

# GO FEST NYC

## DIGITAL CONCIERGE

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Randall's Island Park, New York City, USA



## WELCOME TO NY!

There's a reason why Gen 5's Unova takes inspiration from NYC - there's so much to do, see, eat and experience! Now, the best spots in the city are at your fingertips with this interactive, mobile friendly guide! Wherever a link is provided, click to get more info!

Thank you again to all the contributors who helped made this guide happen!!

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# NYC GO FEST: PARK EXPERIENCE MAP



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# NYC GO FEST 2023 GUIDE



## INTRODUCTION

Randall's Island is an island located in the East River of New York City. It is situated between the boroughs of Manhattan, Queens, and the Bronx. There are a number of ways ticket holding Trainers can enter the island.

## TRANSPORTATION

Go Fest NYC will have two entrances:

- » North: Adjacent to the Bronx Shore Fields near the RFK Manhattan Pedestrian access / 133rd Street drop-off point.
- » South: Located between the Salt Marsh and the Harlem River Event Area

**NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO PARKING DURING THE EVENT!**

Dedicated areas for rideshare drop-offs and pick-ups with access to pedestrian bridges information will be announced as the event approaches. Stay updated by visiting [gofest.pokemongolive.com/nyc/event-features?hl=en#plan-trip](https://gofest.pokemongolive.com/nyc/event-features?hl=en#plan-trip)

### Public Transportation

The recommended method of getting to the island is subway + bus (MTA).

» By MTA **4 5 6**

Take the 4, 5, or 6 subway train to the 125th Street stop.

From 125 St, take the M35 Bus from 125th Street / Lexington Avenue to Randall's Island Park. Both the subway and M35 will incur a fare fee.

**Pro Tip:** You can connect for FREE from subway to local bus (or bus to subway) within two hours of first payment via MetroCard or contactless card (you must use the same MetroCard or payment card for the discount to apply).

**Pro Tip:** For NYC buses, exact fare must be tendered in coins if paying in cash (the machines on board cannot accept bills).

Keep reading for other methods of getting to the park. →



# TRANSPORTATION (CONT.)

## » By WALKING (~15 minutes)

It is possible to walk onto the island by first getting to 125 St in Manhattan (take the 4, 5, or 6 subway line) and walking EAST. You can use the walkway along the RFK Triborough Bridge running between 125th Street and 2nd Avenue and the northwestern section of Randall's Island Park. The ramp on this walkway is ADA accessible.

## » By FERRY

Ferries will depart from and return to the East 35th Street Ferry Landing located at the intersection of East 35th Street and FDR Drive. They will travel to and from Randall's Island all weekend long, running from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. daily. Tickets are first-come, first-served, and must be purchased prior to boarding.

Purchase tickets using the link below:

<https://gofestferry2023.seetickets.com/event/go-fest-ferry-2023/randall-s-island-park/2719574>

## » By BIKING (Not Recommended)

It is possible to bike onto the island. Bike parking is south of the RFK Bridge Pedestrian Walkway, near the ferry landing on Randall's Island. However, bike parking is not guaranteed. As such, we recommend using MTA or other methods detailed.

## DRIVING TO THE PARK BY CAR? (Not Recommended)

It is better to take a rideshare if you cannot use any of the transportation methods above.

Remember, there will be **NO PARKING** available on Randall's Island during the event. See below for a list of some nearby parking garages.

### Parking Garages in Manhattan near 125th Bridge:

E-Z Park East: 127th st and Park Ave

East End Parking Corp: 125th between 2nd & 3rd

Champion 126: 162E 126th St, New York, NY 10035

For a more complete list of parking garages near 125th Street, visit:

<https://gofest.pokemongolive.com/nyc/event-features?hl=en#plan-trip>

# NYC GO FEST: FEATURED POKÉMON



## MYTHICAL

### Special Research



Diancie and Mega Diancie will debut for Ticket Holders at Go Fest events in London, Osaka and NYC!

Mega Diancie will also be made available to ticket-holding Trainers during Global Go Fest 2023!

### Mega Rayquaza Raids



A newly-discovered item in PoGo, **Meteorites**, can be obtained during the event. Unlock the Charged Move **Dragon Ascent** by giving Rayquaza a Meteorite.

