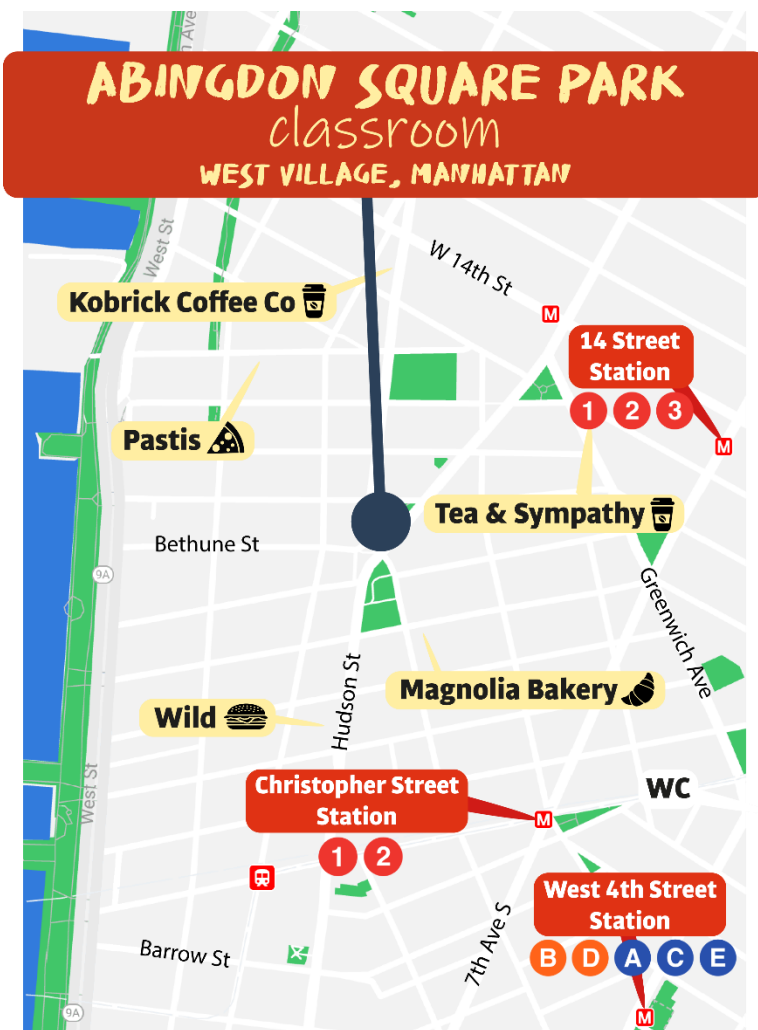


## BSL CLASSROOM LOCATION GUIDE ABINGDON SQUARE

### A BIT OF HISTORY FIRST!

Abingdon Square Park is one of New York City's oldest parks, and at 0.25 acres (1,000 m<sup>2</sup>), one of its smallest. Abingdon Square Park shares its lineage with some of Greenwich Village's earliest European landowners and social figures. It was named for a prominent eighteenth-century area resident, Charlotte Warren, who married Englishman Willoughby Bertie, the 4th Earl of Abingdon and received the land as a wedding gift from her father. Although most British place names in Manhattan were altered after the Revolutionary War, Abingdon Square retained its name due to the well-known patriotic sympathies of Charlotte and the Earl.

The park is today maintained by the Abingdon Square Alliance, a community group that works in cooperation with the Department of Parks & Recreation. The park is still a vibrant center of neighborhood life with their Saturday greenmarket that has been bringing local farmers and purveyors to the West Village since 1994.



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## THE BARE ESSENTIALS

\*\*Find these on the map on page 1

### Morning coffee

- Tea & Sympathy\*\*
- Starbucks Reserve Roastery
- Joe's Coffee
- Kobrick Coffee Co\*\*

### Lunch options

- White Horse Tavern
- Pastis\*\*
- The Butcher's Daughter
- Wild\*\*
- Corner Bistro
- Extra Virgin
- Pommes Frites

### Something sweet!

- Magnolia's Bakery\*\*
- Van Leeuwens Ice Cream

### Grocery stores & pharmacies

- CVS Pharmacy
- Duane Reade

### Nearest subway stations and lines

- Christopher st. station (lines 1, 2) 7 min walk
- West 4th st. station (lines A, B, C, D, E) 11 min walk
- 14 st. station (lines 1, 2, 3) 5 min walk

### Nearest public restrooms

- Washington Square Park (12 min walk)

## PLACES TO VISIT NEARBY

### Less than a mile (0-10 mins walk)

- Washington Square Park
- West Village
- The Highline
- Meatpacking District
- Chelsea

### A little bit further (1 mile – 20 min walk)

- The Flat-Iron building
- Soho
- Chinatown
- East Village

## 7 COOL THINGS TO DO AFTER YOUR ENGLISH CLASS

1. Abingdon Square is located right in the heart of the West Village, so spend one afternoon walking the quaint streets of this lovely neighborhood. Just make sure you find time to stop off at Magnolia's bakery for an afternoon cupcake at some point!
2. Walk westwards for a few minutes until you reach Washington Square Park. Stroll through the park slowly - there is a lot to see. People watching is a favorite! Then head south until you reach Soho for some afternoon shopping. You could have an early dinner in nearby Lolita, Little Italy or Chinatown.
3. Head north up 5th avenue until you reach the Flat Iron building. On your way up, check out the Strand bookstore, New York's most famous independent bookstore, and Gramercy Park, which is the only private park in the city. It's nice to walk around the square though!
4. Walk north for a few minutes until you reach the meatpacking district. You could spend a while wandering this popular neighborhood, before visiting the Whitney Museum of American Art and then walking the Highline. End your day by seeing the sun go down from the top of 'the Vessel', one of New York's newest attractions.
5. Walk westwards until you reach the Hudson River. From here, you can walk on the Hudson River Greenway until you reach Pier 26, the newest of the Piers that have been redeveloped along this stretch of the Hudson. Rest for a few minutes on one of the cool sun loungers in the park, before continuing onto Battery Park.
6. Head north up 8th avenue passing through the famous Manhattan neighborhood of Chelsea, until you reach 34th street. Then walk to the new Hudson Yards development. Here you can check out the new shopping center and also walk 'up' the vessel. Then walk the Highline south (it takes about an hour).
7. Walk eastwards for about 1.5 miles until you reach the East Village. This is a great neighborhood to wander around for the afternoon. Don't forget to check out St Marks Place, which is really the main street of this neighborhood.

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