

## PROSPECT PARK

Prospect Park is one of Brooklyn's most treasured destinations and a national landmark. The Prospect Park Alliance is a nonprofit organization founded in 1987 to restore and maintain Prospect Park after a long period of steady deterioration and decline. The Alliance preserves the natural environment, restores historic design and provides public programs and amenities for the Park, which receives more than 10 million visits each year. The Alliance plays a significant role in funding the operating budget that keeps the Park clean, safe and beautiful, and employs three-quarters of the staff that take care of the Park and engage its diverse surrounding communities. Today, Prospect Park is an international model for urban parks, and one of the premier green spaces in the United States.

## FACTS ABOUT PROSPECT PARK

- Prospect Park opened to the public on October 19, 1867
- Designed by acclaimed landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted and architect Calvert Vaux, the team also behind Central Park and other major US urban parks.
- The Park is nearly entirely manmade
- Prospect Park is 585 acres of scenic trails, streams, meadows and waterways
- The 90-acre Long Meadow is nearly one-mile long, and the longest stretch of unbroken meadow in any U.S. urban park
- The Park's 250 acres of woodlands are the largest tract of forest remaining in Brooklyn
- There are over 30,000 trees in the Park, some of which are centuries old.
- The Park has 11 historic bridges
- The Park receives 10 million visits each year
- Brooklyn has the least amount of green space per resident of any NYC borough

## FACTS ABOUT THE ALLIANCE

- Cares for the Park's 30,000 trees, plants and shrubs
- Provides 1,800 hours of lawn care annually
- Helps to remove 75 tons of litter annually
- Offers more than 800 education and public programs annually to 75,000 visitors, including popular programs like Pop-Up Audubon and Lefferts Historic House
- Stewards more than 22,500 volunteer hours of service to the Park
- Engages more than 375,000 youth and adults through recreation programs