Rayquaza must learn **Dragon Ascent** before it can Mega Evolve using Rayquaza Mega Energy.

## LEGENDARY

### 5\* Event Raids



**Pro Tip:** Ticket Holders receive nine daily Raid Passes! For even more Raid Passes, you can purchase the Raid Lover add-on and increase the number of free daily Raid Passes you can use during the event to up to 18 per day! Ticket add-ons are active for all three days of Pokémon GO Fest 2023: New York City. Also, catching a Legendary Pokémon after a raid during the event may also award that Pokémon a NYC-themed Location Card!

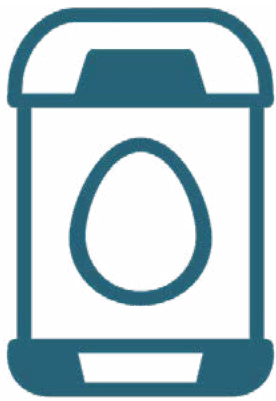


# TICKET HOLDER BONUSES



All Ticket Holders will receive these exclusive bonuses and rewards between 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM, anywhere in New York City on their ticketed day!

You can make the most of your event day with add-ons! Check out the Raid Lover, Egg-thusiast, and City-wide Gameplay add-ons at <https://gofest.pokemongolive.com/nyc/tickets?hl=en#addons!>



**Halved Hatch Distance for Eggs placed in Incubators during the event**



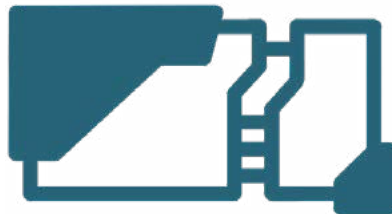
**Up to 6 Special Trades during the day of your ticket within NYC**



**1.5x Hatch Stardust & Reduced Stardust cost for Trades**



**1.5x Hatch Candy & 2x Catch Candy**



**Up to 9 free Raid Passes from spinning Photo Discs at Gyms**



**2x friendship bonus damage in raids**

# WHERE TO PLAY (CITY EXPERIENCE)



The question we get asked most often is where are the best spots to play in Manhattan. These are some of our community faves! But don't limit yourself to these areas! Explore the other boroughs too if you have time!

As always, be safe, and have fun, Trainers!

## BRYANT PARK (BP)

40 St - 42 St (b/t 5th Ave and 6th Ave)

If you don't mind crowds and/or want to see actual PoGo players IRL, this is the spot to be due to constantly lit lures and loads of spawns! Also home to one of the city's best public restrooms!



## CENTRAL PARK

59 St - 110 St (b/t 5th Ave & 8th Ave)

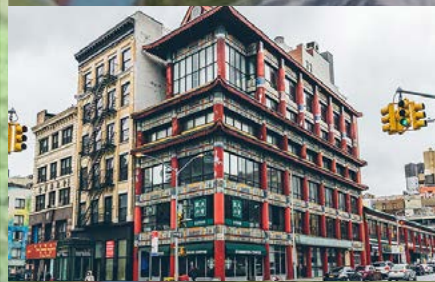
The most visited public park in the U.S. More natural surroundings but not as many spawn points as BP.



## CHINATOWN / LITTLE ITALY

Roughly Worth St to Broome St (b/t about Broadway & Essex St)

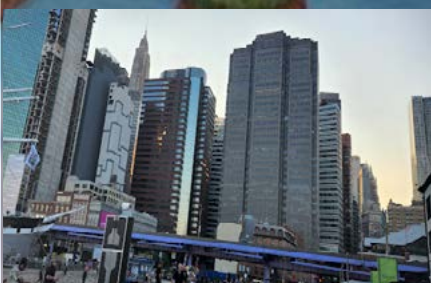
Catch 'em all and enjoy some of the best dimsum, bubble tea, Italian-American eats & mini-parks!



## FIDI/SOUTH ST SEAPORT (CASTELIA CITY VIBES)

Roughly Worth St to Broome St (b/t about West St & Pier 17/FDR Dr.)

An ever-changing area, it's home to the Oculus, One World Trade Center, the Tin Building, ferry services + more!



