • 718-447-5686

There are 107 acres of park area, an 18-hole public golf course, tennis courts, club-houses, pro shop, lockers, showers, lounge, restaurant, and auto parking. The seventh fairway is open during the winter as a coasting area for children. The road is closed on Sundays and holidays 6am-6pm for bicycling. This major park surrounding twin reservoirs is popular for walking, jogging and picnics.

Clove Lakes Park

Victory Boulevard & Clove Road • 718-390-8000

The park is made up of 110 acres of developed park land and 81 acres of woodland. It contains four ponds, jogging trails, playground, picnic grounds, nature trails, ball fields, model yacht pond, restaurant, bridle paths and an outdoor ice skating rink. Row

boating and fishing are permitted. NYC Parks administration offices are located at 1150 Clove Road.

Great Kills Park & Beach

Great Kills Park • 718-980-6130

This park is home to a beautiful swimming beach with a new bathhouse and snack bar. Also located here are nature trails, great fishing, a marina, a public boat launch, paths for walking and jogging, and playing fields. Great Kills Park is part of Gateway National Recreation Area, National Park Service. Free Parking is available.

Miller Field

Miller Field • 718-351-6970

Once an active airfield in the early days of aviation, became part of Gateway National Recreation Area in 1974. The park includes two post-World War I military aircraft hangers, 64 acres of athletic fields, picnic areas, a community garden and a swamp white oak forest. The park is maintained year-round by the National Park Service.

Fort Wadsworth

Fort Wadsworth • 718-354-4500

Fort Wadsworth was once a linchpin to the defense of New York Harbor for nearly two centuries. Park Rangers lead walks and tours highlighting both the history and the protected natural plant and animal communities at these sites.

High Rock Park

Greenbelt Administration and hiking trails, a visitor center, education building and the Staten Island office of the NYC Urban Park Rangers.

William T. Davis Wildlife Refuge

The refuge consists of 260 acres of woodland and salt marsh devoted to nature study, conservation, and enjoyment of the outdoors. Available are extensive trails and a great variety of birds and small animals. Guided tours are given for school classes by advance reservation only.

Ocean Breeze Fishing Pier

The Ocean Breeze Fishing Pier opened in September 2003. It is 835 feet long and 30 feet wide, making it the largest steel and concrete recreational pier on the Atlantic Ocean built in 100 years in the New York region. Its curved design gives it a wavy marine look reflecting the natural curve of the shoreline and reducing the shading effect conventional piers cast on the waters and fish below. The new Ocean Breeze Fishing Pier opens up added opportunity for deep water-angling where local fisherman can catch striped bass, weakfish and bluefish. The new pier is also available for general public enjoyment of the beach area and observation of the shoreline, wildlife and scenery, and over 160 bronze medallions depicting ocean life have been embedded into the pavement.

St. George Fishing Pier

Just steps away from the Staten Island Ferry, Pier 1 in St. George offers ample opportunity to catch striped bass, bluefish, flounder, porgy and blackfish from the shoreline that feeds into upper New York Bay. The 845-foot-long pier is a component of a larger renaissance of St. George that includes the already opened Richmond County Ball Park and the Staten Island 9/11 Memorial as well as the new Staten Island Ferry terminal.

Lemon Creek Fishing Pier

Thanks to funding from the Borough President's Office, Parks has transformed what was once a dusty road into a fishing pier complete with a beautifully landscaped entranceway, parking area, and cul-de-sac. The Lemon Creek fishing pier, at the foot of Sharrott Avenue, offers the

opportunity to cast a line and catch flounder, striped bass, bluefish, weakfish, and others.

Blue Heron Pond Park

48 Poillon Avenue, Annadale • 718-390-8000

This 147-acre park is home to the blue heron bird, which the park is named for. The park includes a new visitors center, hiking trails, picnic areas, and much more.

Conference House Park

7455 Hylan Boulevard • 718-984-6046

On the southern most tip of Staten Island lies Conference House Park, site of a 1776 peace conference between representatives of the Continental Congress and the Commander of British Forces during the Revolutionary War.

In 1929, the newly formed Conference House Association was granted control of the property, thereby saving the Manor House from destruction. Since taking control of the Manor House and surrounding property, the Conference House Association has restored and maintained the Manor House for visitors to enjoy. Today, the Conference House is now part of a public waterfront park that overlooks Raritan Bay and the New Jersey coast. First built in 1680, it is the only pre-Revolutionary manor house still surviving in New York City and is both a New York City and National Landmark.

