

BSL CLASSROOM LOCATION GUIDE BOSQUE GARDENS, BATTERY PARK

A BIT OF HISTORY FIRST!

The area was originally occupied by the Lenape Native Americans. Dutch settlers populated the area as part of the settlement of New Amsterdam in the early 17th century.

The park and surrounding area is named for the artillery batteries that were built in the late 17th century to protect the settlement behind them. By the 1820s, the Battery had become an entertainment destination, with the conversion of Castle Clinton into a theater venue. During the mid-19th century, the modern-day Battery Park was constructed and Castle Clinton was converted into an immigration and customs center. The Battery was commonly known as the landing point for immigrants to New York City until 1890.

The surrounding area, known as South Ferry, contains multiple ferry terminals, including the Staten Island Ferry's, Whitehall Terminal; a boat launch to the Statue of Liberty National Monument (which includes Ellis Island and Liberty Island); and a boat launch to Governors Island.

The Battery Bosque (Spanish for a "grove of trees"), is a 4-acre landscaped garden, which opened in 2005. It was designed by Dutch landscape architect Piet Oudolf and is centered around a grove of 140 plane trees. The gardens host 34,000 perennial plants and 70,000 bulbs, in addition to 1,500 linear feet of serpentine benches. Designed to trigger an emotional response to beauty, the Bosque is a series of densely planted romantic garden "rooms," joined by meandering soft-surface paths.



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THE BARE ESSENTIALS

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

Morning coffee

- Starbucks**
- Gregory's Coffee**
- Inatteso Cafe
- Blue Bottle Coffee

Lunch options

- Tacombi (tacos)**
- Joe & The Juice
- Pret a Manger (Broadway)
- Miramar (At the south cove)**

Something sweet!

- Van Leeuwen Ice Cream

Grocery stores & pharmacies

- Battery Place Market
- Duane Reade pharmacy (broad st) and Broadway

Nearest subway stations and lines

- Bowling Green (4, 5 lines) 2 mins walk
- Wall Street (2, 3 lines) 8 min walk
- South Ferry (1 line) 2 mins walk
- Whitehall Street (R line) 2 mins walk

Nearest public restrooms

- Staten Island ferry terminal (5 mins walk)
- Statue of Liberty & Ellis Island ferry (5 mins walk)

PLACES TO VISIT NEARBY

Less than a mile (0-10 mins walk)

- Staten Island ferry
- Wall Street & the NY Stock Exchange
- The Charging Bull & The Fearless Girl

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

- 911 Memorial & Museum
- The Observatory at No 1 World Trade Center
- South Street Seaport
- The Brooklyn Bridge

7 COOL THINGS TO DO AFTER YOUR ENGLISH CLASS

1. Take the Staten Island ferry (it's free!) from the Whitehall terminal (next to Battery Park). Once you arrive in Staten Island, walk back around and take the return ferry. The ferry ride is great for views of New York and the Statue of Liberty.
2. Walk North to the Brooklyn Bridge, and then walk across New York's most famous and best loved bridge. On arrival in Brooklyn, walk down Washington Street to take great photos of the Manhattan Bridge (one of the most instagrammable shots in NYC!). Then walk along the newly developed waterfront in Dumbo. End your day with a burger and fries at Shake Shack in Dumbo!
3. Walk the full length of Battery park alongside the Hudson River. Then head eastwards into Tribeca and explore the cobbled streets and large lofts of this uber trendy Manhattan neighborhood. End your day by walking back out onto the West side onto Pier 26, New York's newest park.
4. Take the ferry to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. Get off at Liberty Island, and walk around the island taking in views of the Statue of Manhattan. Then hop back on the ferry and head over to Ellis Island. This is one of New York's best museums, so you will need a few hours here, but it's definitely worth it.
5. Take the R train from Whitehall street heading up town to Canal street station. Check out the bustling food markets of Chinatown, eat Pan-Fried Pork Dumplings at the Dim Sum Parlor, and then wander through Little Italy towards Nolita. End your day in Soho at Fanelli's, one of New York's oldest pubs.
6. Walk through Battery Park to take the 4 or 5 express train at Bowling Green station heading uptown to Grand Central train terminal. Enjoy this iconic building from the middle of the main hall by the clock, and then have lunch downstairs in the GC market. After you have checked out the 'whispering gallery', head towards 5th avenue for a stroll along this famous NY street.
7. Walk to the Pier 11/Wall Street terminal and take the East River ferry to Dumbo. Then head up towards Brooklyn Heights. Once you reach the promenade, take some time to take in the amazing view of Manhattan from here, before spending the afternoon wandering through the streets of this gorgeous neighborhood.

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