## HERALD SQUARE / K-TOWN

32 St - 35 St (b/t 5th Ave & 7th Ave)

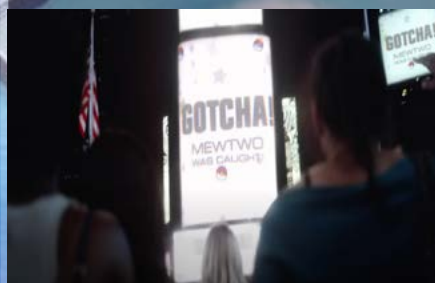
Whether you want to shop @ the flagship Macy's, eat Korean BBQ/fried chicken, or sit and chat at a lively cafe, this area has something for you!



## TIMES SQUARE

Roughly 40 St - 48 St (b/t 5th Ave & 8th Ave)

You might recall the magically epic Mewtwo raid adverts inspired by the Times Square lights and e-billboards! Create your own PoGo memories by completing a raid here!





# FOOD & DINING



NYC is a melting pot of culture and provides a wide selection of delectable gastronomic options for those willing to look for it! Grab some chow at these local favorites!

Note: In the interest of space, only a small selection of recommendations are listed here. Check out our spreadsheet here for more suggestions - <https://tinyurl.com/yut26tzr>

## BRITISH FARE

In honor of London Go Fest, here's a taste of the UK in NYC

- » **The Clocktower (<https://theclocktowernyc.com/>) \$\$\$**  
High-end, former Michelin star winner. Reservations recommended.
- » **Jones Wood Foundry (<https://joneswoodfoundry.com/>) \$\$**  
Classic pub food & a big draft beer selection.
- » **Tea & Sympathy (<https://teaandsympathy.com/>) \$\$-\$\$\$**  
British comfort food & afternoon tea since 1990. Reservations required.



## PIZZA

New York is renown for its pizza! Enjoying a slice (or entire pie - no one will judge) at one of these pizza places will make you say "Cowabunga" -- or at least turn the average Ninja Turtle green with envy!

- » **Any Dollar Slice Place \$**  
If it's your first time in NYC, hunt down a cheap slice for the experience!
- » **Champion Pizza (<https://championpizzanyc.com/>) \$**  
Thin-crust pizzas in wood-accented digs.
- » **Patsy's Pizzeria (<https://patsyspizzeria.us/>) \$\$**  
Brick-oven pies, pasta & calzones since 1933. Reservations recommended.
- » **Two Boots (<https://twoboots.com/>) \$-\$\$**  
Cornmeal-crustured pizzas with Cajun toppings + kid-friendly spaces.
- » **Artichoke Basille's Pizza (<https://artichokepizza.com/>) \$\$**  
Signature artichoke slice, but other slices are good too. \$15 card min.



# FOOD & DINING (CONT.)

## ASIAN CUISINE

Three cheers for Go Fest and Go City Safari in Asia!

- » **House of Joy** (<https://goo.gl/maps/4hNhDnBXHH5bhJtn9>) \$\$  
Authentic push-cart dimsum - be prepared to wait on a queue
- » **K'OOK** (<https://restaurantkook.com/>) \$\$  
Contemporary Korean dishes in a cozy environment
- » **Nakamura** (<https://nakamuranyc.com>) \$\$  
Ramen prepared by a top Japanese chef by the Williamsburg Bridge.
- » **Pho Grand** (<https://goo.gl/maps/9hH1vG4jNVTU8qV57>) \$-\$\$  
Hearty bowls of Vietnamese noodle soups & more
- » **Lao Ma Spicy** (<https://laomaspicyny.com/>) \$\$  
Large stand-alone restaurant known for spicy noodles and Ma La soups
- » **XO Taste** (<https://xotasty.com>) \$-\$\$  
Classic Cantonese + pan-Asian dishes. Try the fried Japanese dumplings
- » **Woorijip** (<https://woorijip32.com/menu>) \$-\$\$  
No frills prepared bento and buffet style food. Crowded during peak hours

## FAST CASUAL (NON-PIZZA)

Pizza isn't for everyone... maybe you'd like a burger and a shake instead?  
Also, would you like fries with that?

