

BSL CLASSROOM LOCATION GUIDE - CITY HALL PARK

A BIT OF HISTORY

Surrounded by centuries-old majestic government buildings that date back to 1812, City Hall Park provides a much-needed green spot in a bustling downtown area. For people-watching enthusiasts, the park provides a crosscut of New York life as government workers, jury members, and newlyweds visiting City Hall for their marriage licenses stroll through its grounds.

It has played a key role in New York civic life for centuries, from its Colonial beginnings as a rebel outpost to its current function as the seat of City government. The land has been used, among other things, as a pasture, a prison, a parade ground, a public execution site, an almshouse, an art museum, and a post office.

THE ESSENTIALS

Morning coffee

- Blue Spoon Coffee
- Hungry Ghost
- Five Dime

Lunch options

- Nish Nush
- 1803 (Cajun)
- Just Salad

Something sweet

- Van Leeuwen

Grocery stores & pharmacies

- Whole Foods**
- Duane Reade

Nearest subway stations & lines

- City Hall (W, R) on site
- Brooklyn Bridge-City Hall (4, 5, 6) on site
- Chambers Street (J, Z) 2 min walk
- Park Place (2, 3) 5 min walk



(public restrooms not available on site)

PLACES TO VISIT NEARBY

Brooklyn Bridge – Tribeca – 9/11 Memorial – Wall Street – Staten Island ferry – Battery Park – Chinatown

3 COOL THINGS TO DO AFTER YOUR ENGLISH CLASS

1. Well of course, the most obvious and easiest activity to do after class, is to walk the iconic Brooklyn Bridge. Its entrance is located right next to the park. Be sure to go down the stairs on the other side before you get to the end of the bridge, and this will take you directly into Dumbo.
2. Head South on Broadway for a few minutes, and then turn right on Fulton Street until you reach the 911 Memorial site. It's worth spending a while drifting between the 2 memorial pools. If you have booked tickets, the 911 Memorial museum is excellent and well worth a visit.
3. Head westwards down Chambers Street for a few minutes until you reach Tribeca. This is a cool neighborhood to explore for a couple of hours, lots of cobbled streets and cool "lofts" to look into. Later in the day, continue westwards until you reach the Hudson River and there check out the newly built Pier 26.

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