

New York – Central Park

Orange Line 4, after Unit 1

In Unit 1 you learned about the attractions in New York City. There has been a beautiful public park in the middle of Manhattan for over one hundred years. With lakes, theaters, sports fields and playgrounds Central Park is one of the most popular places in NYC. In this Webunit you will discover why!



Belvedere Castle, Central Park

Pre-net activity

Read the clues and name the attractions in New York City.

1. France gave it to the US as a present. It is a symbol of freedom _____
2. In this part of the city there are many Chinese immigrants _____
3. Two skyscrapers which terrorists destroyed in 2001. _____
4. Immigrants had to stay here before they could enter the US. _____
5. The first public park in the US. _____

Net-use activities

1 <http://www.centralpark.com/>

1. Look at the 'latest photo'. What does it show?

'General Info' → 'FAQ'

2. There are lots of numbers on this page. Scan the text. Then explain what the numbers mean.

1 am – 6 am _____

1857 _____

843 acres _____

21 _____

35 million _____

2 🖱️ 'Maps' → 'Central Park Running Map' → 🖱️ 'free downloadable map' → 🖱️ 'here'

1. Make the map bigger. How far north and south does the park go? (Give street numbers.)

2. How many lakes and ponds are there?

3. What is the name of the biggest lake?

4. How many streets are there from the north to south end of it?

5. Name two places you can visit in Central Park.

3 🖱️ 'Activities'

1. Scan the text. Which of these activities can you do at Central Park?

go to a concert • play baseball • meet Shakespeare • go to the zoo •
 watch a play outside • go on a walk • skate on the sports fields

2. Choose an activity and click on it. Make a few notes about the activity (where + when can you do it? / is there anything special?).

4 🖱️ 'Attractions' → 🖱️ 'Belvedere Castle'

Read the information and circle the correct answers.

Belvedere Castle means *biggest view* / *beautiful view* / *oldest view*. It is more than 130 / 180 / 200 years old. From the top you can see *in every direction* / *the Green Lawn* / *Vista Rock*. The castle is *at the north end* / *in the middle* / *at the south end* of the park on *Turtle Pond (Teich)* / *Delacorte Theatre* / *Vista Rock*. Inside you can learn about *activities in the park* / *life in Turtle Pond* / *scientists' work*. It is also a good place for people who love watching *birds* / *fish* / *plays*. If you want to know the *time* / *temperature* / *opening hours* in Central Park, go ask at the weather station in Belvedere Castle. But be sure to leave by *3pm* / *4pm* / *5pm*!

Post-net activities

Create your own city park. How big is it? What attractions can you see there? What activities can you do in the winter? What activities can you do in the summer? Draw your park on a poster and present it to your class.

Or

Write a paragraph about one of your top ten places to visit. Where is it? What can you do or see there? Why is it one of your favourite places?

Now you can ...

- ✓ ... scan a website for information.
- ✓ ... reproduce given information in your own words.
- ✓ ... find information about the sights in Central Park.

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