- » **Black Iron Burger** (<https://blackironburger.com/locations/>) \$\$  
Gourmet, specialty burgers + craft beer on tap
- » **Schnipper's** (<https://schnippers.com/>) \$\$  
American classics like burgers/fries/sandwiches/shakes done well
- » **Shake Shack** (<https://shakeshack.com>) \$\$  
This burgers and shakes chain started in NYC and spread worldwide

# FOOD & DINING (CONT.)

## VEGAN / VEGETARIAN

Creative dining for non-meat eaters.

- » Buddha Bodai (<https://goo.gl/maps/rygoeQE7hEtNrcDT9>) \$\$  
Kosher, vegetarian/vegan-friendly dim sum
- » Cadence (<https://overthrowhospitality.com/venues/cadence>) \$\$  
Southern-style cuisine, helmed by a James Beard Award nominee
- » Jerrell's BETR BRGR - SOHO (<https://jerrellsbetrbrgr.com/>) \$\$  
Open late burger joint - try their O.G.
- » Guevara's (<https://guevaras.com/>) \$-\$\$  
Vegan, Latin American pastries, coffee & nosh + a Barbie-pink ambiance
- » Spicy Moon (<https://spicymoonnyc.com/>) \$\$  
Vegetarian Szechuan with a modern nod! Try the General Tso's Mushroom

## SWEET TOOTH / DESSERT PLACES

Satiate those sugar urges with these top of the city picks!

- » Economy Candy (<https://economycandy.com/>) \$-\$\$  
Must-see floor-to-ceiling 'candy, dried fruit, and more shop' -- since 1937
- » Grace Street (<https://bygracestreet.com/>) \$-\$\$  
Korean coffeehouse offering Asian-American desserts and drinks
- » Li-Lac Chocolates (<https://li-lacchocolates.com/>) \$\$  
Manhattan's oldest chocolate house- small batch and high-quality
- » M&M'S New York (<https://tinyurl.com/h57ck3h7>) \$\$  
Iconic Times Square interactive shop for M&M's candy and merch
- » Sweet House (<https://goo.gl/maps/xPJz8vFPsc3zJujq7>) \$-\$\$  
Hong Kong/Cantonese desserts + drinks (many vegan-friendly) await
- » Teado Tea Shop (<https://goo.gl/maps/2hFSUDRR9HkTCVh3A>) \$-\$\$  
Bubble tea made with ❤️; service is next-level, but expect a long queue

# SHOPPING



The city is a mecca for shoppers - these pages include a modest subset of the community's uniquely New York faves.

## BOOKSTORES

<b>Book Club</b>	<b>A bookstore with a bar - holds many events, also dog friendly</b>	<a href="https://bookclubbar.com/">https://bookclubbar.com/</a>
<b>Strand</b>	<b>Famed 95-year-old bookseller</b>	<a href="https://strandbooks.com/">https://strandbooks.com/</a>
<b>Drama Book Shop</b>	<b>Tremendous spiraling books sculpture inside as well as a cute cafe</b>	<a href="https://dramabookshop.com/">https://dramabookshop.com/</a>
<b>Albertine</b>	<b>Inside the Payne Whitney mansion has stunning art and lots of French literature</b>	<a href="https://albertine.com/">https://albertine.com/</a>
<b>Strand Book Store</b>	<b>Largest independent book store known for its 18 miles of book!</b>	<a href="https://strandbooks.com/">https://strandbooks.com/</a>
<b>Sweet Pickle Books</b>	<b>An eclectic used book shop that is also a pickle shop</b>	<a href="https://sweetpicklebooks.com">https://sweetpicklebooks.com</a>
<b>Kinokuniya</b>	<b>Popular Japanese bookstore - manga, collectibles, stationary, etc.</b>	<a href="https://usa.kinokuniya.com/">https://usa.kinokuniya.com/</a>



## CONVENIENCE STORES / SUPERMARKETS

<b>Duane Reade</b>	<b>A 63 year history makes this chain one of Manhattan's oldest convenience stores before Walgreen's acquired it in 2010</b>	Numerous - consult Google Maps for the location nearest you.
<b>Daiso</b>	<b>Japanese goods chain store that has made it over to the US</b>	<a href="https://daisous.com">https://daisous.com</a>
<b>HMart</b>	<b>Korean-American supermarket chain</b>	<a href="https://hmart.com/ourstores">https://hmart.com/ourstores</a>

