

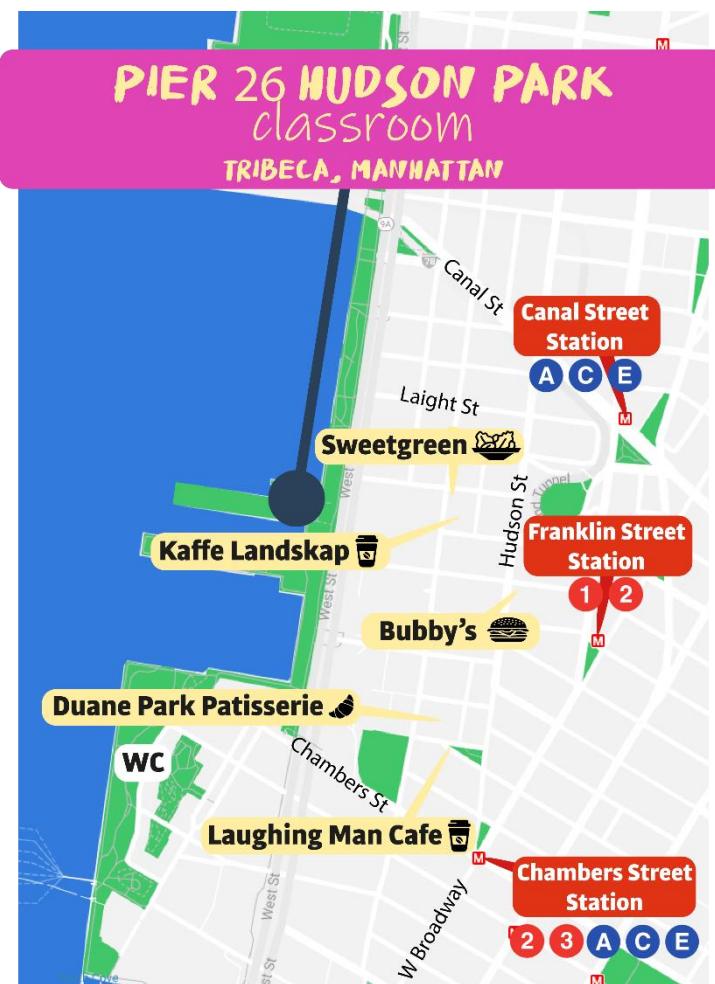
## BSL CLASSROOM LOCATION GUIDE PIER 26 AT HUDSON RIVER PARK

### **A BIT OF HISTORY FIRST!**

New York's newest park, Pier 26 brings together many of the features that make Hudson River Park such a significant resource and destination for New Yorkers and visitors from around the world — unique opportunities to interact with the Hudson River and local ecology, innovative waterfront green space for relaxation and recreation, and unparalleled views of Lower Manhattan and New York Harbor.

This 2.5-acre ecologically-themed pier in Tribeca incorporates indigenous plants evocative of Manhattan's ecosystem prior to human development. A short habitat walk leads visitors through five native ecological zones: woodland forest, coastal grassland, maritime scrub, rocky tidal zone, and of course the Hudson River.

Not so long ago, New York Harbor was covered with oyster reefs, so much so that eating oysters was a cheap way to eat out. In the nineteenth century, oysters declined due to over harvesting and water pollution. Today, throughout the Harbor, oysters are starting to make a comeback, mostly as a result of intentional seeding and habitat enhancement projects. In 2017, Hudson River Park's Science and Education team made a thrilling discovery beneath Pier 25: hundreds of wild oysters on the underside of some pier docks. Oysters are filter feeders that clean waterways. In addition, oyster reefs provide habitat for many species.



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## **THE BARE ESSENTIALS**

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

### **Morning coffee**

- Juice press
- Kaffe Landskap\*\*
- Laughing Man coffee company\*\*

### **Lunch options**

- City Winery
- The Odeon
- Bubby's\*\*
- Edward's
- Sweetgreen\*\*
- Sarabeths
- Gigino trattoria

### **Something sweet!**

- Van Leeuwen Ice Cream
- Blue Marble Organic ice cream
- Duane Park Patisserie\*\*

### **Grocery stores & pharmacies**

- Whole Foods market
- CVS pharmacy

### **Nearest subway stations and lines**

- Franklin Street station (lines 1, 2) 8 mins walk
- Canal Street (lines A, C, E) 11 mins walk
- Chambers Street (lines 2, 3, A, C, E) 13 mins walk

### **Nearest public restrooms**

- On-site

## **PLACES TO VISIT NEARBY**

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

- Battery Park
- Soho
- Tribeca
- The Observatory at No 1 World Trade Center

### **A little bit further (1 mile – 25 min walk)**

- Chinatown
- Little Italy/Nolita
- Greenwich Village
- West Village
- Brooklyn Bridge

## **7 COOL THINGS TO DO AFTER YOUR ENGLISH CLASS**

1. Walk south along the waterfront to the top end of Battery Park and continue walking until you reach the southern end. Catch the Staten Island ferry (it's free!) from the Whitehall terminal. 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. Head eastwards into Tribeca and explore the cobble streets and large lofts of this uber trendy Manhattan neighborhood. Continue walking south along West Broadway until you reach the 9/11 Memorial site and the reflecting remembrance pools. End your day by visiting the Observatory at No 1 World Trade center.
3. Walk eastwards until you reach Hudson street and then head north until you reach the West Village. You can spend an hour or 2 wandering the lovely streets of this neighborhood. Take a break by buying a cupcake at the famous magnolia's bakery, before relaxing for the rest of the afternoon in Washington Square Park.
4. Get your walking shoes on and head up the Hudson River Greenway for 30 minutes until you reach the Whitney Museum of American Art. This is also a great building with some cool outside spaces. After taking in the art, walk the Highline park, the entrance for which is by the museum.
5. Walk north-eastwards from Pier 26 for just over a mile until you reach Washington Square Park. After enjoying the sights and sounds of the park, continue walking north for a few minutes until you reach the Strand bookstore, one of New York's most famous independent bookstores. Once you have had enough of the books, walk a few minutes south for an early evening cocktail at a Japanese Speakeasy, called Angel Share.
6. Walk across the island until you reach the entrance to the Brooklyn Bridge, and then walk across New York's most famous bridge. On arrival in Brooklyn, walk up to Brooklyn Heights, and explore the streets of this lovely neighborhood. At the end of your day, head to the Brooklyn Heights promenade for sunset views of Manhattan.
7. If you are in the mood for some shopping, it's a 15-minute walk to the boutique stores of Soho. Then you can continue walking to the adjoining neighborhood of Nolita for more of the same. For early evening drinks, food and nightlife, check out the trendy Lower East Side, which is close by.

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