Lemon Creek Park

A 105-acre park, Lemon Creek Preserve contains the largest and most pristine salt marsh on Staten Island's south shore. Steep forested slopes rise on either side of the marsh. A freshwater pond, only 100 feet from Raritan Bay, is adjacent to the only purple martin (*Progne subis*) colony in New York City. These gregarious birds nest in apartment-house-style structures maintained by volunteers. The red clay bluffs in the park, reaching 85 feet above Prince's Bay at Mt. Loretto, are part of the harbor hill terminal moraine (a ridge or landform marking the farthest advance of a glacier or ice sheet). A glacier that receded approximately 15,000 years ago created these bluffs, which are the tallest ocean-facing cliffs in New York State. Lemon Creek Park's waterfront area provides a spawning ground for many species of fish and shellfish. The parkland is home to swans, mallard ducks and black ducks, and it serves as a resting point for numerous migratory birds and, in early October, monarch butterflies. The park also harbors the mid-19th-century, Greek Revival-style Seguine Mansion, a stately Greek Revival structure built in 1838 by Joseph H. Seguine whose family made its fortune harvesting Raritan Bay oysters.

Wolfe's Pond Park

Hylan Blvd. & Cornelia, Huguenot • 718-984-8266

20 developed acres and 170 acres of wooded park land. People come for sunbathing, picnicking, comfort, fresh water fishing all year-round (must have a license - daylight hours only) and salt water fishing from October through May. Rest rooms are available.

Bloomingdale Park

Staten Island's newest addition to its vast park inventory, Bloomingdale park provides the first ballfields ever built on parks property south of Richmond Avenue. Most of the 138-acre park was left natural and passive for wildlife. Walking trails have been included for hiking enthusiasts, as well as scenic waterways. A portion of the park has been re-shaped to offer a baseball field, softball field, soccer field, basketball courts and a playground. A comfort station is also part of the amenities included in the new Bloomingdale Park, with stainless steel toilets and a modern ventilation system.

Mt Loretto Preserve

Mt Loretto is a spectacular waterfront property featuring important wildlife habitats and stunning vistas from the highest natural bluffs in New York City. Mt. Loretto includes the

only natural red clay cliff bluffs in the New York City area and contains extensive ecologically rich and diverse habitats including grassland, coastal woodland, freshwater and tidal wetlands, coastal bluffs and shoreline, beach and open water and bay bottom in Raritan Bay. The bay is home to dozens of species of finfish and shellfish, including striped bass, winter flounder, bluefish, and the quahog or hard clam. It also is a major migratory pathway and overwintering area for numerous waterfowl, many of which can be observed in large numbers at Mount Loretto. The tidal wetland habitat serves as a nursery area for fish and crabs, and provides foraging opportunities for fish and wading birds, such as herons, egrets and ibis. The grassland provide a unique and significant habitat for bird species that are suffering a decline in the state, including the savannah sparrow and eastern meadowlark. In 1999, New York State purchased this 194-acre property from the Mission of the Immaculate Virgin, saving it from potential development. Today, nature enthusiasts can take in the natural wonders of Mt. Loretto and observe wildlife in its natural state.

Clay Pit Ponds State Park

83 Nielsen Avenue, Charleston • 718-967-1976

The 260-plus-acre park holds a mixture of swamps, bogs, ponds, sand barrens, mature woodlands and spring fed streams. The abundant water supply supports a plethora of wildlife including many species of birds, reptiles, amphibians, and mammals. Facilities include hiking paths, horse trails and an administration building. Free environmental education programs are offered on Saturday. The park is open year-round. Nature trails are open dawn-dusk.

Golf Courses

1001 Richmond Hill Road, Greenbelt • 718-351-1889

LaTourette Golf Course

There are 455 acres of wooded park land, an 18 hole golf course, driving range, clubhouse with pro shop, restaurant, ski and sleigh hills and lockers. Free parking available.

200 Huguenot Avenue, Huguenot • 718-984-0101

South Shore Golf Course

A beautiful 18-hole public golf course equipped with driving range, lockers, restaurant and lounge.

915 Victory Blvd • 718-447-5686

Silver Lake Golf Course

A well manicured 18 hole golf course located within a tight wooded area that includes several sloping, tight fairways and two water hazards that come into play.

Tennis Courts

718-816-9723

Silver Lake Park

718-442-9696

50 Bard Ave., West Brighton

Walker Park

718-698-2186

Richmond Ave. & Eaton Pl.

Willowbrook Park

718-984-8266

Cornelia Ave. off Hylan Blvd.

Wolfe's Pond Park