# SHOPPING (CONT.)

## DEPARTMENT STORES

<b>Macy's Herald Square</b>	<b>The largest department store in the US -- founded 1858</b>	<a href="https://l.macys.com/new-york-ny">https://l.macys.com/new-york-ny</a>
<b>Pearl River Mart</b>	<b>3 floors of Asian apparel, accessories, food, housewares &amp; furniture</b>	<a href="https://pearlriver.com/">https://pearlriver.com/</a>
<b>Bloomingdale's</b>	<b>Luxury department store chain with NYC roots -- in business since 1861</b>	<a href="https://bloomingdales.com/">https://bloomingdales.com/</a>



## GIFTSHOPS/SOUVENIRS

<b>Nintendo NY</b>	<b>Video games + Collectibles for Animal Crossing, Pokémon, Zelda + more</b>	<a href="https://nintendonyc.com/">https://nintendonyc.com/</a>
<b>Elizabeth Center</b>	<b>A small mall in Chinatown where you can support small business owners</b>	13 Elizabeth St New York, NY 10013
<b>The Shop at NBC Studios</b>	<b>Bustling gift shop in Rockefeller Center near Nintendo NY for current NBC programs merch</b>	30 Rockefeller Plaza New York, NY 10112
<b>Niconeco Zakkaya</b>	<b>Japanese stationary store for postcards, washi tape, notepads, stickers + more</b>	<a href="https://niconeco.com/">https://niconeco.com/</a>
<b>Random Accessories</b>	<b>Small shop with fun gifts: puzzles, games, toys, books, jewelry and more</b>	<a href="https://randomaccessoriesnyc.com/">https://randomaccessoriesnyc.com/</a>
<b>Greenwich Letterpress</b>	<b>Shop eye-candy, colorful greeting cards, stickers, and stationary</b>	<a href="https://greenwichletterpress.com/">https://greenwichletterpress.com/</a>
<b>DaShop NYC</b>	<b>Shop Pokémon cards, other TCGs, toys, and anime merch</b>	8 Elizabeth St New York, NY 10013

# SIGHTSEEING



If it's your first time in the Big Apple, but you don't have a full itinerary yet, here are some tourist-approved places you might enjoy visiting! Also, check out our guide on Where to Play (page 8) for more ideas on places to experience!

## THE HIGH LINE

Gansevoort St. to 34th St

The High Line is a free, public park built on a 1.45-mile-long elevated rail structure on Manhattan's West Side. Nature, architecture, art, and design blend as you explore the park's unique path.



## STATUE OF LIBERTY

Liberty Island in New York Harbor

You can book a ferry ride to the Island for a fee. Or if you just want to take photos with Lady Liberty in the background, ride the Staten Island Ferry for free - but be quick, the ferry passes the Statue fairly quickly!



## ONE WORLD OBSERVATORY

117 West St  
New York, NY 10007

New York is resilient and built the One World skyscraper in downtown after 9/11. For a somewhat hefty fee, visitors can obtain views of the city on the upper 100th - 102nd floors.



## FLUSHING MEADOWS CORONA PARK

Grand Central Pkwy, Van Wyck Exwy, Queens

The former site of the 1964 World's Fair - this sprawling park is a great place to visit if you find yourself in the borough of Queens.



## THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART

1000 5th Ave  
New York, NY 10028

Called "the Met" by locals, it is the largest art museum in the Americas. Traverse the world, across 5,000 years of history - through almost 500k works of art.



## BROOKLYN BRIDGE

Tillary Street and Boerum Place (Brooklyn side) / Centre St. - across from City Hall (Manhattan side)

This long, walkable bridge inspired the Skyarrow Bridge in Unova! Enjoy breathtaking views of the city as you cross.



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## THANK YOU!

A very special Thank You again to all the participants below who contributed their top picks to help out Trainers visiting during Go Fest 2023! Your passion for NYC kept this project moving forward!

If you contributed, but do not see your name here, or contributed anonymously and would now like to be listed publicly, please DM EarthDragon, and we will sort it out!

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