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## A WALK IN THE PARK - KNOWN AND UNKNOWN CENTRAL PARK



## LEGEND

### Tour Path

Walk Length - 3 km

Starting Point - Vaux and Olmsted Buildings - W97th St at Central Park West  
Nearest Subway - 96th Street (Lines B, C)

- 1 Vaux and Olmsted apartment buildings
- 2 Park Navigation
- 3 Seneca Village
- 4 Shakespeare Garden
- 5 Swedish Cottage
- 6 The Ramble
- 7 Bethesda Terrace
- 8 Strawberry Fields

Ending Point - Strawberry Fields - W72nd Street at Central Park West  
Nearest Subway - 72nd Street (Lines B, C)

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### Directions

Start at the South West corner of Central Park West and 97th Street. Look north across the road to the two large apartment buildings 1

Turn around and walk one block South to 96th Street. Cross the road and stop at the entrance to the park 2

Walk straight into the park and take the first path to your right. Continue South along that path with West Drive to your left. Keep checking the numbers on the lamp posts – the first two numbers should be getting smaller the further down you go. Keep going until you reach what would be 85th Street where the path curves right, away from the West Drive – A children's play area should be to your right. Stop at the fork in the path and turn around to look at the green placard 3

Take the left fork in the path and cross West Drive, continuing along the path with West Drive now on your right. Here you should come to a sign telling you that you are entering the Great Lawn. When the path forks stay right, keeping West Drive to your right and the sports fields to your left. Walk past the turn off for Winterdale Arch to your right and at the next fork stay left. Just past the public toilets and the Delacorte Theatre, which should be on your left, you will see the entrance to the Shakespeare garden signposted. Go up the steps – You will see Belvedere Castle on your left – and down the steps at the opposite side. Stop by the second cobbled path that leads into the garden itself. You should see a rose bush and a placard with an inscription from Romeo and Juliet 4

Walk into and through the garden and exit at the south end. Stop in front of the wooden cottage which is directly in front of the gardens Southern entrance 5

Continue past the cottage, keeping it on your right, and turn left onto West Drive. Walk along West Drive until you get to lamppost that says 7801 on the right hand side of the drive. Turn left onto the path opposite 6

*This part of the walk takes you through 'The Ramble', an area of the park designed deliberately to feel like an unstructured wilderness. There are many possible paths through the Ramble, the one below is just a suggestion. Getting lost is part of the fun here. And if you do get stuck there are always plenty of people to ask for directions towards Bow Bridge, although you'll often find that they were just about to ask you the same thing.*

Keep right as the path forks and go right again – there will be a lamppost marked 7731 at the second right. Keep following the path round and you will see the Lake on your right. Stay on the same path, which takes you past a map of the Ramble on your left and through the 'Ramble Arch'. Once through the arch, go right and up the steps. Continue to your left and then turn right – there will be a lamppost marked 7635 at this point. Go down steps, over the small metal bridge and follow the path round to your right with the lake still on your right. Stay on this path for another 300m and you will come out onto Bow Bridge. Cross the bridge and keep going straight until you come to Bethesda Terrace. Walk around the fountain to face the statue at its centre 7

Turn around and walk up steps. At the top turn right and walk along Terrace Drive. When you get to a statue of Daniel Webster, cross the road and take the small path that branches slightly to your right which should be marked 'Strawberry Fields'. Continue straight along that path until you reach the large circular mosaic on the ground 8

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