

# A Central Park Tour

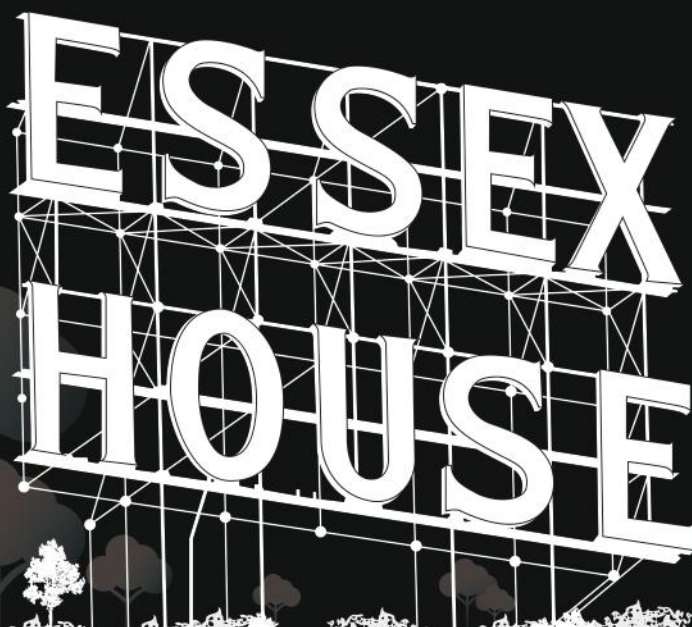
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This Central Park Tour was curated especially for you, through our personal lens from where we sit on Central Park South, overlooking the splendor of this beautiful park. We've highlighted some unique destinations we hope you'll enjoy. Stroll at your leisure and don't worry if you get lost along the paths; just turn around and look up to the skyline for the ESSEX HOUSE sign, a beacon to guide you on your way back to the hotel.

