

## BSL CLASSROOM LOCATION GUIDE – WASHINGTON SQUARE PARK

### A BIT OF HISTORY

Well-known for its arch, honoring George Washington, and its fountain, the arch's elder by 43 years and a popular meeting spot. Used first as the Washington Military Parade Ground in 1826, the site became a public park in 1827. Following this designation, prominent families, wanting to escape the disease and congestion of downtown Manhattan, moved into the area and built the distinguished Greek Revival mansions that still line the square's north side.

Washington Square Park was redefined socially and culturally throughout the 20th century. During this period the park became a renowned haven for performers and protestors. It is one of the best known of New York City's public parks, it is an icon as well as a meeting place and center for cultural activity. Today Washington Square Park, serves as a dynamic commons for local residents, chess players, students, performers and tourists from around the globe.

### THE ESSENTIALS

#### Morning coffee

- Irving Farm NY coffee
- Caffe Reggio
- Feuille cafe

#### Lunch options

- Bareburger
- Citizens of Bleecker
- The Waverley Diner (old school!)

#### Something sweet!

- Posh Pop Bakeshop
- Magnólias Bakery

#### Grocery stores & pharmacies

- Morton Williams marketplace
- Duane Reade (Broadway)

#### Nearest subway stations & lines

- 8th Street (N, Q, R, W) 5-min walk
- Christopher Street (1, 2) 5-min walk
- West 4th St-Wash Sq (A, C, E, B, D, F, M) 5-min walk



*(public restrooms on-site)*



### PLACES TO VISIT NEARBY

Greenwich Village – West Village – Union Square – Soho – Flat Iron building and district – The Meatpacking district

### 3 COOL THINGS TO DO AFTER YOUR ENGLISH CLASS

1. Stroll through the lovely streets of the West Village, checking out the gorgeous homes and boutique shops. End your afternoon with a cupcake at the famous Magnolia's bakery (from Sex in the City fame!) (5 minutes' walk from Washington Square Park)
2. Take a tour through the meat-packing district, visit the Whitney Museum of American Art (great building!) and then walk New York's only urban park, the Highline. End your day at the city's newest attraction, the Vessel, for great sunset views (20 minutes' walk from Washington Square Park)
3. Head to Soho for some shopping! Then walk the streets exploring Nolita, and Little Italy. End in Chinatown at the vintage Dim Sum Parlor, Nom Wah Tea Parlor, and eat their famous Pan-Fried Pork dumplings (10 minutes' walk from Washington Square Park)

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