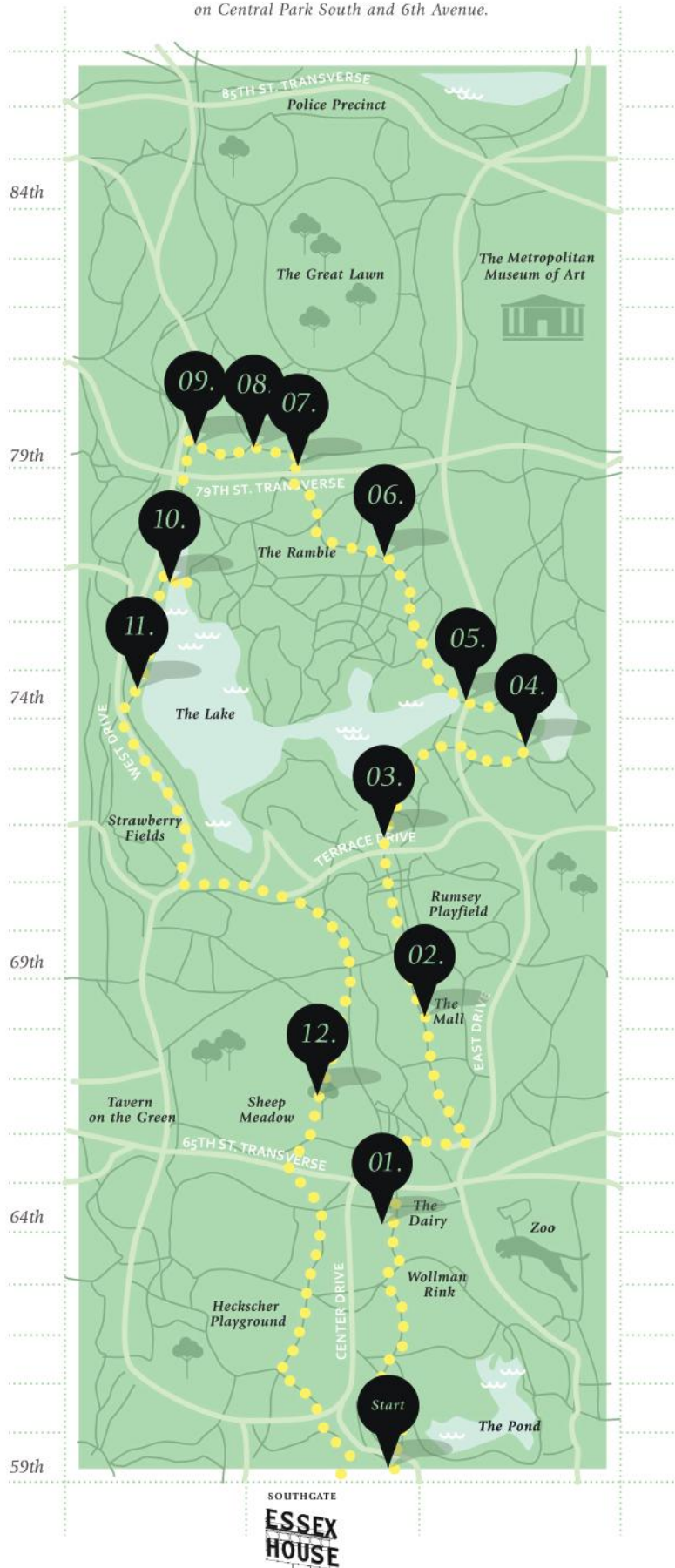
## A Two Hour Experience

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# Begin Your Journey

Enter the park at Center Drive  
on Central Park South and 6th Avenue.



Tag your photos with **#EssexExplorer** at these stops along the tour.

**01.** **EH** Chess & Checkers House  
Walk past Wollman Skating Rink on your right, a popular place for ice skating, and stop by the Chess & Checkers House, part of the Children's District created in the 1860s. Look up to see the iconic ESSEX HOUSE sign as you strategize your next move on the board.

**02.** **EH** The Mall & Literary Walk  
Follow the path on the map and enter the area at the statue of Christopher Columbus. Rows of American elms pave the way through statues of prominent writers. On your right, you'll pass the Naumburg Bandshell, where artists were encouraged to perform, amongst them: Irving Berlin and Duke Ellington.

**03.** Bethesda Terrace  
Descend the grand staircase ahead to Bethesda Terrace, the heart of Central Park. Take in the sandstone carvings depicting the four seasons and the times of day, with music in the air. Keep to the right on the path.

**04.** Conservatory Water  
On the right, stroll under the Trefoil Arch to Conservatory Water, where model boats glide. Climbing sculptures include children's favorites, such as Hans Christian Andersen. Further north, Alice in Wonderland holds court with The Mad Hatter and The White Rabbit.

**05.** Loeb Boathouse  
Time for a break? Continue on the path to the left. Rent a rowboat or have a treat at the restaurant while the world goes slowly by on the lake. This is a serene space to sit outside with your favorite libation. Insiders know this as the unofficial place to record bird sightings in the restaurant's notebook.

**06.** The Ramble  
Wanna get lost in nature? Past Loeb Boathouse and up the hill, follow the middle path to enter the 36-acre Ramble, a wild woodlands of paths and greenery. The insiders here are the birds; dozens of species are represented. Hiking here is for the explorer with a good sense of direction, so explore carefully!

**07.** Belvedere Castle  
This whimsical miniature castle's spiral staircases lead you to the highest and best views of the park, with a bird's-eye view of the famous Delacorte Theater, home to Shakespeare in the Park.

**08.** Shakespeare Garden  
Descend the castle steps. Fans of The Bard delight in this curated garden where plants and flowers mentioned in Shakespeare's works abound. Quotes from his plays appear on plaques throughout the garden. Take a pic - people will think you took a short trip to the English countryside.

**09.** Swedish Cottage  
There's something for everyone; even an official marionette theatre. In fact, it's one of the last of its kind in the country. Settle in for Peter Pan or Cinderella at this 140-year-old cottage. Take the path behind the cottage and bear left around the bend, leading to Oak Bridge.

**10.** **EH** Oak Bridge  
Take in the incredible views with your camera. Hint: From here our iconic Essex House shines. Time for another great photo, don't you think?

**11.** Ladies Pavilion  
Experience 19th century ornate Victorian design. Pass through the Ladies' Pavilion to imagine what it felt like long ago for ladies waiting in the pavilion for the trolley.

**12.** Sheep Meadow  
Continue across the vast Sheep Meadow and stop to do your favorite yoga pose. Be sure to tag **#EssexExplorer**. Follow the Essex House sign back to the hotel. Last stop: SOUTHGATE Bar & Restaurant for drinks and dining.

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